

DataTrans e-Community

Trading Partner EDI enablement solutions

Achieve complete EDI acceptance throughout your trading partner community.

The issue is the same across most major corporations. How do you effectively utilize your existing EDI maps and infrastructure and create EDI links to all of your trading partners? When you consider the supplier "churn" factor, IT budget limitations, and other factors that smaller suppliers face, it seems difficult to implement a streamline solution.

However, companies that are able to achieve close to 100% EDI compliance throughout their supplier/trading partner community realize all of the benefits of eliminating the costs and inefficiencies associated with maintaining manual processes. So the savings and benefits can be tremendous.

Rapid EDI deployment using easily accessible web-based EDI solution

DataTrans Solutions is a company that specializes in addressing this issue. Our solutions are targeted towards rapidly implementing EDI with Suppliers using intuitive and high quality e-commerce tools.

DataTrans' Solution

DataTrans WebEDI solution allows for the utilization of one set of EDI maps, based on your specifications for all of your suppliers. Thus, the mapping process is eliminated for subsequent suppliers using a DataTrans WebEDI account.

WebEDI links to your existing maps.

WebEDI is simply an application using our **web portal technology**. Once the maps are completed, they apply to all of your suppliers. Similarly the data communications setup can be set up once for multiple suppliers. This basically eliminates the need for mapping, testing, data communications setup, etc. for trading partner implementations.

This is how DataTrans is able to have suppliers set up on EDI in a few hours. Compare this to the normal EDI implementation time frame of 6 weeks and you can quickly see how DataTrans e-Community program can benefit your company.

Achieve Vendor buy in to the process by providing an e-commerce tool that adds value to their process.

Datrans WebEDI Bridges the Gap

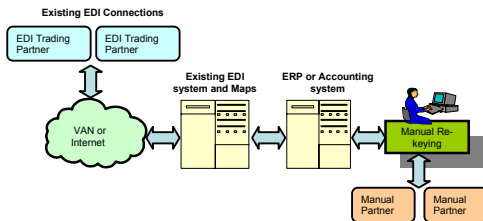
Not only is the WebEDI solution ideal for the Hub company, it also is a very useful e-commerce tool for your supplier. It allows them to keep track of EDI messages, generate reports based on activity, archive data and even download the EDI messages as CSV files to be used internally.

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Additionally, the only requirement for the trading partner is to have a browser and access to the internet. Since WebEDI is standards based, it can also be used by the user with multiple trading partners. This gives the WebEDI user one central communications tool to exchange EDI with all of their trading partners.

The fact that WebEDI is so useful to suppliers is critical to overall success of the DataTrans e-Community program. It allows us to achieve vendor buy-in to the process by providing an e-commerce tool that adds value to their processes.



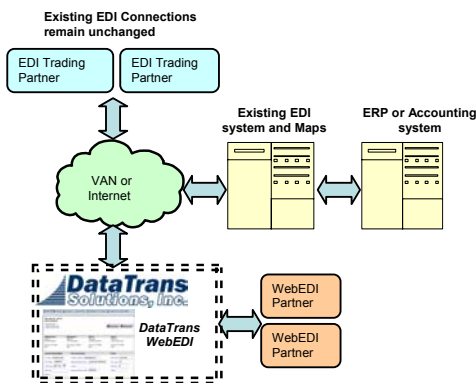
EDI Process without WebEDI

Your EDI implementation and links to your partner base may be described by the following diagram. The main customers and suppliers are EDI-enabled and these companies represent perhaps 80% of your business activity. However, you also have a large group of smaller companies that represent much less volume. However, they may be more in number of companies. Typically, these partners are handled manually because they do not have the infrastructure or expertise to implement EDI.

WebEDI plugs into your EDI infrastructure, applications and processes.

EDI Process with WebEDI

Now consider the savings your company would realize by implementing a tool that would tie all of these manual partners into your existing EDI infrastructure. You would eliminate all of the manual processes such as re-keying business data, faxing, phone calls, etc. associated with supporting these manual partners. WebEDI provides this capability. It also provides these savings to your company with no additional infrastructure, EDI or mapping changes on your part. DataTrans Solutions simply becomes a new Trading Partner to you, and your manual partners utilize WebEDI as their method of communicating EDI messages with your company.



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DataTrans maintains the highest quality infrastructure to insure that its customers' business data is handled in a reliable and secure manner.

Rapid deployment of a solution to link all of your trading partners through your EDI infrastructure

WebEDI Supports Multiple Business Scenarios

Although the typical Vendor EDI scenario is well supported in WebEDI, DataTrans also supports other types of business exchanges. DataTrans has over 30 different types of EDI transaction sets enabled in WebEDI. This gives the ability to use WebEDI in a variety of different situations.

Advanced EDI messaging capabilities

In addition to the 'big three' EDI transaction sets (PO, Invoice, and Advance Ship Notice), WebEDI supports a variety of other typical EDI messages used in the Retailer/Vendor EDI connection. Some of these are: 860, 865, 855, 880, 875, 820, 864, 852, etc.

WebEDI Catalog Processing

The WebEDI user can maintain an on-line product catalog and send information related to the catalog. EDI 832 (product catalog), 846 (inventory), 867 (sales) transaction sets are typically used in conjunction with the WebEDI product catalog option.

Distribution

WebEDI supports the management of distributors communicating with manufacturers. The application actually provides a tool for managing the receipt, movement and distribution of inventory.

Reseller/Retailer EDI

The product catalog functionality is also ideal for requirements related to resellers or retailers needing to communicate inventory and sales information back to the manufacturer so the manufacturer can predict future demand. Typically 846 (inventory), 832 (product catalog), and 867 (sales) messages are used in this scenario.

Transportation

WebEDI allows for the processing of transportation related EDI messages indicating the status of shipments. These messages typically involve the 200 level EDI transaction sets, such as the 214 and 210.

EDIFACT

WebEDI supports both X12 and EDIFACT EDI standards. This gives the most flexibility in communicating via EDI worldwide.

HIPAA

WebEDI is an excellent HIPAA EDI implementation and rollout solution. It contains forms supporting the HIPAA EDI messages. In addition, the WebEDI security provides the needed secure environment for transferring sensitive patient information.

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***E-commerce solutions
that adapt to your
business processes***



***Simple and Powerful EDI
Solutions***

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DataTrans EDI Services

Not only can DataTrans implement WebEDI to automate your manual partners, but we can provide other EDI alternatives to suite their situation. For example, if a partner grows to a point where their volume warrants an integrated EDI solution, DataTrans can migrate the partner from WebEDI to our integrated EDI Outsourcing service. The following is a list of services offered by DataTrans.

- EDI outsourcing (mapping, translation, and monitoring services)
- High quality and affordable EDI software solutions
- WebEDI portal solution
- Comprehensive EDI Software Solutions
- Error identification and resolution
- Functional Acknowledgement reconciliation
- Web-based transaction and error reporting
- Application integration
- EDI to FAX messaging

Benefits of e-Community and WebEDI

- Rapid deployment of a solution to link all of your trading partners through your EDI infrastructure.
- Reduction in costs associated with manually processing data exchange with non-EDI partners
- Visibility to EDI activity through our Customer Web Page
- Communications of EDI mapping and other changes to one company to affect for multiple trading partners
- Monitoring & resolution services for translation and other errors that may occur
- Low initial and on-going EDI implementation costs
- WebEDI provides a valuable tool for managing communications of business data
- Instant access to an enterprise class EDI infrastructure and team
- Trusted, high quality infrastructure to provide consistent secure, reliable, and highly available EDI services.