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# **21** *Cryptos* magazine

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**DECENTRALADIES**  
**A PERMANENT  
FEATURETTE BY THE  
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- Do NOT follow pump and dump schemes, they damage our community in a massive way.
- REMEMBER that Crypto trading has elements of a gambling nature - so ensure you avoid addiction, or any behaviours that damage your lifestyle. Life and people and experiences are far more important than money. Always remember that.

Thanks for reading, now back to the Issue!



# ABOUT US

Thanks for picking up a copy of the February edition of 21 Cryptos Magazine! Before you start reading, this is just a short section on who we are and what we're all about.

21 Cryptos is a relatively new project created by V, and Iris, Ananke, and many others in the crypto space. It's quickly become the cool new kid on the block in Cryptoland, with thousands of people purchasing a copy each month.

We aim to be the no.1 resource for all new and intermediate crypto traders - the first stop in getting to grips with the wonderful world of crypto, and in time when we launch our online blog hubs, resource libraries, and newsfeeds - the only destination you'll need to visit to be taken into the warm heart of this wonderful and ever-growing community.

Our aim with all of this is to give you, the crypto trader, the most responsibly sourced and unbiased information there is - in the simplest way possible - to inform your trades. We have 2 core goals:

1. To save you time
2. To save you mental energy

Everything we do will be toward completing these goals. Lets face it - crypto is a confusing and sometimes needlessly complex world. Lets make it as simple to understand as we can.

In this magazine you'll find articles, trading lessons, AMAs and interviews, top coin picks by the world's leading crypto traders, in-depth coin analyses, a detailed events calendar listing all the info on what the top coins will be doing ahead of time, and on top of this some entertainment and humour too.

Thanks for reading this intro! Now, before we get stuck in with this month's content, lets catch-up on the events of January...

# WELCOME!

Welcome to Feb's edition of 21 Cryptos! You've done the right thing in picking up this copy as we've got some great treats for you this month.

Over 80 pages, loads of new pros, new features, and even a new team featurette - the Decentraladies! Each issue will be bigger and better than the last! Oh, and we've only gone and expanded our team! A warm welcome to our one and only pro writer Miss Colleen G - she's now the official Editor of 21C!

January's been quite a month in Cryptoland, so hold on to your hats as we travel into Feb - who knows what shall await us? Whatever the market will throw at us, what you'll find within these pages will help you immeasurably in the weeks to come...

Scroll the page, dear reader, your journey into the magical world of 21 Cryptos is about to begin...

# TOP 21

## SAVE YOURSELF SOME TIME & ENERGY!

Welcome to our main feature! This is an analysis of the top 21 coins for the month ahead. We hand select some of our pros picks, add some of our own, and set about the epic task of researching and writing up only the most relevant information in the most easy-to-understand way - so you get the benefits of all the research and knowledge without any of the legwork.

Our aim here is to help you get a quick look at a coin's background, what it's done last month, and what it may do next month. We include a lot of stats for those interested in their own analysis, and a scoring system on the bottom of each page - which gives a brief look at how we've rated each area of each coin's performance.

The overall score we give - from 0 to 100 - allows us to rank each coin from no.21 all the way up to no.1. We analyse Public Opinion, how much Room To Grow the coin has, TA, FA, and Upcoming Events. Those scores contribute to the final figure.

Our TA sections are now vastly improved as they're being written by the wonderful Ivan S. (CryptoGat) and Joe (CryptoSays)!

Read on, see what coins are trending this month, and enjoy!

Figures accurate on 31st January 2018

SECURE, FASTER & FORWARD THINKING BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY

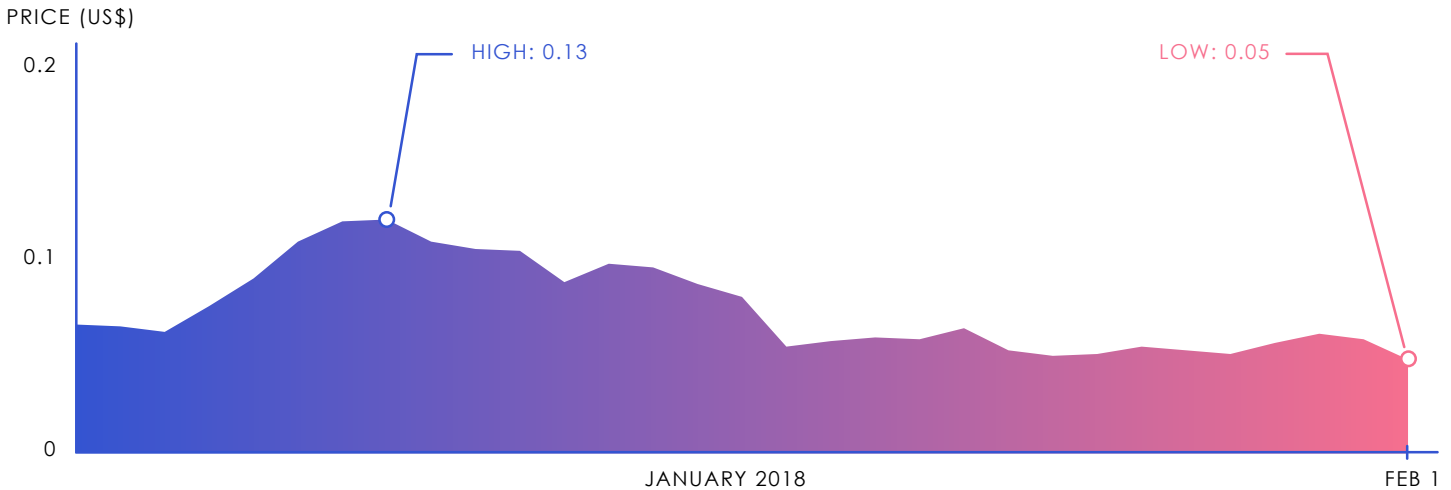
# DigiByte

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<https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/digibyte>

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|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <p><b>-26%</b></p> <p>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS</p> | <p><b>+455%</b></p> <p>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS</p> | <p><b>512m</b></p> <p>MARKET CAP (\$)</p> | <p><b>0.05</b></p> <p>PRICE (\$)</p> | <p><b>Bittrex<br/>Poloniex<br/>Kucoin</b></p> <p>WHERE TO BUY</p> | <p><b>Bitcoin (BTC)<br/>Bitcoin Cash (BCH)<br/>Litecoin (LTC)</b></p> <p>COMPETITION</p> |
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### CATCH-UP

Last month, it was excitedly announced that Apple approved the DigiByte iOS wallet for beta testing. DGB also hosted a live AMA (ask me anything) with Josiah from the DigiByte Foundation on Reddit.

### BACKGROUND

DigiByte first launched on January 10th, 2014, marking their 4th anniversary last month. Their aim at inception was the same as many other cryptocurrencies: they wanted to create a coin that was faster, cheaper, and more scalable than Bitcoin. DGB is very secure; having over 100,000 servers, computers, phones, and nodes spread worldwide; 5 mining algorithms; and they have difficulty adjustments to protect the blockchain against malicious attacks.

### TA BY JOE (CRYPTOSAYS)

Daily chart shows that the new trend that started back in December it's been having a bullish accumulation that is going to come to a resolution by the month of February.  
Support Levels: 0.00000795 Sats. Resistance Levels: 0.00000494 Sats. Target for the new trend: 0.00002055 Sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

There is no upcoming events listed for DigiByte, however it has been stated that they are working on the wallet revamp, along with a totally overhauled wallet for Android and iOS!



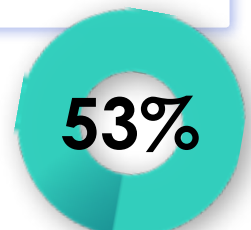
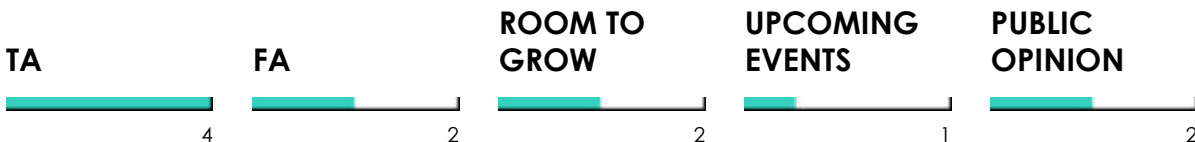
I can't believe I'm typing this, but DGB could be a good pick this month. Tons of noobs are flooding the space who are obsessed with low sat coins, plus their recent approval to have their wallet on iOS testnet.

- Bully



### V'S PREDICTION

DigiByte has a somewhat chequered past with the crypto community, but don't let this deter you from giving it an unbiased look. The new money coming into crypto coupled with DGB's comprehensive community marketing could make this coin see some gains in the near future.



TOTAL SCORE

GET PAID FOR ANALYTICS AND WATCHING ADS

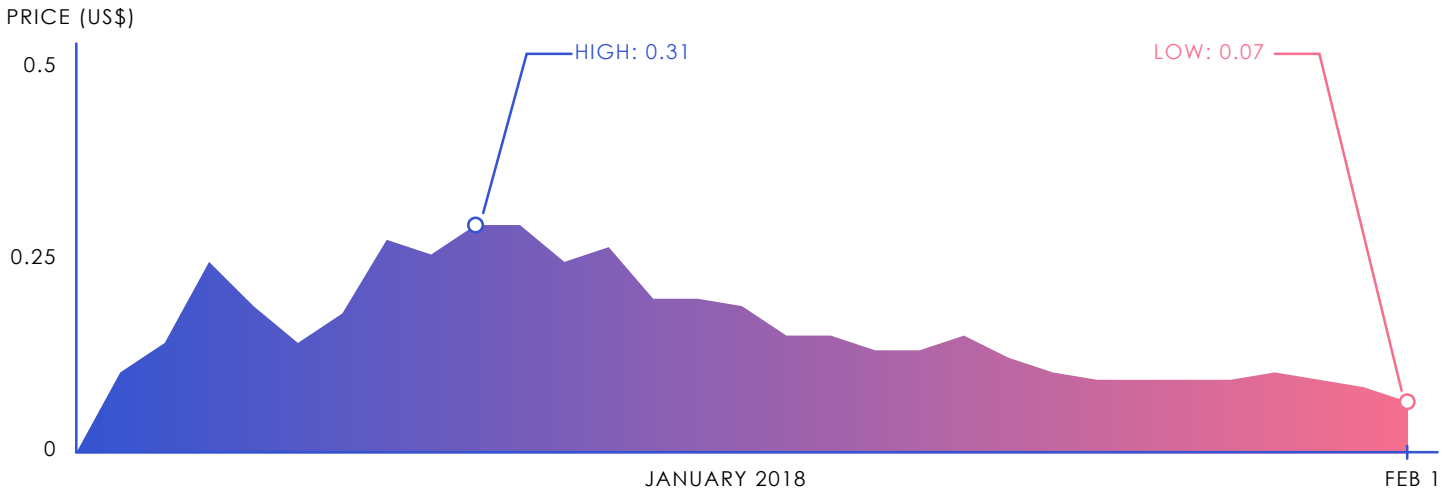
# BitClave

[CAT]

<https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/bitclave>

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| <b>-36%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>N/A</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>37m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>0.07</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Kucoin<br/>HitBTC</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>Basic Attention Token (BAT)<br/>AdEx (ADX)<br/>Dovu (DOVU)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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### CATCH-UP

BitClave is an innovative new token, having very recently finished their ICO platform. The company has just released their alpha version and their fundamentals seem to have what's needed for a stellar project! CAT is currently trading on Binance at \$.11 at the time of writing.

### BACKGROUND

BitClave seeks to remove middlemen from advertising businesses by rewarding consumers who opt in for the service. Consumers will have control over their own data and will be able choose whether they're rewarded for advertising and analytics services through the use of smart contracts.

### TA BY JOE (CRYPTOSAYS)

On the daily a big cup and handle has formed. Look for a breakout confirmation above 1100 Sats. Support Levels: 0.00000616 Sats. Resistance Levels: 0.00001066 Sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

They've released their BASE platform alpha version, though it's still under active development and is publicly available for testing through their GitHub. As for February, they have not listed any events, but according to their most recent newsletter, they are in the final stages of hiring and extending their marketing team.



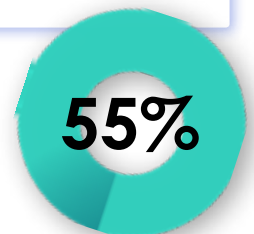
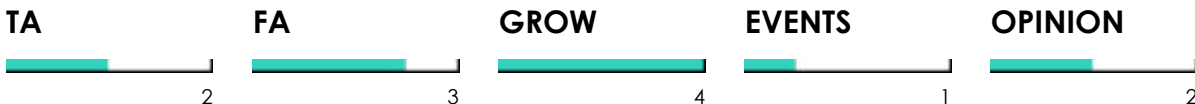
BitClave's Active Search Ecosystem has changed the way consumer data is collected by businesses looking to promote their products. Consumers will control how much of their personal data a business can see using their new search engine, and those consumers will be compensated for viewing promotions. This gives businesses a more effective tool to pinpoint their customer base as well.

- Uncle Yak



### V'S PREDICTION

Consumer data is a huge business, and ButClave looks to be ahead of the competition in this area. Their marketcap is pretty tiny, so they're only one good catalyst away from having a nice upward run. Definitely one to watch in Feb.



TOTAL SCORE



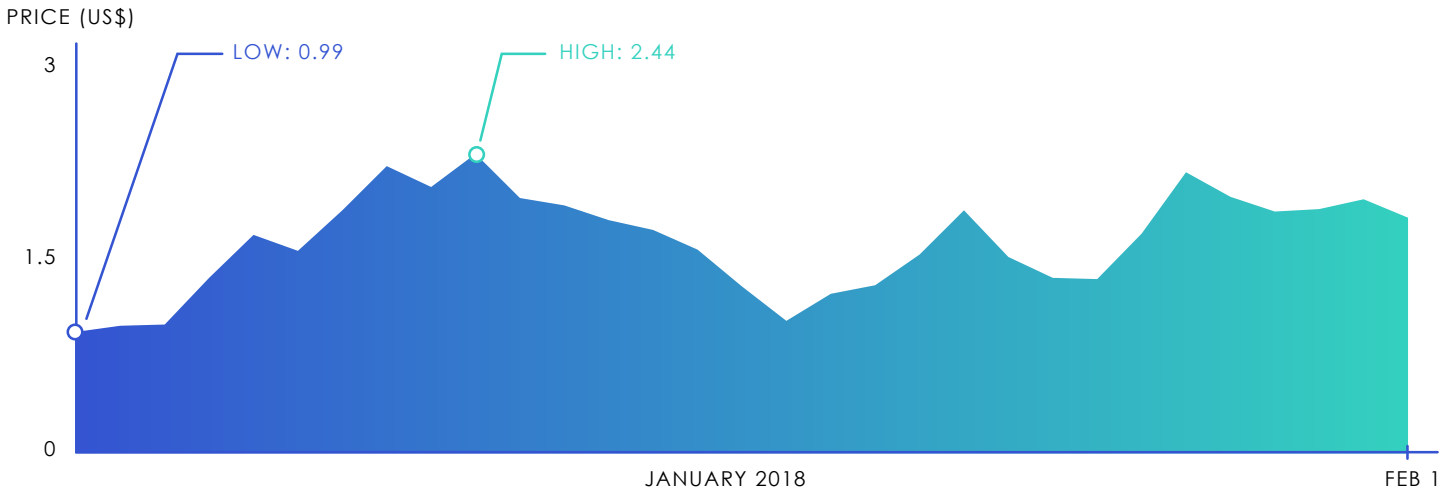
DECENTRALIZED CLOUD COMPUTING

**aelf**  
[ELF]

<https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/aelf>

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| <b>+92%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>N/A</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>442m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>1.91</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Binance<br/>Huobi<br/>OKEx</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>SONM (SNM)<br/>Golem (GNT)<br/>Elastic (XEL)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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**CATCH-UP**

January proved to be very bullish for aelf with its price reaching an ATH of \$2.77. ELF is a relatively new token, having been launched in December of 2017. Last month they attended the Summit Forum of Blockchain in Southeast Asia and most recently, the token was added to Bifinex on the 24th.

**BACKGROUND**

Built specifically for fintech, insurance, digital ID, and IoT industries, aelf is a cross-chain protocol that aims to support future digital business models. It has different features such as scalable performance as computational power increases and they also allow multi chain and multi-layer side chains to handle several commercial purposes. Regarding governance, one's token amount corresponds with voting rights, giving wealthier token holders more voting power.

**TA BY JOE (CRYPTOSAYS)**

On the 4HR Chart, is showing the end of a bullish pennant formation, after the price broke the neck of a inverted head and shoulders pattern in the end of January. show that even with a bullish bounce (dead cat bounce) the downtrend can continue. Support Levels: 0.00016755 Sats. Resistance Levels: 0.00020574 Sats. First Target: 0.00027627 Sats

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

According to the roadmap, in February aelf will launch their asset chain based on the UTXO model as well as validate and develop aelf kernel.



ELF is a decentralized cloud computing project with built in governance and resource segregation. It is widely backed by huge investor groups and is holding up pretty well against Bitcoin moves.

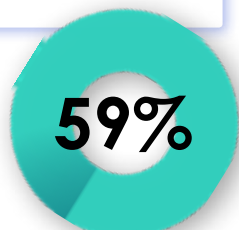
- Crypto Rand



**V'S PREDICTION**

Aelf has a great concept, but also has a fair bit of competition in their niche. An uptrend is likely soon though, and their market cap is still relatively low for the service they provide, so watch how the charts go as some moderate positive price action could be around the corner.

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| <b>TA</b> | <b>FA</b> | <b>ROOM TO GROW</b> | <b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> | <b>PUBLIC OPINION</b> |
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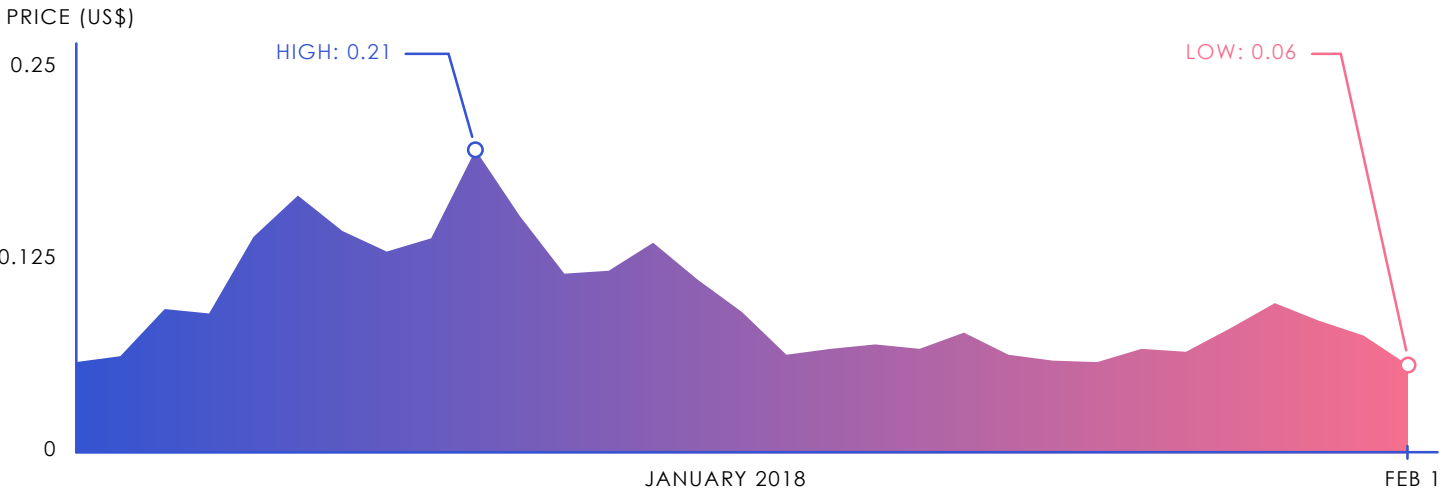
# Storm

[STORM]

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<https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/storm/>

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| <b>+0.16%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>N/A</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>166m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>0.06</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>HitBTC<br/>Bancor Net-<br/>work</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>Unikoin Gold (UKG)<br/>First Blood (1ST)<br/>GameCredits (GAME)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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### CATCH-UP

Launched in early December of 2017, Storm quickly caught the eye of excited investors. After climbing to its ATH of \$0.24, the token soon plummeted to roughly \$0.06 resistance.

### BACKGROUND

Storm creates earning opportunities for people around the world from any device through utilizing micro-tasks. You can earn by simply playing videos while you're on your daily commute, trying out new products and services, shopping, or by performing P2P freelance micro-tasks. Counting on advisors such as Bill Shihara from Bittrex and Tom Bollich from Zynga, the Storm team has impressive experience in blockchain tech.

### TA BY JOE (CRYPTOSAYS)

4HR Chart looks to have found support at 60 Sats, after a 60% drop from previous ATH. The price just touched the 10 EMA, which usually signals a bullish reversal on the history of this Token. Support Levels: 0.0000057 Sats. Resistance Levels: 0.0000097 Sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Their roadmap will be released soon.



Storm was created by Simon Yu. This coin has many great feature options for the microtransaction world. You can earn Storm by using Storm Play. The coin is also being advised by some very big names including Bittrex CEO Bill Shihara and CNBC's Brian Kelly.

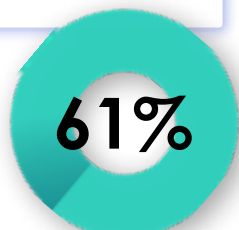
- Needacoin



### V'S PREDICTION

Quite a small marketcap and rising awareness could mean big things for Storm in the near future. Whether it'll grow this month, the next, or even further down the line is anyone's guess. all we can say forsure is that this is a great concept - and great concepts usually do pretty well in the Cryptosphere.

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| <b>TA</b> | <b>FA</b> | <b>ROOM TO GROW</b> | <b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> | <b>PUBLIC OPINION</b> |
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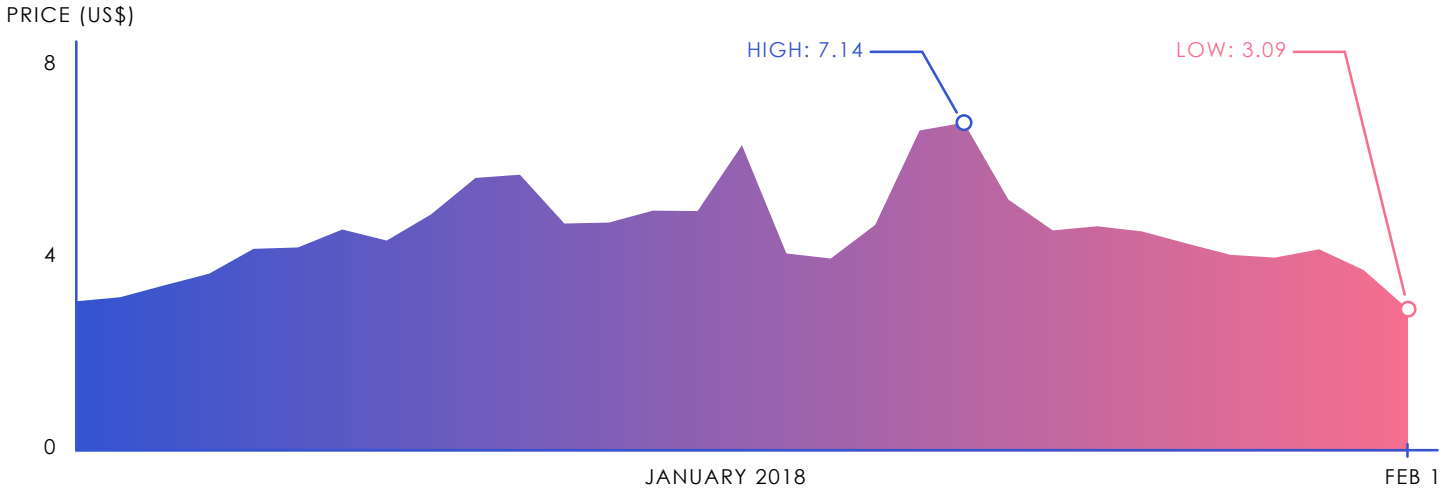
# I/O Coin

[ioc]

<https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/iocoin>

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>-5%</b><br>GROWTH<br>PAST 30 DAYS | <b>-16%</b><br>GROWTH<br>PAST 90 DAYS | <b>55m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>3.12</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Bittrex</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>ZCash (ZEC)<br/>ZCoin (XZC)<br/>Monero (XMR)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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### CATCH-UP

Since early December, IOC has weathered the crypto swings pretty well. It has recently reached it's ATH of \$7.25 and it's currently looking as though it's trying to reach that again. They had a 25-minute presentation at the North American Bitcoin Conference in Miami last month, exposing them to 4,500 attendees.

### BACKGROUND

I/O Digital is an open-source blockchain system developed by a team of security and cryptocurrency experts. I/O Digital was launched in 2014 without an ICO and no premine. The goal of IOC was to create a proof-of-stake cryptocurrency with fast transactions. Joel A. Bosch is the founder, developer, and project manager of I/O Coin. His prior experience includes being President and CEO of both PC & MAC Wizard Service and BoshMusic Publishing.

