Zano Monthly Project Update #4 - January 2025



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Welcome zAnons to the first Zano Project Update of 2025!

As we kick off 2025, we're thrilled to share the latest achievements and developments from the Zano ecosystem. This month, we've celebrated significant milestones, continued to expand our global reach, and kept advancing the frontiers of privacy and blockchain tech. January has set the stage for an ambitious year ahead. Let's dive into the details and explore what's been happening in the world of Zano!

Community Member of the Month

Let's kick things off with the first award of 2025, which will actually go to one of our OG community members: Gigabyted!

Gigabyted began promoting Zano way back in the Boolberry days, long before the current marketing team was formed. He played a significant role in onboarding new members during Zano's early stages. Although he has officially stepped down, he remains highly active in Zano's Telegram, where he continues to engage with and assist new users, leveraging his extensive knowledge of Zano's technology and privacy tech in general. We deeply appreciate him for his years-old commitment, it looks like he has an exceptional talent for spotting hidden gems!



Zano Fact #1: Did you know that Zano is one of the very few projects developed entirely from scratch? Our co-founder Andrey

Sabelnikov, along with Nicolas van Saberhagen, even created the original CryptoNote codebase!

Zano has reached 3,000,000 blocks!

We're excited to announce that on Jan 24th, we reached 3,000,000 blocks and counting, a significant milestone in Zano's history!

Block after block, containing fully private and immutable transactions outside the reach of anyone's control, without any major bugs since Zano's inception.

In the attached video, you can see all of Zano's major milestones up to date. Later this week, we'll release an extensive article on what you can expect from Zano in 2025.

Cheers to all zAnons for being part of this journey—Zano is now stronger than ever before!

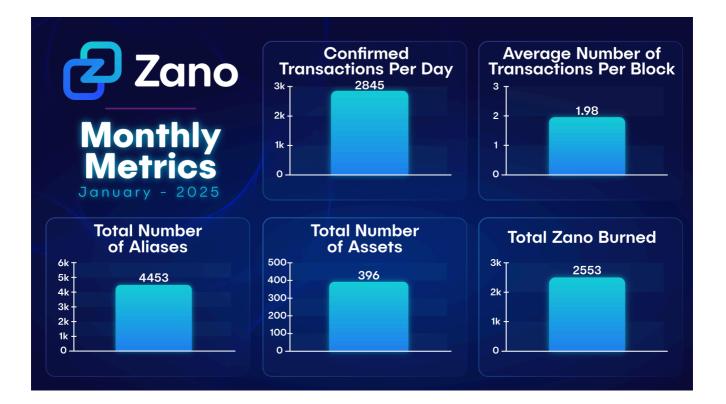
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Events

- To celebrate Zano's 3M block, we've hosted multiple contests and games during the week and given away \$350 in \$ZANO rewards.
- You still have time to enter our <u>Analogy Contest</u>! \$400 in \$ZANO to the 10 best Zano analogies! Winners will be picked by the community on Feb 9th.

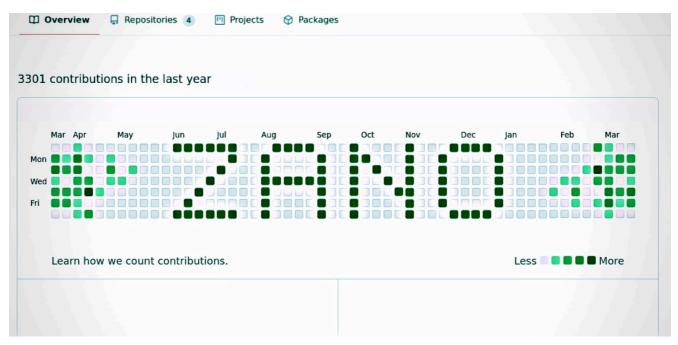
Ecosystem Growth

- A community member launched <u>https://zanomap.com/</u>, showing businesses that accept \$ZANO as a payment option.
- <u>ZanoX</u>, a community-ran, Zano-only instant-swap platform, <u>went live.</u>
- We started doing Monthly Metrics posts, tracking important growth metrics such as the number of aliases, assets, and daily transaction count on Zano.



