



Pontem Network – Liquidswap DEX Flash Loans

Move Smart Contract Security
Audit

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EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Pontem Network engaged [Halborn](#) to conduct a security audit on their smart contracts beginning on September 23rd, 2022 and ending on September 27th, 2022 . The security assessment was scoped to the smart contracts provided in the GitHub repository [Liquidswap](#), commit hashes and further details can be found in the Scope section of this report.

1.2 AUDIT SUMMARY

The team at Halborn was provided five days for the engagement and assigned one full-time security engineer to audit the security of the smart contract. The security engineer is a blockchain and smart-contract security expert with advanced penetration testing, smart-contract hacking, and deep knowledge of multiple blockchain protocols.

The purpose of this audit is to:

- Ensure that smart contract functions operate as intended
- Identify potential security issues with the smart contracts

In summary, Halborn found the contract to follow secure development best practices, resulting in only an informational finding with negligible security impact.

1.3 TEST APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

[Halborn](#) performed a combination of manual review of the code and automated security testing to balance efficiency, timeliness, practicality, and accuracy in regard to the scope of the smart contract audit. While manual testing is recommended to uncover flaws in logic, process, and implementation; automated testing techniques help enhance coverage of smart contracts and can quickly identify items that do not follow security

best practices. The following phases and associated tools were used throughout the term of the audit:

- Research into the architecture, purpose, and use of the platform.
- Smart contract manual code review and walk-through to identify any logic issue.
- Thorough assessment of safety and usage of critical Rust variables and functions in scope that could lead to arithmetic related vulnerabilities.
- Test coverage review (`aptos move test`).

RISK METHODOLOGY:

Vulnerabilities or issues observed by Halborn are ranked based on the risk assessment methodology by measuring the **LIKELIHOOD** of a security incident and the **IMPACT** should an incident occur. This framework works for communicating the characteristics and impacts of technology vulnerabilities. The quantitative model ensures repeatable and accurate measurement while enabling users to see the underlying vulnerability characteristics that were used to generate the Risk scores. For every vulnerability, a risk level will be calculated on a scale of 5 to 1 with 5 being the highest likelihood or impact.

RISK SCALE - LIKELIHOOD

- 5 - Almost certain an incident will occur.
- 4 - High probability of an incident occurring.
- 3 - Potential of a security incident in the long term.
- 2 - Low probability of an incident occurring.
- 1 - Very unlikely issue will cause an incident.

RISK SCALE - IMPACT

- 5 - May cause devastating and unrecoverable impact or loss.
- 4 - May cause a significant level of impact or loss.
- 3 - May cause a partial impact or loss to many.
- 2 - May cause temporary impact or loss.
- 1 - May cause minimal or un-noticeable impact.

The risk level is then calculated using a sum of these two values, creating a value of 10 to 1 with 10 being the highest level of security risk.



- 10 - CRITICAL
- 9 - 8 - HIGH
- 7 - 6 - MEDIUM
- 5 - 4 - LOW
- 3 - 1 - VERY LOW AND INFORMATIONAL

1.4 SCOPE

1. Move Smart Contract

- (a) Repository: [liquidswap](#)
- (b) Commit ID: [37705a42d8962a36472e4ae3ba93fb1bb38bdb49](#)
- (c) Contracts in scope:
 - `liquidity_pool.move`
- (d) Functions in scope:
 - `flashloan`
 - `pay_flashloan`
 - all variables and subfunctions they utilize

Out-of-scope: External libraries and financial related attacks.

2. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY & FINDINGS OVERVIEW

CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	INFORMATIONAL
0	0	0	0	1

LIKELIHOOD

IMPACT

	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	CRITICAL
	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH
	INFORMATIONAL	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
(HAL-01)	INFORMATIONAL	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM

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SECURITY ANALYSIS	RISK LEVEL	REMEDATION DATE
(HAL-01) UNFINISHED CODE	Informational	ACKNOWLEDGED



FINDINGS & TECH DETAILS

3.1 (HAL-01) UNFINISHED CODE – INFORMATIONAL

Description:

The code does not have available entry function. While the current implementation of `flashloan` and `pay_flashloan` was checked, it does not guarantee that a future entry point function will not contain potential issues.

