

GINcoin Overview

GINcoin, with its GUI-based Masternode deployment platform enables crypto investors to set up their own Masternodes regardless of their technical skills and experience in working with servers and programming languages.



Foreword

What is a cryptocurrency?

A cryptocurrency (or crypto currency) is a digital asset designed to work as a medium of exchange. Cryptocurrencies use cryptography (hence the name) to secure transactions, control the creation of additional units, and verify the transfer of assets.

The control mechanisms of cryptocurrencies are decentralized and managed through a blockchain (a form of public transaction database) that works as a distributed ledger.

The decentralisation aspect is what sets them apart the most from most other types of currencies (especially fiat currencies).

What are Masternodes?

From a technical point of view, a masternode is a computer (server) with a publicly available IP address.

A Masternode is simply a cryptocurrency full node or computer wallet that keeps the full copy of the blockchain in real-time.

Masternodes are active members in a coin's transaction network that meet certain criteria, the most important of which is a set amount of collateral capital locked in a dedicated wallet.



Foreword - What are Masternodes?

Wallets

There are 2 types of wallets that can be used:

O Hot wallets

Hot wallets are stored on the server itself and are connected to the internet. This makes them more susceptible to being broken into than cold wallets.

Cold wallets

If a wallet is stored on a computer that's not always connected to the internet (or on a storage device like the Ledger Nano)

Similarities to savings accounts

Throughout their short history, masternodes have been compared to savings accounts - they play an important role in the coin network and those who create and maintain them get rewarded for their efforts - much like a bank offers savings with varying interest rates to encourage people to hold their money with it.

Nodes vs Masternodes

Masternodes are considerably different in their functionality than normal nodes.

Apart from keeping a copy of the full blockchain in real-time and relaying blocks/transactions, just like a full node does on the Bitcoin network, Masternodes fulfill other functions as well:

- Increase the privacy of transactions
- Enable users to instantly send funds to one another
- Participate in governance/ voting
- Some serve the role of a treasury in some coin networks



Foreword - Why are Masternodes good for Crypto?

Increased decentralisation

Through the functions mentioned above, Masternodes ensure cryptocurrencies remain as decentralised as possible, counterbalancing the inherent centralisation mining pools introduce. At the same time, Masternodes help increase the scalability of the network and can be used as a means of voting on a coin's developmental decisions much like what happens in your usual corporation when shareholders are asked to weigh in on policy or direction changes.

Decreased energy costs

On top of all of this, Masternodes are useful because they compensate for proof of work's (POW) limitations and ensure a network's security with much lower energy costs. In a sense, a POW-based coin that supports Masternodes is a mixed breed between a pure POW one and a POS (proof of stake) coin.

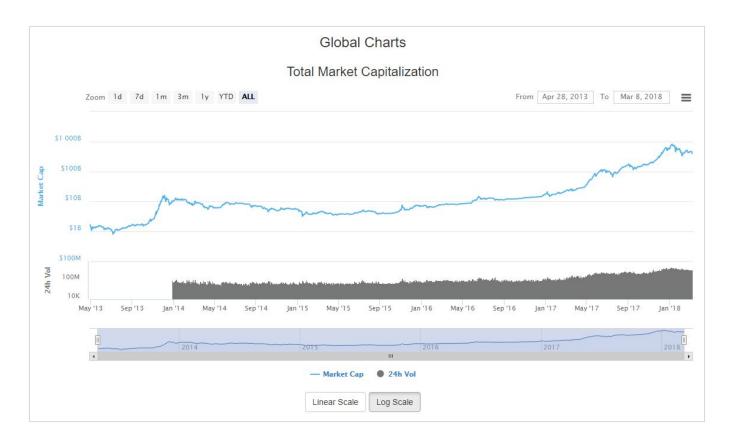
Better security

Because Masternodes require capital to be deployed, their owners are directly interested in keeping the network as secure as possible. As such, Masternodes are designed to keep miners in line for instance, Dash Masternodes keep a close eye on the POW network (the miners) and reject/orphan blocks if they don't match the current version of Dash or if they detect reward tampering.



