



UBL 1.0: Ready for Prime Time

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Documents and e-commerce

- Business is built on the concept of standard, legally binding documents. Putting traditional business online means putting those documents online.
- A commercial document exchanged in a global environment has to be understood the same way everywhere because the agreement it expresses has to be enforceable everywhere.
- The key to global e-commerce interoperability is the standardization of basic business documents.



Near-term goals for B2B

- Web-enable existing fax- and paper-based business practices and achieve the basic EDI ROI by eliminating rekeying
- Preserve the existing investment in EDI and paper systems while allowing businesses to migrate into electronic commerce at their own pace
- Integrate small and medium-size businesses into existing EDI-based supply chains
- Maintain a document-based audit trail understandable at both the Sarbanes-Oxley level and the level of a local civil court
- Incrementally enable true global market availability

The standardization of XML business documents is the easiest way to accomplish these goals.



The Universal Business Language (UBL)

- International effort to define a royalty-free library of standard electronic business documents
- Designed in an open and accountable OASIS Technical Committee with participation from a variety of industry data standards organizations
- Plugs directly into existing business, legal, auditing, and records management practices
- Eliminates re-keying of data in existing fax- and paper-based supply chains
- Solves the $N(N-1)$ problem
- Fills the “payload” slot in XML-based B2B frameworks



Advantages of a single XML format

- Lower cost of integration, both among and within enterprises, through reuse of common code for processing standard data structures
- Lower cost of commercial software (much lower than generic XML software)
- Easier learning curve (just a single library)
- Lower skill level required for everyday processing tasks (one-line scripts using regular expressions can often replace real programs)
- Standardized training, many skilled workers, universally available pool of system integrators
- Lower cost of entry and therefore quicker adoption by small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs)
- Classic example: HTML

*“Technology neutral” semantic alignment is unarguably a good thing, but only standardization on a **single syntax** will yield these direct advantages.*



UBL 1.0: the “Fifth Generation” B2B language

G1 (1Q 1998): CBL 1.0 (Veo/NIST)

G2 (2Q 1999): CBL 2.0 (Commerce One)

G3 (4Q 2000): xCBL 3.0 (Commerce One and SAP)

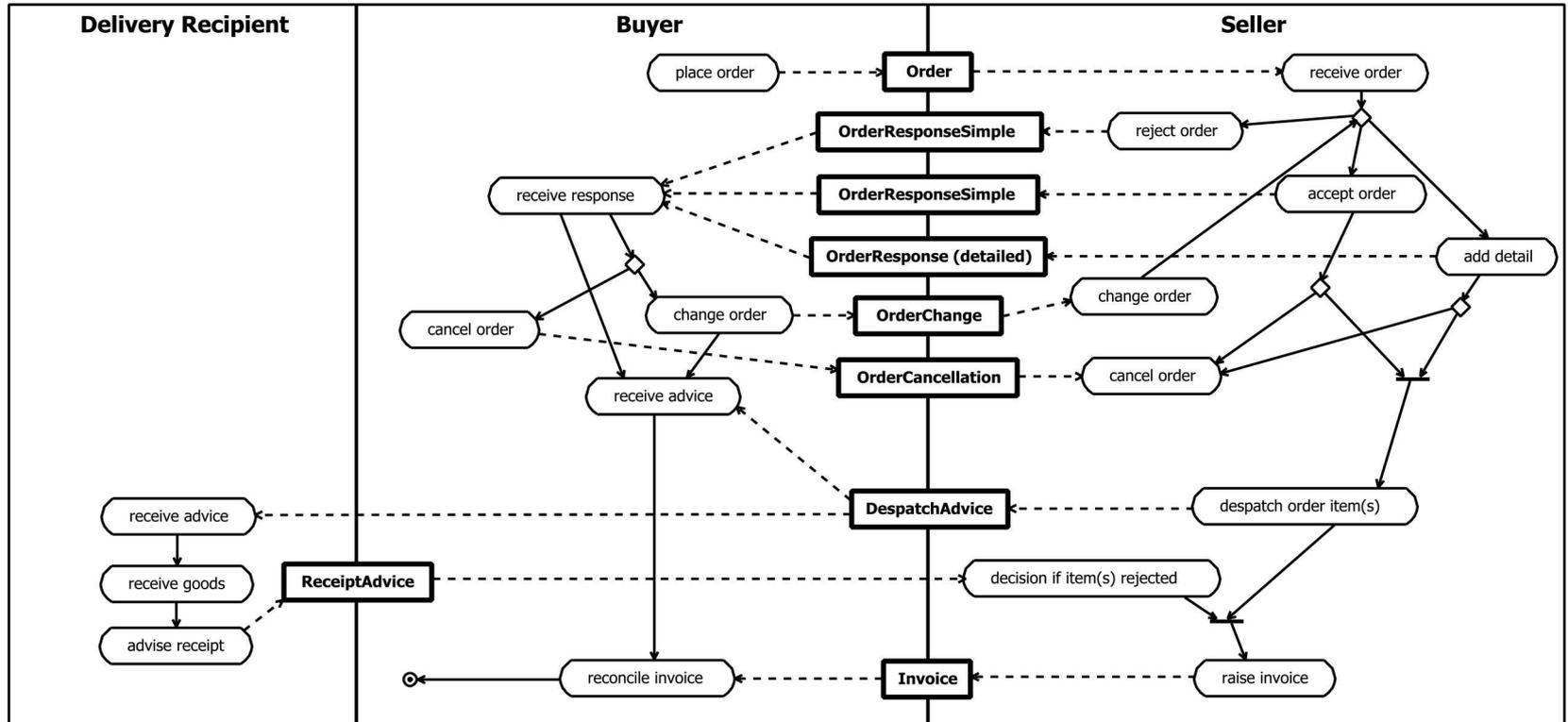
G4 (1Q 2003): UBL 0.7 (OASIS)

