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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview

Solana Foundation engaged Kudelski Security to perform an Solend Crypto & Digital Asset Assessment.

The assessment was conducted remotely by the Kudelski Security Team. Testing took place on July 12-August 3, 2021, and focused on the following objectives:

- Provide the customer with an assessment of their overall security posture and any risks that were discovered within the environment during the engagement.
- To provide a professional opinion on the maturity, adequacy, and efficiency of the security measures that are in place.
- To identify potential issues and include improvement recommendations based on the result of our tests.

On September 23, 2021 a rereview was done to verify that all findings had been mitigated.

This report summarizes the engagement, tests performed, and findings. It also contains detailed descriptions of the discovered vulnerabilities, steps the Kudelski Security Teams took to identify and validate each issue, as well as any applicable recommendations for remediation.

Key Findings

The following are the major themes and issues identified during the testing period. These, along with other items, within the findings section, were prioritized and resolved prior to the issuance of this report.

- KS-SOLEND-F-00 Missing check for reserve account owner opens for free FlashLoans
- KS-SOLEND-F-01 Loss of precision causing miscalculation of interest rate
- KS-SOLEND-F-02 Structs implementing bytemuck::Pod contains non-Pod fields
- KS-SOLEND-F-03 Pyth product parsing may cause index-out-of-bounds

During the test, the following positive observations were noted regarding the scope of the engagement:

- The code was very well documented and had a really high production standard
- The development team was very good at explaining and engaging in discussions

Based on the call graphs and the formal verification we can conclude that the reviewed code implements the documented functionality.



Scope and Rules Of Engagement

Kudelski performed an Solend Crypto & Digital Asset Assessment for Solana Foundation. The following table documents the targets in scope for the engagement. No additional systems or resources were in scope for this assessment.

The source code was supplied through public repository at <u>https://github.com/solana-labs/solana-program-library/tree/master/token-lending</u> with the commit hash ba0c0e007f99857894f238638b60cacb41281114.

Files included in the code review		
ram/src/processor.rs	The main program file	
ram/src/entrypoint.rs	Program entrypoint definitions	
ram/src/instruction.rs	Instruction types	
ram/src/state/reserve.rs	Lending market reserve	
ram/src/state/obligation.rs	Obligations definition and utils	
ram/src/state/lending_market.rs	The lending market	
ram/src/state/last-update.rs	Utils for slots and updates	
ram/src/math/common.rs	Common math utilities definitions	
ram/src/math/decimal.rs	Decimal utilities and definitions	
ram/src/math/mod.rs	Include file for math	
ram/src/math/rate.rs	Utilities for ratios and percentages	

Table 1: Scope

The source code used to verify if the findings were fixed was supplied through the public repository at https://github.com/solendprotocol/solana-program-library/tree/master/token-lending with the commit hash b6993d4b57dc91c2fd770e91cd91c01b008859ad.



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS & FINDINGS

During the Solend Crypto & Digital Asset Assessment, we discovered 2 findings that had a HIGH severity rating, as well as 1 MEDIUM

The following chart displays the findings by severity.

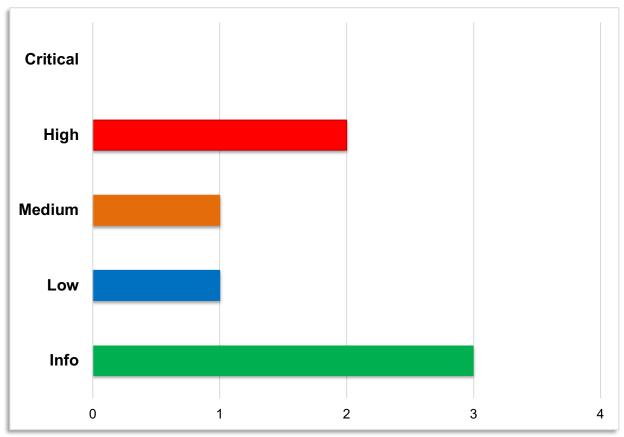


Figure 1: Findings by Severity



Findings

The *Findings* section provides detailed information on each of the findings, including methods of discovery, explanation of severity determination, recommendations, and applicable references.

The following table provides an overview of the findings.

#	Severity	STATUS	Description
KS-SOLEND-F-00	High	RESOLVED	Missing check for reserve account owner opens for free F
KS-SOLEND-F-01	High	RISK ACCEPTED	Loss of precision causing miscalculation of interest rate
KS-SOLEND-F-02	Medium	OPEN	Structs implementing bytemuck::Pod contains non-Pod fie
KS-SOLEND-F-03	Low	OPEN	Pyth product parsing may cause index-out-of-bounds
KS-SOLEND-F-04	Informational		Low test coverage creates a risk for maintenance
KS-SOLEND-F-05	Informational		Disabled lint checks may introduce bad code practices
KS-SOLEND-F-06	Informational		Oracle (Pyth) program id stored in LendingMarket is not v
KS-SOLEND-F-07	Informational		SPL Token program id stored in LendingMarket is superflu

Table 2: Findings Overview



Technical analysis

Based on the source code the following call graphs was made to verify the validity of the code as well as comfirmating that the intended functionality was implemented correctly and to the extent that the state of the repository allowed.

