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# 1 | Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the **CreditDelegationVault** smart contract source code, we in the report outline 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 contract can be further improved due to the presence of several issues. This document outlines our audit results.

## 1.1 About CreditDelegationVault

Aave is a decentralized non-custodial money market protocol where users can participate as depositors or borrowers. Depositors provide liquidity to the market to earn a passive income, while borrowers are able to borrow in an overcollateralized (perpetually) or undercollateralized (one-block flashloan) fashion. As the name indicates, the smart contract CreditDelegationVault can be used to create so-called credit delegation vault. With the vault, an Aave depositor could delegate his credit line to a third party to withdraw the credit. In the meantime, the Aave depositor can set different kind of parameters on the vault, such as currency, which rate mode can draw (variable or stable), and what currency can be drawn.

The basic information of CreditDelegationVault is as follows:

Table 1.1: Basic Information of CreditDelegationVault

Item	Description
Issuer	Aave
Website	<a href="https://aave.com/">https://aave.com/</a>
Type	Ethereum Smart Contract
Platform	Solidity
Audit Method	Whitebox
Latest Audit Report	August 5, 2020

In the following, we show the repository of reviewed code (verified in etherscan.io) used in this audit. We need to point out that CreditDelegationVault re-uses the same trusted oracles in Aave with timely market price feeds and the oracles themselves are not part of this audit.

- <https://etherscan.io/address/0x22fad18e5c1a8c483aca2132f6725c7da6cfb799#code>

## 1.2 About PeckShield

PeckShield Inc. [17] is a leading blockchain security company with the goal of elevating the security, privacy, and usability of current blockchain ecosystems by offering top-notch, industry-leading services and products (including the service of smart contract auditing). We are reachable at Telegram (<https://t.me/peckshield>), Twitter (<http://twitter.com/peckshield>), or Email ([contact@peckshield.com](mailto:contact@peckshield.com)).

Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

Impact	High	Critical	High	Medium
	Medium	High	Medium	Low
	Low	Medium	Low	Low
		High	Medium	Low
		Likelihood		

## 1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [12]:

- 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.

Table 1.3: The Full List of Check Items

Category	Check Item
<b>Basic Coding Bugs</b>	Constructor Mismatch
	Ownership Takeover
	Redundant Fallback Function
	Overflows & Underflows
	Reentrancy
	Money-Giving Bug
	Blackhole
	Unauthorized Self-Destruct
	Revert DoS
	Unchecked External Call
	Gasless Send
	Send Instead Of Transfer
	Costly Loop
	(Unsafe) Use Of Untrusted Libraries
	(Unsafe) Use Of Predictable Variables
Transaction Ordering Dependence	
Deprecated Uses	
<b>Semantic Consistency Checks</b>	Semantic Consistency Checks
<b>Advanced DeFi Scrutiny</b>	Business Logics Review
	Functionality Checks
	Authentication Management
	Access Control & Authorization
	Oracle Security
	Digital Asset Escrow
	Kill-Switch Mechanism
	Operation Trails & Event Generation
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling
	Frontend-Contract Integration
	Deployment Consistency
Holistic Risk Management	
<b>Additional Recommendations</b>	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array
	Using Fixed Compiler Version
	Making Visibility Level Explicit
	Making Type Inference Explicit
	Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly
Following Other Best Practices	

To evaluate the risk, we go through a list of check 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.

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) [11], 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 to classify our findings.

## 1.4 Disclaimer

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Note that this audit does not give any warranties on finding all possible security issues of the given smart contract(s), 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 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 an investment advice.



