



Businesses Bridge Legacy EDI Systems with One Innovative, Cost-Effective Solution

Benefits

- ✓ Customers now only need one mapping, messaging and orchestration tool to handle all internal and external data transfers.
- ✓ Microsoft has a fully scalable and cost-effective EDI solution that allows even the smallest of trading partners to link their supply chain using EDI messages.
- ✓ Customers can now adopt a BizTalk framework, incorporate their existing EDI processes, and migrate to XML transactions at a pace that suits their business environment.
- ✓ By using BizTalk as a standard platform for enterprise application integration or B2B integration – as opposed to manually coding each individual interface – organizations will significantly reduce the cost of developing, managing, and enhancing those projects over time.
- ✓ BizTalk's process automation capabilities allow an organization to reduce administrative overhead and increase employee productivity.

Technical Specifications

- BizTalk Server 2002
- Microsoft SQL Server™ 2002
- BizTalk Framework version 2.0
- Covast EDI Accelerator for BizTalk Server
- 50 MB hard disk space
- 500 MB RAM
- VAN accounts activated
- Connection software for dial-up or other proprietary connections

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Situation

Do you currently employ a legacy EDI system that is costly, complex and inflexible? Or are you considering an EDI solution to connect with your trading partners but have been hesitant to move forward because of the high cost and inflexibility of legacy EDI solutions?

While businesses have discovered that e-commerce connections are an efficient way to conduct business transactions with their trading partners, traditionally 80% of these transactions are still based on EDI. Incorporating EDI transactions with a migration to strategic EAI solutions, such as BizTalk Server, has proven difficult for all EAI suppliers. As a result, disparate subsystems and expensive VAN connections have had to coexist with these new initiatives.

In order to bridge the gap from EDI to new EAI solutions, today's businesses require:

- ✓ Totally integrated EDI and EAI processes
- ✓ Support for all industry-specific and national EDI standards
- ✓ One system to handle all mapping, messaging and workflow
- ✓ Trading partner management that is simple to setup and maintain

Solution

Software Architects, in partnership with Covast and Microsoft, will provide you with one comprehensive, cost-effective solution that not only allows you to connect with your trading partners through EDI and XML transactions, but also allows you to leverage the robust Enterprise Application Integration (EAI) capabilities of Microsoft BizTalk Server.

Microsoft asked Covast to build its proven EDI engine into BizTalk Server's overall architecture to meet the critical need for a solution that will incorporate existing EDI processes. The result is Covast EDI Accelerator, a seamless extension of BizTalk Server's functionality designed to handle every type of B2B communication format and network. Now businesses need only one translation tool for all internal and external data structures and all the specific processing functionality required for EDI messages. The ability to link trading partners via any VAN, Internet or FTP connection delivers greater operational efficiencies and significant cost savings.

Software Architects, in partnership with Covast and Microsoft, will design and implement this innovative and cost-effective solution for your organization. We've solved the complex challenges of integrating back-office systems with trading partners for businesses across the United States. We fully understand the issues and are prepared to help your business today. Depending on the complexity of the trading partner transactions and the desired EAI capabilities, this solution will be implemented in a matter of weeks and at a fraction of the cost for traditional EDI and EAI solutions.

Getting Started

To find out more about this solution, please register for a free Webinar at www.covast.com/webcast.

If your organization is ready to move forward with this innovative solution, please contact us directly for a site visit during which we will discuss our low-cost proof-of-concept offering that will prove to you the capabilities of our solution.



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