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## Chapter 1

# Introduction

This chapter introduces you to the UN/EDIFACT OTD Library User's Guide.

### 1.1 **Overview**

Each of the eGate Object Type Definition (OTD) libraries contains sets of pre-built structures for industry-standard formats. The UN/EDIFACT OTD Library is one of the producst within the SeeBeyond Technology Corporation<sup>™</sup> (SeeBeyond<sup>™</sup>) ICAN Suite. The OTD library contains message definitions for EDIFACT messages. This document gives a brief overview of both EDIFACT and the EDIFACT message structures that are provided, and provides information on installing and using the OTD library.

# **1.2** Intended Reader

The reader of this guide is presumed to be a developer or system administrator with responsibility for maintaining the SeeBeyond ICAN Suite (such as eGate Integrator and eXchange Integrator), to have familiarity with Windows operations and administration, and to be thoroughly familiar with Microsoft Windows graphical user interfaces.

# **1.3 Compatible Systems**

The UN/EDIFACT OTD Library is available on the following platforms:

- Microsoft Windows 2000, Windows XP, and Windows 2003
- Sun Solaris 8 and Solaris 9
- IBM AIX 5L Version 5.1 and AIX 5L Version 5.2
- HP-UX 11.0 and HP-UX 11i (PA-RISC)
- HP Tru64 UNIX Version 5.1A
- Red Hat Linux 8 (Intel Version) and Linux Advanced Server 2.1 (Intel version)

# 1.4 **Document Organization**

This document is organized topically as follows:

- **Chapter 1 "Introduction"** gives a general preview of this document, its purpose, scope, and organization.
- **Chapter 2 "Overview of UN/EDIFACT"** provides an overview of UN/EDIFACT, including examples of a batch message and a segment table, along with additional information about their components, structure, and validation rules.
- **Chapter 3 "Installation"** explains how to install UN/EDIFACT files and where to find them after installation.
- **Chapter 4 "UN/EDIFACT OTD Library"** lists sample file and directory names in the UN/EDIFACT OTD Library.
- Chapter 5 "Working With the EDIFACT OTDs" provides instructions and examples on how to load, view, and test EDIFACT OTDs.
- **Chapter 6 "Java Methods for EDIFACT OTDs"** lists and explains the bean nodes and Java methods that can be used to extend the functionality of the OTDs in the library.

# **1.5 Writing Conventions**

The following writing conventions are observed throughout this document.

### **Table 1**Writing Conventions

Text	Convention	Example
Names of buttons, files, menus and menu items, icons, parameters, variables, methods, and objects	Bold text	<ul> <li>Select the logicalhost.exe file.</li> <li>On the File menu, click Exit.</li> <li>Enter the timeout value.</li> <li>Use the getClassName() method.</li> </ul>
Command-line arguments, code samples	Fixed font. Variables are shown in <i>bold italic</i> .	bootstrap -f -p <b>password</b>
Hypertext links	Blue text	<ul> <li>For more information, see "Writing Conventions" on page 9.</li> <li>http://www.seebeyond.com</li> </ul>

### **Additional Conventions**

### Windows Systems

For the purposes of this guide, references to "Windows" will apply to Microsoft Windows Server 2003, Windows XP, and Windows 2000.

### Path Name Separator

This guide uses the backslash ("") as the separator within path names. If you are working on a UNIX system, please make the appropriate substitutions.

# **1.6** Supporting Documents

The following SeeBeyond documents provide additional information about eGate and the ICAN system:

- SeeBeyond ICAN Suite Installation Guide
- SeeBeyond ICAN Suite Primer
- SeeBeyond ICAN Suite Deployment Guide
- eGate Integrator User's Guide
- eGate Integrator Tutorial
- eGate Integrator System Administration Guide
- eXchange Integrator User's Guide
- HIPAA OTD Library User's Guide
- X12 OTD Library User's Guide

You can also refer to the appropriate Microsoft Windows or UNIX documents, if necessary.

# 1.7 SeeBeyond Web Site

The SeeBeyond Web site is your best source for up-to-the-minute product news and technical support information. The site's URL is:

http://www.seebeyond.com

# 1.8 UN/ECE Web Site

UN/ECE, the United Nations Economic Commission of Europe, is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations. The UN/ECE Web site contains technical information concerning rules, standards, recent UN/EDIFACT directories, syntax, and so forth. The site's URL is:

http://www.unece.org/trade/untdid/welcome.htm

# **Overview of UN/EDIFACT**

This chapter presents an overview of UN/EDIFACT, including examples of a batch message and a segment table, along with additional information about their components, structure, and validation rules.

# 2.1 UN/EDIFACT Components

UN/EDIFACT stands for United Nations/Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport. It is a standard, developed for the electronic exchange of machine-readable information between businesses.

The UN/EDIFACT Working Group (EWG) develops, maintains, interprets, and promotes the proper use of the UN/EDIFACT standard. UN/EDIFACT is broadly used in Europe and other parts of the world.

UN/EDIFACT messages are structured according to very strict rules. Messages are in ASCII format. The standard defines all these message elements, their sequence, and also their grouping.

The UN/EDIFACT OTD Library allows eGate and eXchange customers to easily visualize the structures within a graphical user interface and to build up business rules (Collaborations) through drag and drop technology.

#### OTDs

OTDs define the structure and syntax of message formats that are used to identify, validate, and translate message data content. OTDs also contain **.jar** files, which function much like .zip files inasmuch as they compress and store Java **.class** files. The **.class** files support message, parsing, and validation. Java also uses a Standard Exchange Format (SEF) file, which allows users to add extra validation scripts.

#### **UN/EDIFACT** messages

UN/EDIFACT publishes the messages for each version separately from the envelopes (header and trailer segments) that are used with those messages.

The messages are published on the Web at:

http://www.gefeg.com/en/standard/edifact/index.htm

The envelopes are published on the Web at:

http://www.gefeg.com/jswg/

A new version of UN/EDIFACT messages is released twice a year, containing most of the messages in the previous version, plus any new messages that have been approved by the standards organization. The envelopes are updated with a new version infrequently.

### UN/EDIFACT messages

Java uses a secondary UN/EDIFACT format that is different from the standard UN/EDIFACT format. The secondary format uses a SEF file, which has structure, as well as methods and functions that can act upon the message.

### 2.1.1 Message Structure

The term *message structure* (also called a transaction set structure) refers to the way in which data elements are organized and related to each other for a particular EDI transaction.

In eGate, a message structure is called an Object Type Definition (OTD). Each message structure (OTD) consists of the following:

Physical hierarchy

The predefined way in which envelopes, segments, and data elements are organized to describe a particular UN/EDIFACT EDI transaction.

Delimiters

The specific predefined characters that are used to mark the beginning and end of envelopes, segments, and data elements.

Properties

The characteristics of a data element, such as the length of each element, default values, and indicators that specify attributes of a data element—for example, whether it is required, optional, or repeating.

The transaction set structure of an invoice that is sent from one trading partner to another defines the header, trailer, segments, and data elements required by invoice transactions. The EDIFACT OTD Library for a specific version includes transaction set structures for each of the transactions available in that version. You can use these structures as provided, or customize them to suit your business needs.

eGate Integrator uses Object Type Definitions based on EDIFACT message structures to verify that the data in the messages coming in or going out is in the correct format. There is a message structure for eachUN/EDIFACT transaction.

The list of transactions provided is different for each version of UN/EDIFACT.

# 2.1.2 Messages

As an example, Table 2 below lists the batch messages, along with their function, that are defined in version D00A:

Name	Function
APERAK	Application error and acknowledgement message
AUTHOR	Authorization message
BALANC	Balance message
BANSTA	Banking status message
BAPLIE	Bayplan/stowage plan occupied and empty locations message
BAPLTE	Bayplan/stowage plan total numbers message
BERMAN	Berth management message
BMISRM	Bulk marine inspection summary report message
BOPBNK	Bank transactions and portfolio transactions report message
BOPCUS	Balance of payment customer transaction report message
BOPDIR	Direct balance of payment declaration message
BOPINF	Balance of payment information from customer message
BUSCRD	Business credit report message
CALINF	Vessel call information message
CASINT	Request for legal administration action in civil proceedings message
CASRES	Legal administration response in civil proceedings message
CHACCO	Chart of accounts message
CLASET	Classification information set message
CNTCND	Contractual conditions message
COACSU	Commercial account summary message
COARRI	Container discharge/loading report message
CODECO	Container gate-in/gate-out report message
CODENO	Permit expiration/clearance ready notice message 5
COEDOR	Container stock report message
COHAOR	Container special handling order message
COLREQ	Request for a documentary collection message
COMDIS	Commercial dispute message
CONAPW	Advice on pending works message
CONDPV	Direct payment valuation message
CONDRA	Drawing administration message