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

Category	Summary
<b>Configuration</b>	Weaknesses in this category are typically introduced during the configuration of the software.
<b>Data Processing Issues</b>	Weaknesses in this category are typically found in functionality that processes data.
<b>Numeric Errors</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calculation or conversion of numbers.
<b>Security Features</b>	Weaknesses in this category are concerned with topics like authentication, access control, confidentiality, cryptography, and privilege management. (Software security is not security software.)
<b>Time and State</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to the improper management of time and state in an environment that supports simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple systems, processes, or threads.
<b>Error Conditions, Return Values, Status Codes</b>	Weaknesses in this category include weaknesses that occur if a function does not generate the correct return/status code, or if the application does not handle all possible return/status codes that could be generated by a function.
<b>Resource Management</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper management of system resources.
<b>Behavioral Issues</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behaviors from code that an application uses.
<b>Business Logics</b>	Weaknesses in this category identify some of the underlying problems that commonly allow attackers to manipulate the business logic of an application. Errors in business logic can be devastating to an entire application.
<b>Initialization and Cleanup</b>	Weaknesses in this category occur in behaviors that are used for initialization and breakdown.
<b>Arguments and Parameters</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of arguments or parameters within function calls.
<b>Expression Issues</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written expressions within code.
<b>Coding Practices</b>	Weaknesses in this category are related to coding practices that are deemed unsafe and increase the chances that an exploitable vulnerability will be present in the application. They may not directly introduce a vulnerability, but indicate the product has not been carefully developed or maintained.

## 2 | Findings

### 2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the CreditDelegationVault implementation. During the first phase of our audit, we studied the smart contract source code and ran 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 logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

Severity	# of Findings	
Critical	0	
High	1	■
Medium	3	■ ■ ■
Low	3	■ ■ ■
Informational	2	■ ■
Total	9	

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.

## 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), including 1 high-severity vulnerabilities, 3 medium-severity vulnerabilities, 3 low-severity vulnerabilities, and 2 informational recommendations.

Table 2.1: Key Audit Findings

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Info.	<a href="#">External Declaration of Only-Externally-Invoked Functions</a>	Coding Practices	Fixed
PVE-002	Medium	<a href="#">Mixed Spending Limit Denominations</a>	Business Logics	Fixed
PVE-003	Low	<a href="#">Lack of Access Control in activate()</a>	Security Features	Fixed
PVE-004	Info.	<a href="#">Code Simplification in deployVault()</a>	Coding Practices	Fixed
PVE-005	Low	<a href="#">Improved Sanity Checks in borrow()</a>	Security Features	Fixed
PVE-006	Low	<a href="#">Avoidance of Duplicate Reserves in activate()</a>	Business Logics	Fixed
PVE-007	Medium	<a href="#">Incompatibility With Deflationary Tokens</a>	Time and State	Confirmed
PVE-008	Medium	<a href="#">No Return of Possible User Overpayment</a>	Business Logics	Confirmed
PVE-009	High	<a href="#">Unsupported ETH Borrow And Repay in Vaults</a>	Business Logics	Confirmed

Please refer to Section 3 for details.

## 3 | Detailed Results

### 3.1 External Declaration of Only-Externally-Invoked Functions

- ID: PVE-001
- Severity: Informational
- Likelihood: N/A
- Impact: N/A
- Target: iCollateralVaultProxy
- Category: Coding Practices [9]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [3]

#### Description

The CreditDelegationVault contracts provide a number of interface functions that are designed to be called only for external users. Many of these functions are defined as `public`. In `public` functions, Solidity immediately copies array arguments to memory, while `external` functions can read directly from `calldata`. Note that memory allocation can be expensive, whereas reading from `calldata` is not. So when these functions are not used within the contract, it's always suggested to define them as `external` instead of `public`. After analyzing the code, we recommend changing the following functions from `public` to `external`:

```

1  function limit(address vault, address spender) public view returns (uint)
2  function borrowers(address vault) public view returns (address[] memory)
3  function borrowerVaults(address spender) public view returns (address[] memory)
4  function increaseLimit(address vault, address spender, uint addedValue) public
5  function decreaseLimit(address vault, address spender, uint subtractedValue) public
6  function setModel(iCollateralVault vault, uint model) public
7  function setBorrow(iCollateralVault vault, address borrow) public
8  function repay(iCollateralVault vault, address reserve, uint amount) public
9  function deployVault() public returns (address)

```

Listing 3.1: iCollateralVaultProxy

```

1  function setModel(uint _model) public onlyOwner
2  function setBorrow(address _asset) public onlyOwner
3  function getReserves() public view returns (address[] memory)

