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1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the Gro 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 Gro Protocol

The Gro Protocol effectively tokenizes stable coin investments and segments the yield and risk into two assets: one with leverage (GVT) and one with insurance (PWRD). These two exist in a relation to one another based on their ratio. Yield from the PWRD gets transferred to the GVT based on the utilization ratio of the two tokens, creating an incentive for the GVT side to take on the risk of the PWRD side. On the flip side, and stable coin or protocol failure will first and foremost be paid out from the GVT side, thus preventing PWRD holder from losing any assets in the event of an exploit or other issue.

The basic information of the Gro Protocol is as follows:

Table 1.1: Basic Information of Gro Protocol

Item	Description
Issuer	Gro Protocol
Website	https://app.gro.xyz/
Туре	Ethereum Smart Contract
Platform	Solidity
Audit Method	Whitebox
Latest Audit Report	June 11, 2021

In the following, we show the Git repository of reviewed files and the commit hash value used in

this audit. Note the audited repository contains a number of sub-directories (e.g., insurance, pnl, and pools) and this audit does not cover the vaults as well as the associated strategies sub-directories.

https://github.com/groLabs/gro-protocol.git (aaf7ced)

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

https://github.com/groLabs/gro-protocol.git (f27658e)

1.2 About PeckShield

PeckShield Inc. [11] 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).

High Critical High Medium

High Medium

Low

Medium

Low

High Medium

Low

High Medium

Low

Likelihood

Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [10]:

- <u>Likelihood</u> 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.

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.
- <u>Semantic Consistency Checks</u>: 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) [9], 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

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), 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 investment advice.

Table 1.3: The Full List of Check Items

Category	Check Item
	Constructor Mismatch
	Ownership Takeover
	Redundant Fallback Function
	Overflows & Underflows
	Reentrancy
	Money-Giving Bug
	Blackhole
	Unauthorized Self-Destruct
Basic Coding Bugs	Revert DoS
Dasic Couling Dugs	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
Semantic Consistency Checks	Semantic Consistency Checks
	Business Logics Review
	Functionality Checks
	Authentication Management
	Access Control & Authorization
	Oracle Security
Advanced DeFi Scrutiny	Digital Asset Escrow
ravancea Ber i Geraemi,	Kill-Switch Mechanism
	Operation Trails & Event Generation
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling
	Frontend-Contract Integration
	Deployment Consistency
	Holistic Risk Management
	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array
A 11:00 1 50 1 1 1 1	Using Fixed Compiler Version
Additional Recommendations	Making Visibility Level Explicit
	Making Type Inference Explicit
	Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly
	Following Other Best Practices

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

Category	Summary
Configuration	Weaknesses in this category are typically introduced during
	the configuration of the software.
Data Processing Issues	Weaknesses in this category are typically found in functional-
	ity that processes data.
Numeric Errors	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calcula-
	tion or conversion of numbers.
Security Features	Weaknesses in this category are concerned with topics like
	authentication, access control, confidentiality, cryptography,
	and privilege management. (Software security is not security
	software.)
Time and State	Weaknesses in this category are related to the improper man-
	agement of time and state in an environment that supports
	simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple
	systems, processes, or threads.
Error Conditions,	Weaknesses in this category include weaknesses that occur if
Return Values,	a function does not generate the correct return/status code,
Status Codes	or if the application does not handle all possible return/status
	codes that could be generated by a function.
Resource Management	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper manage-
	ment of system resources.
Behavioral Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behav-
	iors from code that an application uses.
Business Logics	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.
Initialization and Cleanup	Weaknesses in this category occur in behaviors that are used
	for initialization and breakdown.
Arguments and Parameters	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper use of
	arguments or parameters within function calls.
Expression Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to incorrectly written
	expressions within code.
Coding Practices	Weaknesses in this category are related to coding practices
	that are deemed unsafe and increase the chances that an ex-
	ploitable 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 design and implementation of the Gro 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 logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.

Severity	# of Findings
Critical	0
High	0
Medium	2
Low	2
Informational	2
Total	6

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 that 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 2 medium-severity vulnerabilities, 2 low-severity vulnerabilities, and 2 informational recommendations.

