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PERSPECTIVES by Steve Payne

16 Crypto Private Financings Raised: $43.2M
Rolling 3-Month-Average: $609.4M
Rolling 52-Week Average: $400.8M

It's crickets out there. Just because BTC plummeted and the country immediately south of Canada paused for turkey does not mean that investment and building stop. But last week sure was slow.

The largest announced investment last week was SpaceComputer, which raised $10M in seed funding, led by Lattice Capital, Maven 11, and Primitive Ventures, with participation from Arbitrum Foundation, HashKey Group, Nascent, Offchain Labs, Sandeep Nailwal, and others. It is building trustless Web3 infrastructure using orbital computing plus ZK proofs, MPC, and FHE for enhanced security and resilience. In their own words: "The First Blockchain in Space | Confidentiality, Consensus, & Secure Compute in Orbit."

A lot to unpack here. Basically, SpaceCompute is building the capability to run workloads on satellites. One can ask: how? Or, more importantly, why? It's not hard to imagine snarky comments. But we are not here to criticize builders; the SpaceCompute team clearly has a big vision but sounds realistic about where they are. And the above roster of lead investors is a smart group that has clearly thought about the value props more than we have.

The core value prop seems to be security; the company talks about a tamperproof, leakproof, and unjammable platform. To the team's credit, they are also open about potential vulnerabilities: a nascent supply chain, dependency on LEO ground stations, host software and software upgrades, etc. And they acknowledge that today their celestial platform is less trusted than terrestrial platforms. After all, a16z claims that 2025 stablecoin payment volume will reach $9 trillion in transactions; that requires some pretty large trust.

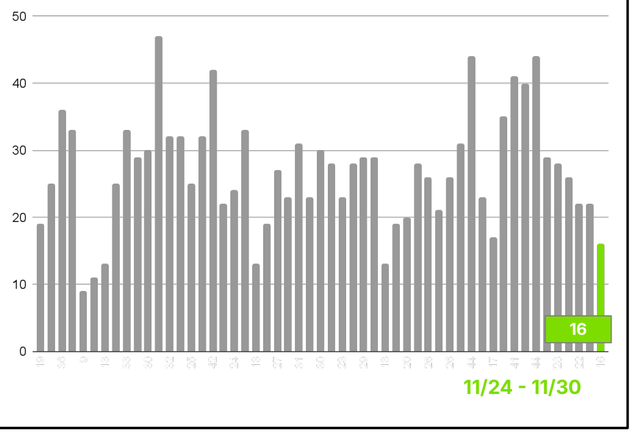
Someone will figure out the technology. Our questions are more about use cases. We like the idea of running a validator in space. And we can geek out on a true random number generator. SpaceCompute has more ideas but is openly asking for additional use cases: what can tolerate latency, intermittent satellite reachability, centralized ground stations, and limited bandwidth? What workloads are worth paying multiple orders of magnitude higher cost? This is a real moonshot, and we're interested to see how it evolves.

Check this out for an interesting, open presentation on SpaceCompute from last August (Youtube).

PAST WEEK NOTABLE TRANSACTIONS

Company	Size ($M)	Date	Post-Money Valuation ($M)	Stage	Lead Investors	Subsector
SpaceComputer	$10.0	11/27	Undisclosed	Seed Round	Lattice Capital, Maven 11, Primitive Ventures	Developer Tools & Infrastructure
Digital Asset Markets	8.4	11/25	Undisclosed	Later Stage VC	Undisclosed	Brokers & Exchanges
Verisoul	7.3	11/25	Undisclosed	Early Stage VC	Undisclosed	Data & Data Analytics
Koda	6.9	11/25	Undisclosed	Series A	Altos Ventures, Hanwha Investment, Hashed, Hatch Labs, IBK, KB Kookmin Bank, Kyobo	Investing & Trading Infrastructure
Nexton	4.0	11/27	Undisclosed	Early Stage VC	Danal Company (KRX: 064260)	DApp: Investing & Trading
Pruv Finance	3.0	11/26	Undisclosed	Seed Round	UOB Venture	Investing & Trading Infrastructure
CreatorFi	2.0	11/25	Undisclosed	Seed Round	Aptos, Aptos Foundation	DApp: Consumer, Media
Workquest	1.2	11/28	Undisclosed	Seed Round	Black Dragon Capital	Enterprise Solutions
Satlantis	0.4	11/25	Undisclosed	Equity Crowdfunding	Undisclosed	DApp: Consumer, Media
Hotstuff Labs	0.0	11/25	Undisclosed	Seed Round	Delphi Ventures	DApp: Investing & Trading

LAST 52 WEEKS DEAL COUNT



LAST 52 WEEKS CRYPTO FINANCING BY CAPITAL INVESTED ($ in M)