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S Executive Summary

From July. 31, 2023 to Aug. 7, 2023, Cog-Finance engaged Veridise to review the security of their Cog Isolated Lending Platform. Cog is an isolated lending protocol, focused towards decentralization and capital efficiency. Cog allows users to deploy permissionless isolated lending/borrowing pools. This is the first audit of Cog Isolated Lending Platform performed by Veridise. Veridise conducted the assessment over 12 person-days, with 2 engineers reviewing code over 6 days from commit 7ca2a6a. The auditing strategy involved manual auditing by engineers.

Code assessment. The Cog Isolated Lending Platform developers provided the source code of the Cog Isolated Lending Platform contracts for review. To facilitate the Veridise auditors' understanding of the code, the Cog Isolated Lending Platform developers also provided link to their documentation. The source code also contained detailed documentation in the form of READMEs and documentation comments on functions and storage variables.

The source code contained a test suite, which the Veridise auditors noted had tests for some use cases. However, test cases were missing for some use cases like withdrawal and borrowing. The test suite also included stateful tests to check if the protocol maintains a consistent internal state throughout a series of transactions. Stateful tests are useful for modeling real-world scenarios and ensuring that the protocol behaves as expected on both valid and invalid inputs.

Summary of issues detected. The audit uncovered 18 issues, 6 of which are assessed to be of high or critical severity by the Veridise auditors. Specifically, V-COG-VUL-001 and V-COG-VUL-002 are critical logic issues that allow an attacker to steal assets from borrowing pool and collateral from users respectively. V-COG-VUL-003 is a high severity issue which finds that the surge protection described in the documentation is partially implemented in code. V-COG-VUL-004 is another high severity issue where the redeem function transfers tokens to the caller but the return value and log give an incorrect number of assets. V-COG-VUL-005 and V-COG-VUL-006 are other high severity issues where the protocol transfer fewer tokens than needed in repay and liquidate functions respectively. The Veridise auditors also identified several medium-severity issues, including V-COG-VUL-006 where the withdraw function transfers correct amount of tokens but reports a lesser number of tokens as transferred. Also, V-COG-VUL-007 finds a comparison between quantities of different units. There were also a number of low severity issues and warnings. The Cog Isolated Lending Platform developers acknowledged all of the reported issues and fixed 16 out of 18 issues.

Recommendations. After auditing the protocol, the auditors had a few suggestions to improve the Cog Isolated Lending Platform.

Interaction of units The protocol deals with two different units for asset tokens deposited in the liquidity pool, i.e. the absolute number of tokens and shares. Correct inter-conversion of these quantities is critical and needs to be tested thoroughly.

Testing The test suite was missing test cases for a few use cases and we recommend to add

test cases for missing use cases. We also recommend testing scenarios where longer sequences of user actions are performed therefore testing interaction of different use cases, especially sequences that trigger interest calculation.

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Project Dashboard

Table 2.1: Application Summary.

Name	Version	Туре	Platform
Cog Isolated Lending Platform	7ca2a6a	Vyper	Ethereum

Table 2.2: Engagement Summary.

Dates	Method	Consultants Engaged	Level of Effort
July. 31 - Aug. 7, 2023	Manual	2	12 person-days

Table 2.3: Vulnerability Summary.

Name	Number	Resolved
Critical-Severity Issues	2	2
High-Severity Issues	4	4
Medium-Severity Issues	2	2
Low-Severity Issues	3	3
Warning-Severity Issues	6	6
Informational-Severity Issues	1	1
TOTAL	18	18

Table 2.4: Category Breakdown.

Name	Number
Logic Error	11
Maintainability	5
Data Validation	1
Gas Optimization	1

Audit Goals and Scope

3.1 Audit Goals

The engagement was scoped to provide a security assessment of Cog Isolated Lending Platform's smart contracts. In our audit, we sought to answer the following questions:

- ► Can attacker steal asset tokens from liquidity pool?
- Can attacker steal collateral tokens from users?
- Are arithmetic operations safe?
- Does protocol transfer right amount of tokens?
- Does protocol report right amount of tokens transferred?
- Does the protocol employ right access control?
- Does the protocol interact correctly with oracles?

3.2 Audit Methodology & Scope

Audit Methodology. To address the questions above, our audit involved human experts manually auditing issues.

Scope. The scope of this audit is limited to the src folder of the source code provided by the Cog Isolated Lending Platform developers, which contains the smart contract implementation of the Cog Isolated Lending Platform, specifically,

- src/cog_factory.vy
- src/cog_pair.vy
- src/fuse_box.vy
- src/loan_router.vy

Methodology. Veridise auditors read the Cog Isolated Lending Platform documentation and inspected the provided tests. They then performed a manual audit of the code. During the audit, the Veridise auditors regularly met with the Cog Isolated Lending Platform developers to ask questions about the code.

3.3 Classification of Vulnerabilities

When Veridise auditors discover a possible security vulnerability, they must estimate its severity by weighing its potential impact against the likelihood that a problem will arise. Table 3.1 shows how our auditors weigh this information to estimate the severity of a given issue.

In this case, we judge the likelihood of a vulnerability as follows in Table 3.2:

In addition, we judge the impact of a vulnerability as follows in Table 3.3:

Table 3.1: Severity Breakdown.

