AAVE Protocol PQ Review

Score: 91%

This is a AAVE Protocol V2 Process Quality Review completed on 27 December, 2020. AAVE V1 was reviewed in July 2020. This review was performed using the Process Review process (version 0.6.1) and is documented here. The review was performed by ShinkaRex of DeFiSafety. Check out our Telegram.

The final score of the review is 91%, a great score. The breakdown of the scoring is in Scoring Appendix.

Summary of the Process

Very simply, the review looks for the following declarations from the developer's site. With these declarations, it is reasonable to trust the smart contracts.

- · Here are my smart contracts on the blockchain
- · Here is the documentation that explains what my smart contracts do
- Here are the tests I ran to verify my smart contract
- Here are the audit(s) performed on my code by third party experts

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Code and Team

This section looks at the code deployed on the Mainnet that gets reviewed and its corresponding software repository. The document explaining these questions is here. This review will answer the questions;

- 1. Are the executing code addresses readily available? (Y/N)
- 2. Is the code actively being used? (%)
- 3. Is there a public software repository? (Y/N)
- 4. Is there a development history visible? (%)
- 5. Is the team public (not anonymous)? (Y/N)

Are the executing code addresses readily available? (Y/N)



The contract addresses are in the "Deployed Contracts" section of the Developers docs, see Appendix: Deployed Code.

Is the code actively being used? (%)

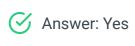


Activity is in excess of 300 transactions a day on contract 0x7d2768dE32b0b80b7a3454c06BdAc94A69DDc7A9, as indicated in the Appendix.

Percentage Score Guidance

100%	More than 10 transactions a day
70%	More than 10 transactions a week
40%	More than 10 transactions a month
10%	Less than 10 transactions a month
0%	No activity

Is there a public software repository? (Y/N)



GitHub: https://github.com/aave/protocol-v2

Is there a public software repository with the code at a minimum, but normally test and scripts also (Y/N). Even if the repo was created just to hold the files and has just 1 transaction, it gets a Yes. For teams with private repos, this answer is No.

Is there a development history visible? (%)



With 1200+ commits (though only 3 branches) this is a very healthy repo.

This checks if the software repository demonstrates a strong steady history. This is normally demonstrated by commits, branches and releases in a software repository. A healthy history demonstrates a history of more than a month (at a minimum).

Guidance:

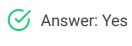
100% Any one of 100+ commits, 10+branches

70%	Any one of 70+ commits, 7+branches
50%	Any one of 50+ commits, 5+branches
30%	Any one of 30+ commits, 3+branches
0%	Less than 2 branches or less than 10 commits

How to improve this score

Continue to test and perform other verification activities after deployment, including routine maintenance updating to new releases of testing and deployment tools. A public development history indicates clearly to the public the level of continued investment and activity by the developers on the application. This gives a level of security and faith in the application.

Is the team public (not anonymous)? (Y/N)



Location: https://www.linkedin.com/company/aaveaave

For a yes in this question the real names of some team members must be public on the website or other documentation. If the team is anonymous and then this question is a No.

Documentation

This section looks at the software documentation. The document explaining these questions is here.

Required questions are;

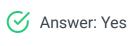
- 1. Is there a whitepaper? (Y/N)
- 2. Are the basic software functions documented? (Y/N)
- 3. Does the software function documentation fully (100%) cover the deployed contracts? (%)
- 4. Are there sufficiently detailed comments for all functions within the deployed contract code (%)
- 5. Is it possible to trace from software documentation to the implementation in codee (%)

Is there a whitepaper? (Y/N)



Location: https://docs.defisafety.com/old-reviews/aave-process-quality-audit

Are the basic software functions documented? (Y/N)



Location: https://docs.aave.com/developers/

Does the software function documentation fully (100%) cover the deployed contracts? (%)



Location: https://docs.aave.com/developers/the-core-protocol/lendingpool

All external major functions are clearly documented with external variables clearly labelled. However internal functions are not documented fully. It is better than most API documentation, therefore 90%, not 80%.

Guidance:

100%	All contracts and functions documented
80%	Only the major functions documented
79-1%	Estimate of the level of software documentation
0%	No software documentation

How to improve this score

This score can improve by adding content to the requirements document such that it comprehensively covers the requirements. For guidance, refer to the SecurEth System Description Document. Using tools that aid traceability detection will help.

Are there sufficiently detailed comments for all functions within the deployed contract code (%)



Answer: 43%

Code examples are in the Appendix. As per the SLOC, there is 43% commenting to code (CtC).

The Comments to Code (CtC) ratio is the primary metric for this score.