### TA BY JOE (CRYPTOSAYS)

Daily is showing reversal signs after a long downtrend for the most part of January. The Ichimoku indicator plus an inverse head and shoulders pattern formation is showing the continuation of a bullish trend. Support Levels: 0.00028801 Sats. Resistance Levels: 0.00060023 Sats. First Target: 0.00119403 Sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Though there are no definite dates set for any items on their roadmap, they have plenty that they are aiming to achieve. IOC is currently working on API documentation for business integration, implementing BIP65, stealth addresses, encrypted messaging to groups, ring signatures, and more.



I/O Coin has been an early innovator since mid 2014 with their progressive approach to Blockchain development. With limited resources they have achieved what many could not. The future with DIONSv2 and Chameleon will bring a lot more Blockchain innovation. Also, the recent Miami conference announcement (Dr. Moe Levin as advisor, DIONS 2.0, and Chameleon) is likely to attract more investors!

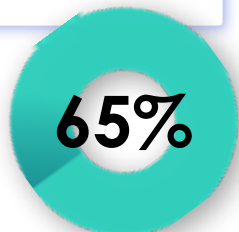
- Crypto Chief



### V'S PREDICTION

A great conference in Miami and some exciting developments on the way may provide IOC with all the traction they need to make some great headway in price. Another coin under \$100 mill - these are becoming a rarity, so watch this space as Feb could have some positive price action in store.

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| <b>TA</b><br>3 | <b>FA</b><br>3 | <b>ROOM TO GROW</b><br>4 | <b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b><br>1 | <b>PUBLIC OPINION</b><br>2 |
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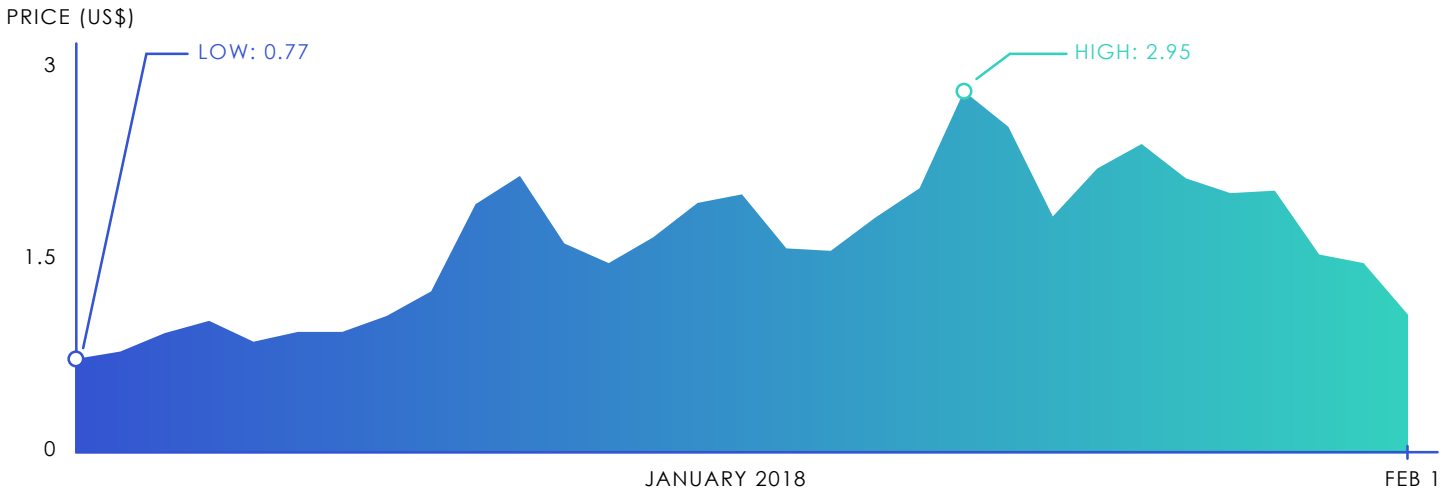
FAST, PRIVATE, AND SECURE 3RD GENERATION CRYPTOCURRENCY

**Algo**  
[ALQO]

<https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/alqo>

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>+53%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>N/A</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>10m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>1.2</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>CryptoBridge</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>ZCoin (XZC)<br/>ZCash (ZEC)<br/>Monero (XMR)</b><br>COMPETITION |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|



**CATCH-UP**

ALQO is a relatively new currency that is currently trading only on CryptoBridge and Stocks.Exchange. The coin was released in late November at about \$.14 and is currently trading at \$2.35, which means it's almost 20 times its initial price!

**BACKGROUND**

ALQO is a newer fast, private, and secure cryptocurrency which has a 'Planetary System' upon which services and products can be built and distributed. They intend to become a gateway to cryptocurrencies by allowing easy and accessible ways to purchase and trade in Europe, especially Germany, before moving onto North America, Russia and Asia. They're currently working on an aggressive marketing campaign which, as we know, is usually very bullish due to some cryptocurrencies' success depending heavily on hype!

**TA BY JOE (CRYPTOSAYS)**

Daily chart is showing that after the price went under the 10EMA for a while during a bearish movement, it might find support at 0.000118 Sats. The confirmation for a new bullish trend would be after the price goes above 0.000160 Sats. Support Levels: 0.000118 Sats. Resistance Levels: 0.000187 Sats

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

While they do not have dates listed on their roadmap, this quarter they have plenty that they are working on. They will be adding more features to their explorer, implementing Zero Protocol (a protocol used in most private currencies today), getting listed in more exchanges, and releasing Liberio (their new main wallet).



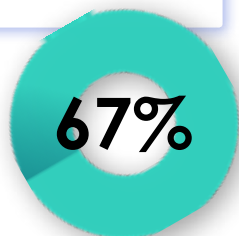
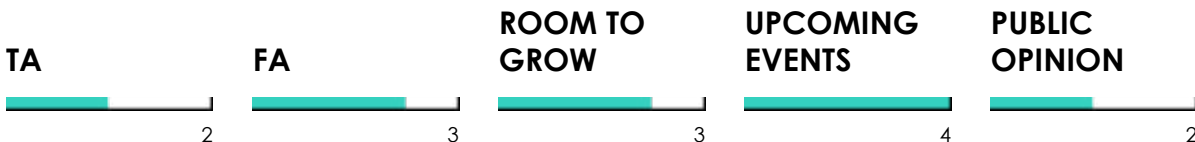
Massive potential. They have just signed a contract for a legitimate business. Payinx is on their roadmap to incorporate the ALQO gateway for payments and merchants. LIBERIO will be released mid-February, which is an upgraded wallet that will have better backup features and 2FA implemented. Palacio (Bitfioneon) will be released in June this year.

- mocho17



**V'S PREDICTION**

Upgrades to their wallet in Feb may be a good catalyst for Algo's growth. Currently not traded on many exchanges, so if awareness expands we could see some great price action. With a marketcap of under \$20 mill this is truly a smallcap worth a look.





# A LESSON WITH THE TUTOR

BY CRYPTOTUTOR

HI, I'M CRYPTOTUTOR, @CryptoTutor ON TWITTER AND THE OWNER OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TRADING COMMUNITY. OUR FOCUS IS INFORMATION-SHARING, BOT-DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGY MANAGEMENT. MY GOAL IS TO REVOLUTIONISE THE FLOW OF INFORMATION ON CRYPTOCURRENCY MARKETS (I.E. BITTREX ALT/BTC PAIRS) BY LETTING MY TEAM DEVELOP BOTS (SRSI TOOL, CHART/CANDLE PATTERN RECOGNITION & MORE). GROUP ADMISSIONS GO BY DM ON TWITTER.

## LESSON 4

### *The Japanese Candlestick*

In my previous educational article, I discussed the Ichimoku Cloud. In that article, I touched on several key subjects, like Support & Resistance, to define clearly what the Ichimoku Cloud is and how we should make use of it.

In this article, I will discuss another key subject: The Japanese Candlestick. Only knowing how the Japanese candlestick works is not enough to optimally make use of them while trading. Next to knowing what a Japanese candlestick is, there are also different candlestick patterns and formations, which all have their own bullish, or bearish meaning. Especially on higher time frames, candlesticks can become handy tools to gain insights into the current market trend and whether it will continue or not.

What Is a Japanese candlestick?

Behind the Japanese Candlesticks there are underlying principles, which are initiated by Munehisa Homma, a Japanese rice trader. By some, he is considered the father of the candlestick charts. In 1755, he wrote the first

book on Market Psychology. He states that the psychological side of the market is critical to trading success and that the emotions of traders have a significant influence on the price of goods/assets.

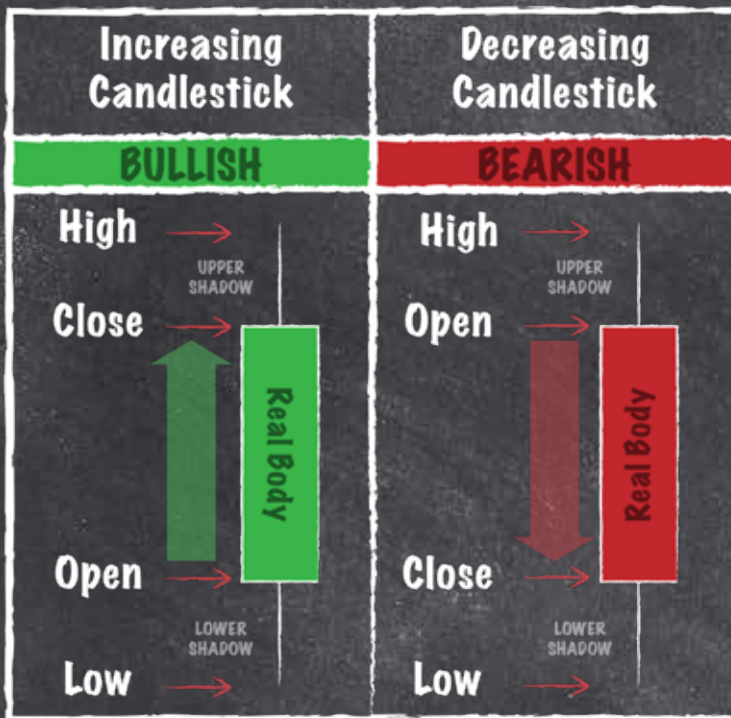
**'when all are bearish, there is cause for prices to rise' - Munehisa Homma**

The underlying principles behind Japanese Candlesticks are as following:

- The 'what' (price action) is more important than the 'why' (news, earnings etc.).
- All known information is reflected in the price (including the 'why').
- Buyers and sellers move markets based on expectations and emotions (fear/fud and greed/FOMO).
- Markets fluctuate
- The actual price may not reflect the underlying value (especially not in cryptocurrency).



# In the figure below can be seen how we define the Japanese Candlesticks.



There are four major components of a candle, namely the high, low, open and close. These four components vary over time, leading to bullish or bearish candles (green or red). Not only do they lead to bullish or bearish candles, but these four components can lead to certain candle formations, which in turn could have a meaning on the current trend and possible reversal of the current trend.

The price action between the open and the close of the candle is called the body of the candle. The price action outside of the body is known as the shadow, wick or mustache of the candle.

## Candle formations

### DOJI CANDLES

Doji Candles are characterized by the equality of the open and the close of the candles. The differences lay in the shadows amongst the varieties in the Doji Candles.

The Long-legged Doji has an (almost) equal open and close. The Long-legged Doji becomes handy during a strong bullish or bearish trend. It is an indicator of weakening of the current trend, because both the bulls and bears are equally strong during the timeframe of the candle. It is an indicator of a possible reversal of the current.

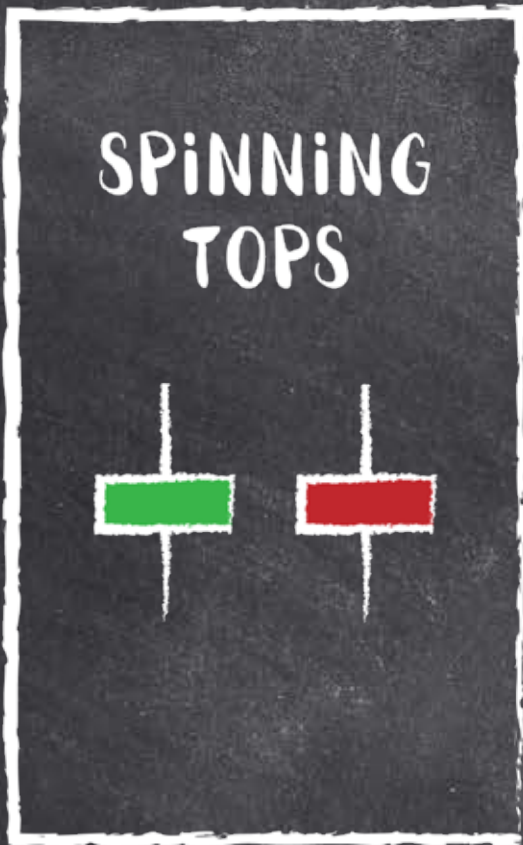
The Gravestone Doji has an equal open, close and low. The Gravestone Doji often forms during bullish trends, namely the high of this candle indicates a possible trend reversal.

The Dragonfly Doji is exactly the opposite of the Gravestone Doji. The high, open and close are equal to each other in this candle formation. This one often forms during downtrends, and is an indicator of a possible trend reversal (from a bearish trend to a bullish trend). One could read this candle as following: sellers tried to bring down the price more, but they failed because of increasing buying power.

The Four Price Doji candle has an equal high, low, open and close. It reflects indecision between buyers (bulls) and sellers (bears). This candle often forms when there's low volume.







## SPINNING TOP CANDLES

The Spinning Top candle formation forms more often compared to Doji candles. In the figure below can be seen that it has a rather small body. The open and the close of the candle are close to each other. Also, we see that the shadows is approximately three times larger than the body, which is the 'rule' of Spinning Tops. A spinning top tells us that the bears or the bulls are equally strong. For example, if it would form in an uptrend, it would mean that selling power is increasing and that we might see reversal of the trend soon. It doesn't indicate reversal per-say, it could result in some consolidation as well (i.e. bull flag or pennant) before it continues increasing again. The colour is also of importance, when it forms during an uptrend. If the colour is red (i.e. when the close of the candle is lower then the open), it would be a stronger sign of possible reversal compared to the situation of a green (bullish) Spinning Top candle.

## MARUBOZU CANDLES

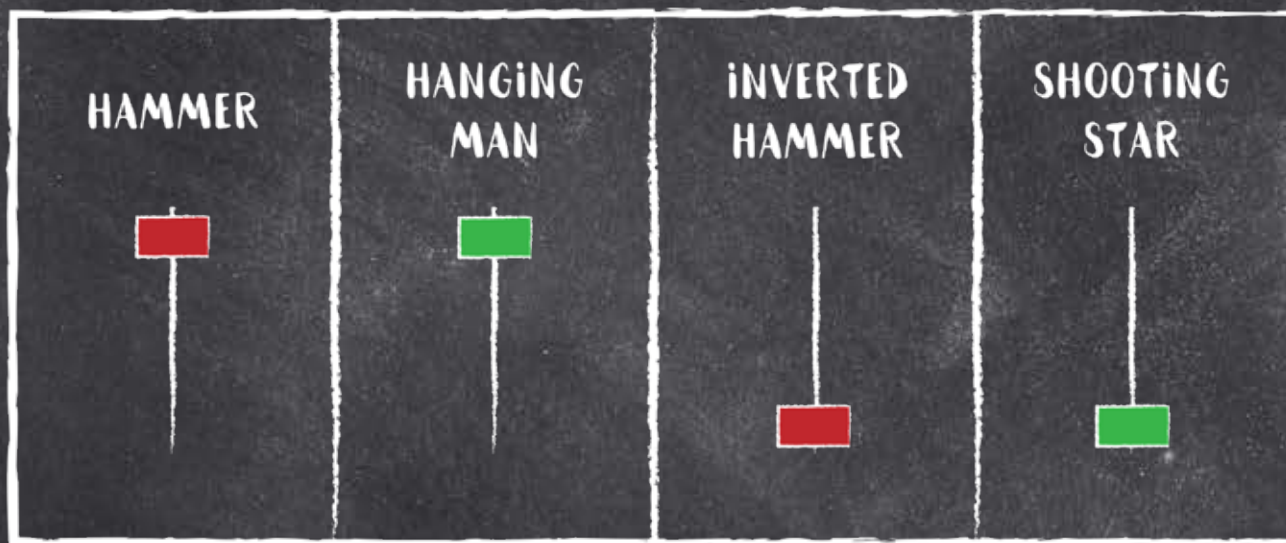
Marubozu candles can be recognized by their large bodies. Theoretically, it has no shadows, as can be seen in the figure below. It means that the market is fully in control of the buyers (bulls) in the case of a 'White Marubozu' and fully in control of the sellers (bears) in the case of a 'Black Marubozu'. Often, when seeing this candle form, more bullish or bearish candles follow (depending on the Marubozu candle).





## HAMMERS CANDLES

**H**ammers Candles have small bodies (1/3th or 1/4th of the shadows), and long shadows/wicks. Even though we see four kinds of Hammers in the figure below, they all share the same story. Namely, these four candle formations are strong signs of a potential reversal of the current trend. The colour of the candle indicates the strength of the candle, depending in which trend it formed. For example, when an 'Inverted Hammer' forms during an uptrend, we would have a sign of a reversal of the current bullish trend to a bearish trend. The 'Hanging Man' candle would indicate a reversal from a bearish to a bullish trend, when formed during a bearish trend.



**K**nowing how to effectively read Japanese Candlesticks can improve your trading tremendously. For those who don't have experience with reading Japanese Candlesticks, I would suggest to take a look at the BTCUSD chart for example, and try to detect any of the candle formations explained above. First, start with the highest timeframe, and turn to lower time frames to see the effect of candle formations on higher time frames. These candle formations occur on any timeframe, but as always, the highest timeframes yield the strongest confirmations of the trend. Trading solely on Japanese Candlesticks is possible, but combine it with other indicators, like volume, to gain a stronger confirmation of the formed candle.



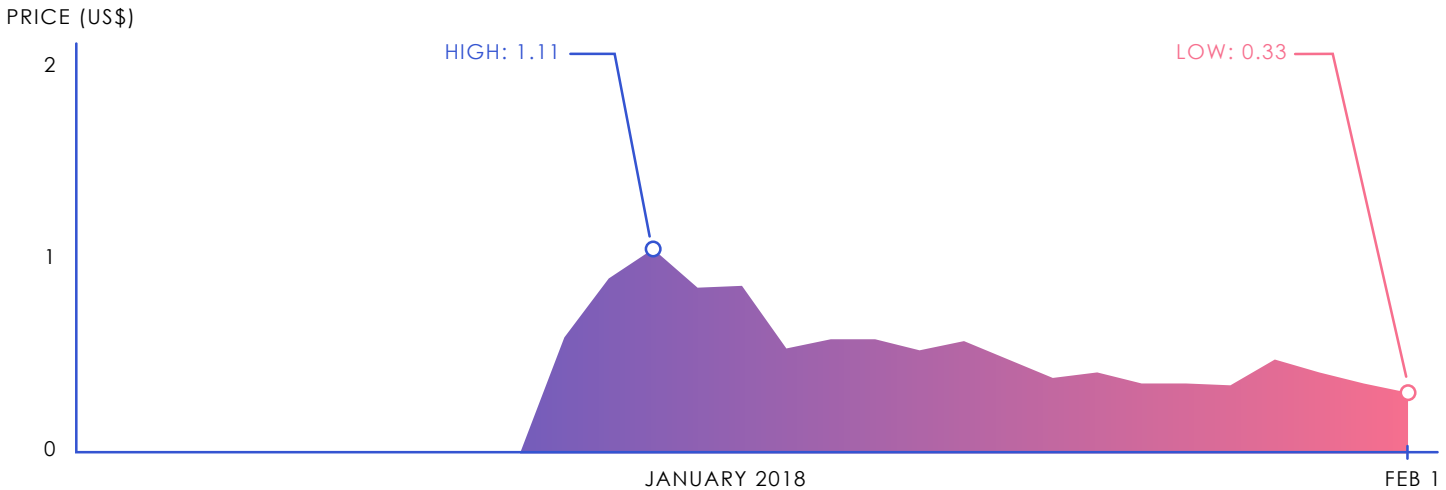
BRINGING REAL-WORLD DATA TO SMART CONTRACTS

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| <b>-47%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>N/A</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>10m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>0.33</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Cryptopia<br/>HitBTC</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>Icon (ICX)<br/>Cindicator (CND)<br/>VeChain (VEN)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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**CATCH-UP**

ZAP is a relatively new currency, with its token sale having successfully ended in November 2017. The tokens have only been available for trading since January on Cryptopia, HitBTC, and EtherDelta. The price is currently sitting at around \$0.44.

**BACKGROUND**

Zap is a platform based on Ethereum. It utilizes oracles, which are mechanisms that use external, real-time data and implement them into smart contracts and decentralized applications. Their aim is to create easy access real-world data, such as weather, airline flights, air quality monitoring, market predictions, industry insights, political stats, internet of things, and much more!

**TA BY JOE (CRYPTOSAYS)**

4HR Chart shows that the Ichimoku indicator is signaling the continuation of a bear moment, with the price showing a possible formation of a cup and handle pattern. Support Levels: 0.00002525 Sats. Resistance Levels: 0.00004020 Sats

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Though nothing has been specifically set for February, in Q1 Zap will release its Live beta version that will be fully functional atop their ZAP token. The team will also be releasing their ZAP Provider SDK v1.0, and will start the first round of Featured Providers Integration.



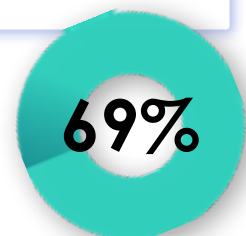
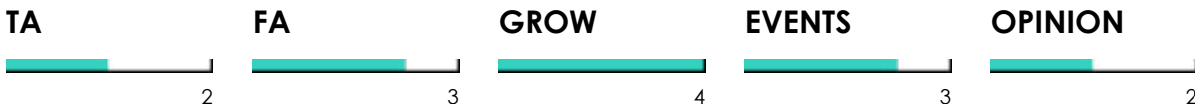
The "Zap Store" will be a curated marketplace that allows users to create, publish and subscribe smart contract and Decentralized Application compatible data feeds. The team has accumulated a lot of talent from the blockchain space.

- Florian



**V'S PREDICTION**

A very low market cap coupled with an exciting new concept - Zap has a lot of potential in the future. Use caution with new currencies as they can be somewhat volatile, but keep an eye on this one in the upcoming months.



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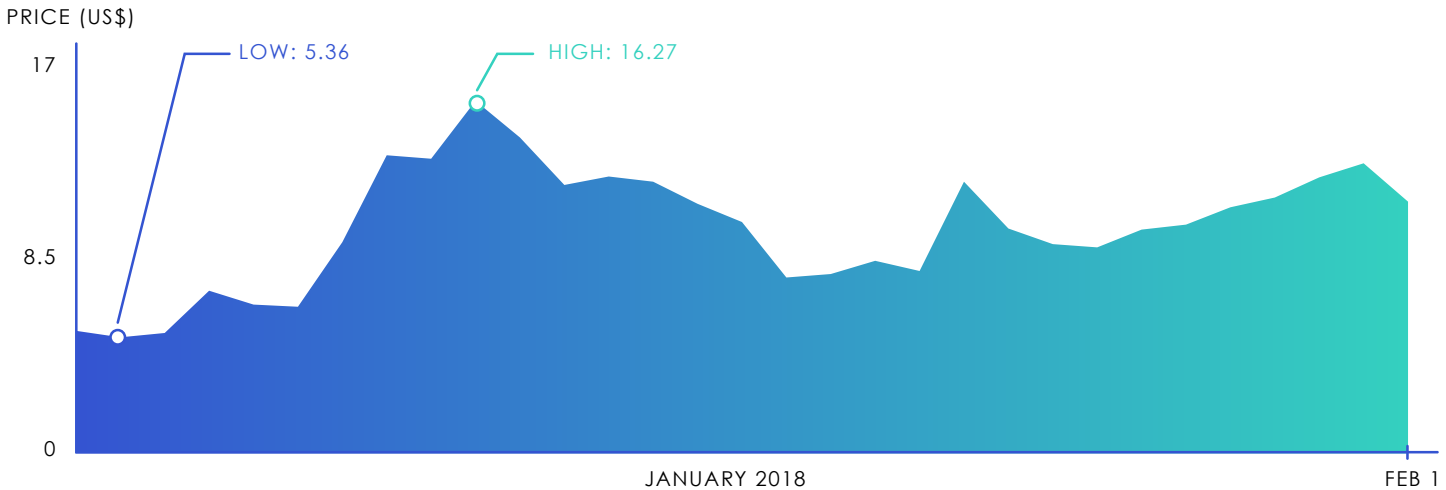
# Nebulas

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| <b>+107%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>+580%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>406m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>11.62</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Huobi<br/>OKEx</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>Red Pulse (RPX)<br/>Oceanlab (OCL)<br/>Augur (REP)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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### CATCH-UP

In January, Nebulas was busy attending Blockchain Central in Switzerland as well as announcing its partnership with GIFT0 which will rank, categorize, and measure the value of millions of blockchain virtual items. Pricewise, NAS has reached ATH at \$16, later finding support in the \$10 area.

