

EDIFACT Select Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is EDIFACT a standard?

A: Yes. The standards are created and maintained by the United Nations and IATA.

Q: What is EDIFACT Select?

A: A business solution that provides a method to integrate data from Galileo International host system, Galileo™ to create applications, using structured data. Structured data is delivered using EDIFACT standard message formats. EDIFACT Select provides the customers with the ability to create their own transparent interface to the Galileo system to utilize the power of Galileo.

Q: What is EDIFACT?

A: EDIFACT is an international standard maintained by the United Nations and IATA to allow cross-platform formatting of information for display, and can be developed on any software/hardware platform.

Q: What is included as part of the Software Development Kit (SDK) and product?

A: The EDIFACT Select software development kit includes documentation on the complete suite of functionality provided by EDIFACT Select. For developers, a dedicated technical help desk is provided to assist with technical problems found while development is in progress.

Q: What programming languages are supported?

A: With EDIFACT Select, programming can be written in the language of the customer's choice. EDIFACT Select is platform-independent.

Q: What type of line is used to communicate to the host?

A: EDIFACT Select supports X.25. SNA LU6.2 with TCP/IP is currently in development.

Q: Who are the customers for EDIFACT Select?

A: Large travel agencies, third-party vendors, consolidators, e-commerce and software houses/system suppliers are just some of the customers for EDIFACT Select. Essentially, anyone who wants to create an interface to the Galileo system for real-time reservations functions.

Q: Why would a customer use EDIFACT Select?

A: EDIFACT Select is designed for customers who want to integrate the power of Galileo into their own custom applications using structured data. EDIFACT Select meets the needs of customers who want to: Integrate CRS data with their own applications using structured data. *Create interfaces to the Galileo system from their own application. Use their own software/hardware. Require an API from Galileo that is platform-independent. Support multiple users accessing Galileo simultaneously. Benefit from the improved performance and functionality inherent to structured data transactions. Possess the necessary technical expertise

to create their own applications. Implement applications across multiple geographical markets. Use a standard data interface to our content and services.

Q: Will new structured data functionality be made available in the future?

A: New and enhanced EDIFACT transactions will be included in the future releases of EDIFACT Select.

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