	Somewhat Bad	Bad	Very Bad	Protocol Breaking
Not Likely	Info	Warning	Low	Medium
Likely	Warning	Low	Medium	High
Very Likely	Low	Medium	High	Critical

Table 3.2: Likelihood Breakdown

Not Likely	A small set of users must make a specific mistake
Likely	Requires a complex series of steps by almost any user(s) - OR -
	Requires a small set of users to perform an action
Very Likely	Can be easily performed by almost anyone

Table 3.3: Impact Breakdown

Somewhat Bad	Inconveniences a small number of users and can be fixed by the user
	Affects a large number of people and can be fixed by the user
Bad	- OR -
	Affects a very small number of people and requires aid to fix
	Affects a large number of people and requires aid to fix
Very Bad	- OR -
	Disrupts the intended behavior of the protocol for a small group of
	users through no fault of their own
Protocol Breaking	Disrupts the intended behavior of the protocol for a large group of
	users through no fault of their own

ID	Description	Severity	Status
V-COG-VUL-001	Attacker may steal all assets of cog_pair	Critical	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-002	Attacker can steal collateral from arbitrary user	Critical	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-003	Interest rate surge Protection are not implemented	High	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-004	Redeem returns wrong number of assets transferre	High	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-005	Protocol transfers in fewer funds in repay()	High	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-006	Protocol transfers in fewer funds in liquidate()	High	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-007	Wrong amount returns as shares from withdraw	Medium	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-008	Comparison of shares and ERC20 tokens	Medium	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-009	Possible overflow while calculating mean price	Low	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-010	Consider using 'mul_div' in more locations	Low	Won't Fix
V-COG-VUL-011	Subtracting values of different units	Low	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-012	Check if atleast one oracle is active in fuse_box	Warning	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-013	Unnecessary memory copy	Warning	Won't Fix
V-COG-VUL-014	Divide before multiply can give incorrect 0 result	Warning	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-015	_isPaused() function name is confusing	Warning	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-016	Unused variable or dead code	Warning	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-017	Use of magic number	Warning	Fixed
V-COG-VUL-018	Inconsistent or missing documentation	Info	Fixed

Table 3.4: Summary	of Discovered	Vulnerabilities.

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3.4 Detailed Description of Issues

3.4.1 V-COG-VUL-001: Attacker may steal all assets of cog_pair



The protocol allows users to borrow asset tokens against the collateral deposited by them by calling the borrow() external function. The protocol also provides a borrow_approvals mechanism for users to set allowances for other users to borrow on their behalf against the collateral deposited by them.

```
1 @external
2 def approve_borrow(borrower: address, amount: uint256) -> bool:
3 self.borrow_approvals[msg.sender][borrower] = amount
4 log Approval(msg.sender, borrower, amount)
5 return True
```

Figure 3.1: approve_borrow() in cog_pair.vy

A user A can allow another user B to borrow amount funds on behalf of A against collateral deposited by A by calling approve_borrow(B, amount)

```
1
  def borrow(
       amount: uint256, _from: address = msg.sender, to: address = msg.sender
2
  ) -> uint256:
3
4
      @param to The address to send the borrowed tokens to
5
      @param amount The amount of asset to borrow, in tokens
6
      @return The amount of tokens borrowed
7
8
       self._isPaused()
9
       self.efficient_accrue()
10
11
       if _from != msg.sender:
          self.borrow_approvals[_from][msg.sender] -= amount
12
       borrowed: uint256 = self._borrow(amount, _from, to)
13
      assert self._is_solvent(
14
          msg.sender, self.exchange_rate
15
       ), "Insufficient Collateral"
16
       accrue_info: AccrueInfo = self.accrue_info
17
       # Now that utilization has changed, interest must be accrued to trigger any surge
18
       which now may be occuring
       self._accrue(self.accrue_info, 0)
19
       return borrowed
20
```

Figure 3.2: borrow() in cog_pair.vy

The borrow() function takes 3 arguments:

▶ amount: The amount to be borrowed.

- _from = msg.sender: The address on behalf of which the borrow is requested (default value is msg.sender).
- ▶ _to = msg.sender: The address to which the borrowed tokens are to be transferred.

The borrow() function performs the following:

- 1. Accrue interest by calling self.efficient_accrue().
- 2. Checks if _from is not the default value of msg.sender, and if so, reduces approval for _from provided by msg.sender represented by self.borrow_approvals[_from][msg.sender].
- 3. Call internal _borrow() function.
- 4. Assert if the account is solvent: self._is_solvent(msg.sender, self.exchange_rate).
- 5. Accrue interest by calling _accrue().
- 6. Return borrowed tokens.

The borrow is performed on behalf of _from and solvency is checked for the msg.sender. When _from is not equal to default value of msg.sender, the protocol will allow an attacker to borrow funds on behalf of an insolvent account.

Impact An attacker can steal all the assets in the liquidity pool of the pair.

Consider the following attack scenario:

- 1. Attacker uses two addresses Driver and Borrower.
- 2. Attacker calls approve_borrow(Borrower, max_value(uint256)) from Driver address.
- 3. Attack calls borrow(<all_assets>, Driver) from Borrower address.
 - a) This call will go through because
 - i. The borrow will be made from Driver account.
 - ii. Solvency will be checked for Borrower account.
 - iii. Since Borrower has zero borrow at this point, it will be assessed to be solvent and the assert will pass.
 - b) This would transfer all assets in the pair liquidity pool to Borrower.
- 4. The attacker does not have any collateral invested in the protocol so the attacker has no compulsion to repay the borrow.

Recommendation The _is_solvent assertion at cog_pair.vy:1166 should check _from instead of msg.sender.

Severity	Critical	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Logic Error	Status	Fixed
File(s)	<pre>src/cog_pair.vy</pre>		
Location(s)		lateral()	

3.4.2 V-COG-VUL-002: Attacker can steal collateral from arbitrary user

The protocol allows users to deposit and withdraw collateral and borrow the asset tokens against the deposited collateral. The protocol maintains the balance of deposited collateral of an user in self.user_collateral_share map. Users can withdraw their collateral using remove_collateral() function. These functions call an internal function_remove_collateral() which implements the steps for bookkeeping and transferring the tokens to the withdrawer.

```
1 @internal
  def _remove_collateral(to: address, amount: uint256):
2
3
4
       Oparam to The address to remove collateral for
       @param amount The amount of collateral to remove, in tokens
5
       0.0.0
6
       new_collateral_share: uint256 = self.user_collateral_share[to] - amount
7
       self.user_collateral_share[msg.sender] = new_collateral_share
8
       self.total_collateral_share = self.total_collateral_share - amount
9
       assert ERC20(collateral).transfer(
10
11
           to, amount, default_return_value=True
12
       ) # dev: Transfer Failed
13
       log RemoveCollateral(to, amount, new_collateral_share)
14
```

Figure 3.3: _remove_collateral() in cog_pair.vy

The function takes two arguments:

- ▶ to: the destination address for token transfer
- amount: the number of shares to be withdrawn

In the first step, the function calculates the new collateral balance of the user in new_collateral_share after withdrawing amount by subtracting amount from self.user_collateral_share[to] and updating the balance of msg.sender with new_collateral_share.

