

Retailing Implementation Forum

29 – 30 September 2022

9:30 – 17:30

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Introductions – Round the Room

Name
Company
Live Status

- Airlines
- Sellers
- System Providers – sellers
- System Providers – airlines
- Others
- IATA

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Variances – setting the scene

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- Aggregators, OBTs speak of the inefficiencies, lack of standardization of implementations across different airlines.
- TMCs ask for “Standardization to minimize variances in the implementation of NDC”



Main Reasons Behind Variations

- Flexibility in standards
- Availability of documentation
- Legacy processes
- Retrofitting + workarounds (adopting features from newer schemas)

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Setting the scene

Are all variances bad?

1min

When is a variance **good**?

When is a variance **not good**?

9 categories of
variances received from
the industry

1/ Walkthrough of examples

Workshop

2/ Table deep dive

Output: list of items in categories for
open discussion during wrap-up

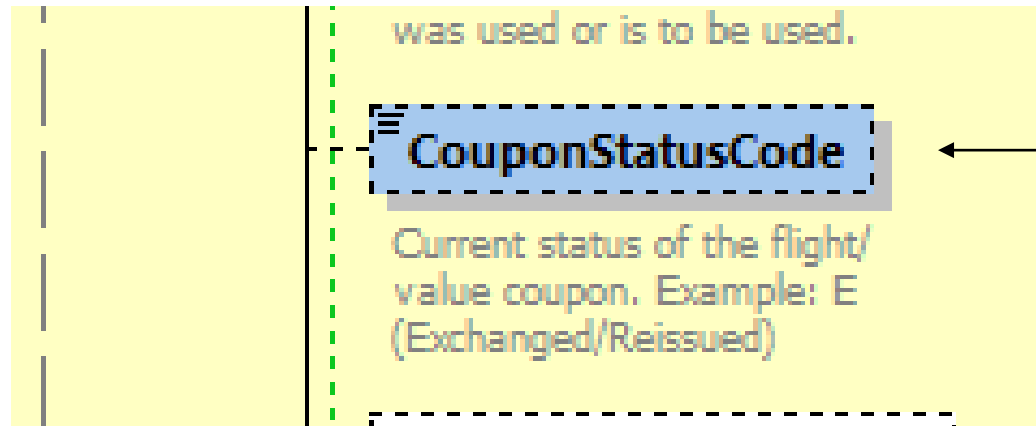


Variances shared with IATA

16	Payment	Payment Card Fees	Inconsistent reporting on taxes vs fees, impacting BO processes	I
23	Reference Data	Coupon Status	Some airlines not adhering to code set 4405	ID
43	Servicing - Voluntary	Residual Values	Inconsistencies in implementations of credit and residual values at pricing time for servicing flows	I
48	Servicing - Voluntary	Exchange	Flights limited to 3 changes	I
57	Setup	Corporate Fares	Lack of corporate identification	D
69	Shopping	Offers	Offers constructed per bound per itinerary	D
71	Shopping	Cabin Class	Variances in location of cabin details in messages	Q
73	Shopping	Price Class	Fare brands not always provided	Q
84	Shopping	Reference Data	The use of ServiceList is inconsistent (e.g. using SSR's for free services)	IDQ

Industry Example shared at Implementation Forum

Coupon status is important as this is reported to seller's mid back office and is important for BSP reconciliation



No indication in xsd schema of which code to use in 21.3

- Quick win: clarify this in the annotation

Examples of CouponStatus in 17.2 for airline

```

<TicketDocument>
  <TicketDocNbr>08157417806576</TicketDocNbr>
  <Type>702</Type>
  <NumberOfBooklets>1</NumberOfBooklets>
  <DateOfIssue>2022-11-22</DateOfIssue>
  <TimeOfIssue>17:17</TimeOfIssue>
  <TicketingLocation>NCE</TicketingLocation>
  <CouponInfo>
    <CouponNumber>1</CouponNumber>
    <CouponReference>S2</CouponReference>
    <FareBasisCode>
      <Code>SHSOSG</Code>
    </FareBasisCode>
    <CouponMedia>Electronic</CouponMedia>
    <CouponValid>
      <EffectiveDatePeriod>
        <Effective>2023-01-12</Effective>
        <Expiration>2023-01-12</Expiration>
      </EffectiveDatePeriod>
    </CouponValid>
    <Status>I</Status>
  </CouponInfo>
</TicketDocument>

```

CouponStatus: codeset provided in 17.2

Codeset 4405 very long with different values leading to interpretation

Status

Current status of the flight/
value coupon. Example: E
(Exchanged/reissued)

Encoding Scheme: IATA
Padis Codeset - List for data
element 4405 (Status,
coded)

4405 Status, coded (continued)

E	Exchanged/reissued
F	Critical free text
G	Non air segment
I	Original Issue (Open for Use)
IF	Information only
INU	In use
IO	Irregular operations
K	Confirmed, effective, working, firm, etc
LIM	Limitations on use
NAV	Not available
NC	Not checked in
NS	Infant, no seat
OF	Offloaded
OK	Confirmed
OLD	Replaced item
OPE	Open

- Quick win: clarify codeset usage

Variances – preparing for action

Categories

1. Low Hanging Fruit: obvious and simple to implement – can be developed in <1month if resources were assigned
2. Not throw away code – implementation is version agnostic
3. Level of complexity in coding by intermediary – mark Low Medium High
4. Clear, obvious – e.g. align to reference documentation (code, imp guide)
5. Difficult to categorise the variance

Variance deep dive

Table breakout – 60 min

Output: Prepare for action, categorise the variances

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Table deep dive - 60min

Output: Assess and categorise the variances

- Refer to the variances assigned to your table
- Discuss & assign a category or categories
- Designate a scribe and write on flipcharts
- You may skip ones you don't understand

15min Break!

Restart at 11:30

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PLAYBACK

Lunch!

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Normalization examples being implemented by airline partners

Normalization of

- Data
- Flows
- Display

Is there another perspective?

Listen for perspectives from sellers and intermediaries:

- What capability/feature did you not implement because of the variance?
- Which feature do you support but with a lot of time and effort?

Value Store

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01 Introduction on value store

02 Diverse implementations

03 Amadeus proposition

04 Q&A

1.

Introduction on value store



Definition

A “Value Store” is a value held by the airline on behalf of a payer due to a previous transaction or transactions.

Value store can be requested while sellers performs:

- A change to an order item resulting in residual value
- A cancellation to an order item resulting in a residual value

Once the value store is created, it can subsequently be re-used for a new purchase

Reference to IATA implementation guide:

- <https://guides.developer.iata.org/v213/docs/en/conord06-value-store?highlight=value%20store>

Usage as per standard

There are 2 methods to hold a value using the standard*

- Storing the value as an OrderItem (thus can only be used against a future modification of the same order unless a voucher is issued)
- Storing the value on an Open Accountable Document

The value store can be*

- Of fixed value such as on a value store OrderItem
- Of variable value such as a portion of a ticket or an EMD that is « unused »

