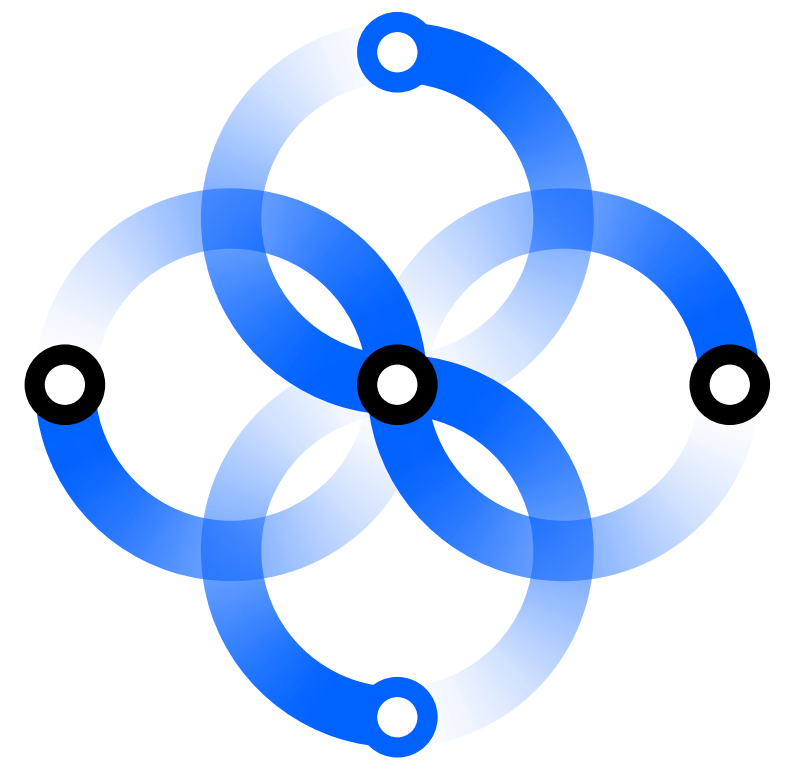


# Advantages of an EDI strategy with a value-added network

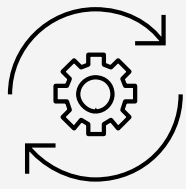


Today's supply chains are complex. Every order includes dozens of ever-changing transactions and documents. Every interaction with customers, suppliers, financial institutions and other trading partners represents one piece of the puzzle.

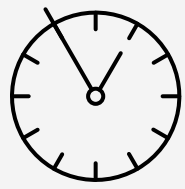
How does your organization consolidate the information needed to understand the status of an order or other process in your supply chain?

EDI = electronic data interchange

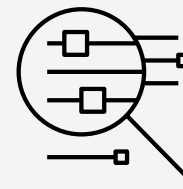
## Are you finding it more difficult to:



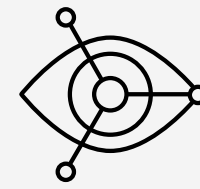
Control costs of maintaining critical supply chain systems and connections?



Meet service level agreements (SLAs) due to downtime with your current B2B network?



Manage B2B integration technologies due to a lack of internal EDI skills and resources?



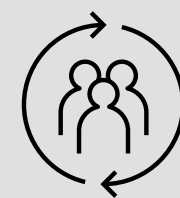
Improve visibility into the status of exchanges so that business users can quickly respond to customers and suppliers?

## IBM Supply Chain Business Network can help.

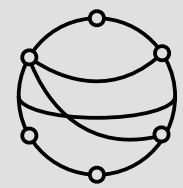
The value-added network leverages the cloud to help streamline connectivity and protocols standards needed to enable frictionless B2B collaboration. With Supply Chain Business Network, you don't need to have EDI expertise to connect with customers, including smaller partners. And you can easily automate phone, fax and email documents to provide self-service visibility for business users.

**Learn more by contacting an IBM Business Partner.**

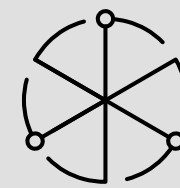
## Supply Chain Business Network offers:



**400,000+**  
pre-connected trading partners



**Billions**  
of global documents exchanged annually



**24x7x365**  
always-on uptime/reliability

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