1 new_collateral_share: uint256 = self.user_collateral_share[to] - amount

This calculates an incorrect balance of the user after collateral withdrawal because it takes the old collateral balance of to instead of msg.sender and updates the collateral balance of msg.sender with the incorrect balance.

Impact An attacker can withdraw funds from any arbitrary account.

Attack scenario:

- 1. Consider victims initial collateral balance to be **B**
- 2. An attacker deposits a small amount, **X**, of collateral in the protocol.

- 3. An attacker the requests to withdraw **X** collateral with address to set to victim. This will update the attacker's balance to **B-X**.
- 4. Now attacker can perform another call to remove_collateral() for amount **B-X** with to set to himself. This will remove all of the victims collateral to the attacker and this call will be successful because the attacker is solvent as he does not have any outstanding borrow.

Recommendation new_collateral_share should be calculated as

1 self.user_collateral_share[msg.sender] - amount

Severity	High	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Logic Error	Status	Fixed
File(s)		src/cog_pa	ir.vy
Location(s)	_accrue()		

3.4.3 V-COG-VUL-003: Interest rate surge Protection are not implemented

The protocol allows for a dynamic interest rate based on utilization of the liquidity pool. The protocol decreases the interest rate within a reasonable limit rate when utilization goes down to encourage borrowing and vice versa. This makes the protocol vulnerable to interest rate manipulation economic attacks where attacker can borrow large sums to increase interest rates for users.

The documentation states that the protocol implements protection against such attacks when there is a surge in interest rates by increasing the protocol fee to 100% for 3 days. Thus, attackers cannot collect the fee from interest earned in liquidity pools to minimize the losses to attackers. This makes the attack economically infeasible for the attacker.

This protection is partially implemented in the _accrue() function in cog_pair.vy.

```
1
  if dt > 86400:
       # if interest rate is increasing
2
       if (
3
4
           _accrue_info.interest_per_second
           > self.surge_info.last_interest_per_second
5
       ):
6
           # If daily change in interest rate is greater than Surge threshold, trigger
7
       surge breaker
8
           dr: uint64 = (
               _accrue_info.interest_per_second
9
               - self.surge_info.last_interest_per_second
10
11
           )
           if dr > PROTOCOL_SURGE_THRESHOLD:
12
               self.surge_info.last_elapsed_time = convert(
13
                   block.timestamp, uint64
14
               )
15
               self.surge_info.last_interest_per_second = (
16
                   _accrue_info.interest_per_second
17
18
               )
               # PoL Should accrue here, instead of to lenders, to discourage pid
19
       attacks as described in https://gauntlet.network/reports/pid
               self.protocol_fee = PROTOCOL_FEE_DIVISOR # 100% Protocol Fee
20
       else:
21
           # Reset protocol fee elsewise
22
           self.protocol_fee = self.DEFAULT_PROTOCOL_FEE # 10% Protocol Fee
23
     self.accrue_info = _accrue_info
24
```

Figure 3.4: Snippet for _accrue() in cog_pair.vy

The stated protection is not implemented in the $_accrue()$ function. The increased protocol fee is not held up for 3 days.

Also, the protocol checks for surge at the most once per day. This makes the protocol vulnerable to interest rate manipulation attacks for one day.

Impact This makes protocol vulnerable to interest manipulation attacks stated above.

Recommendation

- ► The protocol should implement the stated protection.
- ► The protocol should check if surge happens more frequently.

Developer Response Developers acknowledged the issue. They've introduced a safeguard against interest rate spikes, rendering the attacks financially unfeasible within the reasonable limits they've set.

3.4.4 V-COG-VUL-004: Redeem returns wrong number of assets transferred

Severity	High	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Logic Error	Status	Fixed
File(s)	src/cog_pair.vy		
Location(s)	redeem()		
			()

The protocol allows liquidity providers to redeem their shares to withdraw deposited asset tokens via the redeem() function. The redeem() function takes the the number of shares the users wishes to withdraw and returns the number of assets transferred to the withdrawer.

```
1 @external
2 def redeem(
       shares: uint256, receiver: address = msg.sender, owner: address = msg.sender
3
  ) -> uint256:
4
       0.0.0
5
      @param shares - The amount of shares to redeem
6
      @param receiver - The address of the receiver
7
      @param owner - The address of the owner
8
9
      @return - The amount of assets returned
10
       0.0.0
11
       self.efficient_accrue()
12
13
       assets_out: uint256 = self._convertToAssets(
           self._remove_asset(receiver, owner, shares)
14
       )
15
       log Withdraw(msg.sender, receiver, owner, assets_out, shares)
16
17
       return assets_out
18
```

Figure 3.5: redeem() in cog_pair.vy

The redeem() function performs following steps:

- 1. Accrues interest.
- Calls the internal implementation self._remove_asset() to perform the required book keeping and transfer the tokens to withdrawer. It returns the number of assets transferred to user.
- 3. Erroneously, calls self._convertToAssets() to convert the returned quantity to assets.
- 4. Returns the self._convertToAssets() result.

Impact The redeem() function returns the inconsistent quantity returned by self._convertToAssets () which is not equal to the actual assets transferred and might lead to withdrawer operating under the assumption that larger number of assets returned than actually returned. This might lead to financial losses and loss of credibility for protocol.

Recommendation Remove the call to self._convertToAssets() in redeem().