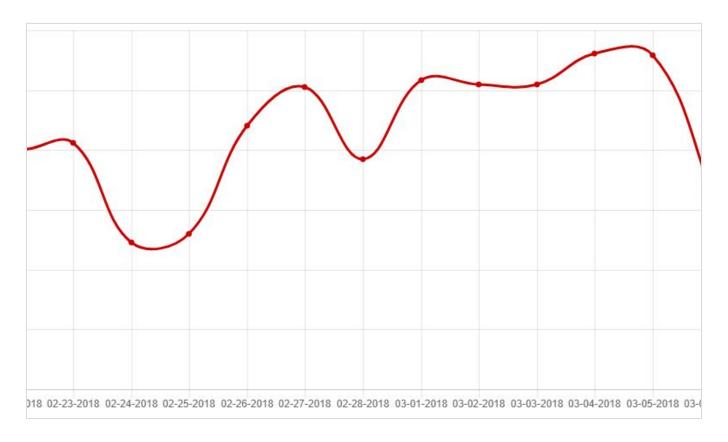
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State of affairs - market status and size



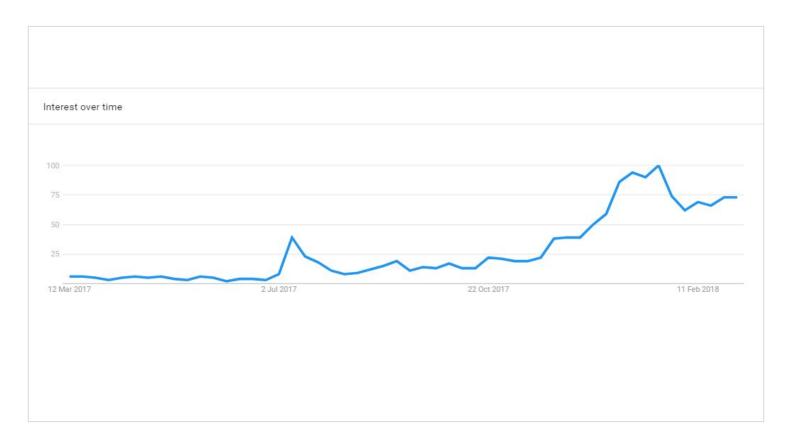
After a bumpy start of the year, the cryptocurrency market sits at **USD 407,868,000,000** according to CoinMarketCap.

State of affairs - market status and size (Masternode-ready coins)



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State of affairs - interest in Masternodes



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The problem(s) Masternodes and people are

complex machines

The problem(s)

GINcoin aims to solve two big issues that are currently holding Masternode coins back and impeding their rightful ascent:

- Deploying and running a Masternode requires significant technology know-how:
 - a. Deep understanding of the blockchain
 - b. Launching & maintaining a server
 - c. Setting up of masternode software
- Setting up a Masternode requires considerable financial efforts (and, as detailed below, trust)

The two problems force investors to rely on Shared Masternode groups and schemes, usually lead by a developer willing to do the work in exchange for a share of the Masternode (or its generated rewards).

This forces a trustless-system to work in a trust-dependent way, and not few are the cases where ill-intentioned individuals scam investors and keep the collateral for themselves.





GINcoin - Trustless, Codeless Masternode Deployment

Overview

GINcoin was built as a direct consequence of the problems stated before. With its GUI-based Masternode setup, the only hurdle investors may be faced with when looking to own a Masternode remains the financial one - securing enough collateral to actually deploy the node. However, not even that will remain a valid problem for much longer - our roadmap includes shared Masternode support for all partner coins.

GINcoin is a peer-to-peer cryptocurrency that, on top of Bitcoin's features, supports instant transactions (InstantSend), private transactions (PrivateSend) and Masternodes. It is based on Dash.

Masternodes

Similar to Dash, GINcoin uses a two-tiered network - miners, the first tier, handle creating new blocks, whereas the PrivateSend, InstantSend and Governance functions are handled by the second tier network made up of Masternodes.

