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for

## SynFutures V2



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# 1 | Introduction

Given the opportunity to review the design document and related smart contract source code of the SynFutures V2 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 SynFutures V2

SynFutures V2 is a decentralized derivatives platform. In comparison to SynFutures V1, SynFutures V2 provides a more streamlined, easier-to-navigate user experience for both traders and liquidity providers, as well as more trading products and features designed with increased capital efficiency. For traders, SynFutures V2 introduces Perpetual Futures, which is a never-ending futures contract with native permissionless listing, guaranteed price convergence to spot index, and a forward-looking funding mechanism. For LPs, SynFutures V2 will be the first AMM-based derivatives protocol to natively incorporate ranged liquidity provision and limit orders, in addition to the vanilla AMM liquidity provision.

Table 1.1: Basic Information of SynFutures V2

Item	Description
Target	SynFutures V2
Type	EVM Smart Contract
Language	Solidity
Audit Method	Whitebox
Latest Audit Report	July 1, 2022

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

in this audit.

- <https://github.com/SynFutures/v2-contracts.git> (d6df565)

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

- <https://github.com/SynFutures/v2-contracts.git> (ff28a81)

## 1.2 About PeckShield

PeckShield Inc. [12] is a leading blockchain security company with the goal of elevating the security, privacy, and usability of current blockchain ecosystems by offering top-notch, industry-leading services and products (including the service of smart contract auditing). We are reachable at Telegram (<https://t.me/peckshield>), Twitter (<http://twitter.com/peckshield>), or Email ([contact@peckshield.com](mailto:contact@peckshield.com)).

Table 1.2: Vulnerability Severity Classification

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

## 1.3 Methodology

To standardize the evaluation, we define the following terminology based on OWASP Risk Rating Methodology [11]:

- 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.

Table 1.3: The Full List of Check Items

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

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.
- 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) [10], which is a community-developed list of software weakness types to better delineate and organize weaknesses around concepts frequently encountered in software development. Though some categories used in CWE-699 may not be relevant in smart contracts, we use the CWE categories in Table 1.4 to classify our findings.

## 1.4 Disclaimer

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



## 2 | Findings

### 2.1 Summary

Here is a summary of our findings after analyzing the `SynFutures v2` implementation. 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	1	■
Low	3	■ ■ ■
Undetermined	1	■
Total	5	

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, 3 low-severity vulnerabilities, and 1 undetermined issue.

Table 2.1: Key SynFutures V2 Audit Findings

ID	Severity	Title	Category	Status
PVE-001	Low	Incompatibility With Deflationary/Rebasing Tokens	Business Logic	Fixed
PVE-002	Low	Accommodation Of Non-ERC20-Compliant Tokens	Coding Practices	Fixed
PVE-003	Low	Suggested Addition Of rescueToken() To SynFuturesV2Underlying	Coding Practices	Confirmed
PVE-004	Undetermined	Suggested Reentrancy Protection In Current Implementation	Time and State	Fixed
PVE-005	Medium	Trust Issue Of Admin Keys	Security Features	Confirmed

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 Incompatibility With Deflationary/Rebasing Tokens

- ID: PVE-001
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: `SynFuturesV2Router`
- Category: Business Logic [9]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-841 [5]

#### Description

In the `SynFutures V2` implementation, the `SynFuturesV2Router` contract is one of the main entries for interaction with users. In particular, one entry routine, i.e., `deposit()`, accepts the deposits of the supported assets. While examining its logic, we observe the incoming token (i.e., `quoteInfo.quote`) is transferred to the `SynFuturesV2Router` contract and then transferred to the `SynFuturesV2Underlying` contract. This is reasonable under the assumption that these transfers will always result in full transfer. Otherwise, the transaction will be reverted.

```
197     function deposit(address underlying, address trader, uint amount) public payable
198         nonReentrant {
199         Types QuoteInfo memory quoteInfo = IUnderlying(underlying).quoteInfo();
200         _deposit(underlying, quoteInfo, trader, amount);
201         return;
202     }
203     function _deposit(
204         address underlying, Types QuoteInfo memory quoteInfo, address trader, uint
205         amount
206     ) internal returns (uint) {
207         require(msg.value == 0, "invalid msg.value");
208         uint tokenAmount = amount / quoteInfo.scaler;//10**(18 - token decimals)
209         IERC20(quoteInfo.quote).safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), tokenAmount)
210         ;
211         amount = tokenAmount * quoteInfo.scaler;
212         IUnderlying(underlying).deposit(trader, amount);
```

```
212     return amount;  
213 }
```