SeverityHighCommit7ca2a6aTypeLogic ErrorStatusFixedFile(s)Cog_pair.vyliquidate()

3.4.5 V-COG-VUL-005: Protocol transfers in fewer funds in repay()

The protocol allows users to deposit collateral and borrow loans against the deposited collateral. The users can then repay the loan by calling the repay() function which just accrues interest and calls to internal implementation in $_repay()$.

```
1 @internal
2
  def _repay(to: address, payment: uint256) -> uint256:
3
      @param to: The address to repay the tokens for
4
       @param payment: The amount of asset to repay, in tokens
5
6
       @return: The amount of tokens repaid in shares
7
       temp_total_borrow: Rebase = Rebase(
8
9
           {
               elastic: 0,
10
               base: 0,
11
12
           }
       )
13
       amount: uint256 = 0
14
15
16
       temp_total_borrow, amount = self.sub(self.total_borrow, payment, True)
17
       self.total_borrow = temp_total_borrow
18
       self.user_borrow_part[to] = self.user_borrow_part[to] - payment
19
       total_share: uint128 = self.total_asset.elastic
20
21
       assert ERC20(asset).transferFrom(
           msg.sender, self, payment, default_return_value=True
22
       ) # dev: Transfer Failed
23
24
       self.total_asset.elastic = total_share + convert(amount, uint128)
25
       return amount
26
```

Figure 3.6: repay() in cog_pair.vy

The repay() function takes 2 arguments:

- to: The user whose loan is repaid
- payment: The shares of loans that are being repaid

The relevant steps in the function are:

- 1. Calculates the new total_borrow after repayment in temp_total_borrow by calling:
- 1 temp_total_borrow, amount = self.sub(self.total_borrow, payment, True)
 - a) The self.sub() function takes in a total: Rebase struct and shares as arguments and returns new Rebase struct after reducing shares from total.
 - b) Note: This indicates payment is in units of shares.

- c) The self.sub() function also returns amount which is in number of asset tokens equivalent to payment.
- 2. Update self.total_borrow with temp_total_borrow.
- Reduce self.user_borrow_part[to] with payment.
- 4. Load self.total_asset.elastic in total_share.
- Transfer in payment amount of asset tokens from msg.sender by calling asset.transferFrom
 ().

As noted above, payment is in units of shares but this is the quantity of tokens transferred in from borrower.

Impact As the number of shares is less than or equal to the number of tokens, the protocol transfers in less number of tokens than what is owed to the protocol by the borrower.

Recommendation Transfer in amount instead of payment tokens.

Severity	High	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Logic Error	Status	Fixed
File(s)	cog_pair.vy		
Location(s)	liquidate()		

3.4.6 V-COG-VUL-006: Protocol transfers in fewer funds in liquidate()

Relevant snippets from liquidate() in cog_pair

The protocol allows users to buy the collateral deposited by the borrowers when the borrowers become insolvent by repaying the loans. The protocol implements this in liquidate() function.

```
1 @external
2 def liquidate(user: address, max_borrow_parts: uint256, to: address):
       .....
3
4
      @param user The user to liquidate
      @param max_borrow_parts The parts to liquidate
5
6
      @param to The address to send the liquidated tokens to
       .....
7
       exchange_rate: uint256 = 0
8
       updated: bool = False # Never used
9
10
       updated, exchange_rate = self._update_exchange_rate()
11
       self.efficient_accrue()
1
   if not self._is_solvent(user, exchange_rate):
2
           available_borrow_part: uint256 = self.user_borrow_part[user]
3
           borrow_part: uint256 = min(max_borrow_parts, available_borrow_part)
4
           self.user_borrow_part[user] = available_borrow_part - borrow_part
5
6
           borrow_amount: uint256 = self.to_elastic(
7
               _total_borrow, borrow_part, False
           )
8
1
          all_collateral_share += collateral_share
2
           all_borrow_amount += borrow_amount
3
           all_borrow_part += borrow_part
4
5
                   . . .
6
7
       assert ERC20(collateral).transfer(
8
           to, all_collateral_share, default_return_value=True
       ) # dev: Transfer failed
9
10
       assert ERC20(asset).transferFrom(
11
           msg.sender, self, all_borrow_part, default_return_value=True
12
       ) # dev: Transfer failed
13
14
15
       self.total_asset.elastic = self.total_asset.elastic + convert(
           all_borrow_part, uint128
16
17
       )
```

The liquidate() function takes 3 arguments:

▶ user: The user that is to be liquidated

- max_borrow_parts: The shares of loan that liquidators want to liquidate
- ▶ to: The destination address for transferring the collateral

The relevant steps in the function are:

- 1. Check if the user is insolvent.
- 2. Calculate the shares borrowed by user and calculate the min of the borrowed parts and the max_borrow_parts and stores it in borrow_part.
- 3. Update self.user_borrow_parts[user] with self.user_borrow_parts[user]-borrow_part
- 4. Calculate the borrow_part shares to elastic and stored in borrow_amount.
- 5. Then protocol then checks if user has asked to buy out the whole loan but does not have enough collateral, in which case the protocol marks all of the borrower's collateral to be transferred to liquidator. Among other things stores borrow_part in all_borrow_part.
- 6. Performs internal bookkeeping to reflect liquidation.
- 7. Transfers the calculated collateral to liquidator.
- 8. Transfers in all_borrow_part from the liquidator by calling in asset.transferFrom().

borrow_part is in units of shares as indicated by the line below which is a call to self.to_elastic
(), which takes in shares:

Therefore, all_borrow_part is in units of shares as well but this is the number of assets that are transferred in by the protocol.

Impact As the number of shares is less than or equal to the number of tokens, the protocol transfers in less number of tokens than what is owed to the protocol by the liquidator.

Recommendation Transfer in borrow_amount instead of all_borrow_part tokens.

Severity	Medium	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Logic Error	Status	Fixed
File(s)			
Location(s)	withdraw()		

3.4.7 V-COG-VUL-007: Wrong amount returns as shares from withdraw

The protocol allows liquidity providers to withdraw asset tokens using withdraw() and redeem () external functions. The withdraw() function takes as argument, the number of assets to withdraw.

```
1 @external
2
  def withdraw(
3
       assets: uint256, receiver: address = msg.sender, owner: address = msg.sender
   ) -> uint256:
4
       0.0.0
5
      @param assets - The amount of assets to withdraw
6
       @param receiver - Reciever of the assets withdrawn
7
8
       @param owner - The owners whose assets should be withdrawn
q
       @return - The amount of shares burned
10
11
       self.efficient_accrue()
12
       shares_to_withdraw: uint256 = self._convertToShares(assets)
13
       shares: uint256 = self._remove_asset(receiver, owner, shares_to_withdraw)
14
       log Withdraw(msg.sender, receiver, owner, assets, shares)
15
16
       return shares
17
```

Figure 3.7: withdraw() in cog_pair.vy

This function performs following steps:

- 1. Accrue interest.
- 2. Calculate the number of shares equivalent to number of assets.
- 3. Call internal implementation self._remove_asset(). This returns the number of asset tokens returned to the withdrawer and stores this in shares.
- 4. Return shares.

