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1 | Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the [Revert](#) UniswapV3Staker, we outline in the report our systematic approach to evaluate potential security issues in the smart contract implementation, expose possible semantic inconsistencies between smart contract code and design document, and provide additional suggestions or recommendations for improvement. Our results show that the given version of smart contracts is well designed and engineered, though it can be further improved by addressing our suggestions. This document outlines our audit results.

1.1 About UniswapV3Staker

The UniswapV3Staker of [Revert](#) Finance is a rewards program which is designed on the solid base of the canonical `uniswap v3 staker` contract. In addition, it introduces a new configuration value called `vestingPeriod`, which defines the minimal time a staked position needs to be in range to receive the full reward. The basic information of the audited `UniswapV3Staker` is as follows:

Table 1.1: Basic Information of UniswapV3Staker

Item	Description
Name	Revert Finance
Website	https://revert.finance/
Type	EVM Smart Contract
Platform	Solidity
Audit Method	Whitebox
Latest Audit Report	September 7, 2022

In the following, we show the Git repository of reviewed files and the commit hash value used in this audit.

- <https://github.com/revert-finance/v3-staker.git> (e42b172)

And this is the commit ID after all fixes for the issues found in the audit have been checked in:

- <https://github.com/revert-finance/v3-staker.git> (af5bd83)

1.2 About PeckShield

PeckShield Inc. [8] is a leading blockchain security company with the goal of elevating the security, privacy, and usability of current blockchain ecosystems by offering top-notch, industry-leading services and products (including the service of smart contract auditing). We are reachable at Telegram (<https://t.me/peckshield>), Twitter (<http://twitter.com/peckshield>), or Email (contact@peckshield.com).

Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

Impact	High	Critical	High	Medium
	Medium	High	Medium	Low
	Low	Medium	Low	Low
		High	Medium	Low
		Likelihood		

1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on the OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [7]:

- Likelihood represents how likely a particular vulnerability is to be uncovered and exploited in the wild;
- Impact measures the technical loss and business damage of a successful attack;
- Severity demonstrates the overall criticality of the risk.

Likelihood and impact are categorized into three ratings: *H*, *M* and *L*, i.e., *high*, *medium* and *low* respectively. Severity is determined by likelihood and impact and can be classified into four categories accordingly, i.e., *Critical*, *High*, *Medium*, *Low* shown in Table 1.2.

To evaluate the risk, we go through a checklist of items and each would be labeled with a severity category. For one check item, if our tool or analysis does not identify any issue, the contract is considered safe regarding the check item. For any discovered issue, we might further deploy

Table 1.3: The Full Audit Checklist

Category	Checklist Items
Basic Coding Bugs	Constructor Mismatch
	Ownership Takeover
	Redundant Fallback Function
	Overflows & Underflows
	Reentrancy
	Money-Giving Bug
	Blackhole
	Unauthorized Self-Destruct
	Revert DoS
	Unchecked External Call
	Gasless Send
	Send Instead Of Transfer
	Costly Loop
	(Unsafe) Use Of Untrusted Libraries
	(Unsafe) Use Of Predictable Variables
	Transaction Ordering Dependence
	Deprecated Uses
Semantic Consistency Checks	Semantic Consistency Checks
Advanced DeFi Scrutiny	Business Logics Review
	Functionality Checks
	Authentication Management
	Access Control & Authorization
	Oracle Security
	Digital Asset Escrow
	Kill-Switch Mechanism
	Operation Trails & Event Generation
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling
	Frontend-Contract Integration
	Deployment Consistency
	Holistic Risk Management
Additional Recommendations	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array
	Using Fixed Compiler Version
	Making Visibility Level Explicit
	Making Type Inference Explicit
	Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly
	Following Other Best Practices

contracts on our private testnet and run tests to confirm the findings. If necessary, we would additionally build a PoC to demonstrate the possibility of exploitation. The concrete list of check items is shown in Table 1.3.

In particular, we perform the audit according to the following procedure:

- Basic Coding Bugs: We first statically analyze given smart contracts with our proprietary static code analyzer for known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) all the issues found by our tool.
- Semantic Consistency Checks: We then manually check the logic of implemented smart contracts and compare with the description in the white paper.
- Advanced DeFi Scrutiny: We further review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.
- Additional Recommendations: We also provide additional suggestions regarding the coding and development of smart contracts from the perspective of proven programming practices.

To better describe each issue we identified, we categorize the findings with Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE-699) [6], which is a community-developed list of software weakness types to better delineate and organize weaknesses around concepts frequently encountered in software development. Though some categories used in CWE-699 may not be relevant in smart contracts, we use the CWE categories in Table 1.4 to classify our findings. Moreover, in case there is an issue that may affect an active protocol that has been deployed, the public version of this report may omit such issue, but will be amended with full details right after the affected protocol is upgraded with respective fixes.

