Zano Monthly Project Update #5 - February 2025

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Welcome zAnons to the fifth Zano Project Update!

We're back to bring you up to speed on everything happening in the Zano

ecosystem as we roll through 2025. Without a doubt, the standout for February was Cake Wallet's integration of the Zano ecosystem—check out our article on it here. We're thrilled to see the momentum building. Let's dive in and get a taste of what's cooking in the world of Zano!

Update your wallet: New hardfork incoming!

A new Zano wallet update is here, bringing **a very important upgrade ahead of Zano's fifth hardfork on March 18th!** This hard fork activates ETH Signature support for off-chain signing and asset operations—an essential technology for future development and usage of Confidential Assets.

Please update your Zano desktop wallet as soon as possible! Older versions won't be working anymore after the hardfork date on March 18th!

Download the latest version here

Community Member of the Month

We'd like to congratulate Daravid, our Community Member of the Month for February! Daravid has been a friendly and active part of the zAnon community, jumping into our contests with solid submissions that always catch our eye. He's been around long enough to make a mark, and you'll often spot him chiming in on our socials, keeping things engaging. He's one of many great folks we're happy to have around, and this month, we're tipping our hat to him. Nice one, Daravid!

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CONGRATULATIONS!
February 2025
Daravid
@IamDaravid_

__Zano Fact #1:__ Did you know you can convert $ZANO to the most popular assets in Cake Wallet and vice versa? This makes converting assets much faster and more convenient since it's seamlessly integrated into the app!

Events

- In collaboration with LetsExchange, we launched a [Zano swap contest](#).

- We have announced that [we'll be participating in ETHDam 2025](#), a privacy-focused crypto event in Amsterdam.
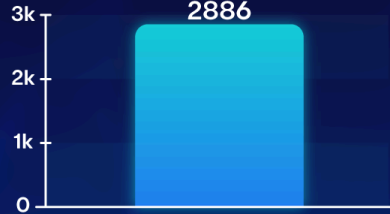
Ecosystem Growth

- In collaboration with Immunefi, we've [launched a bounty program](#) to make the Zano codebase more resilient to potential exploits.

- The [official Zano community on X](#) has launched, making it easier for people to engage with each other's Zano content. If you haven't already, join now!
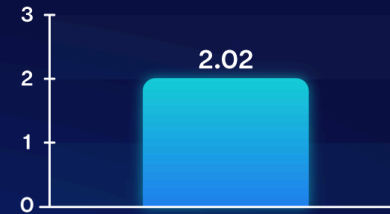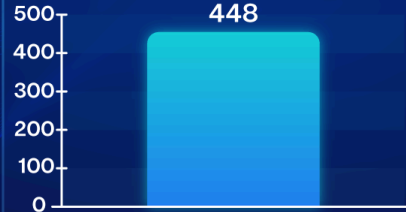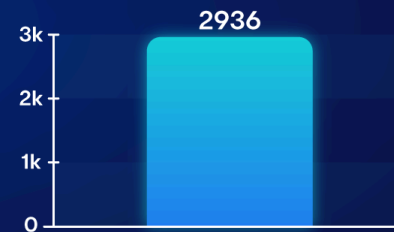
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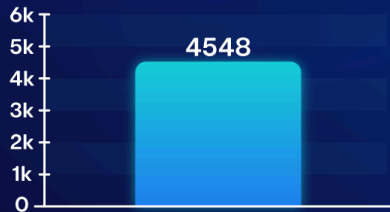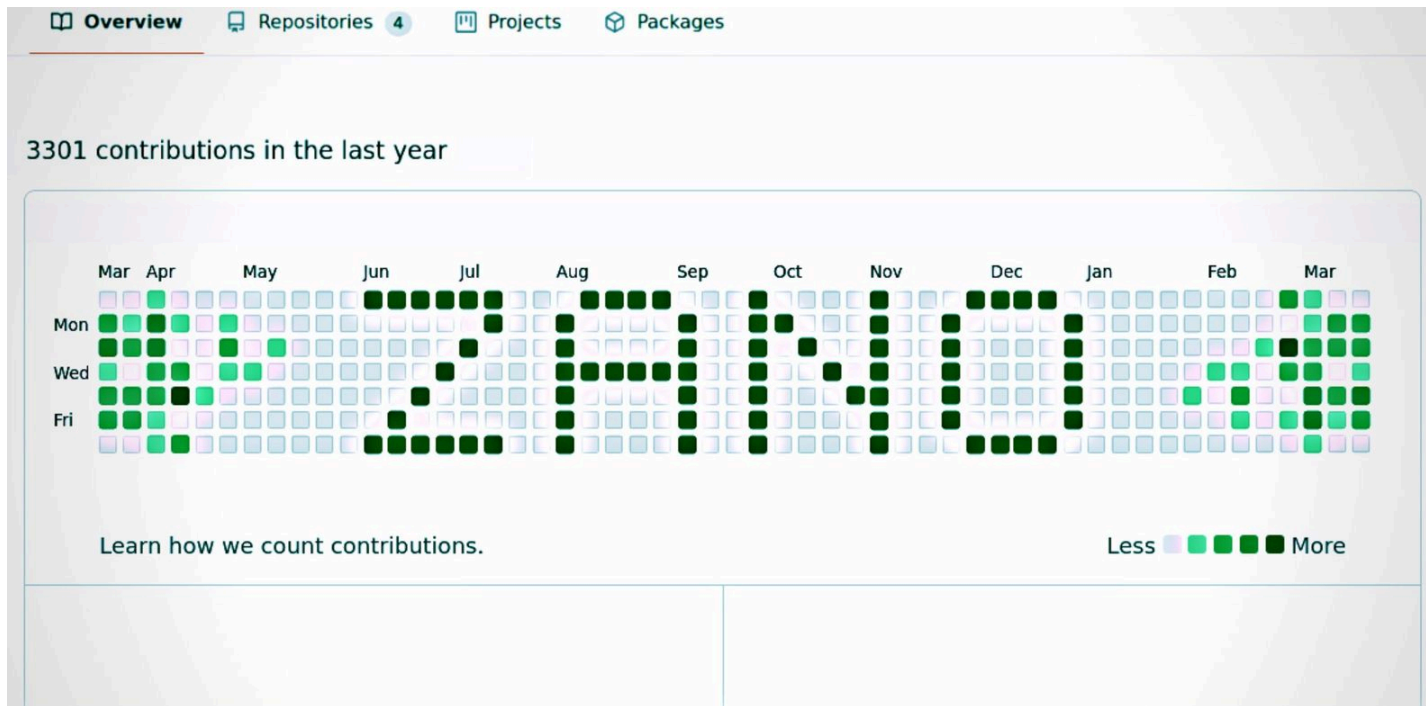**Core Development and Network Enhancements**

