

Protocol Audit Report

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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 used by 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		
High	Medium	Low

		Impact			
	High	Н	H/M	М	
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:

2e8f81e263b3a9d18fab4fb5c46805ffc10a9990

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

Issues found

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

Findings

High

[H-1] Storing the password on-chain makes it visible to anyone, and no longer private

Description: All data stored on-chain is visible to anyone, and can be read directly from the blockchain. The PasswordStore::s_password variable is intended to be a private variable and only accessed through the PasswordStore::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:

You can then parse that hex to a string with:

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 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 decrypts your password.

[H-2] Missing access control for PasswordStore::setPassword function, anybody can change the password

Informational

[I-1] The PasswordStore::getPassword natspec indicates a parameter that doesn't exist, causing the natspec to be incorrect