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# Security Review For ApeBond



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#### Introduction

Apebond is a Solana-based program built with Anchor that facilitates the issuance and management of on-chain bonds. It is an adaptation of the Apebond system for EVM, now implemented on Solana. This security review is a focused and extensive dive into ApeBond's Solana Bonds programs.

#### Scope

Repository: ApeSwapFinance/apebond-solana

Audited Commit: defda35471cc7c87f60d9ed68f2cb66f88e20ac1

Final Commit: 95ff38ed42c622cd37964354d7f757b07d1d5ea2

#### Files:

- programs/apebond/src/constants.rs
- programs/apebond/src/errors.rs
- programs/apebond/src/instructions/claim.rs
- programs/apebond/src/instructions/claimable\_payout.rs
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- programs/apebond/src/instructions/permissioned\_account.rs
- programs/apebond/src/instructions/set\_bcv.rs

- programs/apebond/src/instructions/set\_bcv\_update\_interval.rs
- programs/apebond/src/instructions/set\_bond\_status.rs
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- programs/apebond/src/instructions/vested\_payout\_at\_time.rs
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- programs/apebond/src/lib.rs
- programs/apebond/src/processing/claim\_calculations.rs
- programs/apebond/src/processing/mod.rs
- programs/apebond/src/processing/price\_calculations.rs
- programs/apebond/src/processing/time\_calculations.rs
- programs/apebond/src/state/bond.rs
- programs/apebond/src/state/bond\_issuance.rs
- programs/apebond/src/state/bond\_pricing.rs
- programs/apebond/src/state/bond\_term.rs
- programs/apebond/src/state/claim\_approval.rs
- programs/apebond/src/state/issuance\_control.rs
- programs/apebond/src/state/mod.rs
- programs/apebond/src/state/permissioned\_account.rs

#### **Final Commit Hash**

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### **Findings**

Each issue has an assigned severity:

- Medium issues are security vulnerabilities that may not be directly exploitable or may require certain conditions in order to be exploited. All major issues should be addressed.
- High issues are directly exploitable security vulnerabilities that need to be fixed.
- Low/Info issues are non-exploitable, informational findings that do not pose a security risk or impact the system's integrity. These issues are typically cosmetic or related to compliance requirements, and are not considered a priority for remediation.

#### **Issues Found**

High	Medium	Low/Info
3	3	4

### Issues Not Fixed and Not Acknowledged

High	Medium	Low/Info
0	0	0

# Issue H-1: Price is not computed based on the decayed total debt

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/issues/49

#### **Vulnerability Detail**

In the Solidity version of the ApeBond protocol, when the \_decayDebt() is executed, the global totalDebt variable is reduced immediately. For instance, if the initial totalDebt is 100, after the \_decayDebt() is executed, it is reduced to 75. Subsequently, the trueBillPr ice() is executed, which internally relies on the currentDebt() to compute the price. So, the price is calculated based on the reduced totalDebt (75) over here.

```
File: ApeBond.sol
663: function currentDebt() public view returns (uint256) {
664:    return totalDebt - debtDecay();
665: }
```

However, in the Solana implementation, in Line 322 below, the code computes the new/reduced total debt and stores the reduced value (75) in a temporary variable new\_to tal\_debt. Note that this value has not been written into the storage yet (self.bond\_pricing.total\_debt). It will only be written to the storage towards the end of the function when ctx.accounts.update\_accounts() is executed. Thus, in Line 330 below, the self.bond pricing.total debt remains at 100 (not reduced).

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/633b78dc37b158 832f43896f7253166013df40b5/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/deposit.rs#L305

```
File: deposit.rs
305: pub fn deposit(
306:
        ctx: Context<Deposit>,
307:
         amount: u64,
308:
        max price: u64,
309: ) -> Result<()> {
..SNIP..
320:
         // _decayDebt() : Calculate new total debt
         // totalDebt += _amount; // Increase totalDebt by amount deposited
321:
322:
         let new_total_debt = ctx.accounts.bond_pricing.total_debt
323:
         .checked_add(amount)
324:
         .ok or(ApeBondError::ArithmeticOverflow)?
325:
         .checked sub(debt decay)
326:
         .ok or(ApeBondError::ArithmeticOverflow)?;
327:
         ctx.accounts.bond_pricing.last_decay = current_timestamp;
328:
329:
         // Calculate true price first
330:
         let true_price = true_bond_price(
```

Then, when computing the true\_bond\_price(), the debt\_ratio() -> current\_debt() will be called. Another problem is that in Line 327 above, it sets the ctx.accounts.bond\_pricing. last\_decay to the current timestamp. Thus, when computing the debt\_decay() below in Line 54, the last\_decay == current\_timestamp, so there is no decay (decay\_amount = 0)

So, in Line 62 below, total\_debt (100) - decay\_amount (0) = 100. Thus, the price is computed using the original total debt of 100.