Table 2	Batch	Messages	Defined	in	Version D00A
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Name	Function
CONDRO	Drawing organization message
CONEST	Establishment of contract message
CONITT	Invitation to tender message
CONPVA	Payment valuation message
CONQVA	Quantity valuation message
CONRPW	Response of pending works message
CONTEN	Tender message
CONWQD	Work item quantity determination message
СОРАҮМ	Contributions for payment
COPARN	Container announcement message
COPINO	Container pre-notification message
COPRAR	Container discharge/loading order message
COREOR	Container release order message
COSTCO	Container stuffing/stripping confirmation message
COSTOR	Container stuffing/stripping order message
CREADV	Credit advice message
CREEXT	Extended credit advice message
CREMUL	Multiple credit advice message
CUSCAR	Customs cargo report message
CUSDEC	Customs declaration message
CUSEXP	Customs express consignment declaration message
CUSPED	Periodic customs declaration message
CUSREP	Customs conveyance report message
CUSRES	Customs response message
DEBADV	Debit advice message
DEBMUL	Multiple debit advice message
DEBREC	Debts recovery message
DELFOR	Delivery schedule message
DELJIT	Delivery just in time message
DESADV	Despatch advice message
DESTIM	Equipment damage and repair estimate message
DGRECA	Dangerous goods recapitulation message
DIRDEB	Direct debit message
DIRDEF	Directory definition message
DMRDEF	Data maintenance status report/query message

Name	Function	
DMSTAT	Data maintenance status report/query message	
DOCADV	Documentary credit advice message	
DOCAMA	Advice of an amendment of a documentary credit message	
DOCAMI	Documentary credit amendment information message	
DOCAMR	Request for an amendment of a documentary credit message	
DOCAPP	Documentary credit application message	
DOCARE	Response to an amendment of a documentary credit message	
DOCINF	Documentary credit issuance information message	
ENTREC	Accounting entries message	
FINCAN	Financial cancellation message	
FINPAY	Multiple interbank funds transfer message	
FINSTA	Financial statement of an account message	
GENRAL	General purpose message	
GESMES	Generic statistical message	
HANMOV	Cargo/goods handling and movement message	
IFCSUM	Forwarding and consolidation summary message	
IFTCCA	Forwarding and transport shipment charge calculation message	
IFTDGN	Dangerous goods notification message	
IFTFCC	International transport freight costs and other charges message	
IFTIAG	Dangerous cargo list message	
IFTMAN	Arrival notice message	
IFTMBC	Booking confirmation message	
IFTMBF	Firm booking message	
IFTMBP	Provisional booking message	
IFTMCA	Consignment advice message	
IFTMCS	Instruction contract status message	
IFTMIN	Instruction message	
IFTRIN	Forwarding and transport rate information message	
IFTSAI	Forwarding and transport schedule and availability information message	
IFTSTA	International multimodal status report message	
IFTSTQ	International multimodal status request message	
IMPDEF	EDI implementation guide definition message	

Name	Function	
INFENT	Enterprise accounting information message	
INSDES	Instruction to despatch message	
INSPRE	Insurance premium message	
INSREQ	Inspection request message	
INSRPT	Inspection report message	
INVOIC	Invoice message	
INVRPT	Inventory report message	
IPPOAD	Insurance policy administration message	
IPPOMO	Motor insurance policy message	
ITRRPT	In transit report detail message	
JAPRES	Job application result message	
JINFDE	Job information demand message	
JOBAPP	Job application proposal message	
JOBCON	Job order confirmation message	
JOBMOD	Job order modification message	
JOBOFF	Job order message	
JUPREQ	Justified payment request message	
LEDGER	Ledger message	
LREACT	Life reinsurance activity message	
LRECLM	Life reinsurance claims message	
MEDPID	Person identification message	
MEDPRE	Medical prescription message	
MEDREQ	Medical service request message	
MEDRPT	Medical service report message	
MEDRUC	Medical resource usage and cost message	
MEQPOS	Means of transport and equipment position message	
MOVINS	Stowage instruction message	
MSCONS	Metered services consumption report message	
ORDCHG	Purchase order change request message	
ORDERS	Purchase order message	
ORDRSP	Purchase order response message	
OSTENQ	Order status enquiry message	
OSTRPT	Order status report message	
PARTIN	Party information message	
PAXLST	Passenger list message	

Name	Function
PAYDUC	Payroll deductions advice message
PAYEXT	Extended payment order message
PAYMUL	Multiple payment order message
PAYORD	Payment order message
PRICAT	Price/sales catalogue message
PRIHIS	Pricing history message
PROCST	Project cost reporting message
PRODAT	Product data message
PRODEX	Product exchange reconciliation message
PROINQ	Product inquiry message
PROSRV	Product service message
PROTAP	Project tasks planning message
PRPAID	Insurance premium payment message
QALITY	Quality data message
QUOTES	Quote message
RDRMES	Raw data reporting message
REBORD	Reinsurance bordereau message
RECADV	Receiving advice message
RECALC	Reinsurance calculation message
RECECO	Credit risk cover message
RECLAM	Reinsurance claims message
RECORD	Reinsurance core data message
REGENT	Registration of enterprise message
RELIST	Reinsured objects list message
REMADV	Remittance advice message
REPREM	Reinsurance premium message
REQDOC	Request for document message
REQOTE	Request for quote message
RESETT	Reinsurance settlement message
RESMSG	Reservation message
RETACC	Reinsurance technical account message
RETANN	Announcement for returns message
RETINS	Instruction for returns message
RPCALL	Repair call message
SAFHAZ	Safety and hazard data message

Name	Function
SANCRT	International movement of goods governmental regulatory message
SLSFCT	Sales forecast message
SLSRPT	Sales data report message
SOCADE	Social administration message
SSIMOD	Modification of identity details message
SSRECH	Worker's insurance history message
SSREGW	Notification of registration of a worker message 1
STATAC	Statement of account message
STLRPT	Settlement transaction reporting message
SUPCOT	Superannuation contributions advice message
SUPMAN	Superannuation maintenance message
SUPRES	Supplier response message
TANSTA	Tank status report message
TAXCON	Tax control message
TPFREP	Terminal performance message
VATDEC	Value added tax message
VESDEP	Vessel departure message
WASDIS	Waste disposal information message
WKGRDC	Work grant decision message
WKGRRE	Work grant request message

Table 2	<b>Batch Messages</b>	Defined in	Version D00A	(Continued)
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# 2.1.3 Segment Table

A key section for each document appears at the end of each message. Here you can find a segment table displaying the message structure which shows the order of segments and the manner in which they repeat. See the example of an APERAK transaction below.

*Note:* For information on specific messages, see the United Nations Web site and view the message type by code. The URL is:

http://www.unece.org/trade/untdid/

4.3.1	Segment table		
Pos	Tag Name	S	R
0010 0020 0030 0040 0050	UNH Message header BGM Beginning of message DTM Date/time/period FTX Free text CNT Control total	M C C C	1 1 9 9 9
0060 0070 0080	ÄÄÄÄÄ Segment group 1 ÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄ	C M C	99ÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄää 1
0090 0100 0110	ÄÄÄÄÄ Segment group 2 ÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄ	C M C	9ÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄää 1
0120 0130 0140 0150	ÄÄÄÄÄ Segment group 3 ÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄ	C M C C	9ÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄ 1 3 9 3 9ÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄ
0160 0170 0180	ÄÄÄÄÄ Segment group 4 ÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄ	C M C	999999ÄÄÄÄÄÄää 1 3 1 3
0190 0200 0210 0220	ÄÄÄÄÄ Segment group 5 ÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄ	C M C M	9ÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄäää 1 <sup>3 3</sup> 9ÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄÄ 1

The "S" column indicates whether the loop or segment is "M" (mandatory) or "C" (conditional).

The "R" column indicates the maximum number of repetitions of the segment or loop.

The "Å"(A-umlaut) can be interpreted as a horizontal line; it indicates the first and last segments in a loop.

The "i," "3," and " $\dot{U}$ " characters at the end of some lines indicate the first, continuing, and last segments of a loop respectively. Where there are more than one "3" at the end of a line, there are nested loops.

### 2.1.4 **Loops**

A loop consists of two or more data segments that contain a block of information (for example: company name, street address, mailing address, city, state, and zip code) that can repeat multiple times.

• Locate the fields by specifying:

- Transaction set (for example, APERAK)
- Loop (for example, segment group 1)
- Which occurrence of the loop

- Segment (for example, DOC)
- Field number (for example, DOC00)
- Which occurrence of the segment (if repeating)

## 2.1.5 Envelopes

UN/EDIFACT publishes the envelope segments in the separate syntax document with independent version numbers. For example, either syntax version 3 or syntax version 4 can be used with any version of the messages. v3 and v4 are two separate interchange envelope syntax versions, and do not dictate the message modes (batch and interactive). v3 is outdated and only handles batch messages, whereas v4 can handle batch or interactive messages.

*Note:* Interactive messages first appeared in the D96B message directory release.

X12		ENVELOPE	UN/EDIFACT Batch Messages		UN/EDIFACT Interactive Messages	
start	end		start	end	start	end
ISA	IEA	Interchange Envelope	UNA/UNB	UNZ	UNA/UIB	UIZ
GS	GE	Functional Group Envelope	UNG	UNE	N/A	N/A
ST	SE	Message Envelope	UNH	UNT	UIH	UIT

 Table 3
 Comparison BetweenX12 and UN/EDIFACT Envelopes

### **UNA** segment

All UN/EDIFACT message templates have a UNA segment, but these segments are optional and seldom used. The UNA segment can be found in the segment template in the 'template' subdirectory in case it is needed. It is used to send unusual delimiter characters.

The string has a mandatory fixed length of 9 characters. The first three are "UNA," immediately followed by the 6 characters as defined in ISO 9735.