```

Listing 3.2: iCollateralVault

**Recommendation** Revise the affected functions from being `public` to `external`.

## 3.2 Mixed Spending Limit Denominations

- ID: PVE-002
- Severity: Medium
- Likelihood: Medium
- Impact: Medium
- Target: `iCollateralVaultProxy`
- Category: Business Logics [10]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [6]

### Description

In the `iCollateralVaultProxy` contract, the `setborrow()` function is used to set the token intended for borrowing. For the specified borrow token, the associated vault owner can specify who are those legitimate borrowers and what amounts are permitted to borrow. However, when the borrow token has been changed, the related spending limits are not accordingly updated. Notice that the market price of one borrow token is likely not the same as another borrow token. Therefore, the spending limit for one borrow token should not be the same for another borrow token. Otherwise, the difference may be leveraged by a borrower to draw a larger credit line than permitted.

Specifically, the spending limits are defined in the following private member `_limits`. The comment above the member definition shows the spending limits per user are measured in dollars (scaled by `1e8`).

```
297 // Spending limits per user measured in dollars 1e8
298 mapping (address => mapping (address => uint)) private _limits;
```

Listing 3.3: `iCollateralVaultProxy.sol`

The enforcement of spending limits is performed in `borrow()` (line 398) by calculating the `_borrow` amount and ensuring the amount is within the current limit of the spender. We notice that if the vault's borrow token has not been set, the `_borrow` amount is denominated indeed in dollars. But once the borrow token has been set up, the amount becomes denominated in the borrow token. If the borrow token has been changed to another token, the amount is denominated in the new borrow token. Despite these changes, the spending limits however remain the same, leading to possible exploitation by a borrower to draw a larger credit line than permitted.

```
392 // amount needs to be normalized
393 function borrow(iCollateralVault vault, address reserve, uint amount) external {
394     uint _borrow = amount;
395     if (vault.asset() == address(0)) {
396         _borrow = getReservePriceUSD(reserve).mul(amount);
397     }
```

```

398     _approve(address(vault), msg.sender, _limits[address(vault)][msg.sender].sub(
399         _borrow, "borrow amount exceeds allowance"));
400     vault.borrow(reserve, amount, msg.sender);
401     emit Borrow(address(vault), msg.sender, reserve, amount);

```

Listing 3.4: iCollateralVaultProxy .sol

**Recommendation** Revise the `setborrow()` logic to ensure the spending limits are reset when the borrow token is being changed. An example revision is shown below.

```

359     function setBorrow(iCollateralVault vault, address borrow) public {
360         require(isVaultOwner(address(vault), msg.sender), "!owner");
361         vault.setBorrow(borrow);
362         resetLimit(vault);
363         emit SetBorrow(address(vault), msg.sender, borrow);
364     }

366     function resetLimit(address vault) internal {
367         for (uint i = 0; i < _borrowers[vault].length - 1; i++){
368             if (_borrowers[vault][i] != 0){
369                 _limits[vault][_borrowers[vault][i]] = 0;
370             }
371         }
372     }

```

Listing 3.5: iCollateralVaultProxy .sol (revised)

In the new `resetLimit()` routine, we essentially reset the spending limits back to 0 for all possible vault spenders.

### 3.3 Lack of Access Control in `activate()`

- ID: PVE-003
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Medium
- Impact: Low
- Target: `iCollateralVault`
- Category: Security Features [7]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [3]

#### Description

In the `iCollateralVault` contract, the `activate()` function allows for any deposit from LPs to be used as collateral. We notice that there is no access control restriction imposed on this particular function and anyone is allowed to invoke it.

```

255     // LP deposit, anyone can deposit/topup
256     function activate(address reserve) external {

```

```

257     _activeReserves.push(reserve);
258     Aave(getAave()).setUserUseReserveAsCollateral(reserve, true);
259 }

```

Listing 3.6: iCollateralVaultProxy .sol

Our assessment shows that the lack of access control may not cause any damage on the vault asset. However, it does unnecessarily expose the call to `Aave(getAave()).setUserUseReserveAsCollateral(reserve, true)`. The call may be abused to enable any reserve in Aave as collateral (even with tiny dust balance). While it remains to assess the scope of possible impact or further explore any meaningful abuse, it is suggested to add necessary access control for better assurance, just like other routines such as `withdraw()`.

