

# Security Assessment & Formal Verification Report



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# **Project Summary**

#### **Project Scope**

| Project Name  | Repository (link)                              | Latest Commit<br>Hash | Platform         |
|---------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| StataToken V2 | https://github.com/aave-dao/a<br>ave-v3-origin | <u>a59b175</u>        | EVM/Solidity 0.8 |

#### **Project Overview**

This document describes the specification and verification of StataTokenV2 using the Certora Prover and manual code review findings. The work was undertaken in September 2024.

The following contract list is included in our scope:

- StataTokenV2.sol
- ERC4626StataTokenUpgradeable.sol
- ERC20AaveLMUpgradeable.sol
- StataTokenFactory.sol

The Certora Prover demonstrated that the implementation of the Solidity contracts above is correct with respect to the formal rules written by the Certora team. In addition, the team performed a manual audit of all the Solidity contracts. During the verification process and the manual audit, the Certora team discovered bugs in the Solidity contracts code, as listed below.





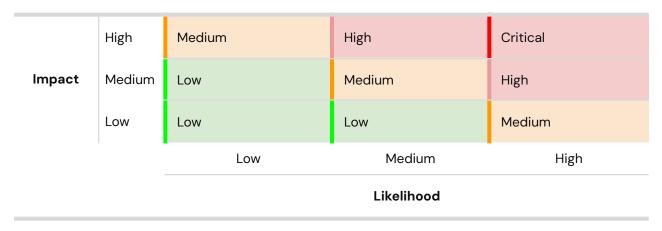


#### **Findings Summary**

The table below summarizes the findings of the review, including type and severity details.

| Severity      | Discovered | Confirmed | Fixed |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Critical      | -          | -         | -     |
| High          | -          | -         | -     |
| Medium        | -          | -         | -     |
| Low           | 1          | 1         | 1     |
| Informational | -          | -         | -     |
| Total         | 1          | 1         | 1     |

#### **Severity Matrix**









# **Detailed Findings**

| ID   | Title  | Severity | Status |
|------|--|----------|--------|
| L-01 | totalAssets() returns the wrong result by querying the wrong token | Low      | Fixed  |







#### **Low Severity Issues**

gradeable.sol

| L-01 TotalAssets() returns the wrong result by querying the wrong token |                    |                         |  |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Severity: <b>Low</b>  | Impact: <b>Low</b> | Likelihood: <b>High</b> |  |
| Files:<br>ERC4626StataTokenUp   | Status: Flxed      |                         |  |

**Description:** According to EIP4626, TotalAssets() should return the total amount of the underlying asset that is "managed" by the Vault. In stataToken's case, this is the corresponding aToken that's being wrapped. The implementation, however, returns the total amount of the underlying asset of the aToken itself instead.

Let's take the token derivatives of the AAVE token as an example—AAVE, aAAVE, and static aAAVE, where AAVE is the underlying asset if aAAVE and aAAVE is the asset managed by static aAAVE.

While the EIP specifies that totalAssets() should return the aAAVE amount, the implementation returns the AAVE balance of static aAAVE.

**Exploit Scenario:** This bug is not exploitable from within the contract or the Aave ecosystem since it's not being used anywhere. However, reporting the wrong amounts of managed assets may hurt future internal or 3rd party integrations.

**Customer's response:** The function was overridden to return the aToken balance to comply with the EIP.







## **Formal Verification**

#### **Assumptions and Simplifications**

#### **Project General Assumptions**

- Loop unrolling: We assume any loop can have at most 1 iteration, except for specific multireward properties.
- View functions filtering: Rules checking state changes of all available functions do not check view functions.

#### **Verification Notations**

✓ Indicates the rule is formally verified.

XIndicates the rule is violated.







#### **Formal Verification Properties**

#### **EIP4626 Properties**

previewDeposit

- ✓ 1. previewDepositAmountCheck, previewDepositSameAsDeposit
- EIP: previewDeposit() MUST return as close to and no more than the exact amount of Vault shares that would be minted in a deposit() call in the same transaction.
- Finding: previewDeposit() returns the exact amount of shares getting minted by deposit().
- ✓ 2. previewDepositIndependentOfAllowanceApprove
- EIP: previewDeposit() MUST NOT account for maxDeposit() limit or the allowance of asset tokens.
- Finding: the value returned by previewDeposit() is independent of allowance that the contract might have for transferring assets from any user.

