

What is EDIFACT Select?

The Galileo™ system EDIFACT Select product is an Application Programming Interface (API) that integrates data exclusively from the Galileo host system into a customer's own system, using structured data. Structured data is delivered using the EDIFACT international standard message formats. This provides instant access from your own system, and uses your own commands to book all air, car and hotel inventory available on Galileo up to the latest possible moment.

Companies such as tour operators, consolidators and internet sites utilize this technology to connect their own in-house applications to the Galileo Central System. This allows you to control the entire booking creation and modification process on Galileo whilst still using your own application with your own unique commands.

Galileo supports both X.25 and SNA LU6.2 communications protocols for connections using the EDIFACT Select product.

EDIFACT Select Product Information

EDIFACT Select is designed for customers who wish to integrate GDS data with their own in-house systems using structured data. Typical customers include Tour Operators, Consolidators, Web sites, and Software Houses / System suppliers.

EDIFACT Select meets the needs of customers who:

- Have a system and equipment they wish to use in conjunction with accessing the Galileo host system.
- Have users connected to their own system – these may include Travel Agents, Internet users, and/or in-house users.
- Want to integrate data from the host into their own systems using EDIFACT structured data.
- Need to support simultaneous multiple user access to the Galileo™ host.
- Have their own dedicated systems development expertise or contract this from a third party software house or systems supplier.
- Require access to the system for host functionality, but do not need additional added-value applications at the workstation level.

Maximise Sales and Increase Business Efficiency

The increasing demand from consumers for more complex individually tailored itineraries and later bookings means that tour operators, consolidators and web sites need to offer a wider range and choice of products than ever before. In many markets, there is also a growing trend to

increase the level of automated distribution to travel agents, to help increase market penetration and lower costs.

Companies experiencing these trends in consumer demand and/or automated distribution need fast and efficient access to a wider choice of inventory (air, car and hotel) right up to the latest possible moment.

EDIFACT Select allows you to integrate your own applications with Galileo and have complete control over the presentation and processing of the information and booking capability that Galileo provides. As your business grows, EDIFACT Select also provides you with the immediate flexibility to increase the number of simultaneous sessions or accesses you require to Galileo, over your existing connection.

Existing users of the Galileo EDIFACT Select product have experienced significant increases in their booking volumes, especially in their last minute sales. They have also seen the benefits of greater business efficiency, by reducing the administrative tasks of re-keying in CRS data, reducing the need for additional telephone calls, and faxing to vendors. In addition, it reduces the need for your staff to have specialized CRS training.

What is EDIFACT?

EDIFACT is an acronym for **E**lectronic **D**ata **I**nterchange **F**or **A**dministration, **C**ommerce and **T**ransport. It is an international standard used in many industries including travel.

EDIFACT Select makes use of EDIFACT structured data messages developed by both **IATA** and the **United Nations**. Each function has a 'requester' and 'response' message.

All Galileo EDIFACT messages are version controlled. Version control is maintained using the IATA convention of year (98, 99, 00 etc.) followed by the version number of that year. There are a maximum of two versions released (1 or 2) and this versioning is defined in the UNH header of the EDIFACT message.

When major functionality upgrades are released, a new version of the EDIFACT message will also be released. Developers are encouraged to move to the latest versions in order to enjoy the very latest functionality.

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