**Recommendation** Add the necessary access control restriction to the exposed `activate()`.

```

255 // LP deposit, anyone can deposit/topup
256 function activate(address reserve) external onlyOwner{
257     _activeReserves.push(reserve);
258     Aave(getAave()).setUserUseReserveAsCollateral(reserve, true);
259 }

```

Listing 3.7: iCollateralVaultProxy .sol (revised)

### 3.4 Code Simplification in `deployVault()`

- ID: PVE-004
- Severity: Informational
- Likelihood: N/A
- Impact: N/A
- Target: iCollateralVaultProxy
- Category: Coding Practices [9]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-1041 [2]

#### Description

In the `iCollateralVaultProxy` contract, the `deployVault()` function allows liquidity providers to deploy the so-called credit delegation vault. The two related bookkeeping arrays, i.e. `_vaults` and `_ownedVaults`, are accordingly updated with the new vault deployment to properly mark the vault address and set up the owner.

```

413 function deployVault() public returns (address) {
414     address vault = address(new iCollateralVault());

416     // Mark address as vault
417     _vaults[vault] = msg.sender;

419     // Set vault owner
420     address[] storage owned = _ownedVaults[msg.sender];

```

```

421     owned.push(vault);
422     _ownedVaults[msg.sender] = owned;
423     emit DeployVault(vault, msg.sender);
424     return vault;
425 }

```

Listing 3.8: iCollateralVaultProxy .sol

The code snippet can be simplified a bit to remove the use of an internal variable and improve the readability.

**Recommendation** Simplify the `deployVault()` routine as follows.

```

413     function deployVault() public returns (address) {
414         address vault = address(new iCollateralVault());

416         // Mark address as vault
417         _vaults[vault] = msg.sender;

419         // Set vault owner
420         _ownedVaults[msg.sender].push(vault);
421         emit DeployVault(vault, msg.sender);
422         return vault;
423     }

```

Listing 3.9: iCollateralVaultProxy .sol

### 3.5 Improved Sanity Checks in borrow()

- ID: PVE-005
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: iCollateralVaultProxy
- Category: Security Features [7]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [3]

#### Description

In the `iCollateralVaultProxy` contract, the `borrow()` function allows users to borrow a specific amount of the reserve currency. The argument `vault` is an vault instance of `iCollateralVault`. However, the sanity checks of the vault are not thorough and an invalid vault may be given. The execution may still lead to the generation of a misleading or even erroneous event entry `Borrow`, which otherwise can be avoided in the first place.

```

392     // amount needs to be normalized
393     function borrow(iCollateralVault vault, address reserve, uint amount) external {
394         uint _borrow = amount;
395         if (vault.asset() == address(0)) {

```



```

396     _borrow = getReservePriceUSD(reserve).mul(amount);
397 }
398     _approve(address(vault), msg.sender, _limits[address(vault)][msg.sender].sub(
399         _borrow, "borrow amount exceeds allowance"));
400     vault.borrow(reserve, amount, msg.sender);
401     emit Borrow(address(vault), msg.sender, reserve, amount);
402 }

```

Listing 3.10: iCollateralVaultProxy.sol

**Recommendation** Revise the above sanity checks by ensuring the given vault is legitimate.

```

392 // amount needs to be normalized
393 function borrow(iCollateralVault vault, address reserve, uint amount) external {
394     require(isVault(address(vault)), "not a vault");
395     uint _borrow = amount;
396     if (vault.asset() == address(0)) {
397         _borrow = getReservePriceUSD(reserve).mul(amount);
398     }
399     _approve(address(vault), msg.sender, _limits[address(vault)][msg.sender].sub(
400         _borrow, "borrow amount exceeds allowance"));
401     vault.borrow(reserve, amount, msg.sender);
402     emit Borrow(address(vault), msg.sender, reserve, amount);
403 }

```

Listing 3.11: iCollateralVaultProxy.sol

## 3.6 Avoidance of Duplicate Reserves in activate()

- ID: PVE-006
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: iCollateralVaultProxy
- Category: Business Logics [10]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [6]