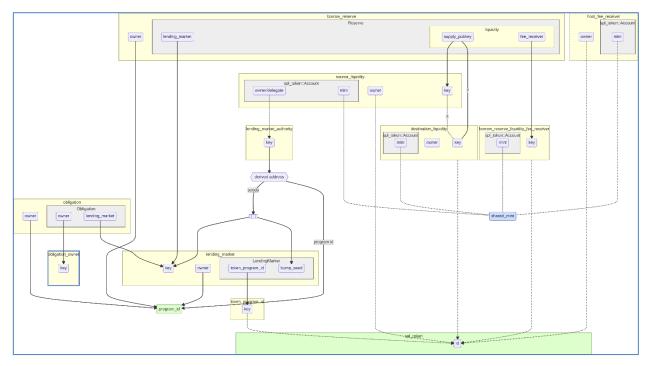


Figure 2: Account reference graph for BorrowObligationLiquidity

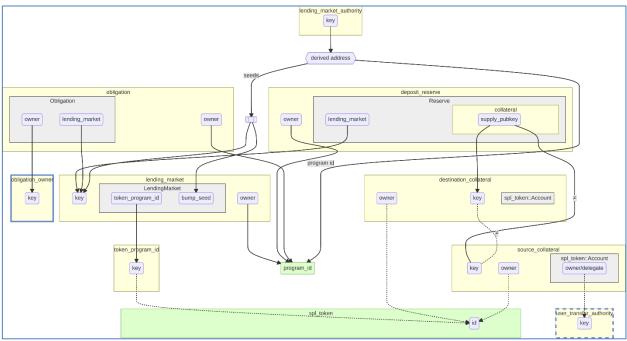


Figure 3: Account reference graph for DepositObligationCollateral



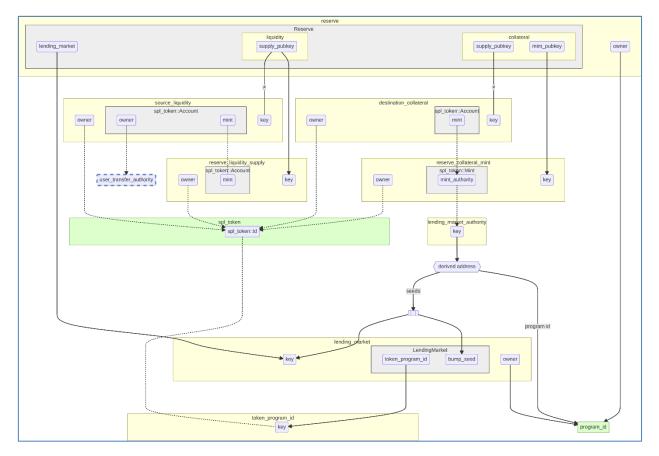


Figure 4: Account reference graph for DepositReserveLiquidity

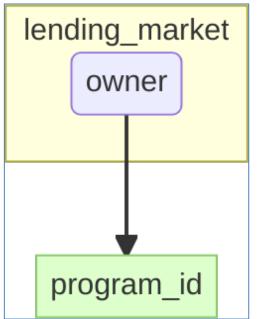


Figure 5: Account reference graph for InitLendingMarket



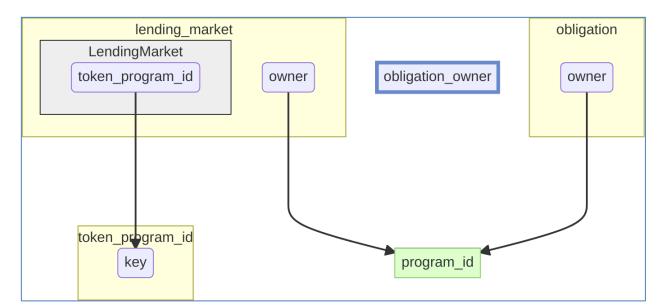


Figure 6: Account reference graph for InitObligation

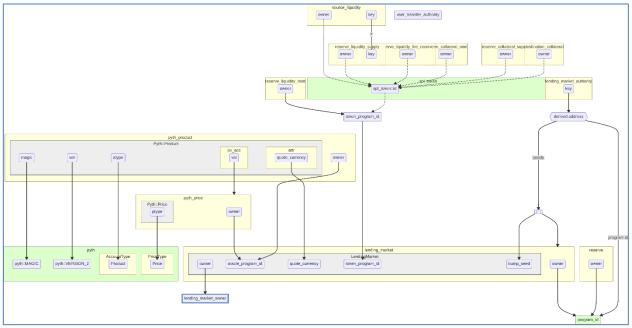


Figure 7: Account reference graph for InitReseve



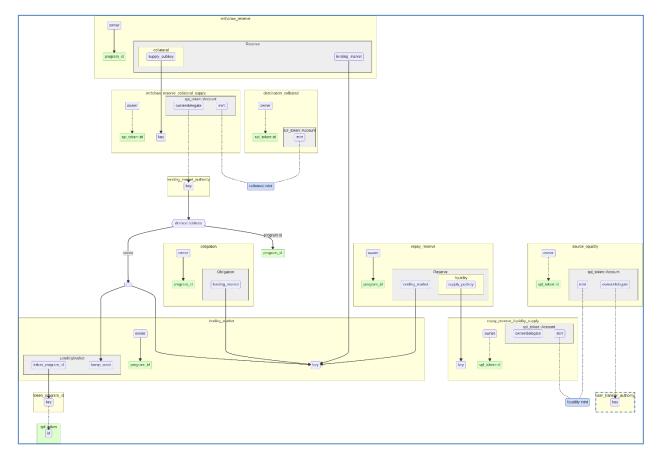


Figure 8: Account reference graph for LiquidateObligation