### BACKGROUND

Can you imagine having all the blockchain related information in one single tool? If you would like to check which project is gaining most traction, which exchange has the most volume, the history of your favorite assets, or what ICOs are the hottest for investing right now, Nebulas will be the tool for it!

### TA BY IVAN S. (CRYPTOGAT)

In a bullish channel looking to retest ATH. A breakout above ATH would yield big gains, rejection at that level could put it into a bearish trend. Resistance levels: 11.2k sats (STRONG). Support levels: 8k sats, 6k sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Nebulas doesn't currently have any events or news listed for the month of February, however March looks very bullish due the upcoming launch of their mainnet!



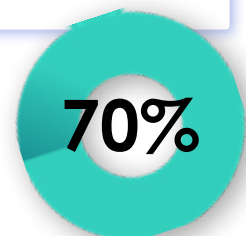
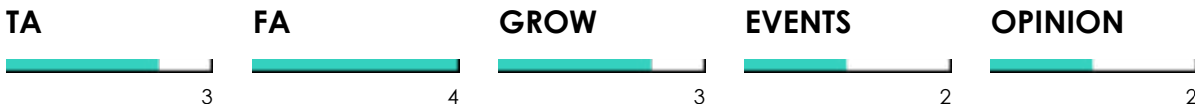
Nebulas is a decentralized search engine project. It uses an open-source algorithm with huge room in scalability terms and has great community support!

- Crypto Rand



### V'S PREDICTION

Nebulas is a search engine - and most search engines that are first movers in their field do pretty well. Moderate marketcap and decent room to grow mean this project could do well in the coming months. Strong resistance on the charts, but if it breaks this then positive price action will be very likely.



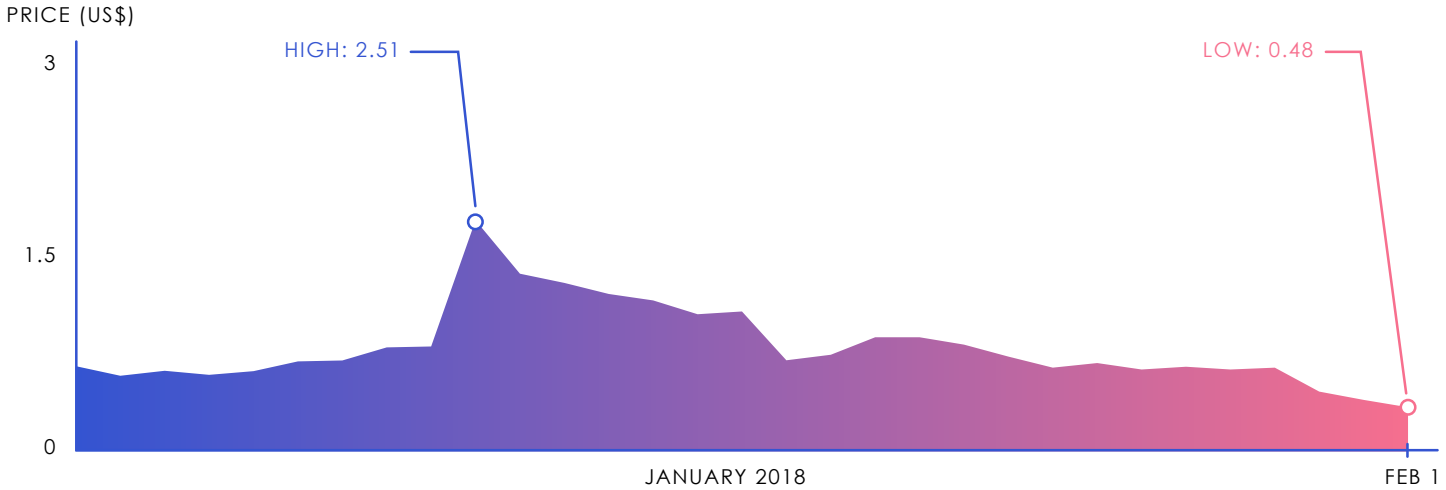
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| <b>-49%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>N/A</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>237m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>0.48</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Huobi</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>Status (SNT)</b><br><b>Syscoin (SYS)</b><br><b>Dragonchain (DRGN)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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**CATCH-UP**

Like most altcoins in January, the price experienced a bit of a slump. Having fallen from an ATH of \$2.90 to a meager \$.075, it is still recovering from this dip. Gaining exposure, last month WAX was present at several conferences, which included Miami, Las Vegas, and Boston.

**BACKGROUND**

WAX is a decentralized platform which allows anyone to operate their fully operational virtual marketplace without having going through the hassles of investing in security, infrastructure, or payment processing. Developed by the founders of OPSkins (the world's leading marketplace for gamers), WAX has been designed to serve more than 400 million gamers worldwide. William Quigley is the CEO of both WAX and OPSkins, having also co-founded Tether.

**TA BY IVAN S. (CRYPTOGAT)**

Has only been listed on HiBTC for a few days. Can't tell much from the TA, but it is trading in a tight range. Look for a breakthrough support or resistance. Resistance levels: 6900 sats. Support levels: 5200 sats

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 3-7: WAX will gain more exposure by being present at DeveloperWeek, the largest developer exhibition and conference series in San Francisco, CA.



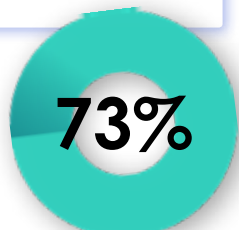
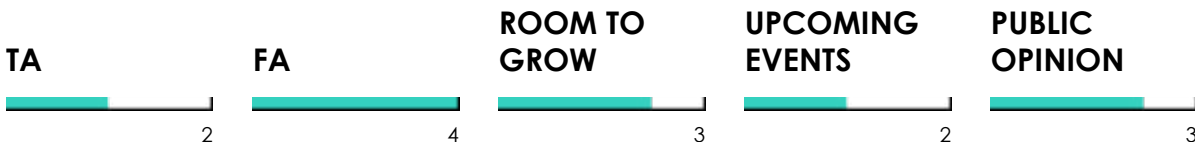
Developed by the founders of OPSkins, WAX is a digital marketplace for the millions of people who buy and sell in-game items. Wax is also being advised by Dave Anthony, creator of the popular video game Call of Duty.

- Needacoin



**V'S PREDICTION**

Any coin being advised by the creator of one of the largest games of all time has to be taken seriously. The cap's larger than some, so use caution when investing as this is a familiar coin to the trading demographic. That said, anything game-related that offers marketplace services is pretty much guaranteed success in the long run - the gaming community is a powerful force not to be messed with.



TOTAL SCORE

DECENTRALIZED, IMMUTABLE, UNSTOPPABLE SMART CONTRACT PLATFORM

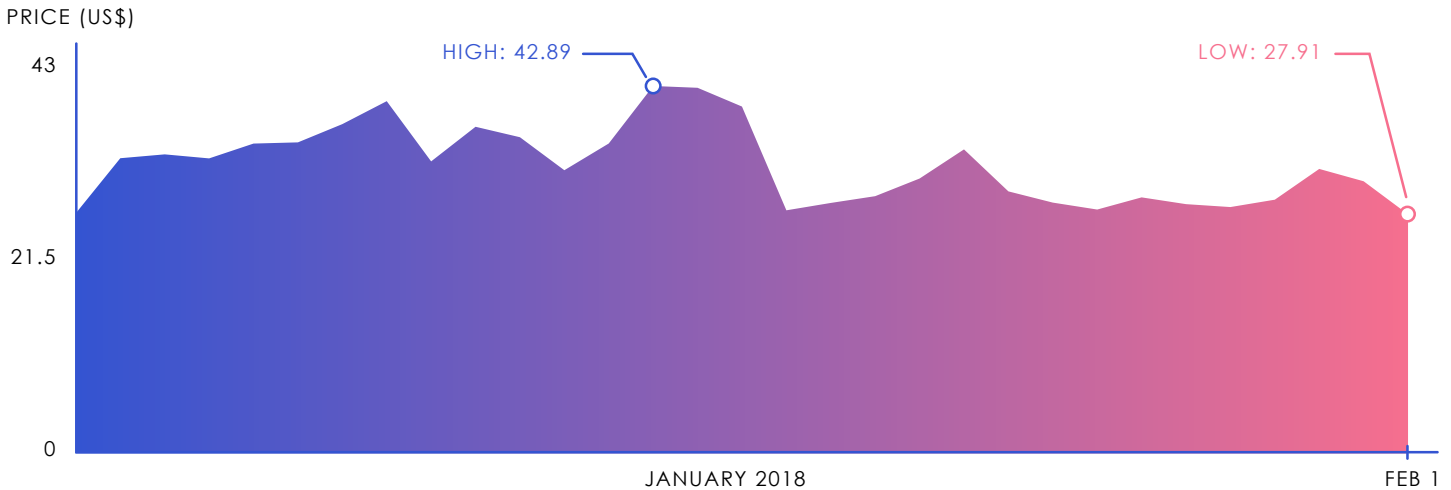
# Ethereum Classic

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| <p><b>-2%</b></p> <p>GROWTH<br/>PAST 30 DAYS</p> | <p><b>+153%</b></p> <p>GROWTH<br/>PAST 90 DAYS</p> | <p><b>2.7b</b></p> <p>MARKET CAP (\$)</p> | <p><b>27.95</b></p> <p>PRICE (\$)</p> | <p><b>Bitfinex<br/>Binance<br/>Bittrex</b></p> <p>WHERE TO BUY</p> | <p><b>Ethereum (ETH)<br/>NEO (NEO)<br/>Qtum (QTUM)</b></p> <p>COMPETITION</p> |
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### CATCH-UP

Ethereum Classic was recently listed on DMM (a new Japanese exchange) and participated in the release of an A2A messaging system based on other platforms like Ethereum, Ubiq, Expanse and PIRL. Regarding price action, ETC has been on a rollercoaster ride since November, nearly reaching its ATH in mid January.

### BACKGROUND

Ethereum Classic is a decentralized platform that runs on smart contracts. It's essentially like Ethereum, except that Ethereum Classic moved on with the original code out of the need to keep it immutable and untampered after the "DAOsaster" happened in 2016 when a hacker managed to steal more than 3.6M ether through an ICO which, at the time, was evaluated at \$70M. Ethereum Classic was born after this disaster and moved on with the original code, believing that Ethereum was attacking the core idea of decentralization by changing its code. For ETC investors, code is law!

### TA BY IVAN S. (CRYPTOGAT)

Chart looks extremely strong on all intervals over 4 hours. Lots of upcoming news on ETC, TA aligns with FA. Resistance levels: 300k sats, 330k sats, 380k sats. Support levels: 260k sats, 240k sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

February looks like it will be fairly quiet as far as events, but we can expect a it to be a very bullish month in anticipation of the fork in March, as the Callisto sidechain will be released and an airdrop will be distributed to all ETC holders.



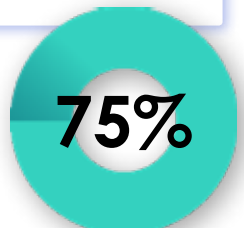
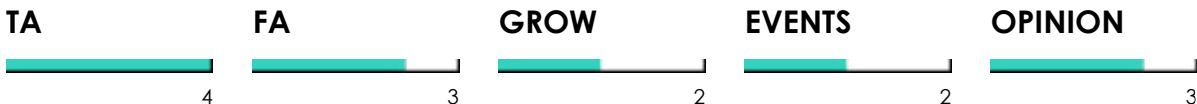
Ethereum Classic is one of my favorites for 2018. Compared to Ethereum, it's extremely low priced at just under \$30. The chart looks good, roadmap looks good, and I think it will break the 0.0035 (BTC price) resistance before the Callisto airdrop early March.

- Crypto Bull



### V'S PREDICTION

Strong chart and upcoming news combine to create a potentially great Feb for Ethereum Classic. When these popular and stable coins run, then tend to run hard. If ETC goes for it this month, expect great gains. At the very least don't expect much of a dip. ETC is well established now, so the likely scenario is up up and away!



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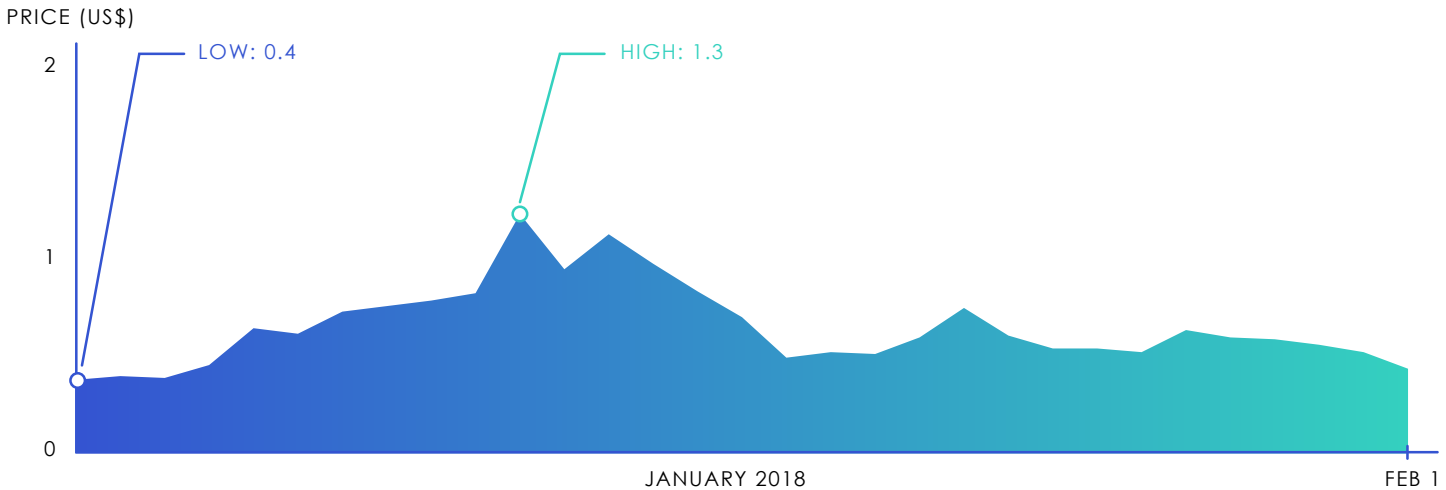
# Simple Token

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| <b>+12%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>N/A</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>120m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>0.46</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Binance<br/>Huobi<br/>OKEx</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>Bancor (BNT)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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### CATCH-UP

Simple token was launched very recently in December of 2017 and has since formed their own Startup Day where they presented companies that will launch their own token on OST platform. Regarding price action, OST reached an ATH in January at over \$1.20 and is currently sitting at \$.65.

### BACKGROUND

Simple Token brings crypto token creation to the masses in a simple, accessible way. They create kits that can be used by anyone to launch their smart contract on the Ethereum platform, sparing users from the hard coding work, complex ICO structures, KYC (know your customer) regulations, etc. Their platform OpenST has been available since November 2017.

### TA BY IVAN S. (CRYPTOGAT)

Has not been trading long, but the chart looks bullish. Giant bull flag on the 4 hour. Resistance levels: 5400 sats, 6100 sats. Support levels: 4800 sats, 3900 sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

This month, OST will release the first public version of their blockchain toolkit for businesses, ostKIT alpha.



Considering that Simple Token is not trading in the top 100 coins yet, I think there is still plenty of upside for this one. It is currently trading at 6.6k Sat but 10k should be an easy first target. Expecting 14k-20k in this alts cycle.

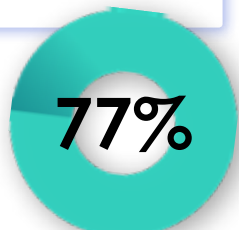
- CryptoManiac



### V'S PREDICTION

Big upside and relatively new to the market - Simple Token has a strong chart and is gaining awareness rapidly. This could go for long run in the park if everything lines up in Feb. For now though, use caution and consider entry when an uptrend is confirmed.

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| <b>TA</b> | <b>FA</b> | <b>ROOM TO GROW</b> | <b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> | <b>PUBLIC OPINION</b> |
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TOTAL SCORE

# JOE'S ICOs



Twitter: @CryptoRidy

## This Month IQeon

The mobile gaming market has seen drastic growth over the years and with the rise of cryptocurrency, the decentralized mobile gaming market was inevitable. GameCredits was the first cryptocurrency to propose the concept back in 2015, however it did not truly gain prominence until the extraordinary \$53M MobileGo ICO last year. Since then, there have been many copycats, money-grabs, and hopeless attempts at repeating MobileGo's success. The issue with these mobile gaming-based cryptocurrencies is that they are too broad, competing for markets they will never be able to attain in any reasonable time frame, assuring themselves almost guaranteed bankruptcy in the process. However, I personally love the concept of decentralized gaming competitions with truly peer-to-peer staking systems. For this reason, IQeon is my ICO pick of the month—a mobile gaming cryptocurrency with a legitimate, realizable, and realistic plan.

Okay, so let's be honest; who really wants to hear that the reason for investing in something is because "they have a realistic plan"? Probably few in crypto. That is why I am going to tell you quickly what makes IQeon so special and worthwhile. Hopefully, I will be able to do so before you get bored and go put your money in some ICO that promises to take people to mars by next year. The genius behind IQeon is that they are not going after the whole, extremely broad mobile gaming market, they are focusing on a niche which is ripe for disruption.

Mobile smart games, intelligence apps, and puzzle games account for \$4.9 billion of the mobile gaming market. Puzzle games rank third in overall active users, yet lead the market in time spent in-game by a significant margin. However, puzzle games are ranked fifth in terms of monetization. IQeon plans on changing that by creating incentives to practice, play, and further engage in these games. The platform will allow for competitions to be held in addition to regular game

play—allowing gamers to monetize their time spent learning, practicing, and playing. There is a ranking/leveling system to pair players with similar abilities in tournament play, thereby creating a fair and level playing field for those that want to engage further in the game and potentially monetize their time spent playing. It promotes a powerful concept of creating incentives by which people can play games which are intellectually stimulating and be rewarded for doing so.

The concept is brilliant, but as we all know, that is not where the true value is created in a new project. The team is completely transparent and highly active on forums and social media which is a big green check. The company behind IQeon already has several successful apps on both the Apple App and Google Play stores. Now, to answer your next question, yes, the use of IQeon tokens is consistent with the App Store Review Guidelines and the Google Play Developer Policy. This means that they have the immediate ability to quickly implement their innovative cryptocurrency solutions into their games which already have active communities. The

company has only been around since 2015 and have been operating on a grand total of \$300,000 in seed funding.

Considering what they have been able to accomplish up to this point, one can only

imagine how far they could go after raising millions more in their ICO(s). They have already held two pre-sales which cumulatively raised over \$2 million. The hard cap on their ICO will be around \$22,000,000. The official ICO launched January 30th so hopefully you can get in now before they sell out!

**"MOBILE SMART GAMES, INTELLIGENCE APPS, AND PUZZLE GAMES ACCOUNT FOR \$4.9 BILLION OF THE MOBILE GAMING MARKET."**

BIO

I made my first investment in Ethereum at age 17 and ran a reverse arbitrage service for half-a-year to earn enough money to start a cryptocurrency-based hedge fund. At 19, I finally launched the fund and diversified into more than two dozen ICOs over the first year. I sold my car at age 20 to invest more money into Waves and Golem. Today, I continue managing that fund and work as a consultant and adviser to several cryptocurrency-based startups.

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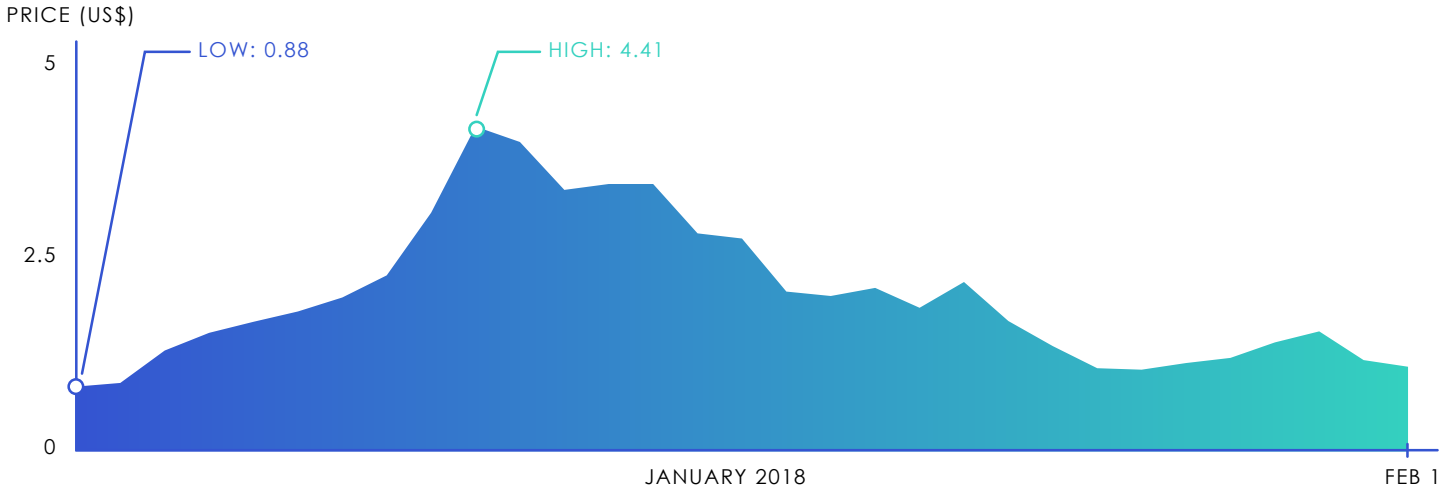
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| <b>+39%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>N/A</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>13m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>1.15</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Token Store</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>UTRUST (UTK)<br/>Revain (R)<br/>Request Network (REQ)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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### CATCH-UP

CRED is a newer token, having been released in mid December. It quickly reached it's ATH within a month of trading (which is common for new cryptocurrencies) by climbing to \$4.70 and has since corrected down to \$1.30.

### BACKGROUND

With Verify, buyers and sellers can earn a reputation over time for – holding up their end of the bargain." You can use your reputation to earn extra perks like advanced payment, credit, and more. Based on Ethereum blockchain, Verify wants to create a bridge between buyers and sellers with the concept of reputation. This system helps buyers to avoid fraudulent sellers and allows sellers to obtain lower transaction fees and accept any major cryptocurrency.

### TA BY IVAN S. (CRYPTOGAT)

Low volume, not much to see from TA. Will breakout once listed on bigger exchange. Resistance levels: .0013 ETH .Support levels: .001 ETH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

This quarter, Verify will be busy securing sellers in the platform in order to guarantee the usability to buyers and working on infrastructure tasks to allow sellers to integrate and use Verify Payments in their stores.

“ Reputation protocol that will allow safer cryptocurrency transaction. In addition, they are offering a way for buyers and sellers to be protected when using crypto to shop online. It has a low market cap and only on very small exchanges right now. ”

– Ivan S. (CryptoGat)

### V'S PREDICTION

Another new coin, CRED has a good chance of making some serious gains when it hits other exchanges. A tiny \$15mill cap has one hell of a lot of upside. One to watch carefully before investing, if you're risk-averse (which you should be).