Guidance:

100% CtC > 100 Useful comments consistently on all code

90-70% CtC > 70 Useful comment on most code

60-20% CtC > 20 Some useful commenting

0% CtC < 20 No useful commenting

How to improve this score

This score can improve by adding comments to the deployed code such that it comprehensively covers the code. For guidance, refer to the SecurEth Software Requirements.

Is it possible to trace from software documentation to the implementation in code (%)



Answer: 80

Very clear traceability for all major public functions.

Guidance:

100% - Clear explicit traceability between code and documentation at a requirement level for all code

- 60% Clear association between code and documents via non explicit traceability
- 40% Documentation lists all the functions and describes their functions
- 0% No connection between documentation and code

How to improve this score

This score can improve by adding traceability from requirements to code such that it is clear where each requirement is coded. For reference, check the SecurEth guidelines on traceability.

Testing

This section looks at the software testing available. It is explained in this document. This section answers the following questions;

- 1. Full test suite (Covers all the deployed code) (%)
- 2. Code coverage (Covers all the deployed lines of code, or explains misses) (%)
- 3. Scripts and instructions to run the tests (Y/N)
- 4. Packaged with the deployed code (Y/N)
- 5. Report of the results (%)
- 6. Formal Verification test done (%)
- 7. Stress Testing environment (%)

Is there a Full test suite? (%)



Test to Code ration is 254% as per the SLOC.

This score is guided by the Test to Code ratio (TtC). Generally a good test to code ratio is over 100%. However the reviewers best judgement is the final deciding factor.

Guidance:

100% TtC > 120% Both unit and system test visible80% TtC > 80% Both unit and system test visible

40% TtC < 80% Some tests visible

0% No tests obvious

How to improve this score

This score can improve by adding tests to fully cover the code. Document what is covered by traceability or test results in the software repository.

Code coverage (Covers all the deployed lines of code, or explains misses) (%)



Answer: 50%

No indication of coverage results.

Guidance:

100% - Documented full coverage

99-51% - Value of test coverage from documented results

50% - No indication of code coverage but clearly there is a reasonably complete set of tests

30% - Some tests evident but not complete

0% - No test for coverage seen

How to improve this score

This score can improve by adding tests achieving full code coverage. A clear report and scripts in the software repository will guarantee a high score.

Scripts and instructions to run the tests (Y/N)



Answer: Yes

Instructions in the readme.

Packaged with the deployed code (Y/N)



Report of the results (%)



No indication of a test report.

Guidance:

100% - Detailed test report as described below

70% - GitHub Code coverage report visible

0% - No test report evident

How to improve this score

Add a report with the results. The test scripts should generate the report or elements of it.

Formal Verification test done (%)



Answer: 100%

Location: https://github.com/aave/protocol-v2/blob/master/audits/Certora-FV-aave-v2-03-12-2020.pdf

Cetora formal verification report.

Stress Testing environment (%)



Location: https://docs.aave.com/developers/deployed-contracts

Kovan deployed contracts clearly indicated.

Audits



Answer: 100%

Guidance:

- 1. Multiple Audits performed before deployment and results public and implemented or not required (100%)
- 2. Single audit performed before deployment and results public and implemented or not required (90%)
- 3. Audit(s) performed after deployment and no changes required. Audit report is public. (70%)
- 4. No audit performed (20%)
- 5. Audit Performed after deployment, existence is public, report is not public and no improvements deployed OR smart contract address' not found, question 1 (0%)

Appendices

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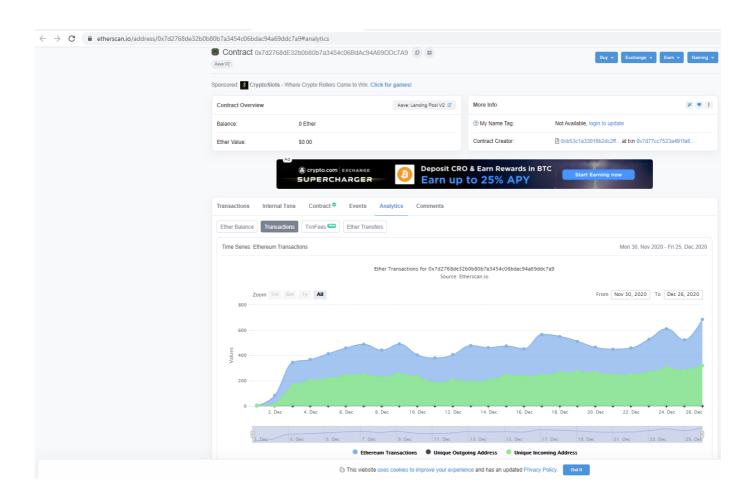
I started with Ethereum just before the DAO and that was a wonderful education. It showed the importance of code quality. The second Parity hack also showed the importance of good process. Here my aviation background offers some value. Aerospace knows how to make reliable code using quality processes.

