



# EDI Transaction Management by Conextrade

Limitless data exchange with Conextrade, the GS1-certified clearing centre from Swisscom. Communicate with buyers and suppliers over a single interface, completely independent of the technologies and protocols used.

Cross-company electronic data interchange (EDI) is established across Europe and around the world and is becoming more and more important. The EDI data communication of orders, order confirmations and invoices has long been a strategic aim in many companies to allow processes to be carried out efficiently, with any media and hence cost-effectively. Companies are often faced with the question of whether they need to set up and maintain a direct connection to each trading partner (buyers and suppliers), i.e. provide the necessary resources or take advantage of the services of a clearing centre as a communications hub.

## Target group and requirements

The EDI Transaction Management service is aimed at purchasing companies and suppliers that would like to make their complete procurement process fully electronic and compatible with any media.

## Benefits

You can use electronic messaging with all trading partners who are connected to Conextrade or to any other clearing centre (interworking).

A single point of contact in the form of the interface to Conextrade allows you to create an efficient and powerful connection to your trading partners and hence significantly reduce your process and transaction costs.

## Services offered

Conextrade services, as part of EDI Transaction Management, provide access to the platform over various network and transfer protocols on the one hand, and,

on the other, guarantee the correct routing of documents between the trading partners. Data exchange takes place completely separately to hardware or software platforms and communications platforms. The services offered also include various components and integration solutions featuring different depths of integration, ranging from full integration – ERP to ERP – to WebEDI (portal). You can select whether the applications should be operated in-house at your company or on our premises as part of outsourcing.

## Individual B2B integration

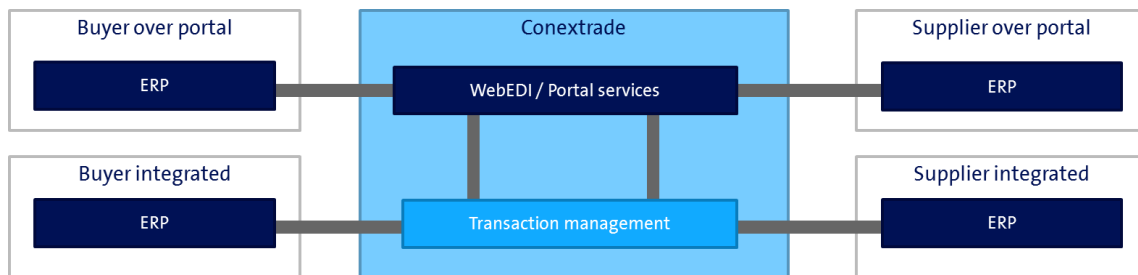
If you use electronic data interchange intensively, we recommend integrating your order processing system, i.e. your clearing centre into your customers' or suppliers' ordering systems.

The pre-conditions for the integrated exchange of business documents are created as part of a shared integration project. The objective and contents of a project of this nature are agreed and defined with you in advance. It does not matter which ERP or order processing system you use.

## Communications

Conextrade supports various network and transfer protocols and document formats. The formats and protocols supported can be seen on the EDI Transaction Management data sheet.

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## Central services

- > Routing, conversion and mapping  
You dispatch Conextrade documents that are forwarded to the appropriate trading partners using the address. Conextrade ensures that the correct routing takes place and is responsible for converting the various transfer protocols. Mapping of the various document standards also takes place. You and your trading partners maintain just one technical connection to Conextrade for your system environment, and you only need to support one document format.
- > Document tracking  
The tracking tool offers you an option for finding documents quickly and easily and querying their status. It also allows you to receive or download the documents again. The tracking tool provides you with complete transparency over your account. The tracking tool is a browser-based application that you call up over the Internet. You only need a web browser to do so.
- > WebEDI (portal services)  
WebEDI covers the entire ordering and invoicing process and already fulfils the requirements for E-Invoicing. Suppliers can transfer pure electronic and VAT-compliant invoices without the need for additional effort or investment.

You can view the characteristic of the central services on the EDI Transaction Management data sheet.

## High security

- > The clearing centre applications operate in a Swisscom data centre in accordance with modern security criteria. The high standards in place at our data centres guarantee that your data remains absolutely confidential and that the operations run smoothly.

## Benefits at a glance

- > Services tailored perfectly to your requirements
- > Future-oriented services based on insourcing and outsourcing technologies
- > Significant simplification of communication paths in the operative business (single point of entry)
- > Support for GS1 Ideal Messages
- > Worldwide community: thanks to interworking agreements we have in place with all key national and international clearing centres, you can reach almost every EDI trading partner with Conextrade
- > Investment protection for existing hardware and software, since your existing infrastructure can be used
- > Everything from a single source, from B2B integration to WebEDI (portal services)
- > Option to combine with other e-procurement services