previewMint

- 3. previewMintAmountCheck, previewMintSameAsMint
- EIP: previewMint() MUST return as close to and no fewer than the exact amount of assets that would be deposited in a mint call in the same transaction.
- Finding: previewMint() returns the exact amount of assets being transferred by mint().
- 4. previewMintIndependentOfAllowance
- EIP: previewMint() MUST NOT account for mint limits like those returned from maxMint() and should always act as though the mint would be accepted, regardless of whether the user has approved the contract to transfer the specified amount of assets.
- Finding: the value returned by previewMint() is independent of allowance that the contract might have for transferring assets from any user.







previewWithdraw

#### 5. previewWithdrawAmountCheck

- EIP: previewWithdraw() MUST return as close to, and no fewer, than the exact amount of Vault shares that would be burned in a withdraw() call in the same transaction.
- Finding: previewWithdraw() returns the exact amount of shares getting burnt by withdraw().

#### 🔽 6. previewWithdrawIndependentOfBalance

- EIP: previewWithdraw() should always act as though the withdrawal would be accepted, regardless if the user has enough shares, etc.
- Finding: the value returned by previewWithdraw() is independent of any level of share balance for any user.

previewRedeem

#### 7. previewRedeemAmountCheck

- EIP: previewRedeem() MUST return as close to and no more than the exact amount of assets that would be withdrawn in a redeem call in the same transaction.
- Finding: previewRedeem() returns the exact amount of assets being transferred by redeem().

#### 8. previewRedeemIndependentOfMaxRedeem

- EIP: previewRedeem() MUST NOT account for redemption limits like those returned from maxRedeem.
- Finding: the value returned by previewRedeem() is independent of any level of maxRedeem() for any user.

#### 9. previewRedeemIndependentOfBalance

- EIP: previewRedeem() should always act as though the redemption would be accepted, regardless if the user has enough shares, etc.
- Finding: the value returned by previewRedeem() is independent of any level of share balance for any user.







deposit

- ✓ 10. depositCheckIndexERayAssert, depositCheckIndexERayAssert,
  depositWithPermitCheckIndexERayAssert
- EIP: deposit() MUST revert if all of assets cannot be deposited (due to deposit limit being reached, slippage, the user not approving enough underlying tokens to the Vault contract, etc).
- Finding: deposit() could transfer from the user's wallet an amount worth up to 1 AToken more than the specified deposit amount.
- ✓ 11. depositCheckIndexGRayAssert, depositCheckIndexGRayAssert, depositWithPermitCheckIndexGRayAssert
- EIP: deposit() MUST revert if all of assets cannot be deposited (due to deposit limit being reached, slippage, the user not approving enough underlying tokens to the Vault contract, etc).
- Finding: deposit() could transfer from the user's wallet an amount worth up to 1 AToken more than the specified deposit amount.

mint

- ✓ 12. mintCheckIndex
- EIP: mint() MUST revert if all of shares cannot be minted.
- Finding: mint() doesn't always mint the exact number of shares specified in the function call due to rounding.
  - \* It mints upto 1 extra share over the amount specified by the caller.
  - \* It mints at least the amount of shares specified by the caller.

withdraw

- 🔽 13. withdrawCheck
- EIP:
- \* withdraw() should check msg.sender can spend owner funds, assets needs to be converted to shares and shares should be checked for allowance.
- \* withdraw() must revert if all of assets cannot be withdrawn (due to withdrawal limit being reached, slippage, the owner not having enough shares, etc).







- Finding:
  - \* withdraw() makes sure take to check msg.sender's allowance on the owner's shares.
- \* For any asset amount worth less than 1/2 AToken, the function will not withdraw anything and will not revert.

#### redeem

- ✓ 14. redeemCheck, redeemATokenCheck
- EIP:
  - \* redeem() should check msg.sender can spend owner funds using allowance.
- \* redeem() MUST revert if all of shares cannot be redeemed (due to withdrawal limit being reached, slippage, the owner not having enough shares, etc).
- Finding:
  - \* redeem() makes sure take to check msg.sender's allowance on the owner's shares.
  - \* the amount of shares burned by redeem() are exactly the specified share amount.