### Description

In the `iCollateralVault` contract, the `deposit()` is used to top up the vault's reserve as collateral. Each invocation of `deposit()` will call the vault's `activate()` function, which pushes the reserve one more time to the vault storage `_activeReserves`. In other words, when `deposit()` are called multiple times, the `activate()` function would be called multiple times, resulting in multiple `_activeReserves.push()`. The additional pushes on the same reserve are a waste of storage use.

```

377 // LP deposit, anyone can deposit/topup
378 function deposit(iCollateralVault vault, address aToken, uint amount) external {
379     require(isVault(address(vault)), "!vault");
380     IERC20(aToken).safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(vault), amount);

```

```

381     vault.activate(AaveToken(aToken).underlyingAssetAddress());
382     emit Deposit(address(vault), msg.sender, aToken, amount);
383 }

```

Listing 3.12: iCollateralVaultProxy.sol

```

255 // LP deposit, anyone can deposit/topup
256 function activate(address reserve) external {
257     _activeReserves.push(reserve);
258     Aave(getAave()).setUserUseReserveAsCollateral(reserve, true);
259 }

```

Listing 3.13: iCollateralVaultProxy.sol

An alternative approach will be to recognize existing reserves already pushed into the `_activeReserves` storage. For next `deposit()` on an existing reserve, simply skip the `push` operation. Note that the subsequent call of `Aave(getAave()).setUserUseReserveAsCollateral(reserve, true)` still needs to be performed as a later `repay()` may clear the collateral flag (maintained in the Aave protocol) associated with the user's reserve.

**Recommendation** Avoid duplicate reserves in `activate()`.

```

255 // LP deposit, anyone can deposit/topup
256 function activate(address reserve) external onlyOwner {
257     if(_activeReserves[reserve] == address(0)){
258         _activeReserves.push(reserve);
259     }
260     Aave(getAave()).setUserUseReserveAsCollateral(reserve, true);
261 }

```

Listing 3.14: iCollateralVaultProxy.sol

## 3.7 Incompatibility With Deflationary Tokens

- ID: PVE-007
- Severity: Medium
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: High
- Target: `iCollateralVaultProxy`, `iCollateralVault`
- Category: Time and State [8]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-362 [4]

### Description

`CreditDelegationVault` acts as a trustless intermediary between credit providers and borrowing users. The credit providers deposit certain amount of `aToken` assets into the `CreditDelegationVault` as

collateral and allow for spenders to `borrow` (per the credit delegation). The spender can later `repay` the borrowed amount (plus necessary interest).

For the above two borrower's operations, i.e., `borrow` and `repay`, `CreditDelegationVault` provides low-level routines to transfer assets into or out of the vault (see the code snippet below). These asset-transferring routines work as expected with standard ERC20 tokens: namely the vault's internal asset balances are always consistent with actual token balances maintained in individual ERC20 token contract.

```
274 // amount needs to be normalized
275 function borrow(address reserve, uint amount, address to) external nonReentrant
    onlyOwner {
276     require(asset == reserve && asset == address(0), "reserve not available");
277     // LTV logic handled by underlying
278     Aave(getAave()).borrow(reserve, amount, model, 7);
279     IERC20(reserve).safeTransfer(to, amount);
280 }

282 function repay(address reserve, uint amount) external nonReentrant onlyOwner {
283     // Required for certain stable coins (USDT for example)
284     IERC20(reserve).approve(address(getAaveCore()), 0);
285     IERC20(reserve).approve(address(getAaveCore()), amount);
286     Aave(getAave()).repay(reserve, amount, address(uint160(address(this))));
287 }
```

Listing 3.15: `iCollateralVaultProxy.sol`

However, there exist other ERC20 tokens that may make certain customization to their ERC20 contracts. One type of these tokens is deflationary tokens that charge certain fee for every `transfer` or `transferFrom`. As a result, this may not meet the assumption behind these low-level asset-transferring routines. In other words, the above operations, such as `deposit` and `repay`, may introduce unexpected balance inconsistencies when comparing internal asset records with external ERC20 token contracts. Apparently, these balance inconsistencies are damaging to accurate and precise portfolio management of `CreditDelegationVault` and affects protocol-wide operation and maintenance.

