



Protocol Audit Report

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Protocol Summary

The `PasswordStore` protocol is a decentralized application (dApp) smart contract designed to let users store and update a private password on-chain. Although it claims to keep the password hidden from others, any data stored on-chain is publicly accessible, making the implementation inherently insecure if passwords are stored in plaintext.

Disclaimer

The Have A Shib 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
Likelihood	High	H	H/M	M
	Medium	H/M	M	M/L
	Low	M	M/L	L

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

Audit Details

The findings in this document correspond to the following commit hash:

```
1 7d55682ddc4301a7b13ae9413095feffd9924566
```

Scope

```
1 ./src/  
2 #-- 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

We spent 1 hour to audit this contract using Foundry as our tools for making the Proof Of Concept with only 1 auditor doing the audit for this contract

Issues found

Severity	number of issued found
High	2
Medium	0
Low	0
Informational	1
Total	3

Findings

High

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

Root Cause: Storing the password on-chain exposes it publicly

Impact: Password is no longer private

Description:

All data stored on the blockchain is visible to anyone. Although in the contract only the `Owner` is intended to view the password, `PasswordStore::s_password` as used in `PasswordStore::setPassword` is not truly private to the owner.

We will demonstrate how a private variable can still be accessed from the blockchain.

Impact:

Anyone can read the private password from the blockchain.

Proof of Concept:

First, we need a local chain running:

```
1 make anvil
```

Next, we deploy the protocol. Fortunately, `PasswordStore` has a `make` command set up for us. Note that the deploy script sets the password to `myPassword`. Open a new terminal and run:

```
1 make deploy
```

Foundry allows us to inspect the storage of a deployed contract using a simple `cast` command. To do this, we need to determine which storage slot the `s_password` variable uses.

proof-of-code1

With that, we can run the following command (replace with your actual address if needed):

```
1 cast storage 0x5FbDB2315678afecb367f032d93F642f64180aa3 1
```

The output should be similar to:

[illegible]

This is the `bytes32` form of the data at storage slot 1. Using another Foundry command, we can decode it:

[illegible]

Output:

```
1 myPassword
```

Recommended Mitigation:

This issue is architectural. The protocol should be redesigned to store only encrypted passwords on-chain. Encryption should happen off-chain, and only the encrypted result should be stored.

[H-2] PasswordStore::setPassword is not protected by access control; anyone can set the password

Description:

The `PasswordStore::setPassword` function lacks access control. This means that anyone interacting with the contract can overwrite the owner's password.

```
1 function setPassword(string memory newPassword) external {
2   @> // @audit there is no access control on this function
3     s_password = newPassword;
4     emit SetNewPassword();
5 }
```

Impact:

The owner's password can be changed without their permission.

Proof of Concept:

N/A – function is callable by anyone by design.

Recommended Mitigation:

Use a library like OpenZeppelin's `Ownable` or `AccessControl` to restrict access to sensitive functions.

Suggested Access Control

```
1 if (msg.sender != s_owner) {  
2     revert PasswordStore__NotOwner();  
3 }
```

Informational**[I-1] PasswordStore::getPassword has a misleading @param in the NatSpec comment****Description:**

In the NatSpec comment of `PasswordStore::getPassword`, there's a `@param newPassword` tag, which is incorrect since the function does not accept any parameters. This creates confusion for developers reading the contract.

```
1 /*  
2  * @notice This allows only the owner to retrieve the password.  
3  * @> // @audit there is no parameter to set in the function  
4  * @param newPassword The new password to set.  
5  */  
6 function getPassword() external view returns (string memory) {  
7     if (msg.sender != s_owner) {  
8         revert PasswordStore__NotOwner();  
9     }  
10    return s_password;  
11 }
```

Impact:

While it doesn't affect functionality, it can mislead developers or auditors reading the contract.

Recommended Mitigation:

If the function is not intended to take a parameter, the NatSpec should be corrected by removing the incorrect `@param` line.

```
1 - * @param newPassword The new password to set.
```

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