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Diverse implementations



Implementation by airline 1 using 17.2

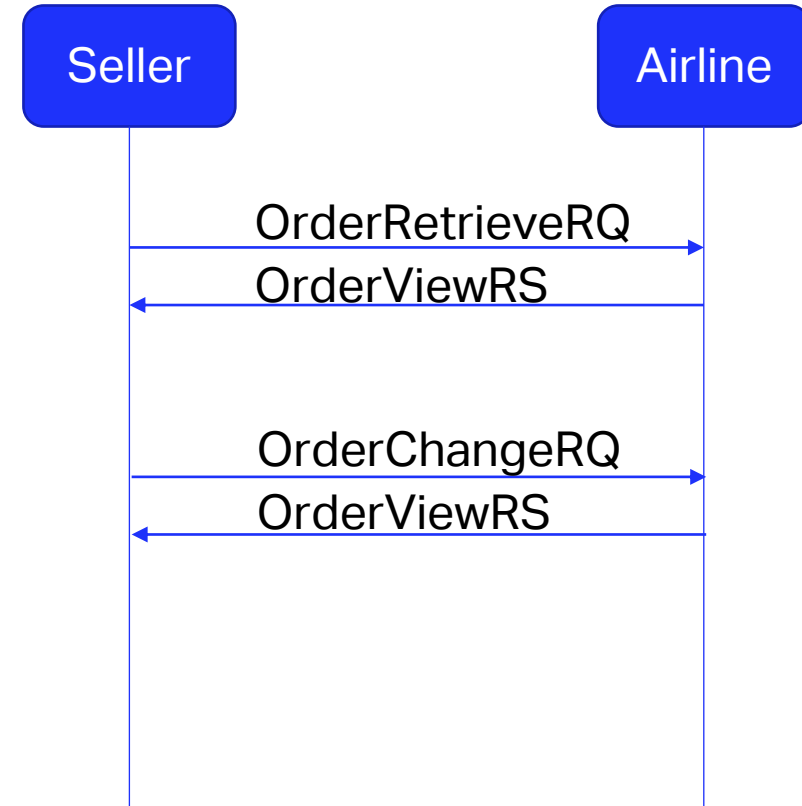
Value Store creation

Display the Order

- OrderRetrieveRQ
- OrderRetrieveRS

Cancel the Order

- OrderChangeRQ with specific "retain" option in
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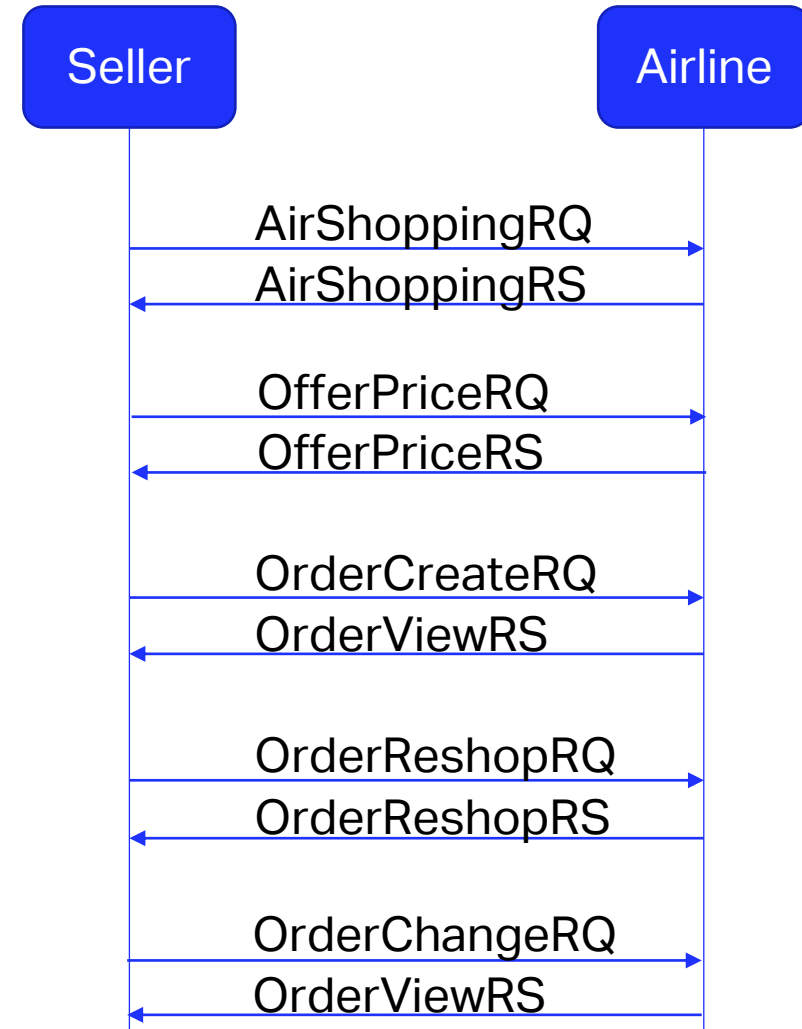
Create new unpaid Order

Create new offer using documents

- Passed in
AugmentationPoint/UseDocument/TicketDocNbr
- Empty *Query/Reshop/OrderServicing*
- Offer created with ReshopDifferential node provide differential between document and new itinerary created

Pay for the new offer

- OrderChangeRQ (OfferID, new OrderID)
- OrderViewRS



Implementation by airline 2 using 17.2

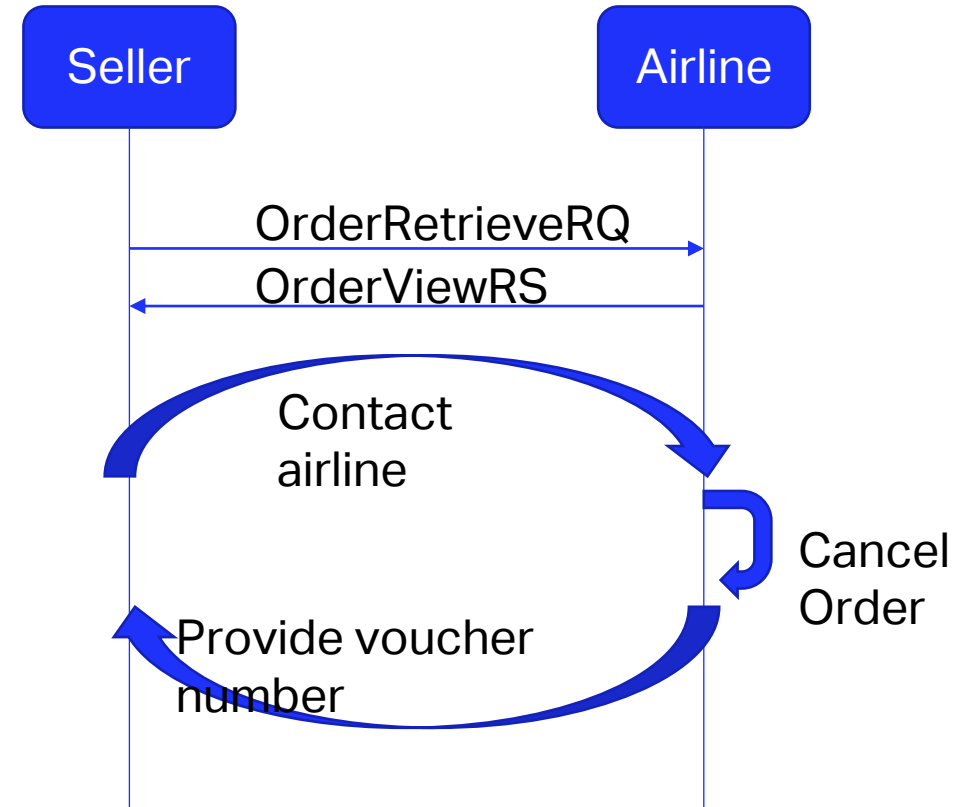
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Cancel the Order

- Offline call to airline help desk that will issue a voucher.
- Ability to check the value of the voucher directly on the airline.com



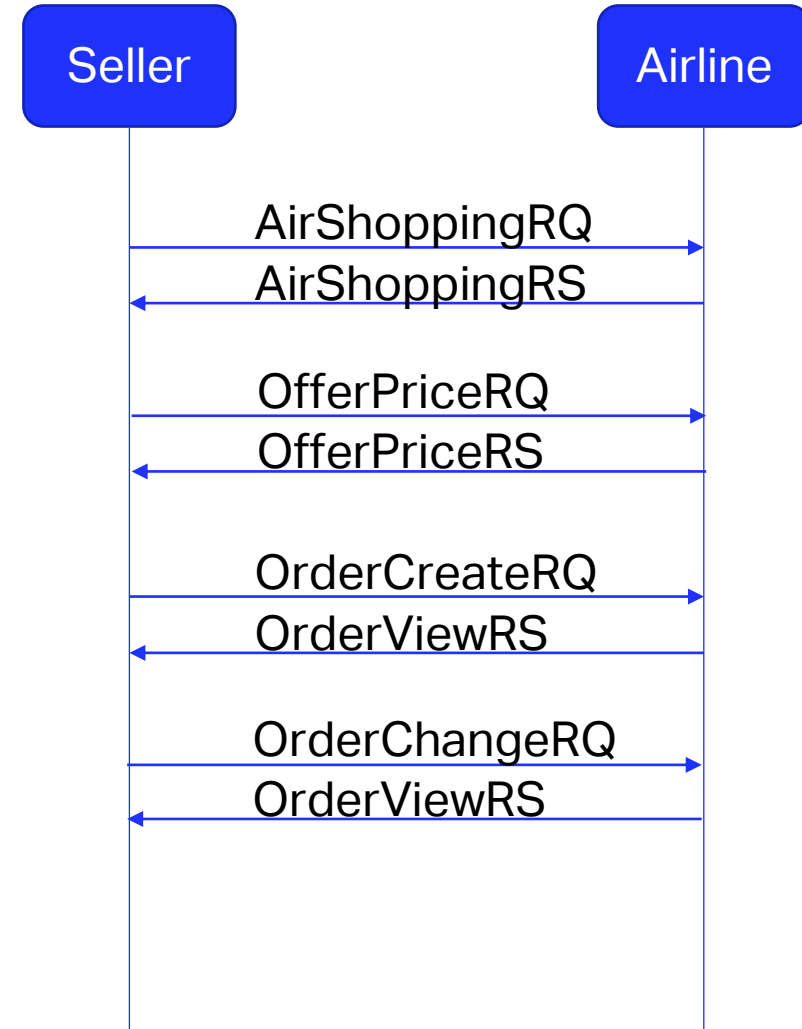
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Pay for new order using voucher

