

Promoting Web Services Interoperability Across Platforms, Applications and Programming Languages



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WS-I GOALS

Achieve interoperability

- Integrate specifications
- Promote consistent implementations
- Provide a visible representation of conformance

Encourage adoption

- Build industry consensus to reduce early adopter risks
- Provide a forum for end users to communicate requirements
- Raise awareness of customer business requirements

Accelerate deployment

- Offer implementation guidance and best practices
- Deliver tools and sample applications
- Provide a implementer's forum where developers can collaborate



THE WS-I VALUE PROPOSITION

For vendors

Meet customer demand for interoperability

• For developers

- Leverage the expertise of other developers
- Offer tools and best practices to speed implementation

• For end-user companies

- Reduce the costs and risks of adopting Web services
- Ensure that business requirements are met
- Accelerate interoperable products and solutions to market



WS-I DELIVERS BASIC PROFILE 1.0

• What is a profile?

- A set of specifications at specific version levels
- Guidelines and conventions for using the specifications together

• What is the Basic Profile 1.0?

- SOAP 1.1, WSDL 1.1, UDDI 2.0, XML 1.0, XML Schema and HTTP 1.1
- More than 200 interoperability issues resolved
- Conventions around messaging, description, discovery such as:
 - Deprecation of RPC-encoded (use schema as the interoperable type system)
 - Support and guidelines for RPC/lit
 - Unique signatures for input messages
 - Fault and error handling clarifications



THE BUSINESS VALUE OF BASIC PROFILE 1.0

• Reduces cost, complexity and risk

- Provides confidence in interoperability
- Common implementation guidelines

Improves productivity

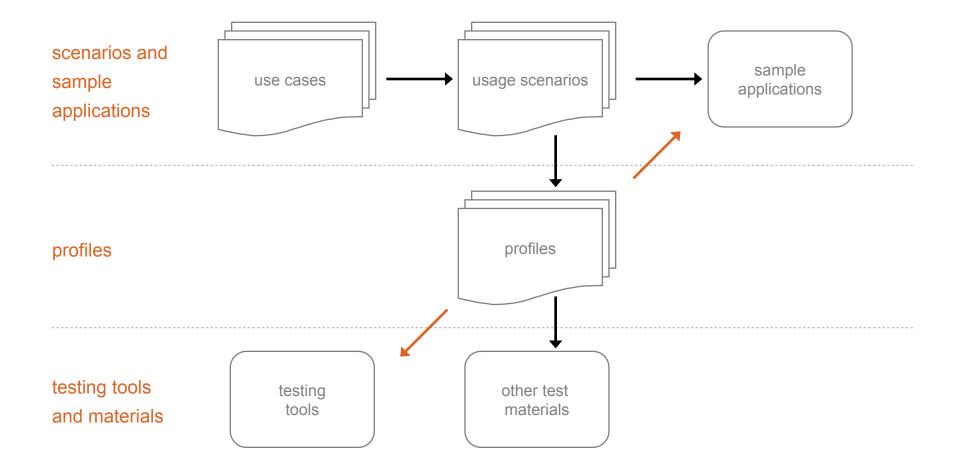
- Eases collaboration, both internally and with business partners
- Allows companies to focus on added value, not basic plumbing

• Simplifies buying decisions

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RELATIONSHIP OF WS-I DELIVERABLES





ASSOCIATED 1.0 DELIVERABLES

Available now

- Sample applications 1.0 documentation
 - Technical architecture, use cases and usage scenarios
- Draft testing tools (v0.96)

Coming soon

- Testing tools 1.0
 - Candidate Approval Draft frozen for functional spec, test assertions and binaries
 - Entering board approval cycle shortly
- Sample application 1.0 packages
 - Ten vendors with interoperating implementations, more to come
 - Currently in candidate approval cycle
- Sample applications showcase site
 - Hosted sample applications used to demonstrate interoperability

USE OF DELIVERABLES

• The public is free (and encouraged) to

- Download, use, and display the Basic Profile
- Download and use test tools and material to test their applications
- Download, use, modify, and redistribute WS-I sample applications
- Adopters may (in addition to the above)
 - Reproduce and redistribute specifications with their products
- Members may (in addition to all of the above)
 - Ship test tools and material (as is or modified) within their products

ADOPTION OF BASIC PROFILE 1.0

- More than 25 companies have announced their support for the Basic Profile 1.0
- Sun has announced that J2EE 1.4 will support Basic Profile 1.0

ROADMAP AND FUTURE WORK

Coming soon

- Attachments
- Basic Security Profile

• Future work

As the industry comes to some consensus around specifications for Web services reliability, orchestration, etc., WS-I will investigate potential interoperability issues and determine whether or not a new profile (or modification of existing profile) is warranted