The UNA segment template is a fixed length with segment ID = UNA, followed by 6 one-byte fields labelled "delimiter<n>."

### **Control messages**

Control messages (versus business messages) are also published separately with the syntax document. There is a **CONTRL** message for both v3 and v4 batch envelopes only.

Each version of the UN/EDIFACT OTD Library includes both a v3 **CONTRL** and a v4 **CONTRL** message. The user can select which one to use.

### 2.1.6 **Delimiters**

Delimiters are set dynamically.

## 2.1.7 **OTD Libraries**

The UN/EDIFACT OTD Library contains a separate sub-directory for each version of UN/EDIFACT, and within each version directory, all the segment templates are kept in a sub-directory. Because of this, the user only has to select from the messages, and not from the segments.

### To search for Java files in directories

```
<egate>/server/registry/repository/default/etd/templates/edifact/edifact_dnnn/v3 or
```

### <egate>/server/registry/repository/default/etd/templates/edifact/edifact\_dnnn/v4

If you need to make changes to a Java OTD, modify the SEF file, which is a text file, and regenerate.

### To modify a SEF file

- 1 With the Java OTD Editor open, select **File > New**.
- 2 From the **New Object Type Definition** window choose the **SEFWizard** and click **OK**.
- 3 Step through the SEFWizard until the **SEF Wizard Step 1** dialog box appears.
  - A Select a SEF file, by either using the **Browse** button to locate an existing file or entering a new name in the **SEF File Name** box.
  - **B** In the **Optional Set Description File Name** box, use the **Browse** button to locate an existing description file or enter a new name in the box.
  - C In the **Optional SEC Description File Name** box, use the **Browse** button to locate an existing SEC file or enter a new name in the box.
  - **D** In the **Package Name** box, enter a package name for this SEF file; for example: **custominPackage**.
  - E To make SEF files more compact, they do not have descriptions. If you need information added to the node names, use the **Use Descriptive Node Names** radio buttons to add a description to the node names. The default is **Yes**.
  - F When satisfied with the information you have entered on this dialog box, click **Next**.
- 4 When the **SEF Wizard Step 2** dialog box appears, review the wizard's summary. If the information is correct, click **Finish** to generate an Object Type Definition and its associated Java classes.

*Note:* If the information is not correct, click **Back** to change your selections.

### 2.1.8 UN/EDIFACT Versus X12

Since the 1960s, more and more industries use EDI. Although some have invented their own sets of standardized data formats, the following sets are the accepted standards:

- ASC X12 is used within the United States
- UN/EDIFACT is used across international industries

### 2.1.9 Security

EDI-INT is an international standard for secure EDI transmissions, both UN/EDIFACT and X12. It is emerging as a widespread EDI security standard. It has the following features:

- Uses HTTP and PKI
- MIME and public key cryptography
- Many options
- *Note:* This is only related to the data transmission and not to the parsing of the UN/EDIFACT message itself.

For additional information:

http://www.ietf.cnri.reston.va.us/ids.by.wg/ediint.html

# 2.2 Examples of EDI Usage

This section provides an overview of EDI payment processing, followed by a description of the types of EDI transactions, then examples of credit transfer scenarios.

*Note:* This is just an example of how UN/EDIFACT and payments processing is used. Not everything said here applies to all UN/EDIFACT messages.

# 2.2.1 Overview of EDI Payments Processing

EDI payments processing is a combination of collections and disbursements, with the processing taking the form of debits and credits. It can also include a related bank balance, as well as transaction and account analysis reporting mechanisms.

Most of the other EDI trading partner communications are handled either directly between the parties or indirectly through their respective value-added networks (VANs).

Making an electronic payment requires a financial intermediary, usually the bank or banks that hold deposit accounts of the two parties.

### Exchange of remittance information

EDI involves the exchange of remittance information along with the order to pay. In the United States this can become complex as two standards are involved in the

transaction. Think of the remittance information as an electronic check stub, which can follow one of the following paths to complete the transaction:

- Directly between trading partners or through their respective EDI VAN mailboxes
- Through the banking system, with the beneficiary receiving notice from his bank
- By the originator to the originator's bank as an order to pay, which in turn reports to the beneficiary

### Routing of remittance information

The trading partners and the capabilities of their respective banks determine the routing of the electronic check stub, and whether the payment is a debit authorized by the payor and originated by the beneficiary or a credit transfer originated by the payor.

Other opportunities to exchange information between a bank and its customer include:

- Daily reports of balances and transactions
- Reports of lockbox and electronic funds transfer (EFT) remittances received by the bank
- Authorizations issued to the bank to honor debit transfers
- Monthly customer account analysis statements
- Account reconcilement statements
- Statements of the demand deposit account

### Exchange of payment orders

A subset of EDI, the electronic payment mechanism activates the exchange of payment orders; value transfers from one account to another, including the related remittance information in standardized machine-processable formats. The electronic payment can be either:

Credit transfer, initiated by the payor

or

Debit transfer, initiated by the payee as authorized by the payor

Regardless of how the credit transfer was initiated, the payor sends a payment order to its bank in one of two forms:

- X12 Payment Order/Remittance Advice (transaction set 820)
- UN/EDIFACT PAYEXT message

The bank then adds data in a format prescribed in the United States by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) and originates the payment through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) system.

### Functions a payment must perform

A corporate-to-corporate payment *must* perform two functions:

- Transfer value
- Move remittance data from the payor to the payee

When a credit transfer occurs, the mandatory functions raise the issue of how the funds and remittance information will travel, which is either:

Together through the banking system

or

Separated and traveling by different routes

### Formats for transporting a payment

The X12 820 and the UN/EDIFACT PAYEXT are data formats for transporting a payment order from the originator to its bank. This payment order is either an:

Instruction to the originator's bank to originate a credit transfer

or

• Instruction to its trading partner to originate a debit transfer against the payor's bank account

Once this decision has been made, the 820 or PAYEXT transports the remittance information to the beneficiary. As stated above, this transfer can either be through the banking system or via a route that is separate from the transport of funds.

*Note:* Whenever the 820 or PAYEXT remittance information is not transferred with the funds, the 820 or PAYEXT (information only) can be transmitted directly from the originator to the beneficiary. It can also be transmitted through an intermediary, such as a VAN.

### Issuance of a payment order

Before funds can be applied against an open accounts receivable, the beneficiary must reconcile the two streams—the payment advice from the receiving bank and the remittance information received through a separate channel—which were separated during the transfer. If this reconciliation does not take place and if the amount of funds received differs from the amount indicated in the remittance advice, the beneficiary's accounts receivable ledger will suffer from a multitude of problems.

The value transfer begins when the originator issues a payment order to the originator's bank. If a credit transfer is specified, the originator's bank charges the originator's bank account and pays the set sum to the beneficiary's bank for credit to the account of the beneficiary.

The originator becomes the same party as the beneficiary when the payment order specifies a debit transfer. When this happens, the beneficiary's bank originates the value transfer, the payor's account is debited (charged) for a set amount, which is credited to the originator's (beneficiary's) bank account. Either prior to or concurrent with a presentment of a debit transfer, the payor must issue approval to its bank to honor the debit transfer. This debit authorization or approval can take one of the following forms:

- Individual item approval
- Blanket approval of all incoming debits with an upper-dollar limit
- Blanket approval for a particular trading partner to originate any debit
- Some combination of the above

## 2.2.2 Payment-Related EDI Transactions

X12 and UN/EDIFACT route the Payment Order/Remittance Advice from the originator to the beneficiary in a different manner. X12 uses an end-to-end method whereas UN/EDIFACT uses a point-to-point method.

### X12

X12 uses an end-to-end method to route the 820 Payment Order/Remittance Advice from the originator company through the banks to the beneficiary. The 820 is wrapped in an ACH banking transaction for the actual funds transfer between the banks. For an X12-UN/EDIFACT Payment Order/Remittance Advice comparison, see **Table 4 on page 26**. **Table 5 on page 26** lists other related X12 and UN/EDIFACT transactions.

### **UN/EDIFACT**

UN/EDIFACT uses different messages for each of these point-to-point transmissions, and separates the banking (Payment Order) function from the financial (Remittance Advice) function. This, in effect, creates the following distinct functions:

- The originator company uses the Payment Order to notify its bank that a funds transfer should take place (PAYEXT, PAYMUL).
- The originator company uses the Remittance Advice to notify the beneficiary of the payment (REMADV from originator, CREADV/DEBADV to beneficiary).
- The EFT actually moves the monetary value from one bank to another bank (ACH in the United States; SWIFT or CHIPS in Europe). For an X12 or UN/EDIFACT

Payment Order/Remittance Advice comparison, see Table 4. Table 5 lists other related X12 and UN/EDIFACT transactions.