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/633b78dc37b158832f43896f7253166013df40b5/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/processing/price\_calculations.rs#L62

```
File: price_calculations.rs
41: /// Calculates the current debt by subtracting decay amount from total debt
42: pub fn current debt(
        total debt: u64,
43:
44:
        last decay: u64,
        current timestamp: u64,
45:
46:
        vesting_end: u64,
47: ) -> Result<u64> {
        // If vesting_end is 0, return total debt
48:
49:
        if vesting_end == 0 {
            return Ok(total_debt);
50:
52:
        // Calculate decay amount
54:
        let decay_amount = debt_decay(
            total_debt,
56:
            last_decay,
57:
            current timestamp,
            vesting end
59:
        )?;
60:
61:
        // Calculate current debt by subtracting decay amount
        Ok(total_debt.checked_sub(decay_amount).ok_or::<Error>(ApeBondError::Arithm |

    eticOverflow.into())?)

63: }
```

Solidity computes price using the updated total debt of 75, while Solana computes price using the old/original debt of 100. The correct approach is to compute the price based on the total debt after decay, similar to what has been done in the Solidity implementation.

#### **Impact**

The computed price will be inaccurate, resulting in the incorrect number of payout tokens being issued to users during or after the vesting period.

### **Code Snippet**

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/633b78dc37b158 832f43896f7253166013df40b5/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/deposit.rs#L305

#### Recommendation

The new\_total\_debt value should be updated immediately into the self.bond\_pricing.to tal\_debt (right away after setting the decay timestamp) before computing the price via the true bond price() function.

# Issue H-2: Treasury cannot be closed if there is a remaining SPL token balance

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/issues/56

#### **Vulnerability Detail**

In Line 48 below, if there is a remaining SPL token balance in the treasury, it will send the SPL token to the to: ctx.accounts.authority.to\_account\_info().

However, the issue here is that ctx.accounts.authority is a Signer, which means it is likely a wallet, and not a token account.

SPL token can only be sent to a token account. Thus, when the following code attempts to transfer SPL tokens to a non-token account address, it will revert.

```
File: close_treasury.rs
08: #[derive(Accounts)]
09: pub struct CloseTreasury<'info> {
10:
        #[account(mut)]
        pub bond_issuance: Account<'info, BondIssuance>,
11:
12:
13:
        #[account(mut)]
        pub authority: Signer<'info>,
14:
        #[account(
            seeds = [b"permissioned_account", authority.key().as_ref()],
            constraint = authority_permissions.has_admin_or_bond_creator_access() @
   ApeBondError::InvalidAuthority
21:
        pub authority permissions: Account<'info, PermissionedAccount>,
22:
        #[account(
23:
            associated token::mint = bond issuance.payout mint,
            associated token::authority = bond issuance,
27:
        pub treasury_ata: Account<'info, TokenAccount>,
28:
29:
30:
        pub token_program: Program<'info, Token>,
31: }
32:
33: pub fn close_treasury(ctx: Context<CloseTreasury>) -> Result<()> {
34:
        require!(
            matches!(ctx.accounts.bond_issuance.status, BondStatus::Closed),
36:
37:
            ApeBondError::BondIssuanceNotClosed
```

```
);
39:
40:
41:
        let treasury_balance = ctx.accounts.treasury_ata.amount;
42:
        if treasury_balance > 0 {
43:
            anchor spl::token::transfer(
                CpiContext::new_with_signer(
44:
45:
                    ctx.accounts.token_program.to_account_info(),
                    anchor spl::token::Transfer {
46:
47:
                        from: ctx.accounts.treasury_ata.to_account_info(),
48:
                        to: ctx.accounts.authority.to_account_info(),
                        authority: ctx.accounts.bond_issuance.to_account_info(),
49:
                    },
                    &[&[
52:
                        b"bond_issuance",
                        ctx.accounts.bond_issuance.payout_mint.as_ref(),
54:
    ctx.accounts.bond_issuance.issuance_counter.to_le_bytes().as_ref(),
                        &[ctx.accounts.bond_issuance.bump],
                    ]],
56:
                ),
57:
                treasury_balance,
59:
60:
```

#### **Impact**

Treasury cannot be closed, and the remaining SPL tokens will be struck in the program.