The documentation states that the withdraw() function should return the amount of shares that are redeemed equivalent to assets.

Impact

The withdraw() function returns the amount of tokens withdrawn while, according to documentation, the function should return number of shares. Since the actual number of tokens will be either greater than or equal to equivalent number of shares, the function will report higher number of shares as redeemed than actually redeemed. This may cause a user to operate on inflated values of shares burned which may lead to financial losses for the user.

The name of the variable shares is inconsistent with the quantity returned by self. _remove_assets() (i.e. assets).

Recommendation

- Return shares_to_withdraw.
- ▶ Rename the variable shares to assets.

Severity	Medium	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Logic Error	Status	Fixed
File(s)	src/cog_pair.vy		
Location(s)	previewWithdraw()		

3.4.8 V-COG-VUL-008: Comparison of shares and ERC20 tokens

The cog_pair contract provides a external function previewWithdraw() for users to get the number of shares that will be withdrawn from the protocol for a given number of assets.

Figure 3.8: previewWithdraw() in cog_pair.vy

The function calculates minimum of the following:

- The number of shares equivalent to number of assets requested to withdraw as given by self._convertToShares(assets)
- The balance of the cog_pair in the asset contract in case the pair does not have enough assets to successfully process the withdrawal request

This compares two inconsistent quantities, shares and number of assets.

Impact ERC20(asset).balanceOf(self) will be greater than or equal to the correct quantity of shares that will be withdrawn. Therefore the min() function might return self._convertToShares () and protocol might not have enough assets to fulfill the return request.

Recommendation The function should return

Severity	Low	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Logic Error	Status	Fixed
File(s)	src/fuse_box.vy		
Location(s)	get()		

3.4.9 V-COG-VUL-009: Possible overflow while calculating mean price

The protocol uses oracles to get price feeds of asset tokens and collateral tokens. The protocol uses the fuse_box contract to aggregate price feeds from up to four (4) oracles. The fuse_box calculates the mean price of active oracles in the get() function.

This function first calculates the sum of all the active oracles in total_price and divides it by active_oracles.

Impact This way of calculating mean is prone to overflow if one of the token prices has very high absolute values.

Recommendation Store all prices in uint256[4] and calculate the mean at the end using:

 $SUM_i(x_i/count) + SUM_i(x_i\%count)/count{} \forall i \in [0, 4)$

```
1 @external
2
   def get() -> (bool, uint256):
3
4
       @return bool Whether or not the oracle updated
       @return uint256 the price of the asset
5
       0.0.0
6
7
       fuses: DataSource[4] = self.fuse_box
8
       total_price: uint256 = 0
9
10
       active_oracles: uint256 = 0
       updated: bool = False
11
12
       if fuses[0].active:
13
           updated_0: bool = False
14
           price: uint256 = 0
15
           (updated_0, price) = IOracle(fuses[0].oracle_address).get()
16
           updated = updated or updated_0
17
           total_price += price
18
           active_oracles += 1
19
20
21
       if fuses[1].active:
           updated_1: bool = False
22
           price: uint256 = 0
23
           (updated_1, price) = IOracle(fuses[1].oracle_address).get()
24
25
           updated = updated or updated_1
           total_price += price
26
           active_oracles += 1
27
28
       if fuses[2].active:
29
           updated_2: bool = False
30
           price: uint256 = 0
31
           (updated_2, price) = IOracle(fuses[2].oracle_address).get()
32
           updated = updated or updated_2
33
           total_price += price
34
           active_oracles += 1
35
36
       if fuses[3].active:
37
           updated_3: bool = False
38
39
           price: uint256 = 0
           (updated_3, price) = IOracle(fuses[3].oracle_address).get()
40
           updated = updated or updated_3
41
42
           total_price += price
           active_oracles += 1
43
44
       return (updated, (total_price / active_oracles))
45
```

Figure 3.9: get() in fuse_box.vy

Severity	Low	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Logic Error	Status	Won't Fix
File(s)	src/cog_pair.vy		
Location(s)	See description		

3.4.10 V-COG-VUL-010: Consider using 'mul_div' in more locations

The number of bits required to hold the result of a multiplication is at least max(n, m) and most (m+n) where m and n are the number of bits required to hold the value of the two operands. When (m+n) > 256 the result could overflow the uint256 data type. When the multiplication is immediately followed by a division (i.e. statements of the form a * b / c), the final result may not overflow the uint256 data type even though the intermediate result would.

The following locations have these operations that are prone to intermediate value overflow:

Impact Vyper protects from overflows by reverting the transaction. Hence, transactions may revert unnecessarily.

Recommendation Consider using mul_div function from cog_pair.vy or restricting the inputs to smaller data types such as uint128 (if applicable).

Developer Response Developers acknowledged this issue, but they don't intend fix the issue because they believe the issue can occur only on very high values but the variables in protocol are limited at maximum value of uint128 therefore, the issue may not arise.

```
1 # src/cog_pair.vy:36
2 base: uint256 = (elastic * convert(total.base, uint256)) / convert(
3
       total.elastic, uint256
4
  )
5
6 # src/cog_pair.vy:42
   (base * convert(total.elastic, uint256))
7
8
       / convert(total.base, uint256)
9
10 # src/cog_pair.vy:63
11 elastic: uint256 = (base * convert(total.elastic, uint256)) / convert(
       total.base, uint256
12
13)
14
15 # src/cog_pair.vy:70
16 (elastic * convert(total.base, uint256))
       / convert(total.elastic, uint256)
17
18
19
  # src/cog_pair.vy:520
20 return shareAmount * all_share / convert(_total_asset.base, uint256)
21
22 # src/cog_pair.vy:543
23
   return assetAmount * total_asset_base / all_share
24
25
  # src/cog_pair.vy:748
26 convert(_total_borrow.elastic, uint256)
27
       * convert(_accrue_info.interest_per_second, uint256)
       * elapsed_time
28
       / 1000000000000000000
29
30
31 # src/cog_pair.vy:768
32 fee_amount * convert(_total_asset.base, uint256) / full_asset_amount
33
34 # src/cog_pair.vy:782
35 convert(_total_borrow.elastic, uint256)
    * UTILIZATION_PRECISION
36
     / full_asset_amount
37
38
  # src/cog_pair.vy:789
39
   (MINIMUM_TARGET_UTILIZATION - utilization)
40
    * FACTOR_PRECISION
41
42
     / MINIMUM_TARGET_UTILIZATION
```