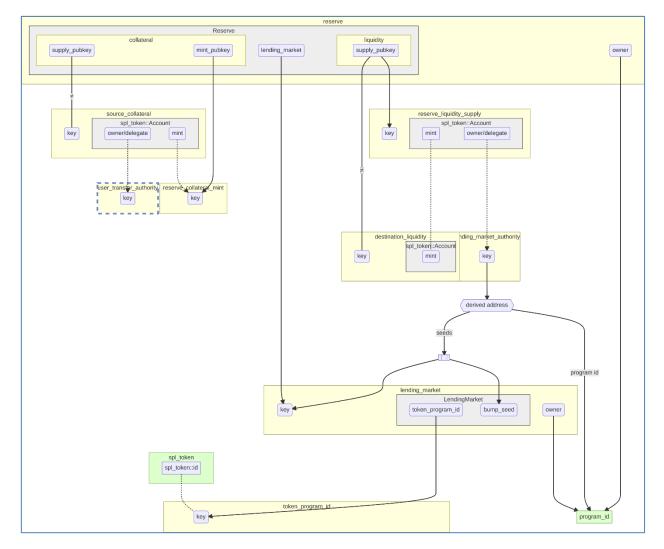


Figure 9: Account reference graph for RedeemReserveCollateral



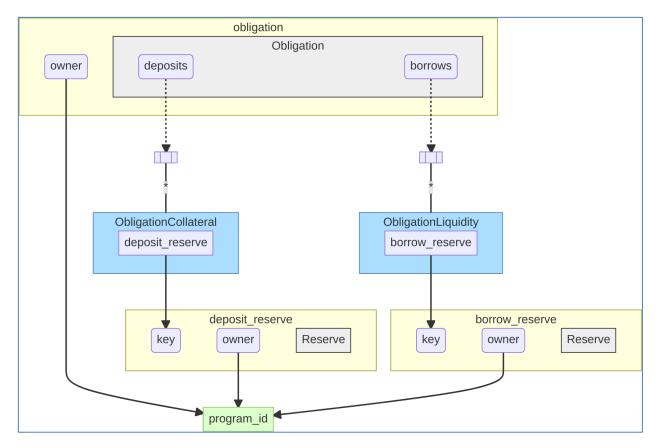


Figure 10: Account reference graph for RefreshObligation

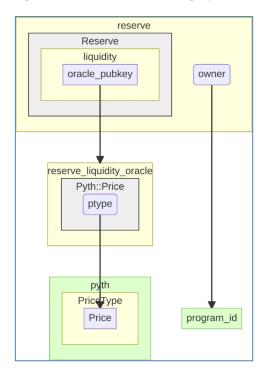


Figure 11: Account reference graph for RefreshReserve



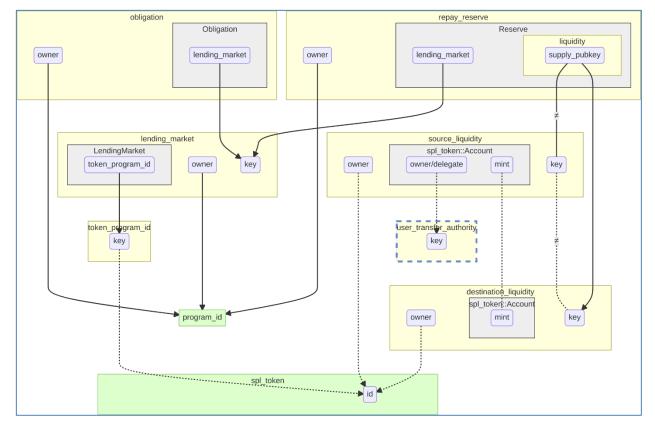


Figure 12: Account reference graph for RepayObligationLiquidity

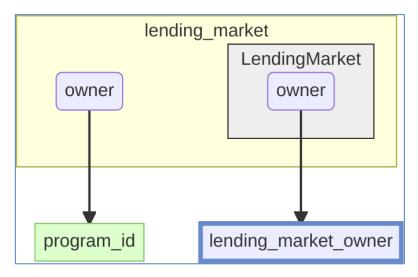


Figure 13: Account reference graph for SetLendingMarketOwner



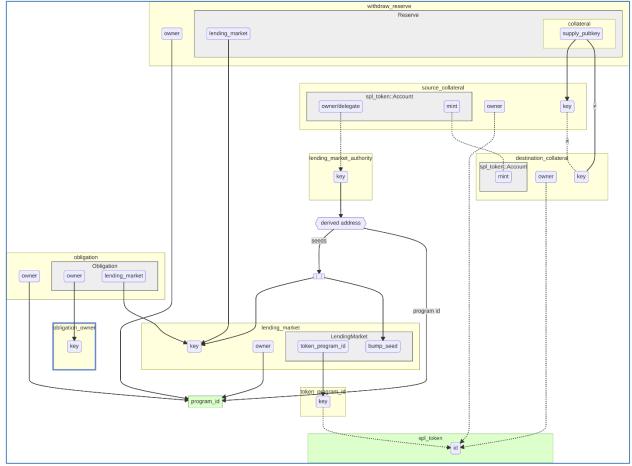


Figure 14: Account reference graph for WithdrawObligationCollateral

A number of further investigations were made which conluded that they did not pose a risk to the application. There were