Step	X12	Description of Action	UN/EDIFACT	Step
1	820	Payment Order from originator to its bank	PAYEXT, PAYMUL	1
1	820	Remittance Advice from originator to be passed on to beneficiary	REMADV	2
2	820	Remittance advice to beneficiary	CREADV, Debadv	2
3	ACH containing 820	EFT between banks	SWIFT, CHIPS in Europe; ACH in the U.S.	3

 Table 4
 Comparison of X12 to UN/EDIFACT: Payment Order/Remittance Advice

### Table 5 Other Related Transactions

X12 Transaction		UN/EDIFACT
828	Debit Authorization	AUTHOR
829	Payment Cancellation Request	FINCAN
831	Application Control Totals	(none)

# 2.2.3 Understanding Enveloping Scenarios

We will use two credit transfer scenarios to give you a better understanding of the addressing issue:

- Point-to-point
- End-to-end

These scenarios involve two corporate trading partners and their respective banks:

- Company 1
- Company 2
- Bank 1
- Bank 2

Company 1 (the originator) issues a Payment Order (credit transfer) through Bank 1, which in turn routes the payment through the ACH to Bank 2 (the beneficiary's bank). Bank 2 then credits the account and passes the remittance details to its customer, Company 2 (the beneficiary).



### **Figure 1** Example Payment Scenario

Although trading partners prefer to consider this payment mechanism as an end-toend operation, the banking system's mechanism is actually a series of point-to-point transactions, mainly:

- From the originator to the originator's bank
- From the originator's bank to the beneficiary's bank
- From the beneficiary's bank to the beneficiary

In the 820 or PAYEXT, the identity of the originator, the originator's bank, the beneficiary's bank, and the beneficiary are established in the header of the transaction set (message) itself. Table 6, below, shows X12 and UN/EDIFACT headers.

X12 start end		Envelope	UN/EE start	DIFACT end
ISA	IEA	Interchange Envelope	UNA/ UNB	UNZ
GS	GE	Functional Group Envelope	UNG	UNE
ST	SE	Message Envelope	UNH	UNT

Table 6	Sample X12 and	d UN/EDIFACT	Headers
Table 6	Sample X12 and	d UN/EDIFACT	Header

### Point-to-point scenario

In a sample point-to-point scenario, the steps are as follows:

- 1 Company 1 sends a payment file to Bank 1 using an X12 ISA (or UN/EDIFACT UNB) interchange header in which:
- Sender ID = Company 1
- Receiver ID = Bank 1
- 2 Bank 1 replaces Company 1's ISA (UNB) with its own ISA as follows:
- Sender ID = Bank 1
- Receiver ID = Bank 2
- 3 Bank 2 receives the payment file, and creates a new ISA to send the contents to Company 2 that shows:
- Sender ID = Bank B
- Receiver ID = Company B

Because the interchange control header (ISA or UNB) changes at each point, it is important that the functional group header (X12 GS or UN/EDIFACT UNG) is not changed.

*Note:* The UN/EDIFACT functional group header (UNG) is optional.

Maintaining the functional group guarantees that the payment file retains the Company 2 information. As some originators do not care what happens to the original ISA, it is imperative that each bank in the chain ensure that the X12 GS contains 820s (or PAYEXTs) that are destined for only one Company 2. This rule makes it so that the banks only have to look at the ISA for addressing information, and the receiving company can respond with a Functional Acknowledgment (X12 997 or UN/EDIFACT CONTL) to the originator.

### End-to-end scenario

In a sample end-to-end scenario, the steps are:

- 1 Company 1 sends a payment file to Bank 1 using an ISA in which:
- Sender ID = Company 1
- Receiver ID = Company 2
- 2 Bank 1 does not disturb the ISA, which continues to show:
- Sender ID = Company 1
- Receiver ID = Company 2
- 3 Bank 2 does not disturb the ISA, which continues to show:
- Sender ID = Company 1
- Receiver ID = Company 2

*Note:* Banks usually recommend end-to-end scenarios.

In this scenario, both the originator and the beneficiary's bank are prohibited from altering the ISA/IEA interchange envelope information. This makes it mandatory for the originating company to create an ISA envelope, and a separate transmission, for each destination end point. Unfortunately, this could potentially mean hundreds of such end points in each accounts payable cycle.

X12 recommends using the point-to-point addressing in the interchange header and end-to-end addressing in the functional group header.

SeeBeyond's EDI enveloping features in the eXchange product automatically remove both the interchange and functional group envelopes and re-create the point-to-point envelopes. Special handling is required to override this default.

## 2.2.4 Payment Acknowledgments

The acknowledgment of the receipt of a payment order is an important issue. Most corporate originators want to receive at least a Functional Acknowledgment (CONTRL or 997) from the beneficiary of the payment. The CONTRL is created using the data about the identity and address of the originator found in the ISA and/or GS segments.

Note: In UN/EDIFACT, CONTRL is a point-to-point acknowledgment.

For examples of UN/EDIFACT and X12 acknowledgments, see Table 7.

UN/EDIFACT	Envelope	X12
CONTRL	System Level Acknowledgment (receipt)	TA1
CONTRL	Function Acknowledgment (point-to-point)	997
	Application Advice (end-to-end)	824

Table 7 Types of UN/EDIFACT and X12 Acknowledgments

# 2.3 Key Parts of EDI Processing Logic

The five key parts of EDI processing logic are listed in Table 8.

Term	Description	Language Analogy	eGate Component
structures	format, segments, loops	syntax rules	OTD elements and fields
validations	data contents "edit" rules	semantic rules	validation methods
translations (also called mappings)	reformatting or conversion	translation	collaborations
enveloping	header and trailer segments	envelope for a written letter	the special "envelope" OTDs: FunctionalGroupEnv and InterchangeEnv
acks	acknowledgments	return receipt	specific acknowledgment elements in the OTD

### Table 8 Key Terms of EDI Processing

The UN/EDIFACT OTD Library supplies UN/EDIFACT structures, that is, the first row in the above table. Other parts of the SeeBeyond product suite support the other functions.

### 2.3.1. Structures

The UN/EDIFACT OTD Library includes pre-built OTDs for all supported EDIFACT versions. These OTDs can be viewed in the OTDEditor, but cannot be modified.

### Customization

To customize the OTD structure—for example, to add a segment or loop—you must first generate a SEF file (typically using a third-party tool, such as the EDISIM tool from Foresight Corporation). You then use the SEFWizard to generate the OTD.

# 2.3.2. Validations, Translations, Enveloping, Acknowledgments

Within each OTD are Java methods and Java bean nodes for handling validation; and the marshal and unmarshal methods of the two **envelope** OTDs handle enveloping and de-enveloping. No pre-built translations are supplied with the OTD libraries; these can be built in an eGate GUI called the Java Collaboration Editor (JCE).

*Note:* In eGate, X12 translations are called collaborations.

EDIFACT OTDs have validations and translations, but a validation does not generate an acknowledgment transaction. Instead, it generates a string.

## Chapter 3

# Installation

This chapter provides information on the installation procedure for the SeeBeyond UN/EDIFACT OTD Library and shows the resulting Project Explorer structure for the OTDs. It includes general installation information and installation instructions.

At this release, the UN/EDIFACT OTD Library includes templates for the versions shown in Table 9.

<ul> <li>D.93A</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>D.97A</li> </ul>	D.00A
<ul> <li>D.95A</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>D.97B</li> </ul>	D.00B
<ul> <li>D.95B</li> </ul>	D.98A	D.01A
D.96A	<ul> <li>D.98B</li> </ul>	D.01B
D.96B	<ul> <li>D.99A</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>D.99B</li> </ul>	

#### Table 9 UN/EDIFACT Versions Supported

Some additional points to note:

• Each product **.sar** file (UN\_EDIFACT\_OTD\_Lib\_v?\_D##?.sar) requires from 10 MB to 20 MB disk space; thus, the combined disk space required to load all thirty **.sar** files (that is, v3 and v4 of D.93A through D.01B) is approximately 420 MB.

### 3.1 System Requirements

The UN/EDIFACT OTD Library is available on the following operating systems:

- Microsoft Windows 2000, Windows XP, and Windows 2003
- Sun Solaris 8 and Solaris 9
- IBM AIX 5L Versions 5.1 and 5.2
- HP-UX 11.0, 11i (PA-RISC), and 11i V2.0 (11.23)
- HP Tru64 UNIX Version 5.1A
- Red Hat Linux 8 (Intel x86 version) and Advanced Server 2.1 (Intel x86 version)

# 3.2 Installation Procedure

The steps for installing the UN/EDIFACT OTD Library are the same as for other products in the ICAN Suite. You can find general product installation instructions in the *ICAN Suite Installation Guide*, which is available on the product media and can also be accessed via Enterprise Manager (Documentation tab).

Whenever a UN/EDIFACT OTD Library is installed, the Project Explorer tree adds a new project under the **SeeBeyond > OTD Library > EDIFACT** hierarchy. Each version of UN/EDIFACT, such as **D.01B** or **D.99A**, has a separate folder.

# 3.2.1. Uploading to the Repository

### Before you begin

- A Repository server must be running on the machine where you will be uploading the product files.
- You must have already uploaded **eGate.sar**, and you must have already uploaded a **license.sar** file that includes a license for the UN/EDIFACT OTD library product.

### To upload product files to the Repository

1 On a Windows machine, start a Web browser and point it at the machine and port where the Repository server is running:

http://<hostname>:<port>

where

- *<hostname>* is the name of the machine running the Repository server.
- *<port>* is the starting port number assigned when the Repository was installed.