1.4 Disclaimer

Note that this security audit is not designed to replace functional tests required before any software release, and does not give any warranties on finding all possible security issues of the given smart contract(s) or blockchain software, i.e., the evaluation result does not guarantee the nonexistence of any further findings of security issues. As one audit-based assessment cannot be considered comprehensive, we always recommend proceeding with several independent audits and a public bug bounty program to ensure the security of smart contract(s). Last but not least, this security audit should not be used as investment advice.



Table 1.4: Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) Classifications Used in This Audit

Category	Summary
Configuration	Weaknesses in this category are typically introduced during the configuration of the software.
Data Processing Issues	Weaknesses in this category are typically found in functionality that processes data.
Numeric Errors	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calculation or conversion of numbers.
Security Features	Weaknesses in this category are concerned with topics like authentication, access control, confidentiality, cryptography, and privilege management. (Software security is not security software.)
Time and State	Weaknesses in this category are related to the improper management of time and state in an environment that supports simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple systems, processes, or threads.
Error Conditions, Return Values, Status Codes	Weaknesses in this category include weaknesses that occur if a function does not generate the correct return/status code, or if the application does not handle all possible return/status codes that could be generated by a function.
Resource Management	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper management of system resources.
Behavioral Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behaviors from code that an application uses.
Business Logic	Weaknesses in this category identify some of the underlying problems that commonly allow attackers to manipulate the business logic of an application. Errors in business logic can be devastating to an entire application.
Initialization and Cleanup	Weaknesses in this category occur in behaviors that are used for initialization and breakdown.
Arguments and Parameters	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of arguments or parameters within function calls.
Expression Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written expressions within code.
Coding Practices	Weaknesses in this category are related to coding practices that are deemed unsafe and increase the chances that an exploitable vulnerability will be present in the application. They may not directly introduce a vulnerability, but indicate the product has not been carefully developed or maintained.

2 | Findings

2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the implementation of the `UniswapV3Staker` smart contract. During the first phase of our audit, we study the smart contract source code and run our in-house static code analyzer through the codebase. The purpose here is to statically identify known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) issues reported by our tool. We further manually review business logic, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

Severity	# of Findings	
Critical	0	
High	0	
Medium	1	
Low	2	
Informational	0	
Total	3	

We have so far identified a list of potential issues. For each uncovered issue, we have therefore developed test cases for reasoning, reproduction, and/or verification. After further analysis and internal discussion, we determined a few issues of varying severities need to be brought up and paid more attention to, which are categorized in the above table. More information can be found in the next subsection, and the detailed discussions of each of them are in [Section 3](#).

2.2 Key Findings

Overall, the smart contract are well-designed and engineered, though the implementation can be improved by resolving the identified issues (shown in Table 2.1), including 1 medium-severity vulnerability and 2 low-severity vulnerabilities.

Table 2.1: Key UniswapV3Staker Audit Findings

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Medium	Proper Initialization of secondsInsideInitial in _stakeToken()	Coding Practices	Fixed
PVE-002	Low	Incompatibility with Deflationary/Rebasing Tokens	Business Logic	Mitigated
PVE-003	Low	Improved Validation of Function Arguments	Coding Practices	Fixed

Beside the identified issues, we emphasize that for any user-facing applications and services, it is always important to develop necessary risk-control mechanisms and make contingency plans, which may need to be exercised before the mainnet deployment. The risk-control mechanisms should kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed on mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.

3 | Detailed Results

3.1 Proper Initialization of `secondsInsideInitial` in `_stakeToken()`

- ID: PVE-001
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: `UniswapV3Staker`
- Category: Coding Practices [4]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [2]

Description

The `UniswapV3Staker` contract provides an incentive mechanism that rewards the staking of the supported `Uniswap V3 LP` tokens. The rewards are carried out by creating a number of incentive programs with the supported `Uniswap V3` pools, the reward tokens and the vesting periods, etc. And staking users are rewarded as a function of in-range liquidity, i.e. the more trading volume the position helps generate, the more rewards user will earn.