Zano Fact #2: Did you know <u>we hit an all-time high</u> of 6,231 confirmed transactions in January? With everything ahead, this ATH won't likely hold for long!

Technical goodies



Core Development

• **Consensus Review:** Continued collaboration with Common Prefix on our consensus upgrade.

Security & Compatibility

- OpenSSL 3.x support implemented for improved security.
- Codebase is now compatible with GCC v13 (Ubuntu 24 default compiler).

Wallet & Frontend Improvements

Mobile Wallet:

- HTTPS enabled for better security.
- Continued work on integrated browser implementation for the mobile wallet.

Zano GUI Wallet:

- Prepared for the next GUI wallet update.
- Continued work on remote node support (coming soon!).

Zano Trade:

• UI fixes and improvements.

Zano Wrap Frontend:

- Updated the Zano Wrap website for a better user experience.
- Refactored the wrap bridge for better performance and security.

Bug Fixes & Improvements:

- Fixed issue #500 (error codes for simplewallet and zanod).
- Fixed a rare issue where max_net_seen_height exceeded the current node's top block height.
- Fixed a rare wallet sync issue when a wallet was created while its connected node was in an alt-block.

- In-daemon CPU mining is now disabled by default in mainnet builds to reduce anti-malware false positives.
- Various GUI bug fixes and improvements to enhance usability and stability.
- Continued enhancements to core tests and automated test coverage.
- Various build infrastructure improvements.

Released Media

- ZanoList continued with another series of educational posts about how to use Zano's apps and features.
- Inside the Zano-Verse, episode #11 went live, talking about what 2025 will bring for Zano.
- Mikey Musumeci, four-time World Champion, <u>promotes Zano</u>
 <u>now!</u>
- We've introduced a new series, "<u>Technology Tuesday</u>."

AMAs/Interviews

• Andrey, Pavel, and Gonzalo went live on <u>MoneroTalk</u> to counter head-on some of the FUD about Zano.

Zano Fact #3: Did you know you can connect with others using the Zano Matrix Messenger via the Zano Explorer? Click on the Matrix connection icon "©" to be forwarded to a one-on-one chat. Follow the instructions and start your convo!

Zano Around the World

Zano Africa

On Jan 31st, Zano Africa held a Twitter Space on the Zano roadmap and upcoming integrations. We engaged the community with an average of 40 attendees and gave away \$100 in \$ZANO for top contributions. Thanks to all who joined!

Zano Turkey

In mid-January, we started collaborating with an influencer team to increase Zano's recognition in our country and attract more people to the project. We continue to quickly share updates with our community and keep them informed on any topic. Thank you to everyone who has been with us throughout this process!

Zano France

Zano France kicks off 2025 strong! We teamed up with French influencers, got featured on YouTube & Twitch, launched a Champions League prediction contest, and held a community poll leading to the \$MBMC Token, showcasing Zano's ease of asset creation. The poll was one of the most viewed activities since Zano France's creation on Twitter, reaching nearly 12,000 views and 151 votes! We also published a video showcasing the entire \$MBMC creation process. New wallets(25) & \$MBMC airdrops followed!

Zano Latam/Spain

This month has been very successful for the Spanish-speaking community. We reached new people and reactivated the previous Spanish-speaking users on our social media. Additionally, we reached out to the most influential privacy influencer in that language and are currently negotiating to expand the Spanish community.

Zano Brazil

Zano Brazil has officially gone live! Check out @*zanobrasil* on X and their first translated thread explaining Zano.

Conclusion

As we wrap up the first Project Update of 2025, it's clear that this year is off to a good start. We're immensely grateful to our dedicated community, whose passion and support continue to drive us forward. Stay tuned for more updates, as we're just getting started on what promises to be another groundbreaking year for Zano. Here's to building a more private, secure, and decentralized future for all! Cheers, zAnons!

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