Listing 3.1: `SynFuturesV2Router::deposit()`

However, there exist other ERC20 tokens that may make certain customizations to their ERC20 contracts. One type of these tokens is deflationary tokens that charge certain fee for every `transfer()` or `transferFrom()`. (Another type is rebasing tokens such as YAM.) As a result, this may not meet the assumption behind these routines related to token transfer.

One possible mitigation is to measure the asset change right before and after the asset-transferring routines. In other words, instead of bluntly assuming the amount parameter in `transfer()` or `transferFrom()` will always result in full transfer, we need to ensure the increased or decreased amount in the `SynFuturesV2Router` contract before and after the `transfer()` or `transferFrom()` is expected and aligned well with our operation. Though these additional checks cost additional gas usage, we consider they are necessary to deal with deflationary tokens or other customized ones if their support is deemed necessary.

Another mitigation is to regulate the set of ERC20 tokens that are permitted into `SynFutures V2`. In `SynFutures V2` protocol, it is indeed possible to effectively regulate the set of tokens that can be supported. Keep in mind that there exist certain assets (e.g., `USDT`) that may have control switches that can be dynamically exercised to suddenly become one.

**Recommendation** If current codebase needs to support possible deflationary tokens, it is better to check the balance before and after the `transfer()/transferFrom()` call to ensure the book-keeping amount is accurate. This support may bring additional gas cost. Also, keep in mind that certain tokens may not be deflationary for the time being. However, they could have a control switch that can be exercised to turn them into deflationary tokens. One example is the widely-adopted `USDT`.

**Status** The issue has been addressed by the following commit: `2fe40d9`.

## 3.2 Accommodation of Non-ERC20-Compliant Tokens

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- ID: PVE-002
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: `SynFuturesV2Router`
- Category: Coding Practices [8]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-1126 [2]

### 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 this section, we examine

the `approve()` routine and analyze possible idiosyncrasies from current widely-used token contracts. In particular, we use the popular stablecoin, i.e., USDT, as our example. We show the related code snippet below.

```
194  /**
195   * @dev Approve the passed address to spend the specified amount of tokens on behalf
      of msg.sender .
196   * @param _spender The address which will spend the funds.
197   * @param _value The amount of tokens to be spent.
198   */
199   function approve(address _spender, uint _value) public onlyPayloadSize(2 * 32) {

201     // To change the approve amount you first have to reduce the addresses `
202     // allowance to zero by calling `approve(_spender, 0)` if it is not
203     // already 0 to mitigate the race condition described here:
204     // https://github.com/ethereum/EIPs/issues/20#issuecomment-263524729
205     require (!(( _value != 0) && (allowed[msg.sender][_spender] != 0)));

207     allowed[msg.sender][_spender] = _value;
208     Approval(msg.sender, _spender, _value);
209 }
```

Listing 3.2: USDT Token [Contract](#)

It is important to note that the `approve()` function does not have a return value. However, the IERC20 interface has defined the following `approve()` interface with a `bool` return value: `function approve(address spender, uint256 amount) external returns (bool)`. As a result, the call to `approve()` may expect a return value. With the lack of return value of USDT's `approve()`, the call will be unfortunately reverted.

Because of that, a normal call to `approve()` is suggested to use the safe version, i.e., `safeApprove()`. 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.

