SMART CONTRACT AUDIT REPORT

for

Sake Finance (Astar)

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1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the Sake Finance (Astar) 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 Sake Finance (Astar)

Sake Finance is an innovative platform that introduces the concept of on-chain AI agents to the world of decentralized finance and beyond. At its core, Sake Finance is designed to empower users with autonomous, intelligent agents capable of executing a broad spectrum of tasks directly on the blockchain. These tasks range from complex financial transactions to dynamic roles within interactive gaming environments, all performed with a level of sophistication and adaptability previously unseen in traditional crypto bots. The basic information of the audited protocol is as follows:

Table 1.1: Basic Information of The Sake Finance Protocol

Item	Description
Name	Sake Finance
Type	EVM Smart Contract
Platform	Solidity
Audit Method	Whitebox
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In the following, we show the Git repository of reviewed files and the commit hash values used in this audit.

- https://github.com/AgentFi/agentfi-contracts-astar.git (f489cd2)

1.2 About PeckShield

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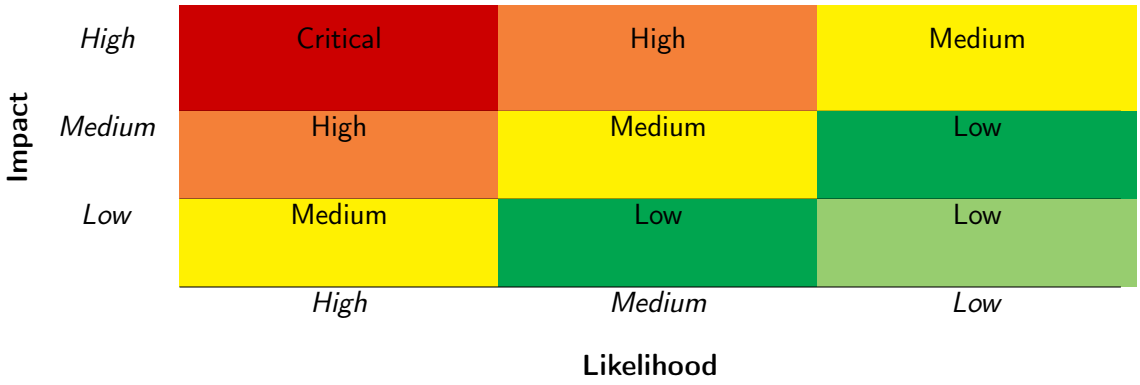
Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification



1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [6]:

- 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.

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

Table 1.3: The Full List of Check Items

Category	Check Item
Basic Coding Bugs	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
Semantic Consistency Checks	Semantic Consistency Checks
Advanced DeFi Scrutiny	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
Additional Recommendations	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

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) [5], 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) 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 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 1.4: 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 functionality that processes data.
Numeric Errors	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper calculation 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 management of time and state in an environment that supports simultaneous or near-simultaneous computation by multiple systems, processes, or threads.
Error Conditions, Return Values, Status Codes	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.
Resource Management	Weaknesses in this category are related to improper management of system resources.
Behavioral Issues	Weaknesses in this category are related to unexpected behaviors 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 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 implementation of the `Sake Finance (Astar)` 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	1	■
Low	1	■
Informational	0	
Total	2	

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 1 medium-severity vulnerability and 1 low-severity vulnerability.

Table 2.1: Key Sake Finance Audit Findings

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Low	Duplicate Token Handling in SakeAstarSiloAccount	Business Logic	Resolved
PVE-002	Medium	Trust Issue of Admin Keys	Security Features	Mitigated

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 Duplicate Token Handling in SakeAstarSiloAccount

- ID: PVE-001
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: `SakeAstarSiloAccount`
- Category: Business Logic [4]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-837 [2]

Description

`Sake Finance` has a flexible user account system that supports different account types used for different purposes. For example, a specific account type `SakeAstarSiloAccount` is used by `Sake Astr Silos` to handle the bridge-deposit and withdrawal of `WASTR` tokens. While examining the related bridge-deposit logic, we notice a possible issue that may need to be addressed.