Figure 3.10: Locations vulnerable to arithmetic overflow

```
1 # src/cog_pair.vy:797
2 convert(_accrue_info.interest_per_second, uint256)
    * INTEREST_ELASTICITY
3
4
    / scale,
5
6 # src/cog_pair.vy:816
7 convert(_accrue_info.interest_per_second, uint256)
    * scale
8
    / INTEREST_ELASTICITY,
9
10
11 # src/cog_pair.vy:903
12 fraction = (amount * convert(_total_asset.base, uint256)) / all_share
13
14 # src/cog_pair.vy:941
15 amount: uint256 = (share * all_share) / convert(_total_asset.base, uint256)
16
17 # src/cog_pair.vy:985
18 fee_amount: uint256 = (
   amount * self.BORROW_OPENING_FEE
19
20 ) / BORROW_OPENING_FEE_PRECISION
21
22 # src/cog_pair.vy:1060
23 collateral_share
    * (EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION / COLLATERIZATION_RATE_PRECISION)
24
25
26 # src/cog_pair.vy:1223
27 (borrow_amount * LIQUIDATION_MULTIPLIER * exchange_rate)
28 / (LIQUIDATION_MULTIPLIER_PRECISION * EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION)
```

Figure 3.11: Locations vulnerable to arithmetic overflow

Commit	7ca2a6a
r Status	Fixed
src/cog_pair.vy	
totalAssets()	
0	or Status src/cog_pa

3.4.11 V-COG-VUL-011: Subtracting values of different units

The protocol allows users to act as liquidity providers by depositing asset tokens. Liquidity providers can earn interest on deposited assets. The protocol distributes collected interest among the liquidity providers via a mechanism of shares. Each liquidity provider is provided shares against the deposited asset tokens. The value of shares goes on increasing as the protocol collects interest. The protocol uses the Rebase struct to maintain the assets deposited and borrowed by users.

```
1 struct Rebase:
2 elastic: uint128
3 base: uint128
```

Figure 3.12: Rebase struct

The field elastic tracks the absolute number of asset tokens and the field base tracks the current shares minted by the pair. These two fields tracks quantities in different units.

The protocol provides a function totalAssets() to get the total assets available with the protocol.

```
1 def totalAssets() -> uint256:
2
      @return - Returns the total amount of assets owned by the vault
3
4
5
      total_elastic: uint256 = convert(self.total_asset.elastic, uint256)
      _total_borrow: Rebase = self.total_borrow
6
       # This could maybe revert in the case of bad debt, is that desired?
7
      total_interest: uint256 = convert(
8
          _total_borrow.elastic - _total_borrow.base, uint256
9
       ) # Interest is the difference between elastic and base, since they start at 1:1
10
       return total_interest + total_elastic
11
```

Figure 3.13: totalAssets() in cog_pair.vy

The function totalAssets() calculates total_interest by subtracting _total_borrow.base from _total_borrow.elastic. As noted above,_total_borrow.base is in units of shares while_total_borrow .elastic is in units of absolute number of asset tokens. This subtraction will return an inconsistent quantity.

Impact As base will be less than or equal to the elastic, this would lead to interest being calculated to be higher than the actual interest accumulated with the protocol. In turn this will inflate the total assets present within the protocol.

Recommendation Convert_total_borrow.base to elastic first and then subtract from_total_borrow .elastic.

3.4.12 V-COG-VUL-012: Check if atleast one oracle is active in fuse_box

Severity	Warning	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Data Validation	Status	Fixed
File(s)	src/fuse_box.vy		
Location(s)	get()		

The protocol uses oracles to get price feeds of asset tokens and collateral tokens. The protocol uses the fuse_box contract to aggregate price feeds from up to four (4) oracles. The fuse_box calculates the mean price of active oracles in the get() function.

The protocol calculates mean price by adding the prices of all active oracles and then dividing the total by the number of active oracles.

In the initial state of the protocol, none of the protocol may be active so total number of active oracles might be zero.

Impact This will cause the get() function to revert due to a divide by zero error.

Recommendation The protocol must assert that there is at least one active oracle when the cog_pair is initialized.

```
1 @external
2
   def get() -> (bool, uint256):
3
4
       @return bool Whether or not the oracle updated
       @return uint256 the price of the asset
5
       0.0.0
6
7
       fuses: DataSource[4] = self.fuse_box
8
       total_price: uint256 = 0
9
10
       active_oracles: uint256 = 0
       updated: bool = False
11
12
       if fuses[0].active:
13
           updated_0: bool = False
14
           price: uint256 = 0
15
           (updated_0, price) = IOracle(fuses[0].oracle_address).get()
16
17
           updated = updated or updated_0
           total_price += price
18
           active_oracles += 1
19
20
       if fuses[1].active:
21
           updated_1: bool = False
22
           price: uint256 = 0
23
           (updated_1, price) = IOracle(fuses[1].oracle_address).get()
24
25
           updated = updated or updated_1
           total_price += price
26
           active_oracles += 1
27
28
       if fuses[2].active:
29
           updated_2: bool = False
30
           price: uint256 = 0
31
           (updated_2, price) = IOracle(fuses[2].oracle_address).get()
32
           updated = updated or updated_2
33
           total_price += price
34
           active_oracles += 1
35
36
       if fuses[3].active:
37
           updated_3: bool = False
38
           price: uint256 = 0
39
           (updated_3, price) = IOracle(fuses[3].oracle_address).get()
40
           updated = updated or updated_3
41
42
           total_price += price
           active_oracles += 1
43
44
       return (updated, (total_price / active_oracles))
45
```

