

Glossary

the Act	Enterprise Act 2002.
ANA	Article Number Association. An association of businesses set up to facilitate standardization across the supply chain.
Application interface software	Software that imports and exports data between in-house applications and the translation software .
Asda	Asda Stores Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. A subsidiary of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
AS2	Applicability Statement 2 is the draft specification standard by which applications communicate EDI messages (or other business data) over the internet using HTTP . AS2 provides security through digital signatures and data encryption and ensures reliable, non-repudiable delivery through the use of receipts. AS2 only specifies how to create a connection and transport data, not how to validate or process data. AS2 was developed as part of the IETF EDIINT (Internet Engineering Task Force EDI over the Internet) Work Group.
Atlas	Atlas Products International Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
AT&T	AT&T Corp., a company incorporated in New York, USA.
BT	British Telecommunications plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
Communication software	Software that allows communication, including data transmission with the VAN .
CC	Competition Commission.
Cleo	Cleo Communications, Inc.
Cyclone	Cyclone Commerce, Inc.
Computer application	Software that performs specific and relatively complex tasks and lets users create and modify documents. Some common types of applications are word processors, spreadsheets, databases, graphics programs, page layout software and communication programs.
Data Interchange	Data Interchange plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
Direct connect EDI	An EDI which does not rely on an intermediary. See point-to-point EDI .
EAI	Enterprise Application Integration. The use of software and architectural principles to integrate the application programs, databases and legacy systems involved in an organization's

	critical business processes.
EasyLink	EasyLink Services UK Ltd.
E-commerce	Electronic commerce. The conducting of business through electronic means such as EDI, email, fax and file transfer.
EDI	Electronic data interchange. The computer-to-computer transfer of business information using message standards.
EDI Communications Services	The relevant market for this inquiry. Includes point-to-point EDI , traditional EDI VANs , traditional EDI VANs accessed via the internet, web EDI , internet EDI VANs and point-to-point internet EDI .
EDI*Express	An EDI VAN service supplied by GXS .
EDIFACT	EDI for Administration, Commerce and Transport—a global standard supported by the UN. Due to its general nature, the EDIFACT standard has many subsets which define which particular parts of the EDIFACT standard are relevant to use. The subset which is promoted by GS1 UK in the UK is EANCOM.
EDI VAN	An EDI Value-Added Network (VAN) is a third-party service that acts as an electronic postal system for EDI transactions. VANs are equipped to accept a variety of telecommunications protocols, enabling connectivity between organizations with different telecommunications protocols.
EMEA	Europe, Middle East and Africa.
Encryption	A procedure for encoding data to make it indecipherable to an outside observer. The receiver of the encrypted data must use a decryption procedure to unscramble the data.
FP	Francisco Partners LP.
Freeway Commerce	Freeway Commerce Ltd, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
Freshlook	Freshlook Internet Commerce Company Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
GE	General Electric Company, Inc.
General Partner	A partner with unlimited legal responsibility for the debts and liabilities of a partnership.
G International	G International, Inc.
GS1 UK	The UK EDI association that replaced the ANA.
GXS	Global eXchange Services, Inc, or Global eXchange Services, Inc and its subsidiary companies, as the context requires.
GXS Ltd	Global eXchange Services Limited, a company incorporated in

England and Wales.

Harbinger Commerce	Harbinger Commerce Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Inovis, Inc.
Hardware	A coordinated grouping of electrical equipment that performs specific tasks as specified by its user. For example, printers, keyboards, monitors (screens) and the computer.
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol. The set of rules for exchanging files (text, graphic images, sound, video, and other multimedia files) on the World Wide Web. It has immediate request and response capabilities for documents that are time-sensitive in nature and require immediate acknowledgement of receipt.
IBM	International Business Machines Corporation.
ICC	Internet Commerce Corporation, a company incorporated in Delaware, USA.
ICC.net	ICC's internet-based VAN .
ICL	International Computers Ltd, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
ICS	Interchange Services. An EDI VAN service supplied by GXS .
Inovis	Inovis, Inc.
Interconnection	The transmission of EDI data from one VAN to another. Enables trading partners to use different VANs.
International Network Services	A subsidiary of International Computers Ltd.
Internet EDI VAN	Internet EDI Value Added Network. An intermediary providing EDI services using the internet as the underlying transmission infrastructure.
iSoft	iSoft Corporation.
Kewill Systems	Kewill Systems plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
Mailbox	A file storage area where data is placed until it can be retrieved by the intended receiver.
Misys	Misys Financial Systems Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
OFT	Office of Fair Trading.
Open standard	A standard that is widely used, consensus based, published and maintained by recognized industry standards organizations. It is developed collaboratively through due process, is vendor neutral and does not rely on commercial intellectual property.

Perwill	Perwill Plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
Point-to-point EDI	Refers to a type of communication where messages are sent directly from one trading partner to another without the use of a VAN .
Point-to-point internet EDI	Refers to a type of communication where messages are sent directly from one trading partner to another without the use of a VAN , using technologies such as AS2 .
Redux	Redux Acquisition Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability corporation.
Reseller	An EDI software provider that resells EDI VAN services in conjunction with its own software .
SAA Consultants	SAA Consultants Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
SBC Communications, Inc	SBC Communications, Inc., a company incorporated in Delaware, USA.
SeeBeyond	SeeBeyond (UK) Ltd, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
SLC	Substantial lessening of competition.
Software	Organized collections of computer data and instructions. Can be broken into two major categories: system software, which provides the basic non-task-specific functions of the computer, and application software, which is used by users to accomplish specific tasks.
SSP	Software Solutions Partners Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.
Standard	A specification for hardware , software , or data that is either widely used and accepted, or is sanctioned by a standards organization. Within EDI , the term 'standard' typically refers to the agreed-to format for exchanging business information.
Sterling Commerce	Sterling Commerce, Inc. A wholly-owned subsidiary of SBC Communications Inc.
Store and forward	See store and retrieve
Store and retrieve	The process of storing EDI transmissions in an electronic mailbox where they can be collected by the intended recipient.
Tibco	TIBCO Software, Inc.
Tradacoms	Message standards for data interchange between UK retailers and suppliers.

Tradanet	An EDI VAN service supplied by GXS .
Trading partner	A customer, supplier or other partner with whom business is conducted using EDI .
Traditional EDI VAN	An EDI VAN is essentially a ' store and forward ' mail boxing system, which manages the transfer of EDI information from one company to another. EDI messages are transmitted to the sending party's mailbox at the VAN . The VAN then takes those messages and places them in the mailbox of the receiving party, ready for collection. Originally, customers accessed the VAN via leased line telephone connections (traditional EDI VAN), although the advent of the internet has created an alternative method for accessing the VAN.
Translation software	Software used to convert data from the in-house format into the agreed EDI standard before transmission (or the reverse for incoming messages).
VAN	Value-added network. See EDI VAN .
Wal-Mart	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., a company incorporated in Delaware, USA.
Web EDI	An interface used by one trading partner that is a web page, but the other trading partner can process the transaction automatically, similarly to other EDI systems.
webMethods	webMethods, Inc.
XML	eXtensible Markup Language. A standard for marking-up data so as to clearly indicate its structure, generally in a way that indicates the meaning of different parts of it rather than how they will be displayed.