Title ID Severity Category **Status PVE-001** Informational **Improved** Logic In Chain-**Business Logic** Fixed Price::addAggregators() PVE-002 Medium Permissionless Privileged Functions in Security Features Fixed LifeGuard3Pool **PVE-003** Possible Front-Running/MEV Time and State Confirmed For Re-Low duced Returns **PVE-004** Medium of Non-ERC20-Fixed Accommodation **Business Logic** Compliant Token Contracts PVE-005 Low Proper dollarAmount Calculation in Life-**Business Logic** Fixed Guard3Pool::invest() Informational **PVE-006** Redundant Code Removal **Coding Practices** Fixed

Table 2.1: Key Audit Findings of Gro Protocol

Besides recommending specific countermeasures to mitigate these issues, we also emphasize that 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 mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.

3 Detailed Results

3.1 Improved Logic In ChainPrice::addAggregators()

• ID: PVE-001

• Severity: Informational

Likelihood: N/A

Impact: N/A

• Target: ChainPrice

• Category: Business Logic [7]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [4]

Description

The Gro protocol has an core Buoy3Pool contract that acts as the price oracle to calculate prices of underlying assets and LP tokens in Curve pool. It also provides functionality for changing between stable coins, LP tokens and USD values. In the meantime, it also provides functionality to health check the curve pools pricing. In essence, it validates the price by comparing price ratios between the assets in the Curve pool with price ratios of an external oracle.

In the following, we show the addAggregators() routine from the external oracle ChainPrice. It comes to our attention that the given tokenIndex parameter can be better validated by ensuring require(tokenIndex < tokens.length), instead of current require(tokenIndex <= tokens.length) (line 44).

```
40
        function addAggregators (uint256 tokenIndex, address aggregator)
41
            external
42
            onlyGovernance
43
44
            require(tokenIndex <= tokens.length, 'invalid token index');</pre>
45
            require( aggregator != address(0), 'Invalid aggregator address');
46
            address _token = tokens[tokenIndex];
47
            if (tokenPriceFeed[ token].latestPrice != 0) {
48
                delete tokenPriceFeed[ token];
49
50
            tokenPriceFeed[ token].aggregator = AggregatorV3Interface( aggregator);
51
            tokenPriceFeed[token].decimals = uint(10)**IERC20Detailed(token).decimals();
52
            _updatePriceFeed(_token);
```

```
emit LogNewEthStableTokenAggregator(_token, _aggregator);
}
```

Listing 3.1: ChainPrice :: addAggregators()

Recommendation Revise the above addAggregators() routine to better validate the given input arguments.

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: c2fdb5c.

3.2 Permissionless Privileged Functions in LifeGuard3Pool

• ID: PVE-002

Severity: MediumLikelihood: High

• Impact: Medium

• Target: LifeGuard3Pool

Category: Security Features [5]CWE subcategory: CWE-282 [1]

Description

The Gro protocol has another core Lifeguard contract that is designed to rebalance the investment according to the target distributions the system needs to meet in order to guarantee insurance. It does so by swapping assets through the Curve 3pool. Any deposited stable coins that could potentially affect the exposure negatively will be swapped to a more favorable coin by Lifeguard, and a dollar value associated with the deposit will be returned in order to establish the number of tokens to mint. In a similar fashion, the Lifeguard will act as a conduit to allow the protocol to withdraw overexposed stable coins, and swap the withdrawn coin to what users wishes to withdraw from the protocol.

```
99
        /// @notice Set the upper limit to the amount of assets the lifeguard will
100
               hold on to before signaling that an invest to Curve action is necessary.
101
        /// @param _investToCurveThreshold New invest threshold
102
        function setInvestToCurveThreshold(uint256 investToCurveThreshold) external {
103
            investToCurveThreshold = investToCurveThreshold;
104
            emit LogNewCurveThreshold(_investToCurveThreshold);
105
        }
106
107
        /// @notice Set lifeguard to check Curve against external oracle
108
        /// @param check Check / no check
109
        function setHealthCheck(bool check) external {
110
            healthCheck = check;
111
            emit LogHealhCheckUpdate(check);
112
```

Listing 3.2: LifeGuard3Pool::setInvestToCurveThreshold()

During our analysis of this Lifeguard contract, we notice it has two privileged functions that are unfortunately permission-less. To elaborate, we show above these two routines. Note these two routines manages two related protocol-wide risk parameters investToCurveThreshold and healthCheck. And the latter can be exploited to subvert the need of validating price ratios between the assets in the Curve 3pool with price ratios of an external oracle.