G5 (1Q 2004): UBL 1.0 (OASIS)

UBL represents over six years of continuous development in the creation of a standard XML business syntax.



UBL order-to-invoice



This model describes a very large class of use cases.



UBL and the UN Layout Key

- The UN Layout Key has for more than 40 years served as the standard for paper documents used in international trade
- A mapping of all the UBL documents to their equivalent UN Layout Keys is provided as part of the UBL 1.0 release
- Free stylesheets are available to convert UBL documents to their Layout Key equivalents in PDF form
- Thus UBL is a *machine-processable data format* from which at any moment you can automatically generate an *internationally standardized paper representation*



UBL and ebXML Core Components

- UBL is the first true standards body implementation of the ebXML Core Components Technical Specification (CCTS 2.01)
- The UBL library consists of ebXML CCTS Business Information Entities (BIEs)
- UBL XML schemas (W3C .xsd) are defined through the application of UBL Naming and Design Rules (NDRs) to an underlying data model mapped to the Core Component types
- The entire UBL library has been contributed to the UN/CEFACT TBG17 Semantic Harmonization effort
- UBL is working in conjunction with TBG17 to map UBL to the eventual standard Core Component library



Latest UBL developments

- Following disposition of comments received during the OASIS UBL 1.0 CD1 review cycle in January 2004, UBL 1.0 was released as a corrected OASIS Committee Draft 15 September 2004 and forwarded to OASIS Administration for processing as an OASIS Standard
- Assuming approval by the OASIS member organizations and no unforeseen delays, UBL 1.0 will be published as an OASIS Standard in November 2004, after which the UBL TC intends to request the submission of UBL to ISO
- A publicly subscribable OASIS ubl-dev list has been formed to provide a public forum for questions and comments
- The Danish government has officially adopted UBL 0.7 for its e-government procurement portal
- The first commercial UBL-based order/invoice system has gone into production in the UK (IMPAQ and Q Associates)
- An additional major trade document (Certificate of Origin) has been submitted for adoption in UBL 1.1
- Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish Localization Subcommittees have been formed to translate UBL definitions and promote regional adoption



English UBL definition (e.g., Order)