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| <b>TA</b> | <b>FA</b> | <b>ROOM TO GROW</b> | <b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> | <b>PUBLIC OPINION</b> | <b>79%</b>  |
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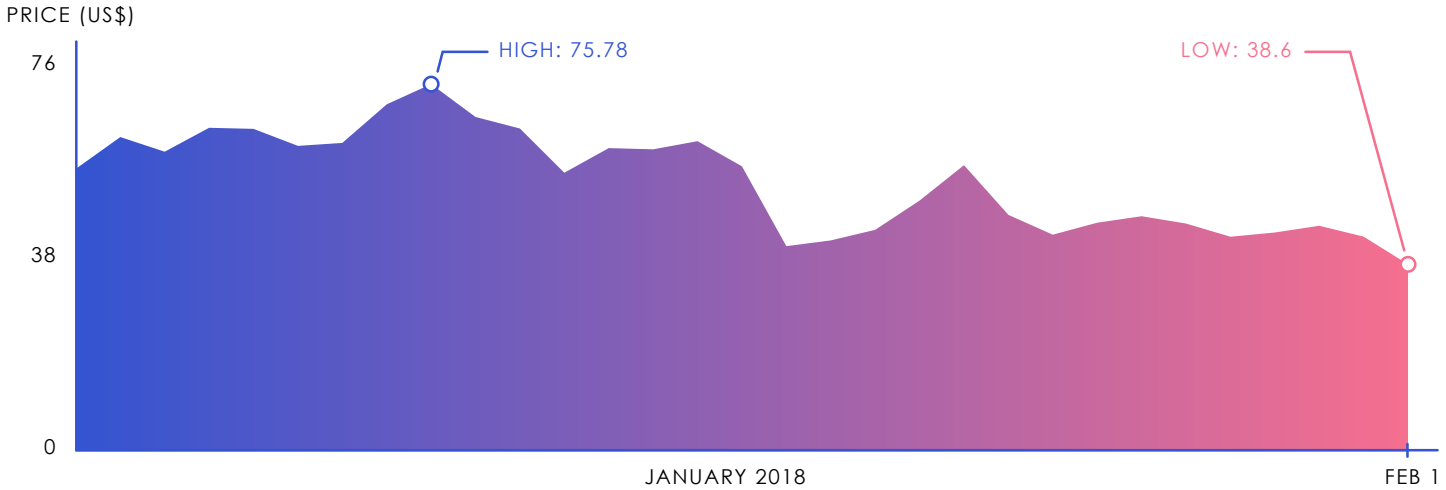
# Factom

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TOP 21

<https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/factom/>

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| <p><b>-34%</b></p> <p>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS</p> | <p><b>+151%</b></p> <p>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS</p> | <p><b>336m</b></p> <p>MARKET CAP (\$)</p> | <p><b>38.46</b></p> <p>PRICE (\$)</p> | <p><b>Poloniex<br/>Bittrex<br/>Cryptopia</b></p> <p>WHERE TO BUY</p> | <p><b>VeChain (VEN)<br/>Siacoin (SC)<br/>Storj (STORJ)</b></p> <p>COMPETITION</p> |
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### CATCH-UP

Factom's roadmap is not linear, but they do have two working products launched last year. The first product is dLoc, a document authentication and verification system which reliably authenticates any essential documents. The second product, Harmony, creates a digital process that allows each party to retain and possess ownership over their documents and files securely within their data centers while providing trusted transactions. Factom has been recently reaching highs that can be sensitive to corrections and is currently at trading at \$45.

### BACKGROUND

Factom is a platform that was created for the purpose of keeping otherwise hackable and sensitive data such as medical records, criminal records, mortgage data, and public registries safely stored on the blockchain. In order store this information, Factoids (Factom's utility tokens) are spent to avoid spamming, which in return grants immutability, censorship resistance, and easy verification.

### TA BY IVAN S. (CRYPTOGAT)

Daily and 3 day look extremely strong and are bull flagging. Resistance levels: 460k sats, 500k sats. Support levels: 373k sats, 343k sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Factom is one to work discreetly. This is one to invest in for the long term while looking for a good entry.



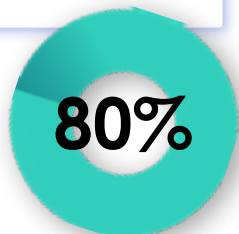
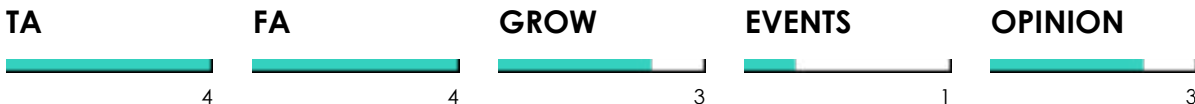
FCT is securing data transfers and putting public records on the bitcoin & ethereum blockchain so they can't be altered. It was one of the top 20s early last year. Trending upwards after a 6 month bear trend vs BTC, as many alts have. I'm thinking this can climb back in the top 20s again this year.

- Crypto Bull



### V'S PREDICTION

Secure data storage is not only a large industry, but its one that is going to be increasingly more necessary for our species as our technological prowess develops. Very strong chart and great fundamental analysis indicates good growth ahead.



AN OPEN NETWORK FOR SMART ECONOMY

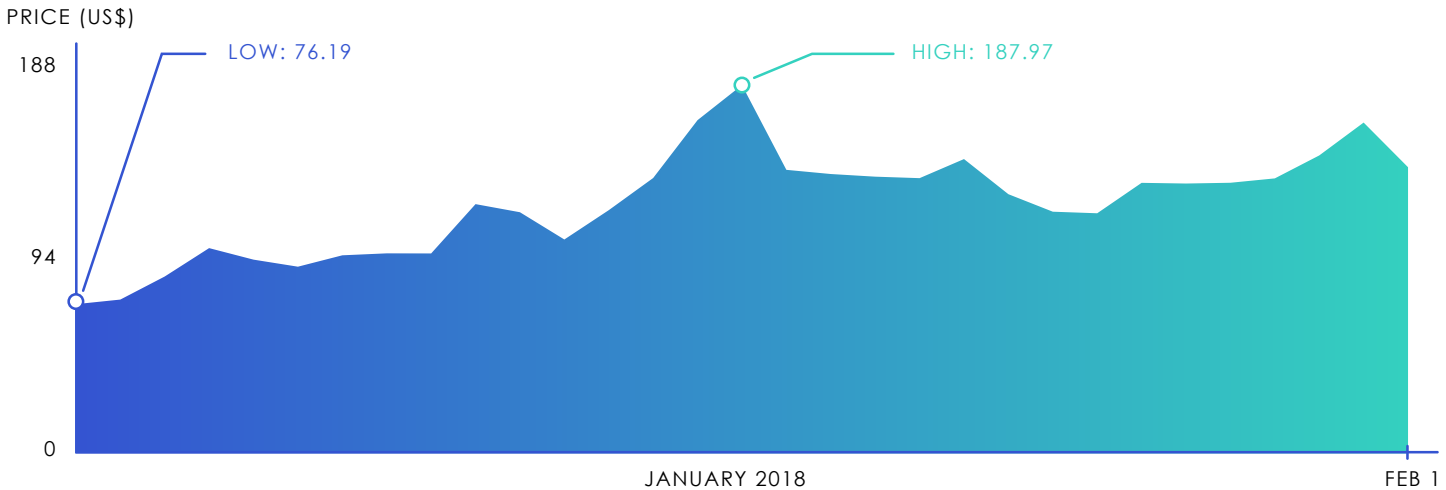
# Neo

[NEO]

<https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/neo/>

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| <b>+88%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>+399%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>9.5b</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>145.6</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Bittrex<br/>Bitfinex<br/>Binance</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>Ethereum (ETH)<br/>Stratis (STRAT)<br/>Lisk (LSK)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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### CATCH-UP

In January, Neo was on fire with their team having attended several conferences and having organized multiple meetups. The whole month was very bullish regarding price action, reaching ATH at over \$160, now riding a rollercoaster and reaching ATH again.

### BACKGROUND

Formerly known as Antshares, Neo is China's first official Blockchain project. Headed by Da Hongfei, its goal is to create a smart contract digital asset platform. Neo is a very strong competitor to Ethereum and is one of the public's favorite coins.

### TA BY JOE (CRYPTOSAYS)

After a long bullish trend that started back in December, and reaching new ATH. NEO looks like it did a double top. Also it is showing a hidden bearish divergence on the Stoch indicator, price action around 0.01025 is extremely important as it will define if the price continues the bull trend or it starts a new bear momentum. Support Levels: 0.01097 Sats. Resistance Levels: 0.01498 Sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

February seems to be relatively quiet for NEO, however they will be conducting their first developer competition in March with prizes totalling \$490,000 USD. The contest winners will be equally awarded the same amount of bounties in GAS.



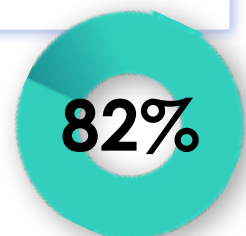
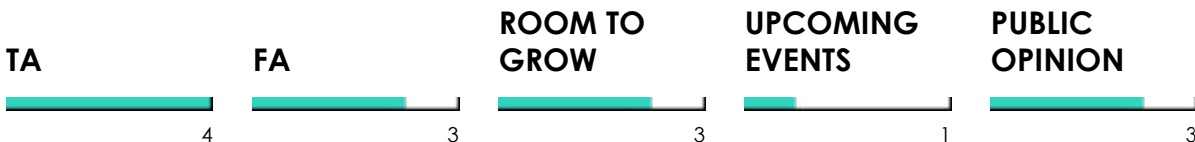
Neo could really be the next Ethereum. It is still my personal top pick for long-term when it comes to risk/reward ratio.

- Cryptonator



### V'S PREDICTION

I think Neo's featured in all of our issues to date - and with good reason. The future always looks bright with Neo. A strong representative for China's blockchain future, backed by a strong and dedicated team. Potentially another safe bet for the near future.





DISTRIBUTED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DIGITAL ASSETS

# Wanchain

[WAN]

<https://www.wanchain.org/>

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**TOP 21**

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>N/A</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>N/A</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>N/A</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>N/A</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>TBA</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>BlockNet (BLOCK)</b><br><b>Ripple (XRP)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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PRICE (US\$)



### CATCH-UP

Although Wanchain has not yet been launched, they have released a beta version of the platform. Rumors have been circulating that its tokens will be distributed this month, with some saying that the price could easily do a 20x from its initial token price! Savvy investors were able to purchase 880 WAN with 1 ETH during the presale stage.

### BACKGROUND

Wanchain seeks to connect blockchains and exchanges throughout crypto space. Any blockchain network will be able to interact with other blockchains through Wanchain in order to establish connections between different ledgers. Some examples of the many use cases include setting one's own virtual teller window and providing services like credit payments, transaction settlements, loans, and cross-chain trading. Essentially, it will be a "super" financial market that is blockchain based. The Wanchain tokens will be used to secure deposits and cross-chain verification nodes.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

N/A

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Although only Wanchain team knows this, there's a rumble that their platform will be launched in February. In the following months they will be holding meetups in the UK, Germany, India, Australia, Singapore, South Korea, China, and USA.



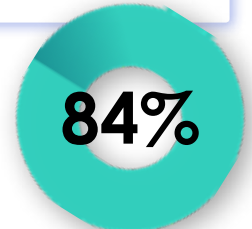
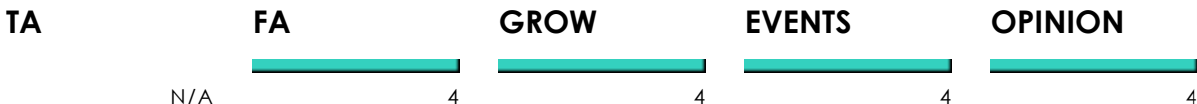
If you can get your hands on Wanchain before it takes off for real, don't hold back! I wouldn't be surprised to see it trading at \$8 (+20x ICO) as soon as it hits exchanges, which still leaves enough room for a 5x as most expectations are that Wanchain will show 100x vs ICO very soon.

- CryptoManiac



### V'S PREDICTION

This is a coin not yet on the market. Already creating a buzz though, we see good things in Wanchain's future. One to watch when it hits exchanges. Could their platform launch this month? Being one of the first investors in a new coin is a rarity, so keep an eye out - but as always, DYOR and use caution with new coins as they can be somewhat volatile.



TOTAL SCORE

DECENTRALIZED EXCHANGE FOR INSTANT CONVERSION OF CRYPTO ASSETS AND PAYMENTS

# Kyber Network

[KNC]

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TOP 21

<https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/kyber-network>

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| <b>+57%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>+320%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>487m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>4.1</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Binance<br/>Coinnest<br/>Liqui</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>Bridgecoin (BCO)<br/>Waves (WAVES)<br/>Ox (ZRX)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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### CATCH-UP

Kyber Network had a energetic and productive month in January. The team held a developer competition in Seoul, hosted a dEx workshop and meetup, and got KNC listed on the OKEx exchange. Pricewise, December and January proved to be mostly bullish; it steadily climbed from \$1.28 to nearly \$6 and then back down to where it is currently at around \$3.60.

### BACKGROUND

Kyber is a system that allows the instant exchange and conversion of crypto assets. This allows merchants to receive payments in any token, while also mitigating the risk of price fluctuations in cryptocurrencies with derivatives trading. It is trustless, decentralized, and provides high liquidity. The specialized team counts on advisors like Vitalik Buterin (Ethereum).

### TA BY IVAN S. (CRYPTOGAT)

On the daily a big cup and handle has formed. Look for a breakout confirmation above 38k sats. Resistance levels: 38k sats, 45k sats. Support levels: 29k sats, 26k sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Kyber Network mainnet and wallet will be launched in the next few weeks, which are exceptionally bullish events in a market that is eagerly expecting good decentralized exchanges.



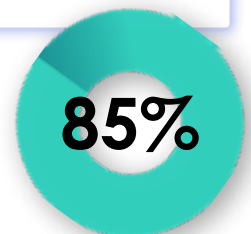
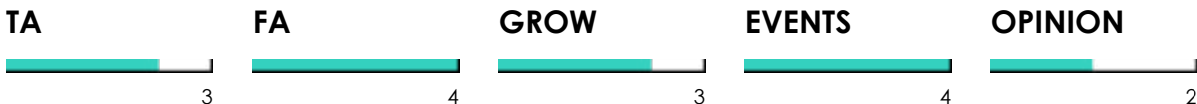
KNC was my coin in the spotlight last month. I am eagerly awaiting their mainnet launch which will allow the actual use of the token and the release of their decentralized exchange!

- TheBitcoinBear



### V'S PREDICTION

Great team, great concept, useful service, and popular amongst the crypto community - Kyber seems like a very good option for investment this month. With the mainnet and wallet launching soon I see good things in the near future for this coin.





COIN IN  
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*Spotlight*

METAL (MTL)  
BY THEBITCOINBEAR

Hello reader! Again, I want to preface this article by pointing out a few things. Firstly, I am not a financial advisor. I really have no idea how the market is going to behave, what a good investment strategy is for you, and how you should handle your money personally. Before making any investment decisions, you should consult your own financial planner/advisor.

Secondly, I want to point out that I have a vested interest in the coin which I'm about to talk about because I hold some in my portfolio. Do not expect the coin I'm about to write about to do well just because the coins I have written about previously have done well - current performance should not be correlated with past success or luck!

Finally, I want to encourage all of the readers who've made great profits in crypto over the past few months to donate some of your earnings to charity or to others in need!

I am a PhD student who deals with the creation of biosensors for small molecules as well as pathogens. I was first introduced to Bitcoin when it was 200 dollars, and remember watching it crash from 250 - 50.

Twitter: @cryptotrendz

**M**etal (MTL) recently got delisted from Bittrex. The funny thing I've noticed about listing coins on different exchanges is that it usually causes massive price spikes as speculators rush to meet the demand of the coin in the new marketplace. Inversely, when coins get delisted, it usually causes a massive reduction in price as it decreases room for speculation and is usually tied to lack of interest or bad business practices.

While the delisting was quite disappointing for many, a silver lining is that the CEO of Metal (Marshall Hayner) stated that he is already in talks to be re-listed on their platform once their their wallet iOS app is released. There is definitely a silver lining to this delisting. Before it occurred, I was already excited about Metal, and have told multiple people that I was eagerly waiting for Metal-Pay to be released. After the delisting, I began purchasing MTL as it offered a great entry while others quickly dumped their coins out of the fear and uncertainty that Bittrex's actions had caused.

I will break up the rest of this article into a few sections. Firstly, I will talk about Metal and the mechanics behind it. After that, I will try to expand on why I'm so excited for Metal-Pay. Finally, I will end with some remarks about what direction I think Metal will take in the future.

Metal is another one of those companies whose mission statement is to "help bring cryptocurrencies to the masses." We've seen plenty of coins and

tokens tout this phrase and throw it around loosely, but I feel like Metal may actually be one of the few coins that helps with this endeavor.

They plan to do this by releasing a payment

processor - kind of like PayPal or Venmo. However, unlike these two traditional avenues, Metal-Pay will allow users to exchange cryptocurrency (only MTL to start) and it will gamify the act of exchanging value! These aren't even the most amazing features of their app.

In addition, users will be able to link their bank accounts to their

Metal-Pay app and will be able to send and receive traditional fiat currencies as well. For in-person transactions and for transactions amongst friends, I do not see any benefit to using PayPal or Venmo over Metal-Pay!

I believe that we could really see mass adoption of the Metal-Pay app if it is marketed well and if people see the benefit of using it over traditional payment processors. I will go over these benefits in the next paragraph.

Another really cool feature about Metal will be the discounts and rewards it offers its users. Firstly, if you send / receive MTL as a payment to someone else on the network, you will receive 5% of the proceeds as a reward! For example, if you send 100 dollars worth of MTL to a store's wallet in a transaction, you will receive 5 dollars worth of MTL back and the store will receive 5 dollars worth of MTL as well as a reward!

Also, merchants will be offered additional rewards and bonuses for offering discounts to customers who

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REWARD!"**

pay in MTL, further incentivizing them to take MTL as a payment. A 5% bonus on any purchase is much better than any credit card promotion I've ever used, and it goes without saying that I will definitely use this whenever possible in the future!

So I've explained why the Metal-Pay app is fun and cool, but I will go into what I think gives the MTL token itself value in the next paragraph.

There will only be 66,588,888 MTL ever released (~3.17x as many as Bitcoin). More than half of the MTL

has already been distributed through the ICO and to the founders and advisors of the company, but 26,341,112 MTL will be released through PoPP.

PoPP stands for Proof of Processed Payment and it will be the driver of the initial adoption of the platform. Basically, it's the KYC (Know Your Customer) process behind which Metal will identify the sender and receiver of MTL as real people conducting a non-fraudulent transaction. Once they've been identified as such, they will be rewarded with their 5% MTL bonus! This is great, but something that I really overlooked when I first started researching Metal is how the coin will be used after all of the MTL has been distributed through PPop.

One of the things that's most bothersome about being an online vendor is having to pay transaction fees. MTL will be usable by merchants to pay for their transactions fees (kind of like how KNC will be used to pay for fees on the Kyber Exchange) when they accept money through Metal-Pay.

Additionally, MTL will allow the user to receive a discount on "premium features on the platform." I do not personally know what they mean by this, but it's just icing on the cake if MTL can be used for transaction fees. As user adoption increases, and after all of the MTL has been distributed, the scarcity of MTL will increase.

If the Metal-Pay platform is able to grab hold, and grows its market share in the payment processing market, I believe that the demand for MTL will grow.

Below, I will talk about Metal Banking and end with final thoughts.

After Metal-Pay is released (sometime Q1 2018), Metal Bank accounts with prepaid debit cards

will rollout in the Spring of 2018. As long as their bank accounts are FDIC insured, I will definitely be opening an account through them.

Leading up to 2018, cryptocurrencies have mainly been speculative without many use cases and

mainstream adoption. I am hopeful that much of this changes in 2018 with more widespread use of Bitcoin. As people open up to the use of cryptocurrencies, the hope is that a cryptocurrency-centric payment processor and banking unit will be in extremely high demand.

**“LEADING UP TO 2018, CRYPTOCURRENCIES HAVE MAINLY BEEN SPECULATIVE WITHOUT MANY USE CASES AND MAINSTREAM ADOPTION.”**

Many people bet on other tokens to fill this space as the "winner" of crypto credit and debits cards, but I think all companies who are able to roll out a working product in this field within a reasonable timeframe should be successful.

I know other cryptocurrency payment processors are focusing their efforts in Europe; Metal is based in and is focusing on use in the United States (sorry, but this is the only place it will be available during rollout).

I just want to end by pointing out that the success of Metal is mainly based on user adoption. If "normal" people are ready to use cryptocurrencies

and they see Metal-Pay as a great way to break into the market, then I believe Metal will be one of the most successful cryptocurrency companies to date.

However, that is a big IF. I know that I'm personally ready to send and receive money in

**“THE SUCCESS OF METAL IS MAINLY BASED ON USER ADOPTION.”**

the form of cryptocurrency, and I'm sure many other crypto-users are as well, but there will be a time where speculation ends as reality sets in. For Metal, I believe that we will begin to see the reality of how their company and its related currency will do shortly after the release of Metal-Pay; approximately 20-30 days from the release of this article.

I personally am optimistic that this app will be received quite well, but would like to emphasize the inherent risk of moving away from a speculative market.



# TOP 5

Well, we've seen all the way from 21 to 6, and now it's time for our top 5 picks of the month!

Buckle up and get ready, and as always, do your own research (DYOR)!

Figures accurate on 31st January 2018

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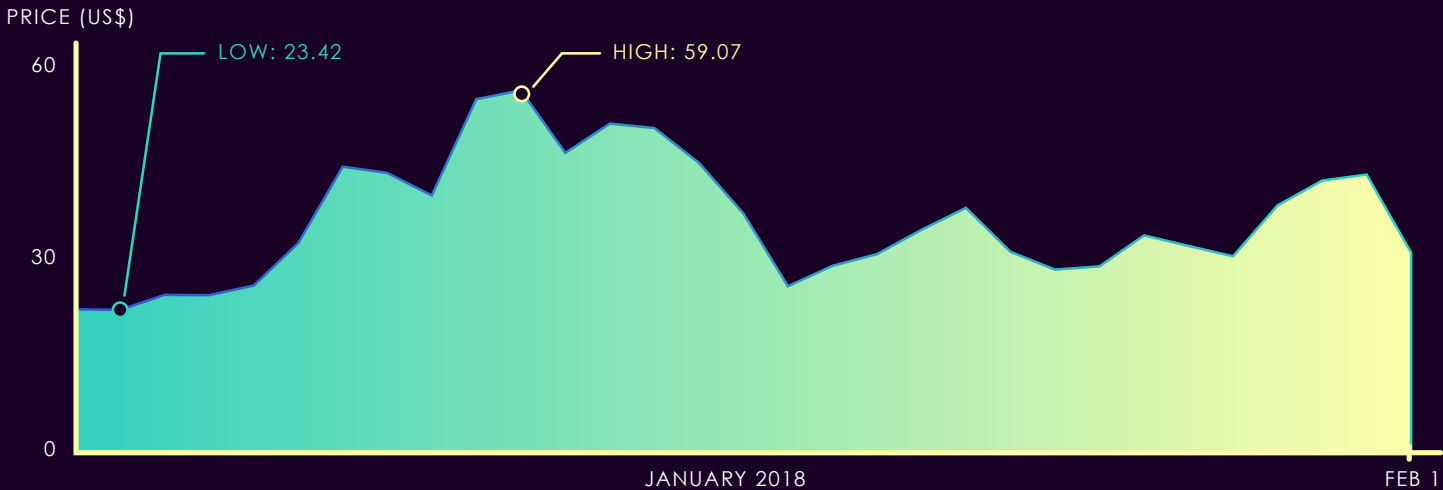
# Lunyr

[LUN]

<https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/lunyr>

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| <b>+38%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>+502%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>84m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>31.4</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Binance</b><br><b>Bittrex</b><br><b>HitBTC</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>Steem (STEEM)</b><br><b>LBRY Credits (LBRY)</b><br><b>investFeed (IFT)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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### CATCH-UP

Like most alts in early January of this year, Lunyr soared to its ATH of a hefty \$75 per token. Since then it has plummeted, finding ground at \$27. As their beta system launches, the team has been frequently updating their blog.

### BACKGROUND

As an Ethereum based platform, Lunyr is a peer-reviewed, censorship-resistant, and community-centered system that ensures that any shared information is accurate and reliable. Users who share and review information will be rewarded with LUN tokens. They are targeting markets which have relied heavily on sensationalism, lies, and misguided journalism. They are also aiming to become a knowledge base API for developers to share dApps.

### TA BY JOE (CRYPTOSAYS)

4HR Chart has been following an uptrend that started when it was added to Binance. Right now is sitting on support and it is ready to go up and keep the strong uptrend momentum. Support Levels: 0.0032510 Sats. Resistance Levels: 0.0043563 Sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Currently, they are testing open beta on their website. Throughout this year, they will be upgrading to protect against Sybil attacks, improving the reward and peer review system, implementing the Electron Application, as well as upgrading the mobile user experience.



Supernova Open Beta is set to launch at the end of January. According to LUN's roadmap, they have a large number of items set to be rolled out throughout the year. LUN is currently sitting just above a \$55M market cap with a CMC ranking at #215. Having a team of 6 developers and advisors who have been working hard on the project, it looks like a lot of progress has been made. I am excited to see what they have in store for this year and to test out their beta launch in a few weeks!

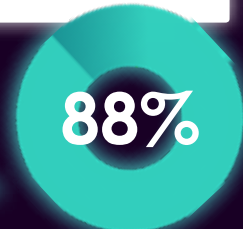
- Bitcoin Dad



### V'S PREDICTION

With their open Beta coming soon, and their honest and community-driven brand, Lunyr has a bright future. If it finds steady support, this may have a lot of upside - a cap under \$100 mill is worth a look. With all the new money funnelling into Crypto, even poor projects with low caps will see growth - so a quality one like Lunyr stands a good chance of reaching new heights soon if the market allows it.

