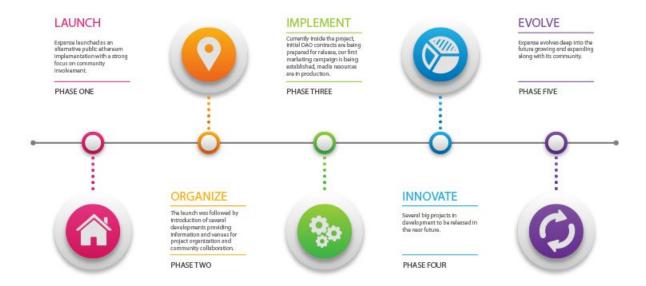


Introduction

The last couple of months have been an exciting time in the Expanse Community. We've had an amazing launch, generated a lot of public interest, built a strong supportive community, and inspired innovation from both the development team and the community. Leading into the new year is an exciting and crucial time for the Expanse project; It is growing from a small team with a powerful idea into a complex self contained decentralized global political system. This document is to serve as a guide providing information on the current ongoing developments with the project, as well a structured model of guidance for community contribution to the next stages in Expanse's growth and development.

The Road Ahead



Launch

Expanse launched as an alternative public ethereum implementation with a strong focus on community involvement, centered around a unique decentralized autonomous organization concept for controlling funding and governance. This model did not require outside investors in advance, and therefore allowed a lot of freedom for experimentation and innovation. This concept helped get Expanse on several key exchanges quickly, making the initial launch a great success. Difficulty changes and code updates were implemented as needed, mining pools started up, and Expanse quickly became popular with miners and traders.

Organize

The launch was followed by introduction of several developments designed to provide detailed information on the project as well as provide venues for project organization and community collaboration. The official website was created, a blog was started so the team could share their thoughts and plans to the community, and the world at large. The Slack channel grew as more people got involved. A forum was created by a community member getting involved. The White paper was released detailing the project, and a white paper coloring book for novelty and fun. Several pieces of custom software were also developed, such as a multimedia rich GUI wallet and custom block explorer.

Implement

Currently inside the project, initial contracts for the DAO are being prepared for release, our first marketing campaign is being established, media resources such as professional videos explaining Expanse are in production, and more. Internal protocols and public venues have been established for collaborative community contribution and development. We are implementing updates to the website, block explorer, and software tools to introduce new functionality and improve user experience. We also are completing partnerships with multiple third party service providers to offer exciting features, such as Coinerz.com providing the ability to purchase EXP with credit cards in the UK, and later world wide.

Innovate

Inside of Expanse we have several big projects in development to be released in the near future. A new greatly improved version of the GUI wallet with modular support for Expanse dApps, improved visuals and design elements, along with a wider range of functionality and the ability to vote and interact directly with the DAO. Contracts are now being tested for Expanse Borderless governance services, providing features like Borderless Citizenship Id, Direct Democracy, Borderless Marriage, Notary, Property register, and Incorporation. An entire suite of services for Organizations of all types is being prepared to make use of some of the most desired applications of blockchain technology available to users in an easy to use intuitive form.

Evolve

People are what bring innovations to projects, and the Expanse project grows along with its community. The team will expand alongside the project to bring in new people and new talent, adding value to the project for everyone. After the core elements of Expanse and the DAO have all been completed, the project will continue to evolve with the wisdom and contributions of everyone in its community. A project designed to always improve, innovate, and expand by its community, for its community. Once we are at this point, details about Project Nebula for Expanse will be released.

In Development

Things are pretty busy inside of Expanse, we have taken some of the most desired uses for the platform and are creating many exciting dApp, contracts, and toolkits combinations to bring the power of these features to users fingertips. A preview of some of the things currently in development:

Expanse DAO

The Expanse DAO is a decentralized, community operated, autonomous organization in the core of the Expanse project. The DAO facilitates community collaboration responsible for the projects ongoing and future design, development, management, and operations. It allows for members to propose and vote on topics to manage itself and the expanse project in a decentralized democratic manner. In the coming weeks, we will be releasing the POC1 versions of the smart contracts powering the organization, along with a rich GUI dApp to provide participants with an intuitive user friendly way to participate. This prototype is a minimal expression of the DAO design, exhibiting its base divisional structure, proposal, and voting systems. The technological and political model of the DAO is always evolving and improving as more people add their voices.

