



# **PasswordStore Security Review**

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## Protocol Summary

The protocol audited was an implementation of a password vault, where, according to the documentation, only the owner should have privileges to read and store passwords into it.

## Risk Classification

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

The CodeHawks severity matrix was used to determine severity. See the documentation for more details.

## Audit Details

### Scope

For this review, a Github repository was given: <https://github.com/Cyfrin/3-passwordstore-audit/tree/onboarded>. The scope of the audit was only set to `PasswordStore.sol` Smart Contract, and therefore, that has been the only contract reviewed. The commit hash where all the tests have been performed is:

```
1 7d55682ddc4301a7b13ae9413095feffd9924566
```

### Roles

As indicated by the documentation provided, the roles given were:

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

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## Executive Summary

In this code review, the risk is considered **HIGH** as vulnerabilities with this severity were found, leading to protocol functionality break allowing non-owners to set and read passwords.

## Findings

### High

#### [H-1] Variable Stored on Chain Visible to Anyone

##### Description

The reserved word `private` in Solidity does not mean that the variable is going to be unreadable, but that it will not be able to be called by other contracts. This data is stored in clear text on the blockchain and it is readable to anyone. `PasswordStore.sol:s_password`

##### Impact

Publicly stored data in storage variables can lead to secrets disclosure, effectively breaking the functionality of this app.

##### PoC

A Proof of Concept was made, showcasing how the vulnerability could be exploited. That was done by creating a local chain and deploying into the contract. Then, the storage of the contract was read, proving that the password was readable. Local Chain

```
1 anvil
```

Deploy the contract

```
1 make deploy
```

Read the storage slot of the password

```
1 cast storage 0x5FbDB2315678afecb367f032d93F642f64180aa3 1 --rpc-url  
  localhost:8545  
2 0x6d7950617373776f7264000000000000000000000000000000000000000014  
3  
4 cast parse-bytes32-string 0  
  x6d7950617373776f7264000000000000000000000000000000000000000014  
5 myPassword
```

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**Recomendation** It is recommended that the architecture of the app is revised, implementing some type of off-chain encryption.

## [H-2] Insufficient Access Control

### Description

As the documentaton says: “@notice This function allows only the owner to set a new password” the password should be only allowed to be set by the owner, however, no check is implemented on the code.

```
1 function setPassword(string memory newPassword) external { // @audit !!
    This is NOT implementing any access control for owner -> Not owner
    can set passwords
2     s_password = newPassword;
3     emit SetNetPassword();
4 }
```

### Impact

Allows anyone to set or modify the password, beraking the functionality of the app

### PoC

A test calling the funcrion was made and indeed, the modification could be made

```
1 function test_non_owner_sets_password(address randomAddress) public {
2     vm.prank(randomAddress);
3     string memory expected = "newPass";
4     passwordStore.setPassword(expected);
5
6     vm.prank(owner);
7     string memory actualPassword = passwordStore.getPassword();
8     assertEq(expected, actualPassword);
9 }
```

### Recomendation

Implement access control features