- Passed in
Payments/Payment/Method/Voucher/Number



Implementation by airline 3 using 17.2

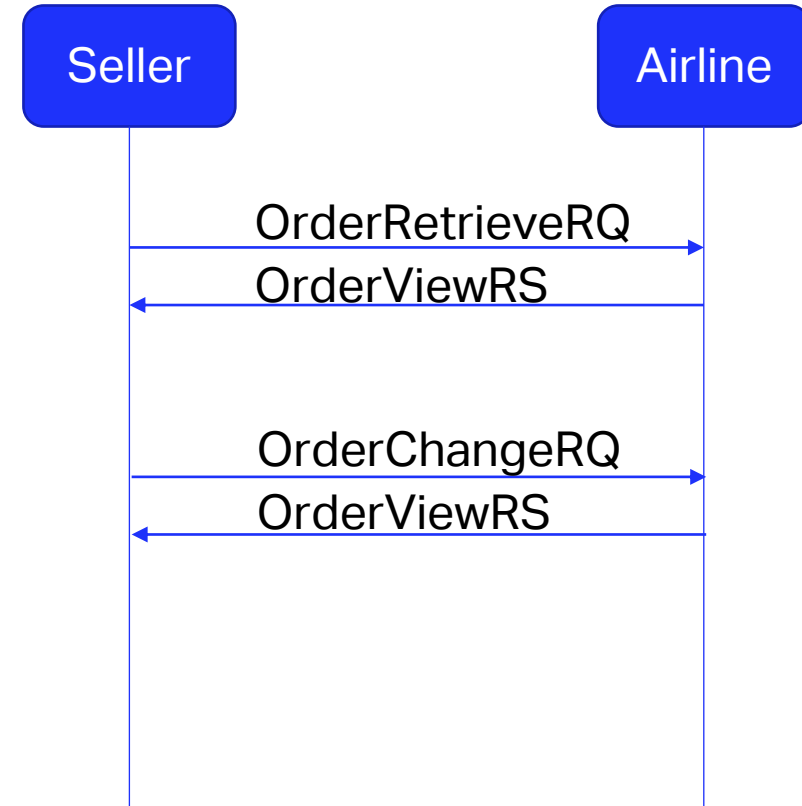
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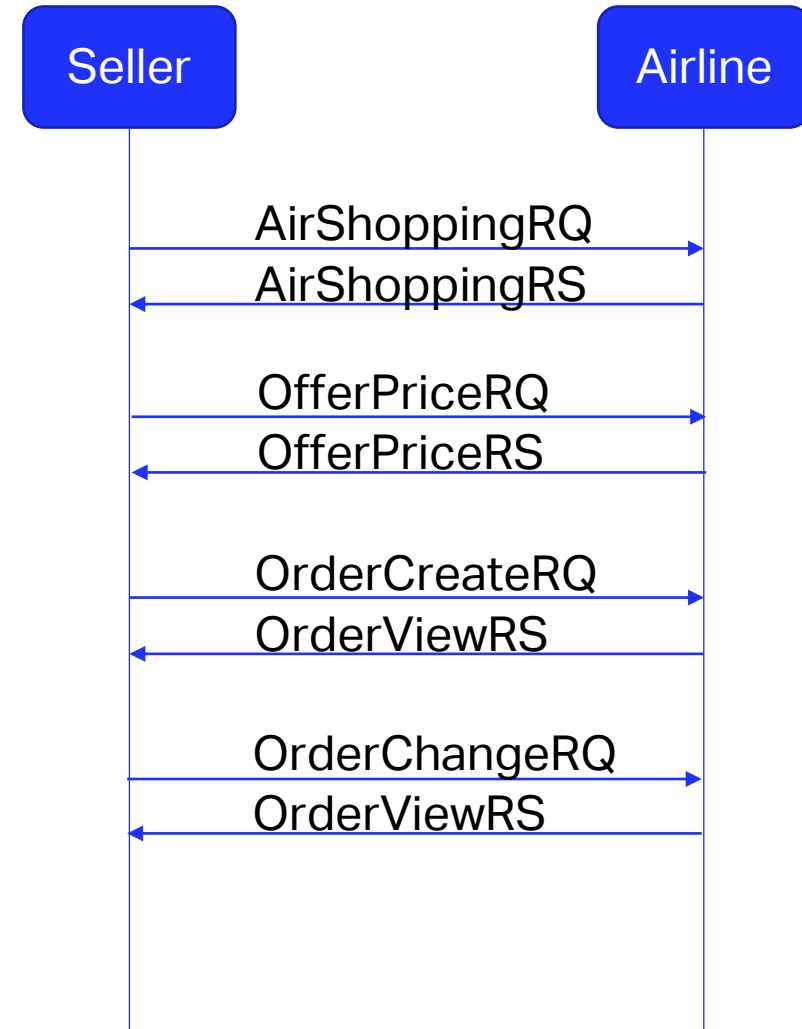
Value Store usage

Shop for new itinerary

Price offer with documents in input

- Passed in
OfferPriceRQ/InExchangeForTicket/TicketNumbers/TicketNumber
- Offer returned provides in Total Price the balance amount between the new itinerary and the old document

