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The creation of Wownero was inspired by a chain-fork of Monero called MoneroV. MoneroV decided to launch a chain fork in early 2018, on the heels of bcash chainforking off from btc, and basically their whole premise was that they would shift the decimal place by one to the right, so everyone that claimed their fork coins would get 10x more MoneroV compared to how much Monero they had. They also were going to take a huge premine, like 10% of supply, so it was basically a total scam. Besides this there was a concern that when Monero users claimed their MoneroV, it could affect everyone's privacy because if they spent the same output on both networks, it would have different ring members, and people could easily deduce the real output in the ring signature

My friend Carty Sewill started memeing with another guy known as philkcode about a make believe coin called Wownero, that would have 10x the coins for 10x the WOW. He made some logos and other graphic design stuff, and I decided to go ahead and see if I could launch the network ahead of MoneroV's launch, just to point out the absurdity of their whole premise. And I did. I didn't create a chainfork, but a code fork and started a whole new network, but it launched ahead of MoneroV, and it had zero premine, zero ICO, several mining pools at start, and a very long slow emission of coins (much slower than btc or xmr even) - so it was totally not a scam.

So it gave people an option to have a coin with the decimal place moved over one that wasn't a scam and didn't affect Monero user's privacy, and it really began as like blockchain-as-performance-art. (edited)

Wownero utilizes blockchain tech in the same way as Monero. It is a proof-of-work cryptocurrency forked from Monero. It has some minor changes to the proof-of-work algorithm and a few other things. One way it is significantly different is that right now there is basically solo mining only - pools are basically blocked by forcing miners to sign each block with their private key. It offers privacy to transact, with a little bit of memes mixed in. Wownero is to Monero kinda the Dogecoin to Bitcoin.

Wownero doesn't have any premine or ICO, so we can't go buy our way onto exchanges. We have long been listed on TradeOgre, and more recently we have been adopted by MajesticBank and LocalMonero/Agoradesk.

For wallets we were the first (and only?) wallet to offer a VR overlay in steam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzpT-O8LG-Q>

Interestingly this became something of a currency for VRchat online ERP apparently, at least according to this podcast: <https://odysee.com/@TheCastle:8/2022-03-03-17-16-28:7>

One of the staples of the Wownero community is the suchwow.xyz site where users can post memes and get tipped in WOW, as well as now hosting our

funding system and a map where people can post pics of their stickers they put up.

Finally we have gotten on to some other wallets like stack wallet and elite wallet, and hope to get listed on some other exchanges in the near future.