Code Location:

Listing 1: `liquidswap/sources/swap/liquidity_pool.move`

```
359     public fun flashloan<X, Y, Curve>(x_loan: u64, y_loan: u64): (  
    ↳ Coin<X>, Coin<Y>, Flashloan<X, Y, Curve>)  
360     acquires LiquidityPool, EventsStore {  
361         assert_no_emergency();  
362  
363         assert!(coin_helper::is_sorted<X, Y>(),  
    ↳ ERR_WRONG_PAIR_ORDERING);  
364         assert!(exists<LiquidityPool<X, Y, Curve>>(   
    ↳ @liquidswap_pool_account), ERR_POOL_DOES_NOT_EXIST);  
365  
366         assert_pool_unlocked<X, Y, Curve>();  
367  
368         assert!(x_loan > 0 || y_loan > 0, ERR_EMPTY_COIN_LOAN);  
369  
370         let pool = borrow_global_mut<LiquidityPool<X, Y, Curve>>(   
    ↳ @liquidswap_pool_account);  
371  
372         let reserve_x = coin::value(&pool.coin_x_reserve);  
373         let reserve_y = coin::value(&pool.coin_y_reserve);  
374  
375         // Withdraw expected amount from reserves.  
376         let x_loaned = coin::extract(&mut pool.coin_x_reserve,   
    ↳ x_loan);  
377         let y_loaned = coin::extract(&mut pool.coin_y_reserve,   
    ↳ y_loan);  
378
```

```

379         // The pool will be locked after the loan until payment.
380         pool.locked = true;
381
382         let events_store = borrow_global_mut<EventsStore<X, Y,
↳ Curve>>(@liquidswap_pool_account);
383         event::emit_event(
384             &mut events_store.loan_handle,
385             FlashloanEvent<X, Y, Curve> {
386                 x_loan,
387                 y_loan,
388             });
389
390         update_oracle(pool, reserve_x, reserve_y);
391
392         // Return loaned amount.
393         (x_loaned, y_loaned, Flashloan<X, Y, Curve> {
394             pool_addr: @liquidswap_pool_account,
395             x_loan,
396             y_loan,
397         })
398     }
399
400     /// Pay flash loan coins.
401     /// In the most of situation only X or Y coin argument has
↳ value.
402     /// Because an user usually loans only one coin, yet function
↳ allow to loans both coin.
403     /// * `x_in` - X coins to pay.
404     /// * `y_in` - Y coins to pay.
405     /// * `loan` - data about flashloan.
406     /// Returns both loaned X and Y coins: `(Coin<X>, Coin<Y>,
↳ Flashloan<X, Y>`.
407     public fun pay_flashloan<X, Y, Curve>(
408         x_in: Coin<X>,
409         y_in: Coin<Y>,
410         loan: Flashloan<X, Y, Curve>
411     ) acquires LiquidityPool {
412         assert_no_emergency();
413
414         assert!(coin_helper::is_sorted<X, Y>(),
↳ ERR_WRONG_PAIR_ORDERING);
415         assert!(exists<LiquidityPool<X, Y, Curve>>(
↳ @liquidswap_pool_account), ERR_POOL_DOES_NOT_EXIST);
416

```

```
417     let Flashloan { pool_addr, x_loan, y_loan } = loan;
418
419     let x_in_val = coin::value(&x_in);
420     let y_in_val = coin::value(&y_in);
421
422     assert!(x_in_val > 0 || y_in_val > 0, ERR_EMPTY_COIN_IN);
423
424     let pool = borrow_global_mut<LiquidityPool<X, Y, Curve>>(
↳ pool_addr);
425
426     let x_reserve_size = coin::value(&pool.coin_x_reserve);
427     let y_reserve_size = coin::value(&pool.coin_y_reserve);
428
429     // Reserve sizes before loan out
430     x_reserve_size = x_reserve_size + x_loan;
431     y_reserve_size = y_reserve_size + y_loan;
432
433     // Deposit new coins to liquidity pool.
434     coin::merge(&mut pool.coin_x_reserve, x_in);
435     coin::merge(&mut pool.coin_y_reserve, y_in);
436
437     // Confirm that lp_value for the pool hasn't been reduced.
438     // For that, we compute lp_value with old reserves and
↳ lp_value with reserves after swap is done,
439     // and make sure lp_value doesn't decrease
440     let (x_res_new_after_fee, y_res_new_after_fee) =
441         new_reserves_after_fees_scaled<Curve>(
442             coin::value(&pool.coin_x_reserve),
443             coin::value(&pool.coin_y_reserve),
444             x_in_val,
445             y_in_val,
446         );
447     assert_lp_value_is_increased<Curve>(
448         pool.x_scale,
449         pool.y_scale,
450         (x_reserve_size as u128),
451         (y_reserve_size as u128),
452         x_res_new_after_fee,
453         y_res_new_after_fee,
454     );
455     // third of all fees goes into DAO
456     split_third_of_fee_to_dao(pool, x_in_val, y_in_val);
457
```

```
458         // As we are in same block, don't need to update oracle,  
    ↳ it's already updated during flashloan initialization.  
459  
460         // The pool will be unlocked after payment.  
461         pool.locked = false;  
462     }
```

Risk Level:

Likelihood - 1

Impact - 1

Recommendation:

It is recommended to test the future implementation of entry function that will expose flashloans to users.

Remediation Plan:

ACKNOWLEDGED: The [Pontem Network team](#) acknowledged this finding.



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