Masternodes require 1,000 GIN as collateral to prevent sybil attacks (wherein a peer-to-peer network's reputation system is compromised by entities with forged identities). The collateral can be spent at any time, but that subsequently eliminates the masternode from the network.

PrivateSend

At its core, PrivateSend is a service that mixes users coins with others' coins before sending them to a wallet, to ensure their anonymity. It is based on CoinJoin, to which it adds multiple modifications such as relying on masternodes rather than on a single website, chaining by mixing with multiple masternodes and restricting the mixing to only accept certain denominations, and passive mode. The maximum allowed for a PrivateSend transaction is 1000 GIN (just like with Dash).

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InstantSend

Reliant on the Masternode network, InstantSend is allows for near-instant transactions - through it, inputs can be locked to specific transactions and verified by consensus of the masternode network. Conflicting transactions and blocks are rejected. If a consensus cannot be reached, validation of the transaction occurs through standard block confirmation. InstantSend solves the double-spending problem without the longer confirmation times of other cryptocurrencies (e,g,: Bitcoin).

Blockchain technical information

Mining algo.	Neoscrypt (ASIC resistant)
Block time	2 min
Block reward 20 GIN	50% MasterNodes / 50% miners
Masternode collateral	1,000 GIN
Total supply	10.5M GIN (2040)

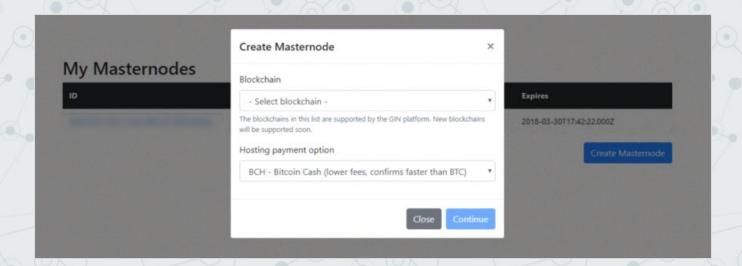


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A GUI-based Masternode Deployment Platform

The coin itself is a close sibling of Dash's. Where GINcoin truly shines is its codeless masternode deployment platform. The platform itself is web-based and relies on open source technologies such as Docker, Kubernetes, Node.js, Angular.js and Linux.

Setting up a Masternode is simple and straightforward, as shown in the screenshots below, which cover the first two steps.



Masternode:

Masternode is building (status: Waiting payment)...

Server payment A payment is required for starting up your masternode. Use the details below to send your payment, the process will continue automatically after the payment is detected in the mempool (usually instant). Hosting period 28 days starting at the payment confirmation Payment method BTC Address 0.00113058 - use exactly this amount, no more, no less Amount

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Internal economy

Self-sustaining

The coin itself will derive value from the platform that it maintains. Aside from free trades on exchanges, GIN will be used by our community to cover:

- Masternode hosting fees
- Masternode setup fees
- Shared masternode setup fees

Beneficial to other coins

As such, GIN not only relies on other Masternode-compatible coins, but also helps them grow faster by enabling investors from all walks of life to create, maintain and invest in Masternodes.



Roadmap for GIN your masternode assistant

Just 2 weeks after its official launch, GINcoin has already covered most of its core-features roadmap.



1. GINcoin Masternodes

The GIN network is the first implementing our one-click masternode setup technology

Feb 2018

2.

Platform and User Interface 🗸

Online graphical UI for creating, managing and monitoring MNs for the different supported coins.

Mar 2018

3.3rd partyMasternodes

Other blockchains with masternode technology will be welcomed on-board

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Daily Rollouts

Start of Daily rollouts of new Masternode coins

Mar 2018

5.

Shared Masternode support

Platform support for shared masternodes setup facilitating participation in expensive masternodes (e.g. Dash)

Aug 2018

Our Mission & Vision

GINcoin aims to provide cryptocurrency investors with an easy way of creating and deploying their own masternode(s) - regardless of their technical abilities.

Our ultimate goal is to democratise the way masternodes are created and, as an effect, prove crypto is here to stay - by making it more secure and more user-friendly than paper money.

Let's do this!

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