

KERNEL News

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Here begins KERNEL News, a quarterly update on how things are going in the KERNEL community.

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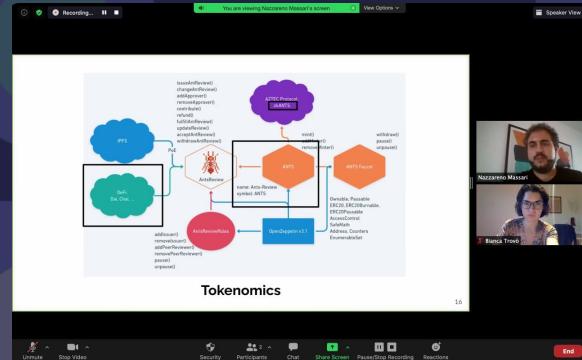
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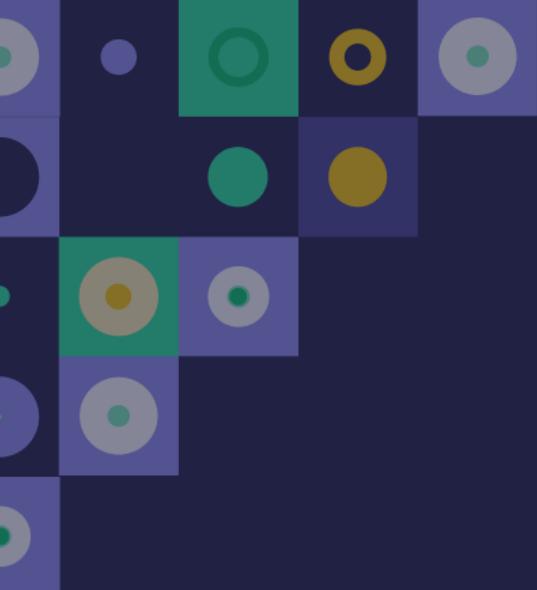
Moments





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KERNEL	12,711.83	23	7.53%	124,525.72	\$13,766.69	9.80x
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The Ryder project is going well. We have since received funding from the Stacks Foundation. They operate in a "rolling" fashion so we break the project down into smaller milestones and are approved separately. We are about to incorporate (probably in Singapore) and hired a team to do our rebranding. On a personal level, Blockstack PBC decided to hire me as a consultant, possibly also due to the success of Ryder so far.

I moved on from the JS Libp2p Tutorial but I know that Shresth has gotten some continued support on it so interested to see where it goes.
I've enjoyed working on IPFS/Libp2p/Orbit-DB stuff as part of Apollo with the BFLO crew and helped them make some progress there.
I've started working on a reboot my Arweave mobile wallet project with a ground-up rewrite as a progressive web app, hopefully with the aim of leveraging the community's existing tooling which is all focused on Javascript. The older app was written in Dart and required me to write the base layer integration with the blockchain on the backend and made development more challenging.



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Launching paid product content in 2021. Starting live podcasts via Airmeet (first in December), in addition to the free podcasts that are released weekly. \$RONES will be distributed next month. Negotiated a contract with a Chinese manufacturer to start selling Rare Birds merch in China. I sleep 8 hours every night and am thrilled with life, generally. Thanks for asking.

The photo below is an image captured at a pitch event. I have been pitching RB at various pitch events to a Chinese audience. My Chinglish is well received and the feedback and advice from the Chinese has been massively thought provoking. Always different to the West, which is both informative and at times very refreshing. Perspective is a good thing!



Uni is growing up! We've joined forces with Mark Beylin (bounties network/consensus) and Sam Hatem (Outpost protocol) to create a much grander reality in Myco. We will be releasing more details to the public shortly but feel free to check out our [mission](#), it should resonate well with the Kernel community.

We are going to be raising funds very soon, so if there's anyone interested in chatting about that please reach out.

