

MWC 2019 Annual Review

Background and Blockchain Fork

MWC is a coin built on the Mimblewimble Protocol. The [Mimblewimble Whitepaper](#) was introduced in 2016 on a Bitcoin forum under the pseudonym Tom Elvis Jedusor; it proposed an architecture for a private blockchain utilizing prior work from Greg Maxwell's CoinJoin and from Greg Maxwell, Nicolas van Saberhagen and Shen Noether on Confidential Transactions.

In October 2016, Andrew Poelstra published a [follow-up paper](#), providing further detail and precision to the initial Mimblewimble proposal.

Two Mimblewimble implementations launched in 2019. First was BEAM, which launched on January 3, 2019, and next was GRIN which launched on January 27, 2019. MWC is a fork of GRIN, designed to maintain the privacy and scalability guarantees from the Mimblewimble protocol while ensuring digital scarcity and high stock-to-flow.

Testnet Launch

MWC Testnet was successfully launched April 2019. The Testnet included some updates to the GRIN fork, such as capability for offline transactions.

Mainnet Launch

MWC Mainnet successfully launched November 2019. The Genesis Block included the [Initial Airdrop](#) to Bitcoin HODLers. The team has many updates planned for development and for the remaining distribution. Follow along for continued updates and progress.