- Authorization for LiquidateObligation is soundly validated
- Authorization for RepayObligationLiquidity is soundly validated
- Authorization for BorrowObligationLiquidity is soundly validated
- Authorization for WithdrawObligationCollateral is soundly validated
- Authorization for DepositObligationCollateral is soundly validated
- Authorization for InitObligation is soundly validated
- Authorization for RedeemReserveCollateral is soundly validated
- Authorization for DepositReserveLiquidity is soundly validated
- Authorization for RefreshReserve is soundly validated



- Authorization for InitReserve is soundly validated
- Authorization for SetLendingMarketOwner is soundly validated
- Dependency tokio 1.5.0 is vulnerable according to the RustSec Advisory Database

Conclusion

Based on the call graphs and the formal verification we can conclude that the code implements the documented functionality to the extent of the code reviewed.



Technical Findings

Missing check for reserve account owner opens for free FlashLoans

Finding ID: KS-SOLEND-F-00

Severity: [High]

Status: [Remediated]

Description

As shown in Figure 15 below, the processing of the FlashLoan instruction does not verify ownership of the reserve account.

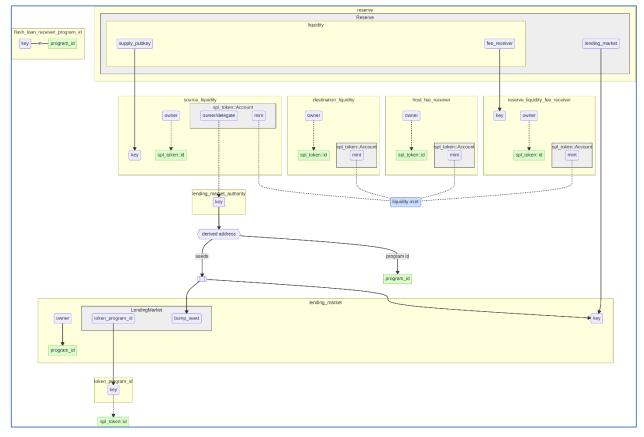


Figure 15: Account reference graph for FlashLoan

As data is written to the reserve account, it seems that the implementation relies on an implicit ownership verification done by the runtime policies. Unfortunately, the two writes done to the reserve account "cancel out" each other resulting in the same state before and after the processing of the FlashLoan instruction.



Proof of Issue

Reserve account data is modified by the following two calls. First, reserve.liquidity.borrow is called to subtract the borrowed amount from the reserve's available amount.

File name: processor.rs

Line number: 1638

reserve.liquidity.borrow(flash_loan_amount_decimal)?;
Reserve::pack(reserve, &mut reserve_info.data.borrow_mut())?;

ReserveLiquidity::borrow is implemented as follows:

File name: reserve.rs

Line number: 414

```
/// Subtract borrow amount from available liquidity and add to borrows
pub fn borrow(&mut self, borrow_decimal: Decimal) -> ProgramResult {
    let borrow_amount = borrow_decimal.try_floor_u64()?;
    if borrow_amount > self.available_amount {
        msg!("Borrow amount cannot exceed available amount");
        return Err(LendingError::InsufficientLiquidity.into());
    }
    self.available_amount = self
        .available_amount
        .checked_sub(borrow_amount)
        .ok_or(LendingError::MathOverflow)?;
    self.borrowed_amount_wads = self.borrowed_amount_wads.try_add(borrow_decimal)?;
    Ok(())
}
```

In short, borrow updates reserve.liquidity as follows:

- reserve.liquidity.available_amount -= flash_loan_amount
- reserve.liquidity.borrowed_amount_wads += flash_loan_amount

Next, reserve.liquidity.repay is called to add the borrowed amount to the reserve's available amount again after the repay.

File name: processor.rs

Line number: 1668

reserve
.liquidity
.repay(flash_loan_amount, flash_loan_amount_decimal)?;
<pre>Reserve::pack(reserve, &mut reserve_info.data.borrow_mut())?;</pre>



ReserveLiquidity::repay is implemented as follows:

File name: reserve.rs

Line number: 431

```
/// Add repay amount to available liquidity and subtract settle amount from total borrows
pub fn repay(&mut self, repay_amount: u64, settle_amount: Decimal) -> ProgramResult {
    self.available_amount = self
        .available_amount
        .checked_add(repay_amount)
        .ok_or(LendingError::MathOverflow)?;
    self.borrowed_amount_wads = self.borrowed_amount_wads.try_sub(settle_amount)?;
    Ok(())
}
```

In short, repay updates reserve.liquidity as follows:

- reserve.liquidity.available_amount += flash_loan_amount
- reserve.liquidity.borrowed_amount_wads -= flash_loan_amount

Summing up reserve.liquidity.borrow and reserve.liquidity.repay we get:

- reserve.liquidity.available_amount -= flash_loan_amount
- reserve.liquidity.available_amount += flash_loan_amount
- reserve.liquidity.borrowed_amount_wads += flash_loan_amount
- reserve.liquidity.borrowed_amount_wads -= flash_loan_amount

Which leaves reserve.liquidity.available_amount and reserve.liquidity.borrowed_amount_wads at their initial values.

Because, the reserve account is not passed as input to the cross program invocation on line 1658 the runtime policies will not verify the reserve account until the spl-token-lending program has finished processing the FlashLoan instruction. And because the data of the reserve account has not changed the runtime policy will not require the spl-token-lending program to be owner of the reserve account.

