

Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker - Documentation

https://github.com/Js24zz/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker.git

Introduction

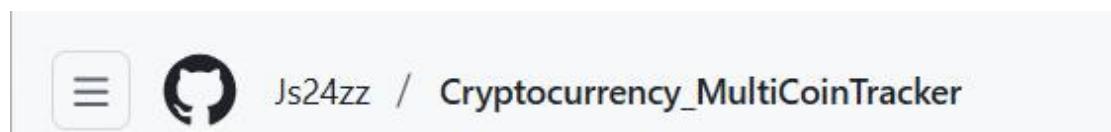
This project implements an automated Cryptocurrency Multi-Coin Tracker that periodically collects live market data for 10 major cryptocurrencies, stores historical snapshots in a normalized MySQL database, and automatically produces PNG graphs using GNUPlot. The solution is implemented primarily in Bash, with curl + jq for extraction/cleaning, MySQL for storage, GNUPlot for visualization, and cron for automation.

- Unix Script for Data Collection (curl + jq + MySQL insert).
- Unix Script for Plotting (GNUPlot called from .sh functions).
- Use of Git for Version Control (commit history evidence).
- MySQL for Data Storage (normalized schema, ERD, and dump file).

Environment & Tools (WSL-first workflow)

- 1) Windows + WSL (Ubuntu) + VS Code (Remote – WSL) for a stable Linux environment.
- 2) MySQL Server runs inside WSL; command-line MySQL is used in scripts.
- 3) Core dependencies: curl, jq, mysql-client, gnuplot, cron.

Creating A GitHub Repository



Successfully created repository

https://github.com/Js24zz/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker.git

(Welcome to my GitHub)

Project Structure (VSC)

```
acker$ tree
```

```
├── DB
│   └── cryptocurrency_multicoing_trader_dump.sql
├── Data
│   ├── crypto_20251211T225430.json
│   ├── crypto_20251211T225831.json
│   ├── crypto_20251211T230808.json
│   ├── crypto_20251211T231353.json
│   ├── crypto_20251212T000001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251212T001335.json
│   ├── crypto_20251212T002735.json
│   ├── crypto_20251212T120001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251212T123001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251212T130001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251212T133001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251212T140001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251212T210002.json
│   ├── crypto_20251213T000001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251213T120001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251213T123001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251213T130001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251213T133001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251213T140001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251213T210001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251214T000002.json
│   ├── crypto_20251214T120001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251214T123000.json
│   ├── crypto_20251214T130000.json
│   ├── crypto_20251214T133001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251214T140000.json
│   ├── crypto_20251214T210001.json
│   ├── crypto_20251214T210846.json
│   └── crypto_20251215T000001.json
└── Documents
    ├── CryptoPricesTable.txt
    ├── Documentation.pdf
    ├── ERD.drawio.pdf
    └── UserManual.pdf

Logs
├── collect_crypto.log
├── cron_all.log
├── cron_collect.log
├── cron_plot.log
└── plot_crypto.log

Plots
├── ADA_price.png
├── BNB_price.png
├── BTC_change24.png
├── BTC_marketcap.png
├── BTC_price.png
├── BTC_volume24h.png
├── DOGE_price.png
├── ETH_change24.png
├── ETH_marketcap.png
├── ETH_price.png
├── ETH_volume24h.png
├── LINK_price.png
├── LTC_price.png
├── SOL_price.png
├── TRX_price.png
└── XRP_price.png

README.md
Schema.sql

Scripts
├── AppendCleanTable.sh
├── CollectCrypto.sh
├── HealthCheck.sh
├── PlotCrypto.sh
└── ShowLatestPrices.sh

Sql
└── Schema.sql
```

Tracked Cryptocurrencies

No.	Cryptocurrency
1	Bitcoin (BTC)
2	Ethereum (ETH)
3	Cardano (ADA)
4	Binance Coin (BNB)
5	Dogecoin (DOGE)
6	Chainlink (LINK)
7	Litecoin (LTC)
8	Solana (SOL)
9	TRON (TRX)
10	XRP (XRP)

Section 1 (Unix Script for Data Collection)

Objective: collect data regularly, perform parsing and manipulation, handle errors, and insert cleaned data into MySQL.

1.1) Data Source Choice (Website/API)

Chosen source: [CoinGecko public API](#). It provides price, market cap, 24h volume, 24h high/low, and 24h % change in one response, which reduces scraping risk and increases reliability compared to HTML scraping.

Endpoint pattern:

https://api.coingecko.com/api/v3/coins/markets?vs_currency=usd&ids=<coin_ids>&order=market_cap_desc&per_page=250&page=1&sparkline=false&price_change_percentage=24h

1.2) JSON Parsing with jq (example)

Typical jq extraction pattern: jq -r '.[] |

```
[.id, .symbol, .current_price, .market_cap, .total_volume, .low_24h, .high_24h, .price_change_percentage_24h] | @tsv'
```

Evidences

Raw API response exists (JSON file)
ls -lh Data tail
<pre>yeonj@WIN-RO2UQQ0R3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker\$ ls -lh Data tail -rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 11K Dec 14 12:30 crypto_20251214T123000.json -rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 11K Dec 14 13:00 crypto_20251214T130000.json -rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 11K Dec 14 13:30 crypto_20251214T133001.json -rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 11K Dec 14 14:00 crypto_20251214T140000.json -rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 11K Dec 14 21:00 crypto_20251214T210001.json -rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 11K Dec 14 21:08 crypto_20251214T210846.json -rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 11K Dec 15 00:00 crypto_20251215T000001.json -rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 11K Dec 15 01:05 crypto_20251215T010501.json -rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 11K Dec 15 12:00 crypto_20251215T120001.json -rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 11K Dec 15 12:30 crypto_20251215T123001.json</pre>
jq is installed
jq --version
<pre>yeonj@WIN-RO2UQQ0R3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker\$ jq --version jq-1.7</pre>
jq data went into MySQL
<pre>sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SELECT s.id, s.snapshot_time, COUNT(cp.id) AS rows_in_coin_prices FROM snapshots s LEFT JOIN coin_prices cp ON cp.snapshot_id=s.id WHERE s.id=(SELECT MAX(id) FROM snapshots) GROUP BY s.id, s.snapshot_time;"</pre>
<pre>yeonj@WIN-RO2UQQ0R3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker\$ sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SELECT s.id, s.snapshot_time, COUNT(cp.id) AS rows_in_coin_prices FROM snapshots s LEFT JOIN coin_prices cp ON cp.snapshot_id=s.id WHERE s.id=(SELECT MAX(id) FROM snapshots) GROUP BY s.id, s.snapshot_time;" [sudo] password for yeonj: +-----+ id snapshot_time rows_in_coin_prices +-----+ 64 2025-12-15 12:30:01 10 +-----+</pre>

Here, we use jq instead of manual string parsing to guarantee reliable extraction from structured JSON and ensure consistent column mapping for MySQL inserts.

1.3) ShowLatestPrices.sh (manual check)

Quick verification: prints the latest snapshot_time and latest values per coin (price, low/high 24h, change 24h) as a formatted table in the terminal.

a) Bash Scripts>ShowLatestPrices.sh

Snapshot_Time	Coin	Price_USD	Low_24h_USD	High_24h_USD	Change_24h_Pct
2025-12-15 12:00:01	ADA	0.40150700	0.39504700	0.40982500	-2.01
2025-12-15 12:00:01	BNB	889.50000000	874.45000000	898.30000000	-0.71
2025-12-15 12:00:01	BTC	89299.00000000	87892.00000000	90321.00000000	-1.06
2025-12-15 12:00:01	DOGE	0.13632400	0.13380000	0.13895600	-1.84
2025-12-15 12:00:01	ETH	3112.01000000	3052.44000000	3141.86000000	-0.25
2025-12-15 12:00:01	LINK	13.55000000	13.26000000	13.74000000	-1.22
2025-12-15 12:00:01	LTC	80.38000000	78.32000000	81.58000000	-1.47
2025-12-15 12:00:01	SOL	131.22000000	129.28000000	133.42000000	-1.36
2025-12-15 12:00:01	TRX	0.28201600	0.27376400	0.28244500	2.94
2025-12-15 12:00:01	XRP	2.00000000	1.98000000	2.02000000	-1.42

b) Bash `sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SELECT COUNT(*) FROM coin_prices WHERE snapshot_id=(SELECT MAX(id) FROM snapshots);"`

id	snapshot_time
64	2025-12-15 12:30:01
63	2025-12-15 12:00:01
62	2025-12-15 01:05:01

ShowLatestPrices.sh is a manual quality-assurance script used after data collection. It queries the most recent snapshot (latest run) and joins snapshots, coin_prices, and coins to display one row per tracked cryptocurrency.

