

SMART CONTRACT AUDIT REPORT

for

DCNTRL Network

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1 | Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the DCNTRL Network protocol, we outline in the report our systematic approach to evaluate potential security issues in the smart contract implementation, expose possible semantic inconsistencies between smart contract code and design document, and provide additional suggestions or recommendations for improvement. Our results show that the given version of smart contracts can be further improved due to the presence of several issues related to either security or performance. This document outlines our audit results.

1.1 About DCNTRL Network

DCNTRL Network is a decentralized borrowing protocol that allows you to draw low-interest loans against the native asset used as collateral. Loans are paid out in USDEFI (a USD pegged stablecoin) and need to maintain a minimum (configurable) collateral ratio. In addition to the collateral, the loans are secured by a stability pool containing USDEFI and by borrowers collectively acting as guarantors of last resort. Initially forked from Liquity, DCNTRL Network makes a number of extensions by supporting customized tokenomics and fee structure, and allowing for governance-configurable risk parameters. The basic information of the audited protocol is as follows:

In the following, we show the Git repository of reviewed files and the commit hash value used in this audit. Note that DCNTRL Network assumes a trusted price oracle with timely market price feeds for supported assets and the oracle itself is not part of this audit.

• https://github.com/tenfinance/Decntral-contracts.git (a10e877)

And this is the commit ID after all fixes for the issues found in the audit have been checked in.

• https://github.com/tenfinance/Decntral-contracts.git (TBD)

1.2 About PeckShield

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1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on the OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [\[9\]](#page-21-1):

- Likelihood represents how likely a particular vulnerability is to be uncovered and exploited in the wild;
- Impact measures the technical loss and business damage of a successful attack;
- Severity demonstrates the overall criticality of the risk.

Likelihood and impact are categorized into three ratings: H, M and L, i.e., high, medium and low respectively. Severity is determined by likelihood and impact and can be classified into four categories accordingly, i.e., Critical, High, Medium, Low shown in Table [1.2.](#page-4-2)

To evaluate the risk, we go through a checklist of items and each would be labeled with a severity category. For one check item, if our tool or analysis does not identify any issue, the contract is considered safe regarding the check item. For any discovered issue, we might further deploy contracts on our private testnet and run tests to confirm the findings. If necessary, we would additionally build a PoC to demonstrate the possibility of exploitation. The concrete list of check items is shown in Table [1.3.](#page-5-0)

In particular, we perform the audit according to the following procedure:

- Basic Coding Bugs: We first statically analyze given smart contracts with our proprietary static code analyzer for known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) all the issues found by our tool.
- Semantic Consistency Checks: We then manually check the logic of implemented smart contracts and compare with the description in the white paper.
- Advanced DeFi Scrutiny: We further review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.
- Additional Recommendations: We also provide additional suggestions regarding the coding and development of smart contracts from the perspective of proven programming practices.

To better describe each issue we identified, we categorize the findings with Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE-699) [\[8\]](#page-21-2), which is a community-developed list of software weakness types to better delineate and organize weaknesses around concepts frequently encountered in software development. Though some categories used in CWE-699 may not be relevant in smart contracts, we use the CWE categories in Table [1.4](#page-7-0) to classify our findings. Moreover, in case there is an issue that may affect an active protocol that has been deployed, the public version of this report may omit such issue, but will be amended with full details right after the affected protocol is upgraded with respective fixes.

1.4 Disclaimer

Note that this security audit is not designed to replace functional tests required before any software release, and does not give any warranties on finding all possible security issues of the given smart contract(s) or blockchain software, i.e., the evaluation result does not guarantee the nonexistence of any further findings of security issues. As one audit-based assessment cannot be considered

Table 1.4: Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) Classifications Used in This Audit

comprehensive, we always recommend proceeding with several independent audits and a public bug bounty program to ensure the security of smart contract(s). Last but not least, this security audit should not be used as investment advice.

