Benefits of Datacenter NVMe SSD Spec

• Confidential requirements result in trade-offs
  - “If you want to hit your schedule we need to drop this feature”

• Publishing requirements reduces trade-offs at an industry level
  - Common requirements spec across multiple customers is key

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Detailed Benefits—One Firmware

- Common set of features means fewer custom firmware branches
  - Some vendors maintain more than ten
  - Lots of inefficiencies—redundant resources to develop, test, and maintain
  - Ultimate goal to get to one FW build for all the functional features
  - Allows more supplier resources to focus on one firmware
    - Improves product development and reduces cost
    - Build-time customizations via Device Profiles

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Detailed Benefits—Testing

- Published requirements lets 3rd party test providers develop comprehensive test suites on the specific features customers need
- No wasted effort on optional features not used
- Reduces burden of maintaining multiple custom test suites which reduces cost and development time while improving quality
- Customers and Suppliers can reduce their test and validation costs by re-purposing internal test development to product development

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Detailed Benefits—More competition

- NDAs typically required to share confidential specs with startups
- Everyone is busy, hard to get mindshare and engagement
- Datacenter NVMe SSD spec allows startups to make a compatible product with almost no engagement
- Always more convincing to test a product’s claims vs. be convinced by slideware
- More competition leads to...

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