Create new Order based on this new offer and pay for it



Implementation by airline 4 using 17.2

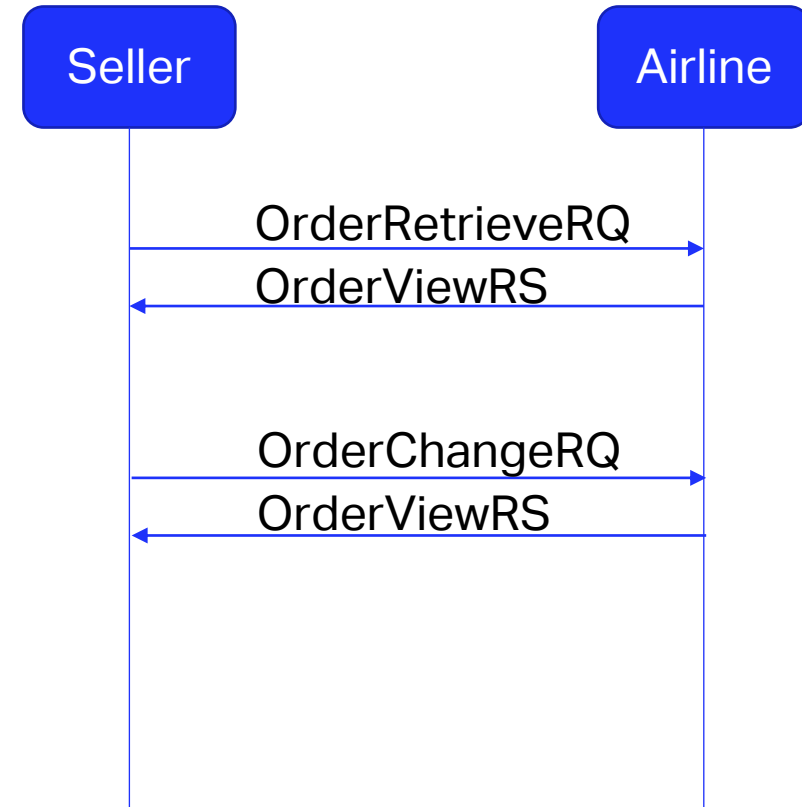
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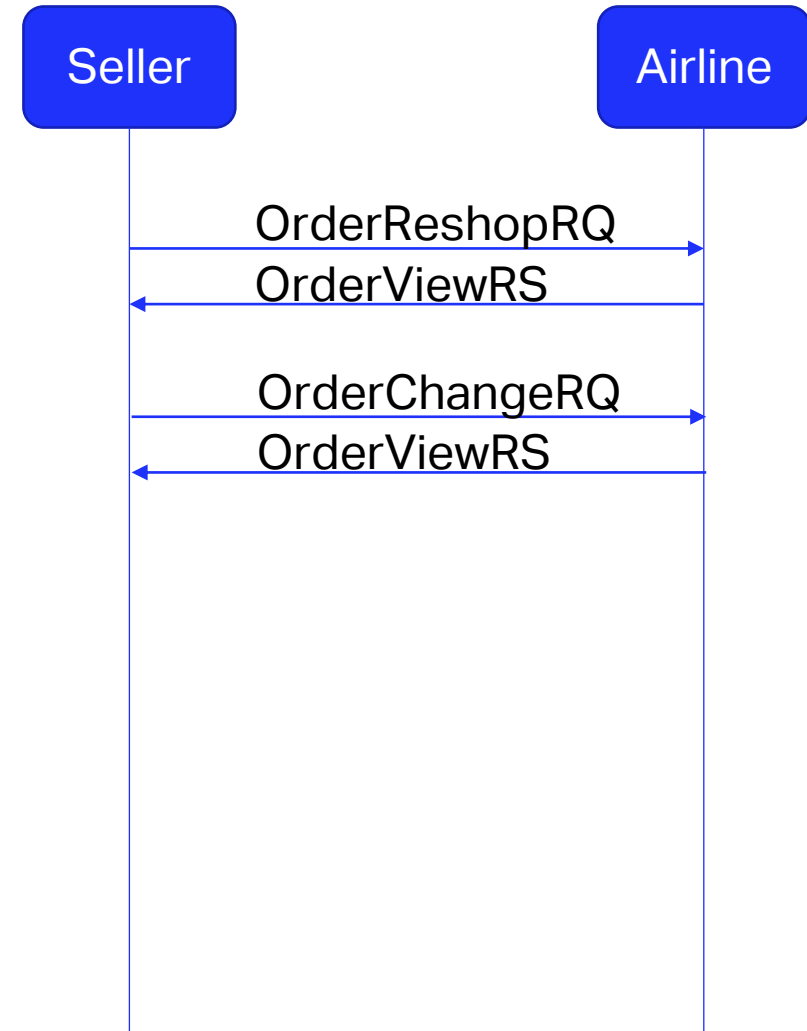
Value Store usage

Reshop for new itinerary using initial order

- Standard Reshop offer returned

Pay for the new offer

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- OrderViewRS



Summary of the different approaches

Impacts on integration of airlines' content

	Airline 1	Airline 2	Airline 3	Airline 4
Hold value type	In accountable docs	In voucher	In accountable docs	In accountable docs
Value store type	Variable value	Fixed value	Variable value	Variable value
Re-usage in same OrderID	No	No	No	Yes
Compliance with standard as per 21.3	No (schema breaks)	Yes	No (schema breaks & amount in OfferPriceRS)	No (schema breaks)
Complexity of integration	Schema breaks, accounting impacts		Schema breaks and wrong amounts in OfferPrice, accounting impacts	Schema breaks
Complexity of normalization for Amadeus/sellers	Requires adaptation of reshop step	Requires seller manual action to call center	Flow not compatible with any standard	

Colour code

Low

Medium

High

Very high

Discussion

Perspectives on addressing these value store variances

3.

Amadeus proposition



Value Store propositions

Keep 2 options as per standard for Value Store and implement them as normalized features

- Allow Fixed value via vouchers (or accountable document or even OrderID/OrderItemID)
- Allow variable value and make it order based compatible (not only using accountable documents)

Value Store propositions

In blue, points to be further discussed

Holding value (fully order based)

Trigger

- OrderReshopRQ: respend indicator
- OrderReshopRS:
 - deleteOfferItems: **status?**, serviceltems cancelled,
May require new indicator stating value not committed

Commitment

- OrderChangeRQ
- OrderViewRS:
 - Initial OrderItem: cancelled
 - **<new Price>? Should be set to 0?**
 - <Price differential/differentialTypeCode= REUSABLE>

Redeem:

- Through initial Order
- New OrderReshopRQ (deleteOrderItem)
- OrderReshopRS with addOfferItems

Fixed value

Trigger

- OrderReshopRQ: respend indicator
- OrderReshopRS:
 - deleteOfferItems: cancelled, serviceltems cancelled
 - addOfferItems: voucher value

Commitment

- OrderChangeRQ: addOfferItems
- OrderViewRS:
 - New OrderItem
 - Price = voucher value
 - **Voucher number & conditions in new node?**

Redeem:

- Through initial Order or new Order
- Part of <PaymentMethod/Voucher>

4. Q&A





Normalization Breakout (15min)

What examples of normalization have you seen? Data, Flow, Display
Was it a benefit or a risk to customer experience?

	Benefit to customer experience	Risk to positive cust. experience	Other
Data			
Flow			
Display			

Normalization - Wrapping Up

Playback

Benefit and risks of normalization

The way forward?

List of variances

Normalization

What next and who

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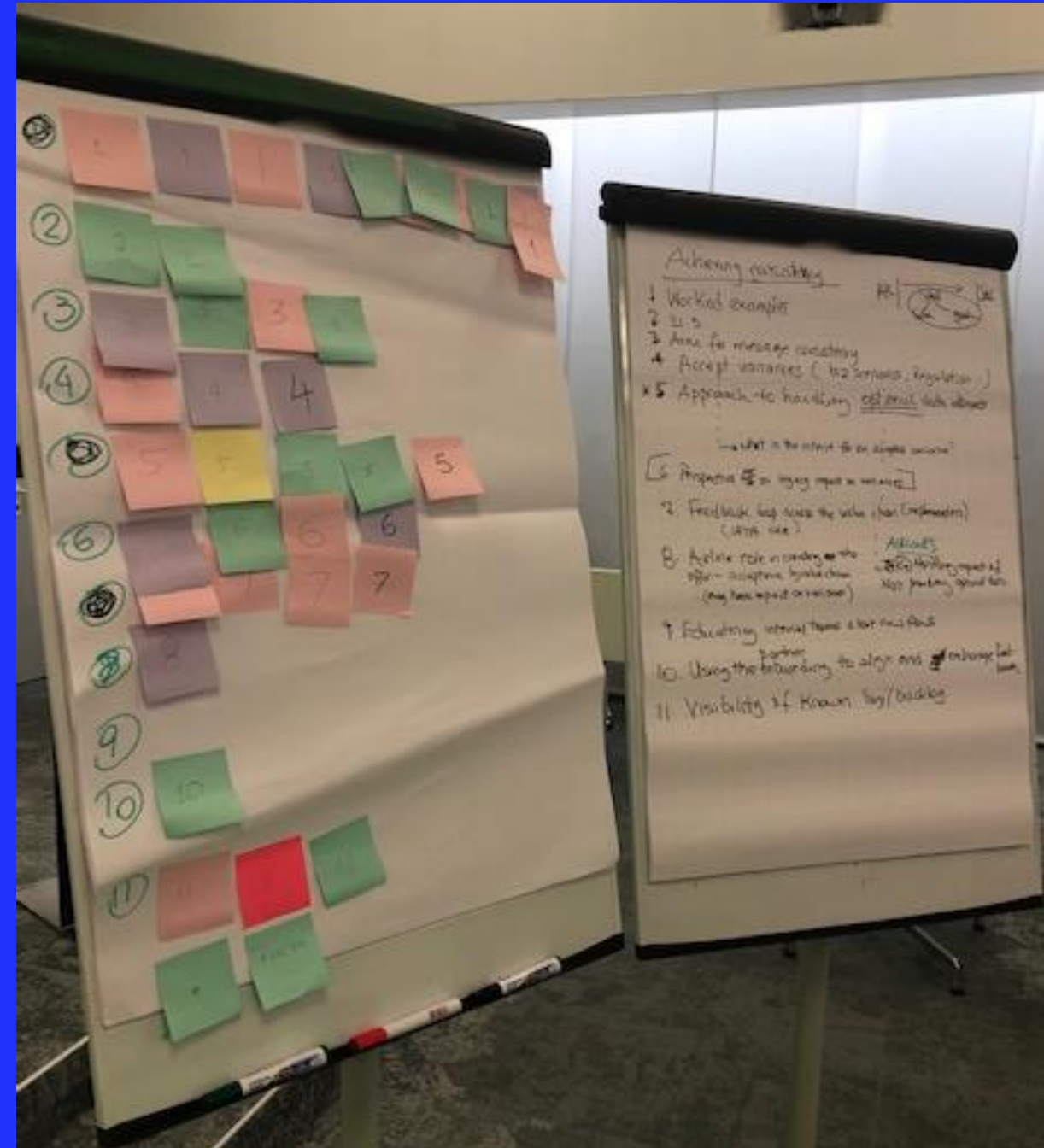
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Your Takeaways

Achieving implementation consistency at industry level



Where should the challenge be addressed by the value chain?

