

# WHAT IS EDI?

## ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE

EDI is the traditional way computers have exchanged standardised business documents electronically for decades. EDI software eliminates the need for human intervention between companies choosing to exchange documents and data electronically, rather than with paper. This reduces human error and increases speed of communication. The parties exchanging data electronically are called Trading Partners.

### Why is EDI important?

Standardisation across a digital supply chain ensures all trading partners benefit from easily understood, digitised information.



**MINIMISES ERROR**



**MAXIMISES EFFICIENCY**



**REDUCES DELIVERY TIME**



**SPEEDS INVOICE PAYMENT**

### HOW IT WORKS

ORDER TO INVOICE PROCESS

#### Without EDI:

- ✗ Orders raised manually, printed
- ✗ Paper orders sent by fax, post or email
- ✗ Orders re-keyed into Customers' systems
- ✗ Invoices raised manually, printed
- ✗ Paper invoices sent by fax, post or email

#### With EDI:

- ✓ Orders raised automatically, digitally
- ✓ Orders sent/received digitally in seconds
- ✓ Orders received digitally into Customers' systems
- ✓ Invoices raised automatically, digitally
- ✓ Invoices received digitally into Suppliers' systems



The process is: **real-time**, **secure** and **seamless**

### EDI improves so many processes...

#### Orders

- External/internal orders
- Responses
- Changes
- Cancellations

#### Invoicing

- Invoices
- Debit notes/credit notes
- Tax summaries
- Remittances

#### Master data

- Price lists
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party information
- Product data
- Catalogues

#### Shipping

- External/internal shipping notes
- Receipt advices
- Instruction to despatchers
- 3PL Transport instructions

#### Planning

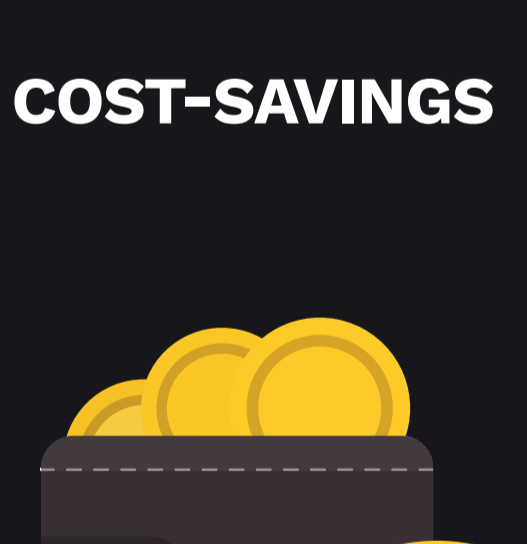
- Inventories
- Sales data
- Forecast data
- Vendor Managed Inventory

#### As well as...

- Quotes
- Business Intelligence
- Returns instruction
- HMRC RTI
- Payroll

### Benefits of EDI

#### COST-SAVINGS



UK grocers save £650m a year through the use of EDI\*

A further £200m could be saved by adopting despatch advices notes\*

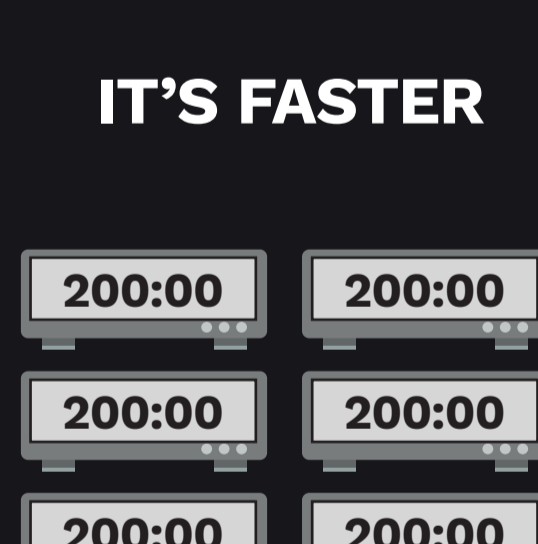
#### COST-BENEFITS



EDI saves businesses at least £14 per order and £8.50 per invoice\*

Adopting EDI despatch advices saves a further £12 per despatch advice\*

#### IT'S FASTER



The Danish government saves the equivalent of 2,000 man-hours per year\*

E-invoicing cuts 10 mins of time per invoice, saving UK retailers £100m a year\*

#### ELIMINATES PAPER



Paper-based manual trading processes are costly, inefficient and not sustainable.

#### IMPROVED ACCURACY



Up to 5% of data on a typical paper invoice is inaccurate\*

\* (GS1 UK)

### Getting started

Transalis OpenEDI™ is the next generation cloud EDI solution. OpenEDI allows the exchange of business documents, including structured and unstructured data, digitally across multiple devices. Using our secure, agile, cross platform Digital Delivery Network - Transalis DDNetwork™.

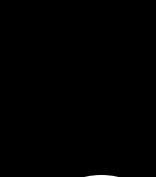
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