#### **Code Snippet**

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/633b78dc37b158832f43896f7253166013df40b5/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/close\_treasury.rs#L48

#### Recommendation

Consider transferring the remaining SPL tokens to the authority's ATA.

# Issue H-3: Incorrect scaling of the debt\_ratio

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/issues/57

# Vulnerability Detail

Currently, the formula for the debt\_ratio is not correctly implemented because of the numerator not being multiplied by 1e18 scaling factor leading to subsequent rounding issues.

#### **Impact**

Rounding issues when price is close to zero.

#### **Code Snippet**

Let's take a look at the debt\_ratio calculation process:

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/processing/price\_calculations.rs#L86-88

```
let numerator = current_debt_u128
    .checked_mul(payout_decimals_multiplier)
    .ok_or::<Error>(ApeBondError::ArithmeticOverflow.into())?;
```

As we can see here, the numerator is calculated by multiplying current\_debt (principal decimals) by payout\_decimals\_multiplier (payout decimals). In comparison, the same value is calculated by multiplying on additional 1e18 scaling factor in the Solidity implementation of the same functionality:

```
Odev scaled by 1e18 to support 6 decimal principal token and debt. This avoids \ \hookrightarrow \  issues with rounding
```

However, this is not done in the Solana implementation.

Consider the following example:

```
debt_ratio = current_debt_u128 * payout_decimals_multiplier / initial_supply
price = (control_variable * debt_ratio) / principal_decimals_multiplier
```

Assume control variable = 1 so we can skip it:

Here, the current\_debt\_u128 variable is denominated in principal\_decimals\_multiplier, while initial\_supply is denominated in payout\_decimals\_multiplier.

As the all decimals are mutually removed, this leads to a situation where the price can't be represented when it has a value of 0.5, for instance, because of the following rounding down.

#### **Tool Used**

**Manual Review** 

#### Recommendation

Consider aligning with the math from the Solidity version of the repo. Additionally, we also need to account for the amount\_to\_calculate in this case because if the price is in 18 decimals and, let's say, the net\_amount = 100e6 then we'd divide it by 18 decimals and will not get the correct amount in principal token decimals because amount\_to\_calculate is in principal decimals and we then convert it to the payout token decimals to get the payout.

#### **Discussion**

#### Doublo54

The issue is valid, but scaling by le18 isn't feasible. Initially, the code followed the Solidity implementation and used le18 scaling. However, this led to overflows on  $\mathfrak{u}64$  and caused the code to break. As a result, the current implementation uses le9 scaling to avoid the overflow. Any other solution?

#### rodiontr

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that's a good question, let me think about it a bit

#### rodiontr

and can you please tell where such overflows would happen?

# Issue M-1: Initialization of bond issuance can be DOSed

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/issues/48

## **Vulnerability Detail**

It was found that the initialization of bond issuance can be DOSed or blocked by malicious users.

The init constraint below will fail when an account already exists. In Solana, anyone can create an ATA account for any authority

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/633b78dc37b158 832f43896f7253166013df40b5/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/initialize\_bond\_issuance.rs#L56

Assume that the payout\_mint = USDC, and the current issuance\_counter = 2. The creation of treasury\_ata ATA depends on the following two (2) items:

- payout\_mint,
- issuance\_counter

Thus, malicious users can pre-compute the treasury\_ata ATA address for payout\_mint = USDC and issuance\_counter = 3, and initialize the ATA.

From this point onwards, the initialize\_bond\_issuance will be blocked when the admin calls it because internally, it will always use payout\_mint = USDC and issuance\_counter = 3 to create the treasury ata ATA address.

#### **Impact**

Initialization of bond issuance can be DOSed or blocked

# **Code Snippet**

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/633b78dc37b158 832f43896f7253l660l3df40b5/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/initialize\_bond\_issuance.rs#L56

#### Recommendation

Use init\_if\_needed instead of init for creating ATA.

# Issue M-2: Protocol roles are incorrectly assigned in several places

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/issues/52

#### **Vulnerability Detail**

The problem is that the protocol does not assign roles for certain instructions breaking the compatibility with the documentation.

### **Impact**

Certain roles cannot call the instructions they're supposed to call.