This provides a fast terminal-based validation that the ingestion pipeline succeeded (a new snapshot exists, rows were inserted for all coins, and key metrics such as price, 24h low/high, and 24h % change are present).

It also supports debugging by immediately revealing missing rows, unchanged timestamps, or null metrics without needing a GUI tool.

1.4) HealthCheck.sh (manually bash)

Diagnostic report of DB + files + plots Console output

a) In wsl terminal bash `Scripts/HealthCheck.sh`.

```
=====
CRYPTO PIPELINE HEALTH CHECK  Mon Dec 15 01:05:07 +08 2025
Project: /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker
=====

[1] Latest snapshot + number of coin rows (expect 10)
latest_snapshot_id  snapshot_time  rows_in_coin_prices
62  2025-12-15 01:05:01 10

[2] Total records in DB
total_snapshots total_coin_prices
29  290

[3] Latest snapshot table (10 coins)
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| Snapshot_Time | Coin | Price_USD | Low_24h_USD | High_24h_USD | Change_24h_Pct |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 2025-12-15 01:05:01 | ADA | 0.39967000 | 0.39898600 | 0.41199400 | -2.99 |
| 2025-12-15 01:05:01 | BNB | 886.91000000 | 883.97000000 | 899.16000000 | -1.25 |
| 2025-12-15 01:05:01 | BTC | 88972.00000000 | 88776.00000000 | 90469.00000000 | -1.25 |
| 2025-12-15 01:05:01 | DOGE | 0.13552500 | 0.13519200 | 0.13943500 | -2.80 |
| 2025-12-15 01:05:01 | ETH | 3098.83000000 | 3073.73000000 | 3127.96000000 | -0.22 |
| 2025-12-15 01:05:01 | LINK | 13.49000000 | 13.45000000 | 13.78000000 | -1.96 |
| 2025-12-15 01:05:01 | LTC | 79.35000000 | 78.88000000 | 81.91000000 | -3.12 |
| 2025-12-15 01:05:01 | SOL | 131.00000000 | 130.58000000 | 133.48000000 | -1.57 |
| 2025-12-15 01:05:01 | TRX | 0.27666400 | 0.27081000 | 0.276664500 | 1.69 |
| 2025-12-15 01:05:01 | XRP | 2.00000000 | 1.99000000 | 2.03000000 | -1.35 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

[4] Plot outputs
Total PNG plots: 16
Latest 8 plots:
-rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 72889 Dec 15 01:05 /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Plots/ETH_volume24h.png
-rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 94342 Dec 15 01:05 /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Plots/BTC_volume24h.png
-rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 74159 Dec 15 01:05 /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Plots/ETH_marketcap.png
-rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 78152 Dec 15 01:05 /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Plots/BTC_marketcap.png
-rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 100854 Dec 15 01:05 /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Plots/ETH_change24.png
-rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 96792 Dec 15 01:05 /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Plots/BTC_change24.png
-rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 86544 Dec 15 01:05 /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Plots/LTC_price.png
-rwxrwxrwx 1 yeonj yeonj 98966 Dec 15 01:05 /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Plots/LINK_price.png

[5] clean table file (last 20 lines)

=====
Crypto Prices Snapshot: 2025-12-15 01:05:07
Source JSON: crypto_20251215T010501.json

+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| ID   | Symbol | Name    | Price_USD | Market_Cap | Volume_24h | High_24h | Low_24h | Change_24h% |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| bitcoin | btc | Bitcoin | 88972 | 1775302462443 | 33966432815 | 90469 | 88776 | -1.2474 |
| ethereum | eth | Ethereum | 3098.83 | 374210364087 | 13091538578 | 3127.96 | 3073.73 | -0.21678 |
| binancecoin | bnb | BNB | 886.91 | 122159566116 | 916805575 | 899.16 | 883.97 | -1.25116 |
| ripple | xrp | XRP | 2.0 | 120535802275 | 1414562384 | 2.03 | 1.99 | -1.34671 |
| solana | sol | Solana | 131.0 | 73629419626 | 2529517710 | 133.48 | 130.58 | -1.56977 |
| tron | trx | TRON | 0.276664 | 26195065366 | 488479869 | 0.276645 | 0.27081 | 1.69322 |
| dogecoin | doge | Dogecoin | 0.135525 | 22754908298 | 617453436 | 0.139435 | 0.135192 | -2.80447 |
| cardano | ada | Cardano | 0.39967 | 14647897856 | 479008955 | 0.411994 | 0.398986 | -2.99125 |
| chainlink | link | Chainlink | 13.49 | 9403922778 | 319589150 | 13.78 | 13.45 | -1.96144 |
| litecoin | ltc | Litecoin | 79.35 | 6080058013 | 334924744 | 81.91 | 78.88 | -3.12425 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

✓ Health check complete.
```

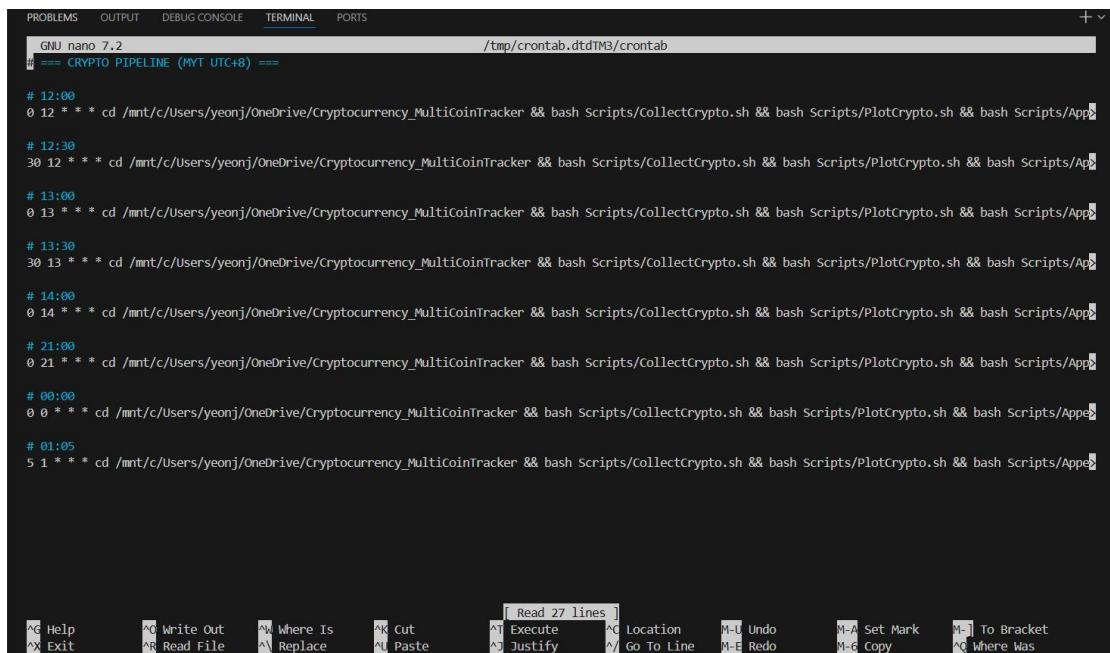
The health check status record will be stored in the `cron_all.log` file.

1.5) Automation (cron on MYT, UTC+8)

Chosen schedule: 12:00, 12:30, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 21:00, 00:00, 01:05 (MYT).

Reason: aligns with common lunch/rest window (12–14), end-of-day or after work or overtime-working (21:00), and a fresh new-day snapshot (00:00)(01:05).

- a) Bash **sudo crontab -e**.
- b) Insert the command scheduling in.
- c) Press **Ctrl O**.



