

EDS*ELIT Communications Services

Part of EDS E.business Exchange Services

Extend your enterprise data to your global trading community

What is EDS*ELIT Communications Services?

EDS*ELIT (pronounced “EDS elite”) is the acronym for EDS ELectionic Information Transfer. EDS*ELIT Communications Services allows you, your suppliers, and your customers to access and exchange critical data over a single secure, global network. These highly flexible services support EDI, EFT, and unlimited other types of data transfer. EDS*ELIT also supports multiple platforms, network protocols, data communications protocols, and interconnections with commercial Value-Added Networks (VANs). It’s a key part of EDS E.business Exchange Services, a suite of services that enable the seamless flow of information and payments in your global digital trading community.

Business value

With EDS*ELIT, your trading partners can access your data no matter what environments they’re using. That universal access translates to a wealth of benefits: faster communications, improved collaboration, and increased efficiencies across your trading community. And since EDS*ELIT is a unified, centrally managed infrastructure, you minimize the cost and complexity of maintaining multiple infrastructures.

Technical solution overview

EDS*ELIT is built on sender, recipient, and store-and-forward mailbox technology. To use EDS*ELIT, trading partners first configure

themselves as network users and log in. Then, they send data in any format. EDS*ELIT archives the data, copies it into intermediate storage, and forwards it when the destination is ready to receive it.

Transmitted data is compressed to increase throughput and reduce costs. Should transmission fail, the data is automatically retransmitted from the point of failure.

During transmission, data resides in an “envelope” that specifies a destination address. If no direct destination is specified, the data is routed through intermediate sites. At each stage of the routing, EDS*ELIT records statistical information.

The data arrives to the recipient in two ways: to a job or application at the destination computer, or to a mailbox or other specified storage. As needed, the data is routed through an interconnect gateway to a recipient within another VAN.

Underlying services—24/7 central monitoring, reporting, and help desk support—ensure superior network performance, security, and availability.

The competitive advantage

You see ongoing savings through dramatically reduced transmission costs and fewer network management burdens. Add improved communications and deeper business ties with your trading partners, and the implications are clear: EDS*ELIT helps you compete better for your market. And win.

Features

Multiple platform and network protocols supported

MVS, UNIX, NT, VM, VSE, Tandem, AS/400, VAX

SNA, TCP/IP, Bisync, Async

Multiple data communications protocols supported

FTP, FTP/s, HTTP, E-5, LU 6.2, RJE, RSCS, X12.56 Mailbag, Cisco

Any data format supported

Global reach

17 VAN interconnections

24/7 support and help desk services

Available combination with in-network translation services

Benefits

Leverage and rapidly deploy a cost-effective global communications solution

Improve efficiencies within your trading community

Accelerate processing of fund transfers, invoices, and more

Deepen business relationships with your partners

Advantages

Reduce communications costs and enjoy easy-to-understand, competitive pricing

Strengthen your competitive position in your industry



Overview

A reliable, cost-effective, flexible data communications solution

EDS*ELIT allows your global trading partners to communicate as one. That's because they enjoy the supreme flexibility to exchange data electronically in any format through virtually any communications, network, or platform protocols. Cutting-edge security, 24/7 support, and dramatic cost savings add further value. The upshot: EDS*ELIT a powerful way for you to achieve success in the digital economy.

Benefits and advantages

Reduce EDI costs while maintaining reliable data transfer

Global network capability

Doing business and competing successfully in today's global marketplace requires a network with worldwide connectivity. A network like EDS*ELIT. It can handle data files whether they're bound for sites around the block or halfway around the world.

Flexibility

EDS*ELIT not only supports unlimited data formats but also a variety of communications protocols and platforms. What's more, files can be sent to mailboxes or routed to other networks.

Reduced EDI costs

With EDS*ELIT, you pay only for actual file volume transmitted plus a flat per-file charge. There are no hidden, hard-to-understand fees of any

kind. Discounted rates are available for high-volume transmissions. And our rates are lower than those of most other Value-Added Networks (VANs)

Knowledgeable support teams

Experienced EDS*ELIT help desk professionals are available 24/7 to resolve problems and answer questions. System engineers and developers are available during normal business hours for additional support.

A safe, secure environment

Any user dialing in to EDS*ELIT must enter a valid password. And transmitted files are kept safe by ACF2 and RACF, industry-leading security programs. The result: EDS*ELIT is more secure than the Internet.

What are some of the most important technical features of EDS*ELIT?

Network reliability, global reach, and superior flexibility. To maintain that flexibility, our experienced EDS*ELIT developers are constantly implementing the newest technology.

How can EDS*ELIT give my company a competitive edge?

Reduced TCO. Thanks to lower transmission and network management costs, you can redirect resources toward your core business.

Why is EDS*ELIT superior to other VAN services?

It provides the tools, technology, and expertise to manage the flow of all your information. Notably, EDS*ELIT software interacts with other applications to kick off jobs or update databases, and it interfaces with virtually any file transfer software. Most VANs specify only one or two possible interfaces.

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