One mitigation is to measure the asset change right before and after the asset-transferring routines. In other words, instead of bluntly assuming the amount parameter in `transfer` or `transferFrom` will always result in full transfer, we need to ensure the increased or decreased amount in the pool before and after the `transfer`/`transferFrom` is expected and aligned well with our operation. Though these additional checks cost additional gas usage, we consider they are necessary to deal with deflationary tokens or other customized ones if their support is deemed necessary.

Another mitigation is to regulate the set of ERC20 tokens that are permitted into Aave for borrowing. However, as a plug-in component, `CreditDelegationVault` may not have the control of the process. Instead, it can monitor the introduction of such tokens and prevent vaults from using such tokens.

**Recommendation** Apply necessary mitigation mechanisms to regulate non-compliant or unnecessarily-extended ERC20 tokens.

### 3.8 No Return of Possible User Overpayment

- ID: PVE-008
- Severity: Medium
- Likelihood: Medium
- Impact: Medium
- Target: `iCollateralVaultProxy`,  
`iCollateralVault`
- Category: Business Logics [10]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [6]

#### Description

In the `iCollateralVault` contract, the `repay()` function allows the borrower to repay previous borrows (internally billed in the name of the vault). However, in the likely case that the borrower may overpay the borrow amount, the entire amount is transferred to the vault and the overpaid portion does not automatically refunded back to the borrower.

In the following, we show below related code snippet in `repay()`. Notice that `vault.repay(reserve, amount)` (line 406) is invoked after the transferring of repayment from the borrower to the vault. Inside the `vault.repay()`, it directly calls into the Aave protocol, i.e., `Aave(getAave()).repay(reserve, amount, address(uint160(address(this))))` (line 286).

```

403     function repay(iCollateralVault vault, address reserve, uint amount) public {
404         require(isVault(address(vault)), "not a vault");
405         IERC20(reserve).safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(vault), amount);
406         vault.repay(reserve, amount);
407         emit Repay(address(vault), msg.sender, reserve, amount);
408     }

```

Listing 3.16: `iCollateralVaultProxy.sol`

```

282     function repay(address reserve, uint amount) external nonReentrant onlyOwner {
283         // Required for certain stable coins (USDT for example)
284         IERC20(reserve).approve(address(getAaveCore()), 0);
285         IERC20(reserve).approve(address(getAaveCore()), amount);
286         Aave(getAave()).repay(reserve, amount, address(uint160(address(this))));
287     }

```

Listing 3.17: `iCollateralVault.sol`

The internal logic of `Aave.repay()` shows that it first determines the actual `paybackAmount` and then transfers that amount to the Aave core. In other words, the Aave protocol will not transfer the payment more than necessary from the "borrower" (the vault in our case). With the introduction

of CreditDelegationVault, the overpaid amount simply stays in the vault, not back to the actual borrower. We point out that ERC20-compliant tokens staying in the vault can be retrieved by the vault owner only (via the `withdraw()` routine).

```

5333     function repay(address _reserve, uint256 _amount, address payable _onBehalfOf)
5334         external
5335         payable
5336         nonReentrant
5337         onlyActiveReserve(_reserve)
5338         onlyAmountGreaterThanZero(_amount)
5339     {
5340         // Usage of a memory struct of vars to avoid "Stack too deep" errors due to
5341         //     local variables
5342         RepayLocalVars memory vars;
5343
5344         (
5345             vars.principalBorrowBalance,
5346             vars.compoundedBorrowBalance,
5347             vars.borrowBalanceIncrease
5348         ) = core.getUserBorrowBalances(_reserve, _onBehalfOf);
5349
5350         vars.originationFee = core.getUserOriginationFee(_reserve, _onBehalfOf);
5351         vars.isETH = EthAddressLib.ethAddress() == _reserve;
5352
5353         require(vars.compoundedBorrowBalance > 0, "The user does not have any borrow
5354             pending");
5355
5356         require(
5357             _amount != UINT_MAX_VALUE && msg.sender == _onBehalfOf,
5358             "To repay on behalf of an user an explicit amount to repay is needed."
5359         );
5360
5361         //default to max amount
5362         vars.paybackAmount = vars.compoundedBorrowBalance.add(vars.originationFee);
5363
5364         if (_amount != UINT_MAX_VALUE && _amount < vars.paybackAmount) {
5365             vars.paybackAmount = _amount;
5366         }
5367
5368         ...
5369     }