For example, the URL you enter might look like either of the following: http://localhost:12001 http://serv1234.company.com:19876

- 2 In the Enterprise Manager **SeeBeyond Customer Login** page, enter your username and password.
- 3 When Enterprise Manager responds, click the ADMIN tab.
- 4 In the ADMIN page, click **Browse**.
- 5 In the **Choose file** dialog, click **ProductsManifest.xml**, and then click **Open**.
- 6 In the ADMIN page, click **Submit**.

The lower half of the ADMIN page lists the product files you are licensed to upload.

- 7 In the Products column, find the **UN EDIFACT OTD Library v# D##?** product, and then click the **Browse** button for it.
- 8 In the **Choose file** dialog, click the corresponding **UN\_EDIFACT\_OTD\_Lib[...].sar** file, and then click **Open**.
- 9 Repeat the previous two steps for other .sar files you want to upload, such as other OTD libraries, eXchange, or SME Web Services.
- 10 In the ADMIN page, click the upload now : | button.

# 3.2.2. Refreshing Enterprise Designer

### Before you begin

• You must have already downloaded and installed Enterprise Designer, and a Repository server must be running on the machine where you uploaded the OTD Library product files.

### To refresh an existing installation of Enterprise Designer

- 1 Start Enterprise Designer.
- 2 On the **Tools** menu, click **Update Center**.

The Update Center shows a list of components ready for updating. See Figure 2.

	Update Center Wizard	8
Steps	Select Modules to Install	
<ol> <li>Select location of module</li> <li>Select modules to insta</li> <li>Download modules and check digital signatures</li> <li>View certificates and ins modules</li> </ol>	Available Updates and New Modules: STC Update Center Called Conter Called Cont	Include in Install: D OTD Wizard Common Custom D OTD Wizard Common D DTD OTD Wizard XSD OTD Wizard Custom OTD Editor Add All Alt auncher OTD Editor OTD Editor D OTD Editor D OTD Editor D OTD Editor
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Figure 2 Update Center Wizard: Select Modules to Install

3 Click **Add All** (the button with a doubled chevron pointing to the right).

All modules move from the Available/New pane to the Include in Install pane.

- 4 Click **Next** and, in the next window, click **Accept** to accept the license agreement.
- 5 When the progress bars indicate the download has ended, click **Next**. Review the certificates and installed modules, and then click **Finish**. When prompted to restart Enterprise Designer, click **OK**.

When Enterprise Designer restarts, the installation of the UN/EDIFACT OTD Library is complete, and you can use all library templates that you installed.

If you need help on details of product installation, see the *SeeBeyond ICAN Suite Installation Guide*.

# 3.3 UN/EDIFACT Library Templates

## 3.3.1. UN/EDIFACT OTDs

Since there is an OTD for each EDIFACT transaction, installation of each version of EDIFACT includes a large number of OTDs. Figure 3 shows some of the OTDs installed for a specific version of EDIFACT (in this case, version D01B); compare with Table 2 on page 13.

Figure 3 Some of the Transaction Set Structures for EDIFACT Version D00A



# 3.3.2. Transaction Template Names

The names for the EDIFACT templates are designed to assist you in quickly locating the file you want. The name for each transaction template is composed of the same set of elements in the same sequence. The names are constructed as follows:

eDF_	abbreviated name of standard, followed by underscore
v3_ v4_	syntax version, followed by underscore
D00A	messaging version, followed by underscore
APERAK_	six-character abbreviation for transaction name, followed by underscore
	full transaction name
_Full	

### Examples:

- The name for an APERAK (Application error and acknowledgment message) in messaging version D00A, syntax version 4 is eDF\_v4\_D00A\_APERAK\_ApplErroAndAcknMess\_Full
- The name for an OSTENQ (Order status enquiry message) in messaging version D01B, syntax version 3 is eDF\_v3\_D01B\_OSTENQ\_ORdeStatEnquMess\_Full

### eGate Project Explorer Display of UN/EDIFACT OTDs

The UN/EDIFACT OTD Library is organized into a hierarchy as follows: In eGate Project Explorer, under the main **SeeBeyond** folder, the **OTD Library** folder holds all OTD Libraries you have installed, each in its own folder. Within the **EDIFACT** folder are two folders, **v3** and **v4**, corresponding to the two supported syntax versions. Both of these syntax-version folders has a folder for each library you have installed, such as D95A, D95B, D96A, ..., D01B. Each D##? folder contains nearly 200 OTDs, corresponding to the nearly 200 transactions that have been defined.

The Project Explorer hierarchy is shown in Table 10.

Folder	Directory Contents
SeeBeyond	Components built and supplied by SeeBeyond
OTD Library	Folders for each OTD library you have installed
EDIFACT	Folders specific to the EDIFACT OTD Library.
v3	Folders specific to EDIFACT syntax version v3
D	OTDs for version D
v4	Folders specific to EDIFACT syntax version v4
D95A	OTDs for version D95A
D	OTDs for version D
D01B	OTDs for version D01B

 Table 10
 OTD Library Hierarchy in Project Explorer

### Additional information

For complete information on the purpose and function of each transaction, see the United Nations' World Wide Web site that deals with the UN/EDIFACT standards. The URL for this Internet site is:

http://www.unece.org/trade/untdid/welcome.htm

*Note:* These URL directions reflect the United Nations Web site setup at this publication. If the site has changed setup and/or URL, see the current United Nations home page for directions.

# **UN/EDIFACT OTD Library**

This chapter lists sample file and directory names in the UN/EDIFACT OTD Library; it also describes how to test data in specific files.

# 4.1 UN/EDIFACT Files and Directories

This section introduces the different types of UN/EDIFACT data elements, the files that hold the elements, and the directories that contain the files in SeeBeyond's UN/EDIFACT OTD Library. It also provides links to the tables in this chapter that list the data elements and files alphabetically and gives a breakdown of the files in each directory.

### 4.1.1 UN/EDIFACT Batch, Interactive, and Envelope File Names

UN/EDIFACT message names all have six alphabetic characters, while UN/EDIFACT segment names are all three characters long.

UN/EDIFACT data has:

- Six-letter message names
- Three-letter segment names

The messages and segments must be combined with the v3 and v4 envelopes in order for an electronic computer-to-computer transmission of data to take place. Each of these data elements, along with their function, is listed alphabetically in the tables in this section.

### 4.1.2 Existing v3 Envelope Names

A v3 envelope only contains batch envelope segments. The v3 envelope file names do not change very often. See the following tables for a listing of the v3 envelope names and their functions:

- Figure 4 on page 37
- Table 11 on page 37
- Table 12 on page 37

*Note:* These envelopes can be used with any version of the UN/EDIFACT OTD messages.

The v3 header and trailer envelope segments have set locations within the EDI structure, and must appear in the order as shown below. The lines on the left side of the diagram show how headers and footers work in pairs (see Figure 4).

Figure 4	v3 Envel	ope Segm	ents
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Name	Tag	Status
Service String Advice	UNA	Conditional
<ul> <li>Interchange Header</li> </ul>	UNB	Mandatory
- Group Header	UNG	Conditional
- Message Header	UNH	Mandatory
Me	essage Body Segments	5
- Message Trailer	UNT	Mandatory
<ul> <li>Group Trailer</li> </ul>	UNE	Conditional
<ul> <li>Interchange Trailer</li> </ul>	UNZ	Mandatory

### Table 11v3 Control Message

v3 Control Message Name	v3 Control Message Function
CONTRL	Syntactically acknowledges or rejects, with error indication, a received interchange, functional group, or message.

#### Table 12v3 Batch Segments

v3 Segment Name	v3 Segment Function
UCD	Data Element Error Indication
UCF	Functional Group Response
UCI	Interchange Response
UCM	Message Response
UCS	Segment Error Indication
UNA	Delimiter List
UNB	Interchange Header
UNE	Functional Group Trailer
UNG	Functional Group Header
UNH	Message Header
UNS	Section Control

v3 Segment Name	v3 Segment Function
UNT	Message Trailer
UNZ	Interchange Trailer

Table 12	v3 Batch Segments	(Continued)
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*Note:* UNA is optional and seldom used.

# 4.1.3 Existing v4 Envelope Names

A v4 envelope can have either batch or interactive envelope segments. *For an interactive envelope to be used, one or more dialogues must occur either concurrently or sequentially between two or more parties.* A dialogue consists of a pair of interleaved UN/EDIFACT interchanges:

- Initiator interchange
- Responder interchange

The v4 envelope file names do not change very often. See the following tables for a listing of the v4 batch and interactive envelope names and their functions:

- Figure 5 on page 39
- Figure 6 on page 39
- Table 13 on page 40
- Table 14 on page 40
- *Note:* These envelopes can be used with any version of the UN/EDIFACT OTD messages.

The v4 batch header and trailer envelope segments have set locations within the EDI structure, and must appear in the order as shown below. The lines on the left side of the diagram show how headers and footers work in pairs (see Figure 5).

Name	Тад	Status
Service String Advice	UNA	Conditional
 Interchange Header	UNB	Mandatory
Group Header	UNG	Conditional
Message Header	UNH	Mandatory
Message	Body Segments	
Message Trailer	UNT	Mandatory
Group Trailer	UNE	Conditional
Interchange Trailer	UNZ	Mandatory

### Figure 5 v4 Batch Envelope Segments



The v4 interactive header and trailer envelope segments have set locations within the EDI structure, and must appear in the order as shown below. The lines on the left side of the diagram show how headers and footers work in pairs (see Figure 6).