#### convertToAssets

- 🔽 15. convertToAssetsCheck, amountConversionRoundedDown
- EIP:
  - \* covertToAssets() MUST NOT show any variations depending on the caller.
  - \* covertToAssets() MUST round down towards 0.
- Finding:
- \* convertToAssets() returns the same amount of assets for the given number of shares regardless of the caller's identity.
  - \* calculation are always rounding down.
- √ 16. toAssetsDoesNotRevert¹
- EIP: convertToAssets() MUST NOT revert unless due to integer overflow caused by an unreasonably large input.
- Finding: convertToAssets() does not revert.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  We assume that rate() <  $10^{32}$  and that shares <  $10^{45}$ 







> Note: We define a large input as  $10^45$ . Since  $2^256^{-10^77}$ , if we assume that rate <  $10^32 \sim 10^900$  RAY we get the requirement that shares <  $10^45$ , which implies shares \* rate <  $2^256$ .

#### convertToShares

- ▼ 17. convertToSharesCheck, sharesConversionRoundedDown
- EIP:
  - \* convertToShares() MUST NOT show any variations depending on the caller.
  - \* convertToShares() MUST round down towards O.
- Finding:
- \* convertToShares() returns the same amount for shares for the given number of assets regardless of the caller identity.
  - \* calculation will always round down.
- √ 18 toSharesDoesNotRevert²
- EIP: convertToShares() MUST NOT revert unless due to integer overflow caused by an unreasonably large input.
- Finding: convertToShares() does not revert.
- > Note: We define a large input as 10^50. Since 2^256~=10^77 and RAY=10^27 we get the requirement that assets < 10^50, which implies RAY \* assets < 2^256.

#### maxWithdraw

- ✓ 19. maxWithdrawConversionCompliance
- EIP:
- \* maxWithdraw() MUST return the maximum amount of assets that could be transferred from owner through withdraw and not cause a revert.
- \* the returned value MUST NOT be higher than the actual maximum that would be accepted (it should underestimate if necessary).
- Finding: maxWithdraw() returns an amount that is greater or equal to the amount withdrawn by the same value of assets.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> We assume that assets < 10<sup>50</sup>







- 20. maxWithdrawMustntRevert
- EIP: maxWithdraw() MUST NOT revert.
- Finding: maxWithdraw() returns \_convertToAssets(maxRedeem(user)) which can technically revert due to overflow when using mulDiv, however, taking into account the realistic range of arguments, the function will not revert.

maxRedeem

- 21. maxRedeemCompliance
- EIP:
- \* maxRedeem() MUST return the maximum amount of shares that could be transferred from owner through redeem and not cause a revert.
- \* the returned value MUST NOT be higher than the actual maximum that would be accepted (it should underestimate if necessary).
- Finding: maxRedeem() returns an amount that is greater or equal to the amount redeemed by the same value of shares.
- 🔽 22. maxRedeemMustntRevert
- EIP: maxRedeem() MUST NOT revert.
- Finding: maxRedeem() uses convertToShares(virtualUnderlyingBalance) to compute the available underlying tokens that can be withdrawn from the pool. While this call can technically revert due to overflow when using mulDiv, taking into account the realistic range of arguments, the function will not revert.

maxDeposit

- 🔽 23. maxDepositMustntRevert
- EIP: maxDeposit() MUST NOT revert.
- Finding: maxDeposit() can technically revert on multiple occasions due to overflow in computations, however, taking into account the realistic range of arguments, the function will not revert.







maxMint

- 24. maxMintMustntRevert
- EIP: maxMint() MUST NOT revert.
- Finding: maxMint() calls both maxDeposit() and convertToShares() which can technically revert, however, taking into account the realistic range of arguments, the function will not revert.

totalAssets

- ✓ 25. totalAssetsMustntRevert
- EIP: totalAssets() MUST NOT revert.
- Finding: totalAssets() returns \_convertToAssets(totalSupply()) which can technically revert due to overflow when using mulDiv, however, taking into account the realistic range of arguments, the function will not revert.

#### **Extending EIP4626 Properties**

Rounding Range Properties

✓ 26. previewRedeemRoundingRange
previewRedeem MUST tightly round down assets

The upper bound (i.e. previewRedeem <= convertToAssets) follows from ERC4626.

The lower bound (previewRedeem + 1 + rate / RAY >= assets) is based on the current implementation. This lower bound shows that previewRedeem is derived by convertToAssets.

27. previewWithdrawRoundingRange previewWithdraw MUST tightly round up shares

The lower bound (i.e. previewWithdraw >= convertToShares) follows from ERC4626. The upper bound is based on the current implementation.