Setup

Alignment phase ...
Including

- Partners, System Providers
- Current capabilities
- Known limitations
- Roadmap
- ...

Implementation

Technical and support aspects

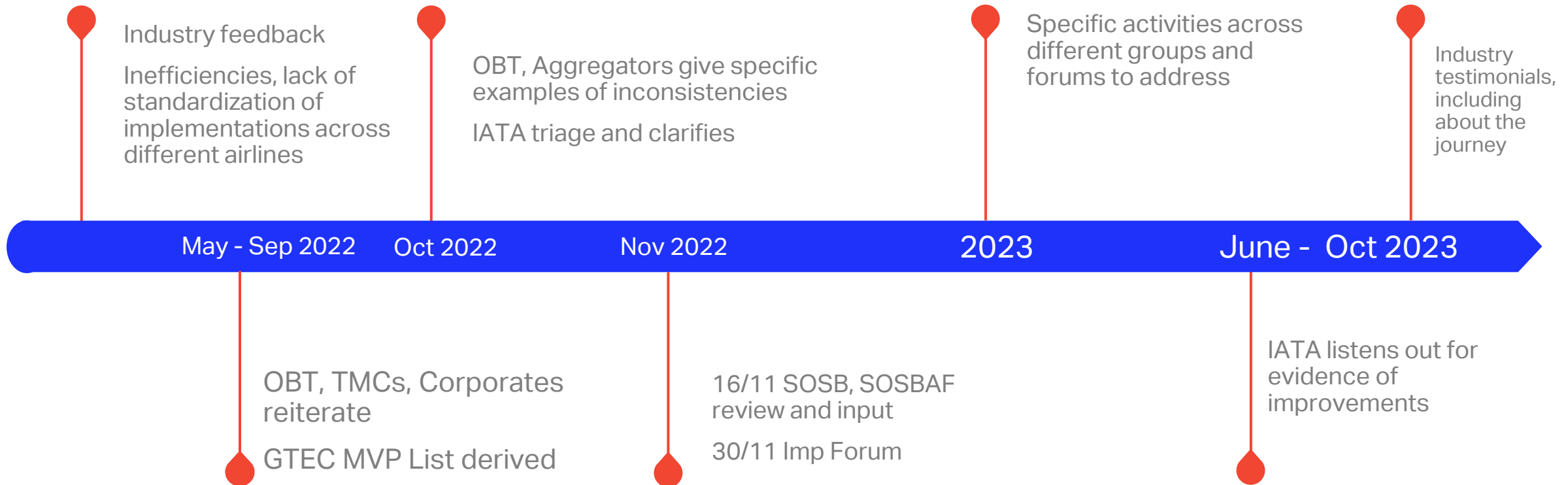
- Implementation guides
- Issue management
- ...

Change Management

Review

- Processes, organization
- Gap analysis
- Reflections, lessons learnt

Towards consistent implementations



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Day 1 Variances Recap

- Reviewed and categorised ~50% of variance list
 - 3 – 5 quick wins or low hanging fruit
 - Context for variance review should be 21.3 improvements (majority planning for 21.3)
- Most impactful next steps to solve variances
 - 1/Worked examples, 2/Clarify handling of optional elements, 3/Industry feedback loop
- List of 93 variances next steps
 - Send digital :-) copy of your table's categorisation
 - Same tables review remaining items and clarify and categorize (low hanging, etc.)
 - Cross check items vs. working group backlog to be documented (e.g. value store)

Payment variances – an extract

Variance	Input
1. OB fees incorrectly recorded as taxes (making customer invoicing impossible)	OB fees are how ATPCo record airline (card) surcharge. In 21.3 a payment surcharge is identified as a separate info
13. Not getting soft-decline errors on 3DSecure transactions	There is a catalogue of payment errors , including one saying ' declined, authentication required'. @ Airlines, are you sending this back to the seller? https://guides.developer.iata.org/v213/docs/payment-errors
18. 3DSecure mandated even for corporate transactions	Airline needs to take into account the context of the transaction to know how to treat the payment - way client and seller engage and also the nature of card
19. CVV mandated for corporate cards	

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Servicing – setting the scene

- Servicing in our discussions refer to the change to a customer's Order, triggered by the customer or by the airline.
- The NDC schema supports servicing capability between the airline and its seller partner.
- There are no known major gaps in the schema to prevent streamlined and automated servicing.

- The Implementation Guide explains the concepts and workflows to implementing servicing using the NDC schemas (21.3 and beyond)
- The guide is evolving to cover more servicing capabilities

Constraints in delivering servicing

(examples)

- Resources – people and funds
- Capability of intermediaries – some servicing supported
- Timing of implementations – airlines at different stages
- Retrofitting + workarounds – linked to legacy and 17.2 limitations
- Roadmaps – not always transparent what can (and can't) be done
- Legacy processes – the synchronization reality

Servicing – setting the scene

Full end to end servicing capabilities in the API must be deployed by the airline and their seller partners

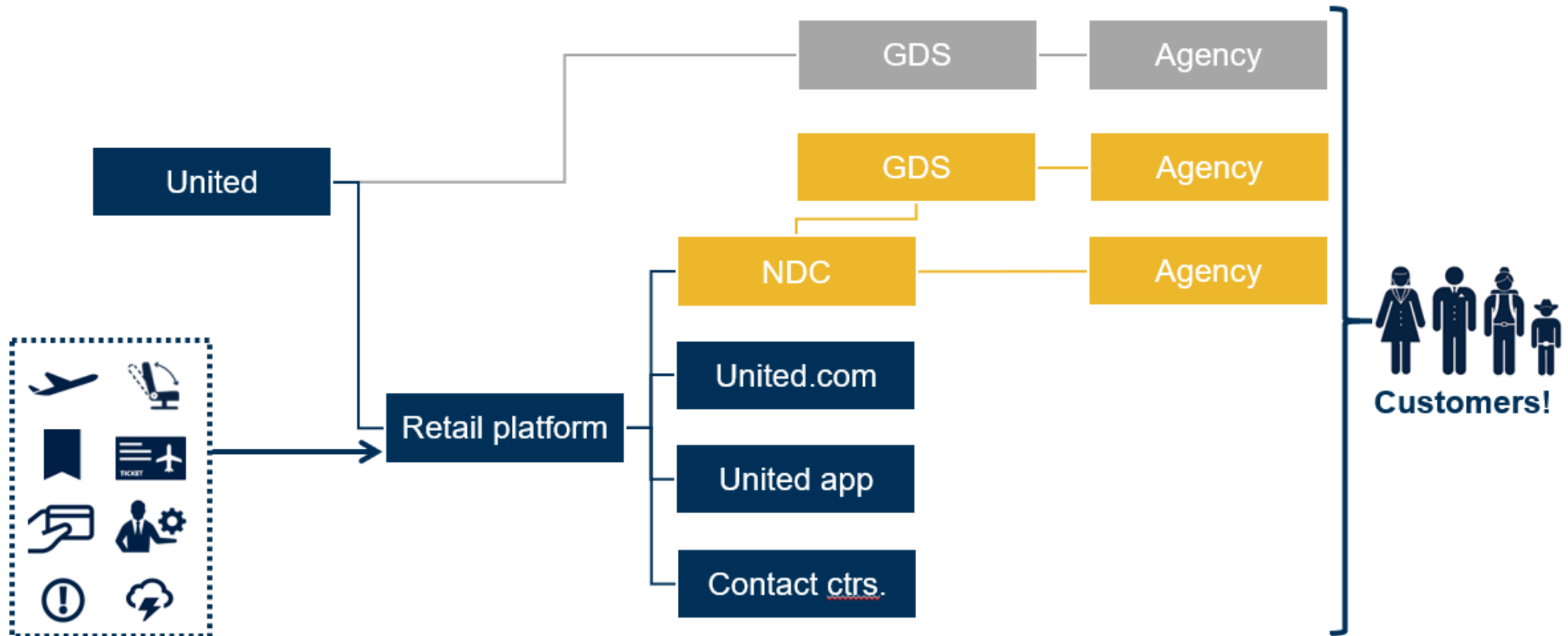
- supported by other parties that may be a part of the servicing flow
 - aggregators
 - mid/back-office providers
 - delivery service providers