Hardfork Preparations

- **Implemented TX Hardfork ID** to streamline future hardforks.

- Introduced a **short TX freezing period before a hardfork** to ensure smoother transitions (starting from HF6).Completed **final preparations for HF5**, now scheduled for **March 18, 2025**.

Performance & Security Updates

- **Predownload files moved to CDN**, significantly improving bootstrap speed.

- Detected and fixed a **rare but critical issue in alt-block TX validation**.

- Investigated and resolved a **deep resync issue in the currency P2P protocol**.

- Various **backbone node infrastructure improvements** to enhance network stability.

New Release

- Released **Build 2.1.0.382**, incorporating all the above fixes and optimizations.

Testing & Security

- Continued **enhancements to core tests** to improve automated test coverage.

- **Bug Bounty:** Launched invite-only bug bounty campaign via **Immunefi** to strengthen security.

- Participated in **consensus review sessions** with **CommonPrefix**.

Wallet & Frontend Updates

Mobile App:

- **Mobile app with built-in browser support** has been pushed to QA and will be released soon.

- Ongoing **refactoring and UI facelift** for a better user experience.

Zano GUI Wallet:

- Various **GUI improvements and bug fixes** to enhance usability.

Website & API Improvements

- **Zano Trade API:** Prepared an API for **external apps** to integrate with **Zano Trade**.

- **Explorer Database:** Reworked the **syncing process** for better efficiency and reliability.

- **Wrap Bridge:** Continued refactoring to improve performance and usability.

Zano Fact #2: Did you know you can use $ZANO to buy Amazon, Uber, DoorDash, Airbnb gift cards, and even prepaid Visa cards via trocador.app*?*

Integrations

- The long-awaited [integration of Zano into Cake Wallet has taken place.](#) You can now hold ZANO and all your favorite Confidential Assets in Cake Wallet! This is a huge milestone for the usability of our ecosystem.

- [Zano has been integrated into PegasusSwap,](#) an instant-swap provider that doesn't require KYC.

Released Media

- [Inside the Zano-Verse, episode #12](#) covered the upcoming updates and discussed the Cake Wallet integration with special guest Seth for Privacy.

- A [sneak peek of the Zano mobile wallet](#) with browser integration has been shared. This allows users to access Zano Companion via mobile, enabling them to engage with all the Zano ecosystem apps.

AMAs/Interviews

- [RiceTV](#) has interviewed the Zano team.

- [Mike Adams (HealthRanger)](#) has interviewed the Zano team.

- Our community manager Gonbatfire has participated in an [AMA with LetsExchange](#).

Zano Fact #3: Did you know you can send $ZANO and any other Confidential Asset to [multiple addresses in one go](#) via Cake Wallet?

Zano Around the World

Zano Africa

In February, Zano Africa announced the Wazobia Contest, highlighting the richness of African languages while promoting $ZANO. Participants are invited to create informative videos in Pidgin, Zulu, Hausa, or any African language.

Zano Turkey

In February, Zano Türkiye formed a strategic partnership with social media influencers to increase the awareness of $ZANO in our country. As a result of this collaboration, the statistics reached highly impressive levels. Additionally, various visuals were created to continuously provide informative content to the community.

Zano France

The ZANO France community continues to grow steadily. It has successfully built connections with major French-speaking influencers. Currently, the team is working on an exceptional game for March: the ZANO Treasure Hunt, which continues to highlight the values and benefits of the ZANO project.

Zano Latam/Spain

February was a successful month for the Spanish-speaking community. This month, we focused on bringing in more active and enthusiastic members. We officially have new active users. Additionally, we had a presence in Cake Wallet streams, answering all questions about Zano. We are continuing to build a strong image. Great month!

Zano Brazil

Zano Brazil community grew in February with 160 players in a sponsored tournament, 20,000 views, and new members. We started Twitter ads, and in March, we'll host another event that offers bounties to Brazilian developers building platforms with Zano technology.

Miscellaneous

- The [Zano roadmap](#) has been updated!

Conclusion

As we close out February, we're filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and energy from our incredible zAnon community. Things are only picking up speed: Keep an eye out for our next blog post, where we'll dive into a hefty update on everything in the works! See you soon, zAnons!

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