Attached a picture of myself and Mark meeting up in Tahoe for the first time (our team in remote)



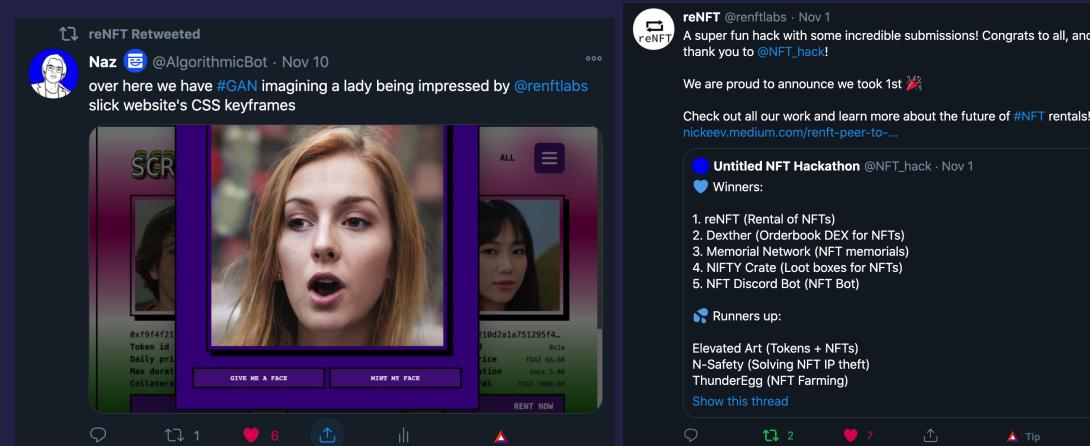
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Hello my dear family. I have been well, met a lot of fantastic people, such as Elijah Tai, Luis Freitas, Nick Vale, and so on. I have took part in a number of hackathons and scored top prizes half of the time. Right now my main focus lies on Rent NFT, we will launch it to the mainnet fairly soon: twitter/renftlabs. New hobbies are studying Rust when I have spare time, as well as reminding myself about just how much passion I have for mathematics, and that I would want to dedicate a lot of time to it soon. My Solidity coding is much better since my time at Kernel.



P.S. I remember about the pledge I have made about NAZ token, but so far only Austin bought a small amount. Right now, I am using it completely differently to our social crypto influencers. I have loaded it up with all this collateral, and giving it away to people who help me in whatever way, or just for free :)

Julian Traversa

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Project is nearly ready for launch! Kernel gave us the kick-start we needed, we got a small round of bootstrap funding!

We entertained VC offers for a valuation between \$5 - 10 million but we decided to do take smaller bootstrap funding in order to do a fair-launch.

Fundraising is about to finish up! Coming out of demo day I had introductions and additional calls with 3 investors, one of which I decided to keep on. Thanks partially to the legitimacy KERNEL added to my project, two other investors were immediately interested and on board, and thanks to those initial investors I was able to get introductions to most of the VC's in the space. We ended up extremely oversubscribed which led to us raising the valuation and the ability to be selective with the investors we took on.
Will have additional updates upcoming when its closer to the fundraising announcement!

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I published an article of how communities and creators are coming together
to co-create something special with tokens and web3. [nichanank/blog](https://nichanank.blog)



Wildcards has successfully launched on the Matic Network! A layer 2 solution that brings scale and transaction costs down substantially without sacrificing much security. Along with this movement we have incorporated DAI as the base layer currency to purchase generation 2 Wildcards and because of the affordability of transactions on Matic. Wildcards now covers the transaction costs improving the UX for users.