Standard
vs.
Implementation
(ARM index)

Servicing via United NDC

Arjun Gupta
November, 2022

NDC leverages United direct channel systems & servicing



Legacy distribution via GDSs will be available for foreseeable future as well

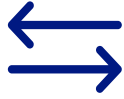
Powerful servicing capabilities focus on agency enablement via NDC



Flight & Date Changes

Changes to wholly unused & partially flown orders

Origin and destination changes supported



Voluntary Cancel & Refund

Customer initiated void, cancelation & refund



Unused Tickets

Ability to cancel non-refundable ticket for future use

Unused ticket in Booking flow (OfferPrice)



Fare Rules & Penalties

Structured fare penalties in booking flow

Full fare rules provided in FareRulesRQ/ RS



Omnichannel

Orders in NDC are serviceable by direct channels & always in sync



Waiver Automation

Waivers are automatically applied for change/cancel – No waiver codes needed

UA policies like Same Day Change applied



Notifications

Involuntary Change Notifications

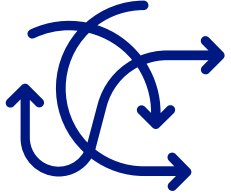
Customer initiated & operational changes are provided



SSRs

Focus on accessibility with medical & disability SSRs supported

Deep Dive into Waivers



Today's process is manual and multi-step



United leverages our direct channel technology to automate waivers



Changing an existing process was a challenge, but the process drove interest



Agent can now save time with the automated process, and customers can self serve a complex process

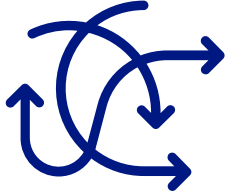


Waiver Automation

Waivers are automatically applied for change/cancel – No waiver codes needed

UA policies like Same Day Change applied

Deep Dive into Omnichannel



Today United is unable to service many bookings made on indirect channels



NDC Orders are created using the same ticketing services as United direct channels



NDC had to rebuild many established capabilities like ARC/ BSP settlement



NDC bookings are serviceable on direct channels. Direct channel bookings can be serviced in NDC



Omnichannel

Orders in NDC are serviceable by direct channels & always in sync

Discussion

What servicing scenarios are working well?

- automated processes (vs. call centre)
- streamlined customer handling via the API
- seller handling disruption scenarios

What are the live examples of servicing in your implementation?

11 min Break!

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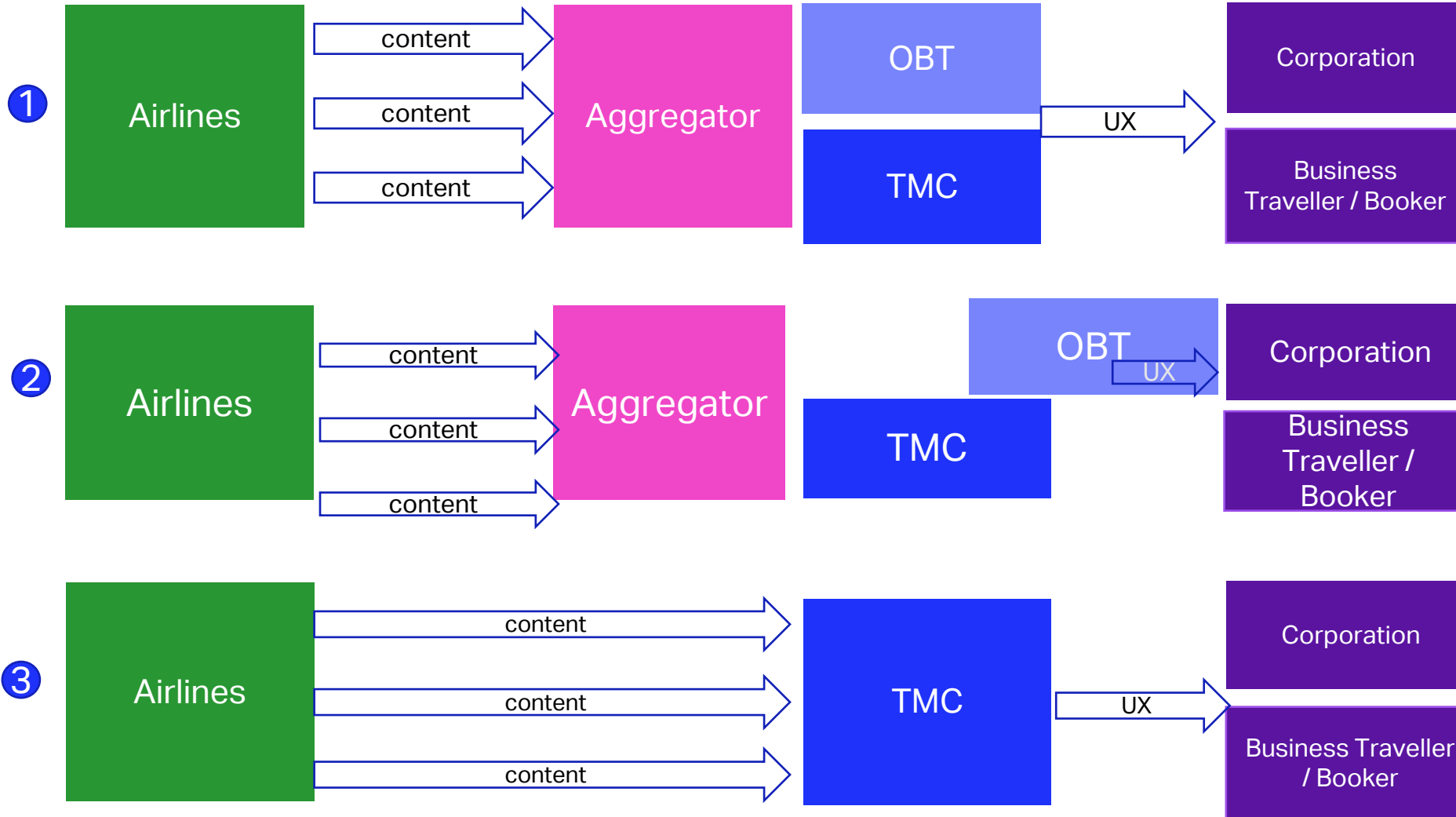
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Examples of airline integrations 1/2