Recommendation Validate the caller of the above two privileged functions.

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: 07171ec.

Possible Front-Running/MEV For Reduced Returns 3.3

• ID: PVE-003

 Severity: Low • Likelihood: Low

• Impact: Medium

• Target: LifeGuard3Pool

Category: Time and State [8]

CWE subcategory: CWE-682 [3]

Description

Within the Gro protocol, there is a constant need of swapping one stable coin to another and interacting with the Curve 3pool by adding or removing liquidity. To elaborate, we show below an example routine, i.e., investToCurveVault().

As the name indicates, this routine performs the intended investment with current asset balance by adding them as liquidity into the Curve 3pool (line 121).

```
115
         function investToCurveVault() external override onlyWhitelist {
116
             uint256[N COINS] memory inAmounts;
117
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < N COINS; i++) {
118
                 inAmounts[i] = assets[i];
119
                 assets[i] = 0;
120
121
             crv3pool.add liquidity( inAmounts, 0);
122
             investToVault(3, false);
123
```

Listing 3.3: LifeGuard3Pool::investToCurveVault()

We notice the liquidity addition is routed to Curve 3pool without specifying any restriction on the returned liquidity amount. As a result, it is susceptible to possible front-running/MEV attacks, resulting in a smaller gain for this round of liquidity operation.

Note that this is a common issue plaguing current AMM-based DEX solutions. Specifically, a large trade may be sandwiched by a preceding sell to reduce the market price, and a tailgating buy-back of the same amount plus the trade amount. Such sandwiching behavior unfortunately causes a loss and brings a smaller return as expected to the trading user because the swap rate is lowered by the preceding sell. As a mitigation, we may consider specifying the restriction on possible slippage caused by the trade or referencing the TWAP or time-weighted average price of UniswapV2. Nevertheless, we need to acknowledge that this is largely inherent to current blockchain infrastructure and there is still a need to continue the search efforts for an effective defense.

We emphasize that a number of other related functions also operate with the Curve 3pool. Examples include distributeCurveVault(), depositStable(), and distributeCurveVault(). The same concern is also applicable to them.

Recommendation Develop an effective mitigation (e.g., slippage control) to better protect the interests of investing users.

Status This issue has been confirmed. And the team has assured that this has been considered when evaluating the usage of Curve for internal swapping and deposit actions

3.4 Accommodation of Non-ERC20-Compliant Token Contracts

• ID: PVE-004

• Severity: Medium

Likelihood: Medium

• Impact: Low

Target: LifeGuard3Pool

• Category: Business Logic [7]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [4]

Description

Though there is a standardized ERC-20 specification, many token contracts may not strictly follow the specification or have additional functionalities beyond the specification. In the following, we examine the transfer() routine and related idiosyncrasies from current widely-used token contracts.

In particular, we use the popular token, i.e., ZRX, as our example. We show the related code snippet below. On its entry of transfer(), there is a check, i.e., if (balances[msg.sender] >= _value && balances[_to] + _value >= balances[_to]). If the check fails, it returns false. However, the transaction still proceeds successfully without being reverted. This is not compliant with the ERC20 standard and may cause issues if not handled properly. Specifically, the ERC20 standard specifies the following: "Transfers _ value amount of tokens to address _ to, and MUST fire the Transfer event. The function SHOULD throw if the message caller's account balance does not have enough tokens to spend."

```
function transfer(address _to, uint _value) returns (bool) {

//Default assumes totalSupply can't be over max (2^256 - 1).
```

```
66
            if (balances[msg.sender] >= value && balances[ to] + value >= balances[ to]) {
67
                balances [msg.sender] -= _value;
68
                balances [ to] += value;
69
                Transfer (msg. sender, to, value);
70
                return true;
71
            } else { return false; }
       }
72
74
        function transferFrom(address from, address to, uint value) returns (bool) {
75
            if (balances[_from] >= _value && allowed[_from][msg.sender] >= _value &&
                balances[_to] + _value >= balances[_to]) {
76
                balances [ to] += value;
77
                balances [ _from ] -= _value;
78
                allowed [_from][msg.sender] -= _value;
79
                Transfer (_from, _to, _value);
80
                return true;
81
            } else { return false; }
82
```

Listing 3.4: ZRX.sol

Because of that, a normal call to transfer() is suggested to use the safe version, i.e., safeTransfer (), In essence, it is a wrapper around ERC20 operations that may either throw on failure or return false without reverts. Moreover, the safe version also supports tokens that return no value (and instead revert or throw on failure). Note that non-reverting calls are assumed to be successful. Similarly, there is a safe version of transferFrom() as well, i.e., safeTransferFrom().