2 | Findings

2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the implementation of the DCNTRL Network protocol. During the first phase of our audit, we study the smart contract source code and run our in-house static code analyzer through the codebase. The purpose here is to statically identify known coding bugs, and then manually verify (reject or confirm) issues reported by our tool. We further manually review business logic, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

We have so far identified a list of potential issues: some of them involve subtle corner cases that might not be previously thought of, while others refer to unusual interactions among multiple contracts. For each uncovered issue, we have therefore developed test cases for reasoning, reproduction, and/or verification. After further analysis and internal discussion, we determined a few issues of varying severities need to be brought up and paid more attention to, which are categorized in the above table. More information can be found in the next subsection, and the detailed discussions of each of them are in Section [3.](#page-11-0)

2.2 Key Findings

Overall, these smart contracts are well-designed and engineered, though the implementation can be improved by resolving the identified issues (shown in Table [2.1\)](#page-10-1), including 4 low-severity vulnerabilities and 2 informational recommendations.

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Low	Incorrect TroveLiquidated Event in Tro-	Business Logic	Confirmed
		veManager		
PVE-002	Low	Revisited Caller Validation Sort- in	Security Features	Confirmed
		edTroves::insert()		
PVE-003	Informational	Price- Status in Enhanced Oracle	Business Logic	Confirmed
		Feed:: fetchPrice()		
PVE-004	Low	Improved Trove Close Logic in TroveM-	Business Logic	Confirmed
		anager		
PVE-005	Low	Validation USDEFIT _o - in Improved	Coding Practices	Confirmed
		ken/DCNXToken::permit()		
PVE-006	Informational	Simplified in Logic	Business Logic	Confirmed
		Unipool::claimReward()		

Table 2.1: Key DCNTRL Network Audit Findings

Besides the identified issues, we emphasize that for any user-facing applications and services, it is always important to develop necessary risk-control mechanisms and make contingency plans, which may need to be exercised before the mainnet deployment. The risk-control mechanisms should kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed on mainnet. Please refer to Section [3](#page-11-0) for details.

3 | Detailed Results

3.1 Incorrect TroveLiquidated Event in TroveManager

- ID: PVE-001
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low

• Target: TroveManager

- Category: Coding Practices [\[6\]](#page-21-3)
- CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [\[1\]](#page-21-4)

Description

In Ethereum, the event is an indispensable part of a contract and is mainly used to record a variety of runtime dynamics. In particular, when an event is emitted, it stores the arguments passed in transaction logs and these logs are made accessible to external analytics and reporting tools. Events can be emitted in a number of scenarios. One particular case is when system-wide parameters or settings are being changed. Another case is when tokens are being minted, transferred, or burned.

In the following, we use the TroveManager contract as an example. This contract has public functions that are used to manage current troves. While examining the TroveLiquidated events, we notice the emitted information needs to be improved.

Specifically, when a trove is liquidated during the recovery mode, the _liquidateRecoveryMode() routine will be invoked. By design, if there is USDEFI in the stability pool, the liquidation will only offset, with no redistribution, but at a capped rate of 1*.*1 and only if the whole debt can be liquidated. In the meantime, the remainder due to the capped rate will be claimable as collateral surplus. With that, the TroveLiquidated event needs to reflect the actual debt/collateral being liquidated. The current event logic shows the right debt amount (singleLiquidation.entireTroveDebt), but not the collateral amount (singleLiquidation.collToSendToSP). The exact collateral amount being liquidated is singleLiquidation.entireTroveColl - singleLiquidation.collSurplus (line 417).

404

```
405 if (( _ICR >= MCR ) && ( _ICR < _TCR ) && ( singleLiquidation . entireTroveDebt <=
                _USDEFIInStabPool )) {
```


Listing 3.1: TroveManager::_liquidateRecoveryMode()

Recommendation Properly emit the above TroveLiquidated event with the right debt/collateral amount.

Status This issue has been confirmed.

3.2 Revisited Caller Validation in SortedTroves::insert()

- ID: PVE-002
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: SortedTroves
- Category: Business Logic [\[7\]](#page-21-5)
- CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [\[5\]](#page-21-6)

Description

The DCNTRL Network protocol has a core SortedTroves contract to maintain a sorted doubly linked list of active troves in descending order accordingly to their nominal individual collateral ratios (NICR). Our analysis shows that the key insert() operation is expected to be called only from the borrowerOperations contract.