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the title bar "TERMINAL". The content of the terminal is a crontab file with the following content:

```
GNU nano 7.2
/tmp/crontab.dtdTM3/crontab
# == CRYPTO PIPELINE (MYT UTC+8) ==
# 12:00
0 12 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/App
# 12:30
30 12 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/App
# 13:00
0 13 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/App
# 13:30
30 13 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/App
# 14:00
0 14 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/App
# 21:00
0 21 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/App
# 00:00
0 0 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/App
# 01:05
5 1 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/App
```

The terminal window has a menu bar with "PROBLEMS", "OUTPUT", "DEBUG CONSOLE", "TERMINAL", and "PORTS". At the bottom, there is a toolbar with various keyboard shortcuts for file operations like Help, Write Out, Read File, Where Is, Replace, Cut, Paste, Execute, Justify, Location, Go To Line, Undo, Redo, Set Mark, Copy, and Where Was. A status bar at the bottom right shows "Read 27 lines".

- d) You will see a file name below.
- e) Click **Enter**(to save) and **Ctrl X** to exit.



- f) You will see that your crontab is successfully installed.

```
yeonj@WIN-RO2UQQ0R3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker$ sudo crontab -e
crontab: installing new crontab
```

g) Bash sudo crontab -l to double check.

```
yeonj@IN-ROZUQQR3FV:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker$ sudo crontab -l
# === CRYPTO PIPELINE (MYT UTC+8) ===

# 12:00
0 12 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/AppendCleanTable.sh && bash Scripts/HealthCheck.sh >> Logs/cron_all.log 2>&1

# 12:30
30 12 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/AppendCleanTable.sh && bash Scripts/HealthCheck.sh >> Logs/cron_all.log 2>&1

# 13:00
0 13 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/AppendCleanTable.sh && bash Scripts/HealthCheck.sh >> Logs/cron_all.log 2>&1

# 13:30
30 13 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/AppendCleanTable.sh && bash Scripts/HealthCheck.sh >> Logs/cron_all.log 2>&1

# 14:00
0 14 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/AppendCleanTable.sh && bash Scripts/HealthCheck.sh >> Logs/cron_all.log 2>&1

# 21:00
0 21 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/AppendCleanTable.sh && bash Scripts/HealthCheck.sh >> Logs/cron_all.log 2>&1

# 00:00
0 0 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/AppendCleanTable.sh && bash Scripts/HealthCheck.sh >> Logs/cron_all.log 2>&1

# 01:05
5 1 * * * cd /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker && bash Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh && bash Scripts/AppendCleanTable.sh && bash Scripts/HealthCheck.sh >> Logs/cron_all.log 2>&1
```

Congratulation! Your crontab setup is done!

1.6) AppendCleanTable.sh(auto-cron)

Function as: Extracts latest JSON → formats readable table

The table that will be formated will be extracted from the data json file accordingly everytime the cron runs.

```
{} crypto_20251213T210001.json
{} crypto_20251214T000002.json
{} crypto_20251214T120001.json
{} crypto_20251214T123000.json
{} crypto_20251214T130000.json
{} crypto_20251214T133001.json
{} crypto_20251214T140000.json
{} crypto_20251214T210001.json
{} crypto_20251214T210846.json
{} crypto_20251215T000001.json
{} crypto_20251215T010501.json
{} crypto_20251215T120001.json
{} crypto_20251215T123001.json
```

Below is the expected output (Documents/CryptoPricesTable.txt) for a table as user are easy to read manually compared to data json which is not meant for human reading.

=====								
Crypto Prices Snapshot: 2025-12-15 01:05:07								
Source JSON: crypto_20251215T010501.json								
ID	Symbol	Name	Price_USD	Market_Cap	Volume_24h	High_24h	Low_24h	Change_24h%
bitcoin	btc	Bitcoin	88972	1775302462443	33966432815	90469	88776	-1.2474
ethereum	eth	Ethereum	3098.83	374210364087	13091538578	3127.96	3073.73	-0.21678
binancecoin	bnb	BNB	886.91	122159566116	916805575	899.16	883.97	-1.25116
ripple	xrp	XRP	2.0	120535802275	1414562384	2.03	1.99	-1.34671
solana	sol	Solana	131.0	73629419626	2529517710	133.48	130.58	-1.56977
tron	trx	TRON	0.276664	26195065366	488479869	0.276645	0.27081	1.69322
dogecoin	doge	Dogecoin	0.135525	22754908298	617453436	0.139435	0.135192	-2.80447
cardano	ada	Cardano	0.39967	14647897856	479008955	0.411994	0.398986	-2.99125
chainlink	link	Chainlink	13.49	9403922778	319589150	13.78	13.45	-1.96144
litecoin	ltc	Litecoin	79.35	6080058013	334924744	81.91	78.88	-3.12425

We can compare manually here.

Json Data								
{								
"id": "bitcoin", "symbol": "btc", "name": "Bitcoin", "image": "https://coin-images.coingecko.com/coins/images/1/large/bitcoin.png?1696501400", "current_price": 88972, "market_cap": 1775302462443, "market_cap_rank": 1, "fully_diluted_valuation": 1775302462443, "total_volume": 33966432815, "high_24h": 90469, "low_24h": 88776, "price_change_24h": -1123.8591650002345, "price_change_percentage_24h": -1.2474, "market_cap_change_24h": -22882868529.250732, "market_cap_change_percentage_24h": -1.27255, "circulating_supply": 19962075.0, "total_supply": 19962075.0, "max_supply": 21000000.0, "ath": 126080, "ath_change_percentage": -29.64229, "ath_date": "2025-10-06T18:57:42.558Z", "atl": 67.81, "atl_change_percentage": 130718.80941, "atl_date": "2013-07-06T00:00:00.000Z", "roi": null, "last_updated": "2025-12-14T17:05:00.720Z", "price_change_percentage_24h_in_currency": -1.247402551803392								
CryptoPricesTable.txt								
=====								
Crypto Prices Snapshot: 2025-12-15 01:05:07								
Source JSON: crypto_20251215T010501.json								
ID	Symbol	Name	Price_USD	Market_Cap	Volume_24h	High_24h	Low_24h	Change_24h%
bitcoin	btc	Bitcoin	88972	1775302462443	33966432815	90469	88776	-1.2474
ethereum	eth	Ethereum	3098.83	374210364087	13091538578	3127.96	3073.73	-0.21678
binancecoin	bnb	BNB	886.91	122159566116	916805575	899.16	883.97	-1.25116
ripple	xrp	XRP	2.0	120535802275	1414562384	2.03	1.99	-1.34671
solana	sol	Solana	131.0	73629419626	2529517710	133.48	130.58	-1.56977
tron	trx	TRON	0.276664	26195065366	488479869	0.276645	0.27081	1.69322
dogecoin	doge	Dogecoin	0.135525	22754908298	617453436	0.139435	0.135192	-2.80447
cardano	ada	Cardano	0.39967	14647897856	479008955	0.411994	0.398986	-2.99125
chainlink	link	Chainlink	13.49	9403922778	319589150	13.78	13.45	-1.96144
litecoin	ltc	Litecoin	79.35	6080058013	334924744	81.91	78.88	-3.12425

1.7) Script Workflow (Scripts/CollectCrypto.sh) (auto cron)

- a) This script defines environment paths which uses **BASE_DIR**, **DATA_DIR** and **LOG_DIR**.
- b) Selects 10 tracked cryptocurrencies.
- c) Builds CoinGecko API URL.
- d) Download JSON using curl + retry (up to 3 times)
 - Saves clean, formatted JSON (crypto_YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS.json) in Data/.
 - Example filename: crypto_20251214T210846.json

```
yeonj@WIN-RO2UQQR3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker$ ls Data/crypto_* | tail
Data/crypto_20251214T000002.json
Data/crypto_20251214T120001.json
Data/crypto_20251214T123000.json
Data/crypto_20251214T130000.json
Data/crypto_20251214T133001.json
Data/crypto_20251214T140000.json
Data/crypto_20251214T210001.json
Data/crypto_20251214T210846.json
Data/crypto_20251215T000001.json
Data/crypto_20251215T010501.json
```

- e) Validates and parses JSON using jq

Extracts .id, .current_price, .market_cap, .total_volume, .low_24h, .high_24h, .price_change_percentage_24h.

