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In the news

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Distributed Systems & Blockchain in the News

- 25.09.2026: Block brings Bitcoin Lightning payments to x402 for AI agents [[link](#)]
 - Block (Square, Cash App) joins x402 Foundation and adds Bitcoin Lightning payments for AI agents
 - UCP: open standard by Google and Shopify for AI agents to find products and buy from merchants
- 22.09.2026: Trueo prediction market moves from Base to Ethereum [[link](#)]
 - Reason: more integration options and a more credible oracle; trade-off between cost and reach
- 24.09.2026: Bitcoin's 'last resort' quantum-safe solution just got 79% cheaper: StarkWare [[link](#)]
 - Quantum-safe Bitcoin transaction (QSB): estimated cost down 79%, from about \$320 to under \$67 (benchmark only)
- 24.09.2026: Plan mode is dead [[link](#)]
 - Opinion: separate planning documents lose value as AI models improve