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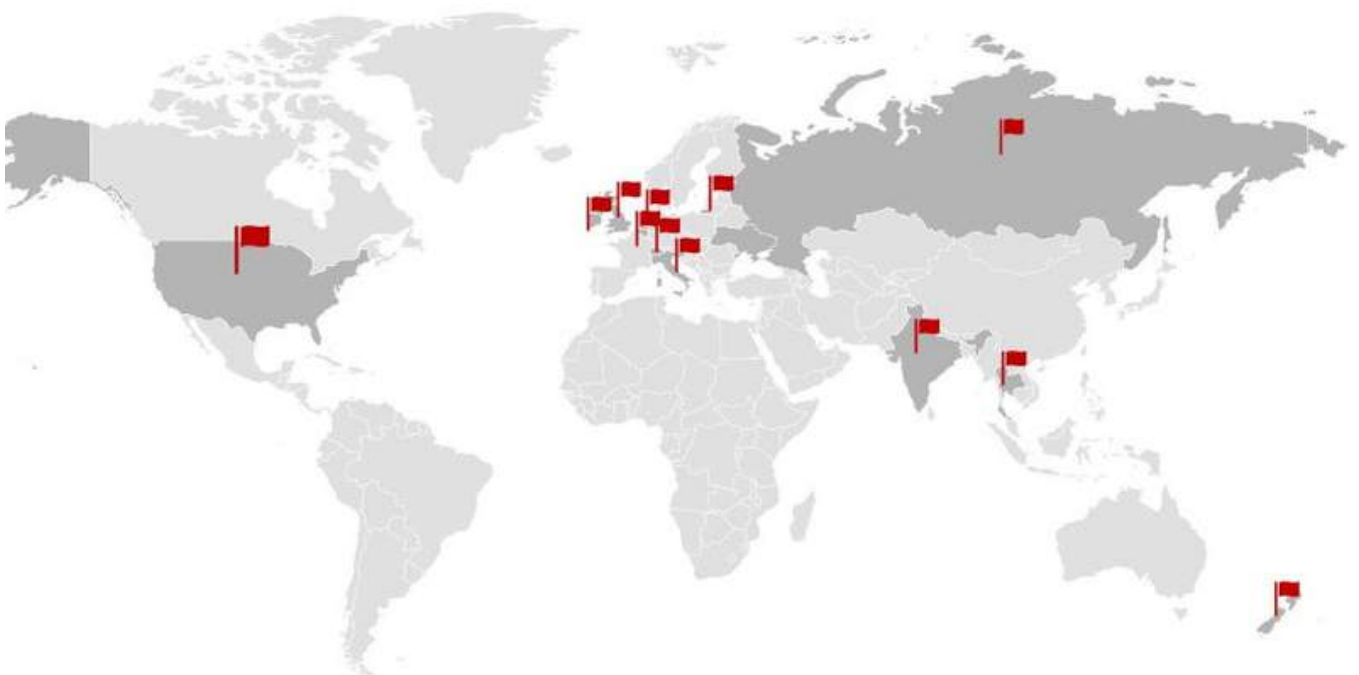
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BITCOIN SHINES AMID WALL STREET LOSSES



May 31, 2019 - Bitcoin decoupled from traditional markets in May, rising more than \$3,000.

The cryptocurrency, currently at \$8,300 on Bitstamp, is set to end higher for the fourth straight month with 60 percent gains. That is the longest monthly winning streak and the biggest monthly gain since August 2017. Notably, the leading cryptocurrency by market value has put on a good show despite the losses on Wall Street.

The S&P 500 index – a benchmark for global equity markets – is on track to end May with a 6 percent loss.

Other riskier assets – the ones which are sensitive to economic growth prospects – are also flashing monthly losses. Read more- [Coindesk](#)

JP MORGAN ADDS PRIVACY FEATURES TO ETHEREUM-BASED QUORUM BLOCKCHAIN

May 28, 2019 – JP Morgan Chase's blockchain team has developed a privacy feature for ethereum-based blockchains, obscuring not only how much money is being sent but who is sending it.

