raison d'être /reɪzɒ̃ ˈdɛtrə/ noun

(French)

the most important reason or purpose for someone or something's existence.

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**Network applications are the raisons d’être of a computer network—if we couldn’t conceive of any useful applications, there wouldn’t be any need for networking infrastructure and protocols to support them.**

**…**

**Finally, we come to the last and most important field—the raison d’être for the datagram in the first place**