Figure 3.14: get() in fuse_box.vy

3.4.13 V-COG-VUL-013: Unnecessary memory copy

Severity	Warning	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Gas Optimization	Status	Won't Fix
File(s)	src/cog_pair.vy		
Location(s)	See description		

Copying of a storage struct to a memory struct is commonly observed pattern across the code base. For example, in function _ remove_asset() the storage struct

```
1 @internal
2
  def _remove_asset(to: address, owner: address, share: uint256) -> uint256:
       0.0.0
3
      @param to The address to remove asset for
4
      @param share The amount of asset to remove, in shares
5
6
      @return The amount of assets removed
7
     if owner != msg.sender:
8
9
         assert (
              self.allowance[owner][msg.sender] >= share
10
          ), "Insufficient Allowance"
11
12
          self.allowance[owner][msg.sender] -= share
13
      _total_asset: Rebase = self.total_asset
14
       all_share: uint256 = convert(
15
16
           _total_asset.elastic + self.total_borrow.elastic, uint256
       )
17
       amount: uint256 = (share * all_share) / convert(_total_asset.base, uint256)
18
                          Figure 3.15: _ remove_asset() in cog_pair.vy
```

In the function above, the storage struct self.total_asset is copied into memory struct total_asset.

We have observed that such copy triggers copying of whole struct into memory and vice versa. It is possible to directly use fields of storage structs instead of copying it into memory structs. This leads to wastage of gas due to memory expansion and unnecessary reads and write to and from memory.

In the cases listed below, there are no writes to the copy and there are no intervening writes to the original struct before all uses of the copy. Therefore, the copy is unnecessary and all uses can be replaced with the original struct reference.

Impact Gas is wasted while copying the structs into memory, copying structs back to storage and memory expansion. This is loss of funds for the protocol.

Recommendation Read/Write the fields directly from the storage structs instead of copying them to memory and write back to storage.

```
1 # cog_pair.vy:92
2 total: Rebase = _total # parameter passing already creates a copy
3
4 # cog_pair.vy:109
5 total: Rebase = _total # parameter passing already creates a copy
6
7
  # cog_pair.vy:492
  _total_borrow: Rebase = self.total_borrow
8
9
10 # cog_pair.vy:513
11 _total_asset: Rebase = self.total_asset
12
13 # cog_pair.vy:717
  _accrue_info: AccrueInfo = self.accrue_info
14
15
16 # cog_pair.vy:730
17 _accrue_info: AccrueInfo = accrue_info
18
19 # cog_pair.vy:744
20 _total_asset: Rebase = self.total_asset
21
22 # cog_pair.vy:894
23 __total_asset: Rebase = self.total_asset
24
25 # cog_pair.vy:937
26 _total_asset: Rebase = self.total_asset
27
28 # cog_pair.vy:1003
29 __total_asset: Rebase = self.total_asset
30
31 # cog_pair.vy:1057
32 _total_borrow: Rebase = self.total_borrow
33
34 # cog_pair.vy:1211
35 _total_borrow: Rebase = self.total_borrow
36
37 # cog_pair.vy:1308
38 _accrue_info: AccrueInfo = self.accrue_info
```

Figure 3.16: Code locations where unnecessary memory copy is performed

Developer Response Developers acknowledged this issue but they determine they are okay with gas expenditure.

3.4.14 V-COG-VUL-014: Divide before multiply can give incorrect 0 result

Severity	Warning	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Maintainability	Status	Fixed
File(s)	src/cog_pair.vy		
Location(s)	_is_solvent()		

The protocol allows users to deposit collateral tokens and borrow asset tokens against the deposited collateral. During borrowing, the protocol checks if the borrower has deposited enough collateral to borrow. The protocol checks the solvency in _is_solvent() function.

```
1 @internal
2 def _is_solvent(user: address, exchange_rate: uint256) -> bool:
       .....
3
      @param user: The user to check
4
      @param exchange_rate: The exchange rate to use
5
6
      @return: Whether the user is solvent
7
       borrow_part: uint256 = self.user_borrow_part[user]
8
      if borrow_part == 0:
9
10
           return True
       collateral_share: uint256 = self.user_collateral_share[user]
11
12
       if collateral_share == 0:
           return False
13
14
       _total_borrow: Rebase = self.total_borrow
15
       collateral_amt: uint256 = (
16
17
           (
18
               collateral_share
               * (EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION / COLLATERIZATION_RATE_PRECISION)
19
           )
20
           * COLLATERIZATION_RATE
21
22
       )
23
       borrow_part = self.user_borrow_part[user]
24
       borrow_part = self.mul_div(
25
26
           (borrow_part * convert(_total_borrow.elastic, uint256)),
27
           exchange_rate,
           convert(_total_borrow.base, uint256),
28
           False,
29
30
       )
```

Figure 3.17: _is_solvent() in cog_pair.vy

While calculating collateral_amt

There is a divide before multiply, where EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION is divided COLLATERIZATION_RATE_PRECISION before multiplying it with collateral_share. The integer division would truncate the result to zero (0) when EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION is less than COLLATERIZATION_RATE_PRECISION, reducing the whole RHS expression to zero (0).

Impact In future updates of the code base these constants may change. If EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION is set to less than COLLATERIZATION_RATE_PRECISION, it will cause the integer division to truncate

Figure 3.18: snippet from _is_solvent() in cog_pair.vy()

to zero (0).

Recommendation

- ► Add a comment near definition of these constants about the constraints on the value.
- ► Assert that EXCHANGE_RATE_PRECISION > COLLATERIZATION_RATE_PRECISION at the beginning of the protocol.

Developer Response Developers acknowledged and fixed this issue by adding the recommended comment.