| | A | B | O | P | Q |
|----|-----------------------------|--|------|-------|--|
| 2 | Order | Order, Details | | ABIE | a document that contains information directly relating to the economic event of ordering products. |
| 3 | BuyersID | Order, Buyers_ Identifier, Identifier | 0..1 | BBIE | a unique identification assigned to the Order in respect to the Buyer party |
| 4 | SellersID | Order, Sellers_ Identifier, Identifier | 0..1 | BBIE | the identification given to an Order by the seller. |
| 5 | CopyIndicator | Order, Copy, Indicator | 0..1 | BBIE | indicates whether a document is a copy (true) or not (false) |
| 6 | GUID | Order, Globally Unique_ Identifier, Identifier | 0..1 | BBIE | a computer generated unique identifier for the document, which is guaranteed to be unique |
| 7 | issueDate | Order, Issue Date, Date | 1 | BBIE | a date (and potentially time) stamp denoting when the Order was issued. |
| 8 | Note | Order, Note, Text | 0..1 | BBIE | contains any free form text pertinent to the entire document or to the document message itself. This element may contain notes or any other similar information that is not contained explicitly in another structure. |
| 9 | AcknowledgementResponseCode | Order, Acknowledgement Response, Code | 0..1 | BBIE | specifies the type of Response for the Order that the Buyer requires from the Seller. |
| 10 | TransactionCurrencyCode | Order, Transaction Currency, Code | 0..1 | BBIE | the default currency of the transaction, to be used for Invoicing. |
| 11 | PricingCurrencyCode | Order, Pricing Currency, Code | 0..1 | BBIE | the currency in which all pricing on the transaction will be specified. |
| 12 | EarliestDate | Order, Earliest Date, Date | 0..1 | BBIE | the starting date on or after which Order should be considered valid |
| 13 | ExpiryDate | Order, Expiry Date, Date | 0..1 | BBIE | the date on or after which Order should be cancelled if not satisfied. |
| 14 | ValidityDurationMeasure | Order, Validity Duration, Measure | 0..1 | BBIE | the period for which the Order is valid. |
| 15 | TaxTotalAmount | Order, Tax Total, Amount | 0..1 | BBIE | the total tax amount to be paid for the Order. |
| 16 | LineExtensionTotalAmount | Order, Line_ Extension Total, Amount | 0..1 | BBIE | the total of line item extension amounts for the entire Order, but not adjusted by any payment settlement discount or taxation. |
| 17 | TotalPackagesQuantity | Order, Total_ Packages Quantity, Quantity | 0..1 | BBIE | the count of the total number of packages contained in the Order. |
| 18 | GrossWeightMeasure | Order, Gross_ Weight, Measure | 0..1 | BBIE | the total gross weight of the order. (goods plus packaging plus transport equipment) |
| 19 | NetWeightMeasure | Order, Net_ Weight, Measure | 0..1 | BBIE | the total net weight of the order. (goods plus packaging) |
| 20 | NetNetWeightMeasure | Order, Net Net_ Weight, Measure | 0..1 | BBIE | the weight (mass) of the goods themselves without any packing. |
| 21 | GrossVolumeMeasure | Order, Gross_ Volum e, Measure | 0..1 | BBIE | the total volume of the goods plus packaging on the Order. |
| 22 | NetVolumeMeasure | Order, Net_ Volume, Measure | 0..1 | BBIE | the total volume of the Order. (goods less packaging) |
| 23 | LineItemCountNumeric | Order, LineItem Count, Numeric | 0..1 | BBIE | the number of line items |
| 24 | ContractDocumentReference | Order, Contract_ Document Reference | 0..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with a previously agreed Contract. |
| 25 | QuoteDocumentReference | Order, Quote_ Document Reference | 0..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with a prior quote. |
| 26 | AdditionalDocumentReference | Order, Additional_ Document Reference | 0..n | ASBIE | associates the Order with one or more other identification means |
| 27 | BuyerParty | Order, Buyer Party | 1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with information about the buyer involved in the transaction. |
| 28 | SellerParty | Order, Seller Party | 1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with information about the seller involved in the transaction. |
| 29 | OriginatorParty | Order, Originator_ Party | 0..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with information about the originator of the transaction. |
| 30 | FreightForwarderParty | Order, Freight Forwarder_ Party | 0..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with information about the freight forwarder involved in the transaction. |
| 31 | Delivery | Order, Delivery | 0..n | ASBIE | associates the Order with a delivery (or deliveries) |
| 32 | DeliveryTerms | Order, Delivery Terms | 0..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with the delivery terms agreed between seller and buyer with regard to the delivery of goods. |
| 33 | AllowanceCharge | Order, Allowance Charge | 0..n | ASBIE | associates the Order with one or more pricing components for overall charges allowances etc. |
| 34 | SalesConditions | Order, Sales Conditions | 0..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with a sales condition applying to the whole order. |
| 35 | DestinationCountry | Order, Destination_ Country | 0..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with the country of destination (for Customs purposes). |
| 36 | OrderLine | Order, Order Line | 1..n | ASBIE | associates the Order with one or more Line items. |