To elaborate, we show below the code snippet of the related routine, i.e., `bridgeTokens()`. As the name indicates, this routine is used to deposit a given amount of tokens from the bridge. It comes to our attention that if the given array has duplicate tokens, the intended allowance should be the sum of each individual allownace for the same token. The current implementation only sets up the last allowance in the given tokens array (line 176).

```
165         for(uint256 i = 0; i < tokens.length; i++) {
166             address token = tokens[i].token;
167             uint256 amount = tokens[i].amount;
168             // if bridging the gas token
169             if(token == address(0)) {
170                 // add to gas token amount
171                 gasTokenAmount += amount;
172             }
173             // if bridging an erc20
174             else {
175                 // set allowance
176                 SafeERC20.forceApprove(IERC20(token), bridge, amount);
177             }
```

```
178         }
```

Listing 3.1: SakeAstarSiloAccount::bridgeTokens()

Recommendation Revise the above routine to properly set up the token allowance for token bridge operations.

Status This issue has been resolved as the team plans to sanitize the input before calling the above contract.

3.2 Trust Issue Of Admin Keys

- ID: PVE-002
- Severity: Medium
- Likelihood: Medium
- Impact: Medium
- Target: Multiple Contracts
- Category: Security Features [3]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [1]

Description

In the Sake Finance contract, there is a privileged account (owner) that plays a critical role in governing and regulating the protocol-wide operations (e.g., configure various system parameters, manage factory, and lock contract accounts). In the following, we show the representative functions potentially affected by the privilege of the privileged account.

```
193     function postAgentCreationSettings(
194         AgentCreationSettings calldata creationSettings
195     ) external override onlyOwner {
196         if(_isSettingsFrozen) revert Errors.CreationSettingsFrozen();
197         Calls.verifyHasCode(creationSettings.agentImplementation);
198         _agentImplementation = creationSettings.agentImplementation;
199         _strategyInitializationCall = creationSettings.strategyInitializationCall;
200         _isActive = creationSettings.isActive;
201         emit AgentCreationSettingsPosted();
202     }
203
204     /**
205      * @notice Freezes the current creation settings.
206      * Can only be called by the contract owner.
207      */
208     function freezeAgentCreationSettings() external override onlyOwner {
209         if(_isSettingsFrozen) revert Errors.CreationSettingsFrozen();
210         _isSettingsFrozen = true;
211         emit AgentCreationSettingsFrozen();
212     }
213
214     /**
```

```
215      * @notice Pauses or unpauses creation with this factory.
216      * Can only be called by the contract owner.
217      * @param activate True to activate, false to deactivate.
218      */
219     function activateAgentCreationSettings(bool activate) external override onlyOwner {
220         _isActive = activate;
221         emit AgentCreationSettingsPosted();
222     }
```

Listing 3.2: Example Privileged Operations in `SimpleAgentFactory`

We emphasize that the privilege assignment may be necessary and consistent with the protocol design. However, it is worrisome if the privileged account is not governed by a DAO-like structure. Note that a compromised account would allow the attacker to modify a number of sensitive system parameters, which directly undermines the assumption of the protocol design.

Recommendation Promptly transfer the privileged account to the intended DAO-like governance contract. All changed to privileged operations may need to be mediated with necessary timelocks. Eventually, activate the normal on-chain community-based governance life-cycle and ensure the intended trustless nature and high-quality distributed governance.

Status The issue has been confirmed and will be mitigated with the use of a multi-sig to manage the privileged account.

4 Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the design and implementation of the Sake Finance protocol, which is an innovative platform that introduces the concept of on-chain AI agents to the world of decentralized finance and beyond. At its core, Sake Finance is designed to empower users with autonomous, intelligent agents capable of executing a broad spectrum of tasks directly on the blockchain. These tasks range from complex financial transactions to dynamic roles within interactive gaming environments, all performed with a level of sophistication and adaptability previously unseen in traditional crypto bots. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

Meanwhile, 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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