To elaborate, we show below the related insert() routine, which has a rather straightforward logic in inserting a trove node into the list while maintaining the proper descending list based on its NICR. It comes to our attention that the caller is validated to be from either borrowerOperations or TroveManager. However, the current TroveManager logic will only call the reInsert() function to re-insert the node at a new position (based on its new NICR), not the insert() routine.

```
104 function insert (address _id, uint256 _NICR, address _prevId, address _nextId)
           external override {
105 ITroveManager troveManagerCached = troveManager ;
107 _requireCallerIsBOorTroveM ( troveManagerCached );
108 _insert ( troveManagerCached , _id , _NICR , _prevId , _nextId );
109
```
Listing 3.2: SortedTroves::insert()

Recommendation Revise the above caller-validating logic inside the insert() routine.

Status This issue has been confirmed.

3.3 Enhanced Oracle Status in PriceFeed:: fetchPrice()

- ID: PVE-003
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low

Description

- Target: PriceFeed
- Category: Business Logic [\[7\]](#page-21-5)
- CWE subcategory: CWE-837 [\[4\]](#page-21-7)

The DCNTRL Network protocol is unique in supporting dual oracles, which necessitate the examination of current oracle states. In total, there are five different oracle states, i.e., chainlinkWorking, usingTellorChainlinkUntrusted, bothOraclesUntrusted, usingTellorChainlinkFrozen, and usingChainlinkTellorUntrusted . While examining possible transition from the fourth state, we notice the transition logic can be revisited.

To elaborate, we show below the code snippet from the _fetchPrice() function. This function is designed to fetch the current price and adjust the current oracle state accordingly. Starting from the fourth state usingTellorChainlinkFrozen, the current logic considers the conditions of ! _chainlinkIsFrozen(chainlinkResponse) (line 269) and _tellorIsBroken(bandResponse) (line 284) to still yield usingTellorChainlinkFrozen as the next state, which in fact can be better adjusted as usingChainlinkTellorFrozen.

```
251 // --- CASE 4: Using Tellor, and Chainlink is frozen ---
252 if ( status == Status . usingTellorChainlinkFrozen ) {
253 if ( _chainlinkIsBroken ( chainlinkResponse , prevChainlinkResponse )) {
254 // If both Oracles are broken, return last good price
```

```
255 if ( _tellorIsBroken ( tellorResponse )) {
256 _changeStatus ( Status . bothOraclesUntrusted );
257 return lastGoodPrice ;
258 }
259
260 // If Chainlink is broken, remember it and switch to using Tellor
261 _changeStatus ( Status . usingTellorChainlinkUntrusted );
262
263 if (_tellorIsFrozen(tellorResponse)) {return lastGoodPrice;}
264
265 // If Tellor is working, return Tellor current price
266 return _storeTellorPrice ( tellorResponse );
267 }
268
269 if ( _chainlinkIsFrozen ( chainlinkResponse ) ) {
270 // if Chainlink is frozen and Tellor is broken, remember Tellor broke,
                    and return last good price
271 if (_tellorIsBroken (tellorResponse)) {
272 _changeStatus ( Status . usingChainlinkTellorUntrusted );
273 return lastGoodPrice ;
274 }
275
276 // If both are frozen, just use lastGoodPrice
277 if (_tellorIsFrozen (tellorResponse)) { return lastGoodPrice; }
278
279 // if Chainlink is frozen and Tellor is working, keep using Tellor (no
                    status change )
280 return _storeTellorPrice ( tellorResponse );
281 }
282
283 // if Chainlink is live and Tellor is broken, remember Tellor broke, and
                return Chainlink price
284 if ( _tellorIsBroken ( tellorResponse )) {
285 _changeStatus ( Status . usingChainlinkTellorUntrusted );
286 return _storeChainlinkPrice ( chainlinkResponse ) ;
287 }
288
289 // If Chainlink is live and Tellor is frozen, just use last good price (no
                 status change) since we have no basis for comparison
290 if (_tellorIsFrozen(tellorResponse)) {return lastGoodPrice;}
291
292 // If Chainlink is live and Tellor is working, compare prices. Switch to
                Chainlink
293 // if prices are within 5%, and return Chainlink price.
294 if (_bothOraclesSimilarPrice (chainlinkResponse, tellorResponse)) {
295 _changeStatus ( Status . chainlinkWorking );
296 return _storeChainlinkPrice ( chainlinkResponse ) ;
297 }
298
299 // Otherwise if Chainlink is live but price not within 5% of Tellor ,
                distrust Chainlink , and return Tellor price
300 _changeStatus ( Status . usingTellorChainlinkUntrusted );
```
301 return _storeTellorPrice (tellorResponse); 302 }