I was coaxed to go to EthDenver 2018 and there I started SecuEth.org with Bryant and Roman. We created guidelines on good processes for blockchain code development. We got EthFoundation funding to assist in their development.

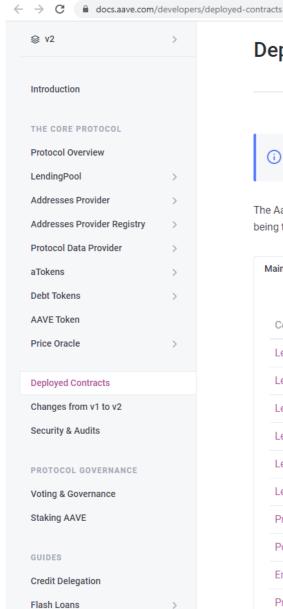
Process Quality Reviews are an extension of the SecurEth guidelines that will further increase the quality processes in Solidity and Vyper development.

Career wise I am a business development manager for an avionics supplier.

Scoring Appendix



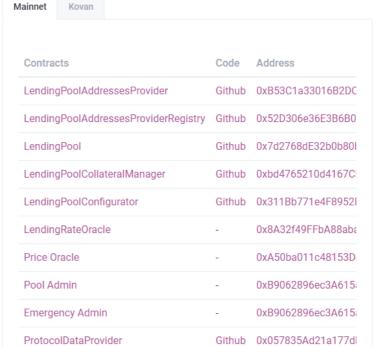
Executing Code Appendix



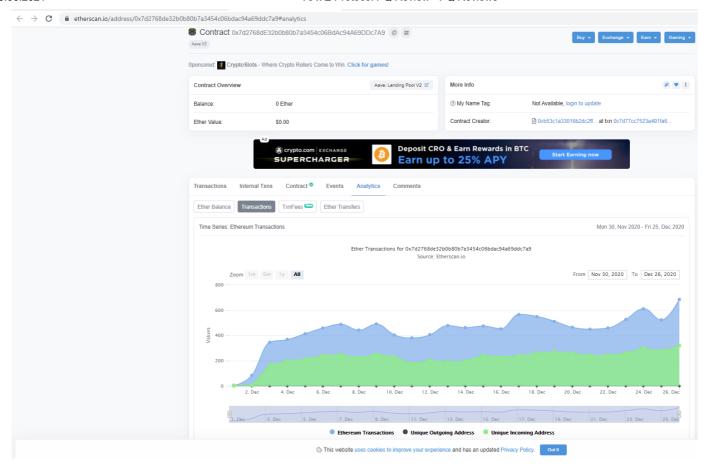
Deployed Contracts

(i) You are viewing the V2 docs. For V1 contracts, click here.

The Aave protocol is an ecosystem of multiple markets, with the first market being the main Aave Market.



Code Used Appendix



Example Code Appendix

```
/**
1
       * @dev Function is invoked by the proxy contract when the LendingPool con
       * LendingPoolAddressesProvider of the market.
3
       * - Caching the address of the LendingPoolAddressesProvider in order to I
4
        on subsequent operations
5
       * @param provider The address of the LendingPoolAddressesProvider
6
7
       **/
      function initialize(ILendingPoolAddressesProvider provider) public initia
        addressesProvider = provider;
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11
12
      * @dev Deposits an `amount` of underlying asset into the reserve, receiv
13
       * - E.g. User deposits 100 USDC and gets in return 100 aUSDC
14
       * @param asset The address of the underlying asset to deposit
15
       * @param amount The amount to be deposited
16
       * @param onBehalfOf The address that will receive the aTokens, same as m:
17
         wants to receive them on his own wallet, or a different address if the
18
          is a different wallet
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       * @param referralCode Code used to register the integrator originating tl
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          0 if the action is executed directly by the user, without any middle-
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       **/
      function deposit(
23
       address asset,
24
       uint256 amount,
```

emit Deposit(asset, msg.sender, onBehalfOf, amount, referralCode);

SLOC Appendix

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Solidity Contracts

Language	Files	Lines	Blanks	Comments	Code	Complexity
Solidity	12	3489	491	897	2101	167

Comments to Code 897 / 2101 = 43%

Typescript Tests

Language	Files	Lines	Blanks	Comments	Code	Complexity
TypeScript	30	7498	1416	741	5341	342

Tests to Code 5341/2101=254%