In the following, we show the internal `_createUnderlying()` routine in the `SynFuturesV2Router` contract. If the USDT token is supported as `quoteInfo.quote`, the unsafe version of `IERC20(quoteInfo.quote).approve(underlying, LibMathUnsigned.POSITIVE_INT256_MAX())` (line 142) may revert as there is no return value in the USDT token contract's `approve()` implementation (but the IERC20 interface expects a return value)!

```
111   function _createUnderlying(
112     string calldata marketType, bytes calldata deployData, bytes calldata
      initializeData, bool withNativeToken
113   ) internal returns (address) {
114     address market = markets[marketType];
115     require(market != address(0), "unknown market");
116     address underlying;
117     {
```

```
118     bytes32 index;
119     address expectedUnderlying;
120     // deployData varies as market, but should always contains the expected
121     // deployed pair address(which is
122     // used as the feeders' mapping key), to check the deployed one use the
123     // correct feeder.
124     (parameters, index, expectedUnderlying) = IMarket(market).newUnderlying(
125         deployData);
126     // check whether the same pair exists
127     require(underlyings[index] == address(0), "underlying exists");
128
129     address beacon = beacons[marketType];
130     underlying = address(new SynFuturesV2UnderlyingProxy{salt : index}(beacon));
131     // check whether the pair deployed is the same as specified in deployData
132     require(underlying == expectedUnderlying, "underlying addr mismatch");
133
134     delete parameters;
135     underlyings[index] = underlying;
136     underlyingsIndex.push(index);
137
138     IObserver(observer).addUnderlying(underlying);
139 }
140
141 Types.QuoteInfo memory quoteInfo = IUnderlying(underlying).quoteInfo();
142 {
143     (uint amount) = abi.decode(initializeData, (uint));
144     // approve underlying as underlying is created
145     IERC20(quoteInfo.quote).approve(underlying, LibMathUnsigned.
146         POSITIVE_INT256_MAX());
147     ...
148 }
149
150 ...
151 }
```

Listing 3.3: SynFuturesV2Router::\_createUnderlying()

**Recommendation** Accommodate the above-mentioned idiosyncrasy about ERC20-related approve().

**Status** The issue has been addressed by the following commit: [2fe40d9](#).

### 3.3 Suggested Addition Of rescueToken() To SynFuturesV2Underlying

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- ID: PVE-003
- Severity: Low
- Likelihood: Low
- Impact: Low
- Target: SynFuturesV2Underlying
- Category: Coding Practices [8]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-1099 [1]

#### Description

By design, the `SynFutures V2` protocol supports multiple `SynFuturesV2Underlying` contracts and holds various types of underlying tokens. From past experience with current popular DeFi protocols, e.g., YFI/Curve, we notice that there is always non-trivial possibilities that non-related tokens may be accidentally sent to the contract(s). To avoid unnecessary loss of protocol users, we suggest to add the support of rescuing remaining tokens. This is a design choice for the benefit of protocol users.

**Recommendation** Add the support of rescuing remaining tokens in `SynFuturesV2Underlying`. An example addition is shown below:

```
function rescueToken(address _token, address _to, uint256 _amount) external
  onlyOwner {
  require(_token != quoteInfo.quote, "Should not withdraw staking Token");
  IERC20(_token).safeTransfer(_to, _amount);
  emit Recovered(_token, _to, _amount);
}
```

Listing 3.4: `SynFuturesV2Underlying::rescueToken()`

**Status** The issue has been confirmed by the team.

## 3.4 Suggested Reentrancy Protection In Current Implementation

- ID: PVE-004
- Severity: Undetermined
- Likelihood: Undetermined
- Impact: Undetermined
- Target: SynFuturesV2Router/SynFuturesV2Underlying
- Category: Time and State [7]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-362 [4]

### Description

In the `SynFuturesV2Router` contract, we notice the `deposit()` routine is used to deposit the supported assets into the `SynFutures V2` protocol, and the `trade()` routine is used to buy `Long` or `Short` positions. While examining their logic, we notice the `deposit()` routine is under the reentrancy protection, however, the `trade()` routine is not.

