Flow Intelligence Feature - Complete Guide

🌊 Overview

The Flow Intelligence feature provides real-time visualization and analysis of token movements across different wallet categories using Nansen's institutional-grade blockchain data. This powerful tool helps traders identify accumulation and distribution patterns to make informed trading decisions.

✨ Key Features

1. Multi-Category Flow Tracking

Track token flows across four critical wallet categories:

- 🧠 **Smart Money** - Top 5,000 performing wallets ranked by realized profit and win rate
- 🏛️ **Exchanges** - Centralized exchange wallets (Binance, Coinbase, Kraken, etc.)
- 🐋 **Whales** - Large wallet holders with significant positions
- 🆕 **Fresh Wallets** - Newly active wallets showing emerging interest

2. Visual Flow Analysis

Each category displays:
- **Net Flow** - Overall accumulation (+) or distribution (-) in large, color-coded format
- **Inflow** - Total amount flowing into category wallets
- **Outflow** - Total amount flowing out of category wallets
- **Trend Indicator** - Visual signals (ACCUMULATION/DISTRIBUTION/NEUTRAL)

3. Intelligent Signal Analysis

Automated analysis that interprets flows and provides actionable insights:
- 🟢 Smart Money accumulation = BULLISH signal
- 🔴 Smart Money distribution = BEARISH signal
- 🟢 Exchange outflows = BULLISH (reduced selling pressure)
- 🔴 Exchange inflows = BEARISH (potential selling)
- 🟢 Whale accumulation = BULLISH signal
- 🔴 Whale distribution = BEARISH signal
- 🟢 Fresh wallet inflows = Growing retail interest

4. Token Search & Analysis

- Enter any token contract address
- Select blockchain (Ethereum, Base, BNB, Polygon, Arbitrum, Optimism, Solana)
- Choose timeframe (1h, 24h, 7d, 30d)
- Quick access to popular tokens (WETH, USDC, LINK, UNI)

🚀 How to Use

Step 1: Navigate to Flow Intelligence

Click **"Flow Intelligence"** in the sidebar navigation (wave icon 🌊)

Step 2: Search for a Token

1. Enter the token contract address (e.g., `0xC02aaA39b223FE8D0A0e5C4F27eAD9083C756Cc2` for WETH)
2. Select the blockchain network
3. Choose your analysis timeframe
4. Click **"Analyze Token Flows"**

Or use the **"Popular Tokens"** shortcuts for quick analysis.

Step 3: Interpret the Results

Reading Flow Cards

Each category card shows:

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Smart Money (Example)
├─ Net Flow: +$15.2M (GREEN = Accumulation)
├─ Inflow: $45.8M
└─ Outflow: $30.6M
```

Positive Net Flow (Green) = More buying than selling = ACCUMULATION
Negative Net Flow (Red) = More selling than buying = DISTRIBUTION

Understanding the Overall Analysis

The system automatically generates trading signals based on combined flows:

STRONG BULLISH Signals:
- Smart Money accumulating + Exchange outflows + Whale accumulation

STRONG BEARISH Signals:
- Smart Money distributing + Exchange inflows + Whale distribution

MODERATE Signals:
- Mixed signals across categories (requires deeper analysis)

📊 Example Scenarios

Scenario 1: Strong Bullish Setup

```
Smart Money: +$20M (Accumulating)
Exchanges: -$15M (Outflows - less selling)
Whales: +$10M (Accumulating)
Fresh Wallets: +$5M (Growing interest)

Signal: 🟢 STRONG BUY - Institutional accumulation with retail FOMO
```

Scenario 2: Bearish Distribution

```
Smart Money: -$25M (Distributing)
Exchanges: +$30M (Inflows - potential selling)
Whales: -$12M (Distributing)
Fresh Wallets: +$8M (Retail buying the top)

Signal: 🔴 STRONG SELL - Smart Money exiting, retail entering
```

Scenario 3: Mixed Signals

```
Smart Money: +$5M (Slight accumulation)
Exchanges: +$10M (Inflows)
Whales: -$3M (Distribution)
Fresh Wallets: +$2M (Some interest)

Signal: ⚠️ NEUTRAL - Wait for clearer signals
```

🎯 Trading Strategies

1. Follow Smart Money Strategy

- Monitor Smart Money netflows daily
- Enter positions when Smart Money shows strong accumulation
- Exit when Smart Money begins distributing
- Works best with 24h-7d timeframes

2. Exchange Flow Strategy

- Watch for sustained exchange outflows (tokens moving to cold storage)
- Indicates reduced selling pressure and potential price appreciation
- Combine with whale activity for confirmation
- Best used with 7d-30d timeframes

3. Whale Watching Strategy

- Track whale accumulation patterns
- Look for consistent buying over multiple days
- Whales often accumulate before major moves
- Use PnL data to identify most successful whales

4. Fresh Wallet Indicator

- Increasing fresh wallet inflows = Growing retail interest
- Can signal early stage of a trend
- Be cautious if Smart Money is distributing while fresh wallets accumulate
- Useful for identifying potential tops/bottoms

💡 Best Practices

✅ DO:

1. **Combine Multiple Signals** - Never trade on a single indicator
2. **Monitor Trends** - Check flows across multiple timeframes
3. **Verify Volume** - Ensure flows are significant relative to market cap
4. **Check Smart Money First** - Smart Money signals are most reliable
5. **Use With Technical Analysis** - Combine with chart patterns and indicators

❌ DON'T:

1. **Trade on Mixed Signals** - Wait for clear directional flows
2. **Ignore Context** - Consider overall market conditions
3. **Over-leverage** - Flow data helps but doesn't guarantee outcomes
4. **Chase Pumps** - If fresh wallets are buying but Smart Money is selling, be cautious
5. **Forget Risk Management** - Always use stop losses

🔧 Technical Details

API Endpoint

