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Top Stories of The Week

Ethereum Finalizes 'Dencun' Upgrade, in Landmark Move to Reduce Data Fees

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Ethereum successfully implemented its Dencun upgrade on Wednesday. Dencun featured EIP-4844/ proto-danksharding that added a new blob-carrying transaction type to materially expand mainnet's data availability throughput and drastically lower the cost for L2s to post data back to Ethereum. After the upgrade, data blobs almost immediately began streaming in, and transaction costs on some L2 networks have already fallen by as much as 95%.

Bloomberg analysts substantially lower likelihood of spot Ethereum ETF approval in May to 30%

Despite Coinbase meeting with the SEC last week to discuss Grayscale's spot Ethereum ETF application, enthusiasm for a near-term approval of a spot Ethereum ETF may be waning. Bloomberg analyst Eric Balchunas lowered his May approval odds from 70% in January to 30% currently due to a lack of positive signs that we had seen at this point with the spot Bitcoin ETFs. In addition, Fox Business reporter Eleanor Terrett reported that the SEC is not meaningfully engaging with the issuers regarding their spot Ethereum ETF applications and that the SEC may believe it's politically easier to deny the ETFs than to approve them.

Bitcoin hits new \$73.6k all-time high as ETF influx surpasses \$1 billion

CryptoSlate

Bitcoin's price hit a new all-time high of \$73,637 following a record \$1b inflow into US-based ETFs. The record total inflows were helped by subdued GBTC outflows, which detracted less from the total. Notably, Grayscale filed to spin-off a "mini" spot Bitcoin ETF from GBTC with lower fees and a tax free transfer, which may help to stem outflows over the medium-term.

Bitcoin and Ethereum investment options to debut on London Stock Exchange

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The London Stock Exchange plans to list Bitcoin and Ethereum exchange-traded notes (ETNs) for professional investors following FCA approval.

Craig Wright Is Not Satoshi, Didn't Author Bitcoin Whitepaper, Judge Rules

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Craig Wright is not Satoshi Nakamoto or the author of the Bitcoin whitepaper, U.K. Judge James Mellor said after closing arguments in the Crypto Open Patent Alliance (COPA) trial on Thursday. COPA sued Wright in 2021 to secure such a ruling to prevent him from taking legal action against developers and other members of the crypto community or claiming intellectual property rights over Bitcoin's open-source technology.

Bitcoin

[Bitcoin DeFi App Sovryn Is Expanding to Ethereum—Here's How](#)

[Bifrost and Stacks collaboration unlocks Bitcoin-based yield and stablecoin usage](#)

[Bitcoin Layer-2 Project BVM Gains Traction With Promise of 'Juicy' Airdrops](#)

[Bitcoin volatility becoming more focused at start of Wall Street trading week](#)

[Bitcoin-only app Relai taps Blockstream Greenlight for Lightning payments](#)

[Bitcoin Developers Unite to Draft Guidelines for BRC-20 Tokens](#)

[Lightning Network's US Dollar capacity surges to all-time high as bitcoin capacity falters](#)

[London's Richest Tenants Are Paying Rents in Bitcoin : Here's What You Need to Know](#)

[Bitcoin's Market Cap Jumps to \\$1.4T, Surpassing Silver](#)

Ethereum

[A 'simple' hard fork could subvert a quantum attack on Ethereum: Vitalik Buterin](#)

[Blobs successfully slash layer-2 fees as Ethereum Dencun upgrade aims to increase adoption](#)

[Ethereum ecosystem needs a major mindset shift for global impact, says Vitalik Buterin](#)

[EVM chains see over 637 million smart contracts deployed since Jan 2022: Flipside](#)

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Altcoins

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[The Graph Expands Subgraph to More Than 40 Blockchains Including Arbitrum, Base](#)

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[Maker moves to meet demand for DAI](#)

[Dogecoin Pumps As Elon Musk Says Tesla 'Should Enable' Purchases With Meme Coin](#)

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[Arbitrum Seeks DAO Approval for \\$400 Million Gaming Ecosystem Fund](#)

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[zkSync welcomes AI data warehouse as latest addition to hyperchain](#)

[Worldcoin: Trail of Bits audit shows no vulnerability for Orb software](#)

[Cosmos DeFi boosted as 'rivals' Osmosis and Astroport collaborate on programmable liquidity pools](#)

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[TRON integrated with Amazon Web Services to accelerate blockchain adoption](#)

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[Dogwifhat hits record high following \\$700K Vegas Sphere fundraiser](#)

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[Meme Coins Strongly Correlated to Network Growth: Franklin Templeton](#)

[Memecoins rally despite pullback in wider crypto market](#)

[BNB Chain introduces rollup-as-a-service to boost L2 ecosystem](#)

[Ether.Fi, Liquid Restaking Protocol, to Release ETHFI Token on Binance Launchpool Next Week](#)

[AI hype in crypto pushes Bittensor subnet fees by 10,000%](#)

[Solana Weighs Significant Changes to Deal With Network Demand](#)

[MakerDAO To Commence Endgame Overhaul This Summer](#)

[Vega creates derivatives market for crypto points, starting with EigenLayer](#)

[Swell plans Layer 2 'restaked rollup' alongside native governance token](#)

[Solana-Based NFT Marketplace Tensor to Launch TNSR Governance Token](#)

[Solend taps Sui for new DeFi lending protocol, Suilend](#)

[Spanish court denies Worldcoin's™s injunction request against regulator](#)

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[Telegram close to profitability, considering IPO, owner Durov says](#)

[Gnosis Chain premieres Ethereum's Dencun hard fork](#)

[XRP Jumps 20% After Mysterious Binance Transfers as Crypto Rally Expands to Laggards](#)

[Aptos removes transaction limits for Stargate bridge to 'break down barriers'](#)

[Solana client Jito Labs axes mempool function following increase in MEV attacks](#)

[Curve Finance Plans to Increase AMM Fee, But For Good Reasons](#)

[Unibot Tanks 33% After Ending Collaboration With Solana Group](#)

[Arbitrum to unlock \\$2.32B in vested tokens on March 16](#)

[MakerDAO Hikes Fees More Than 140% To Prevent 'DAI Demand Shock'](#)

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[Tether Assists US DOJ and FBI in Seizure of \\$1.4 million dollars USDT in Stolen Funds](#)

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[Hope remains for a stablecoin bill this year despite headwinds, says TD Cowen](#)

[Pro-Bitcoin Senator Cynthia Lummis Leads Push for Stablecoin Regulation: A Look at the Bill and Its Impact](#)

[Tether to launch USDT stablecoin on Celo blockchain](#)

Crypto Ecosystem

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[Crypto wallet Zerion is building a Layer 2 network that aims to offer zero fees](#)

[Monad Devnet Launches with Scalability Promise – Could it Push Ethereum Technology to New Heights?](#)

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[Sumsub and Chainalysis Partner to Fortify Businesses against Crypto Fraud](#)

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[Starknet Foundation Creates Gaming Committee With \\$120M Budget](#)

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