#### **Code Snippet**

In the <u>migration documentation</u>, there is a table of roles where it's written what function is supposed to be called and by whom. However, the following functions are deviated currently:

set\_min\_price - has has\_admin\_or\_operator\_or\_automation\_access(). But in the table it's only admin or operator:

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/set\_min\_price.rs#L27

grant\_role and revoke\_roles() - has the following constraint constraint = authority\_pe rmissions.is\_admin() but in the table an admin or operator can grant and revoke the bond creator role:

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/permissioned\_account.rs#L14

```
constraint = authority_permissions.is_admin() @ ApeBondError::InvalidAuthority
```

#### **Tool Used**

**Manual Review** 

### Recommendation

Assign the roles in accordance with the documentation.

#### **Discussion**

#### Doublo54

Good catch!

- For set\_min\_price this was wrongly documented and automation role should also be able to call this method. Current code is good  $\boxtimes$
- grant and revoke the bond creator role issue is valid it seems. Operations role should be able to grant and revoke bond creator role

# Issue M-3: Inconsistency when calling payoutsAtTime() and claimable\_payout()

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/issues/55

#### **Vulnerability Detail**

In its essence, the payoutsAtTime() function is similar to the claimable\_payout() and it just returns two additional parameters - vested\_payout and vesting\_payout. The problem is that these functions would return 2 different claimable payouts if there were already claimed amounts on behalf of the user.

#### **Impact**

Incorrect claimable payout being returned.

### **Code Snippet**

Let's take a look at how the claimable payout is calculated inside of the claimable\_payout() in the claim\_calculations:

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/processing/claim\_calculations.rs#L49-69

```
// Calculate available payout based on vesting strategy
        match bond_term.vesting_strategy {
            0 => { // Linear vesting
                let payout = bond
                    .payout
                    .checked_mul(time_since_last_claim)
                    .ok or(ApeBondError::ArithmeticOverflow)?
                    .checked div(bond.vesting term)
                    .ok_or(ApeBondError::ArithmeticOverflow)?;
                Ok(payout)
            },
            1 => { // Cliff vesting
                if current_timestamp >= vesting_end {
                    Ok(bond.payout - bond.payout_claimed)
                } else {
                    0k(0)
            _ => Err(ApeBondError::InvalidVestingStrategy.into())
```

As you can see here, the payout is calculated based on the <code>vesting\_strategy</code> type - if it's linear, it's calculated linearly based on the elapsed time since the last claim and if it's a cliff vesting then the payout is given to the user after the <code>vestind\_end</code> has been reached. On the other side, the <code>payouts\_at\_time()</code> has quite similar functionality:

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/processing/claim\_calculations.rs#L97-111

The problem is that after that the <code>vested\_payout</code> (at this point it's similar to what we have in the <code>claimable\_payout()</code> function) is corrected based on the amount that has already been claimed:

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/processing/claim\_calculations.rs#L117-121

```
let claimable_payout = if vested_payout > bond.payout_claimed {
        vested_payout - bond.payout_claimed
    } else {
        0
    };
```

It can be seen that the claimable\_payout depends on the already claimed payout. And, let's say, we claimed 5 tokens before, and now after some time we can claim 10 tokens that were linearly vested but as 10 tokens > 5 tokens, it returns only 5 tokens as the claimable\_payout which is not correct claimable payout (at least with the linear vesting)

#### **Tool Used**

Manual Review

## Recommendation

Consider having the same claimable\_payout returned for the linear vesting in the payouts \_at\_time() function as in the claimable\_payout function itself.

# Issue L-1: Price slippage check differs in Solana & EVM

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/issues/50

#### **Vulnerability Detail**

It was observed that there are some discrepancies in how the price slippage check is performed between the EVM and Solana implementations.