Converts into tab-separated lines ready for SQL insertion.

- f) Inserts one row into snapshots which records snapshot time + API source URL.
- g) Loops through all coins and inserts rows into coin_prices table which auto-links each coin to its id in the coins table.
- h) Finally, writes progress logs in **Logs/collect_crypto.log**.

```
Logs > cat collect_crypto.log
 64 2025-12-14T12:00:02 Saved pretty JSON to /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Data/crypto_20251214T120001.json
 65 2025-12-14T12:00:02 Using snapshot_id=54
 66 2025-12-14T12:00:02 Inserted data for snapshot 54
 67 2025-12-14T12:30:00 Downloading data from CoinGecko (attempt 1)...
 68 2025-12-14T12:30:01 Saved pretty JSON to /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Data/crypto_20251214T123000.json
 69 2025-12-14T12:30:01 Using snapshot_id=55
 70 2025-12-14T12:30:01 Inserted data for snapshot 55
 71 2025-12-14T13:00:00 Downloading data from CoinGecko (attempt 1)...
 72 2025-12-14T13:00:02 Saved pretty JSON to /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Data/crypto_20251214T130000.json
 73 2025-12-14T13:00:02 Using snapshot_id=56
 74 2025-12-14T13:00:02 Inserted data for snapshot 56
 75 2025-12-14T13:30:02 Downloading data from CoinGecko (attempt 1)...
 76 2025-12-14T13:30:02 Saved pretty JSON to /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Data/crypto_20251214T133001.json
 77 2025-12-14T13:30:02 Using snapshot_id=57
 78 2025-12-14T13:30:02 Inserted data for snapshot 57
 79 2025-12-14T14:00:00 Downloading data from CoinGecko (attempt 1)...
 80 2025-12-14T14:00:01 Saved pretty JSON to /mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker/Data/crypto_20251214T140000.json
 81 2025-12-14T14:00:01 Using snapshot_id=58
 82 2025-12-14T14:00:01 Inserted data for snapshot 58
 83 2025-12-14T21:00:01 Downloading data from CoinGecko (attempt 1)...
```

Then we bash "**USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SELECT COUNT(*) FROM snapshots;**" it will Show snapshot rows increasing

```
yeonj@WIN-RO2UQQR3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker$ mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SELECT COUNT(*) FROM snapshots;""
+-----+
| COUNT(*) |
+-----+
|      30 |
+-----+
```

Section 2 (Unix Script for Plotting)

Objective: Generate a minimum of TEN (10) different plots from the stored historical data using a Unix script (functions).

2.1) Plots Delivered

10× price plots: BTC, ETH, ADA, BNB, DOGE, LINK, LTC, SOL, TRX, XRP
Extra plots for ‘diverse metrics’ (advanced): BTC/ETH 24h change, market cap, and 24h volume.

Chosen BTC and ETH for extra plots as they both are currently the most famous in cryptocurrency.

2.2) How Plotting Works (Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh) (auto cron)

This is the core analytics script that transforms MySQL data into charts.

Function	Purpose	Output
Plot_price()	Line graph of coin price vs time	*_price.png
Plot_change()	24h % change over time (BTC, ETH)	*_change24.png
Plot_marketcap()	Market capitalization	*_marketcap.png
Plot_volume()	24h trading volume	*_volume24h.png

The plotting script queries MySQL for the latest time-series values, writes them into temporary .dat files, and renders PNG outputs into Plots/ using gnuplot. Reusable plot functions keep the script clean and extendable.

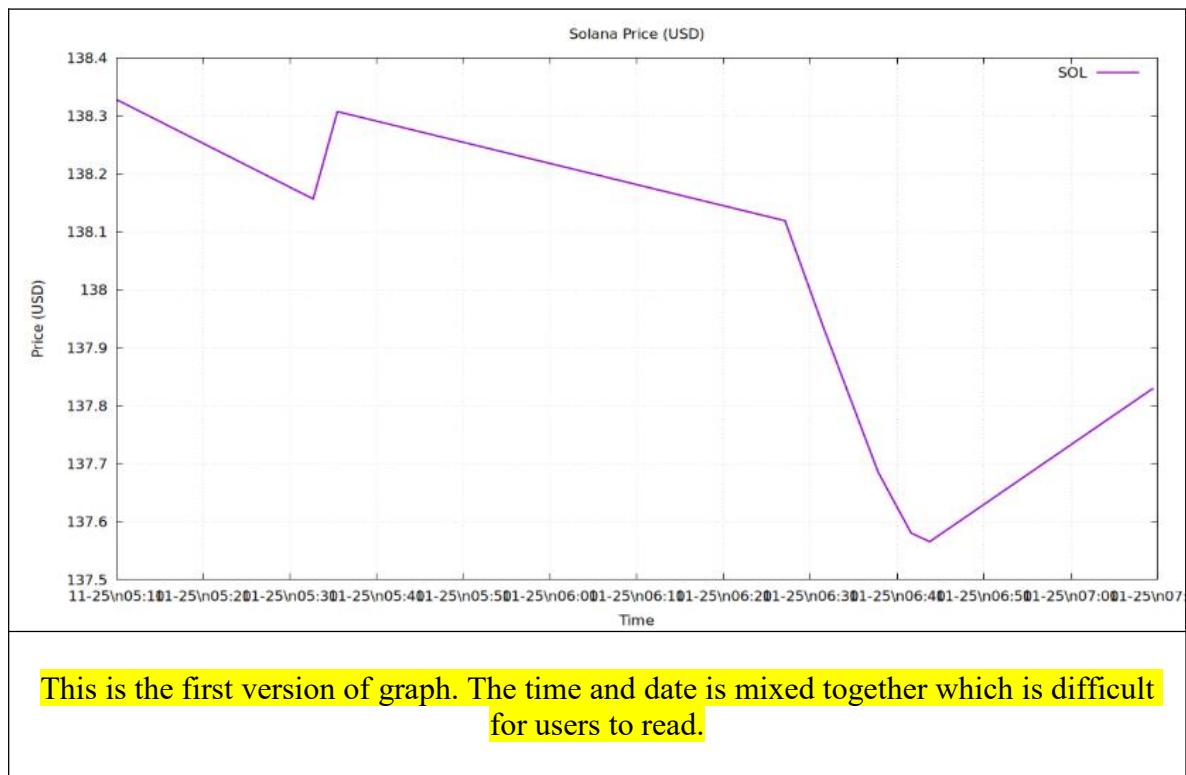
Steps:

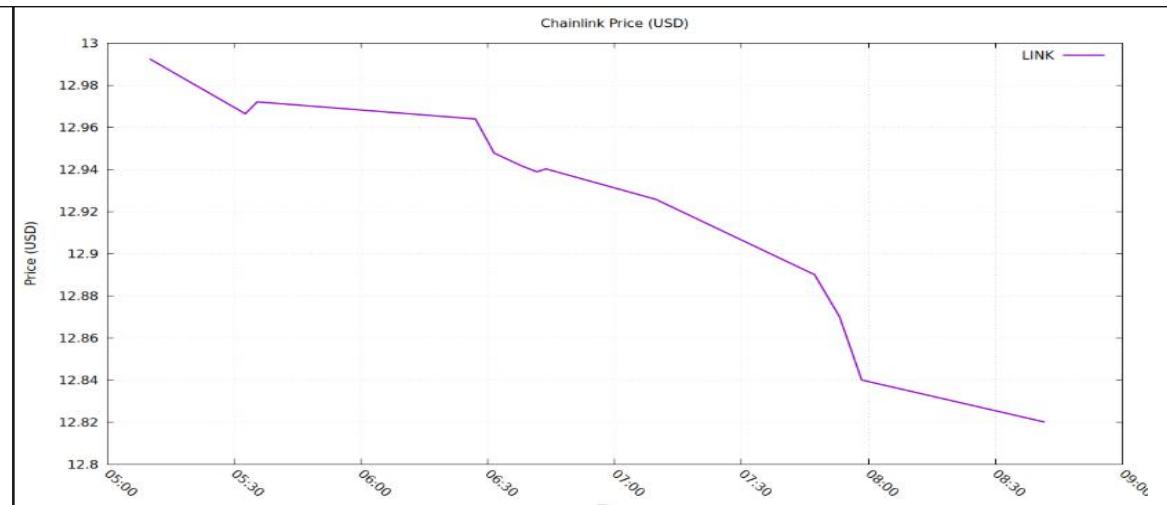
- Queries MySQL using mysql -N -B -e.
- Formats data as tab-separated values for Gnuplot.
- Gnuplot plots line charts with time-based X-axis.
- Produces PNGs in /Plots/

