New Ideas Panel

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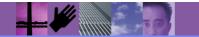*e.*business on demand.

It's the interoperability, stupid

- The true value of a standard is in its broad adoption

- Broad adoption is impeded by interoperability issues
  - ‣ (Too much) optionality
  - ‣ Unintentional ambiguity

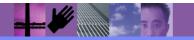- A primary objective of a TC SHOULD be to increase the potential for interoperability

Raise the bar

- Interop-a-thons as prerequisite to CS
  - The more, the merrier
  - Sooner, rather than later
- Publish test cases / usage scenarios
- Contribute and publish interop test artifacts
  - Message logs or instance documents
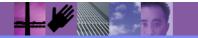 - Description artifacts (WSDLs, schemas, etc.)

Profiles

- **Reduce optionality**
  - ▶ Based on level(s) of conformance that meet specific and relevant business objective(s)

- **Provide guidance on usage that complements the specification**
  - ▶ Clarification of ambiguity

- **Provide guidance on composition with other specifications/standards**

- **Provide a framework for others to leverage**

Consider "profiling" the interop scenarios

- Defines an initial profile that is understood to be interoperable

- Can serve as foundation for broadening the scope
  - Map to real-world business scenarios
  - Use additional business scenarios to broaden scope

- Provides guidance to vendors/users that helps them avoid interoperability issues

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