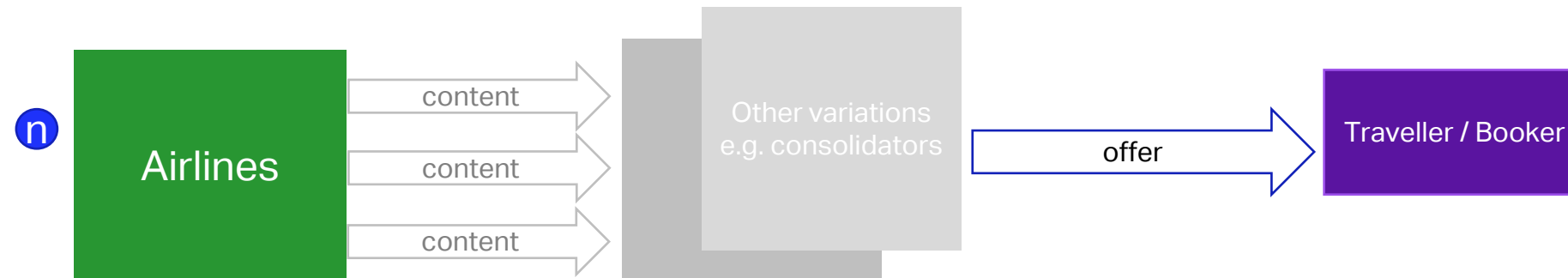
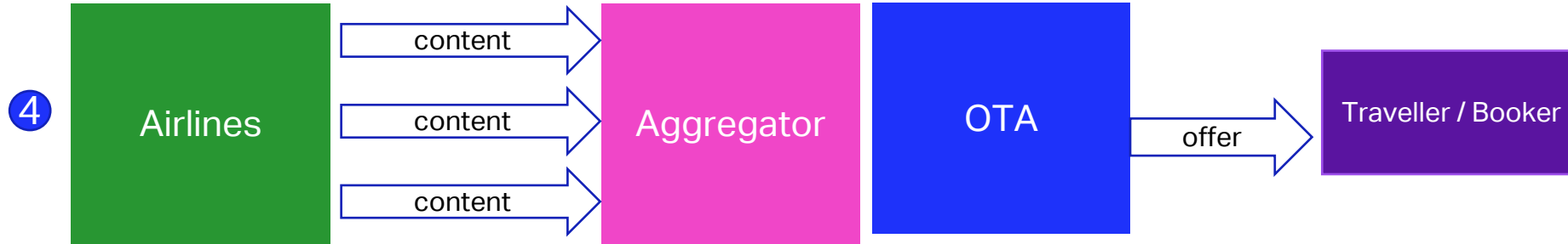
Successful servicing delivery requires a value chain conversation



Partners and providers:

- Airline, Corporate, TMC, OBT, Aggregator
- Duty of care/traveler security, Reporting, Payment

Examples airline integrations 2/2



Partners and providers:

- Airlines, other service providers, including Intermodal

The industry reality

Day 1: NDC launch

Source of Truth:

Airline's PNR, Ticket, EMD

No airline OMS in place

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Source of Truth:

Airline's PNR or Order  
(transitional)

Airline OMS WIP

Synchronization effort in  
implementation

## End Game

Source of Truth:

Airline's Order

OMS in place

# So what is the best-case of NDC servicing given the legacy constraints?

## Discussion

- Includes process simplification opportunities
- Until full offer/order
- Legacy constraints include PNR, Tkt, EMD, RBD, (current) SSR processes etc.

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## Registry

Registry of companies and their retailing capabilities



## Self-Service Platform

Manage your company's information



## Resources & Documentation

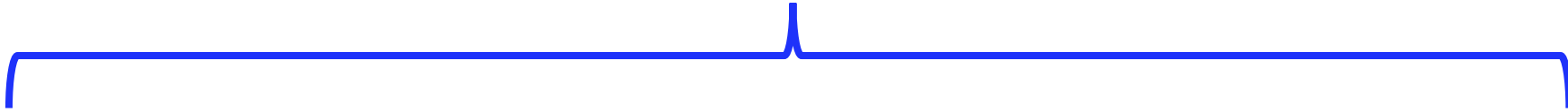
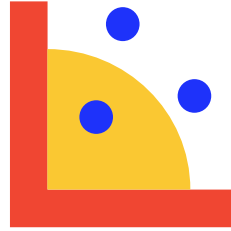
All the information you need for the ARM index

The ARM index registry makes it clear which organizations can deploy servicing according to the standard.

# Airline Retailing Maturity Status



# Airline Retailing Maturity (ARM) index



Capabilities  
Verification

Capabilities enabled by  
the IATA standards

Partnerships  
Deployment

Scalability across the  
retailing value chain

Value Capture  
Compass

Maturity of capturing  
potential value

# Table Breakout (10min)

Give 3 tangible and specific ways the ARM index helps in addressing variances and servicing?

# Servicing Capabilities

**ARM index**  
[retailing.iata.org](https://retailing.iata.org)



Resources &  
Documentation

All the information you need for the ARM  
index

## Order

- [ORDWPM] [Create Order Without Payment](#)
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- [ORDCWT] [Order Creation Without Tickets/EMDs](#)
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  - [ORDNAM] [Names Changes/Corrections Through Reshopping](#)
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## Pay

## Settle

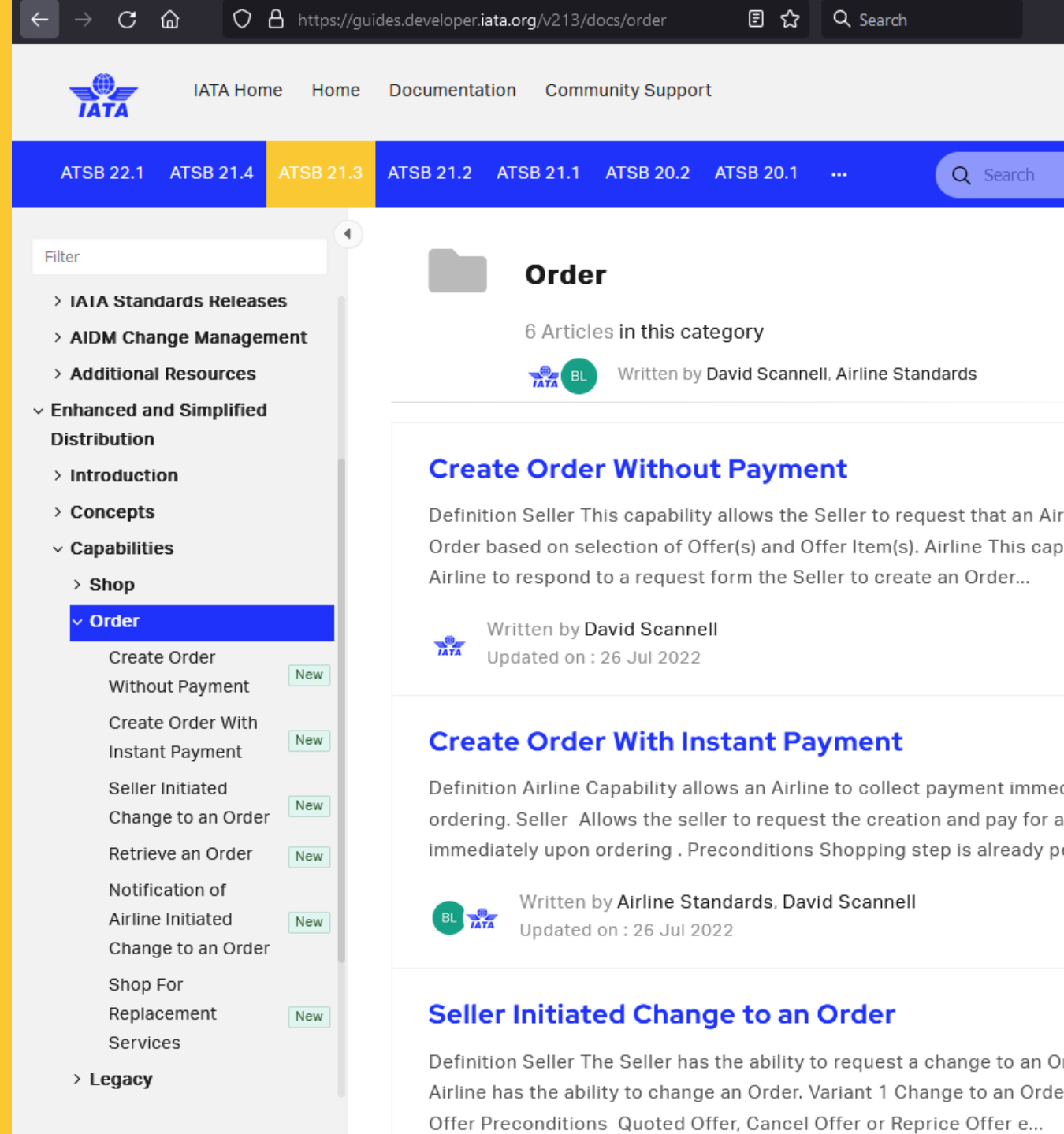


# Implementation Guidance

## EASD Standards

[guides.developer.iata.org](https://guides.developer.iata.org)

Contact [standards@iata.org](mailto:standards@iata.org) to be involved in the working groups or contribute to the guidance



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**Order**

6 Articles in this category

 BL Written by David Scannell, Airline Standards


**Create Order Without Payment**

Definition Seller This capability allows the Seller to request that an Airline to respond to a request form the Seller to create an Order...