### Figure 6 v4 Interactive Envelope Segments

Name	Тад	Status
Service String Advice	UNA	Conditional
- Interactive Interchange Header	UIB	Mandatory
- Interactive Message Header	UIH	Mandatory
Message Bo	ody Segments	
- Interactive Message Trailer	UIT	Mandatory
- Interactive Interchange Trailer	UIZ	Mandatory

v4 Control Message Name	v4 Control Message Function
AUTACK	<b>Authentication function</b> . Authenticates sent, or provides secure acknowledgment of received interchanges, groups, messages, or packages. It is sent by either the originator of at least one UN/EDIFACT structure or by a party authorized by the originator to act in its behalf.
	Acknowledgment function. An acknowledgment message sent by either the recipient of one or more secure UN/ EDIFACT structures or by a party authorized by the recipient to act in its behalf.
	Note that the acknowledgment function applies only to UN/EDIFACT structures that have been secured.
CONTRL (for batch EDI)	Syntactically acknowledges or rejects, with error indication, a received interchange, functional group, message, or package.
	<ul> <li>A maximum of two CONTRL messages, the first of which is optional, can be sent in response to a received interchange:</li> <li>After an interchange, the first message provides an indication of the receipt.</li> <li>After the syntax check of the subject interchange, the second message reports the action taken.</li> </ul>
KEYMAN	<ul> <li>Provides certificate management and a security key. There are two types of keys:</li> <li>A secret key that is used with symmetric algorithms.</li> <li>A public or private key used with asymmetric algorithms.</li> </ul>

Table 13	v4 Control	Message
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### Table 14v4 Segments

v4 Segment Name	v4 Segment Function
UCD	Data Element Error Indication
UCF	Group Response
UCI	Interchange Response
UCM	Message / Package Response
UCS	Segment Error Indication
UGH	Anti-Collision Segment Group Header
UGT	Anti-Collision Segment Group Trailer
UIB	Interactive Interchange Header
UIH	Interactive Message Header
UIR	Interactive Status
UIT	Interactive Message Trailer

v4 Segment Name	v4 Segment Function
UIZ	Interactive Interchange Trailer
UNA	Delimiter List
UNB	Interchange Header
UNE	Group Trailer
UNG	Group Header
UNH	Message Header
UNO	Object Header
UNP	Object Trailer
UNS	Section Control
UNT	Message Trailer
UNZ	Interchange Trailer
USA	Security Algorithm
USB	Secured Data Identification
USC	Certificate
USD	Data Encryption Header
USE	Security Message Relation
USF	Key Management Function
USH	Security Header
USL	Security List Status
USR	Security Result
UST	Security Trailer
USU	Data Encryption Trailer
USX	Security References
USY	Security On References

Table 14	v4 Segments	(Continued)
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*Note:* UNA is optional and seldom used.

# **Chapter 5**

# Working With the EDIFACT OTDs

This chapter provides information on additional features built into the EDIFACT OTDs, and instructions on working with the OTDs and on testing them.

#### • See "Viewing an EDIFACT OTD in the OTD Editor" on page 43.

It also provides information on using the Java methods provided within the OTDs, and other general information about using the UN/EDIFACT OTD Library.

 See "Setting the Delimiters" on page 46 and "Methods for Getting and Setting" on page 46. (Further details are provided in Chapter 5 "Java Methods for X12 OTDs" on page 52.)

To test that your data is being mapped correctly by the OTD, and that the data is valid based on definitions and business rules, you can run **performValidation()** within the Java Collaboration Editor.

• See "Using Validation in the Java Collaboration Editor" on page 48.

Information on limitations you should know about the X12 OTD Library is provided in "Limitations of EDIFACT OTDs" on page 52.

# 5.1 Importing .jar Files

If your project contains one or more Java collaborations that access bean nodes for reporting errors and exceptions of EDIFACT OTDs (see **"Bean Nodes for Reporting Errors and Exceptions" on page 53**), then you must import a **.jar** file as described below.

#### Before you begin

- You must have completed all the other installation steps.
- A Repository server must be running on the machine where you uploaded the EDIFACT OTD Library product files.
- You must have already created a project.

#### To import com.stc.otd.sefimpl.jar

- 1 Start Enterprise Designer and, if necessary, create a project.
- 2 Right-click the project and, on the popup context menu, point at **New** and click **File**.

3 Navigate to the folder *<ican50*>\edesigner\usrdir\modules\ext\sefwizard\, select **com.stc.otd.sefimpl.jar**, and click **Import**. See Figure 7.

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	Select Cancel
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com.stc.otd.set	fimpl.jar Remove
	Import the Selected Files

Figure 7 Importing sefimpl.jar

4 Later, in the Java Collaboration Editor, you will use the Simport JAR file button on the tool palette to add **sefimpl.jar** to a collaboration that uses the X12 OTD.

# 5.2 Viewing an EDIFACT OTD in the OTD Editor

To view an EDIFACT OTD (or any other OTD), simply double-click the name in the Project Explorer tree. The OTD Editor automatically opens to display it. Within the OTD Editor, you can expand or contract a parent node by single-clicking the icon to its left, or by double-clicking the node name. For some of the items, help is available by hovering your cursor over the item.

For elements other than bean nodes, the following naming conventions apply:

- Each element name begins with **E**
- Each segment loop name begins with Loop

An example of an X12 270 transaction in the OTD Editor is shown in Table 8 on page 45. The OTD shown in Figure 8 is **x12\_4010\_270\_EligCoveOrBeneInqu\_Full**. Some of its parent nodes are fully expanded, some partly so, and some full collapsed. In this example, the root node is **X12\_4010\_270\_EligCoveOrBeneInqu\_Outer**. This pattern holds for all the X12 OTDs: the root node name is the same as the OTD name, but with the first letter in upper case (**X** instead of x) and the string **\_Outer** replacing the string

**\_Full**. Under this root node, the first node is the ISA header node, and then comes the node **X12\_4010\_270\_EligCoveOrBeneInqu\_Inner**, which references the enveloping information.



Figure 8 X12 270 Transaction in the OTD Editor

# 5.3 Setting the Delimiters

The OTDs must include some way for delimiters to be defined so that they can be mapped successfully from one OTD to another. The X12 delimiters are as follows:

- Data Element Separator (default is an asterisk)
- Subelement Separator/Component Element Separator (default is a colon)
- Repetition Separator (version 4020 and later) (default is a plus sign)
- Segment Terminator (default is a tilde)

Two delimiters—Repetition Separator and Subelement Separator—are explicitly specified in the interchange header segment (ISA). The other two delimiters are implicitly defined within the structure of the ISA, by their first usage. For example, after the fourth character defines the Data Element Separator, the same character is used subsequently to delimit all data elements; and after the 107th character defines the Segment Terminator, the same character is used subsequently to delimit all segments.

Because the OTD automatically detects delimiters while unmarshaling, you need not (and should not) specify delimiters for an incoming message; any delimiters that are set before unmarshaling are ignored, and the unmarshal() function picks up the delimiter being used in the ISA segment of the incoming message.

You can specify delimiters in two ways:

- You can set the Subelement Separator and Repetition Separator from the corresponding elements within the ISA segment.
- You can set the delimiters in the Java Collaboration Editor using bean nodes that are provided in the OTDs. Specific information on using bean nodes to get and set these delimiter values is provided in **Chapter 5**:
  - elementSeparator (see **getElementSeparator** on page 58)
  - subelementSeparator (see getSubelementSeparator on page 62)
  - repetitionSeparator (see getRepetitionSeparator on page 60)
  - segmentTerminator (see getSegmentTerminator on page 61)

If the input data is already in X12 format, you can use the "get" methods to get the delimiters from the input data. If the collaboration is putting the data into X12 format, you can use the "set" methods to set the delimiters in the output OTD. See "Methods for Getting and Setting" on page 46.

# 5.4 Methods for Getting and Setting

Bean nodes automatically have **get** and **set** methods associated with them; in other words, a bean node named *theBeanNode* has a method **getTheBeanNode()** to read the current value and another method **setTheBeanNode()** to write a value. Therefore, do not assume that a node is read/write merely because it has a **setNode()** method.

# 5.4.1. Bean Nodes for Getting and Setting Data

The following bean nodes are available under the root node and at the *xxx*\_Outer, *xxx*\_Inner, and *xxx* (transaction set) levels:

- elementSeparator(char)— to get or set the element separator.
- **inputSource**(byte[])— to get the byte array of original input data source.
- **repetitionSeparator**(char)— to get or set the repetition separator.
- **segmentCount**(int)— to get the segment count at the current level. This node is also available for segment loops.
- **segmentTerminator**(char)— to get or set the segment terminator.
- **subelementSeparator**(char)— to get or set the subelement separator.
- **xmlOutput**(boolean)—to set whether the output should be in XML format.

The following bean node is available from the Loop elements:

 segmentCount(int)— to get the segment count at the current level. This node is also available under the root node and at the *xxx*\_Outer, *xxx*\_Inner, and *xxx* (transaction set) levels.

## 5.4.2. Bean Nodes for Getting Errors and Results

The following bean nodes are available under the root node and at the *xxx*\_Outer, *xxx*\_Inner, and *xxx* (transaction set) levels.

