Multiple private blockchains: driving value or fragmenting it?

Public blockchains are on the rise, studies of developers and implementors confirm.

**Top drivers for blockchain: preservation of data integrity and new business models**

- 6% of developers and implementors have implemented solutions on public blockchain.*
- 75% expect their organizations to do this in the future.*
- 53% of organizations planning or leveraging public blockchains cite interoperability as an obstacle for private blockchains.*

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**What’s ahead?**

- A larger focus on public blockchains to make secure, private, compliant transactions that are visible across business networks
- Traceability that becomes more linked to commerce, leading to improved process cycle times and cost savings of where things are from and when, but you also get improved process cycle times and cost savings

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