Severity and Impact Summary

Because the ownership of the reserve account is not check it is possible to pass any account. This allows an attacker to fabricate his own reserve account with other configurations than intended by the actual lending market owner.

For example, an attack could clone the data of another reserve account and modify the fee. Doing this will allow the attacker to take flash loans for free.



Recommendation

Implement an explicit check for ownership of the reserve account to ensure that the program ownership is always verified.



Loss of precision causing miscalculation of interest rate

Finding ID: KS-SOLEND-F-01

Severity: [High]

Status: [RISK ACCEPTED]

Description

In calculations involving integer division unintended loss of precision may occur if the remainder is not zero and further operations is performed afterwards.

This occurs in the calculation of the constant SLOTS_PER_YEAR

Proof of Issue

Filename: state/mod.rs

Beginning Line Number: 33

```
pub const SLOTS_PER_YEAR: u64 =
DEFAULT_TICKS_PER_SECOND / DEFAULT_TICKS_PER_SLOT * SECONDS_PER_DAY * 365;
```

The constants used to calculate the value of SLOTS_PER_YEAR are defined in solana program::clock as follows

```
pub const DEFAULT_TICKS_PER_SECOND: u64 = 160;
pub const DEFAULT_TICKS_PER_SLOT: u64 = 64;
pub const SECONDS_PER_DAY: u64 = 24 * 60 * 60;
```

Thus the implementation evaluates SLOTS PER YEAR as follows

```
DEFAULT_TICKS_PER_SECOND / DEFAULT_TICKS_PER_SLOT * SECONDS_PER_DAY * 365
= 160 / 64 * 24 * 60 * 60 * 365
= 2 * 24 * 60 * 60 * 365
= 63_072_000
```

The loss of precision lies in the evaluation of 160 / 64 which will result in the integer value 2 and not the decimal number 2.5.

SLOTS PER YEAR is used as follow



The call from processor::process_instruction line 60 is in the match statement for processing the RefreshReserve instruction which accrues the interest on a reserve.

With the current implementation the calculated interest will be 20% lower than expected.



Severity and Impact Summary

The SLOTS_PER_YEAR constant is used to calculate interest rates. As the constant is exposed to a serious loss of precision all calculated interests will be off by 20%!

This is a programming error with immediate consequences to all interest calculations if put into production.

Recommendation

Fix the calculation of the SLOTS_PER_YEAR constant to apply multiplication before division to avoid loss of precision.

Furthermore, it is highly recommended to implement unit tests to validate the output of functions with critical responsibilities such as the calculation of interests.

The desired implementation should be the following

```
pub const SLOTS_PER_YEAR: u64 =
    DEFAULT_TICKS_PER_SECOND * SECONDS_PER_DAY * 365 / DEFAULT_TICKS_PER_SLOT;
```

which evaluates to

```
DEFAULT_TICKS_PER_SECOND * SECONDS_PER_DAY * 365 / DEFAULT_TICKS_PER_SLOT
= 160 * 24 * 60 * 60 * 365 / 64
= 78_840_000
```

References

• N/A



Structs implementing bytemuck::Pod contains non-Pod fields

Finding ID: KS-SOLEND-F-02

Severity: [Medium]

Status: [Open]

Description

The trait bytemock::Pod is applied to the types Price and Product.

Proof of Issue

Filename: pyth.rs

Beginning Line Number: 103

```
#[cfg(target_endian = "little")]
unsafe impl Pod for Price {}
```

Filename: pyth.rs

Beginning Line Number: 120

#[cfg(target_endian = "little")]
unsafe impl Pod for Product {}

The documentation for bytemuck::Pod specifies 5 safety requirements:

- The type must be inhabited (eg: no Infallible).
- The type must allow any bit pattern (eg: no bool or char, which have illegal bit patterns).
- The type must not contain any padding bytes, either in the middle or on the end (eg: no #[repr(C)] struct Foo(u8, u16), which has padding in the middle, and also no #[repr(C)] struct Foo(u16, u8), which has padding on the end).
- The type needs to have all fields also be Pod.
- The type needs to be repr(C) or repr(transparent). In the case of repr(C), the packed and align repr modifiers can be used as long as all other rules end up being followed.

Let's have a look at the implementation of the ${\tt Price}$ struct

Filename: pyth.rs

Beginning Line Number: 72



<pre>#[derive(Copy, Clone)]</pre>			
#[repr(C)]			
<pre>pub struct Price {</pre>	pub struct Price {		
pub magic: u32,	// pyth magic number		
pub ver: u32,	// program version		
pub atype: u32,	// account type		
pub size: u32,	// price account size		
pub ptype: PriceType,	// price or calculation type		
pub expo: i32,	// price exponent		
pub num: u32,	// number of component prices		
pub unused: u32,			
pub curr_slot: u64,	// currently accumulating price slot		
<pre>pub valid_slot: u64,</pre>	// valid slot-time of agg. price		
pub twap: i64,	// time-weighted average price		
pub avol: u64,	// annualized price volatility		
pub drv0: i64,	// space for future derived values		
pub drv1: i64,	// space for future derived values		
pub drv2: i64,	// space for future derived values		
pub drv3: i64,	// space for future derived values		
pub drv4: i64,	// space for future derived values		
pub drv5: i64,	// space for future derived values		
pub prod: AccKey,	// product account key		
pub next: AccKey,	// next Price account in linked list		
pub agg_pub: AccKey,	// quoter who computed last aggregate price		
pub agg: PriceInfo,	// aggregate price info		
<pre>pub comp: [PriceComp;</pre>	32], // price components one per quoter		
}			

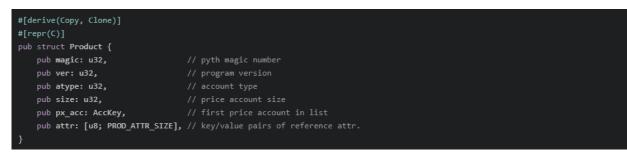
According to the documentation "the type needs to have all fields also be Pod."