- allErrors(String[])— to get errors during unmarshaling from the input data and validation results on message and envelopes, in the format of a String array that combines (without duplication) the results from ICValidationResult(), FGValidationResult(), TSValidationResult(), and msgValidationResult().
- **ICValidationResult**(com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.ICError[])— to get the interchange envelope validation result, in the format of an array of com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.**ICError** objects.
- **FGValidationResult**(com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.FGError[])— to get the functional group envelope validation result in the format of an array of com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.**FGError** objects.
- **TSValidationResult**(com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.TSError[])— to get the transaction set envelope validation result in the format of an array of com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.**TSError** objects.
- maxDataError(int)— to get or set the maximum number of validation errors to be reported, where -1 means "no limit."
- msgValidationResult(com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.DataError[])— to get validation errors, in the format of com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.DataError objects.
- **unmarshalErrors**(com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.DataError[])— to get errors that occurred during unmarshaling from the input data, in the format of

com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.**DataError** objects. The presence of any objects in this array implies that **isUnmarshalComplete()** is false.

# 5.5 Using Validation in the Java Collaboration Editor

Each of the OTDs in the X12 OTD library includes a Java method for the purpose of validating your data:

### performValidation()

Information on using this method from within Java Collaboration Editor (JCE) GUI is provided below. Technical information on the Java methods is provided in **"Java Methods for X12 OTDs" on page 52**.

# 5.5.1. Creating a Collaboration Rule to Validate an OTD

The elements that are part of an OTD can be dragged and dropped when two or more OTDs are opened in the Java Collaboration Editor; see the *eGate Integrator User's Guide* for more information. A field on the input (left) side pane can be dragged to a field in the output (right) pane. This action, when highlighted in the Business Rules pane, displays the rule in the Rule Properties pane.

To access the method, right-click the node and, on the context popup menu, click **Select a method to call**. See Figure 9.

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Figure 9 Accessing a Method in an X12 OTD

The methods available depend on the node you select. In particular, if you right-click the root node of the OTD, one of the methods available to you is **performValidation()**; see Figure 10.



Figure 10 Accessing the performValidation Method from the Root Node

The **performValidation()** method can be used to validate an EDIFACT message at run time. If the OTD content is found to be invalid, the appropriate error bean nodes are populated (see **"Bean Nodes for Reporting Errors and Exceptions" on page 53**). Therefore, the complete set of bean nodes for reporting errors and exceptions can only be accessed after the call to **performValidation()**.

*Note:* Although validation is a useful tool to ensure that data conforms to the definitions and business rules, be aware that it significantly impacts performance.

# 5.6 Alternative Formats: ANSI and XML

All the EDIFACT OTDs accept either standard ANSI X12 format or XML format as input, by default; and, by default, output from a collaboration that uses messages from an EDIFACT OTD is in UN/EDIFACT format. However, there is a Java method available for setting the output to XML:

setXMLOutput (boolean isXML)

If you want to set the collaboration to output XML format, use setXmlOutput(true); in other words, set the xmlOutput bean node to the value **true**.

# 5.6.1. XML Format for EDIFACT

Since there is no de facto XML standard for EDIFACT as yet, the SeeBeyond EDIFACT OTD Library uses Open Business Objects for EDI (OBOE) as the XML format for EDIFACT.

The XML EDIFACT DTD is shown in Figure 11.

### Figure 11 XML EDIFACT DTD

<!ELEMENT envelope (segment, segment?, functionalgroup+, segment)> <!ATTLIST envelope format CDATA #IMPLIED> <!ELEMENT functional group (segment, transactionset+, segment)> <!ELEMENT transactionset (table+)> <!ATTLIST transactionset code CDATA #REQUIRED> <!ATTLIST transactionset name CDATA #IMPLIED> <!ELEMENT table (segment)+> <!ATTLIST table section CDATA #IMPLIED> <!ELEMENT segment ((element | composite)+, segment\*)> <!ATTLIST segment code CDATA #REQUIRED> <!ATTLIST segment name CDATA #IMPLIED> <!ELEMENT composite (element)+> <!ATTLIST composite code CDATA #REQUIRED> <!ATTLIST composite name CDATA #IMPLIED> <!ELEMENT element (value)> <!ATTLIST element code CDATA #REQUIRED> <!ATTLIST element name CDATA #IMPLIED> <!ELEMENT value (#PCDATA)> <!ATTLIST value description CDATA #IMPLIED>

Figure 12 shows an EDIFACT 997 Functional Acknowledgment, in XML format.

Figure 12 EDIFACT 997 Functional Acknowledgment—XML



An example of the same transaction, an EDIFACT 997 Functional Acknowledgment, using standard ANSI format, is shown in Figure 13.

Figure 13 EDIFACT 997 Functional Acknowledgment—ANSI Format

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*004010!ST*	997*0001!AK1*FA	*1!AK2 *997*0001!AK3 *BEG	*31**1!AK4*12:4*479*1*98382LKA!AK5*A*
1*3*5*1*3!A	K9*A*O*433*5000	06*1*2*5*1*2!SE*8*0001!	GE*1*1!IEA*1*00000001!
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# 5.7 Possible Differences in Output When Using Pass-Through

If you are using pass-through, the output file contains essentially the same data as the input file.

Certain differences in output, based on variations in acceptable interpretation of the information, are acceptable, provided that the data conforms to the formats specified for the elements. For example:

- If the input file includes a six-digit date, the output file might represent this as an eight-digit value. For example, 040715 in the input file might be represented as 20040705 in the output file.
- The number of trailing zeros after a decimal point might vary. For example, an input value of 10.000 might be represented as 10 in the output file.

The reason these changes occur is that, during pass-through, certain data fields are parsed and stored as Java objects other than strings; for example, Date or Double.

The actual value of all the information must remain the same.

# 5.8 Limitations of EDIFACT OTDs

### 5.8.1. Memory Requirements

When using an EDIFACT OTD, set the maximum heap size to more than 128MB for Enterprise Designer and the OTD tester; a value of 256MB is recommended. If settings are 128MB or less, and multiple messages are processed simultaneously (such as during FTP batch upload of messages), a NullPointerException can occur.

• To set the heap size in Enterprise Designer: On the **Tools** menu, click **Options**.

Options Setup		
Please set the Maximum Heap Size (in MB) :		
Enterprise Designer (Minimum 128 MB) OTD Tester (Minimum 128 MB) JCE Tester (Minimum 128 MB) 128		
OK Cancel Help		

Figure 14 Setting the Maximum Heap Size

# 5.8.2. Delayed Unmarshaling

For performance reasons, the **unmarshal()** method does not unmarshal the entire message. Instead, it does the following:

- Unmarshals the incoming message at the segment level. In other words, the OTD checks for all relevant segments and reports any missing or extra segments.
- Reports trailing delimiter for elements and composites.

Elements within a segment are not unmarshaled until an element in that segment is accessed in the collaboration using a **get***Xxx*() method.

# 5.8.3. Errors and Exceptions

For all EDIFACT OTDs, including the two **envelope** OTDs, if the incoming message cannot be parsed (for example, if the OTD cannot find the ISA segment), then the **unmarshal()** method throws a com.stc.otd.runtime.UnmarshalException.

You can also use the **isUnmarshalComplete()** method to learn whether **unmarshal()** executed without reporting any errors. Successful completion does not guarantee that the OTD instance is free of unmarshal exceptions within segments, however, since elements are not unmarshaled until the first **getElement***Xxxx*() method of a segment is encountered (see "**Delayed Unmarshaling**" on page 53). Encountering this triggers an automatic background unmarshal of the entire segment, and any problems with the segment will be appended in **allErrors**, **unmarshalErrors**, and **msgValidationResult**. Note that the value returned by **isUnmarshalComplete()** is not influenced by the outcome of the automatic background unmarshal; instead, its value reflects what was set by the explicit invocation of the **unmarshal()** method.

It is an error to use the **set***Xxx* method if bean node *Xxx* is read-only. The system may throw compile exceptions if this is attempted.

### If trailing element separators are found inside a segment

In the initial unmarshaling process, the OTD tries to parse the message based on the segment sequence defined in the input metadata (SEF) file. At the same time, however, it also checks for the presence of one or more trailing element separators inside the segment. If found, error arrays such as for unmarshalErrors are populated accordingly. Trailing element separators do not affect data parsing. Immediately after unmarshal() is invoked, therefore, if **isUnmarshalComplete()** returns **true**, then the error arrays for unmarshalErrors either contain no entries or else contain only errors of trailing element separators; if it returns **false**, the error arrays contain errors other than those of trailing element separators.

See "Bean Nodes for Reporting Errors and Exceptions" on page 53.

# 5.8.4. Special Methods for Error Classes

The **toString()** and **marshal()** methods of the following error classes cannot be implemented via the GUI, and have to be hand-coded:

- com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.DataError
- com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.TSError
- com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.FGError
- com.stc.otd.runtime.check.sef.ICError

Also see "Bean Nodes for Reporting Errors and Exceptions" on page 53.

# **Chapter 6**

# Java Methods for EDIFACT OTDs

This chapter lists and explains the bean nodes and Java methods that are used to extend the functionality of the OTDs in the UN/EDIFACT OTD Library.