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TOTAL SCORE

EARN REWARDS WITH MOBILE PURCHASES

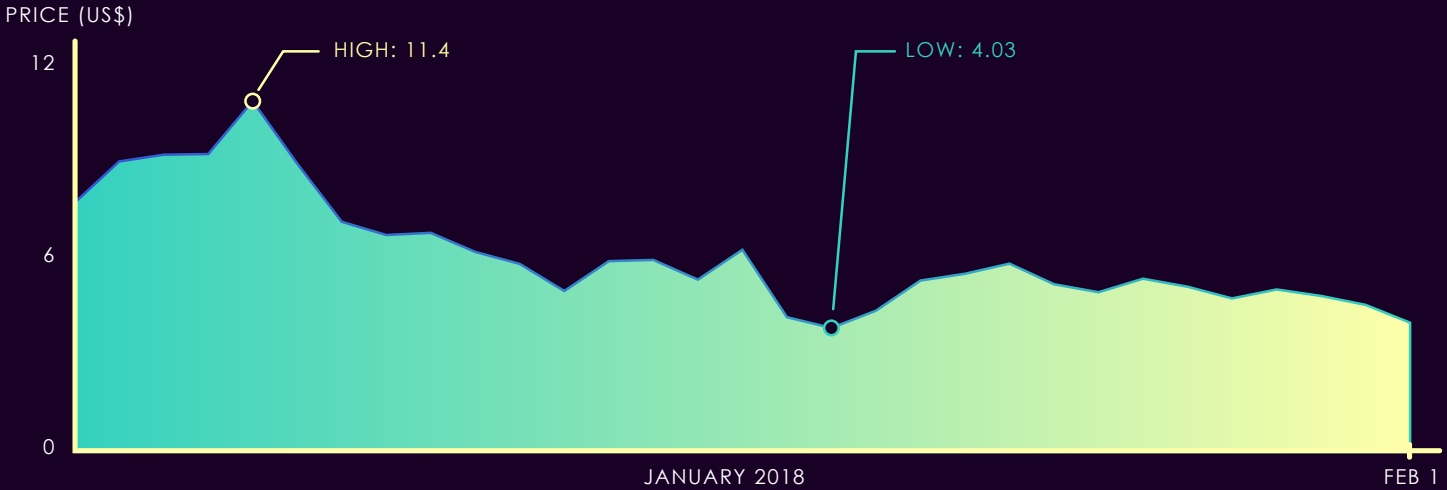
# Metal

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<https://coinmarketcap.com/currencies/metal>

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| <b>-49%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>-50%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>83m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>4.19</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Binance<br/>Huobi<br/>Upbit</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>OmiseGO (OMG)<br/>Ethos (ETHOS)<br/>TenX (PAY)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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### CATCH-UP

Metal was recently and unexpectedly delisted from the Bittrex exchange. Despite its delisting, it is still holding on Binance at 0.00047 BTC (\$5.11) at the time of writing.

### BACKGROUND

Metal is a user-friendly digital wallet that rewards its users every time they transfer or send money. It is securely encrypted, integrates with your bank account, and allows fast transactions. The CEO, Oscar Munoz, has 14 years of experience working for VISA and American Express. Other members like Sid Parihar and Brock Nordstrom have worked for Apple. The advising team has impressive names like Bram Cohen (BitTorrent), Vinny Lingham (Civic), and Juan Llanos (ConsenSys).

### TA BY JOE (CRYPTOSAYS)

Daily shows that it has been on a downtrend since October that it is slowing down, but Ichimoku indicators still show that even with a bullish bounce (dead cat bounce) the downtrend can continue. Support Levels: 0.000392 Sats. Resistance Levels: 0.000597 Sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Things are looking fairly calm for Metal this month, but some good things are cooking for March when we are expecting to see their new website as well as their highly anticipated pay app, which will allow buyers and users to be rewarded with MTL tokens.

“ In a recent blog post, the CEO of Metal states that they are in talks to relist their token on Bittrex after Metal Pay has been released. The Metal Pay launch is coming out this quarter and I am personally excited to give it a try!

– TheBitcoinBear ”

### V'S PREDICTION

The recent delisting from Bittrex is but a pothole in the steep hill of success Metal is ascending. As soon as it gets re-listed expect large price-gains based on expanded reach and availability, and until then expect some speculative ones as well. Above this, Metal Pay comes out soon, and that alone will create some good movement. One to watch closely.

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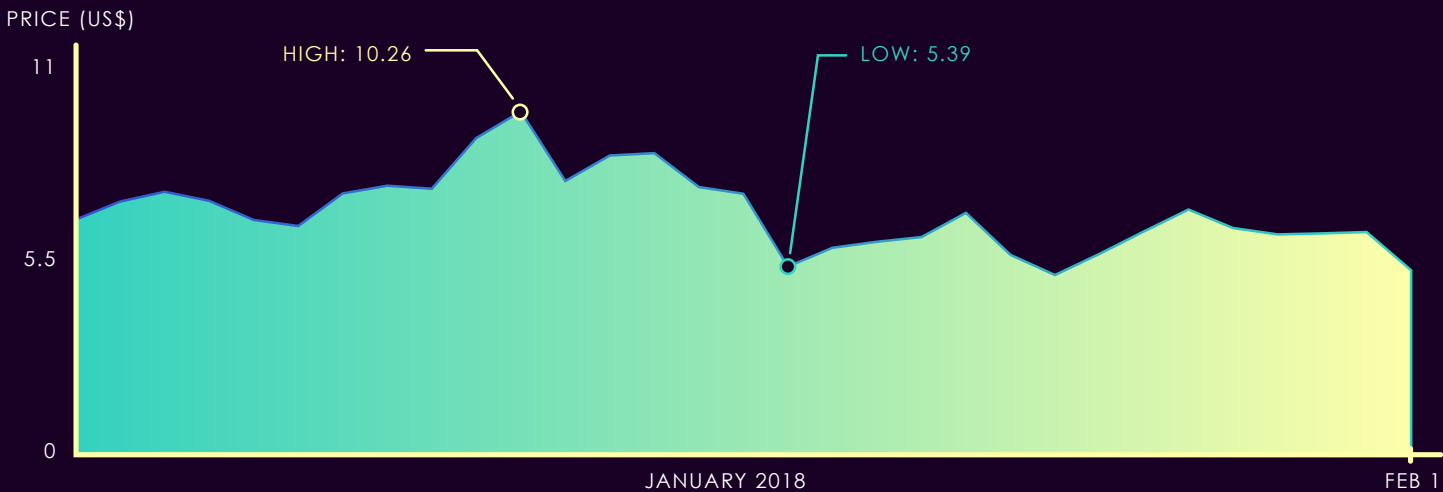
ALL-IN-ONE BLOCKCHAIN SOLUTIONS

**Ark**  
[ARK]

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| <b>-21%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 30 DAYS | <b>+127%</b><br>GROWTH PAST 90 DAYS | <b>560m</b><br>MARKET CAP (\$) | <b>5.58</b><br>PRICE (\$) | <b>Binance<br/>Bittrex<br/>Cryptopia</b><br>WHERE TO BUY | <b>Ethereum (ETH)<br/>Cardano (ADA)<br/>EOS (EOS)</b><br>COMPETITION |
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**CATCH-UP**

January proved to be a rollercoaster ride for Ark. After its ATH, the price nose-dived by -25% in relation to BTC. It has since found stable support in the \$6 area. Ark was busy last month, presenting at both Hack Cambridge in the UK and The North American Bitcoin Conference in Miami, Florida.

**BACKGROUND**

Ark aims to create an entire ecosystem of linked chains which will provide blockchain solutions to users, developers, and innovative startups. By being highly flexible, adaptable, and scalable, it allows desired products to be adopted by the general public. Having its code as open source, it is openly available to anyone who wants to contribute and improve its functionality or to build their own blockchain based on Ark. With a new block is created every 8 seconds, its transactions are incredibly fast!

**TA BY IVAN S. (CRYPTOGAT)**

Daily is on a bullish trend and has held up great during the market correction. Resistance levels: 65k sats, 75k sats. Support levels: 52k sats, 49k sats, 43k sats

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Ark shows their roadmap objectives in stages as opposed to posting a date, giving you an idea of how far along they are in reaching each target. They are currently working on many exciting goals. IPFS (inter-planetary file system) is their most ambitious project, which aims to address large amounts of data which will be timestamped and secured without having to put all of the excess data onto the chain itself.



They're currently working on the integration of IPFS (Inter-planetary File System, a peer-to-peer hypermedia protocol) and NFC/Contactless Chip Wearable Devices. Considering all facts, I think ARK could easily reach a market cap of \$10 billion. The current price is a bargain!

- Anbessa



**V'S PREDICTION**

The Ark team are constantly working away at one project or another - innovation is their middle name. They seek to link all Cryptocurrencies with universal bridges (hence the name Ark), and if they succeed in this, then they'll become one of the world's leading Crypto projects overnight. It's only a matter of time.



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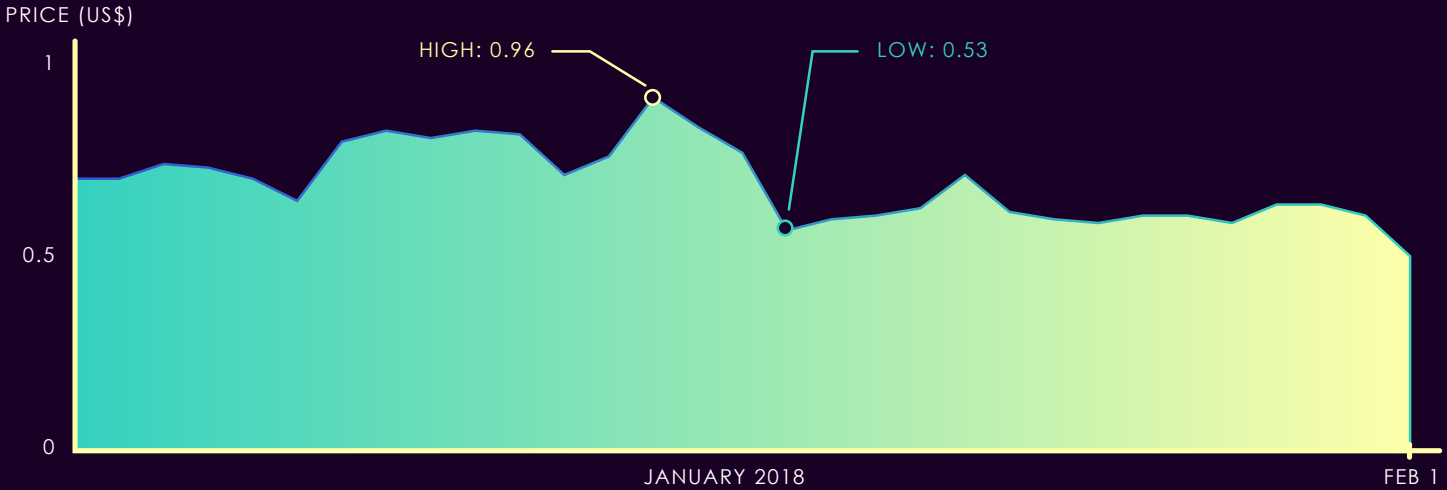
# Syscoin

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### CATCH-UP

Syscoin hit a peak in its price not long after they launched Blockmarket v1.2, their decentralized marketplace platform. It has since corrected back down to the \$.60 area, which makes its current price a good entry.

### BACKGROUND

SYS started in 2014 with a mission to create the first decentralised marketplace owned by no one, with no middleman fees. Their public sentiment is high and the long-term investment potential is great!

### TA BY IVAN S. (CRYPTOGAT)

4 hour chart looks strong, however the 3 day and weekly are fighting tough resistance. Resistance levels: 6400 sats (STRONG), 6900 sats. Support levels: 5500 sats, 5100 sats (STRONG)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

In February, Syscoin will release their Blockmarket Web 1.0 and Desktop mainnet with Masternodes 1.0, making this is an incredibly bullish situation for SYS!

“ Longtime followers of mine will know I've liked sys for a long time. With the upcoming rebranding and masternodes, I'm quite bullish. Everyone thinks sys is just a marketplace but it has quietly turned itself into a solid platform. ”

– Bully

### V'S PREDICTION

Amazingly good outlook for Syscoin in Feb - blockmarket, mainnet, masternodes - all version 1.0 and all coming out soon, along with a rebrand. Strong resistance but also strong support makes this a very safe choice for Feb!

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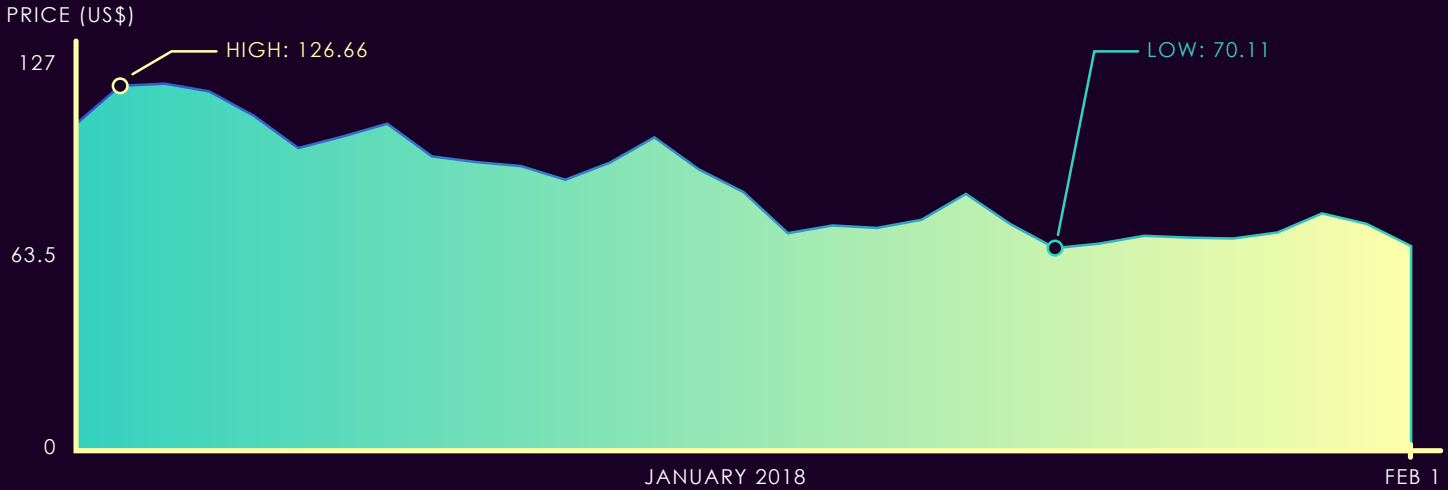
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### CATCH-UP

Because of the altcoin run and its masternode implementation, January proved to be a very bullish month for ZCoin. This coin shared the fate of many other altcoins, however. They shot for the stars to over \$125 and then quickly tanked to the \$80-\$90 area.

### BACKGROUND

Privacy coins are rumored to be very bullish in 2018. Zcoin's goal is to ensure both privacy and anonymity on the blockchain using truly untraceably coins through minting. Based on the Zerocoin protocol, this coin makes not only your financial transactions anonymous, but also the sender and the recipient's addresses as well. Poramin Insom is the lead developer as well as its founder.

### TA BY IVAN S. (CRYPTOGAT)

XZC has had significant gains recently and looks like it will continue on the bull trend. It bounced nicely off the .618 fib level on the daily and is at a support level. Resistance levels: 740k sats, 780k sats. Support levels: 680k sats, 625k sats

### UPCOMING EVENTS

While Zcoin's roadmap does not list specific dates for any events this year, we can expect to see the developments of many fantastic things to come. They will be developing their Sigma Protocol, creating a decentralized marketplace where users trade items or Zcoin, alternate wallet, encrypted communication between node peers, scalability research, Ethereum port, and interledger connectivity. Whew!

“XZC is currently sitting at a market cap of \$257 million and holds a CMC rating at #84. Love him or hate him, Roger Ver is a known investor and XZC also has a large Asian backing.”

- Bitcoin Dad

### V'S PREDICTION

2018 is hailed to be the year of the Privacy Coin - and what better than Zcoin with its new popularity and masternode-related meteoric rise? A steady uptrend is a possibility. Definitely one of the safer bets for February. At the very least a large dip is highly unlikely.

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# DADI AMA

## WITH

# PAMELA PAIGE



I am a real estate developer in New York City who specializes in securing investments from high-level commercial developers across state lines. In my off time I shoot editorials and high fashion, I have been featured in several prestigious magazines as a professional photographer. Appearing in magazines such as Dark Beauty and Maxim. I am the first woman to establish a professional roundtable (The Moonshot Groups Crypto Roundtable) consisting of ex-forex professionals, hackers & software developers, and network security analysts. The focus? To educate their community and bounce information off one another. There is power in numbers and this group proves it.

**Twitter: @ThePinkCrypto**

After weeks of anticipation, Pamela Paige (@ThePinkCrypto) had an opportunity to offer questions supplied by her Moonshot Group's Round Table to the team at Dadi: James Lambie (technical director), Joseph Denne (founder of Dadi), and Arthur Mingard (principal engineer).

The 3 teammates graciously answered the questions that have been circulating around this highly anticipated token.

More information on hosts, gateways, and payment methods can be found in the white paper

**<https://dadi.cloud/whitepaper>**

## JAMES LAMBIE ( TECHNICAL DIRECTOR )

Q

How do you see blockchain technology as a benefit to your already operational business?

A

James Lambie: Our business has been focused on web services for a little over four years, and for the first few years of life, we planned on rolling those out in a traditional cloud. We've been pretty successful, both in rolling out what is now battle hardened and stable tech, and in attracting some pretty big names to make use of it, enabling us to build a strong team (we're 18 full time, plus a couple of freelancers).

My business partner Chris and I first discussed the potential for doing something a little different in February 2016, which was when the concept for a decentralized stack was born. The key thinking in the first instance was about how we could get content as close to the end user as possible. We've run cloud setups for clients for years, and one common thread has been the difficulty in providing the best possible experience in terms of load time and responsiveness to audiences around the world. You can do a lot with an AWS, but their reach remains pretty limited. So the thought was "what would happen if we could put a node in every local loop of every ISP in the world?" Of course, this would only be possible through the cooperation of 10's of thousands of individuals, and how do you go about organising that sort of community? Trust has to be

handled within the network. So the blockchain is a linchpin of the idea. It enables trust between strangers, brings proof of stake, trust metrics, payment audits, and proof of availability to the table as well—enabling a marketplace that can exist on its own, without a single central controller. So to answer the question: our web services are cool, but putting them on the blockchain is another level. It's an opportunity to change the world.

Q

Why was there supposed replication of SONM's white paper for your own?

A

There wasn't a replication of their white paper, but a page of their content did find its way into our own. A lot of work and research went into the foundations of our stack over many months and years. The paper itself started life as a scaffold—a series of titles and notes that we broke into individual documents and collectively worked through. When researching and writing like this, it's fairly usual to drop in references and use them to help inform your own work. In this case some of that was dropped back into the main document and was not thoroughly reviewed. It's important to say we're not looking to excuse it. It was a huge oversight. And we're very sorry for the confusion it caused. But we've rectified it and are now focused on ongoing R&D, which at the end of the day is what we think really matters and is what we care about.

Q

Can I run my custom Node-Js/Python/Scala/Go/Ruby/ whatever application in a host, expose a custom API and create a custom front end?

A

The current focus for the network is the ability to run the DADI web services stack (API, CDN, Web, Publish, and a series of others that are still evolving). The option to run custom applications may become possible in the future, but for starters it's the DADI suite of products. This also helps answer a little of the "how to maintain standards and quality", as we're deploying known apps into the network in the first instance. It's important to note that we believe that the web services are what customers will buy. They stand apart in market and enable a pace of delivery way and above other platforms.

Q

A decentralized network on its own is a brilliant concept, but what are the practical applications? And how do you communicate and sell them?

A

By focusing on a suite of web services we answer those questions, giving us a go to market strategy that we already know can deliver.

## DECENTRALIZED WEB SERVICES.



## JAMES LAMBIE ( TECHNICAL DIRECTOR )

Q

Do you have a prototype or something? Or do you need to build it after the ico?

A

The web services that are the focus of functionality on the network are already used in production across more than 200+ brands. And in respect to the network itself, we have a testnet live—proving one of the most important concepts: the ability to run multiple host instances on a home private network, without the need to reconfigure default router firewalls, map ports, or worry about port forwarding. We have an article—which Arthur has put together—covering a bunch of detail on the testnet which we're hoping to publish tomorrow.

Of course there is still a lot of work to do! We're running the ICO to raise funds to allow us to expand the team to deliver more, faster. And to take the technology to market at scale.

Q

Companies building applications or platforms on cloud based infrastructure need speed and reliability to maintain uptime to facilitate say something like an e-commerce service. How do you guarantee speed on a decentralized platform to compete with the big three?

A

We're determined to circumvent any potentially compromising reliability issues by getting smart with routing

and redundancy. We are rolling what we think of as a network backbone—a trusted set of infrastructure with partners—Netwise here in the UK is the first of many to be announced, that guarantees capacity from the get go. And we will be launching with a single web service, getting into market quickly and allowing us to kick off sales & marketing as early as possible. As the network grows and more individuals add Gateways and Hosts to the network, we'll continue to roll out our other—and new—web services. This is a similar approach to AWS's go to market, which if you remember launched back in 2006 with a single offering: Simple Queue Service.

Finally, proof of stake and proof of availability will help ensure a steady level of reliability. Because the network is distributed, we can direct traffic locally, both geographically and more importantly, topologically (ultimately to within local networks)—reducing latency and helping support net neutrality.

Q

Any plans to have your own auditing and control of smart contracts or are you considering using another crypto like QSP which specifically provides that?

A

We see an extra level of audit as a great idea, although which provider(s) we use is yet to be determined.

## JOSEPH DENNE ( FOUNDER OF DADI )

Q

Your roadmap for Q1, how confident are you guys that you will hit most of it?

A

Pretty confident! We've been pushing hard on development for CDN (already in production at version 1.12), so a 2.0 version of that isn't far off. The Publish milestone is a big one for us, it brings some new UI features in that the editorial teams we liaise with have been looking forward to. Track and Identity are both well underway; Track started life a couple of years ago and has been through a couple of iterations, before settling on the current setup. Gateway & Host are already running in the testnet, so an alpha release of these is certainly no stretch. In short—we're confident.

Q

Are you in contact in any exchanges currently, if so can you say which ones? (binance pls)

A

We have an exchange roadmap which has terms from the top ~70. We already have agreements in place with a couple, and are in Asia next week meeting a few more face to face. I can't name names at this stage, or talk about our timings, I'm afraid. But this is a key focus for us.

Q

Do you have any % value predictions like some ICOs after public release to exchanges?

A

We can't engage in market predictions. But to reiterate Jim's last answer, we're confident that our roadmap targets will be met, and we have a clear focus on getting our mainnet live this year.

Q

What separates you from competition that is offering the same thing you are?

A

DADI isn't just a decentralized network, it's a platform that allows anyone to deploy any (or all) of the products available (both currently in the stack and whatever may be available in a marketplace in the future) and combine them to build pretty much any sort of service; API for providing data to a website/mobile app, and CDN to dynamically manipulate media content based in defined rules, or Web to be the frontend to API, and any number of alternative data sources.

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Q

Customer service...how will that work in a decentralized fashion for support issues?

A

The processes behind these change a little in a decentralized setup, but follow recognized patterns. We currently provide a hands on support service for our customers and will continue to do so. The three key channels that exist today will be built on and extended further: 1. We're currently building out our community support team, who will offer free support to users through our community channels; 2. We offer and will continue to offer code-level support in Git; 3. We offer retained engagements where an SLA with guaranteed response times is required.

Q

What are the system requirements for running a full blown host/gateway/stargate?

A

System requirements differ for each of the node types—we're running a bunch of Hosts on Pi 2 & Pi 3 behind home routers with a surprising level of performance. Stargates are really designed to be run in high-availability environments, such as data centres—but that doesn't mean they couldn't run somewhere else if you had the capacity to do so. Gateways fall somewhere in between—but closer to the Stargate requirements than the Host.

Q

Can I choose specific regions for hosting my consumer app?

A

The network will allow geofencing for selecting regions for the app to be available, and also to block specific regions from making requests, if required. That's a Pi3, running DADI Host on my home network, and connected to our testnet.

Q

Can I cap the computational resources the host and client apps consume?

A

Absolutely. The DADI client apps allow you to specify the resources available for it to consume within their configurations. The settings applied are used as your proof of availability metrics for the network. A node operator can change these settings at any time, but to do so will disconnect them from the network, requiring a reconnect in order for the new resource availability to be properly understood and jobs appropriately distributed.

Q

Who owns the data in Stargates?

A

If you're talking about the Stargate, then the data involved in the contracts, configuration, auditing, etc (everything involved in running the network) is owned by the network—that is, the DAO. If you're talking about the data stored in consumer apps in the Hosts, then it's owned by the user/business that deployed the app.

## ARTHUR MINGARD (PRINCIPAL ENGINEER)

Q

In your white paper it says that anyone with a connected device will be able to provide spare computation capacity to generate income. Would one need to purchase a node first in order to do this? Additionally, how many devices can be ran at once, and if a node needs to be purchased how many devices can donate capacity per node?

A

You will be able to use an existing device that has spare capacity that you are happy to contribute. Of course you could also buy a device specifically to plug into the network. Speaking of dedicated devices, we've explored and are considering the production of a line of bespoke devices tuned specifically for our web services. If we bought these to market they would be sold in much the same way that mining rigs are sold for coins. How many devices? How many have you got?!