Supported modes:

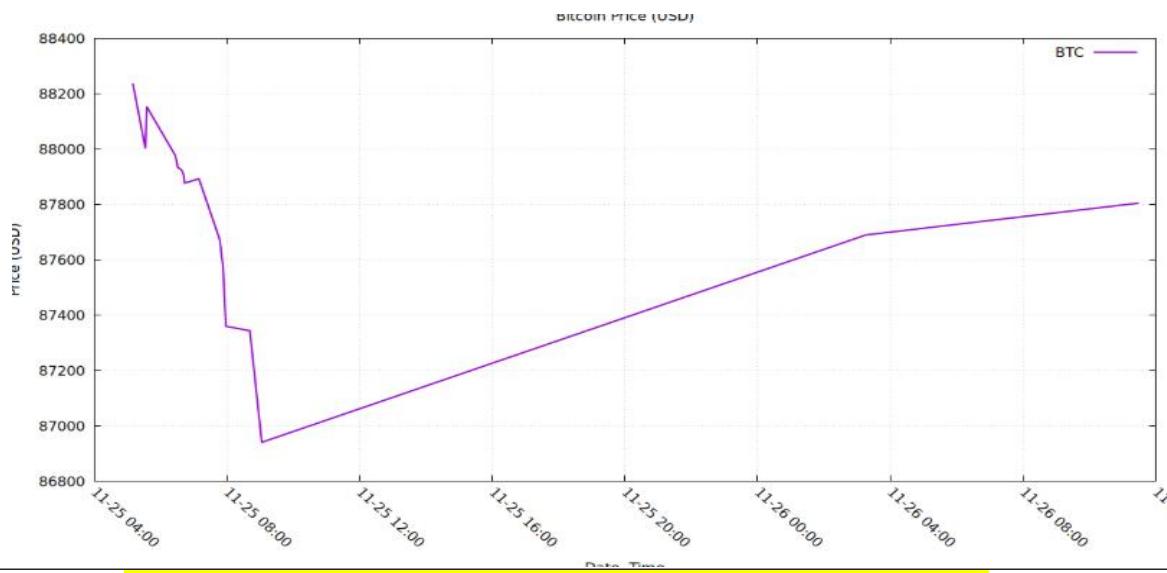
Bash	What will you get?
bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh all	# All plots (default)
bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh price	# Only price
bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh change	# 24h change for BTC/ETH
bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh marketcap	# Market cap (BTC/ETH)
bash Scripts/PlotCrypto.sh volume	# 24h volume (BTC/ETH)

2.3 Important Fixes (what went wrong and how it was solved)

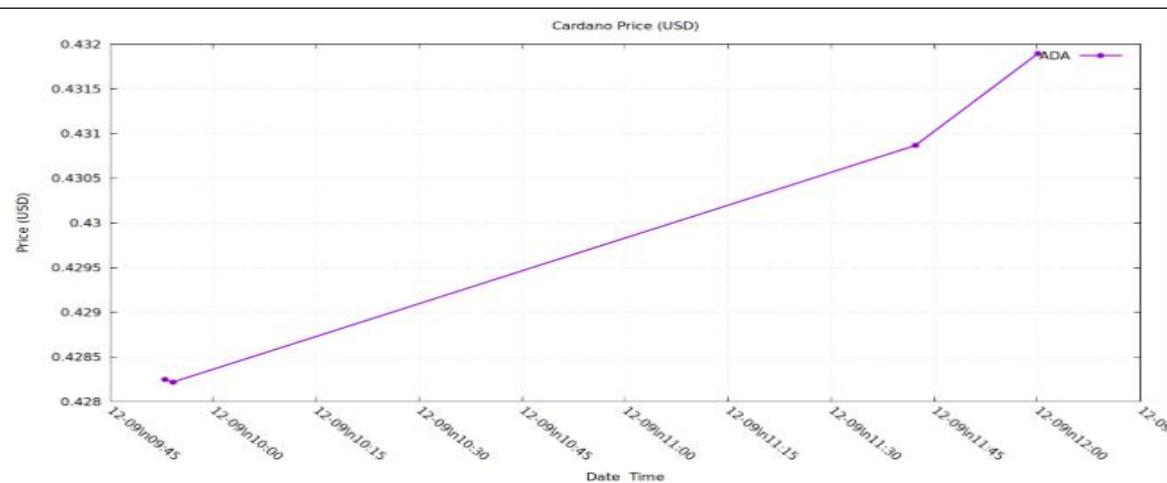




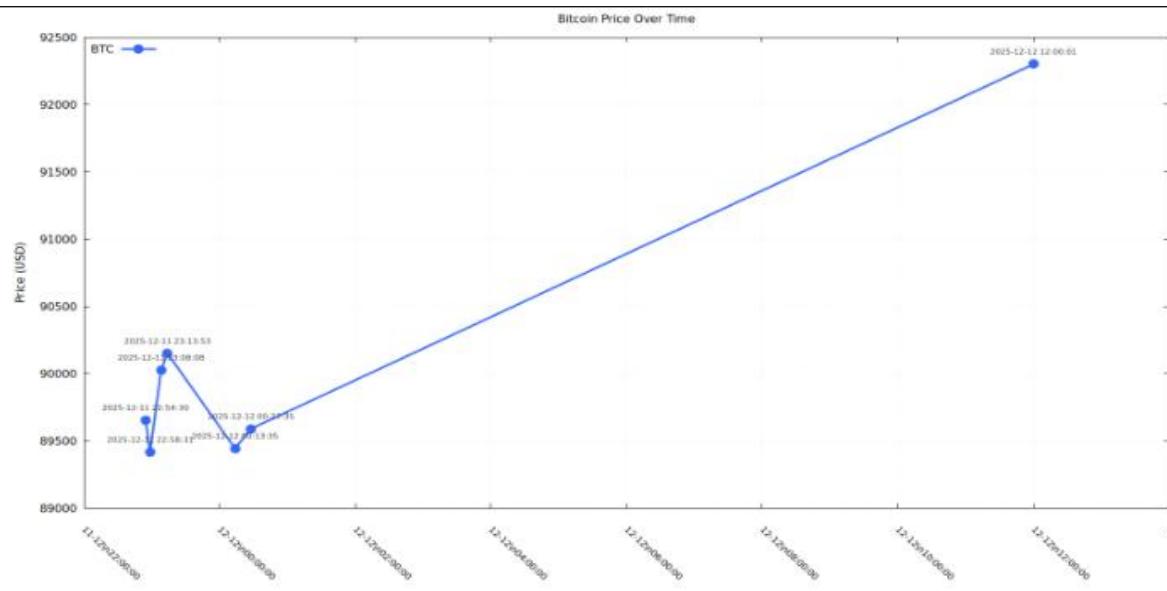
The date has been removed and left time only to remove complexity. But this is not user friendly enough as will make confusion.