The primitive integer types are supported out-of-the-box by the Pod trait. But the custom types AccKey, PriceInfo, PriceType, and [PriceComp; 32] are not!

The same goes for the Product struct

Filename: pyth.rs

Beginning Line Number: 106



Here the AccKey type is not a Pod!



Severity and Impact Summary

Not following the safety requirements when using unsafe code may result in memory corruption and unexpected behavior of the program.

Recommendation

- The types AccKey, PriceInfo, PriceType, and PriceComp needs to be Pods for Price and Product to be implemented safely.
- The types PriceStatus and CorpAction needs to be Pods for PriceInfo, PriceComp and Price to be implemented safely.

Furthermore, bytemock_derive should be used when implementing the Pod and Zeroable traits as the derive macro checks the field types. This is highly recommended as the Pod and Zeroable traits involve unsafe code!

Example:

```
use bytemuck_derive::{Pod, Zeroable};

#[derive(Copy, Clone, Pod, Zeroable)]
#[repr(C)]
pub struct Product {
    pub magic: u32, // pyth magic number
    pub ver: u32, // program version
    pub atype: u32, // account type
    pub size: u32, // price account size
    pub px_acc: AccKey, // first price account in list
    pub attr: [u8; PROD_ATTR_SIZE], // key/value pairs of reference attr.
}
```

References

- <u>https://docs.rs/bytemuck/1.5.1/bytemuck/trait.Pod.html</u>
- <u>https://docs.rs/bytemuck_derive/1.0.1/bytemuck_derive/derive.Pod.html</u>



Pyth product parsing may cause index-out-of-bounds

Finding ID: KS-SOLEND-F-03

Severity: [Low]

Status: [Open]

Description

The function for extracting the quote_currency entry of the key/value pairs in pyth::Product::attr may cause index-out-of-bounds.

Proof of Issue

Filename: processor.rs

Beginning Line Number: 1734

```
fn get_pyth_product_quote_currency(pyth_product: &pyth::Product) -> Result<[u8; 32], ProgramError> {
   const LEN: usize = 14;
   const KEY: &[u8; LEN] = b"quote_currency";
   while start < pyth::PROD_ATTR_SIZE {</pre>
       let mut length = pyth_product.attr[start] as usize;
       if length == LEN {
           let mut end = start + length;
           if end > pyth::PROD_ATTR_SIZE {
               msg!("Pyth product attribute key length too long");
               return Err(LendingError::InvalidOracleConfig.into());
           let key = &pyth_product.attr[start..end];
               start += length;
               length = pyth_product.attr[start] as usize;
               start += 1;
               end = start + length;
               if length > 32 || end > pyth::PROD_ATTR_SIZE {
                   msg!("Pyth product quote currency value too long");
                   return Err(LendingError::InvalidOracleConfig.into());
               value[0..length].copy_from_slice(&pyth_product.attr[start..end]);
               return Ok(value);
       start += length;
       start += 1 + pyth_product.attr[start] as usize;
   }
   msg!("Pyth product quote currency not found");
   Err(LendingError::InvalidOracleConfig.into())
```



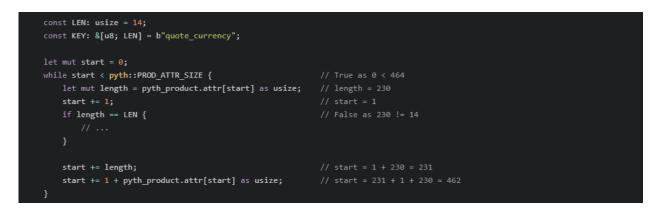
The values from the <code>pyth_product.attr</code> array itself is used as indices to array without validating if it is out of bounds. Unexpected data will cause index-out-of-bounce resulting in panic

Consider that the attr is an array containing only bytes of 230

pyth_product.attr = [230_u8; pyth::PROD_ATTR_SIZE];

A call to processor::get_pyth_product_quote_currency will then go like this

The first iteration of the while loop will go like this



Then the second iteration of the while loop will go like this

As pyth_product.attr has length 464 indexing into 683 will cause panic due to array-out-of-bounds.

Severity and Impact Summary

The values from the <code>pyth_product.attr</code> array itself is used as indices to array without validating if it is out of bounds. Unexpected data will cause index-out-of-bounce resulting in panic

Recommendation

Check array indexes or use std::slice::get to avoid panic due to array-out-of-bounds.

References

• <u>https://doc.rust-lang.org/std/primitive.slice.html#method.get</u>





Disabled lint checks may introduce bad code practices

Finding ID: KS-SOLEND-F-04

Severity: [Informational]

Status: [Open]

Description

Lint checks were disabled in the code.