Q

How does encryption of the VM that runs on the host work?

A

Requests are encrypted end-to-end, and verified for authenticity before hitting the application. We are currently researching a number of methods for ensuring VM integrity.

Q

How many coins must be held to run a node?

A

We've yet to confirm this. But Hosts will be relatively low (and measured against POA), with Gateways substantially more and Stargates much more again. We're working to find the right balance to support network stability without stifling growth.

Q

Right, so i have say 3 computers, ps4, phone and tablet. All can be ran but do I have to hold a specified amount or is it just a free way of generating income?

A

You would need POS for each of the devices. They will have their own wallets and will require a stake to connect to the network.

Q

What guarantees does the infrastructure have from tampering?

A

We're exploring a number of methods, including handling replay attacks, request validation on the host, and response validation at Gateway level. As mentioned earlier, We are currently researching a number of methods for ensuring VM integrity.

Q

You have a positive outlook of 4% market share and a pessimistic outlook of 0.5%. How much market share does current second tier hosting companies such as Linode, DigitalOcean have?

A

DigitalOcean and Linode have relatively small and often disputed market share (numbers vary depending on the service types [IaaS, SaaS etc.] as well as physical network resources and location), with both claiming a close second place to AWS. All of the examples offer very different services, and rivals to AWS tend to compete on cost of hardware, which in the case of AWS, DigitalOcean and Linode, are all inflated to handle the running costs of a highly redundant, high security centralized, owned (sometimes leased) warehoused infrastructure. While we see "traditional" clouds as our competition, we are not directly competing with the majority of SaaS products from these providers. Instead, we are introducing services which we believe are better qualified to fulfil the requirements of the creators of digital products.

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## ARTHUR MINGARD (PRINCIPAL ENGINEER)

Q

Any plans to integrate with “oracle” like chains (e.g. LINK, ARK) to bridge or get real-time data for the microservices you plan to build or allow others to build?

A

100% yes. DADI API, DADI Web, and our other services have a high level of data interoperability built in. For example, API allows you use one of our data connectors (or build your own!) to connect to any database, and Web has a DS framework that can read from any standard data source (including the Rai blockchain btw ). I don't see us as competing with the other decentralized networked service providers. Rather we compliment each other and would be far stronger standing together. So yes, this is absolutely something that we are exploring.

Q

What prevents the host from launching MITM attacks with self signed certificates?

A

Because of the way traffic is routed around the network, Stargates would immediately discover the discrepancy in the certificates being used to authenticate and take appropriate action. For a host to really launch an attack, it would have to handle all the traffic between the network and the end user—which would never be the case.

Q

What are your plans when it comes down to possibility of becoming darknet 2.0? Is there a way for users to police the network?

A

This is something that we are actively thinking about, but that we don't yet have answer for. In part it will be answered by our legal advisors (bearing in mind the myriad laws around the world that impact this stuff), and in part we expect it to be answered by the reputation system. At least in the first instance however, we will control the on boarding interfaces for customer apps, meaning that we can exert control over what is permissible in the network.

Q

I know that Hosts provide computational power, so I'm assuming that is where the heavy lifting around actual data would be done. So what does that look like in comparison to the network-based miners (stargates/gateways)?

A

There will be many Hosts to Gateways, and many Gateways to Stargates. You're right that Hosts do the majority of the heavy lifting. The majority of the revenue in the network will go to Hosts as a reflection of this. Gateways aggregate work from Hosts and act as the entry points (the gateways!) to the network. Stargates run the network: they create and control the various VPCs, route traffic and police usage.

Q

I'm also curious about how data actually moves throughout the nodes. I'm concerned of attacks seen during something like Operation Onymous where the FBI DDoS'd various entry/exit nodes to control what node the data went through.

A

Network scale is a big part of the answer here. But we're also working with partners to build scrubbing centers into the backbone of the network, which will go a long way to protecting us from DDoS attacks.

**ThePinkCrypto:** Thanks for joining us for the AMA and thank you to the team from DADI for answering our questions. Thank you guys very much for your time! We look forward to seeing what you guys are capable of and hope to see you back here in the future!

**Arthur Mingard:** Thanks for having us, and for all the great questions!

**Joseph Denne:** Thank you! That was challenging, which means it was also a lot of fun!

**James Lambie:** Amazing, thanks for having us!



# THE ROUNDTABLE TALK

WRITTEN BY BURGER

THE MOONSHOT GROUP'S CRYPTO ROUNDTABLE WAS FOUNDED BY PAMELA PAIGE AND GROWN BY A SMALL GROUP OF TRADE PROFESSIONALS WITH EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN FOREX, SOFTWARE ENGINEERING, HACKING, AND VARIOUS OTHER RELATIVE PROFESSIONS.

**D**ADI (Decentralized Architecture for a Democratic Internet) has been in operation since 2013 and has been used with over 200 brands worldwide including, Virgin, Empire, & Monocle. They have a strong core team (<https://dadi.cloud/en/team>) of 18 full time staff whose prior experience include lead technical roles at Barclays Bank, the BBC, Airlock, Tesco, and Time Inc. The DADI global cloud platform is natural extension of their current business, focused on providing a variety of web services so clients can grow and scale their products at a fraction of the cost of competitors, like AWS.

The DADI token is used to pay for usage of the web services suite with fees paid out to hosts, gateways, and the ecosystem infrastructure with a portion being burned to control inflation. More information on hosts, gateways, and payment methods can be found in the white paper (<https://dadi.cloud/whitepaper>). The platform utilizes a fog computing structure, a decentralized pool of devices connected to the internet—meaning no single authority can regulate how resources are distributed. A DAO (Decentralized Autonomous Organization) organizes the fog computing of DADI, which also prevents the need for consumers to pay ahead of time as they would with centralized cloud platforms.

The test-net is currently live and you can check it out the CDN and other DADI dApps at <https://dadi.tech/en/cdn/>. They are additionally powering asset delivery for one of its major clients. Full details of the network can be found at <https://dadi.cloud/en/> and the full development roadmap here: <https://dadi.cloud/en/roadmap>. DADI looks poised to deliver a highly functional cloud platform and web services product with multiple use cases and active clients in testing. They have the right people in place to take them to the next level.

Now that you're caught up on the essentials of DADI, let's discuss the elephant in the room. DADI has been accused of plagiarism and there is no denying it, section 3.6.4 of DADI's whitepaper very poorly paraphrased a part of SONM's own white paper. The issue was raised on r/cryptocurrency and was "crypto viral" soon after. DADI acknowledged the issue, showed how the details contained weren't in line with the current development, and then updated the white paper accordingly.

Meanwhile, the developer community (especially

in crypto) prides itself on open source projects. How many current coins are forks off of other ones, or forks of forks? Common code is borrowed everywhere. They are established tools and you don't need to reinvent the wheel to move forward. As pioneers in a new space, you must assume that critical eyes are on your project at all times. If someone is working on a product in the same space, it's inevitable that one would lean on or find inspiration in each other's work when making your own product. Equivocally so, your competition and their bagholders will put forth incredible effort to find any stain they can use as a foundation for FUD. Having said that, the information utilized by DADI required citations and credit where credit was due, and they had overlooked this.

This market has allowed several copy & paste tokens with minimal changes to become worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Yet here we are, watching FUD bounce off the walls of every echo chamber each time it surfaces. At first glance, the reality of FUD is indistinguishable and can cause even seasoned traders to second guess. Experienced traders will not be affected initially as they will investigate the legitimacy of claims before making their move. I encourage you to look under the hood with DADI, read the updated whitepaper, see the team's LinkedIn pages, check out the git commits, and active development—dig deep. If you're investing your money into it, you should understand the in's and out's, use cases, competitor's in the space, roadmap, etc. at a minimum. FUD in this market is very real. Being able to parse through it to find the truth, relevance, and effect it has on the market will make you a better investor in the long run.

That said, the roundtable and I have discussed DADI in detail. We also spoke with them at length during their AMA a couple weeks ago. Since then, all of our questions were answered and nearly all of our core team is whitelisted for the ICO. DADI has the team, the tools, and the ingenuity to deliver big this year and is a prime example of DYOR (do your own research) as a simple Twitter post of the images is likely enough to scare many investors away from an opportunity that could yield great rewards.



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# **CRYPTO ALL-STARs**

Here at last we have the section dedicated entirely to the pros and their monthly picks. If you already have a fave pro, or want to check out some new talent, this is the place to be. 21C's Pro Squad have all the latest inside info on which coins to watch out for in the month ahead! - 'Pros are in random order'

Background in conventional financial markets as a quant, trader and portfolio manager. Brought my skills to crypto. Started "The Happy Few" early September 2017. Apply for "The Happy Few" by following @HappyWithCrypto and sending a tweet using #InterestedToJoinHappyFew

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### WANCHAIN (WAN)

If you can get your hands on WanChain before it takes off for real, don't hold back. I won't be surprised to see it trading at \$8 (±20x ICO) as soon as it hits exchanges, which still leaves enough room for a 5x as most expectations are that WanChain will show 100x vs ICO very soon.

2

### SIMPLE TOKEN (OST)

Considering that simple is not trading in the top 100 coins yet, I think there is still plenty of upside for this one. Currently trading at 6.6k Sat but 10k should be an easy first target. Expecting 14k-20k in this alt's cycle.

3

### ARK (ARK)

Somehow ARK lags in terms of performance. It had a little ride thus far but still needs to show real strength. My target for ARK would be 120k+ for this alt's season. Expect it to reach those levels when most alts already head back from their highs.

1

### ETHEREUM CLASSIC (ETC)

Ethereum classic is one of my favourites for 2018. Compared to Ethereum it's extremely low priced at just under \$30. Chart looks good, roadmap looks good and I think it will break the 0.0035 (BTC price) resistance before the Callisto airdrop early March.

2

### FACTOM (FCT)

Securing data transfers and putting public records on the bitcoin & ethereum blockchain so they can't be altered. One of the top 20s early last year. Trending upwards after a 6 month bear trend vs BTC as many alts. I'm thinking this can climb back in the top 20s again this year.

3

### COUNTERPARTY (XCP)

XCP is the native token of the Counterparty platform that is built on the Bitcoin blockchain. It's a decentralized platform for creating and exchanging customized tokens and can also execute smart contracts. I've been waiting for this to break 0.01 like forever, hopefully we don't have to wait much longer.

## PARABULLIC TROLL

@Crypto\_God

Full time twitter troll falling deeper and deeper down the rabbit hole known as Crypto.

1

### LUNYR (LUN)

Supernova open beta is set to launch at the end of January. Per LUN's roadmap that have a large number of items set to be rolled out throughout the year. They have a team of 6 developers and advisors, who have been working hard on the project, excited to see what they have in store for this year as it looks like a lot of progress is being made and test out their beta launch in a few weeks!

2

### ZCOIN (XZC)

Love him or hate him, but Roger Ver is a known investor in XZC, they also have a large Asian backing. With regulations and crackdowns of crypto currencies all over the world will be interesting to see if the demand for these privacy based coins continue to rise.

Dad/trader/cryptocurrency investor. Go say hey at: www.bitcoindad.info

## BITCOIN DAD

@bitcoin\_dad

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### EXPANSE (EXP)

Launched in September 2015, one of those older coins with a hard working developer which I love to invest in. They have been at conferences getting the word out about their project and making partnerships in the meantime. With Ethereum and the attention is brought to crypto newer traders could be looking for a solid low priced alternative, and EXP is my choice.

1

### ARK (ARK)

They currently work on the integration of IPFS (Interplanetary File System is a peer-to-peer hypermedia protocol) and NFC/Contactless Chip Wearable Devices. Considering all facts, I think ARK could easily reach a market cap of \$10 billion. The current price is a bargain.

2

### SKYCOIN (SKY)

Since marketing started, a lot of volume entered, and we got a new ATH. New exchanges already were announced for the future and as the community and people's awareness is growing, I expect a steady price increase during the next weeks and months.

3

### POSW COIN (POSW)

The new development team seems to be ambitious. If you check the roadmap that was released two weeks ago, a coin swap is planned for Q1-Q2, which will implement new features like TPOs (Trustless Proof-Of-Stake), Masternodes, additional monthly dividends, a Lightning Network Upgrade and enhanced privacy (Zmarks). TPOs will make it possible for the first time to stake while your coins stay safe on your Ledger Nano S.

## ANBESSA

@anbessa100

Economist. Investing and trading stocks was my hobby, researching and trading cryptocurrencies changed my life. I feel blessed doing what I'm doing and being a part of this visionary and crazy crypto community.

Hardware hacking, mining & Bitcoin are my favorite tech topics. I wear plenty of hats. Nowadays, people mostly know me as fundamentals expert for new technologies in the blockchain space. My favorite picks are masternode cryptos, privacy focused projects and distributed storage technologies.

## FLORIAN

@marsmensch

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### ZAP (ZAP)

The "Zap Store" will be a curated marketplace that allows users to create, publish and subscribe smart contract and Decentralized Application compatible data feeds. The team has accumulated a lot of talent from the blockchain space.

2

### REQUEST (REQ)

Request Network is a decentralized network for payment requests, something PayPal can never be. In Q1 they plan to launch the "Pay with Request!" project, Q2 will bring a privacy PoC using ZkSnarks.

3

### ICON (ICX)

The ICON project is aiming to build one of the largest decentralized networks in the world. It's loopchain will have identity management, DAPP, governance, AI features & much more.

1

### VERIFY (CRED)

Reputation protocol that will allow safer cryptocurrency transaction. In addition, they are offering a way for buyers and sellers to be protected when using crypto to shop online. Low marketcap and only on very small exchanges right now.

2

### ETHEREUM CLASSIC (ETC)

Hardfork and airdrop coming at the start of March along with the Emerald Desktop Wallet. Also rumors of Coinbase listing.

3

### AION (AION)

A way for blockchains to communicate that wouldn't be able to otherwise. AION will be vital for the adoption of blockchain and I personally think it will be worth 10-12 billion by end of year (450 million currently)

I look at charts till I am delusional and they speak to me.

## IVAN S.

@CryptoGat

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### I/O COIN (IOC)

I/O Coin has been an early innovator since mid 2014 with their progressive approach to Blockchain development. With limited resources they achieved what many could not. The future with DIONSv2 and Chameleon will bring a lot of more Blockchain innovation. Also, the recent Miami conference announcement (Dr. Moe Levin as advisor, dions 2.0, chameleon) is likely to attract more investors!

2

### ETHEREUM CLASSIC (ETC)

I'm personally not a fan of ETC, and I think there will be no flipping (against ETH) soon. But basing on sentiment analysis, the believers of Etc on crypto twitter is rising, and that's an indicator of a soon to rise market.

3

### BINANCE COIN (BNB)

With Binance crushing the crypto space recently and still growing exponentially, investing on BNB is practically safe and profitable. Not to mention, there'll be token burn in the upcoming weeks or months.

## CRYPTO CHIEF

@cryptochief\_

I am Crypto Wolf. Pretty new in the Crypto space, but not in the financial market.

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### ETHEREUM CLASSIC (ETC)

Chat looks good and everybody likes free money (5 March).

2

### WALTONCHAIN (WTC)

WTC has had a healthy, steady growth over the past months, and is slowly gaining more and more partnerships to effectively roll out their product (combining RFID with blockchain technology).

3

### CINDICATOR (CND)

Expecting a lot from Cindicator in the first Quarter of this year.

## CRYPTOTUTOR

@cryptotutor

Hi, I'm CryptoTutor, @CryptoTutor on Twitter and the owner of the Young Professionals Trading Community. Our focus is information-sharing, bot-development and Strategy Management. My goal is to revolutionise the flow of information on Cryptocurrency markets (i.e. Bittrex ALT/BTC pairs) by letting my team develop bots (SRSI tool, chart/candle pattern recognition & more). Group admissions go by DM on Twitter.



I've been in Crypto for 3 years. Full-time trader/speculator/investor/miner/staker. I specialise in smallcap coins. I buy coins that don't even have charts yet.

Just a dude with a Twitter account. Been buying the f\*\*\*ing dip since 2014. Bag holdin' is my forte.

## MOCHO17

@cryptomocho

### 1 ALQO (ALQO)

Massive potential. They just signed a contract for a legitimate business. Paynix is on their roadmap to incorporate the ALQO gateway for payments and merchants. LIBERO will be released mid-February. It is an upgraded wallet that will have better backup features and 2FA implemented. Palacio (Bitfioneon) released in June this year.

### 1 STORM (STORM)

Storm was created by Simon Yu. This coin has many great feature options for the micro-transaction world. You can earn storm by using storm play. The coin is also being advised by some very big names including Bittrex CEO Bill Shihara, CNBC Brian Kelly.

## NEEDACOIN

@needacoin

### 2 WAX (WAX)

Developed by the founders of OPSkins WAX token is a digital marketplace for the millions of people who buy and sell in game items. Wax is also being advised by Dave Anthony, Creator of the popular video game Call of Duty.

### 2 REBELLIOUS (REBL)

Will start with burning the leftover tokens from the airdrop planned for February 14th. Afterwards they will release an update for the wallet, preparing the whitepaper 2.0, and a new version of the roadmap. In the whitepaper they explain goals for 2018-19 in more detail, especially regarding plans for their own blockchain.

### 3 BREAKOUTCOIN (BRK)

This is a coin for the online poker players, with over 9 poker pros as Brand Ambassadors including names like Johnny Chan, Huck Seed and Todd Brunson they already have a working poker website and has a very low market cap in comparison with other gambling related coins.

### 3 METAL (MTL)

Fiat gateway to crypto. With the highly anticipated Metal Pay app (iOS in Q1 2018, Android to follow), users can link their traditional bank account to add funds to their personal in-app FDIC-insured fiat bank account.

### 1 METAL (MTL)

Metal was recently delisted from Bittrex which has caused quite a large price drop. However, from a recent blog post, the CEO of Metal also states that they are in talks to relist their token after Metal Pay has been released. Metal Pay launch is coming out this quarter and I am personally excited to give it a try!

### 1 AELF (ELF)

Decentralized cloud computing project with built in governance and resource segregation. Widely backed by huge investors groups and holding pretty good against Bitcoin moves.

### 2 KYBER NETWORK CRYSTALS (KNC)

KNC was my coin in the spotlight last month. I am eagerly awaiting their mainnet launch which will allow the actual use of the token and the release of their decentralized exchange!

### 2 NEBULAS (NAS)

Decentralized search engine project. Open source algorithm with huge room in scalability terms and great community support.

## THEBITCOINBEAR

@thebitcoinbare

### 3 BITCOIN (BTC)

I believe this month will be a very pivotal for Bitcoin; are we going to retest all time highs? or are we going to correct to what would now be considered as extremely low prices? Either way, I don't think the volatility is over. I am a personal believer in bitcoin so I want to believe in the best case scenario, but only time will tell what really happens. I believe world events will most likely be the deciding factors; heavy regulation from bitcoin hotspots could be bad news.

## CRYPTO RAND

@Crypto\_Rand

### 3 REVAIN (R)

Interesting feedback platform, that doesn't allow to change or delete reviews and its authors get a reward for creating it. Low market cap and experimented team.

I am a PhD student who deals with the creation of biosensors for small molecules as well as pathogens. I was first introduced to Bitcoin when it was 200 dollars, and remember watching it crash from 250 - 50.

Trader, researcher, advisor and traveller.

I have two decades of experience in business and economic development, along with investment experience in the stock market. Cryptocurrency trading began as a hobby a couple of years ago and has grown into my main investment platform over the past year thanks to the popularity of bitcoin. I try and spend as much time as I can researching the alt market in order to earn more bitcoin to put towards my retirement.

CryptoBully is a corporate attorney and occasional crypto trader. You can find him on twitter at @cryptobully.

## UNCLE YAK

@yakherders

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### BITCLAVE (CAT)

BitClave's Active Search Ecosystem has changed the way consumer data is collected by businesses looking to promote their products. Consumers will control how much of their personal data a business can see using their new search engine, and compensating them for viewing promotions. This gives businesses a more effective tool to pinpoint their customer base as well.

1

### DIGIBYTE (DGB)

I can't believe I'm typing this, but DGB could be a good pick this month. Tons of noobs flooding the space who are obsessed with low sat coins, plus their recent approval to have their wallet on iOS testnet.

## BULLY

@cryptobully

2

### SYSCOIN (SYS)

Longtime followers of mine will know I've liked sys for a long time. With the upcoming rebranding and masternodes, I'm quite bullish. Everyone thinks sys is just a marketplace but it has quietly turned itself into a solid platform.

2

### BLOCKMASON CREDIT PROTOCOL (BCPT)

The Credit Protocol is a system for permanently recording ledgers of debts and credits between parties, guaranteeing the reliability of records stored. Currently, it's one of the lowest market caps on Binance giving it big potential for gains.

3

### DRAGONCHAIN (DRGN)

I'm a broken record with this coin but it's my top pick of 2018. Over 200 projects currently in its incubator. The LookLateral ICO sold out quickly. More exchange listings in the pipeline.

3

### SNOVIO (SNOV)

Snovio has created the world's first decentralized lead generation platform, solving many of the current problems within the traditional system. A simple Chrome extension has already been created for businesses and consumers to use.

1

### NEO (NEO)

Neo could really be the next Ethereum. Still my personal top pick for long-term when it comes to risk/reward ratio.

2

### UBIQ (UBQ)

Decentralized blockchain platform with the functionality of dApps and smart contracts. One of the most undervalued projects with an actual market cap of ~\$170M.

## CRYPTONATOR

@cryptonator1337

3

### PHORE (PHR)

Phore comes with PoS 3.0, Zerocoin Protocol and masternodes. Plans are to create a decentralized marketplace and crowdfunding platform. Potential billion \$ market cap.

Former online marketer & SEO. Since early 2017 into Cryptocurrencies, from hobby to full time within months. Founder of Cryptonator 1337 GmbH.

Do or do not, there is no try.  
Secretly wants to be a Jedi.

V

@GameOfCryptos

1

**ZCLASSIC (ZCL)**

Zclassic is hardforking into Bitcoin Private at the end of Feb. A privacy coin with Bitcoin's branding is a marketing gold-mine. I'd be very surprised if this didn't match Bitcoin Cash's marketcap in a couple of months.

2

**UBIQ (UBQ)**

Same as Jan - a great platform with great prospects. Didn't have its meteoric rise in Jan, but could do in Feb. It's very unlikely to go down at the very least. A safe pick that could net you a little profit, or a lot.

3

**BITCOIN (BTC)**

Good old Bitcoin. Properly consolidated and awaiting the next leg up. Previous ATH was double what it is now, so a 2x may be on the cards soon. Although if your goal is to acquire more Bitcoin over Fiat (it should be) then this would be a null choice.

# STAFF PICKS

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**WANCHAIN (WAN)**

I've been saying this for months: I'm feeling so bullish on Wanchain platform release that it's almost scary. It's a game changer in this space, and I can't wait to see how much we'll be able to do with it. Wanchain is, put simply, blockchain on steroids.

2

**ZCOIN (XZC)**

The way some regulators want to crack down on cryptocurrencies, the spotlight this year is definitely on private currencies. This is the way this year to prove that crypto is unstoppable.

3

**ETHOS (ETHOS)**

They will be releasing their Universal Wallet this quarter. They have the ambitious plan of being a gateway, think of a decentralized Coinbase.

ÍRIS

@n00bqu33n

Found the leprechaun of magic internet money in 2016. Part hodler, part wannabe trader. Nothing a good FA can't heal. Find my crypto musings on Twitter @n00bqu33n.

# BEAST'S TRADING DOJO

Hailing from a background of music and web development, I was first introduced to cryptocurrencies in February of 2016 by a friend and college. It didn't take long for me to see the immense potential in this space, and by early 2017, I was fully invested and began to trade them as a full time endeavor. In this time I've learned so much about cryptocurrencies and investing/trading that I've been able to radically change my life for the better. These days, I am working on perfecting my trading strategies in order to get the best possible returns.

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So you've bought your first cryptocurrency and you think you've got what it takes to become a trading legend, but something's holding you back. Perhaps the lack of funds to make meaningful profits or unfavorable conditions for buyers is keeping you from making the strides that you think you are capable of. Luckily, there is a way to make up for these circumstances through margin trading. In this article, I'm going to provide some examples to show the advantages and risks of margin trading as well as some common advice, tips, and tricks to give you the edge over your competition and keep you from getting rekt.

## ADVANTAGES AND RISKS

**M**argin trading is the act of borrowing funds to trade with in order to increase leverage in your positions. You can borrow so long as you have the necessary funds available to act as collateral for the loan you've taken out with the exchange. As you add more leverage to your positions, the trading decisions you make have an increased impact on your returns, which makes this trading tool both a blessing and a curse. Below are a couple of examples to show what I mean.

### *Example 1*

Say you take a long (buy on margin) position on Bitcoin at \$10,000, and in total

you want to buy \$1000 worth of contracts. In order to do this, you would need to supply over half of the money for your position's size as collateral (over \$500) so that the exchange can trust you with the money you want to borrow from them. Now you're trading with \$1,000 instead of \$500 and the stakes are twice as high. If the price of Bitcoin drops 50% down to \$5,000 per Bitcoin, you will have effectively lost all of your \$500 that you were using as collateral and the exchange will forcibly close your position (This is known as being Liquidated, aka a Margin Call), whereas before you would be left with \$250 worth if you hadn't used leverage. On the other side of the coin (no pun intended), if the price of Bitcoin doubles to \$20,000, you would be able to close your position for a payout of \$1,000 and of course, you get to keep your collateral, which would get you to \$1,500 in total.