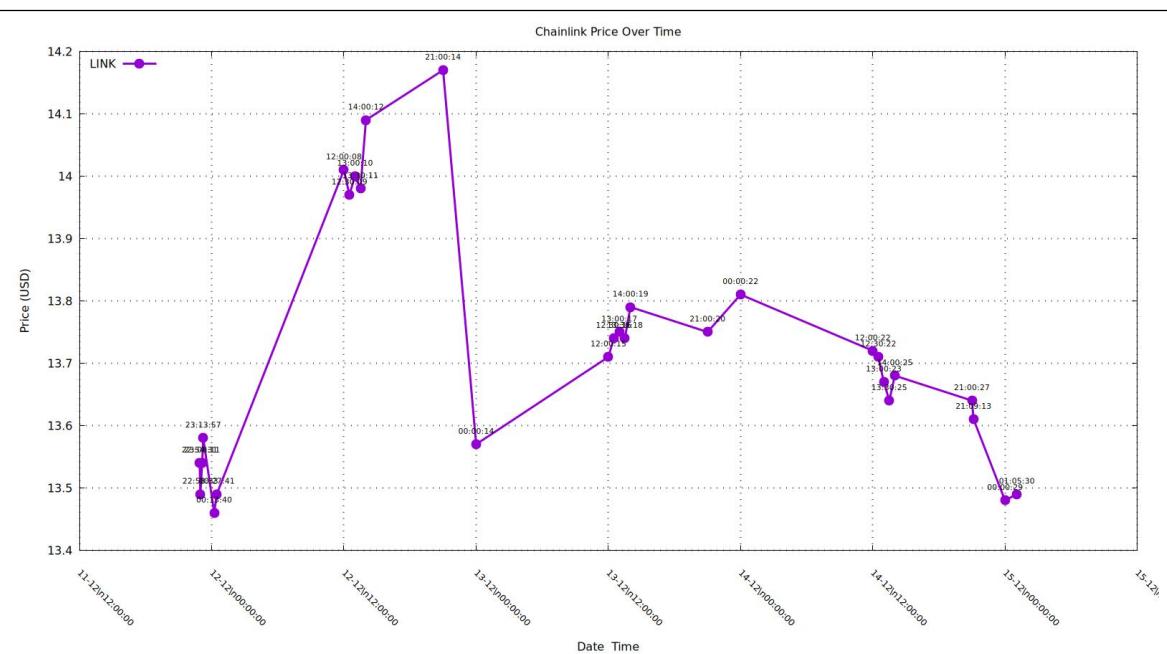
The time and date can be seen correctly but the x plot is not visible.



The x plot is now visible, which easier for user to identify.



This version is better but only the date and time duplicates in the x plot. Hence, the date will be removed and only timing is on the plot.



This will be the final version of graph plotting. Clean and professional with all information.

2.5) Example of expected graph plotting output

Figure 1. BTC Price Over Time (sample output)

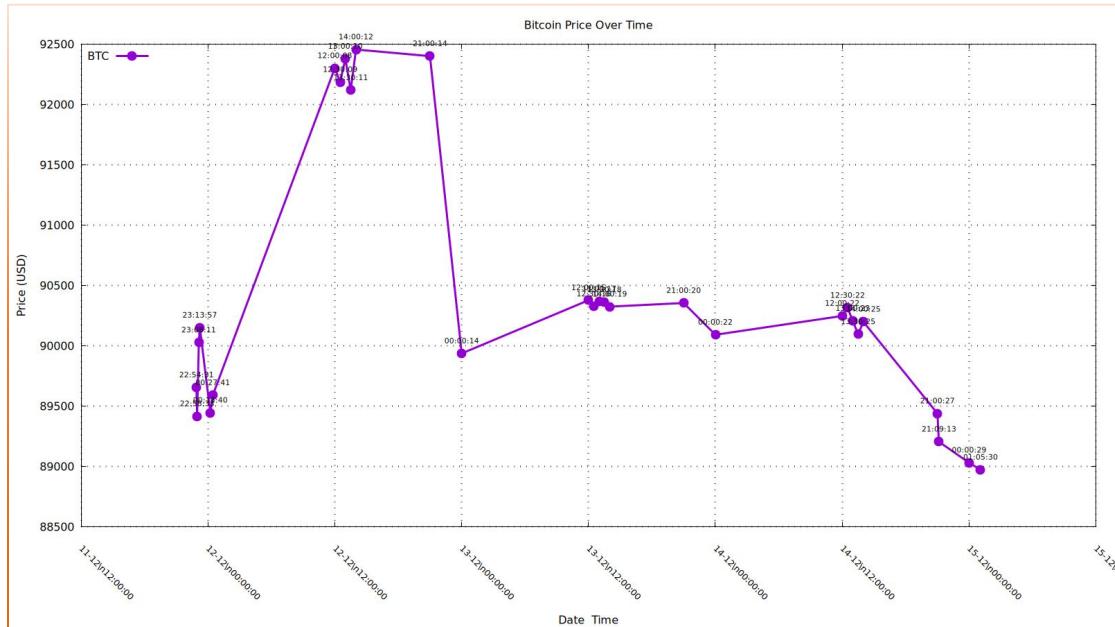


Figure 3. BTC 24h Volume Over Time (diverse metric)

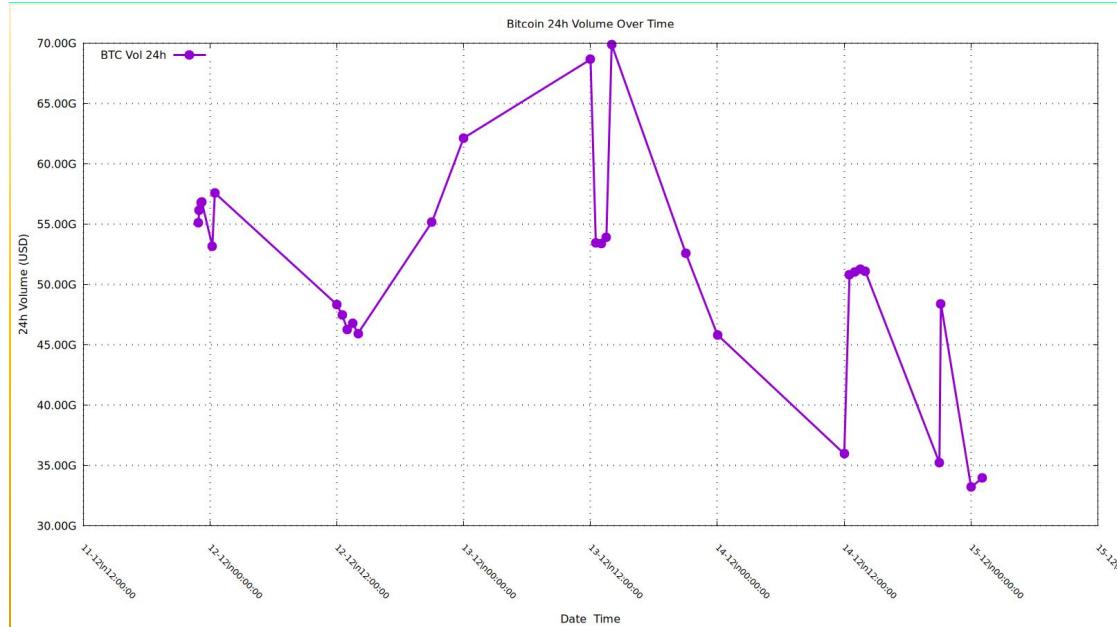
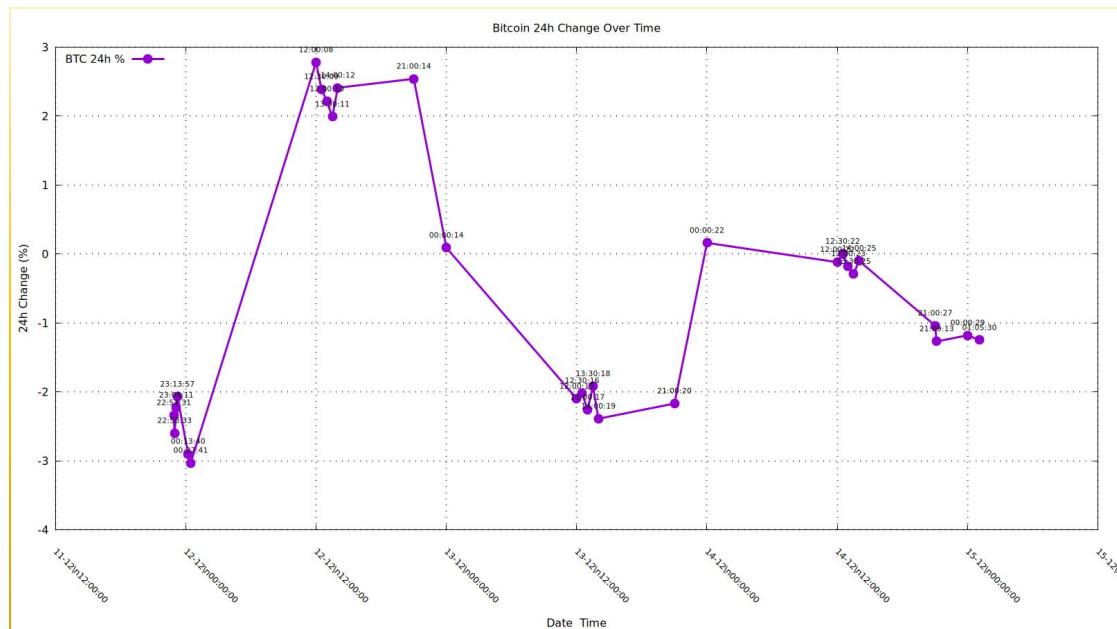


Figure 4. ETH 24h Change Over Time (diverse metric)



Section 3 (Git Version Control)

https://github.com/Js24zz/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker.git

Objective: show professional version control: at least 10 commits spread across at least one week, plus GitHub URL evidence.

