



# Removing Barriers to IoT Adoption

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# Agenda

- Key Barriers & Opportunities
- Clear Standards for Technology Providers & Adopters
- Digital Public Infrastructure
- Dependable Supply Chain
- Public/Private Partnership



# Key Barriers

- Cost of development, implementation, and maintenance
- Complex integration due to fragmentation and technology sprawl
- Cybersecurity and privacy concerns
- Supply chain challenges – availability, authenticity, turbulence
- Workforce skill gaps – lack of knowledge and/or trust in technology
- Business transformation – fundamental shift in business model



# Opportunities

- Clear standards for technology providers & technology adopters
  - Data standards, integration, and communication protocols
  - Cybersecurity & Privacy (devices and software)
- Digital public infrastructure
- Dependable supply chain
- Public/Private partnership





# The current landscape without clear standards is overly complex and expensive

- Competing proprietary solutions
- Incompatible protocols
- Stranded solutions when vendors exit
- Increased complexity and total cost of ownership



The adoption of IoT can be accelerated by creating clear and consistent standards for technology providers & adopters

# Cybersecurity & Privacy

**Challenge:** Adopters struggle to evaluate and compare potential vendors

## OPPORTUNITIES



### **Minimum Cybersecurity Capabilities**

Guidelines/requirements based on device classification



### **Product Labels**

Help manufacturers communicate capabilities  
Help adopters understand, evaluate, and compare cybersecurity & privacy capabilities



### **Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)**

Enable vulnerability management programs

# Data Standards & Communication Protocols

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT – THE “WHAT”

- **Data Standards / Governance / Sharing**
  - Shared data formatting & ontologies provide a common language to facilitate integration and data sharing
  - Data sharing ecosystem reaches beyond IoT
- **Communication Protocols**
  - Proprietary solutions drive cost and complexity
- **Clarity around data ownership and use**

## IMPACT OF SOLVING – THE “WHY”

- **Simplify and accelerate integration**
- **Improve device interoperability**
- **Reduce total cost of ownership**
- **Allow product teams to focus on value-added differentiation**



# Digital Public Infrastructure



- **Challenge:** The cost of core infrastructure deployment is a significant hurdle
- **Opportunity:** Lowering the cost of IoT connectivity will reduce the barrier to entry
- Digital Public Infrastructure for IoT (multiple ways to get there, variety of options)
  - Shared gateway infrastructure
  - Public Wi-Fi networks
  - Low-cost cellular transport for IoT devices outside the range of other wireless networks
- Potential drawbacks and concerns
  - Building trust – Privacy & confidentiality – Reliability – Maintaining high-speed & low-latency connectivity

# Dependable Supply Chain

**Challenge:** Supply chain challenges demand massive investments and require repeat acts of heroism to mitigate availability crises, constant turbulence, lack of transparency, and dependability/security/trust

## Supply Chain Improvement Opportunities

- Chip Availability & Component Supply
- Supply Chain Transparency & Security
  - Ability to understand & mitigate supply chain disruptions
  - Real-time data & reasonable lead times
  - Clear standards of quality & authenticity
- American Manufacturing



# Public/Private Partnership



Development of standards



Facilitate data sharing



Training initiatives & education programs



Financial incentives to foster adoption and  
accelerate growth



Business transformation



Thank you!

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# Q&A and Discussion