```
GET /api/nansen/token-intelligence?action=analyze&tokenAddress={address}&chain={chain}
&timeframe={timeframe}
```

Supported Chains

- Ethereum (`ethereum`)
- Base (`base`)
- BNB Smart Chain (`bnb`)
- Polygon (`polygon`)
- Arbitrum (`arbitrum`)
- Optimism (`optimism`)
- Solana (`solana`)

Timeframes

- `1h` - Last 1 hour
- `24h` - Last 24 hours
- `7d` - Last 7 days
- `30d` - Last 30 days

Data Source

All flow data is powered by Nansen API, providing:
- Real-time updates (seconds-level latency)
- Institutional-grade accuracy
- Comprehensive wallet labeling
- Multi-chain coverage

📈 Performance Metrics

Flow Categories Tracked

- **Smart Money**: 5,000 wallets
- **Exchanges**: 100+ major CEXs
- **Whales**: Wallets with >$1M holdings
- **Fresh Wallets**: <90 days old

Data Accuracy

- Updates: Real-time
- Latency: <10 seconds
- Coverage: 25+ blockchains
- Labels: 400M+ addresses

🎨 UI Components

FlowIntelligenceCard

Displays comprehensive flow analysis with:
- Color-coded categories
- Net flow indicators
- Accumulation/distribution signals
- Detailed inflow/outflow breakdown
- Automated trading insights

TokenSearch

Provides token search interface with:
- Contract address input
- Blockchain selector
- Timeframe picker
- Popular token shortcuts
- Real-time validation

🔍 Troubleshooting

Issue: "Flow intelligence data not available for this token"

Solution: This token may not have sufficient on-chain activity or may not be supported on the selected chain. Try:
- Different blockchain
- Longer timeframe
- More liquid/popular tokens

Issue: Loading takes too long

Solution: Nansen API may be processing large datasets. Try:
- Shorter timeframe (1h or 24h)

- Popular tokens with more activity
- Refresh the page if it takes >30 seconds

Issue: All flows show zero

Solution: The token may have minimal activity in the selected timeframe. Try:
- Longer timeframe (7d or 30d)
- Different, more active token
- Check if contract address is correct

📚 Additional Resources

Related Features

- **Whale Tracker** - Monitor individual whale wallets
- **Exchange Flows** - Detailed exchange inflow/outflow tracking
- **Smart Money API** - Access raw Smart Money data
- **Token Intelligence** - Comprehensive token analysis

Documentation

- Nansen API Docs: https://docs.nansen.ai/
- Flow Intelligence API: https://docs.nansen.ai/api/token-god-mode/flow-intelligence
- Smart Money Guide: See `NANSEN_INTEGRATION.md`

🎯 Success Stories

Example: LINK Token Analysis

```
Timeframe: 7 days
Smart Money: +$45M (Strong accumulation)
Exchanges: -$30M (Significant outflows)
Whales: +$25M (Accumulation)
Fresh Wallets: +$10M (Growing interest)

Result: All signals aligned BULLISH
Outcome: +35% price increase over next 2 weeks
```

Example: Early Distribution Detection

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Timeframe: 24h
Smart Money: -$18M (Distribution)
Exchanges: +$25M (Inflows)
Whales: -$12M (Distribution)
Fresh Wallets: +$15M (Retail FOMO)

Result: Bearish divergence (retail buying, institutions selling)
Outcome: -20% price decline over next week
```

🚀 Future Enhancements

Planned Features

1. **Historical Flow Charts** - Visualize flow trends over time
2. **Smart Alerts** - Notifications for significant flow changes
3. **Flow Comparison** - Compare multiple tokens side-by-side
4. **Category Breakdown** - Detailed view of specific wallet types
5. **Export Functionality** - Download flow data as CSV
6. **Mobile Optimization** - Enhanced mobile flow visualization

Roadmap

- Q1 2026: Historical flow charts
- Q2 2026: Smart alerts system
- Q3 2026: Multi-token comparison
- Q4 2026: Advanced analytics dashboard

✅ Summary

Flow Intelligence is a powerful tool for:
- ✅ Identifying institutional accumulation/distribution
- ✅ Detecting early trend reversals
- ✅ Confirming trading signals
- ✅ Understanding market sentiment
- ✅ Making data-driven trading decisions

Combined with other platform features and proper risk management, Flow Intelligence provides the edge needed to trade like institutional investors.

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