```

Listing 3.18: LendingPool.sol (Aave)

**Recommendation** Calculate the required payment amount and return any overpaid amount, if any, back to the borrower.

### 3.9 Unsupported ETH Borrow And Repay in Vaults

- ID: PVE-008
- Severity: High
- Likelihood: Medium
- Impact: High
- Target: iCollateralVault
- Category: Business Logics [10]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-754 [5]

#### Description

The Aave protocol supports a number of token assets, including ETH. Internally, the ETH asset is represented with a mock reserve address, i.e., `0xEeeeeEeeeEeEeeEeEeEeEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE`. With the introduction of CreditDelegationVault, the borrower may naturally borrow or repay the ETH asset by following the same fashion as the Aave protocol, including directly transferring ETH to the vault or using the same mock reserve address. Unfortunately, the CreditDelegationVault contract in the current prototype does not work the same way regarding the borrow or repay of ETH.

```

392 // amount needs to be normalized
393 function borrow(iCollateralVault vault, address reserve, uint amount) external {
394     uint _borrow = amount;
395     if (vault.asset() == address(0)) {
396         _borrow = getReservePriceUSD(reserve).mul(amount);
397     }
398     _approve(address(vault), msg.sender, _limits[address(vault)][msg.sender].sub(
399         _borrow, "borrow amount exceeds allowance"));
400     vault.borrow(reserve, amount, msg.sender);
401     emit Borrow(address(vault), msg.sender, reserve, amount);
402 }

403 function repay(iCollateralVault vault, address reserve, uint amount) public {
404     require(isVault(address(vault)), "not a vault");
405     IERC20(reserve).safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(vault), amount);
406     vault.repay(reserve, amount);
407     emit Repay(address(vault), msg.sender, reserve, amount);
408 }

```

Listing 3.19: iCollateralVaultProxy.sol

In particular, with the so-called credit delegation, if a borrower intends to borrow ETH by using the above mock reserve address, the operation, i.e., `vault.borrow(reserve, amount, msg.sender)` (line 399), relays to the Aave protocol with the same set of arguments.

```

274 // amount needs to be normalized
275 function borrow(address reserve, uint amount, address to) external nonReentrant
276     onlyOwner {
277     require(asset == reserve && asset == address(0), "reserve not available");
278     // LTV logic handled by underlying

```

```
278     Aave(getAave()).borrow(reserve, amount, model, 7);
279     IERC20(reserve).safeTransfer(to, amount);
280 }
282 function repay(address reserve, uint amount) external nonReentrant onlyOwner {
283     // Required for certain stable coins (USDT for example)
284     IERC20(reserve).approve(address(getAaveCore()), 0);
285     IERC20(reserve).approve(address(getAaveCore()), amount);
286     Aave(getAave()).repay(reserve, amount, address(uint160(address(this))));
287 }
```

Listing 3.20: iCollateralVaultProxy.sol

If successful, the `borrow()` call to the Aave protocol (line 278) will result in transferring the borrowed ETHs from the Aave core to the vault. However, the following call to transfer the borrowed ETHs from the vault to the borrower, i.e., `IERC20(reserve).safeTransfer(to, amount)` (line 279), becomes a `nop` because of the use of the above mock reserve address in `IERC20(reserve)`. In other words, the borrowed ETHs are stuck in the vault. It turns out even the vault owner is not able to retrieve them out, leading to borrowed ETH assets being locked forever. The `repay()` execution path shares the very same issue, resulting in repaid ETH assets being locked in the vault as well.

