

Apple iOS 17 To Support Private, Data-Only Cellular Networks

FACTS

<u>It was announced</u> on June 5, 2023 at Apple's annual Worldwide Developers Conference, that among other features, iOS 17 will support private data-only cellular networks running LTE and 5G for recent iPhones and iPads.

This is noteworthy because, by supporting private wireless networks, Apple recognizes the growing demand from enterprises for dedicated wireless connectivity that meets their specific requirements. This integration allows iPhone and iPad users to seamlessly connect to these private networks without having to unlock their device.

iOS 17 will support SIMs or eSIMs provisioned for private wireless networks. It also allows customers to select preferences for geofencing to control when users connect to such networks, and to support network slicing when 5G standalone (SA) networks are available.

ANALYSIS

We believe that removing the friction to enable user devices to join private networks will help unlock an important use case within the enterprise -- personal mobility -- and deliver techno-business benefits including enhanced productivity, efficiency, and security within these enterprise environments.

Apple personal devices now joins Android phones and tablets which support many of these functions.

NEXT STEPS

<u>Contact us</u> to learn how your organization can leverage a Private Wireless Network to maximize your investment in Apple devices to increase productivity and satisfaction.