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“EDI”, short for Electronic Data Interchange, refers to the transfer of data between different companies using networks

The airline industry has employed EDI for over 20 years, most notably in the areas of OEM, MRO and fuel

The most commonly used formats are “SPEC2000” and “ANSI x12”

The most commonly used networks are SITA and ARINC

The benefits of EDI are well proven, but its complexity and costs has prevented widespread adoption by airlines and suppliers

“EDI” vs. “e-Invoicing”



EDI

- Invoice data is transmitted only
- EDI is expensive to deploy and maintain
- EDI requires the use of third party Value Added Networks (VANs) for data transmission
- EDI is a closed environment
- EDI often requires summary paper invoices for support

e-Invoicing

- e-Invoicing transmits data, presents the invoice for viewing, and routes for approval
- e-Invoicing is less expensive to deploy and maintain
- e-Invoicing uses the internet for delivery and presentation purposes
- e-Invoicing provides a shared environment for sellers and buyers
- e-Invoicing does not require paper for support