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Definition Airline Capability allows an Airline to collect payment immediately upon ordering. Seller Allows the seller to request the creation and pay for a shopping step is already p...

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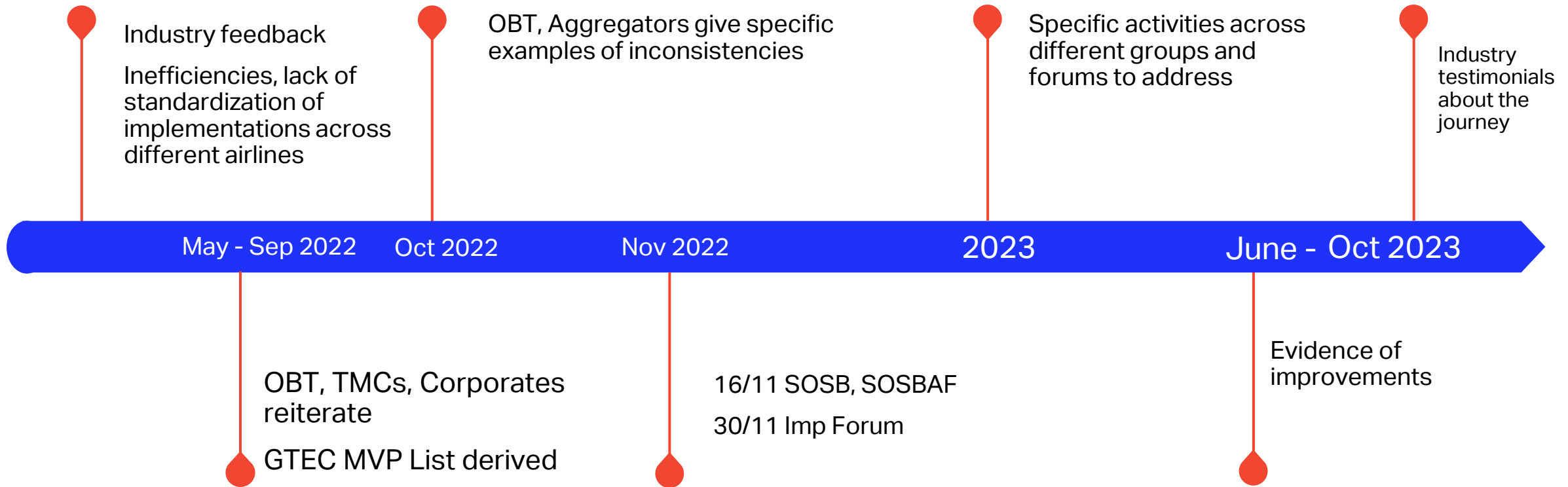
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# Servicing – where are the quick-wins?

Table deep dive - 20min

Documenting best practices on how offer and order artifacts in retailing standards are integrated into the current standards (e.g. Ticketing, Res)? Give 3 examples where this could be helpful.

# Addressing industry Servicing and Inconsistent Implementations challenges



# Looking forward

Corporates in TMAG say they would like automation, self-servicing, and are willing to revisit current processes to look for simplification opportunities

OBT support for servicing, opportunity for some capabilities to be moved to the OBE

Airlines?

Sellers?

Intermediaries?

# Day 1 Variances Recap

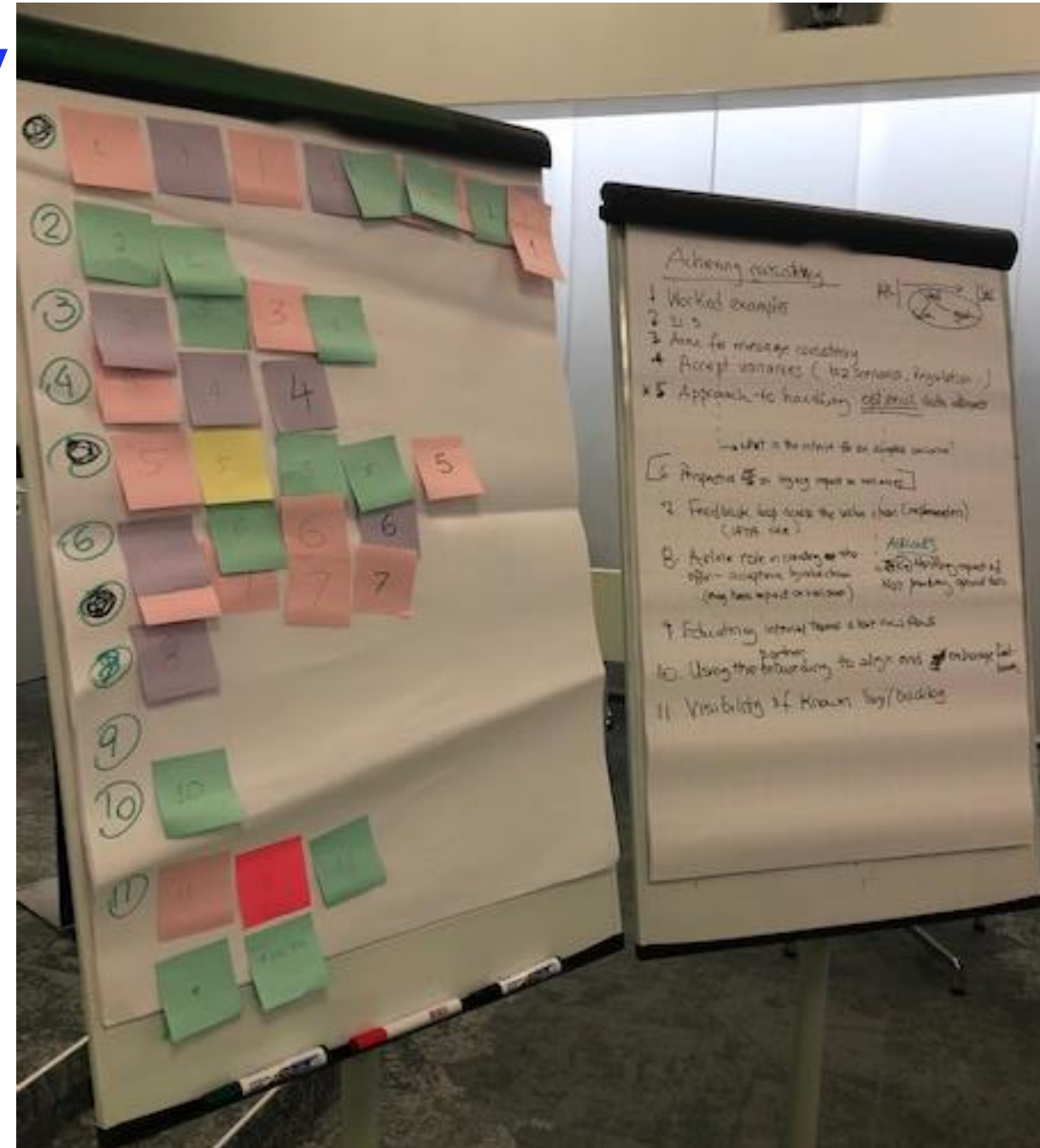
- Reviewed and categorised ~50% of variance list
  - 3 – 5 quick wins or low hanging fruit
  - Context for variance review should be 21.3 improvements (majority planning for 21.3)
- Most impactful next steps to solve variances
  - 1/Worked examples, 2/Clarify handling of optional elements, 3/Industry feedback loop
- List of 93 variances next steps
  - Send digital :-) copy of your table's categorisation
  - Same tables review remaining items and clarify and categorize (low hanging, etc.)
  - Cross check items vs. working group backlog to be documented (e.g. value store)



# Achieving Consistency

## 29/11 Implementation Forum Input

1. Worked examples
2. 21.3
3. Aim for message consistency
4. Accept variances (because of business scenarios, regulations etc.)
  - what is the criteria for an accepted variance?
5. Be clear on the approach to handling optional data elements
  - Airlines to rethink the impact of NOT providing optional data
6. Legacy impacts variances
7. Feedback loop across implementers in the value chain - IATA role in this
8. Airline role in creating the offer - an acceptance by the value chain
9. Educating internal (dev and sales) teams at solution providers about new flows
10. Using the partner onboarding to align and exchange feedback
11. Visibility of known 'bugs'/ backlog



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# OPEN Q&A

**What are  
your next  
steps?**





# Please scan to share your feedback



# Thank You!

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