

## SMART CONTRACT AUDIT REPORT

for

# Vanilla Money/MarketMaker Vaults

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# 1 Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the Vanilla Money/MarketMaker Vaults contracts, 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 Vanilla Money/MarketMaker Vaults

This audit covers four specific Vanilla vaults contracts, i.e., VanillaMoneyVault, VanillaMoneyVaultV2, VanillaMarketMakerVault, and VanillaMarketMakerVaultV2. The first two vaults are mainly used for users to deposit and withdraw funds, as well as provide two order interfaces for users with BOT\_ROLE to operate. The last two act as a fund storage and token collateral. After the user places an order, a portion of the user's deposit will be transferred to VanillaMarketMakeVault(V2). The user's collateral can serve as a betting against the platform to earn interest. The basic information of audited contracts is as follows:

ltem	Description
Target	Vanilla Money/MarketMaker Vaults
Туре	EVM Smart Contract
Language	Solidity
Audit Method	Whitebox
Latest Audit Report	April 22, 2025

Table 1.1:	Basic	Information	of Audited	Contracts
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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/VanillaDevTeam/PSC-Contract.git (3ddb000)

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

• https://github.com/VanillaDevTeam/PSC-Contract.git (750cda2)

#### 1.2 About PeckShield

PeckShield Inc. [9] 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).



Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

### 1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [8]:

- <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.

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 Coung 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		
Advanced Der i Scrutiny	Kill-Switch Mechanism		
	Operation Trails & Event Generation		
	ERC20 Idiosyncrasies Handling		
	Frontend-Contract Integration		
	Deployment Consistency		
	Holistic Risk Management		
	Avoiding Use of Variadic Byte Array		
	Using Fixed Compiler Version		
Additional Recommendations	Making Visibility Level Explicit		
	Making Type Inference Explicit		
	Adhering To Function Declaration Strictly		
	Following Other Best Practices		

Table 1.3:	The Full	List of	Check	ltems
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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:

- <u>Basic Coding Bugs</u>: 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.
- <u>Advanced DeFi Scrutiny</u>: We further review business logics, examine system operations, and place DeFi-related aspects under scrutiny to uncover possible pitfalls and/or bugs.
- <u>Additional Recommendations</u>: 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) [7], 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.

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			
Descurse Management	Codes that could be generated by a function.			
Resource Management	weaknesses in this category are related to improper manage-			
Robavioral Issues	Meak persons in this category are related to unexpected behave			
Denavioral issues	iors from code that an application uses			
Business Logics	Weaknesses in this category identify some of the underlying			
Dusiness Logics	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.			

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Table 1.4:	Common weakness	Enumeration	(CVVE)	Classifications	Used in	This Audit

# 2 Findings

#### 2.1 Summary

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

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

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 vulnerabilities and 2 low-severity vulnerability.

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Low	Possibly Inconsistent UnStake Events	Coding Practices	Resolved
		in VanillaMarketMakerVault		
PVE-002	Medium	Improved Order Creation/Settlement	Business Logic	Resolved
		Logic in VanillaMoneyVault		
PVE-003	Medium	Trust Issue Of Admin Keys	Security Features	Mitigated

Table 2.1:	Key Vanilla	Money/MarketMaker	Vaults Audit Findings
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Beside the identified issues, we emphasize that for any user-facing applications and services, it is always important to develop necessary risk-control mechanisms and make contingency plans, which may need to be exercised before the mainnet deployment. The risk-control mechanisms should kick in at the very moment when the contracts are being deployed on mainnet. Please refer to Section 3 for details.

# 3 Detailed Results

## 3.1 Possibly Inconsistent UnStake Events in VanillaMarketMakerVault

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

#### Description

- Target: VanillaMarketMakerVault
- Category: Coding Practices [5]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [1]

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

In the following, we use the VanillaMarketMakerVault contract as an example. This contract is designed to be a VanillaMarketMakerVault that allows users to stake/unstake their funds. While examining the events that reflect the unstake operation, we notice the emitted important UnStake event may not be consistent. In particular, The UnStake event has four parameters and the last one indicates the respective pledgedFunds amount of the actual amount being transferred out. With that, the following UnStake event (line 200) in partialUnstake() is incorrect (while the same vent in unstake() is correct).

```
177 function partialUnstake(
178 uint256 amount
179 ) external nonReentrant whenNotPaused {
180 uint256 balances = userInfo[_msgSender()].amounts;
181 if (amount == 0 amount > balances) {
182 revert VanillaMarketMakerVault__InvalidAmount();
183 }
```

```
184
             uint256 shares = (amount * userInfo[_msgSender()].shares) / balances;
185
             uint256 amountToTransfer = calculateAmounts(shares);
186
             if (slot1.cumulativeShares < shares)</pre>
187
                 revert VanillaMarketMakerVault__cumulativeSharesInsufficient();
188
             if (assetsManagement() < amountToTransfer)</pre>
189
                 revert VanillaMarketMakerVault__InsufficientVaultBalance();
190
             slot1.pledgedFunds -= amount;
191
             slot1.cumulativeShares -= shares;
192
             userInfo[_msgSender()].shares -= shares;
193
             userInfo[_msgSender()].amounts -= amount;
195
             if (userInfo[_msgSender()].amounts == 0) {
196
                 userNumber -= 1;
197
             }
199
             IERC20(slot1.assetId).safeTransfer(_msgSender(), amountToTransfer);
200
             emit UnStake(
201
                 _msgSender(),
202
                 amountToTransfer,
203
                 shares,
204
                 userInfo[_msgSender()].amounts
205
             );
206
```

Listing 3.1: VanillaMarketMakerVault::partialUnstake()

**Recommendation** Properly emit the UnStake event when an user intends to unstake the staked funds.

Status This issue has been fixed in the following commit: 750cda2.