Revealed exclusively to CoinDesk, JPMorgan has built an extension to the Zether protocol, a confidential payment mechanism that's compatible with ethereum and other smart contract platforms and designed to add a further layer of anonymity to transactions. The New York-based financial institution will open-source the extension Tuesday, and is likely to use it with Quorum, the bank's homegrown, private version of ethereum. Read More - [Coindesk](#)



IBM, MAERSK FINALLY SIGN UP 2 BIG CARRIERS FOR SHIPPING BLOCKCHAIN



May 28, 2019 - Shipping blockchain TradeLens, developed by IBM and Maersk, has finally recruited two major marine cargo carriers to the platform after its early marketing efforts floundered. The new additions are Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC), the second largest after Maersk; and CMA-CGM, the fourth largest in terms of cargo carrying capacity.

MSC and CMA-CGM join other carriers Asia's Pacific International Lines (PIL), Zim Integrated Shipping Services, and Maersk subsidiary Hamburg Süd, which, when combined, account for nearly half of the world's ocean container cargo data, IBM said. TradeLens also hosts over 100 supply chain operators from the shipping and freight forwarding world including port authorities, cargo owners and so on. Read more - [Coindesk](#)

CHINA RELEASES NEW CRYPTO RANKINGS

May 27, 2019 - China's Center for Information and Industry Development has released its latest rankings of 35 crypto projects that were evaluated over the past two months. While several top positions remain unchanged, Bitcoin has climbed up the overall ranking.

The Center for Information and Industry Development (CCID), under China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, released the 12th update of its crypto project rankings Thursday. The number of projects evaluated was unchanged from the previous rankings published in March. The center also announced that starting this month the rankings will be adjusted every two months instead of monthly. Read more - [Bitcoin.com](#)



SEC AGAIN DELAYS DECISION ON BITWISE BITCOIN ETF APPROVAL



May 14, 2019 - The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) again delayed a decision on whether to approve or reject a bitcoin exchange-traded fund (ETF). In a new document published by the SEC, the regulator said it would hold off on making a decision on the Bitwise ETF proposal filed with NYSE Arca. The proposal was first filed in January of this year, kicking off a new race to launch a bitcoin ETF in the U.S., which is expected to bring fresh money – and therefore, liquidity – to the crypto space.

The SEC last postponed a decision on both the Bitwise and VanEck/SolidX proposals at the end of March, kicking both to May. The regulator has yet to approve any bitcoin ETFs, though both experts in the space and officials with the agency seem to believe that it's only a matter of time. Read more - [Coindesk](#)

MICROSOFT LAUNCHES DECENTRALIZED IDENTITY TOOL ON BITCOIN BLOCKCHAIN

May 13, 2019 - Microsoft is launching the first decentralized infrastructure implementation by a major tech company that is built directly on the bitcoin blockchain.

The open source project, called Ion, deals with the underlying mechanics of how networks talk to each other. For example, if you log onto Airbnb using Facebook, a protocol deals with the software that sends the personal information from your social profile to that external service provider. In this case, Ion handles the decentralized identifiers, which control the ability to prove you own the keys to this data.

Christopher Allen, a crypto veteran and the co-founder of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) working group for decentralized identity (DID) solutions, told CoinDesk that Microsoft's move could impact the entire tech industry. Read more -

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STARBUCKS TO TRACK COFFEE USING MICROSOFT'S BLOCKCHAIN SERVICE



May 7, 2019 - Starbucks is moving to give consumers more information on its coffee products using a blockchain system that will track beans from “farm to cup.”

For the effort, the coffee chain is working with Microsoft to harness its Azure Blockchain Service in tracking coffee shipments from across the world, bringing “digital, real-time traceability” to its supply chains, according to an announcement from Microsoft. With the partnership, Microsoft’s blockchain service will record all changes along the journey of the coffee on a shared ledger, providing participants with a “more complete view” of the supply chain.

