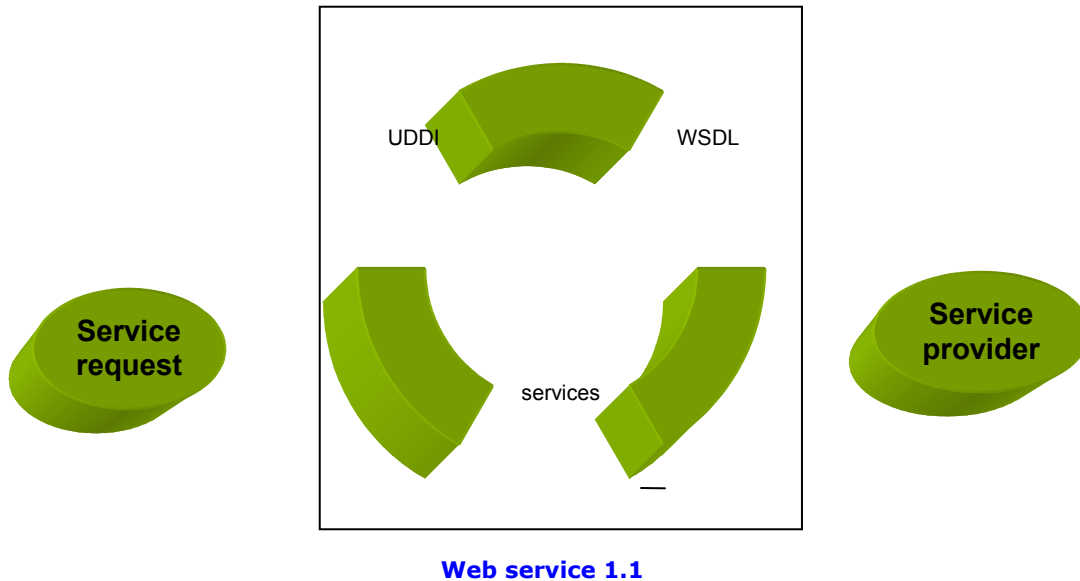# SOA's significance for ERP customers

Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) is an business driven process that supports the transformation of your business into a set of linked services, or faster business tasks, that can be accessed when needed over a distributed network. This may be a intranet, it may be the Extranet, or it may be widely and technologically diverse, combining services in every where. These services can coalesce to accomplish a specific business process, enabling your business to quickly adapt to changing conditions and requirements
When SOA implementation is guided by strategic business goals, you ensure the positive transformation of your business and can realize the chief benefits on an SOA, as follows:

- Alignment of IT with the business Maximal reuse of IT assets

UDDI   WSDL

Service request   services   **Service provider**

Web service 1.1

Together, these help assure that investment in expensive IT projects result in lasting value to the business.
So, how do you tap into SOA, and how does it affect your business?

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