## 3.2 Improved Order Creation/Settlement Logic in VanillaMoneyVault

- ID: PVE-002
- Severity: Medium
- Likelihood: Medium
- Impact: Medium

- Target: VanillaMoneyVault
- Category: Business Logic [6]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-770 [3]

#### Description

The VanillaMoneyVault contract allows the privileged bot accounts to place/settle user orders. In the process of examining the order creation and settlement logic, we notice current implementation may be improved.

```
106
         function createOrder(
107
             CreateOrderParams calldata params
108
         ) external override onlyRole(BOT_ROLE) {
109
             if (balances[params.account] < params.amount)</pre>
110
                 revert VanillaMoneyVault__PledgeFundInsufficient();
111
             if (orderInfo[params.orderId].isExistence)
112
                 revert VanillaMoneyVault__AlreadyExistOrder(params.orderId);
113
             orderInfo[params.orderId] = OrderInfo({
114
                 owner: params.account,
115
                 isSettlement: false,
116
                 isExistence: true,
117
                 amount: params.amount
118
             });
119
             balances[params.account] -= params.amount;
120
             if (slot0.platformFeeAccount != address(0)) {
121
                 if (params.fee > 0) {
122
                     balances[params.account] -= params.fee;
123
                     IERC20(slot0.assetId).safeTransfer(
124
                          slot0.platformFeeAccount ,
125
                          params.fee
126
                     );
127
                     emit PlatformCollectFee(slot0.platformFeeAccount, params.fee);
128
                 }
129
             }
130
131
             emit CreateOrder(params.account, params.orderId, params);
132
```

#### Listing 3.2: VanillaMoneyVault::createOrder()

To elaborate, we show above the implementation of the related createOrder() routine. When creating an order, there is a need to ensure the user funds are sufficient to cover the order amount as well as possible fee. However, current implementation only validates the coverage of order amount, not the fee. Also, the given input parameters are defined in CreateOrderParams, which contains a number of unused member fields and unused ones can be simplified removed.

```
134
         function settleOrder(
135
             bytes32 orderId,
136
             uint256 revenue,
137
             uint256 fee
138
         ) public override onlyRole(BOT_ROLE) {
139
             if (orderInfo[orderId].isSettlement)
140
                 revert VanillaMoneyVault__AlreadySettleOrder(orderId);
141
             orderInfo[orderId].isSettlement = true;
142
             address account = orderInfo[orderId].owner;
143
             // transfer
144
             IERC20(slot0.assetId).safeTransfer(
145
                 slot0.marketMakerVault,
146
                 orderInfo[orderId].amount
147
             );
148
149
             IVanillaMarketMakerVault(slot0.marketMakerVault).settlement(
```

```
150
                 account,
151
                 revenue + fee
152
             );
153
             balances[account] += revenue;
154
             if (fee > 0) {
155
                 IERC20(slot0.assetId).safeTransfer(slot0.profitSharingAccount, fee);
156
                 emit ProfitSharingCollectFee(slot0.profitSharingAccount, fee);
             }
157
158
159
             emit SettleOrder(account, orderId, revenue);
160
```

Listing 3.3: VanillaMoneyVault::settleOrder()

Similarly, the settleOrder() routine in the same contract can also be improved by validating the given order is a valid one, i.e., require (orderInfo[params.orderId].isExistence);.

**Recommendation** Revisit the above-mentioned routines to ensure the user orders are properly created and settled.

Status This issue has been fixed in the following commit: 750cda2.

#### 3.3 Trust Issue Of Admin Keys

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

#### Description

- Target: Multiple Contracts
- Category: Security Features [4]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [2]

In the audited Vanilla vaults, there is a privileged account (with the ADMIN\_ROLE/DEFAULT\_ADMIN\_ROLE role) that plays a critical role in governing and regulating the vault-wide operations (e.g., assign BOT roles, pause/unpause the vault, and settle orders). In the following, we show the representative functions potentially affected by the privilege of the privileged account.

```
106
         function createOrder(
107
             CreateOrderParams calldata params
108
         ) external override onlyRole(BOT_ROLE) {
109
             . . .
110
         }
111
112
         function settleOrder(
113
             bytes32 orderId,
114
             uint256 revenue,
115
             uint256 fee
```

```
116 ) public override onlyRole(BOT_ROLE) {
117 ...
118 }
119 ...
```

Listing 3.4: Example Privileged Operations in VanillaMoneyVault

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 vault parameters, which directly undermines the assumption of the vault design.

In the meantime, the vault contract makes use of the proxy contract to allow for future upgrades. The upgrade is a privileged operation, which also falls in this trust issue on the admin key.

**Recommendation** Promptly transfer the privileged account to the intended DAD-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 four specific Vanilla vaults contracts, i.e., VanillaMoneyVault, VanillaMoneyVaultV2, VanillaMarketMakerVault, and VanillaMarketMakerVaultV2. The first two vaults are mainly used for users to deposit and withdraw funds, as well as provide two order interfaces for users with BOT\_ROLE to operate. The last two act as a fund storage and token collateral. After the user places an order, a portion of the user's deposit will be transferred to VanillaMarketMakeVault(V2). The user's collateral can serve as a betting against the platform to earn interest. The current code base is well structured and neatly organized. Those identified issues are promptly confirmed and addressed.

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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