Proof of Issue

The following lint checks are disabled in the code:

- clippy::assign_op_pattern
- clippy::manual_range_contains
- clippy::ptr offset with cast
- clippy::reversed empty ranges
- clippy::too_many_arguments
- clippy::wrong_self_convention

As clippy's lint checks warn about bad code practices, ignoring the warnings allows bad practices in the code.

As an example the clippy::reversed empty ranges lint check verifies the following

Checks for range expressions $x \dots y$ where both x and y are constant and x is greater or equal to y.

Severity and Impact Summary

Disabling the clippy::reversed_empty_ranges lint check will allow such range expressions in the code which will not warn on reversed range such as 3..0 which will cause panic at runtime!

Recommendation

Do not disable lint checks unless you have a really good reason and always document that reason in the code where the check is disabled.

References

Clippy Lints: reversed_empty_ranges
 https://rust-lang.github.io/rust-clippy/master/index.html#reversed_empty_ranges



Oracle (Pyth) program id stored in LendingMarket is not validated

Finding ID: KS-SOLEND-F-05

Severity: [Informational]

Status: [Open]

Description

The LendingMarket struct contains ids for the Oracle (Pyth) program (oracle_program_id)

Proof of Issue

Filename: state/lending_market.rs

Beginning Line Number: 11



The oracle_program_id is written to the LendingMarket during processing of the InitLendingMarket instruction. No instructions allows it to be changed after initialization.

The oracle_program_id is used to validate the price and product accounts in the InitReserve instruction. The price account from is used again in the RefreshReserve instruction to update the current market price which again is used in calculations for the RefreshObligation and the BorrowObligationLiquidity instruction.

Severity and Impact Summary

As the oracle_program_id is not validated, it is possible to initialize a lending market with an oracle_program_id referring to a program controlled by the someone else.

Off course, this would create a lending market which is untrustworthy. But how can the end-user verify that?



Misbehaving lending markets may have no direct consequence for the spl-token-lending program as this is a configuration issue and not an implementation issue. But the result may backfire resulting in mistrust for the whole spl-token-lending and all of its lending markets.

Recommendation

If it is possible at all, the <code>oracle_program_id</code> should be validated against a whitelist of trusted Oracle (Pyth) programs. If implemented it should be considered how to handle lending markets based on Oracle programs that have been removed from the whitelist.

References

• N/A



SPL Token program id stored in LendingMarket is superfluous

Finding ID: KS-SOLEND-F-06

Severity: [Informational]

Status: [Open]

Description

The LendingMarket struct contains ids for the SPL Token program (token_program_id).

Proof of Issue

Filename: state/lending_market.rs

Beginning Line Number: 11



The token_program_id is written to the LendingMarket during processing of the InitLendingMarket instruction. No instructions allows it to be changed after initialization.

The token_program_id is used to validate the SPL Token program account given as input to the following instructions:

- InitReserve
- DepositReserveLiquidity
- RedeemReserveCollateral
- InitObligation
- DepositObligationCollateral
- WithdrawObligationCollateral
- BorrowObligationLiquidity
- RepayObligationLiquidity
- LiquidateObligation
- FlashLoan

In the processing of the InitReserve instruction the token_program_id account input is validated against the SPL Token program id from the lending market

Filename: processor.rs

Beginning Line Number: 252



Furthermore, the owner of the reserve liquidity mint is also validated against the SPL Token program id from the lending market

Filename: processor.rs

Beginning Line Number: 252



But then the function ${\tt spl}$ token init account is called

Filename: processor.rs

Beginning Line Number: 348

spl	_token_init_account(TokenInitializeAccountParams {
	account: reserve_liquidity_supply_info.clone(),
	mint: reserve_liquidity_mint_info.clone(),
	owner: lending_market_authority_info.clone(),
	rent: rent_info.clone(),
	token_program: token_program_id.clone(),
})?	

The spl_token_init_account inline function creates an instruction by calling the constructor function spl_token::instruction::initialize_account. Here, token_program_id account key is passed as token_program argument to initialize_account

Filename: processor.rs

Beginning Line Number: 1828



The spl_token::instruction::initialize_account function (in the spl-token crate) calls the spl_token::check_program_account function



Filename: token/program/src/instruction.rs

Beginning Line Number: 645



Finally, the spl_token::check_program_account function validated that the key of the
token_program_id account given as input to the InitReserve instruction is spl_token::id()

Filename: token/program/src/lib.rs

Beginning Line Number: 30



The validations done during the instruction processing are sane and must take place one way or the other. But storing the SPL Token program id as part of the lending market account is superfluous as the call from the processing of the InitReserve instruction to spl_token::instruction::initialize_account requires the program id to be spl_token::id().

So even though LendingMarket::token_program_id can be refer to another program than the official SPL Token program, it will not be possible to initialize a reserve for such a lending market...

Severity and Impact Summary

LendingMarket::token_program_id can be refer to another program than the official SPL Token program, it will not be possible to initialize a reserve for such a lending market.

Recommendation

To simplify the code and the instruction arguments it is recommended to remove the token_program_id from the LendingMarket struct and update all validations to check against the spl_token::ID constant instead.

References

• N/A



METHODOLOGY

Kudelski Security uses the following high-level methodology when approaching engagements. They are broken up into the following phases.





