Reduce the Cost and Complexity of Connecting with Your Business Network

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Adapt your business network as your business grows

Companies rely on business networks now more than ever before, resulting in networks that are complex with longer supply chains and partners in multiple time zones. To stay on top of things, you need an affordable way to collaborate across the value chain – with suppliers, distributors, contract manufacturers, vendors, partners, government entities, and customers.

As your business grows, you need a flexible network that can adapt swiftly while enabling the exchange of structured and unstructured information. The problem is, traditional point-to-point integration and electronic data interchange (EDI) solutions are costly and take months for IT to build, limiting business agility.

What if you could dramatically reduce cost and complexity – without compromising the future of your business network? The SAP® Information Interchange OnDemand solution can help. Simply subscribe and plug in to the business network this software provides in order to transact with already more than 60,000 member companies in real time for fast, efficient, business-to-business e-commerce – regardless of data standards. Because of the extensive network and prebuilt profiles, you will be able to find and onboard partners with ease.

If you suspected there was a better way to engage in business-to-business e-commerce, you've just found it: SAP Information Interchange OnDemand.

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Creating point-to-point interfaces to communicate with each of your customers, partners, and suppliers takes far too much time and money – it can require weeks of effort and cost thousands of dollars per interface. So while you may invest in it for your biggest customers and suppliers, you likely can't afford to do it for your smaller suppliers and customers. And yet conducting business with them manually is also expensive, as well as unreliable and time-consuming.

Instead, simplify your IT landscape. SAP Information Interchange OnDemand is a fixed-price, full-service offering with cloud-based deployment. There's no rip and replace, no long wait. You simply connect once and get instant access to a growing, open, industry-optimized global business network at a predictable cost.

By making your company more compliant and compatible within your business network, SAP Information Interchange OnDemand enables you to eliminate expensive, point-to-point integrations and to connect cost-effectively with small and large partners for maximum participation. At the same time, you can budget the cost accurately due to the software's fixed-price, subscription-based model.

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With SAP Information Interchange OnDemand, you can simplify your network infrastructure and comply automatically with government and partner mandates for e-commerce. This on-demand software is easy to extend using predefined content for partner profiles that enables automatic business-to-business information exchange, transaction execution, and collaboration with any business in the business network. You simply integrate and reuse these profiles, which are stored in a repository, to comply with any partner's business-to-business or EDI request. An industry-optimized network keeps partner profiles up-to-date for you, making compliance easier than ever.

In addition, SAP Information Interchange OnDemand is preintegrated with business applications such as the SAP ERP application, the SAP Business ByDesign® solution, and SAP Business Suite applications for lines of business and industries. Leveraging this integration, you can better support mission-critical processes – for example, by unifying the management of all of your processes and departments across the board.

You can also leverage standardized, prepackaged best practices for multiple lines of business and functions. These best practices help you drive process improvements – for instance, by supporting compliance with customer and government mandates and enabling a more responsive supply chain.

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A steady flow of new products and services – not to mention suppliers and customers with varying data exchange requirements – keeps your network in constant flux. You need a fast, simple, and consistent way to comply with any business-to-business or EDI request without having to build, deploy, or modify a point-to-point integration for each one.

SAP Information Interchange OnDemand lets you plug and play with new partners almost instantly using prebuilt partner profiles. You can expand partnerships without putting demands on your in-house IT resources. The solution automatically updates process, compliance, regulation, and partner interface changes, saving you valuable time and effort. And ready-to-run business-to-business content maintained over the data lifecycle keeps your business network in good hands. For example, the solution supplies an extensive library of data formats that enable quick, efficient connections with any trading partner.

For companies doing business in countries with compliance mandates concerning electronic invoicing, you can extend the solution with our fixed-cost, cloud-based SAP E-Invoicing for Compliance OnDemand solution. With this software, you can electronically exchange invoices with customers and suppliers, meeting compliance regulations while saving time and money.

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With SAP Information Interchange OnDemand, you'll have instant access to an open, industry-optimized global business network with over 60,000 partners. And you'll have the freedom to scale affordably as your business changes and grows – for example, you can try out partners without investing high costs in onboarding them. You can just as easily move to other partners without losing integration investments or changing network standards.

At the same time, you'll benefit from:

- Higher partner participation for greater return on investment
- Greater network reach that includes people-to-people business and social collaboration
- High-quality, real-time insight into financial and supply chain network data delivered in a context that drives business change
- Reduced compliance risk due to automatic partner profile updates

Jump-start your way to fast, efficient, business-to-business commerce with your entire business network.

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Summary

With the SAP® Information Interchange OnDemand solution, you can dramatically reduce the cost and complexity of connecting and collaborating with your suppliers, customers, and distributors. Use it to connect instantly to a vast business network that supports transactions with already more than 60,000 global partners. As your business grows and evolves, you can quickly and cost-effectively onboard additional partners – large or small – for maximum partner participation and business value.

Objectives

- Reduce the cost of integrating with partners and customers
- Minimize process breakdowns and compliance violations
- Increase business agility

Solution

- Extended business network access that includes over 60,000 global partners
- Secure information exchange of structured and unstructured information without complex, point-to-point interfaces
- Rapid partner onboarding using prebuilt partner profiles

Benefits

- Reduced cost of integrating with partners by eliminating point-to-point integration interfaces
- Simplified IT for business-to-business commerce using reusable profiles to connect with trading partners
- Broader partner participation through a fast, affordable connection with partners

Learn more

To find out more, visit www.sap.com/solutions/technology/cloud/information-interchange-on-demand/index.epx.

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