Starbucks will use all that information to bring a new feature to its mobile app, giving consumers details on where the coffee was sourced and roasted, as well as on tasting notes. Read more -

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SNAPLOGIC BLENDS AI AND INTEGRATION IN POWERFUL PLATFORM UPGRADE TO PROPEL MODERN ENTERPRISES INTO THE AGE OF AUTOMATION

May 17, 2019 - SnapLogic announced the immediate availability of the May 2019 release of the SnapLogic Intelligent Integration Platform, extending its leadership in AI-enabled integration. This latest release adds several new core platform, API management, and data science capabilities, driving greater productivity and insights for users while accelerating enterprise-wide innovation and automation initiatives.

From finance to marketing to HR, automation technologies are transforming how work gets done across the enterprise. To capitalize on the automation opportunity, organizations are investing in intelligent technologies to automate repetitive business processes, freeing up workers to focus on strategic pursuits that drive the business forward. Read more - [Business Wire](#)



HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS ENABLING FINANCIAL INCLUSION IN INDIA



May 17, 2019 - Across the globe, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is stirring up a lot of excitement among organisations. In the FinTech sector, AI has demonstrated potential to make the availability of financial services to everyone in a better, faster, and cheaper manner. After making an entry into India in the past decade, AI is now causing a big boom, and the technology is finding use in a wide range of applications. Let's see how AI is contributing to making financial inclusion a reality in the country.

According to studies*, the Indian FinTech market is expected to grow at a CAGR of 22 percent over the next five years, with the transaction value crossing \$73 billion by 2020. Moreover, with over half a billion people in the country having access to the Internet, it is posing a great opportunity for the fintech industry. Read more - [YourStory](#)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COULD PREVENT UNNEEDED TESTS IN PATIENTS WITH STABLE CHEST PAIN

May 12, 2019 - Artificial intelligence (AI) could prevent unnecessary diagnostic tests in patients with stable chest pain, according to research presented today at ICNC 2019 (1). A decision support system saved one hour of testing per patient.

The study enrolled 982 patients with stable chest pain, a frequent cause of visits to emergency departments and general practitioners. The researchers compared decisions on which tests to perform made by a cardiologist and by ARTICA on the same day. ARTICA advised no further testing in 658 (67%) patients whereas a cardiologist decided that only 45 (4.6%) patients did not need more tests. Read more - [European Society of Cardiology](#)



HUMMINGBIRD ROBOT USES AI TO SOON GO WHERE DRONES CAN'T



May 9, 2019 - Your friendly neighborhood hummingbirds. If drones had this combo, they would be able to maneuver better through collapsed buildings and other cluttered spaces to find trapped victims.

Purdue University researchers have engineered flying robots that behave like hummingbirds, trained by machine learning algorithms based on various techniques the bird uses naturally every day. This means that after learning from a simulation, the robot "knows" how to move around on its own like a hummingbird would, such as discerning when to perform an escape maneuver. Artificial intelligence, combined with flexible flapping wings, also allows the robot to teach itself new tricks. Even though the robot can't see yet, for example, it senses by touching surfaces. Each touch alters an electrical current, which the researchers realized they could track. Read more - [ScienceDaily](#)

AI CAN DETECT DEPRESSION IN A CHILD'S SPEECH

May 7, 2019 - A machine learning algorithm can detect signs of anxiety and depression in the speech patterns of young children, potentially providing a fast and easy way of diagnosing conditions that are difficult to spot and often overlooked in young people, according to new research published in the Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics.

Around one in five children suffer from anxiety and depression, collectively known as "internalizing disorders." But because children under the age of eight can't reliably articulate their emotional suffering, adults need to be able to infer their mental state, and recognise potential mental health problems. Waiting lists for appointments with psychologists, insurance issues, and failure to recognise the symptoms by parents all contribute to children missing out on vital treatment. Read more - [ScienceDaily](#)



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