28. amountConversionPreserved

Conversion of amount to shares and back MUST round the value down no more than 1 + rate() / RAY()

√ 29. sharesConversionPreserved

Conversion of shares to amount and back MUST round the value down no more than 1 + rate() / RAY()

🔽 30. accountsJoiningSplittingIsLimited

Joining shares MUST provide limited advantage over splitting shares when converting to asset amounts. The account can gain up to 1 extra asset due to rounding error.

31. convertSumOfAssetsPreserved

Joining assets MUST provide a limited advantage over splitting assets when converting to shares amount. The joint account can gain up to 1 extra share due to rounding error.

🔽 32. redeemSum, redeemATokensSum

Loss of assets due to redeeming shares in multiple steps MUST NOT exceed a total of 1 asset compared to redeeming the same amount of shares in one step. This occurs due to rounding errors.

maxDeposit

33. maxDepositConstant

maxDeposit() MUST NOT change due to any action of a user.

#### aToken Properties

34. aTokenBalanceIsFixed<sup>345</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> We assume msg.sender is not the aToken (sender != asset())

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> We assume msg.sender is not a reward token

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> We assume msg.sender is not the StataToken







aToken balance of msg.sender MUST NOT change due to the invocation of the following functions:

- collectAndUpdateRewards
- claimRewardsOnBehalf -- under additional assumption that both onBehalfOf and receiver are not the StataToken, nor the reward token, nor aToken
- claimRewardsToSelf
- claimRewards -- under additional assumption that receiver is not the StataToken, nor the reward token, nor aToken
- refreshRewardTokens

Here aToken means the return value of the asset() method.

#### **Rewards Related Properties**

Single Rewards Properties

✓ 35. rewardsConsistencyWhenSufficientRewardsExist<sup>5</sup> If the StataToken has enough rewards to pay the claiming user:

- The rewards balance of the receiver MUST NOT decrease.
- The claimable rewards a user is eligible for MUST be what they received.
- After claim, the unclaimed reward of the user MUST be nullified.
- The user's deserved rewards MUST NOT disappear from the contract's accounting system.
- ✓ 36. rewardsConsistencyWhenInsufficientRewards<sup>56</sup>

If the stataToken doesn't have enough rewards to pay the claiming user:

- The rewards balance of the receiver MUST NOT decrease.
- The user's deserved rewards MUST NOT disappear from the contract's accounting system.
- √ 37. rewardsTotalDeclinesOnlyByClaim<sup>5</sup> getTotalClaimableRewards MUST ONLY decrease due to a call to one of the claiming functions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> We assume that msg.sender is not the TransferStrategy







To avoid timeouts this was split into three parametric rules, each containing some of the functions.

\*Note: With the exception of initialize().

38. singleAssetAccruedRewards

In a case where the token has a single reward, the total accrued value returned by
getUserAccruedRewards() MUST be the reward accrued value.
(RewardsDistributor.\_assetsList.length == 1 &&
RewardsDistributor.\_assetsList[0] == asset) =>
(RewardsDistributor.getUserAccruedRewards(reward, user) ==
RewardsDistributor.\_assets[asset].rewards[reward].usersData[user].accrued)

✓ 39. totalAssets\_stable
Claiming rewards MUST NOT change totalAssets().

- ✓ 40. totalClaimableRewards\_stable At a given block, getTotalClaimableRewards() MUST NOT change unless rewards are claimed.
- 41. getClaimableRewards\_stable

At a given block, getClaimableRewards() MUST NOT change unless rewards were claimed.

✓ 42. getClaimableRewardsBefore\_leq\_claimed\_claimRewardsOnBehalf
The number of rewards that were received by a user after calling claimRewards() MUST NOT exceed the result returned by getClaimableRewards() right before the claim.

Multi Rewards Properties

✓ 43. prevent\_duplicate\_reward\_claiming\_single\_reward\_sufficient<sup>5</sup> Claiming the same reward twice (assuming the contract has sufficient rewards to give) MUST NOT yield more than claiming it once.







✓ 44. prevent\_duplicate\_reward\_claiming\_single\_reward\_insufficient Claiming the same reward twice (assuming the contract does *not* have sufficient rewards to give) MUST NOT yield more than claiming it once.

#### Solvency

✓ 45. solvency\_total\_asset\_geq\_total\_supply

Total assets MUST be greater than or equal to the total supply.

✓ 46. solvency\_positive\_total\_supply\_only\_if\_positive\_asset Total supply MUST be non-zero only if total assets is non-zero.

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