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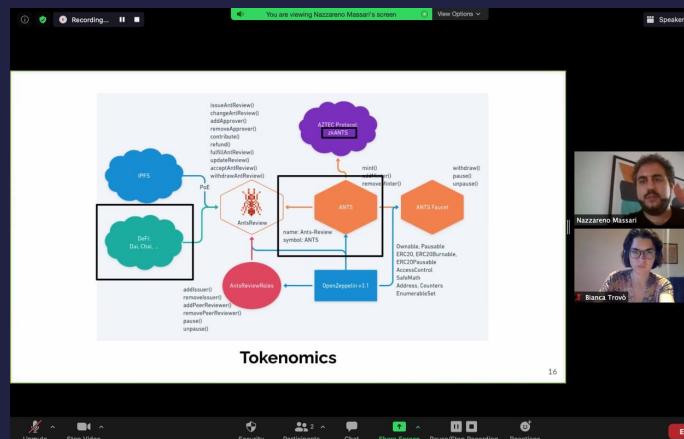
We had a great round of donation matching last quarter, with 10.26x matching for the ten Panvala League communities on average. KERNEL was one of the communities, and earned 9.8x matching for a total of 124,525 PAN! We're looking forward to seeing what kinds of awards, events, or grants the community comes up with, and to another donation matching round starting on December 2!

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We revised one last time before submission the conference paper regarding our project, Ants-Review. I had a couple of video calls concerning the project. One with a researcher in Protocols Lab and another one with RadicalxChange. I had the chance to chat about blockchain and open science with the hacktivist founder of Sci-Hub. The project is on hold until next year due to our personal agendas. We missed the round 7 of Gitcoin and we are waiting for the next one. Still in touch with a couple of fellows from the Kernel but no gatherings in sight. Recently joined the Circle community and still talking about kernel with friends!



KERNEL #asks

These are the asks you asked from the network, and we hope it reaches the right eyes through this newsletter.

Would be really helpful to get some support from the Kernel Community, as I've seen 🤗 🙏 to help Wrapped Filecoin (WFIL) to emerge and succeed in the ecosystem. Would be really helpful in particular if you could introduce us to DeFi companies in the space (Uniswap, Aave, Compound, Curve, ...) to build partnerships and raise fundings as well! 🌱 ❤️

Regarding Ants-Review, we have some interesting ideas we would like to explore to bootstrap the project and ease the onboarding process and expand our team but we need to get access to fundings in order to achieve that and connections as well to build partnerships. 🐞 ❤️

Nazzareno Massari

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We're looking for advice and support from the Kernel community on the best approach to deploying the smart contracts on the Umo Network. We're also open to getting any information on grants that we can apply for.

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If you're part of a community that's powered by donations, membership fees, or ticket sales, we want to share Panvala's treasury with you! We have sixteen communities today, and we're aiming for thousands.

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I need help with the web development side of things. After the interface is complete, I'm going to work on the DAO.

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Any relevant intros for fundraising or real world communities that do (or want to) generate value for the community.

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Gas optimisation help would be great. I have managed to achieve 200k gas to lend an NFT, I think there is still room. The main "hitter" is the nft transfer, which costs 120k, can you imagine that... We will be looking into fundraising as soon as we get traction in the mainnet, probably in a couple of weeks. We need a talented front-end dev and designer in one face, if you have suggestions. Thank you

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Product feedback would be great as we work on new features and create developer docs for other blockchain engineers.

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All of those! Specially help with connecting with other people interested in helping on the research and potentially fund the project. So far I have been paying most of the expenses for conference/publication fee/user design interviews, so a small grant wouldn't hurt

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I would like to connect with individuals who produce/create podcast and newsletter content (specifically on blockchain tech), if any exist in the KERNEL space.

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Product feedback, fundraising, team building

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It'd be great to get connected to more CTOs to get perspective on the job.

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We are looking for seed funding so that we can shift more of our time away from other projects and towards CommitPool.

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Intros specifically for Charged Particles right now. DeFi, NFTs: These areas would be really appreciated!

Ben Lakoff *ben@benlakoff.com*

Introductions for fundraising would be great, but I think we're a little early for that atm until we get legal clearance and can actually get rolling and consumer traction - you should see our substack updates

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Recruitment, community building, article plugs & retweets on occasion!

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That's the first KERNEL's network update. Many more to come! We are incredibly grateful to be a small part of your journey. Stay present, stay connected. Trust yourselves and one another. Create value, and give the gift forward. We are always in your corner.