## Example 2

Let's say you think Bitcoin is going to go down in price and you want to bet on it. Because you are able to borrow more money from the exchange, you are also able to "short sell", which means to borrow and sell (instead of borrow and buy) and enables you to bet against the market. If you short sell \$1000 using 2x leverage at \$10,000 per bitcoin with \$500 as collateral and the price drops 50% to \$5,000, you would make \$500 (50% of \$1k) and keep your collateral of \$500. This would get you to a total of \$1k at the end. On the other hand, if the price goes up 50% to \$15,000, you will have burned through your collateral and you would be liquidated.

In conclusion, margin trading is a tool which allows you to increase leverage on your positions, and depending on how correct in your predictions you are, it can have both positive and negative effects on the outcome of a trade.

## ADVICE, TIPS, AND TRICKS

Now that you know the advantages and risks of margin trading, let's go over some advice, tips, and tricks to give you an edge in the market and help keep you from getting rekt.

## WHICH EXCHANGE SHOULD I USE?

Bitmex is currently a popular choice for margin trading Bitcoin, Futures contracts on Bitcoin, and a selection of other large cap cryptocurrencies.

## PROS

Unlike Bitfinex and Kraken (a couple of other options), Bitmex doesn't have a history of flash crashes. A flash crash occurs when there are large liquidations and no

limit orders for those liquidations to sell into. This sets off a chain reaction that can leave people forced to cover their positions at insanely low prices, sometimes even \$0. In my opinion, this is just plain theft caused by the negligence or maliciousness of the exchange, and for this reason, I do not use or trust exchanges which are prone to flash crashes.

Bitmex is one of the best functioning crypto exchanges I've used. It has had very few outages in my experience and relatively low lag during high price volatility.

## CONS

One of the downsides to Bitmex is that it requires a Bitcoin deposit instead of a deposit of other coins, or even fiat.

Bitmex has yet to implement Segregated Witnesses for their wallet, so expect very high transaction fees (often over \$50) when you withdraw.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

You've probably heard it a thousand times while reading about trading, but when it comes to leveraged positions, it is even more essential that you are aware of what you are risking when you open a position. Even though you are utilizing money that you don't have initially, I recommend not opening any positions larger than what you would normally open without leverage. Use leverage to help put small sums of money to big use, not to put big sums of money to massive use.

## HOW MUCH LEVERAGE SHOULD I USE?

I highly recommend sticking to 1-10x leverage. Keeping the leverage as low as possible while keeping your position size effective will keep you from getting liquidated. Personally, I never open positions over 10x leverage. If you open a position on 10x leverage, you'll have a 10% cushion

on your trade before you burn through your collateral and get liquidated. If you open a 100x leverage position and the price moves even 1% against you, you will be liquidated. Keep the leverage modest, especially until you feel comfortable and know what you're doing.

## INITIAL MARGIN AND MAINTENANCE MARGIN

Something you should be aware of when opening leveraged positions is the initial margin and maintenance margin that the exchange you are using requires. The exchange will require a certain amount of extra collateral when opening a position in order to assure that if your position is covered far above or below where your liquidation price was (this can happen during times of very high volatility), that the exchange can claim the extra collateral as compensation. I recommend reading up on your exchange's rules in their FAQ section.

## ALWAYS SET A STOP LOSS

The worst feeling in trading comes from being liquidated on a heavy position. Ensure that it never happens by setting stop losses on your trades. If you get really good at margin trading, this might even allow you to sleep while you have highly leveraged positions open. Save yourself the agony of losing everything you have on the exchange by setting a stop loss.

## ALWAYS FOLLOW THE TREND

While margin trading, it is essential that you are aware of the time frame you are trading on, where you want to open and close your positions, and where you are going to call it quits if the price moves far enough against you (setting a stop loss). Try to ensure that you are opening your position at the most

optimal price and with the highest possible certainty of success by following the trend on as many time frames as possible.

Bitcoin has been in a long term bull trend since its inception, so it would stand to reason that you would have been more likely to succeed in going long than going short over that time frame. Now that you know the bigger trend, you can move to a lower time frame and determine the trend on a weekly, daily, hourly, and even by the minute (for the true degens out there) charts. The swings on the weekly/daily/hourly are strong enough that playing the swings on those time frames is arguably the best way to go.

## CATCH THE DIPS/SELL THE PEAKS

When you're margin trading, every percentage gain and loss matters. Try your best to catch the bottom of the dips before the trends align bullish or sell the peak before the trends align bearish on the time frame that you want to play. I like to use The Stoch RSI indicator to help with this. It is a momentum indicator that works on all time frames. For a position that you want to keep open for 1-3 days, try to wait for when the 4h, 1h, and 15m time frames are all oversold, the daily Stoch RSI is moving upwards, and resistance is about to break. If you are bearish, try to sell when the Stoch RSI is overbought on those time frames and support is about to break.

**As much as traders like to talk on Social Media about the massive gains they've made via margin trading, it is not as easy as it might seem. Trading by itself is already extremely risky, so throwing extra leverage on top of the most volatile market amounts to the most challenging and rewarding method of trading in the world. If you are looking to start margin trading, start small with minimal leverage and work your way up to the level where you feel both challenged and comfortable at the same time. Good luck out there, you trading degenerates!**



# DONATIONS & TIPS

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**DOGE: DMNQgzFfRraMgFionwijSwvT2TTGcNeYy2**

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Alright that's enough groveling, back to the exciting content...

(We'll add more addresses next month when we can keep track - or get in touch at: [contact@21cryptos.co.uk](mailto:contact@21cryptos.co.uk))

# FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS

## Lesson 2: The Team!

### WITH CRYPTO BULLDOG

I am Crypto Bulldog. I've spent most of my life starting up new businesses from scratch. I love to learn new things, and my biggest strength is my research capabilities. I first got involved with cryptocurrencies early 2017. My end game is to buy an RV and travel the world until the day I die...

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**In my first article, I gave you a little insight about key features and figures that you must consider in order to have a detailed Fundamental Analysis and I also focused on "Use Case". We analysed Everex (EVX) at the time when the price was \$1.16 - 0.00007087 BTC. It is my hope that you did your own research (DYOR) and were able to lock in some profits. The price peaked at \$6.99 - 0.000431 on January 8th, later finding support at lower levels. Stable BTC prices helped this rise, of course. Fundamentally strong projects tend to do well against a stable BTC.**

Each month, we will be directing our focus to the different areas of Fundamental Analysis. In order to make an educated guess about the market and to differentiate the good projects from the scam projects, you will need to master the entire list that I gave you last month. It will get easier with time, so don't let the word "master" scare you. Once you've put in enough time, you'll start seeing scam projects from a mile away. Impatience and wanting to see results ASAP is one of the biggest problems of our generation. I have to admit that both our parents' and grandparents' generations had much more patience than ours. "Rome wasn't built in a day" is a tremendously well known saying for very good reason.

For this month, we are going to focus our analysis on one of the most important aspects of a project: the "TEAM". As I've mentioned previously, the first thing I do during a Fundamental Analysis is to look into the "Use Case" of the coin/token in order to see if there is an actual need for it. I believe that by doing this, you will have the best chance at predicting its success. After checking this, I will usually continue on by looking at the team and its advisors in order to determine if the projects have the key people needed in order to achieve their goal. Whether it is an existing project or an ICO does not matter. The steps and questions you have to ask are mostly similar.

Developers play a large role in cryptocurrency projects. A project can have the best developers working for it, but without the proper people in place to support it, even a perfectly working product can easily die. The developer's ideas can make perfect sense in their closed ecosystems, yet they still need key people to become the bridge between themselves and the community. Without that direct communication with their target market, it is impossible for the project to gain the mass adoption needed in order to become successful. This same approach is also necessary for any legal requirements. We will talk about those key people and their roles later, but let's start with magicians – the developers!

Looking into the number of developers might be a good thing, but the quality of these developers also matters. If the project you are researching is open-source, then you are in luck! Open-source projects bring more trust to the investors, as even if you don't understand a word of it, you can go to the project's Github page and assess the activity there. I know it looks confusing, but once you compare a good project to a dead one, you will see the difference. As an example: check out Monero's Github activity and compare it with any coin that you find on "Deadcoins". If you are a new investor and have no coding experience, it's highly likely that you will not understand anything about the "commits" to a



project. A commit is pushing a piece of code to the Github code repository. To get a general understanding of the activity you can see the number of commits on the project's Github, but my preferred method is to click on the "Insights" tab. There, you will also find the profiles of individual contributing developers and can look up their history, check the number of people watching the project, as well as gauge the popularity by the number of "stars" that have been given by people. It is difficult to assess centralized projects led by a company in this way because they mostly want to protect their code against competitors. In this case, you will want to see if there is a working product and check the user reviews. If there is no working product yet, you should dive deeper to try to determine if the team is capable of delivering such product.

As I had mentioned earlier, aside from the developers, these projects need other key people to be the bridge between the community/market and the developers. The questions you will need to ask about the team depends of the target market demographics that the project intends to penetrate. You may consider asking the following:

- **Do they have solid experience in the market that they are trying to penetrate?**
- **Do they (especially the founders) have experience in key leadership positions at multimillion dollar companies previously and have they worked with a diverse team?**
- **Which companies were they associated with?**
- **Do they have endorsements from them?**
- **Do they have passion about the particular problem which they are trying to solve via this project?**
- **Were their previous projects/startups successful?**
- **Do they still have healthy businesses that can be affected by the success or failure of this project?**
- **Have the members of team collaborated on other projects before?**
- **Can they easily explain why the project needs a coin/token & blockchain**

**“OPEN COMMUNICATION” AND “TRANSPARENCY” IS ALSO KEY TO GAINING TRUST IN ANY MARKET.”**

**adaptation?**

- **Is the target market big enough and have real world problems which can be solved by a project like this?**
- **How large and diversified is the team?**
- **Do they have any key team members in place to overcome any possible legal obstacles?**
- **Do they have specialized marketing experts?**
- **Do these marketing experts have any previous experience in this market?**
- **Do they have a marketing plan and an associated budget for this plan?**
- **If the team does not have enough experience in particular subjects, do they have key advisors who are able to support the project?**
- **Have those advisors publicly stated they are supporting the project?**

To research the project's team members, go to the project's website and see if they have BIODs. For these key people try to find their social media accounts (especially LinkedIn) and go over them, looking to find out their previous experience in the field. ICOs will sometimes have people's names on the project with links to their LinkedIn profiles. Read these profiles carefully. If there is no mention of the project on their profile, don't be afraid to send them a message to inquire if they are actually associated with the project.

A perfect team should have legal counsel, marketing experts, country representatives for the markets that they want to penetrate, compliance experts, and partnership & negotiation specialists. Past market experience in the blockchain environment is hard to find these days but it is very important. Even small mistakes can open the doors to the hackers, causing big losses to the projects and their investors.

In cases where you find that the project members are mostly anonymous and without any social media appearance, it raises red flags for me. In my opinion, the team members need to put their reputation and name on the table, ensuring that they have something to lose if the project fails. Especially in the case of ICOs, I would never trust a fully anonymous team.

On top of all this information, "Open Communication" and "Transparency" is also key to gaining trust in any market. Yes! This applies to the cryptocurrency market as well! When you evaluate any team in this medium, those two fundamentals come in extremely handy. Interaction within the community will tell you a lot. See how big the community is and the quality of the interactions between them and the team members by checking out their official channels like Telegram, Discord, and Slack. What you want is a transparent team which communicates not only updates, but also the roadblock that they are encountering. While you are going through all the messages in these channels, you will see that other questions regarding the project that you may have on your mind have already been asked and hopefully answered. If you see that there are the same types of questions that haven't been answered by the team or if they are evading the question, it should raise a red flag. In this case, take note of those questions and go ask them on different platforms, such as BitcoinTalk and Reddit until you get a straight answer.

Yes, Fundamental Analysis is time consuming work, but success comes with a price. Even after you spend all this time on analysing a project, the success of it will not be certain. I can assure you however, that your success rate on finding good projects and making good returns will increase drastically once you start doing your own research! Never rely on other people's tips and signals. Instead, note those projects and spend the time finding the answers for yourself.

## COIN ANALYSIS: SYSCOIN

Now it's time to put what we've learned so far to work and briefly analyze a project! This month we are going to analyze Syscoin (SYS).

In 2014, SYS approached the cryptocurrency community from a different angle by wanting to create an all-in-one blockchain commercial grade service that would support a wide variety of business use cases. That same year, they created the world's first decentralized marketplace (built inside their own wallet application) and in 2016 they migrated from the 1.0 chain to the Syscoin 2.0 blockchain. Currently only available as a desktop

application, the aim of their marketplace is to give users the opportunity to trade various goods, assets, digital certificates, and data directly. Since no one owns this marketplace, it can keep its fees very low compared to its centralized, third-party competitors such as Amazon and Ebay. Similar to its centralized cousin, Ebay, Syscoin lets users enjoy their services without having to own a business in order to start trading.

Wanting to be more than a simple currency transfer, Syscoin provides an entire marketplace ecosystem built around the SYS token which is also cross-compatible with Bitcoin. The project provides you with a decentralized marketplace, name aliases for easier addresses (instead of 27-34 hard to remember characters, I can just use "Bulldog" as an address), full affiliate system, private selling, encrypted messaging, decentralized price

pegging, and third-party arbitrated escrows for secure transactions. In addition to those, they offer centralized solutions to businesses which want to utilise Syscoin's infrastructure for their transactions. Their network also lets you issue, authorize, and exchange digital certificates of any kind. Certificates

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can be authenticated by anyone via Syscoin's PoW. One use case for this is exchanging receipts, tickets, certifications, diplomas & software licenses. Syscoin will also be adding a new token issuance service, allowing anyone to create a custom asset token. Those tokens can be sent directly to anyone else on the network, allowing users to issue ICO tokens, use them in supply chain management, or to utilize them as reward points and loyalty programs for your business.

Now, let's quickly summarize the "quantitative" part of the Fundamental Analysis regarding SYS. Syscoin is merge-minable with Bitcoin, which allows it to maintain a more solid and scalable network as well as giving it the ability to accept Bitcoin as payment in the marketplace. This essentially allows SYS to piggyback on BTC and other SHA-256 coins. An addition to this, they are testing masternodes on their testnet. Masternodes will receive 75% of block rewards and miners will receive 25%. In order to have a masternode, you will need 100,000 coins, which currently costs around \$64k - an impressive increase compared to just 1.5 months ago when it was only \$30k.

In 2014 the max coin supply was 2 billion when they were operating on Syscoin 1.0. They have since cut this supply down to 888 million coins with the 2.0 release. Currently, the circulating supply is

just over 530 million coins with a price of around \$0.06 (0.000058 BTC) each. The ATH against BTC was reached in June 2017 when the price hit 0.00009450 BTC. Since the last time I checked, the distribution of these coins has gotten better, having gone from the top 100 address holding 73% of the circulating supply down to where it currently sits at around 70%. Some of these addresses are exchanges like Bittrex. Bittrex alone holds over 49% of the total volume traded, followed by Upbit with 38% of the volume. The rest is divided between other small exchanges.

Getting back into the "qualitative" part of our analysis, you'll notice that Syscoin has 3 core developers. By checking out the Github page (check "syscoin2" since they migrated from 1.0 to 2.0 in 2016), you can see an alive and healthy project with over 10,000 commits, 38 people watching, and 47 stars awarded. When you go to "Insights" tab, you can see the top contributors and visit their individual Github profiles. Of course some of them are core developers, but you can see up to 100 people have made contributions.

Transparency is important, and the SYS team are not hiding behind anonymous accounts. All of the teams' BIOs can be found online. For instance,

when you check the founder Sebastian Schepis' and the team manager Dan Wasyluk's LinkedIn profiles, you will see that they both have experience in business enterprise solutions, and they mention the company Blockchain Foundry Inc. (the company

behind the Syscoin cryptocurrency) whose aim is to boost the value of SYS by continuous development. Though I'm not going to deep-dive into other people's background in this article, they also have key people to support the project with marketing, business development, community relations, country representation, and social media.

Having a strong community with trust in a project is vital to its success. The Twitter account (@Syscoin) has grown from 43K followers only 1.5 months ago to currently over 62K followers. The Reddit community is a little bit unattended, but the communication on their Telegram is amazing. The admin of the group, John P, answers users' questions non-stop, and they also have an FAQ account where you can easily find the answers to many popular questions.

By looking at their roadmap, you will see that they are currently working on several things this

quarter, such as Blockmarket Desktop 1.2, Syscoin API, and rebranding. Working with Ballistic Arts, the rebranding will be rolled out with the new blockchainfoundry.co and syscoin.org websites being combined into a single site. There are many examples of rebranding in other projects and how it can boost the price quickly. What has made me excited is the coming launch of Public Beta and full mainnet release for Blockmarket Web 1.0. In order to achieve mass adaptation, they will need to reach the average Amazon and Ebay user. Once the Blockmarket Web is available, the target market increases to beyond the current (let's say) 100K people that have installed the desktop version to reaching 5 billion people on the internet. After they achieve this, I believe we will see a big increase in its value. Also, they are running a "Merchant Pilot Program" to attract new merchants to the project by offering huge incentives. The program has been very successful so far, with a number of merchants possessing well over 100,000 SKUs stepping forward.

Partnerships are also key considerations when looking into a cryptocurrency. In March of 2016, Syscoin announced its partnership with Azure, giving SYS credibility and a big boost in price. Flyp.me is another of Syscoin's partnership for in-wallet trustless exchange services within Blockmarket.

Looking at the competitors such as DistricOx, ShadowCoin, OpenBazaar, and BitBay, you will notice that they all have similar features. Syscoin differentiates itself from them by offering offline sales, escrow, price pegging, anonymous transactions, fee scalability, E-commerce integration – payment gateways and dropshipping/reseller support.

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In conclusion, the concept of a decentralized marketplace is that you are buying and selling 1:1 with no one tracking your data, no middlemen, and no rules. This may attract a lot of people eventually, but only the desktop version is available now. Once the Web version of Blockmarket is online, I believe its going to be superior to its centralized competition. Imagine Amazon & Ebay having no middlemen to increase costs, no hosting fees, no political interference, and no censorship.

**My only concern about the project is the censorship aspect. There are plenty of competitors in the market, both centralized & decentralized, who could attempt to use these privacy features as a reason to discredit Syscoin. However, the market is big and after finding their niche, all of them can survive. If Syscoin can increase user awareness and reach the mass market, they can become very valuable. I believe that in 2018, Syscoin will make investors very happy!**

# DECENTRALADIES

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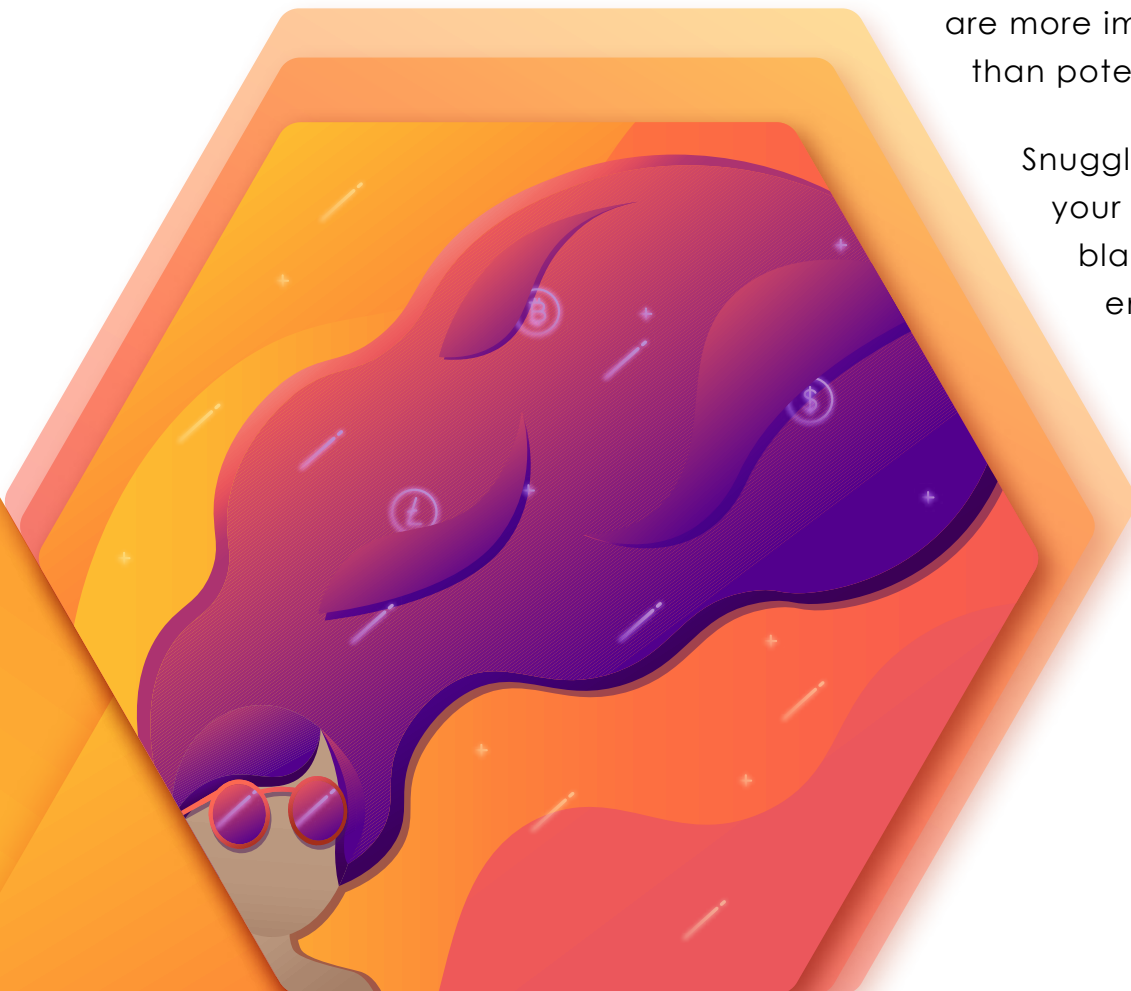
The debate is everlasting; we have two different ideas regarding how men outnumber women in the crypto space. Some say we should be diverse and try to come as close to 50/50 as possible, while others say that crypto is genderless and has never restrained women from joining, and that those numbers reflect women's interest in crypto.

Here at 21 Cryptos, we want to ignore gender politics for a moment and bring on the fun. Whatever the answer is, at the end of the day what we see is what people make possible with their own ideas and their own hands. We are here and we are here to stay.

Let's bring awareness to what women are doing in this space and why it matters, for realized deeds are more important than potential deeds.

Snuggle up with your favorite blanket and enjoy this curated featurette!

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# MEET THE TEAM

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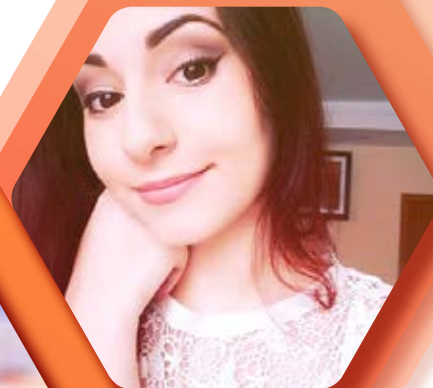
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Found the leprechaun of magic internet money in 2016. Part hodler, part wannabe trader. Nothing a good FA can't heal.

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Came for the doge, stayed for the sh\*tposts.

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*Crypto is made of all kinds of people and this is what makes it so great!*

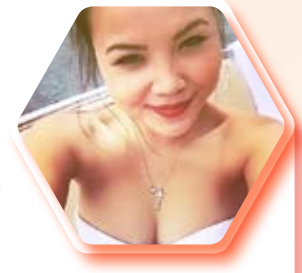
*Every month I will be asking all sorts of questions to some of the female crypto masterminds in this space. You can expect questions regarding their careers, their ideals, ideas and projects for the future and, of course, a peek into their personal lives as crypto connoisseurs.*

*This month I interviewed Diana. Having met in late 2017 on Facebook, she was one of the first people that I had befriended there. Diana invited me to her free Telegram group which was full of people in all stages of experience in crypto, all while struggling to balance her life as a single mom and retired lawyer addicted to cryptocurrencies. Right off the bat I could see that she is very organized, a jack-of-all-trades, and a very active and engaged individual. She had all the ingredients to succeed in this world so she was, naturally, one of the first people that came to mind when I thought about this interview feature. I hope you enjoy!*

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ASKS!

## DIANA VU

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Australian-born Vietnamese, comm/law graduate at UNSW. Former lawyer at Australia's corporate and securities regulator.

I have a telegram news channel @geishafeed and public group @houseofgeisha (free) - dedicated to helping out newbies.