**Recommendation** Add the ETH support in the vault by extending the logic of both `borrow()` and `repay()`.

### 3.10 Other Suggestions

Due to the fact that compiler upgrades might bring unexpected compatibility or inter-version consistencies, we always suggest using fixed compiler version whenever possible. As an example, we highly encourage to explicitly indicate the Solidity compiler version, e.g., `pragma solidity 0.6.10`; instead of `pragma solidity ^0.6.10`;

Moreover, we strongly suggest not to use experimental Solidity features (e.g., `pragma experimental ABIEncoderV2`) or third-party unaudited libraries. If necessary, refactor current code base to only use stable features or trusted libraries.

Last but not least, 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 need to kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed in the mainnet.

## 4 | Conclusion

In this audit, we thoroughly analyzed the CreditDelegationVault implementation. The proposed system for credit delegation presents a unique innovation and we are really impressed by the design and implementation. The current code base is well organized and those identified issues are promptly confirmed and fixed.

Meanwhile, we need to emphasize that 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.





## 5 | Appendix

### 5.1 Basic Coding Bugs

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#### 5.1.1 Constructor Mismatch

- Description: Whether the contract name and its constructor are not identical to each other.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Critical

#### 5.1.2 Ownership Takeover

- Description: Whether the set owner function is not protected.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Critical

#### 5.1.3 Redundant Fallback Function

- Description: Whether the contract has a redundant fallback function.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Critical

#### 5.1.4 Overflows & Underflows

- Description: Whether the contract has general overflow or underflow vulnerabilities [13, 14, 15, 16, 18].
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Critical

### 5.1.5 Reentrancy

- Description: Reentrancy [19] is an issue when code can call back into your contract and change state, such as withdrawing ETHs.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Critical

### 5.1.6 Money-Giving Bug

- Description: Whether the contract returns funds to an arbitrary address.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: High

### 5.1.7 Blackhole

- Description: Whether the contract locks ETH indefinitely: merely in without out.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: High

### 5.1.8 Unauthorized Self-Destruct

- Description: Whether the contract can be killed by any arbitrary address.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Medium

### 5.1.9 Revert DoS

- Description: Whether the contract is vulnerable to DoS attack because of unexpected revert.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Medium

#### 5.1.10 Unchecked External Call

- Description: Whether the contract has any external call without checking the return value.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Medium

#### 5.1.11 Gasless Send

- Description: Whether the contract is vulnerable to gasless send.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Medium

#### 5.1.12 Send Instead Of Transfer

- Description: Whether the contract uses send instead of transfer.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Medium

#### 5.1.13 Costly Loop

- Description: Whether the contract has any costly loop which may lead to Out-Of-Gas exception.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Medium

#### 5.1.14 (Unsafe) Use Of Untrusted Libraries

- Description: Whether the contract use any suspicious libraries.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Medium

### 5.1.15 (Unsafe) Use Of Predictable Variables

- Description: Whether the contract contains any randomness variable, but its value can be predicated.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Medium

### 5.1.16 Transaction Ordering Dependence

- Description: Whether the final state of the contract depends on the order of the transactions.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Medium

### 5.1.17 Deprecated Uses

- Description: Whether the contract use the deprecated `tx.origin` to perform the authorization.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Medium

## 5.2 Semantic Consistency Checks

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- Description: Whether the semantic of the white paper is different from the implementation of the contract.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Critical

## 5.3 Additional Recommendations

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### 5.3.1 Avoid Use of Variadic Byte Array

- Description: Use fixed-size byte array is better than that of `byte []`, as the latter is a waste of space.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Low

### 5.3.2 Make Visibility Level Explicit

- Description: Assign explicit visibility specifiers for functions and state variables.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Low

### 5.3.3 Make Type Inference Explicit

- Description: Do not use keyword `var` to specify the type, i.e., it asks the compiler to deduce the type, which is not safe especially in a loop.
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Low

### 5.3.4 Adhere To Function Declaration Strictly

- Description: Solidity compiler (version 0.4.23) enforces strict ABI length checks for return data from `calls()` [1], which may break the the execution if the function implementation does NOT follow its declaration (e.g., no return in implementing `transfer()` of ERC20 tokens).
- Result: Not found
- Severity: Low



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