

Protocol Audit Report

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Protocol Summary

PasswordStore is a protocol dedicated to store and retrieve of user's password. The protocol is designed to be used by a single user, and not designed to be used by multiple users. Only the owner should be able to set and access the password.

Disclaimer

The Georgi Penchev team makes all effort to find as many vulnerabilities in the code in the given time period, but holds no responsibilities for the findings provided in this document. A security audit by the team is not an endorsement of the underlying business or product. The audit was time-boxed and the review of the code was solely on the security aspects of the Solidity implementation of the contracts.

Risk Classification

		Impact		
		High	Medium	Low
	High	Н	H/M	М
Likelihood	Medium	H/M	М	M/L
	Low	М	M/L	L

We use the CodeHawks severity matrix to determine severity. See the documentation for more details.

Audit Details

The findings described in the document correspond to the following commit has:

2e8f81e263b3a9d18fab4fb5c46805ffc10a9990

Scope

```
./src/
└─ PasswordStore.sol
```

Roles

- Owner: The user can set and read the password.
- Outsiders: No one else should be able to set and read the password.

Executive Summary

I spent hours to summarise this content with tools.

Issues found

Severity	Number of issues found		
High	2		
Medium	0		
Low	0		
Info	1		
Total	3		

Findings

High

[H-1] Storing the password on chain makes it visible to anyone, and no longer private.

Description: All data stored on-chain is visible to anyone, and can be read directly from the blockchain. The PasswordStore::s_password variable is intended to be a private varibale and only accessed through the PasswordStore::getPassword function, which is intended to be called by the owner of the contract.

We show one such method of reading any data off chain below.

Impact: Anyone can read the private password, severity breaking the functionality of the protocol.

Proof of Concept: (Proof of code)

The below test case shows how anyone can read the password directly from the blockchain.

make anvil

cast storage 0x5FbDB2315678afecb367f032d93F642f64180aa3 1 --rpc-url http://127.0.0.1:8545

Recommended Mitigation: We could encrypt the password off-chain and then store the encypted password on-chain, however this would require the user to remember password off chain to decrypt. However we could remove the view function as you dont want the user to accidently send a transaction with the password that decrypts your password

[H-2] TITLE PasswordStore::setPassword has no access control, meaning a non-owner could change the password.

Description: The PasswordStore::setPassword function is set to be an external function, however the natspec of the function and overall purpose of the smart contract is that This function can only be set by the owner

Impact: Anyone can set/change password of the contract, severely breaking the contract intended functionality.

Proof of Concept: Add the following to the PasswordStore.t.sol test file

```
function test_anyone_can_set_password(address randomAddress) public {
    vm.assume(randomAddress != owner);
    vm.prank(randomAddress);
    string memory expectedPassword = "myNewPassword";
    passwordStore.setPassword(expectedPassword);

    vm.prank(owner);
    string memory actualPassword = passwordStore.getPassword();
    assertEq(expectedPassword, actualPassword);
}
```

Recommended Mitigation: Add an access control conditional to the setPassword function.

```
if(msg.sender != s_owner){
    revert PasswordStore__UserIsNotOwner();
}
```

Informational

[I-1] TITLE The PasswordStore::getPassword natspec indicates a parameter that does not exist, causing the natspec to be incorrect

Description:

```
/*
 * @notice This allows only the owner to retrieve the password.
 * @param newPassword The new password to set.
 */
function getPassword() external view returns (string memory) {}
```

The PasswordStore::getPassword function signature is getPassword() while the natspec says it should be getPassword(string),

Impact: The natspec is incorrect

Recommended Mitigation: Remove the incorrect natspec line.

- @param newPassword The new password to set.