In the following, we show the withdrawSingleCoin() routine in the LifeGuard3Pool contract. Since the USDT token is supported as coin, the unsafe version of coin.transfer(recipient, balance); (line 284) may revert as there is no return value in the USDT token contract's transfer() implementation (but the IERC20 interface expects a return value)!

```
249
         function withdrawSingleCoin(
250
             uint256 inAmount.
251
             uint256 i,
252
             uint256 minAmount,
253
             address recipient
254
         ) external override onlyWhitelist returns (uint256 usdAmount, uint256 balance) {
             if (healthCheck) require(_poolCheck(), "withdrawSingle: !pool unhealthy");
255
256
             IERC20 coin = IERC20(buoy.tokens(i));
257
             balance = coin.balanceOf(address(this)).sub(assets[i]);
258
             // Are available assets - locked assets for LP vault more than required
259
             \ensuremath{//} minAmount. Then estimate USD value and transfer...
260
             if (minAmount <= balance) {</pre>
261
                 uint256 [] memory inAmounts = new uint256 [](N COINS);
262
                 inAmounts[i] = balance;
263
                 usdAmount = buoy.stableToUsd(inAmounts, false);
264
             // ...if not, swap other loose assets into target assets before
265
             // estimating USD value and transfering.
266
             } else {
267
                 for (uint256 j; j < N_COINS; j++) {
```

```
268
                     if (j == i) continue;
269
                     IERC20 inCoin = IERC20(buoy.tokens(j));
270
                     uint256 inBalance = inCoin.balanceOf(address(this)).sub(assets[j]);
271
                     if (inBalance > 0) {
272
                          exchange(inBalance, int128(j), int128(i));
273
                         if (coin.balanceOf(address(this)).sub(assets[i]) >= minAmount) {
274
275
                     }
276
277
278
                 balance = coin.balanceOf(address(this)).sub(assets[i]);
279
                 uint256[] memory inAmounts = new uint256[](N COINS);
280
                 inAmounts[i] = balance;
281
                 usdAmount = buoy.stableToUsd(inAmounts, false);
282
             }
283
             require(balance >= minAmount);
284
             coin.transfer(recipient, balance);
285
```

Listing 3.5: LifeGuard3Pool::withdrawSingleCoin()

Recommendation Accommodate the above-mentioned idiosyncrasy with safe-version implementation of ERC20-related transfer(), transferFrom(), and approve().

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: 1b06a68.

3.5 Proper dollarAmount Calculation in LifeGuard3Pool::invest()

• ID: PVE-005

Severity: Low

Likelihood: Low

Impact: Low

• Target: LifeGuard3Pool

• Category: Business Logic [7]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [4]

Description

As mentioned in Section 3.2, the Lifeguard contract is designed to rebalance the investment according to the target distributions the system needs to meet in order to guarantee insurance. It does so by swapping assets through the Curve 3pool. Any deposited stable coins that could potentially affect the exposure negatively will be swapped to a more favorable coin by Lifeguard, and a dollar value associated with the deposit will be returned in order to establish the number of tokens to mint. Our analysis shows the dollar value measurement logic can be improved.