3.1 First Commit Date

Commits on Nov 25, 2025		
Add script to display latest snapshot prices and 24h stats	6d5edff	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Update cryptocurrency price plots	c87be62	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Show date and time on x-axis for price plots	8e69883	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Pretty-print API JSON and store 24h low/high for all cryptocurrencies	d5d76e5	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Add 24h low/high fields and update collection to store them	af5f639	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Remove old 24h change and volume plots	c3a1621	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Fix plotting script and generate TRX price plot	973ea8b	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Update collection and plotting for 10 cryptocurrencies including Tron	35bf83b	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Update crypto tracker scripts and add plots	d6b57ab	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Update plotting script to generate price plots for all 10 cryptocurrencies	c0f52e6	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Add MySQL database dump for cryptocurrency tracker	d410205	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Update cryptocurrency plots with latest collected data	89e9be7	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Add cryptocurrency plotting script and example plots	9c41a9a	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Add plotting script to generate 10 cryptocurrency graphs	28cce5c	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Parse CoinGecko JSON and insert data into MySQL	cca2377	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Add .gitignore to exclude data and log folders	a7baaef	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Add crypto data collection script for 10 coins	c04938a	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Create database schema and preload 10 cryptocurrencies	81810df	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Document list of 10 tracked cryptocurrencies	e7e5286	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
Initial project structure for Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker	babf113	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		
first commit	ee0f424	 
Js24zz committed 3 weeks ago		

All the commit history can be found in my Github Repository.

Section 4 (MySQL Data Storage)

Objective: store data in multiple related tables and prove correctness with ERD + MySQL dump file for import.

4.1 ERD & Table Relationships

The Entity–Relationship Diagram (ERD) defines how cryptocurrency market data is stored in a structured, queryable relational database. The key design goal is to capture repeated “snapshots” of multiple coins over time without duplicating coin metadata, and to enforce data integrity via primary keys (PK), foreign keys (FK) and a uniqueness rule per (snapshot, coin).

a) Table: coins

The coins table is the master list of tracked cryptocurrencies. It stores:

- **coingecko_id** — the identifier used in the CoinGecko API request
- **symbol** — ticker symbol used in outputs and plots (e.g., BTC)
- **name** — human-readable coin name (e.g., Bitcoin)

It uses id as the PK and enforces UNIQUE(coingecko_id) so each CoinGecko coin appears once.

b) Table: snapshots

The snapshots table records each data collection run. This includes:

- **snapshot_time** (datetime) — when the snapshot was collected (MYT / UTC+8 in your cron schedule)
- **source** (varchar) — the API URL used for traceability (evidence of data provenance)

This design allows time-series queries and simplifies ‘latest snapshot’ lookups

c) Table: coin_prices

The **coin_prices** table stores the market metrics for each coin at each snapshot. It contains FKs to snapshots and coins, plus numeric metrics such as **price_usd**, **market_cap_usd**, **volume_24h_usd**, **low_24h_usd**, **high_24h_usd**, and **change_24h_pct**.

Critical rule: it enforces **UNIQUE(snapshot_id, coin_id)** so each snapshot contains at most one row per coin. This prevents duplicates if a script is accidentally re-run for the same snapshot

4.2) Keys, Constraints, and Data Types (as implemented in MySQL)

The following DDL is taken from your database dump (cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker_dump.sql). Including this in your submission helps the marker verify your implementation matches the ERD.

```
-- 1) snapshots: one row per data-collection run
CREATE TABLE snapshots (
    id          BIGINT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
    snapshot_time DATETIME NOT NULL,
    source       VARCHAR(255) COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (id)
) ENGINE=InnoDB
DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4
COLLATE=utf8mb4_unicode_ci;

-- 2) coins: one row per tracked cryptocurrency
CREATE TABLE coins (
    id          INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
    coingecko_id VARCHAR(50) COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci NOT NULL,
    symbol      VARCHAR(10) COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci NOT NULL,
    name        VARCHAR(50) COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci NOT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (id),
    UNIQUE KEY coingecko_id (coingecko_id)
) ENGINE=InnoDB
DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4
COLLATE=utf8mb4_unicode_ci;

-- 3) coin_prices: measurements (one per coin per snapshot)
CREATE TABLE coin_prices [
    id          BIGINT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
    snapshot_id BIGINT NOT NULL,
    coin_id     INT NOT NULL,
    price_usd   DECIMAL(18,8) NOT NULL,
    market_cap_usd DECIMAL(20,2) DEFAULT NULL,
    volume_24h_usd DECIMAL(20,2) DEFAULT NULL,
    low_24h_usd  DECIMAL(18,8) DEFAULT NULL,
    high_24h_usd DECIMAL(18,8) DEFAULT NULL,
    change_24h_pct DECIMAL(7,2) DEFAULT NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (id),
```

