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Protocol Summary

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

Disclaimer

The YOUR_NAME_HERE 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		
Likelihood	High	High	Medium	Low
	Medium	H	H/M	M
	Low	H/M	M	M/L
		M	M/L	L

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

Audit Details

The findingd described in this document correspond the following commit hash:

80246e7cd7a0561a5331fc3c1929e23b2d39db66

Scope

```
./src/  
#—PasswordStore.sol
```

Roles

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

Executive Summary

Add some notes about how the audit went, types of things you found, etc.

We spent X hours with Z auditors using Y tools. etc

Issues found

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

Findings

High

[S-#] **Storing the password on-chain makes it visible to anyone (Root cause), and no longer private (impact).**

Description: All data stored on-chain is visible to everyone, and can be read from the blockchain. The PasswordStored::s_password variable is intended to be a private variable and only accessible through the PasswordStored::getPassword function, which is intended to be only 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, severely 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.

1. Create a locally running chain

```
make anvil
```

2. Deploy the contract to the chain

```
make deploy
```

3. Run the storage tool

We use 1 because that's the storage slot of s_password in the contract.

```
cast storage <ADDRESS_HERE> 1 --rpc-url http://127.0.0.1:8545
```

You'll get an output that looks like this.

```
0x6d7950617373776f726400000000000000000000000000000000000000000014
```

You can then parse that hex to a string with:

```
cast parse-bytes32-string 0x6d7950617373776f726400000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
```

And get an output of:

```
myPassword
```

Recommended Mitigation: Due to this, the overall architecture of the contract should be rethought. One could encrypt the password off-chain, and then store the encrypted password on-chain. This would require the user to remember another password off-chain to decrypt the password. However, you'd also likely want to remove the view function as you wouldn't want the user to accidentally send a transaction with the password that encrypts your password.

[S-#] PasswordStore::setPassword has no access control (Root Cause), meaning a non-owner could change the password(Impact).

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 allows only the owner to set a new password.

```
function setPassword(string memory newPassword) external {
    // @audit - There are no access controls
    s_password = newPassword;
    emit SetNetPassword();
}
```

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

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

Code

```
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();
    assertEquals(actualPassword, expectedPassword);
}
```

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

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

```
}
```

Informational

[S-#] The `PasswordStored::getPassword` natspec indicates a parameter that doesn't exist (Root Cause), causing the natspec to be incorrect (Impact).

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 `PasswordStored::getPassword` function signature is `getPassword()` which 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.
+
```