To elaborate, we show below the code snippet of the `_stakeToken()`. As the name indicates, it is used for the LP token owner to stake the LP token into an incentive program. If there is no problem with the inputs, a new `Stake` record will be created. In particular, the new `Stake` records the initial `secondsInside` accumulated in the range (`tickLower`, `tickUpper`), which will be used to calculate the amount of time spent in the range for vesting. However, it comes to our attention that, it records the initial `secondsInside` in the new `Stake` only when the following requirement is met, i.e., (`liquidity >= type(uint64).max`). Otherwise, it misses to record the initial `secondsInside` in the `Stake`. As a result, it may calculate an unexpected amount of vested tokens to the user. So, it is suggested to properly record the initial `secondsInside` for the new `Stake` even when (`liquidity < type(uint64).max`).

```

334     function _stakeToken(IncentiveKey memory key, uint256 tokenId) private {
335         require(block.timestamp >= key.startTime, 'UniswapV3Staker::stakeToken:
           incentive not started');
336         require(block.timestamp < key.endTime, 'UniswapV3Staker::stakeToken: incentive
           ended');

```

```

338     bytes32 incentiveld = Incentiveld.compute(key);

340     require(
341         incentives[incentiveld].totalRewardUnclaimed > 0,
342         'UniswapV3Staker::stakeToken: non-existent incentive'
343     );
344     require(
345         _stakes[tokenId][incentiveld].liquidityNoOverflow == 0,
346         'UniswapV3Staker::stakeToken: token already staked'
347     );

349     (IUniswapV3Pool pool, int24 tickLower, int24 tickUpper, uint128 liquidity) =
350         NFTPositionInfo.getPositionInfo(factory, nonfungiblePositionManager, tokenId)
351         );

352     require(pool == key.pool, 'UniswapV3Staker::stakeToken: token pool is not the
353         incentive pool');
354     require(liquidity > 0, 'UniswapV3Staker::stakeToken: cannot stake token with 0
355         liquidity');

356     deposits[tokenId].numberOfStakes++;
357     incentives[incentiveld].numberOfStakes++;

358     (, uint160 secondsPerLiquidityInsideX128, uint32 secondsInside) = pool.
359         snapshotCumulativesInside(tickLower, tickUpper);

360     if (liquidity >= type(uint64).max) {
361         _stakes[tokenId][incentiveld] = Stake({
362             secondsPerLiquidityInsideInitialX128: secondsPerLiquidityInsideX128,
363             secondsInsideInitial: secondsInside,
364             liquidityNoOverflow: type(uint64).max,
365             liquidityIfOverflow: liquidity
366         });
367     } else {
368         Stake storage stake = _stakes[tokenId][incentiveld];
369         stake.secondsPerLiquidityInsideInitialX128 = secondsPerLiquidityInsideX128;
370         stake.liquidityNoOverflow = uint64(liquidity);
371     }

373     emit TokenStaked(tokenId, incentiveld, liquidity);
374 }

```

Listing 3.1: UniswapV3Staker::_stakeToken()

Recommendation Properly record the initial `secondsInside` for the new Stake.

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: [af5bd83](#).

3.2 Incompatibility with Deflationary/Rebasing Tokens

- ID: PVE-002
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Medium
- Target: UniswapV3Staker
- Category: Business Logic [5]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [3]

Description

As mentioned earlier, the `UniswapV3Staker` contract provides an incentive mechanism that rewards the staking of the supported `Uniswap V3` LP tokens with the reward tokens. The reward tokens are transferred into the contract by the incentive program creator when creating the incentive program via the `createIncentive()` routine. In the `createIncentive()` routine, the contract makes the use of `safeTransferFrom()` routine (line 125) to transfer assets into the contract. This routine works as expected with standard ERC20 tokens: namely the contract's internal asset balances are always consistent with actual token balances maintained in individual ERC20 token contract.

```

100     function createIncentive(IncentiveKey memory key, uint256 reward) external override
101     {
102         require(reward > 0, 'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: reward must be positive')
103         ;
104         require(
105             block.timestamp <= key.startTime,
106             'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: start time must be now or in the future'
107         );
108         require(
109             key.startTime - block.timestamp <= maxIncentiveStartLeadTime,
110             'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: start time too far into future'
111         );
112         require(key.startTime < key.endTime, 'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: start
113             time must be before end time');
114         require(
115             key.endTime - key.startTime <= maxIncentiveDuration,
116             'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: incentive duration is too long'
117         );
118         require(
119             key.vestingPeriod <= key.endTime - key.startTime,
120             'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: vesting time must be lte incentive
121                 duration'
122         );
123
124         bytes32 incentivId = IncentivId.compute(key);
125
126         incentives[incentivId].totalRewardUnclaimed += reward;

```

```

125     TransferHelperExtended.safeTransferFrom(address(key.rewardToken), msg.sender,
        address(this), reward);
127     emit IncentiveCreated(key.rewardToken, key.pool, key.startTime, key.endTime, key
        .vestingPeriod, key.refundee, reward);
128 }

```

Listing 3.2: UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive()

However, there exist other ERC20 tokens that may make certain customizations to their ERC20 contracts. One type of these tokens is deflationary tokens that charge a certain fee for every `transfer()` or `transferFrom()`. (Another type is rebasing tokens such as YAM.) As a result, this may not meet the assumption behind the asset-transferring routines. In other words, the above operations, such as `createIncentive()`, may introduce unexpected balance inconsistencies when comparing internal asset records with external ERC20 token contracts.