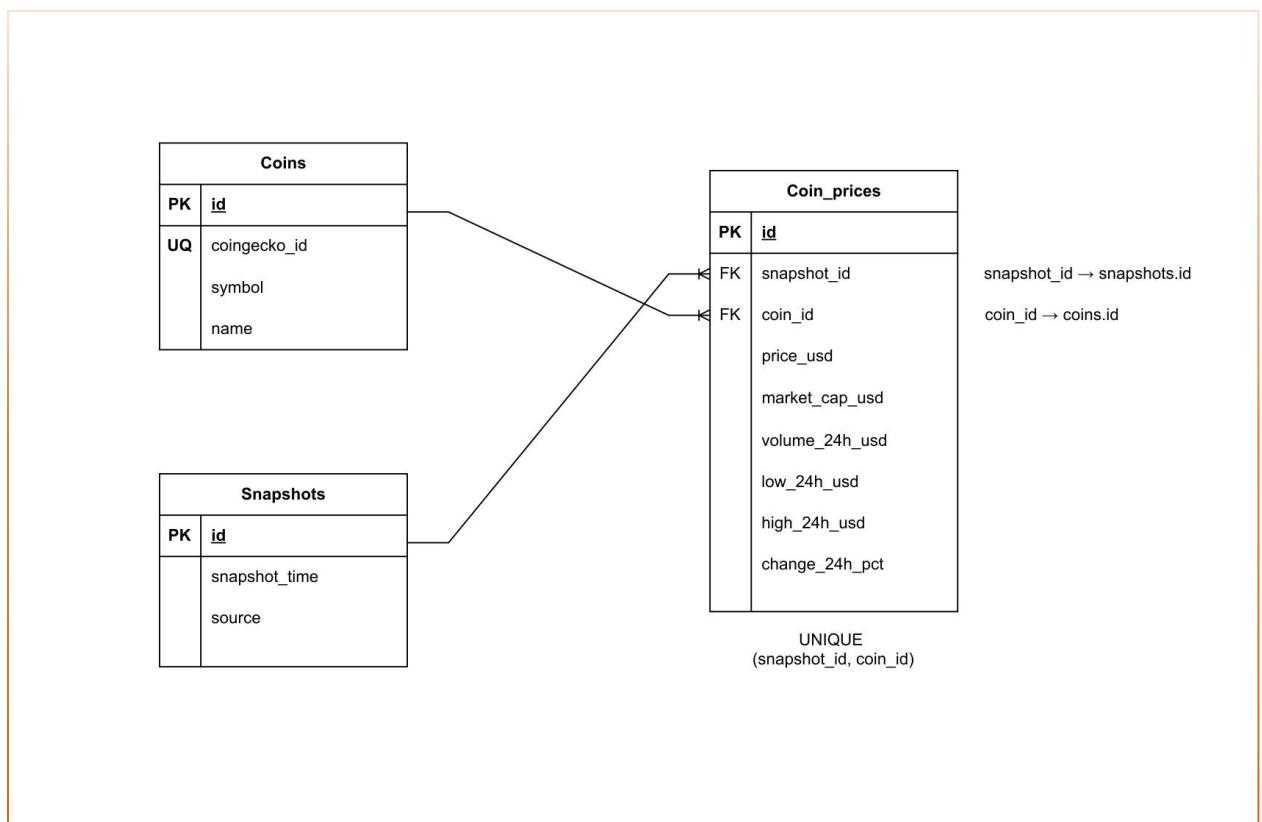
Data type rationale: DECIMAL is used for financial values to avoid floating-point rounding errors. The chosen precisions support high-value coins (BTC) and low-value coins (DOGE) while keeping accuracy

```

yeonj@WIN-R02UQQ0R3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker$ sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoин_tracker; SHOW TABLES;" 
+-----+
| Tables_in_cryptocurrency_multicoин_tracker |
+-----+
| coin_prices
| coins
| snapshots
+-----+
yeonj@WIN-R02UQQ0R3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker$ sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoин_tracker; SHOW CREATE TABLE coin_prices\G"
***** 1. row *****
Table: coin_prices
Create Table: CREATE TABLE `coin_prices` (
`id` bigint NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
`snapshot_id` bigint NOT NULL,
`coin_id` int NOT NULL,
`price_usd` decimal(18,8) NOT NULL,
`market_cap_usd` decimal(20,2) DEFAULT NULL,
`volume_24h_usd` decimal(20,2) DEFAULT NULL,
`low_24h_usd` decimal(18,8) DEFAULT NULL,
`high_24h_usd` decimal(18,8) DEFAULT NULL,
`change_24h_pct` decimal(7,2) DEFAULT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY (`id`),
UNIQUE KEY `idx_coin_snapshot` (`snapshot_id`, `coin_id`),
KEY `coin_id` (`coin_id`),
CONSTRAINT `coin_prices_ibfk_1` FOREIGN KEY (`snapshot_id`) REFERENCES `snapshots` (`id`),
CONSTRAINT `coin_prices_ibfk_2` FOREIGN KEY (`coin_id`) REFERENCES `coins` (`id`)
) ENGINE=InnoDB DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_unicode_ci
yeonj@WIN-R02UQQ0R3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker$ 

```

Figure 5. ERD (exported from draw.io)



4.3) Schema vs Dump (Should you merge?)

We keep them separate for marking clarity:

- Schema.sql = structure only
- cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker_dump.sql = structure + data

Separate files are clearer and safer.

Table 1 — What each file is

File	What it is	What it contains	Main purpose
DB/Schema.sql	Blueprint	Database + table definitions only (PK, FK, datatypes, UNIQUE constraints)	Rebuild a clean empty database to verify design and constraints
DB/cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker_dump.sql	Evidence pack	Same schema + real collected rows (snapshots + coin_prices history)	Import a database with history to verify data collection and plotting immediately

Table 2 — Why keeping them separate is better

Reason	Why it helps marks	What marker can do easily
Clearer marking	Separates design proof (schema) from results proof (history).	Check PK/FK/UNIQUE without data noise.
Safer imports	Schema-only is small and rarely fails; dump is optional for fast verification.	If dump import fails, marker still marks schema + scripts.
Faster debugging	Isolates whether errors come from schema or data.	Rebuild clean DB and re-run scripts to test pipeline.
Better reproducibility	Shows you can recreate the system from scratch and also provide evidence.	Choose schema-only build or import-with-history depending on time.

Table 3 — When to use which

Scenario	Marker goal	File to use
Check normalisation + constraints	Validate PK/FK/UNIQUE and table structure	Schema.sql
Quick demo / fast marking	See historical data immediately	Dump.sql
Full rebuild test	Confirm scripts populate an empty database	Schema.sql + run scripts

We keep two SQL files because they prove two different things. Schema.sql is the blueprint: it recreates an empty database with the correct tables, PK/FK and constraints, so the marker can verify the database design from scratch.

Dump.sql is the evidence pack: it includes the same structure plus real collected history (snapshots + coin_prices), so the marker can import and immediately verify that the system stored data over time and that plots can be generated from historical data.

Keeping them separate is clearer and safer than merging, because one file proves the design and the other proves the results

4.4) MySQL Evidence

Show table exist
<pre>sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SHOW TABLES;"</pre>
<pre>yeonj@WIN-RO2UQQR3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker\$ sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SHOW TABLES;"[sudo] password for yeonj:+-----+ Tables_in_cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker +-----+ coin_prices coins snapshots +-----+</pre>
Show structure + constraints
<pre>sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SHOW CREATE TABLE coin_prices\G"</pre> <p>(proves FK + UNIQUE constraint exist in MySQL.)</p>
<pre>yeonj@WIN-RO2UQQR3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker\$ sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SHOW CREATE TABLE coin_prices\G"***** 1. row *****Table: coin_pricesCreate Table: CREATE TABLE `coin_prices` (`id` bigint NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT, `snapshot_id` bigint NOT NULL, `coin_id` int NOT NULL, `price_usd` decimal(18,8) NOT NULL, `market_cap_usd` decimal(20,2) DEFAULT NULL, `volume_24h_usd` decimal(20,2) DEFAULT NULL, `low_24h_usd` decimal(18,8) DEFAULT NULL, `high_24h_usd` decimal(18,8) DEFAULT NULL, `change_24h_pct` decimal(7,2) DEFAULT NULL, PRIMARY KEY (`id`), UNIQUE KEY `idx_coin_snapshot` (`snapshot_id`, `coin_id`), KEY `idx_coin_prices_snapshot` (`snapshot_id`), KEY `idx_coin_prices_coin` (`coin_id`), CONSTRAINT `coin_prices_ibfk_1` FOREIGN KEY (`snapshot_id`) REFERENCES `snapshots` (`id`), CONSTRAINT `coin_prices_ibfk_2` FOREIGN KEY (`coin_id`) REFERENCES `coins` (`id`)) ENGINE=InnoDB AUTO_INCREMENT=631 DEFAULT CHARSET=utf8mb4 COLLATE=utf8mb4_unicode_ci</pre>
Show historical data works
<pre>sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SELECT snapshot_time FROM snapshots ORDER BY id DESC LIMIT 10;"</pre>
<pre>yeonj@WIN-RO2UQQR3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker\$ sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SELECT snapshot_time FROM snapshots ORDER BY id DESC LIMIT 10;"+-----+ snapshot_time +-----+ 2025-12-15 12:30:01 2025-12-15 12:00:01 2025-12-15 01:05:01 2025-12-15 00:00:01 2025-12-14 21:08:46 2025-12-14 21:00:01 2025-12-14 14:00:00 2025-12-14 13:30:01 2025-12-14 13:00:00 2025-12-14 12:30:00 +-----+</pre>
Show 10 rows per latest snapshot
<pre>sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SELECT s.id, s.snapshot_time, COUNT(cp.id) AS rows_in_coin_prices FROM snapshots s LEFT JOIN coin_prices cp ON cp.snapshot_id=s.id WHERE s.id=(SELECT MAX(id) FROM snapshots) GROUP BY s.id, s.snapshot_time;"</pre>
<pre>yeonj@WIN-RO2UQQR3FN:/mnt/c/Users/yeonj/OneDrive/Cryptocurrency_MultiCoinTracker\$ sudo mysql -e "USE cryptocurrency_multicoin_tracker; SELECT s.id, s.snapshot_time, COUNT(cp.id) AS rows_in_coin_prices FROM snapshots s LEFT JOIN coin_prices cp ON cp.snapshot_id=s.id WHERE s.id=(SELECT MAX(id) FROM snapshots) GROUP BY s.id, s.snapshot_time;"+---+ id snapshot_time rows_in_coin_prices +---+ 64 2025-12-15 12:30:01 10 +---+</pre>