Listing 3.3: PriceFeed::_fetchPrice()

Recommendation Apply the proper state-transition logic in _fetchPrice() as elaborated earlier.

Status This issue has been confirmed.

3.4 Improved Trove Close Logic in TroveManager

- ID: PVE-004
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: TroveManager
- Category: Business Logic [\[7\]](#page-21-5)
- CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [\[5\]](#page-21-6)

Description

At the core of DCNTRL Network is the TroveManager contract which contains the logic to open, adjust and close various troves. Note each trove is in essence an individual collateralized debt position for borrowing users. While reviewing the current trove-closing logic, we notice the current implementation can be improved.

To elaborate, we show below the related _closeTrove() routine. The current logic properly releases unused states, including the trove coll, debt, as well as the associated rewardSnapshots. However, it does not release the trove index in the global owners, i.e., TroveOwners. The release of arrayIndex needs to be performed after the call _removeTroveOwner() is completed.

```
1244 function _closeTrove(address _borrower, Status closedStatus) internal {
1245 assert ( closedStatus != Status . nonExistent && closedStatus != Status . active );
1246
1247 uint TroveOwnersArrayLength = TroveOwners . length ;
1248 _requireMoreThanOneTroveInSystem ( TroveOwnersArrayLength );
1249
1250 Troves [_borrower].status = closedStatus;
1251 Troves [_borrower].coll = 0;
1252 Troves [_borrower].debt = 0;
1253
1254 rewardSnapshots [_borrower]. ETH = 0;
1255 rewardSnapshots [ _borrower ]. USDEFIDebt = 0;
1256
1257 _removeTroveOwner ( _borrower , TroveOwnersArrayLength );
1258 sortedTroves.remove(_borrower);
1259 }
```
Listing 3.4: TroveManager::_closeTrove()

Recommendation Release all unused states once a trove is closed. An example revision is shown below:

```
1244 function _closeTrove ( address _borrower , Status closedStatus ) internal {
1245 assert ( closedStatus != Status . nonExistent && closedStatus != Status . active );
1246
1247 uint TroveOwnersArrayLength = TroveOwners . length ;
1248 _requireMoreThanOneTroveInSystem ( TroveOwnersArrayLength );
1249
1250 Troves [_borrower]. status = closedStatus;
1251 Troves [_borrower].coll = 0;
1252 Troves [_borrower].debt = 0;
1253
1254 rewardSnapshots [_borrower]. ETH = 0;
1255 rewardSnapshots [_borrower]. LUSDDebt = 0;
1256
1257 _removeTroveOwner ( _borrower , TroveOwnersArrayLength );
1258 sortedTroves.remove(_borrower);
1259 Troves [_borrower]. arrayIndex = 0;
1260 }
```
Listing 3.5: TroveManager::_closeTrove()

Status This issue has been confirmed.

3.5 Improved Validation in USDEFIToken/DCNXToken::permit()

- ID: PVE-005
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: USDEFIToken, DCNXToken
- Category: Coding Practices [\[6\]](#page-21-3)
- CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [\[2\]](#page-21-8)

Description

The DCNTRL Network protocol has two tokens USDEFIToken and DCNXToken, each supporting the EIP2612 functionality. In particular, the permit() function is introduced to simplify the token transfer process.