Severity	Warning	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Maintainability	Status	Fixed
File(s)	src/cog_pair.vy		
Location(s)	_isPaused()		

3.4.15 V-COG-VUL-015: _isPaused() function name is confusing

In the cog_pair.vy contract, the protocol checks if pair is paused using a boolean state variable, self.paused. Various external functions in the protocol check if the protocol is paused using an internal function _isPaused().

```
1 @internal
2 def _isPaused():
3 assert (not self.paused)
```

Figure 3.19: Definition of _isPaused() in cog_pair.vy

The function _isPaused() reverts if self.paused is set (i.e if the pair is paused). Else, the function returns normally if the protocol is not paused. Therefore, the name of the function is inconsistent with the implementation.

Also, the assert statement does not have a revert message.

Impact The inconsistent naming might lead to confusion as the code base grows.

Recommendation Rename the function to _notPaused().

Add a revert message to the assert statement.

3.4.16 V-COG-VUL-016: Unused variable or dead code

Severity	Warning	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Maintainability	Status	Fixed
File(s)	src/cog_pair.vy		
Location(s)	_add_asset()		

Function $_add_asset()$ implements the steps for book keeping and transfer of asset tokens from user to the protocol.

1 total_asset_share: uint256 = convert(_total_asset.elastic, uint256)

Figure 3.20: cog_pair.vy:895

The implementation defines a variable total_asset_share which is not used anywhere in function.

Function borrow() implements borrowing of assets tokens from the liquidity pool.

1 | accrue_info: AccrueInfo = self.accrue_info

Figure 3.21: cog_pair.vy:1169

The implementation defines a variable accrue_info that is not used anywhere in the function.

The __init__() function in cog_pair sets up various constants and storage variables.

During the initialization, the storage variable self.protocol_fee is assigned twice. It is first assigned the value 100000 and later it is assigned self.DEFAULT_PROTOCOL_FEE. Therefore, the first assignment is dead code.

Impact This leads to minor wastage of gas due to unused variable and dead code.

Recommendation Remove the dead code and unused variable.

```
1 @external
2
  def __init__(
3
      _asset: address,
      _collateral: address,
4
      _oracle: address,
5
      min_target_utilization: uint256,
6
7
      max_target_utilization: uint256,
      starting_interest_per_second: uint64,
8
9
      min_interest: uint64,
10
      max_interest: uint64,
      elasticity: uint256,
11
12
  ):
13
      assert (
          14
      ), "Invalid Collateral"
15
      collateral = _collateral
16
17
      asset = _asset
      oracle = _oracle
18
      self.DEFAULT_PROTOCOL_FEE = 100000
19
      self.protocol_fee = 100000 # 10%
20
      MINIMUM_TARGET_UTILIZATION = min_target_utilization
21
      MAXIMUM_TARGET_UTILIZATION = max_target_utilization
22
      STARTING_INTEREST_PER_SECOND = starting_interest_per_second
23
      MINIMUM_INTEREST_PER_SECOND = min_interest
24
25
      MAXIMUM_INTEREST_PER_SECOND = max_interest
26
      INTEREST_ELASTICITY = elasticity
      self.protocol_fee = self.DEFAULT_PROTOCOL_FEE # 10%
27
28
      self.BORROW_OPENING_FEE = 50
      factory = msg.sender
29
```

Figure 3.22: __init__() in cog_pair.vy

3.4.17 V-COG-VUL-017: Use of magic number

Severity	Warning	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Maintainability	Status	Fixed
File(s)	src/cog_pair.vy		
Location(s)	_accrue()		

The protocol uses various constants like UTILIZATION_PRECISION, FACTOR_PRECISION etc. In the following code locations, the protocol uses integer literals for constant values instead of defining and using constants.

```
1 interest_accrued = (
2 convert(_total_borrow.elastic, uint256)
3 * convert(_accrue_info.interest_per_second, uint256)
4 * elapsed_time
5 / 100000000000000
6 ) # le18, or the divisor for interest per second
```

Figure 3.23: _accrue() at cog_pair.vy:751

```
1 dt: uint64 = (
2 convert(block.timestamp, uint64) - self.surge_info.last_elapsed_time
3 )
4 if dt > 86400:
```

Figure 3.24: _accrue() at cog_pair.vy:828

Impact If these constants are updated in future, this implementation is prone to missing out on updating the constant literals.

Recommendation Use the defined constants instead of constant literals.

3.4.18 V-COG-VUL-018: Inconsistent or missing documentation

Severity	Info	Commit	7ca2a6a
Туре	Maintainability	Status	Fixed
File(s)	See Description		
Location(s)	See description		

Documentation is incorrect at the following locations:

```
1 # src/cog_factory.vy:173
2 @dev Sets the status of a priviledged user
3
  # does not describe the current function accurately
4
  # src/cog_factory.vy:195
5
6
  def change_fee_to(new_owner: address):
   # the variable name 'new_owner' is misleading, perhaps 'new_recipient' is better
7
8
9
   # src/cog_factory.vy:197
10 @dev Returns the address to which protocol fees are sent.
11 # does not describe the current function accurately (i.e. there is no return value)
12
13
  # src/cog_pair.vy:383
14 | PROTOCOL_FEE_DIVISOR: constant(uint256) = 1000000
15 # inconsistent naming: divisor used here, precision used for similar constants
16
17 # src/cog_pair.vy:655
18 shares: uint256 = self._remove_asset(receiver, owner, shares_to_withdraw)
19 # inconsistent: '_remove_asset' documentation states it returns asset value, but
      variable here is named 'shares'
20
  # src/cog_pair.vy:978
21
22 def _borrow(amount: uint256, _from: address, to: address) -> uint256:
23
      @param to: The address to send the borrowed tokens to
24
      @param amount: The amount of asset to borrow, in tokens
25
      @return: The amount of tokens borrowed
26
27
28
   # missing documentation for '_from' parameter
29
30 # src/cog_pair.vy:1153
31 def borrow(
      amount: uint256, _from: address = msg.sender, to: address = msg.sender
32
33 ) -> uint256:
       0.0.0
34
      @param to The address to send the borrowed tokens to
35
      @param amount The amount of asset to borrow, in tokens
36
      @return The amount of tokens borrowed
37
       0.0.0
38
39 # missing documentation for '_from' parameter
```

Impact Makes the code more difficult to understand and maintain.

Figure 3.25: Snippets where documentation is incorrect

Recommendation Recommendations inline above.