One possible mitigation is to measure the asset change right before and after the asset-transferring routines. In other words, instead of bluntly assuming the amount parameter in `safeTransfer()` or `safeTransferFrom()` will always result in full transfer, we need to ensure the increased or decreased amount in the pool before and after the `safeTransfer()` or `safeTransferFrom()` is expected and aligned well with our operation. Though these additional checks cost additional gas usage, we consider they are necessary to deal with deflationary tokens or other customized ones if their support is deemed necessary. Another mitigation is to regulate the set of ERC20 tokens that are permitted into UniswapV3Staker for support.

Recommendation Check the balance before and after the `safeTransferFrom()` call to ensure the book-keeping amount is accurate.

Status This issue has been mitigated by the team that they will not be supporting rebasing/deflationary token and will make explicit that is the case in the UI.

3.3 Improved Validation of Function Arguments

- ID: PVE-003
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: UniswapV3Staker
- Category: Coding Practices [4]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-1041 [1]

Description

The UniswapV3Staker contract provides a pair of routines, i.e., `createIncentive()/endIncentive()`, for the incentive program creator to create and end an incentive program. In particular, in the

endIncentive() routine, if there are unclaimed rewards or locked rewards, they will be refunded to the key.refundee identified by the creator. However, in the createIncentive(), there is a lack of validation for the key.refundee. As a result, if the key.refundee is address(0), the left rewards will be locked in the contract. So, it is suggested to add proper validation for the key.refundee to ensure it is a valid address.

```

100     function createIncentive(IncentiveKey memory key, uint256 reward) external override
101     {
102         require(reward > 0, 'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: reward must be positive')
103         ;
104         require(
105             block.timestamp <= key.startTime,
106             'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: start time must be now or in the future'
107         );
108         require(
109             key.startTime - block.timestamp <= maxIncentiveStartLeadTime,
110             'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: start time too far into future'
111         );
112         require(key.startTime < key.endTime, 'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: start
113             time must be before end time');
114         require(
115             key.endTime - key.startTime <= maxIncentiveDuration,
116             'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: incentive duration is too long'
117         );
118
119         require(
120             key.vestingPeriod <= key.endTime - key.startTime,
121             'UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive: vesting time must be lte incentive
122                 duration'
123         );
124
125         bytes32 incentivId = IncentivId.compute(key);
126
127         incentives[incentivId].totalRewardUnclaimed += reward;
128
129         TransferHelperExtended.safeTransferFrom(address(key.rewardToken), msg.sender,
130             address(this), reward);
131
132         emit IncentiveCreated(key.rewardToken, key.pool, key.startTime, key.endTime, key
133             .vestingPeriod, key.refundee, reward);
134     }

```

Listing 3.3: UniswapV3Staker::createIncentive()

What is more, the UniswapV3Staker contract provides the deposit owners the ability to transfer their deposits to new owners via the transferDeposit() routine. At the beginning of the transferDeposit() routine, it validates the new owner to be a valid address via require(to != address(0)). Our analysis shows that, there is a need to add a new validation require(to != address(this)) to ensure the deposit can not be transferred to this contract. Otherwise, the LP token of the deposit will be locked

in the contact.

```
188     function transferDeposit(uint256 tokenId, address to) external override {
189         require(to != address(0), 'UniswapV3Staker::transferDeposit: invalid transfer
            recipient');
190         address owner = deposits[tokenId].owner;
191         require(owner == msg.sender, 'UniswapV3Staker::transferDeposit: can only be
            called by deposit owner');
192         deposits[tokenId].owner = to;
193         emit DepositTransferred(tokenId, owner, to);
194     }
```

Listing 3.4: UniswapV3Staker::transferDeposit()

Recommendation Improve the validations for the parameters of the above mentioned routines.

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: [af5bd83](#).



4 | Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the `UniswapV3Staker` contract which is designed based on the canonical `uniswap v3 staker` contract. It introduces a new configuration value called `vestingPeriod`, which defines the minimal time a staked position needs to be in range to receive the full reward. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

Moreover, we need to emphasize that `Solidity`-based smart contracts as a whole are still in an early, but exciting stage of development. To improve this report, we greatly appreciate any constructive feedbacks or suggestions, on our methodology, audit findings, or potential gaps in scope/coverage.



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