To elaborate, we show below the related code snippet of the `SynFuturesV2Router` contract. Within the internal `_deposit()` routine (which is called inside the `deposit()` routine), we notice `IERC20(quoteInfo.quote).safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), tokenAmount)` (line 208) is called to transfer the token into the `SynFuturesV2Router` contract. If the `quoteInfo.quote` faithfully implements the ERC777-like standard, then the `trade()` routine is exposed to potential reentrancy vulnerability and this risk needs to be properly mitigated. Although we also do not know how a malicious actor can exploit this vulnerability to earn profit. After internal discussion, we consider it is necessary to bring this vulnerability up to the team. We suggest to use the `ReentrancyGuard::nonReentrant` modifier to protect all the public routines at the whole protocol level.

```
187     function trade(address underlying, uint expiry, int size, uint limitPrice, uint
188         deadline) public payable {
189         IUnderlying(underlying).trade(msg.sender, expiry, size, limitPrice, deadline);
189     }
190
191     ...
192
193     function deposit(address underlying, address trader, uint amount) public payable
194         nonReentrant {
195         Types.QuoteInfo memory quoteInfo = IUnderlying(underlying).quoteInfo();
196         _deposit(underlying, quoteInfo, trader, amount);
197         return;
197     }
198
199     ...
200
201
```



```

202
203     function _deposit(
204         address underlying, Types.QuoteInfo memory quoteInfo, address trader, uint
                amount
205     ) internal returns (uint) {
206         require(msg.value == 0, "invalid msg.value");
207         uint tokenAmount = amount / quoteInfo.scaler;//10**(18 - token decimals)
208         IERC20(quoteInfo.quote).safeTransferFrom(msg.sender, address(this), tokenAmount)
                ;
209
210         amount = tokenAmount * quoteInfo.scaler;
211         IUnderlying(underlying).deposit(trader, amount);
212         return amount;
213     }

```

Listing 3.5: SynFuturesV2Router::trade()&amp;&amp;deposit()

**Recommendation** Apply the non-reentrancy protection in all public routines.

**Status** The issue has been addressed by the following commit: 72e9f18.

## 3.5 Trust Issue Of Admin Keys

- ID: PVE-005
- Severity: Medium
- Likelihood: Medium
- Impact: Medium
- Target: Multiple Contracts
- Category: Security Features [6]
- CWE subcategory: CWE-287 [3]

### Description

In the SynFutures V2 protocol, there is a privileged `owner` account that plays a critical role in governing and regulating the protocol-wide operations (e.g., configuring the price oracle related parameters). In the following, we show the representative functions potentially affected by the privilege of the `owner` account.

```

305     function setQuoteParam(address _quote, Types.QuoteParam calldata _param) public
                onlyOwner {
306         quotes[_quote] = _param;
307         emit SetQuoteParam(_quote, _param);
308     }
309
310     function setUnderlyingInfo(address _underlying, UnderlyingInfo calldata _info)
                public onlyOwner {
311         _setUnderlyingInfo(_underlying, _info);
312     }
313

```

```
314     function _setUnderlyingInfo(address _underlying, UnderlyingInfo memory _info)
315         internal {
316             require(_info.underlyingType <= 3, "unsupported underlyingType");
317             require(address(_info.feeder.aggregator0) != address(0), "invalid feeder");
318             underlyingsInfo[_underlying] = _info;
319             emit SetUnderlyingInfo(_underlying, _info);
320         }
```

Listing 3.6: ChainlinkMarket

We emphasize that the privilege assignment may be necessary and consistent with the protocol design. However, it is worrisome if the `owner` 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 by the team.



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## 4 | Conclusion

In this audit, we have analyzed the `SynFutures v2` design and implementation. `SynFutures v2` is a decentralized derivatives platform. In comparison to `SynFutures v1`, `SynFutures v2` provides a more streamlined, easier-to-navigate user experience for both traders and liquidity providers, as well as more trading products and features designed with increased capital efficiency. For traders, `SynFutures v2` introduces `Perpetual Futures`, which is a never-ending futures contract with native permissionless listing, guaranteed price convergence to spot index, and a forward-looking funding mechanism. For LPs, `SynFutures v2` will be the first AMM-based derivatives protocol to natively incorporate ranged liquidity provision and limit orders, in addition to the vanilla AMM liquidity provision. 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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