In the Solana implementation, the true\_price does not take into account the fee.

```
File: deposit.rs
330:
        // Calculate true price first
331:
         let true price = true bond price(
332:
             &ctx.accounts.bond_pricing,
333:
             &ctx.accounts.bond_term,
334:
             current_timestamp,
             ctx.accounts.bond issuance.principal mint decimals,
336:
             ctx.accounts.bond_issuance.payout_mint_decimals,
337:
         )?;
```

```
File: price_calculations.rs
099: /// Calculates the true bond price
100: pub fn true_bond_price(
101:
        bond pricing: &BondPricing,
         bond_term: &BondTerm,
         current timestamp: u64,
104:
        principal mint decimals: u8,
        payout mint decimals: u8,
106: ) -> Result<u64> {
         let control_variable = bond_term.control_variable as u128;
107:
108:
109:
         let debt_ratio = debt_ratio(
110:
             bond_pricing.total_debt,
111:
             bond_pricing.last_decay,
112:
             current_timestamp,
113:
             bond_term.vesting_end,
114:
             payout mint decimals,
115:
             bond_term.payout_token_initial_supply,
116:
         )?;
117:
118:
         let numerator = control variable
             .checked mul(debt ratio)
119:
120:
             .ok or::<Error>(ApeBondError::ArithmeticOverflow.into())?;
121:
122:
         let price = numerator
```

```
123:
            .checked_div(10u128.pow(principal_mint_decimals as u32))
124:
            .ok_or::<Error>(ApeBondError::ArithmeticOverflow.into())?;
125:
126:
        // convert to u64 and check overflow
127:
        let price_u64: u64 = price.try_into().map_err(|_|
128:
129:
        let final_price = if price_u64 < bond_term.minimum_debt {</pre>
130:
            bond term.minimum debt
131:
        } else {
132:
            price u64
133:
        };
134:
135:
        msg!("TrueBondPrice: price={}, debt_ratio={}", final_price, debt_ratio);
136:
        Ok(final_price)
137: }
```

Then the price slippage is checked against the true\_price (without fee)

However, in EVM implementation, the fee is taken into account when checking the slippage.

```
File: CustomBill.sol
308:    function deposit(
309:       uint256 _amount,
310:       uint256 _maxPrice,
311:       address _depositor
312:    ) external nonReentrant returns (uint256) {
313:       require(_depositor != address(0), "Invalid address");
```

#### **Impact**

The program might not behave as expected.

### **Code Snippet**

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/633b78dc37b158 832f43896f7253166013df40b5/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/deposit.rs#L148

#### **Recommendation**

Review both implementations to check if they adhere to the expected design.

# Issue L-2: Token-2022 is not supported

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/issues/51

This issue has been acknowledged by the team but won't be fixed at this time.

## **Vulnerability Detail**

It was observed that many parts of the codebase support only legacy SPL tokens.

1. The following declaration only supports the legacy SPL Token program.

```
File: claim.rs
74: pub token_program: Program<'info, Token>,
```

2. anchor spl::token::transfer might break when used with Token-2022 token.

```
File: claim.rs
         pub fn handle transfer(&self, claimable payout: u64) -> Result<()> {
123:
124:
             anchor_spl::token::transfer(
125:
                 CpiContext::new with signer(
126:
                     self.token_program.to_account_info(),
127:
                     anchor spl::token::Transfer {
128:
                          from: self.treasury_ata.to_account_info(),
129:
                          to: self.user_payout_ata.to_account_info(),
130:
                         authority: self.bond_issuance.to_account_info(),
131:
                     },
132:
                     & [& [
                         b"bond_issuance",
133:
134:
                          self.bond_issuance.payout_mint.as_ref(),
135:
                          self.bond_issuance.issuance_counter.to_le_bytes().as_ref(),
136:
                         &[self.bond issuance.bump],
137:
                     ]],
138:
139:
                 claimable_payout,
140:
             )?:
             Ok(())
141:
142:
```

#### **Impact**

If the protocol intends to support both legacy SPL and newer Token-2022 standards, it will not work as expected.

## **Code Snippet**

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/633b78dc37b158832f43896f7253l660l3df40b5/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/claim.rs#L123

#### Recommendation

Consider using anchor\_spl::token\_interface::transfer\_checked, which will work for both standards.

# Issue L-3: Excessive ATA checking leads to excessive CU consumption

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/issues/53

#### **Vulnerability Detail**

At the moment, the payer ATA is unnecessarily extensively checked in the deposit instruction making the function execution computationally more expensive.

#### **Impact**

Redundant CU consumption.