Kickoff

The project is kicked all of the sales process has concluded. We typically set up a kickoff meeting where project stakeholders are gathered to discuss the project as well as the responsibilities of participants. During this meeting we verify the scope of the engagement and discuss the project activities. It's an opportunity for both sides to ask questions and get to know each other. By the end of the kickoff there is an understanding of the following:

- Designated points of contact
- Communication methods and frequency
- Shared documentation
- Code and/or any other artifacts necessary for project success
- Follow-up meeting schedule, such as a technical walkthrough
- Understanding of timeline and duration

Ramp-up

Ramp-up consists of the activities necessary to gain proficiency on the particular project. This can include the steps needed for familiarity with the codebase or technological innovation utilized. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Reviewing previous work in the area including academic papers
- Reviewing programming language constructs for specific languages
- Researching common flaws and recent technological advancements

Review

The review phase is where a majority of the work on the engagement is completed. This is the phase where we analyze the project for flaws and issues that impact the security posture. Depending on the project this may include an analysis of the architecture, a review of the code, and a specification matching to match the architecture to the implemented code.

In this code audit, we performed the following tasks:



- 1. Security analysis and architecture review of the original protocol
- 2. Review of the code written for the project
- 3. Compliance of the code with the provided technical documentation

The review for this project was performed using manual methods and utilizing the experience of the reviewer. No dynamic testing was performed, only the use of custom built scripts and tools were used to assist the reviewer during the testing. We discuss our methodology in more detail in the following sections.

Code Safety

We analyzed the provided code, checking for issues related to the following categories:

- General code safety and susceptibility to known issues
- Poor coding practices and unsafe behavior
- · Leakage of secrets or other sensitive data through memory mismanagement
- Susceptibility to misuse and system errors
- Error management and logging

This list is general list and not comprehensive, meant only to give an understanding of the issues we are looking for.

Cryptography

We analyzed the cryptographic primitives and components as well as their implementation. We checked in particular:

- Matching of the proper cryptographic primitives to the desired cryptographic functionality needed
- Security level of cryptographic primitives and their respective parameters (key lengths, etc.)
- · Safety of the randomness generation in general as well as in the case of failure
- Safety of key management
- · Assessment of proper security definitions and compliance to use cases
- · Checking for known vulnerabilities in the primitives used

Technical Specification Matching

We analyzed the provided documentation and checked that the code matches the specification. We checked for things such as:

- Proper implementation of the documented protocol phases
- Proper error handling



• Adherence to the protocol logical description

Reporting

Kudelski Security delivers a preliminary report in PDF format that contains an executive summary, technical details, and observations about the project.

The executive summary contains an overview of the engagement including the number of findings as well as a statement about our general risk assessment of the project as a whole. We may conclude that the overall risk is low, but depending on what was assessed we may conclude that more scrutiny of the project is needed.

We not only report security issues identified but also informational findings for improvement categorized into several buckets:

- Critical
- High
- Medium
- Low
- Informational

The technical details are aimed more at developers, describing the issues, the severity ranking and recommendations for mitigation.

As we perform the audit, we may identify issues that aren't security related, but are general best practices and steps, that can be taken to lower the attack surface of the project. We will call those out as we encounter them and as time permits.

As an optional step, we can agree on the creation of a public report that can be shared and distributed with a larger audience.

Verify

After the preliminary findings have been delivered, this could be in the form of the approved communication channel or delivery of the draft report, we will verify any fixes withing a window of time specified in the project. After the fixes have been verified, we will change the status of the finding in the report from open to remediated.

The output of this phase will be a final report with any mitigated findings noted.

Additional Note

It is important to note that, although we did our best in our analysis, no code audit or assessment is a guarantee of the absence of flaws. Our effort was constrained by resource and time limits along with the scope of the agreement.

While assessment the severity of the findings, we considered the impact, ease of exploitability, and the probability of attack. These is a solid baseline for severity determination.





The Classification of identified problems and vulnerabilities

There are four severity levels of an identified security vulnerability.

Critical – vulnerability that will lead to loss of protected assets

- This is a vulnerability that would lead to immediate loss of protected assets
- The complexity to exploit is low
- The probablillty of exploit is high

High - A vulnerability that can lead to loss of protected assets

- All discrepancies found where there is a security claim made in the documentation that can not be found in the code
- All mismatches from the stated and actual functionality
- Unprotected key material
- Weak encryption of keys
- Badly generated key materials
- Tx signatures not verified
- Spending of funds through logic errors
- Calculation errors overflows and underflows

Medium - a vulnerability that hampers the uptime of the system or can lead to other problems

- Insecure calls to third party libraries
- Use of untested or nonstandard or non-peer-revied crypto functions
- Program crashes leaves core dumps or write sensitive data to log files

Low - Problems that have a security impact but does not directly impact the protected assets

- Overly complex functions
- Unchecked return values from 3rd party libraries that could alter the execution flow

Informational

• General recommendations



TOOLS

The following tools were used during this portion of the test. A link for more information about the tool is provided as well.

Tools used during the code review and assessment

- Rust cargo tools
- IDE modules for Rust and analysis of source code
- Cargo audit which uses https://rustsec.org/advisories/ to find vulnerabilities cargo.

RustSec.org

About RustSec

The RustSec Advisory Database is a repository of security advisories filed against Rust crates published and maintained by the Rust Secure Code Working Group.

The RustSec Tool-set used in projects and CI/CD pipelines

'cargo-audit' - audit Cargo.lock files for crates with security vulnerabilities. 'cargo-deny' - audit `Cargo.lock` files for crates with security vulnerabilities, limit the usage of particular dependencies, their licenses, sources to download from, detect multiple versions of same packages in the dependency tree and more.



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