Borderless

As a civilization evolves and becomes more interconnected, its dependency on borders diminish. Picture a world where you and your children live, unrestricted. Free to focus on the things that matter the most because all of your basic needs could be met implicitly, and everything else is voted on by a direct democracy influenced directly by your actions.

The future you just envisioned is one we can make together with borderless technology. Borderless tech is a coalition of globally accessible governance services forged out of smart contracts that live on the Expanse blockchain. When coupled with the power and flexibility of the Expanse DAO, we can start to create a stable foundation that the future can be built on.

Together we can let go of those imaginary lines, become a global citizen and reach our true potential as masters of the earth. We will reunite a planet that's been separated for far too long.

Borderless Governance Services

Global Citizenship
Notary
Rights Management
Marriage Registry
Voluntary Basic Income
Contract Directory

Organizational Services

Businesses, charities, organizations, and even governments can use Expanse's array of organizational tools to leverage and utilize the massive power of smart contracts on the blockchain. We are developing several dApps and toolkits to make use of these features as easy and intuitive as possible; Whether a legacy organization making use of Expanse's decentralized services to automate business logic and increase technological capacity while minimizing expenses, or an entirely new decentralized autonomous company living on the blockchain, Expanse facilitates bringing your organization into the distributed era.

Asset Management / Smart Property

Smart Property and Blockchain backed assets provide dynamic programmable management of a distributed, verified record of an organization's physical and digital assets. Create tokens to represent internal assets in your decentralized organization, manage subscriptions, or provide access rights to remote resources such as a computer shell or physical building. Maintain transferable non duplicatable rights records for land and vehicle ownership or leased physical goods. Generate and distribute one time use verifiable tickets for live events.

Fund Disbursement

Organizations on expanse can utilize automated processing and delivery of financial resources to provide solutions, ranging from simple applications like dividend distribution or dispersal of an organization's payroll, to complex autonomous agents distributing funds dynamically based on external real world events.

Merchant Services & Digital Fulfilment

Expanses tools provides a means to facilitate a wide range of merchant and fulfilment services. Store and deliver information, music, movies, and other data on distributed systems throughout the world. Create automated delivery solutions where upon receiving a payment, content can be temporarily or permanently unlocked and provided to users.

Charity Services

Charities are some of the organizations most able to benefit from the rich set of tools provided by Expanse. They can collect donations, manage funds, and fulfill objectives directly on the expanse platform. Each transaction and activity of the charity can be transparently documented in the blockchain, showing its donors in detail how exactly the contributions are being used, as well as providing a real time record of the accomplishments the organization is creating.

Contributing to Expanse

Expanse is the cumulative result of the combined efforts and ideas of it's entire community. Whether contributing directly to software development or participating in the evolving discussions on technological and political concepts -- your thoughts, ideas, and opinions matter.

General Contribution

New features, modifications to the DAO, how its funds are used, and most of what goes on inside the project, are all decided by the expanse community. As such the most ideal way to contribute to the project is by working directly with the community itself. Interacting and collaborating with other community members to create innovative well thought out solutions. New concepts can be introduced, discussed, refined, and optimized with the collective wisdom and combined ingenuity of everyone participating in the project. Of course, that doesn't mean

contribution is restricted to large scale community initiatives. Independant development and contribution are welcome and encouraged.

The best way to go about introducing and building community support for a new concept or an alternative idea to one already present is to draft a public proposal. This proposal can then be submitted to the community for peer review, where other community members can provide input and feedback, contribute to improvements, discuss potential alternatives, coordinate resources and through further community participation. This helps ensure the idea can become as cultured and developed as possible through community contribution, as well as help other community members understand the implications of their choice when voting.

As with anything, many minds are often better than one, and that's one of the major staples of expanse -- it isn't just a great platform technically, it is one designed from the ground up to bring the combined talent and creativity of a growing team and community together to produce revolutionary results. The more people like you join Expanse, the more that get more involved, the bigger the project and goals can become over time, and the greater the potential for everyone. This is what can make Expanse truly different, by being inclusive, open, and able to bring people together to make something amazing.