# 6.1 Using the OTD Editor to View and Test an OTD

The OTD Editor allows you to load, view, and test any OTD. You cannot edit UN/ EDIFACT OTDs; however, you can view the OTD structure and validate it against sample data using the OTD Tester.

In an UN/EDIFACT OTD, all elements begin with an "E." For example:

**E0001\_1\_SyntIden** (the first element of the composite "S001")

*Note:* If an item in an OTD starts with a "Loop", it is a segment loop (for example: *LoopRFF\_5\_Refe*).

### To open an OTD

- 1 In the OTD Editor, choose **File** and then click **Open**.
- 2 Navigate to the appropriate directory.For example: etd\templates\edifact\edifact\_d01a\v3
- 3 Select an **.xsc** file and click **Open**. See Figure 15.
- *Note:* The root name of the node carries "Outer" on the end of it, the same value as was used in the command-line utility.

*Note:* For detailed information about the OTD Editor and the Java Collaboration Editor, see the *eGate Integrator User's Guide*.

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	® reset	comment	Bayplan/stowage plan total numbers message
	available	defaultValue	
	next	defaultBytes	
	receive	defaultEncoding	ASCII
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	send	enumType	
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	topic	format	
	publications	group	false
	subscriptions	inputMatch	
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	validate	lengthFrom	undefined
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	setDefaultEdifactDelimiters	maxOccurs	1
	getSegmentTerminator	member	
		minOccurs	1
	getElementSeparator	offset	undefined
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	getSubelementSeparator	order	sequence
		override	false
	setRepetitionSeparator	precedence	child
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Figure 15 Example of an .xsc File in the OTD Editor

### To test OTDs against sample data using the OTD Editor

For information on how to test OTDs, see the *eGate Integrator User's Guide*.

### 6.1.1 Delimiters

UN/EDIFACT uses six delimiters. These delimiters, which the user can get and set using Java methods, are:

- Component data element separator
- Data element separator
- Decimal notation
- Release indicator
- Reserved for future use
- Segment terminator

To see an example of these elements, see the example shown in Figure 15. For example: **setDefaultEdifactDelimiters**.

# 6.1.2 Using the Collaboration Rules Editor to Validate an OTD

The elements that are part of an OTD can be dragged and dropped when two or more OTDs are opened in the Collaboration Rules Editor (see the *eGate Integrator User's Guide* for more information). A field in the Source pane can be dragged to a field in the Destination Events pane. This action, when highlighted in the Business Rules pane, displays the rule in the Rule Properties pane.

The "validate" method nodes in an **.xsc** file can be used to validate an UN/EDIFACT message at run time. The methods return a string containing description(s) about any invalid data elements, segments, segment loops, envelopes, et cetera. Although validation should be used to ensure that data is good, be aware that validation significantly impacts performance.

# 6.2 Methods

The templates in the UN/EDIFACT OTD Library contain the Java methods that allow you to set and get the delimiters, which in turn extend the functionality of the EDIFACT OTD Library.

# 6.2.1 Java Methods to Set or Get Delimiters

Each %%% (such as **com.stc.edifact\_v3\_d95B.EDF\_...Outer**, which could represent **com.stc.edifact\_v3\_d95B.EDF\_D01A\_BAPLTE\_BaypPlanTotalNumbMessOuter**) serves as the class for the following methods. Use these methods to set or get the default delimiters for each UN/EDIFACT OTD Template Library.

The **com.stc.edifact\_v3\_d95B.EDF\_...Outer** class extends **com.stc.jcsre.EDFOTDImpl** and implements **com.stc.jcsre.OTD**.

The com.stc.edifact\_v3\_d95B.EDF\_...Outer methods are:

- setDefaultEdifactDelimiters on page 58
- getSegmentTerminator on page 58
- setSegmentTerminator on page 59
- getElementSeparator on page 60
- **setElementSeparator** on page 60
- getSubelementSeparator on page 61
- setSubelementSeparator on page 61
- getRepetitionSeparator on page 62
- setRepetitionSeparator on page 63

The UN/EDIFACT OTD Library also includes the following custom method for testing the validation Collaboration:

• validate on page 63

### setDefaultEdifactDelimiters

#### Description

Sets the current delimiters to the default UN/EDIFACT delimiters:

```
segmentTerminator = '
```

elementSeparator = +

subelementSeparator = :

repetitionSeparator = \*

#### Syntax

```
public void setDefaultEdifactDelimiters()
```

#### **Parameters**

None

#### setDefaultEdifactDelimiters Constants

None

### Returns

Void

#### Throws

None

#### Example

```
com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.EDF_..._outer myOTD=new com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.
EDF_..._Outer();
.....
myOTD.setDefaultEdifactDelimiters();
```

### getSegmentTerminator

#### Description

Gets the segmentTerminator character.

#### Syntax

public char getSegmentTerminator()

#### Parameters

None

#### getSegmentTerminator Constants

None

#### Returns

#### char

Returns the segment terminator character.

### Throws

None

### Example

```
com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.EDF_..._Outer myOTD=new com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.
EDF_..._Outer();
.....
char segTerm=myOTD.getSegmentTerminator();
```

### setSegmentTerminator

#### Description

Sets the segmentTerminator character.

#### Syntax

```
public void setSegmentTerminator(char c)
```

#### Parameters

Name	Туре	Description
С	char	The segmentTerminator character to be set.

#### setSegmentTerminator Constants

None

Returns

Void

#### Throws

None

#### Example

```
com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.EDF_..._.Outer myOTD=new com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.
EDF_..._Outer();
.....
char c='~';
myOTD.setSegmentTerminator(c);
```

### getElementSeparator

#### Description

Gets the elementSeparator character.

#### Syntax

public char getElementSeparator()

#### Parameters

None

#### getElementSeparator Constants

None

#### Returns

char

Returns the element separator character.

#### Throws

None

### Example

```
com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.EDF_..._Outer myOTD=new com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.
EDF_..._Outer();
.....
char elmSep=myOTD.getElementSeparator();
```

### setElementSeparator

#### Description

Sets the elementSeparator character.

#### Syntax

```
public void setElementSeparator(char c);
```

#### Parameters

Name	Туре	Description
С	char	The elementSeparator character to be set.

#### setElementSeparator Constants

None

#### Returns

Void

### Throws

None

### **Examples**

```
com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.EDF_..._.Outer myOTD=new com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.
EDF_..._Outer();
.....
char c='+';
myOTD.setElementSeparator(c);
```

### getSubelementSeparator

### Description

Gets the subelementSeparator character.

#### Syntax

public char getSubelementSeparator()

#### Parameters

None

#### getSubelementSeparator Constants

None

#### Returns

char

Returns the getSubelement character.

### Throws

None

### Example

```
com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.EDF_..._outer myOTD=new com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.
EDF_..._Outer();
.....
char subeleSep=myOTD.getSubelementSeparator();
```

### setSubelementSeparator

#### Description

Sets the SubelementSeparator character.

#### Syntax

```
public void setSubelementSeparator(char c)
```

#### Parameters

Name	Туре	Description
С	char	The SubelementSeparator character to be set.

#### setSubelementSeparator Constants

None

#### Returns

Void

### Throws

None

### Example

```
com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.EDF_..._.Outer myOTD=new com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.
EDF_..._Outer();
.....
char c=':';
myOTD.setSubelementSeparator(c);
```

### getRepetitionSeparator

### Description

Gets the RepetitionSeparator character.

#### Syntax

public char getRepetitionSeparator()

#### Parameters

None

### getRepetitionSeparator Constants

None

Returns

char

Returns the getRepetitionSeparator character.

### Throws

None

#### **Examples**

```
com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.EDF_..._Outer myOTD=new com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.
EDF_..._Outer();
.....
char repSep=myOTD.getRepetitionSeparator();
```

### setRepetitionSeparator

#### Description

Sets the RepetitionSeparator character.

#### Syntax

public void setRepetitionSeparator(char c)

#### Parameters

Name	Туре	Description
С	char	The RepetitionSeparator character to be set.

#### setRepetitionSeparator Constants

None

#### Returns

Void

#### Throws

None

#### Example

```
com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.EDF_..._.Outer myOTD=new com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.
EDF_..._Outer();
.....
char c='*';
myOTD.setRepetitionSeparator(c);
```

### validate

#### Description

Invoking validate with no parameters validates the OTD content in memory.

Invoking **validate** with a single parameter, which must be of type boolean, validates the OTD content, either immediately after unmarshaling or in memory. When the value of the parameter is **false**, this method works exactly as **validate** with no parameters. When the value of the parameter is **true**, this method can be used to validate length information in the input data file.

#### Syntax (no parameters)

public java.lang.String validate()

#### Syntax (one parameter)

```
public String validate(boolean original)
```

### Parameters

Name	Туре	Description
original	boolean	If true, validates the OTD content right after unmarshaling. If false, validates the OTD in memory.

### validate Constants

None.

### Returns

### java.lang.String

A description of the errors found in the data. If there are no errors, the string is null.

### Throws

None.

### Examples

```
com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.EDF_..._Outer myOTD=new com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.
EDF_...Outer();
.....
string msg=myOTD.validate();
com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.EDF_..._Outer myOTD=new com.stc.edifact_v3_d95B.
EDF_...Outer();
.....
string msg=myOTD.validate(true);
```

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