To elaborate, we show below the <code>invest()</code> routine. This routine implements a rather straightforward logic in firstly withdrawing the given LP amount from the <code>Curve 3pool</code>, then transferring to the configured vaults. (Each stable coin has one associated vault.) However, the dollar amount is measured via the following statement <code>dollarAmount = buoy.stableToUsd(amounts, false)</code> (line 319), which needs to be revised as <code>dollarAmount = buoy.stableToUsd(amounts, true)</code>. The second argument indicates whether the dollar amount should be measured as <code>deposit</code> or <code>withdraw</code>. In our case, this is an intended deposit operation.

```
296
         /// @notice Deposit into underlying vaults
297
         /// @param depositAmount LP amount to invest
298
         /// @param delta Target distribution of investment (%BP)
299
         function invest (uint256 depositAmount, uint256 [] calldata delta)
300
             external
301
             override
302
             only Whitelist
303
             returns (uint256 dollarAmount)
304
305
             bool needSkim = true;
306
             if (depositAmount = 0) {
307
                 depositAmount = IpToken.balanceOf(address(this));
308
                 needSkim = false;
             }
309
310
             uint256 [N COINS] memory delta;
311
             for (uint256 i; i < N COINS; i++) {</pre>
312
                 delta[i] = delta[i];
313
             }
314
             uint256[] memory amounts = new uint256[](N COINS);
315
              withdrawUnbalanced(depositAmount, delta);
316
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < N COINS; i++) {
317
                 amounts[i] = investToVault(i, needSkim);
318
319
             dollarAmount = buoy.stableToUsd(amounts, false);
320
             emit LogNewInvest(depositAmount, delta, amounts, dollarAmount, needSkim);
321
```

Listing 3.6: LifeGuard3Pool:: invest ()

A similar issue is also present in another routine, i.e., Insurance::withdraw(), during the leftUsd calculation.

Recommendation Revise the above affected routines to calculate the proper dollar amount.

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: 3f805d3.

3.6 Redundant Code Removal

• ID: PVE-006

Severity: Informational

• Likelihood: N/A

• Impact: N/A

• Target: Multiple Contracts

• Category: Coding Practices [6]

• CWE subcategory: CWE-563 [2]

Description

The Gro protocol makes good use of a number of reference contracts, such as ERC20, SafeERC20, SafeMath, and Pausable, to facilitate its code implementation and organization. For example, the DepositHandler smart contract has so far imported at least five reference contracts. However, we observe the inclusion of certain unused code or the presence of unnecessary redundancies that can be safely removed.

For example, if we examine closely the LifeGuard3Pool::invest() implementation, there is an internal _delta variable that keeps a copy of the given input argument (lines 310-312). However, this internal _delta variable is not used anywhere.

```
299
         function invest (uint256 depositAmount, uint256 [] calldata delta)
300
             external
301
             override
302
             only Whitelist
303
             returns (uint256 dollarAmount)
304
305
             bool needSkim = true;
306
             if (depositAmount = 0) {
                 depositAmount = IpToken.balanceOf(address(this));
307
308
                 needSkim = false;
309
310
             uint256 [N COINS] memory delta;
311
             for (uint256 i; i < N COINS; i++) {</pre>
312
                 delta[i] = delta[i];
313
314
             uint256[] memory amounts = new uint256[](N COINS);
315
              withdrawUnbalanced(depositAmount, delta);
316
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < N COINS; i++) {
317
                 amounts[i] = investToVault(i, needSkim);
318
             }
319
             dollarAmount = buoy.stableToUsd(amounts, false);
320
             emit LogNewInvest(depositAmount, delta, amounts, dollarAmount, needSkim);
321
```

Listing 3.7: LifeGuard3Pool:: invest ()

In the same vein, the same contract has another function deposit() that has an input argument inAmounts. But this input argument is not used either.

```
197
         function deposit(uint256[] calldata inAmounts)
198
             external
199
             override
200
             onlyWhitelist
201
             returns (uint256 newAssets)
202
203
             if (healthCheck) require(_poolCheck(), "deposit: !pool unhealthy");
             uint256 [N_COINS] memory _inAmounts;
204
205
             for (uint256 i = 0; i < N COINS; i++) {
206
                 IERC20 coin = IERC20(buoy.tokens(i));
207
                 _inAmounts[i] = coin.balanceOf(address(this)).sub(assets[i]); //skim(
                     inAmounts[i], i);
208
             }
209
             uint256 previousAssets = IpToken.balanceOf(address(this));
210
             crv3pool.add_liquidity(_inAmounts, 0);
211
             newAssets = IpToken.balanceOf(address(this)).sub(previousAssets);
212
```

Listing 3.8: LifeGuard3Pool::deposit()

Recommendation Consider the removal of the redundant code with a simplified implementation.

Status The issue has been fixed by this commit: 295b7d7.

4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the Gro Protocol. The audited system presents a unique addition to current DeFi offerings by effectively tokenizing stable coin investments and segmenting the associated yield and risk with leverage and insurance, respectively. The current code base is neatly 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.



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