More Enterprise Content Management RoPs are specifying compliance with OASIS CMIS—the Content Management Interoperability Services standard—and with good reason. CMIS enables information to be shared across ECM repositories from multiple vendors, eliminating the need for custom code, enabling more freedom-of-choice of software, and opening the door for exciting new applications of information.

CMIS reduces the IT burden inherent in multi-vendor, multi-repository content management environments. With CMIS, companies no longer need to maintain custom code and one-off integrations in order to share information across their various ECM systems.

CMIS also lets independent software vendors create specialized applications capable of running over a variety of systems.

By choosing products that support CMIS, business units can deploy systems independently and focus on application needs rather than infrastructure. Integrating content between two or more repositories becomes faster, simpler and more cost-effective.

Developed by OASIS, the open standards consortium, CMIS offers the confidence that comes with the adoption of an international standard. It is based on well-defined and stable concepts that system developers can rely upon for a long time to come.

CMIS addresses real business issues, enabling companies to:

- **Reduce Development Costs and Schedules**
  Providing a common interface into repositories, CMIS eliminates the integration work currently needed for creating a unified view into disparate systems.

- **Leverage Existing Investments**
  Legacy applications can be configured to communicate with middleware using CMIS, extending system life until migration.

- **Enable New Applications**
  By opening access to content stored in repositories previously cumbersome to integrate, CMIS makes information usable in ways not possible before.

- **Enhance Content Discovery**
  CMIS enables flexible discovery processes where data can be quickly configured and accessed without waiting for new connectors to be developed or installed.

“CMIS has the potential to be a game-changing standard, not only through its promise to facilitate affordable content management, but also as an enabler of whole new classes of high-value, information-rich applications that have not been feasible to date.”

—Mary Laplante, VP and senior analyst, Gilbane Group
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- Unify fragmented efforts to speed implementation
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