To elaborate, we show below this helper routine from the USDEFIToken contract. This routine ensures that the given owner is indeed the one who signs the approve request. Note that the internal implementation makes use of the ecrecover() precompile for validation. It comes to our attention that the precompile-based validation needs to properly ensure the signer, i.e., owner, is not equal to address(0). This issue is also applicable to the DCNXToken token contract.

```
171 function permit
172 (
173 address owner ,
174 address spender ,
175 uint amount,
176 uint deadline ,
177 uint8 v,
178 bytes32 r,
179 bytes32 s
180 )
181 external
182 override
183 {
184 require ( deadline >= now, 'USDEFI: expired deadline');
185 bytes32 digest = keccak256(abi.encodePacked(')\times19\186 domainSeparator () , keccak256 (abi . encode (
187 187 LIBR PERMIT_TYPEHASH, owner, spender, amount,
188 188 188 188 188 188 188 188 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 189 1
189 address recoveredAddress = ecrecover (digest, v, r, s);
190 require ( recoveredAddress == owner, 'USDEFI: invalid signature');
191 _approve (owner , spender , amount );
192 }
```


Recommendation Strengthen the permit() routine to ensure the owner is not equal to address (0).

Status This issue has been confirmed.

3.6 Simplified Logic in Unipool::claimReward()

- ID: PVE-006
- Severity: Informational
- Likelihood: N/A
- Impact: N/A
- **Description**
- Target: Unipool
- Category: Business Logic [\[7\]](#page-21-5)
- CWE subcategory: CWE-770 [\[3\]](#page-21-9)

In the Unipool contract, the claimReward() routine is intended to obtain the calling user's staking rewards. The logic is rather straightforward in calculating possible reward, which, if not zero, is then allocated to the calling (staking) user.

Our examination shows that the current implementation logic can be further optimized. In particular, the claimReward() routine has internally invoked _updateAccountReward(msg.sender), which timely updates the calling user's (earned) rewards in rewards[msg.sender] (line 182).

```
178 function claimReward () public override {
179 require (address (uniToken) != address (0), "Liquidity Pool Token has not been set
              yet');
181 updatePeriod Finish ();
182 updateAccountReward (msg sender);
184 uint 256 reward = earned (msg sender);
186 require (reward > 0, "Nothing to claim");
188 rewards [msg \; sender] = 0;189 DCNXToken transfer (msg sender, reward);
190 emit RewardPaid (msg. sender, reward);
191 }
```
Listing 3.7: Unipool:: claimReward()

```
235 function _updateAccountReward (address account) internal {
236 updateReward ();
238 assert (account != address (0));
240 rewards [account ] = earned (account);
241 userRewardPerTokenPaid [account ] = rewardPerTokenStored;
242
```
Listing 3.8: Unipool:: updateAccountReward()

Having the internal routine _updateAccountReward(), there is no need to re-calculate the earned reward for the caller msg.sender. In other words, we can simply re-use the calculated rewards [msg. sender] and assign it to the reward variable (line 184).

Recommendation Avoid the duplicated calculation of the caller's reward in claimReward(), which also leads to (small) beneficial reduction of associated gas cost.

```
184 function claimReward () public override {
185 require (address (uniToken) != address (0), "Liquidity Pool Token has not been set
              yet");
187 updatePeriod Finish ();
188 updateAccountReward (msg sender );
190 uint256 reward = rewards [msg.sender];
192 require (reward > 0, "Nothing to claim");
194 rewards [msg. sender] = 0;195 lqtyToken transfer (msg. sender, reward);
196 emit RewardPaid (msg sender, reward);
197 }
```
Listing 3.9: Revised Unipool:: claimReward()

Status This issue has been confirmed.

4 | Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the DCNTRL Network protocol, which is a decentralized borrowing protocol that allows to draw low-interest loans against the native asset used as collateral. Loans are paid out in USDEFI (a USD pegged stablecoin) and need to maintain a minimum (configurable) collateral ratio. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

Moreover, we need to emphasize that Solidity-based smart contracts as a whole are still in an early, but exciting stage of development. To improve this report, we greatly appreciate any constructive feedbacks or suggestions, on our methodology, audit findings, or potential gaps in scope/coverage.

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