### *(Íris) Let's do this! How did you find out about cryptocurrencies?*

(Diana) Hmm, I don't know how far I wanna go, or it might be too much, haha!

### *Haha. Just say whatever you feel comfortable sharing!*

The raw answer is around May/June 2017, after leaving my abusive ex. I was a single mum with my 6 month-old and on maternity leave. I didn't want to go back to my full time lawyer role at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to work long hours and not have time for my daughter, so I was online looking into how to make money and invest, eg. setting up a retail e-commerce store. I eventually found out about crypto by stumbling upon blockchain technology and I was astounded by its amazing real world use cases, cryptocurrency being one, and so I decided to invest.

### *Sounds like crypto set you free for good!*

Yes. Crypto didn't just change my life, it saved my life. I've paid back all my debts and now I am financially free and hoping to set up my daughter's future.

### *After discovering cryptocurrencies, how did you decide to go about it and find your place in the space?*

Given my situation, I couldn't afford to f\*ck up, so I did a f\*ckton of research. I eventually steered towards China and their crypto. My initial investment was, after buying bitcoin, straight into NEO. I dabbled in trading and made plenty mistakes like emotional panic selling and chasing pumps, but I got the hang of it and learned how it was more profitable to be patient and hodl. However, I don't have a trading or techy background, so I found my speciality in doing thorough research on coins, which gave me the conviction to invest in coins with great inherent value, NEO being my first one. Since then I do a lot of treasure hunting and searching on Chinese websites eg. baidu, 8btc, weibo, aw, etc, to learn more about their crypto market.

So, I really am the go-to person for all things news, new coins, and new ICOs.

*For the time that I've known you, I've noticed you are self-taught and not afraid of challenges. You do like to dig up the gems in less mainstream exchanges!*

*I know that you've also started attending conferences and crypto events. Do you have any funny or remarkable moments you'd like to share about the people you've met?*

Yeah I've been to a few, and the variety of people you meet is just amazing, from Bit-connect diehards to Bitcoin Cash maximalists, it's always fun meeting people there and getting to know their background. My most favorite moment was meeting Richard Ma (Quantstamp CEO) at a conference in Bangkok last December, especially when he knew me from my successful Proof of Care campaign that I had submitted for his pre-ICO Tier 1 allocation (100% bonus). I've also gotten to meet Neo's Da Hong Fei (aka Da Hong bae) twice last November and December. He probably thinks I'm stalking him now, haha! I'll also be seeing him again at NEO's DevCon in San Francisco on January 30 as well as Vietnam's blockchain show in March. The crowds at these conferences are amazing it's so good to be able to talk about crypto to people in real life (and not be glued to be screen all day). I've met so many people that have become close friends and business partners, many of which are digital nomads who I've had the pleasure of hosting in my hometown in Sydney. It's

also always fun to meet the people in my telegram group at these conferences and finally put a face to the name.

*As a former lawyer, is there anything about that craft that helps you with what you're doing in crypto now?*

Well actually, I used to work at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission which is Australia's corporate regulator (like USA's SEC) so it's definitely helped me in terms of researching ICOs and helping me distinguish tokens that may be classified as "securities." I also used to work at the Australian Tax Office, so I'm quite familiar with our taxation laws. My legal background has also allowed me to branch out into legal and tax advisory in crypto.

*Is there anything in crypto that you've regretted doing so far?*

When I first started it in June, there was a big altcoin winter during July just before the August fork. I was so depressed that everything was tanking and I just hodled on for dear life. Looking back now, I regret not buying the dip; everything was so cheap.

*Now seems like a good time to buy again! (Jan 17th) That said, do you have any piece of advice to someone who's just entering the crypto markets?*



When buying coins, buy ones that you've thoroughly researched and believe in. Following your own analysis and conclusions, you should plan your entry and exit points. Doing your own research and having your own conviction in the inherent value of a coin will allow you to more easily hodl through the dips and not become a slave to emotional trading.

*What sort of rookie mistakes did you do back in the day?*

Buying low and selling lower, LOL!

I was a massive panic seller back then. I've got balls of steel now, haha.

*Haha, who never! What do you think your life would be right now if you hadn't bought any cryptocurrencies?*

Oh man, I'd probably be stuck working as

a corporate slave 12 hours day to support my daughter. I'm a single Mum and my own Mum was also recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. My parents are immigrants that left Vietnam and came to Australia with nothing. I've known nothing but to work hard in life after watching my parents work so hard to keep a roof over my head. So now I have a lot on my shoulders, setting up my daughter's life for the next 2 decades, and I really want to make a lot in the next 5 years and dedicate it all for my Mum to travel and enjoy her life as much as she can until she can't. Crypto trading has done well for me but it's just a personal hobby now, I'm making my name in blockchain now in consulting and advisory.

Crypto has allowed me to work on my own terms and balance time with my family and work. I'd never have been able to find this balance in any other space.

*That is so wonderful to hear! I'm sorry about your parents, but now you have a chance to help them, as well as your daughter. It's so good to see crypto helping people who deserve it.*

*What are your goals for the future now that you've conquered some things deemed unimaginable before?*

My main goal now is to position myself in the blockchain space and hopefully in a

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few years time, I will become a well known expert in the field. This year I'm starting up my own blockchain consulting business.

I am also a part of the Blockchain Education Network, founded by Michael Gord, a not-for-profit organisation aimed at rolling out education initiatives all over the world. We just successfully launched our first BEN Event in Vietnam that ended up on Vietnamese FBNC channel.

*It does sound awesome, but what about your more personal goals? Is there anything you really want to achieve and look forward to?*

Hahaha, well it's been over a year since I've been single and I guess I'd like to find my cryptosamurai, although no luck so far. One, I can't talk to normies who don't know what crypto or blockchain is, so that already removes 90% of males. But really, the people I've met in this space are just amazing, diverse, and truly extraordinary anyway!

I also aim to have a net worth of \$10mn by end of dec 2018. In 2-3 years, I hope to just be financially free to travel the world and be a philanthropist, as well as helping blockchain be integrated in more parts of the world, through fostering innovation and education.

*OMG, I hope we can find your samurai in this issue! Gentlemen, if you're reading this, don't*

*hesitate, Diana is clearly a catch! I'm sure one of you can be her partner in crime, I mean, in crypto.*

*Now that you're in the blockchain biz, where do you see crypto and blockchain going in the next 10 years? Throw a wild guess!*

Crypto is still an immature market and definitely the bubble will burst, 2-5 years, I really couldn't say. Blockchain and that technology is so f\*cking amazing it's here to stay and change the world, and that's where I want to be cemented in when the crypto space does crash.

*Are you more of a hodler or a trader? What trades were the most profitable to you?*

A bit of both. I find a lot of long-terms holds that I buy really cheap and hodl forever, eg. I had a few thousand Antshares in June that I still hodl today.

Quanstamp is also a really good hodl. I bought a few hundred thousand tokens at pre-ICO (100% bonus) at 3, 5 cents and I still have them today. In satoshi price I've made 12x.

And I also do a lot of swing tradin, flipping altcoins to acquire more satoshis/btc.

*When flipping altcoins do you care much about the FA, or nah?*

Yes, definitely. My trading incorporates FA, so I monitor news and upcoming tech releases, and then enter positions accordingly.

*Genius! Any last words to our readers?*

This cryptomarket isn't going to be like this forever - get in quick, play your cards right and make heaps of f\*cking money, then use that as a platform to diversify

and build your wealth and gain the financial freedom to do whatever the f\*ck you want. Don't let dreams be dreams!

*JUST DO IT! Thank you so much, Diana! I truly enjoyed this AMA with you. You're one of the kindest and most easy-going people I've met in the cryptoverse. I wish you all the best, and let's hope your prince is reading this. Watch out your DMs, haha!*

*Hope we meet at a conference one day!*

Thanks, babe! We will, and when we do, we're gonna f\*ck sh\*t up!

*Can't wait!*



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## **PAMELA'S DIARY**

*I think that what's important for the growth and development of a person is to be transparent and interesting. The more development we have outside of anonymity, the more relatable crypto will be to the masses. In light of this, I will be covering the events that ultimately led to a mindset focused on change and a proclivity towards independence. I hope my writing below and the writings that follow will breed inspiration, motivating more women to join our incredible community.*



## “June, Summer of 1990”

I heard them on the radio say'n it was the hottest day in Texas history. “Triple digits...” they said. I can still remember looking at the silver handles on our truck and thinking that they might as well be just as red as the hot irons that we used to brand our cattle. I had told Ma that if she drove fast enough, the tires wouldn't melt. Mind you, where I was from, we only had dirt roads at the time. I suppose it makes sense that she had always said my imagination ran wild and that she had always admired that about me. On this particular day, Ma had decided to drive our desert stained, single-cab truck where I sat sandwiched in between her and my older sister, Gaylynn, who was 15 years old at the time. The blistering Texas heat sweltered off the road ahead so Ma determined that we should stop at the local country store for some soda to cool us down and for candy to cure our sweet-tooths.

The waist-belt that rested in the middle seat of the cab wasn't covered in the same plastic sheath as the other two belts and I certainly didn't want to brand myself, so I declined to wear it. Everyone in the town already knew to whom I belonged; not even my wicked daddy could stop me from getting into trouble. I mean--hell--not long before this while on a family vacation, I had died twice in two days. I had gone from purple lips, floating face-down in a

busted-tile motel pool, to tumbling 300 feet down Enchanted Rock. Both times I required resuscitation; both times we discovered that redneck logic had elusive tendencies.

I was never one to be indecisive. Dr. Pepper and Twix: that's what I wanted, so that's what I got. In the short time it took us to get back into the truck, I could feel the chocolate was already half melted. My mother struggled to get the car into drive, as sometimes transmission sticks--well--stick. She violently white-knuckled the handle while yelling hilarious obscenities. I couldn't hold it against her; it worked every time. Meanwhile, I couldn't stop staring at my chocolate bar while I tried to figure out how I could be so violated by this world. I was so frustrated! I was 10-years-old and I couldn't stand the imperfections of a snack. “Why do I still look like Casper? Even my strawberry-haired wild mustang had caught a tan.” I pondered. We finally drove off and I opened my candy-bar in sheer disappointment that my snack was ruined. It wasn't every day that we could afford to live in luxury.

Whenever Ma got mad she went from Ma, to Mommy. She had a soft spot for puppy dog faces and an immeasurable tolerance for my country-girl attention span. Mommy only had three gears: tolerant, loving, and full-blown rage. Seriously, she was insane but in a good way. If you had seen

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the 10-year-old me looking at my melted obscenity, you would then understand why I began to cry over a stupid piece of chocolate. I must have been just as emotional as my mom. My skin was scorched from the beaming sun and my unraveling tears felt like fine grain sandpaper rolling down an open wound.

The subsequent moments were rather blurred. I'll never forget the sounds of that Southern Pacific train barreling down the open tracks, permeating my ears with its obnoxious horn--only this day they had failed to sound it--even if they had, my sister's scream would have been loud enough to wash it out. Startled by her screech, I looked up to see the train barreling through our truck at 80 miles per hour. You see, the tracks in Shepherd were infamous for its comments to warn passersby's to be careful; they had no railroad crossing signs, lights, or cross-arms. I smashed my head into the dashboard prior to being spun around and then thrown through the back window of the truck in the opposite direction of my family. I survived; maimed and disoriented, I screamed for Gaylynn.

Before emergency services arrived, my father had already gotten to the scene because he was supposed to meet us soon after. I didn't see him pull up but I recall him scooping me up in his arms. I first looked down at my ankle, noticing it hanging in disconnect. He foolishly carried

me to the other side of the tracks to where Gaylynn had landed. I never looked to see who was carrying me, as I couldn't keep my eyes from pacing between the lifeless bodies and the physical trauma that I had endured. I will spare the more gruesome details that left an indelible impression, but I will say that this was the only time my father had ever exhibited any emotional response. Only an event this horrifying would succeed in making this stoic man tremble.

My memory has faded ever since the accident, the accident, and the accident. I often repeat before I rinse and I ramble before I ramble some more. I swear I'm not stupid, but I am sometimes clouded by fragmented memories and, of course, the ones I would love to forget decide to linger in the realm of consciousness, wreaking havoc on my unsuspecting emotions. Anyway, I guess you might say I am a living example of the fallacy of the third time being a charm. I'm still alive and, believe it or not, this catastrophic event ultimately led me here to discuss crypto and reach carelessly toward a better world.

**If you would like to hear more of the madness that ensued after this catastrophic event in my life and how it led me to crypto, tune into future editions of 21 Cryptos.**

*With cryptomarkets open 24/7, 365 days/year, the cryptoverse often becomes our only home after losing all of our IRL friends. Luckily, the closest thing to social interaction is just a click away on Twitter or in the abyss of Telegram or Discord groups. Given that vast majority of the accounts are anonymous, it is becoming increasingly difficult to ascertain whether our online crypto-friends are bots, murderers, pedophiles, or even remotely close to whom their profiles depict. It is only a matter of time until we're all catfished by our neighborhood neckbeards.*

## CRYPTO CULTURE

## UNDOXXED AVIs



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### The prevalence of anonymous crypto

accounts, void of identity outside of cartoon or movie character avatars, are likely remnants of popular social networks of the past. Whether being crypto agnostic (reaching back to identity-less AOL instant messenger accounts) or hyper-crypto IRC chats, Bitcointalk.org, or crypto sub-Reddits; the internet has historically provided a platform for silencing true identities. The community surrounding cryptocurrency carries over this sweet tradition and is taking it to new heights.

While motives and situations vary, the fear of doxxing (revealing a user's identity) may be significant. Many Twitter users share Fundamental and Technical Analyses, buy and sell targets, other tips, as well as hinting at significant gains and/or holdings. Sharing this information may in turn make users targets of cyber attacks. Similarly, many users fear tax and regulatory repercussions associated with public identification. Also equally, or more likely, the case is an uninhibited freedom to shitpost and unabashedly skill for self-interest without repercussion. Or does the mystery manifest even deeper in the psyche?

From inanimate objects, movie and TV characters, animals, to non-descript abstract objects (possibly the result of a bad acid trip) crypto avatars are carefully curated and constantly evolving; the personalities are unparalleled. Whether or not the user takes on the personality of the fictitious avatar brandished across the account varies wildly throughout the space. Behind the mask of anonymity, many alter egos arise to fulfill the psychological desire of becoming someone else. What drives every day accountants masked as Wall Street tycoons to manipulate followers into pump-and-dump schemes via posts of promised gains? Is it the desire to carry out a persona impossible in real life circumstances? Or is it the promise or reality of unimaginable new wealth and thousands

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of devoted followers?

Regardless of content, doxxing does happen—sometimes purposeful, sometimes not. The struggle of whether to remain anonymous or to expose one's true identity is real. The reasoning behind intentionally unmasking an account may range from publically reveling in and receiving recognition for the popularity generated by



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an account, to potential business requirements. Paid Telegram, Discord, and Slack groups rake in serious profits, charging up to 0.1 BTC for monthly memberships. Trading and investing success may even lead to significant investor backing and the proper formation of businesses. Linking a face and identity to these businesses legitimizes the source and creates some form of accountability.

While doxxing oneself is often a necessary evil for business ventures, it may require significant censorship and adherence to some level of moral standards, and potential cleanup of posts. Additionally, tying an account to one's own identity requires taking heightened operational security (OPSEC) measures to ensure cryptocurrency and all personal information is safe. Miss Satoshi's December 2017 21 Cryptos article or @Jennicide's security infographic provide thorough outlines of the neces-

sary protocol for protecting cryptoassets regardless of anonymity or social network engagement. However, humans are often the most vulnerable line of defense and what we post online can make us targets of attack. Avoiding flashy posts with detailed information and references to balances or specific gains will lessen the likelihood of targeted attacks. Once purposefully or otherwise doxxed, users should remove links between the public identity and all crypto accounts, using different email addresses, practicing strong general cyber hygiene—difficult and varying passwords, updating them frequently—maintaining hypervigilance for phishing and social engineering attempts, etc. Never choose convenience and online vanity over security; always plan for failure.

The effects of unveiling one's true identity are still unknown as the vast majority of the crypto-sphere continue to lack true identities. Does self-doxxing lead to less popularity, but increased trustworthiness? Or do identity-linked accounts create more influence and credibility? Regardless of reason or outcome, crypto-Twitter, Telegram, and other social crypto-focused accounts provide unparalleled, yet ridiculous thought-provoking questions around identity and influence. Nevertheless, these characters of the great crypto comedy provide unlimited entertainment and, if lucky, powerful market insights with a lot of shitposting.

# SEE YOU SOON FOLKS

And that's it! We hope that you've enjoyed this featurette and how we intend to bring what's important in the world of cryptocurrencies, lady-style! Next month we will be following up on Pamela's diary, have another interview with another amazing woman in crypto who is known to be snarky and funny with a brilliant mind, and we will also be treated with another one of D's insights into the social quirks of the crypto world. See you next month!

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# CRYPTO EVENT CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2018

**Who? What? When? See What's Hot & What's Not This Month in the Wonderful World of Crypto...**

In this feature we show you what coin events are coming up this month. These can range from simple conferences to upgrade announcements, from beta testing to mainnet launches, all the way up to exchange listings and partnership deals. Events are important for a coin's price - not only can the event affect the valuation of a project, but mass psychology also plays a large part in price movement. Not all these events will have a price-action effect, but a lot of them will. We'll leave it up to you to decide what's going to trend next in the exciting land of Crypto trading...

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ZCash (ZEC) at Tentative Conference in Berlin, Germany

AirSwap (AST) Mainnet Release

Paccoin (PAC) New Roadmap Release

adToken (ADT) Testnet Release

Magi (XMG) Big Announcement

Photon (PHO) New Website

Diamond (DMD) First Stage of Emission

Bitcoin Hush (BTCH) Airdrop

Hshare (HSR) UBTC Airdrop

CryptoCarbon (CCRB) Exchange Launch

NEM (XEM) Hackathon Judging

adToken (ADT) Testnet Release

DigiByte (DGB) Marketing Announcement

BlockNet (BLOCK) Marketing Plan Announcement

Shield (XSH) 10.000 XSH Competition

SwissBorg (CHSB) Listed on HitBTC and LiveCoin

Voise (VOISE) / Iconomi (ICN) Listed on Cobinhood

Humaniq (HMQ) Hybrid External Review

Aion (AION) Beta Testnet

DIMCOIN (DIM) Token Distribution

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FRI

ByteBall (GBYTE) Meetup in Zurich, Switzerland

Request Network (REQ) Bi-weekly Project Update

Qtum (QTUM) Satellite Node Launch

NXT (NXT) Meetup in Baytown, TX, USA

Red Pulse (RPX) Demonstration to Hong Kong Securities Association

Tron (TRX) Support Withdraw of TRX tokens on Peiwoo wallet

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SAT

Vertcoin (VTC) Developer AMA

WAX (WAX) / iExec (RLC) / Bancor (BNT) at DeveloperWeek in SF Bay Area, CA, USA

NEM (XEM) Meetup in Amsterdam, Netherlands

Cryptocurrency Traders Conference in Gibraltar

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SUN

LAToken (LA) / TenX (PAY) at Blockchain Economic Forum in Singapore

VIBE (VIBE) Sponsoring Superbowl 2018

Counterparty (XCP) Platform Launch Announcement

Electroneum (ETN) Listed on Next.Exchange



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WAX (WAX) / iExec (RLC) / Bancor (BNT) at DeveloperWeek in SF Bay Area, CA, USA

LAToken (LA) / TenX (PAY) at Blockchain Economic Forum in Singapore

Cardano (ADA) Roadmap Update

Aion (AION) Testnet Release

Verge (XVG) YouTube AMA

Rialto (XRL) Reddit AMA

Komodo (KMD) / IOTA (MIOTA) at Blockchain Business Event in Amsterdam, Netherlands

Rivetz (RVT) / Propy (PRO) at Blockchain Middle East Forum in Dubai, UAE

FunFair (FUN) / Edgeless (EDG) at Ice Gaming Exhibition in London, UK

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Bytecoin (BCN) API Beta Release

LBRY Credits (LBRY) Contest Voting Ends

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XtraBytes (XBY) Monthly AMA with Lead Dev.

MyWish (WISH) First ICO using WISH

Ripple (XRP) at Yahoo! Finance All Markets in New York City, NY, USA

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THU

Dovu (DOVU) at Mobility Pioneers in Munich, Germany

Dovu (DOVU) at Bitcoin Conference in Gibraltar

RaiBlocks (XRB) Q&A

EOS (EOS) Meetup in New York, NY, USA

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Aion (AION) Token Release #3

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IOTA (MIOTA) at The Investor Breakfast Club event in Oslo, Norway

UTRUST (UTK) / unikrn (UKG) at Cryptoassets Conference in Vancouver, Canada

Synereo (AMP) Full Web App Release

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Rebellious (REBL) Coin Burn

ClearPoll (POLL) iOS Alpha

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THU

LuxCoin (LUX) SegWit Activation and Smart Contracts

LuxCoin (LUX) Pre-mine Burn

TaaS (TAAS) / Bancor (BNT) / Propy (PRO) at D10e Conference in Silicon Valley, CA, USA

LuxCoin (LUX) Market Phase II

Bounty0x (BNTY) Alpha 2.0 Release

Neutron (NTRN) Marketing Boost

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FRI

Ethereum (ETH) / Storj (STORJ) Hackathon in Denver, CO, USA

Wings (WINGS) / Stratis (STRAT) / ChainLink (LINK) / Factom (FCT) / LBRY Credits (LBRY) / TenX (PAY) / Qtum (QTUM) / Rivetz (RVT) / Wanchain (WAN) / PIVX (PIVX) / Komodo (KMD) / Kore (KORE) at Bitcoin Super Conference in Dallas, TX, USA

QTUM (QTUM) BOT Token Airdrop

Bitcore (BTX) 6% Airdrop (last week)

Tron (TRX) Partnership with Union Peiwo App

Dogecoin (DOGE) Developers AMA

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CampusCoin (CMPO) Delivering Scholarships to Underprivileged Players

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Bitcoin Scrypt (BTCS) Hardfork

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Lisk (LSK) Rebranding

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ZClassic (ZCL) Bitcoin Private Meetup in San Francisco, CA, USA

IOTA (MIOTA) at Bosch IoT Conference in Berlin, Germany

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HempCoin (THC) Hardfork

Mothership (MSP) at The New Era of Digital Identification in Tallinn, Estonia

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VeChain (VEN) Rebranding

Litecoin (LTC) LitePay

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Dovu (DOVU) at BrightTalk Webinar in London, UK

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Ripple (XRP) Listed on CoinSquare

ZClassic (ZCL) BTC+ZCL Snapshot

FEBRUARY  
UNDATED EVENTS

Experience Points (EXP) Market Expansion and Indie Development Portal

Syscoin (SYS) Public Betas for Blockmarket Web1.0 & Desktop 1.x

ELTCOIN (ELTCOIN) Eltcard Release

Stella Lumens (XLM) FairX Exchange Beta

Red Pulse (RPX) Listed in a Korean Exchange

DigiPulse (DGPT) New Partnerships

IoT Chain (ITC) Testnet + GitHub Release

Enjin Coin (ENJ) Minecraft Plugin

Life (LIFE) Wallet Beta Testing

Kyber Network (KNC) Wallet Launch

Internxt (INXT) X Cloud Alpha Release

Matchpool (GUP) API for Apps

Social (SCL) Marketing Project

CoinDash (CDT) Platform Launch

FunFair (FUN) at ICE Gaming Event

KickCoin (KICK) Coin Burn

Bitcoin Gold (BCG) Address Format Update

Expanse (EXP) Rebranding

AdEx (ADX) Beta Release

Dent (DENT) Android App Release

Dash (DASH) DashPay Evolution Wallet

Zeitcoin (ZEIT) New Website

aelf (ELF) Asset Chain Launch

Change (CAG) Whitepaper 2.0

Teslacoin (TES) Whitepaper

Quantum Resistant Ledger (QRL) Mainnet Release

SONM (SNM) Rating System Pack

Hshare (HSR) HCash Main Chain Launch

PlayKey (PKT) Listed on HitBTC

Aeron (ARN) Lobbying with Aviation Authorities

1337 (1337) New Website

AdEx (ADX) Prototype Release

WaltonChain (WTC) Masternodes Release

Loopring (LRC) Ring-Mining Launch

Gifto (GIFTO) Wallet Launch

Oyster (PRL) Testnet Release B

Unify (UNIFY) Whitepaper Release



# COMPETITION

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# That's All Folks!

Hope you enjoyed issue 4!  
We certainly appreciate you  
reading our mag.

## **SO HERE'S SOME UPDATES FOR NEXT MONTH:**

We've got an office now and are working alongside the tech/marketing company that will redesign our website - so subscription options, a brand new beautiful site, and loads of cool online features will be ready by issue 5. We've got a social media manager waiting in the wings, so hopefully they'll expand our reach and engagement within Cryptoland. In addition to Decentraladies we're also working on our 2nd team feature with some of Crypto's top pros - all we can say for now is that it will be focussed on smallcap coins. And of course we're sure there'll be many more exciting things to come that we don't even know about yet!

Thanks for reading, and we'll catch you on  
the flipside!