#### **Code Snippet**

Let's take a look at the following functionality:

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/deposit.rs#L82-88

```
// Token accounts for transfers
#[account(
    mut,
    associated_token::mint = bond_issuance.principal_mint,
    associated_token::authority = payer,
)]
pub payer_principal_ata: Box<Account<'info, TokenAccount>>,
```

Here, the payer\_principal\_ata account (the associated token account for the payer for the principal token) is checked for the principal\_mint and the authority. Now let's take a look where the principal token is actually transferred:

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/deposit.rs#L222-234

```
principal_fee_amount,
)?;
}
```

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/deposit.rs#L237-247

But both of the destination accounts - fee\_principal\_recipient\_ata and partner\_principal\_recipient\_ata are also similarly checked in the Deposit struct:

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/deposit.rs#L90-95

```
#[account(
    mut,
    associated_token::mint = bond_issuance.principal_mint,
    associated_token::authority = bond_issuance.fee_principal_recipient,
)]
pub fee_principal_recipient_ata: Box<Account<'info, TokenAccount>>,
```

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/deposit.rs#L97-102

```
#[account(
          mut,
          associated_token::mint = bond_issuance.principal_mint,
          associated_token::authority = bond_issuance.partner_principal_recipient,
)]
   pub partner_principal_recipient_ata: Box<Account<'info, TokenAccount>>,
```

The problem is that we don't actually need to check the same way both the source ATA and the destination ATA as he Token program internally checks:

- the owner of the ATA has to be a signer for the transfer so if the payer is not the signer for the transfer, the tx would fail
- the mint of the source and destination matches so there is no need to check the mint on both sides

#### **Tool Used**

**Manual Review** 

#### Recommendation

The checks for the payer\_principal\_ata can be removed:

```
pub payer_principal_ata: Box<Account<'info, TokenAccount>>,
```

Same thing also applies for this transfer of the payout token from the treasury ATA:

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/main/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/deposit.rs#L251-269

```
if payout_fee_amount > 0 {
           anchor_spl::token::transfer(
               CpiContext::new_with_signer(
               self.token_program.to_account_info(),
               anchor_spl::token::Transfer {
                   from: self.treasury_ata.to_account_info(),
                   to: self.payout_fee_recipient_ata.to_account_info(),
                   authority: self.bond issuance.to account info(),
               },
               & [& [
                   b"bond issuance",
                   self.bond_issuance.payout_mint.as_ref(),
                   self.bond_issuance.issuance_counter.to_le_bytes().as_ref(),
                   &[self.bond_issuance.bump],
               ]],
           ),
               payout_fee_amount,
           )?;
       }
```

# Issue L-4: Insecure initialization

Source: https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/issues/54

This issue has been acknowledged by the team but won't be fixed at this time.

## **Vulnerability Detail**

It was observed that the <code>initialize\_permissioned\_account()</code> function is not gated. As a result, anyone can trigger the <code>initialize\_permissioned\_account()</code> and take control of the program if the protocol team hasn't executed <code>initialize\_permissioned\_account()</code> yet.

```
File: permissioned_account.rs
57: #[derive(Accounts)]
58: pub struct InitializePermissionedAccount<'info> {
        #[account(mut)]
59:
60:
        pub authority: Signer<'info>,
61:
62:
        #[account(
            payer = authority,
            space = PermissionedAccount::LEN,
            seeds = [b"permissioned_account", authority.key().as_ref()],
69:
        pub authority_permissions: Account<'info, PermissionedAccount>,
70:
71:
        #[account(
72:
            payer = authority,
            space = DefaultAdminSetup::LEN,
            seeds = [b"default_admin_setup"],
76:
78:
        pub admin_setup: Account<'info, DefaultAdminSetup>,
79:
        pub system_program: Program<'info, System>,
81: }
```

```
File: permissioned_account.rs
111: pub fn initialize_permissioned_account(
112:     ctx: Context<InitializePermissionedAccount>,
113: ) -> Result<()> {
114:     let authority_permissions = &mut ctx.accounts.authority_permissions;
115:     authority_permissions.roles = ROLE_ADMIN; // Initialize with admin role
116:
117:     let admin_setup = &mut ctx.accounts.admin_setup;
```

```
118: admin_setup.initialized = true;
119:
120: Ok(())
121: }
```

#### **Impact**

Anyone can take control of the program if the protocol team has not yet initialized it.

#### **Code Snippet**

https://github.com/sherlock-audit/2025-05-apebond-may-26th/blob/633b78dc37b158 832f43896f7253166013df40b5/apebond-solana/programs/apebond/src/instructions/permissioned\_account.rs#L111

#### Recommendation

Ensures that only the program's upgrade\_authority can call the initialize\_permissioned \_account() function. Add the following to the pub struct InitializePermissionedAccount.

The following is the rationale for the above constraints:

- 1. The first constraint on program ensures that the provided program\_data account matches the program's programdata address field.
- 2. The second constraint on the program\_dataaccount ensures that the instruction's signer matches the program\_data account's upgrade\_authority\_address field.

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