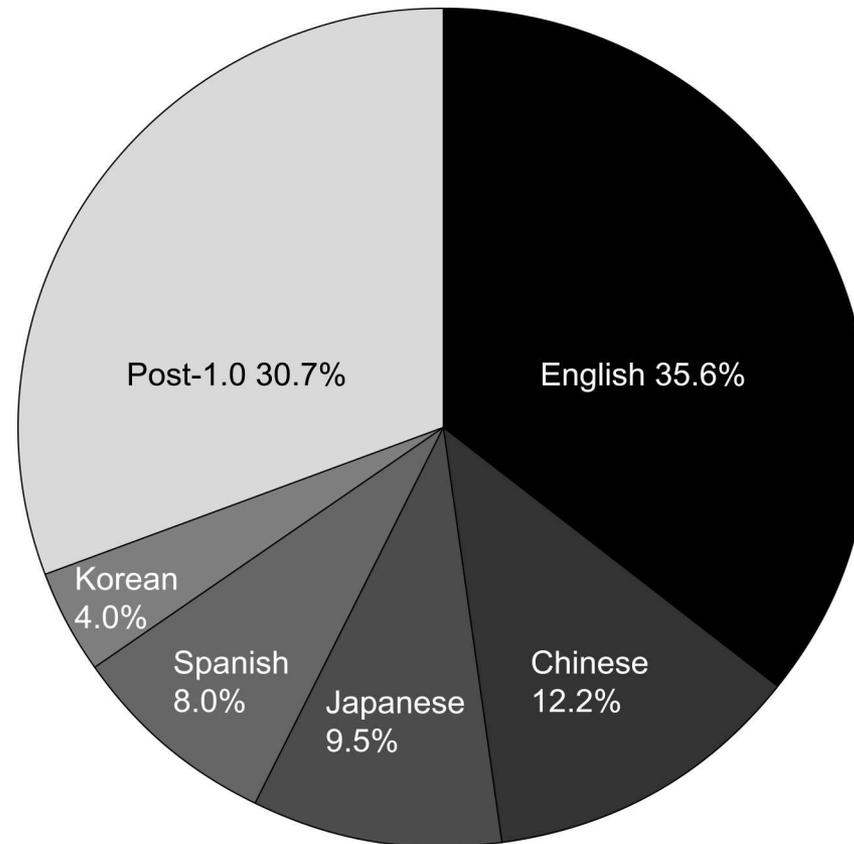
Localization example: Japan

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | |
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| 1 | UBL Order V1.0 Japanese | | | | | | | | 2004-06-28 |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | No. | UBL Name | Dictionary Entry Name | Representation Term | Cardinality | Component Type | Business Terms (Japanese) | Translated Definition (Japanese) | Definition |
| 4 | 1 | Order | Order. Details | | | ABIE | 注文 | 製品を注文する経済的な事象に直接関係のある情報を含む文書。 | a document that contains information directly relating to the economic event of ordering products. |
| 5 | 2 | BuyersID | Order. Buyers_ Identifier. Identifier | Identifier | 0..1 | BBIE | 発注番号 | 発注者側において注文に割り当てられたユニークな識別。 | a unique identification assigned to the Order in respect to the Buyer party |
| 6 | 3 | SellersID | Order. Sellers_ Identifier. Identifier | Identifier | 0..1 | BBIE | 受注番号 | 受注者によって注文に与えられた識別。 | the identification given to an Order by the seller. |
| 7 | 4 | CopyIndicator | Order. Copy. Indicator | Indicator | 0..1 | BBIE | 正/副区分 | ドキュメントが写し(正)かどうか(副)示します。 | Indicates whether a document is a copy (true) or not (false) |
| 8 | 5 | GUID | Order. Globally Unique_ Identifier. Identifier | Identifier | 0..1 | BBIE | メッセージID | ドキュメントがユニークなことを保証されるために、コンピュータが生成した固有識別子。 | a computer generated unique identifier for the document, which is guaranteed to be unique |
| 9 | 6 | IssueDate | Order. Issue Date. Date | Date | 1 | BBIE | 発注日 | 注文を発行した時点を示す。日付または時刻。 | a date (and potentially time) stamp denoting when the Order was issued. |
| 10 | 7 | Note | Order. Note. Text | Text | 0..1 | BBIE | 備考 | 文書全体、もしくは文書の文言自体に関する自由形式のテキストを包含。この項目には、備考、あるいは、別の構造がなければ類似の情報を入れてもかまわない。 | contains any free form text pertinent to the entire document or to the document message itself. This element may contain notes or any other similar information that is not contained explicitly in another structure. |
| 11 | 8 | AcknowledgementResponseCode | Order. Acknowledgement Response. Code | Code | 0..1 | BBIE | 注文回答要求区分 | 発注者が受注者に要求する注文に対する回答のタイプを指定。 | specifies the type of Response for the Order that the Buyer requires from the Seller. |
| 12 | 9 | TransactionCurrencyCode | Order. Transaction Currency. Code | Code | 0..1 | BBIE | 通貨コード(決済/請求用) | 請求するために使用される、取引の既定の通貨。 | the default currency of the transaction, to be used for Invoicing. |
| 13 | 10 | PricingCurrencyCode | Order. Pricing Currency. Code | Code | 0..1 | BBIE | 通貨コード(価格表示用) | 取引上のすべての価格提示で指定される通貨。 | the currency in which all pricing on the transaction will be specified. |
| 14 | 11 | EarliestDate | Order. Earliest Date. Date | Date | 0..1 | BBIE | 注文有効期間開始日 | 注文が有効であると考えべき期間の開始日。 | the starting date on or after which Order should be considered valid |
| 15 | 12 | ExpiryDate | Order. Expiry Date. Date | Date | 0..1 | BBIE | 注文取消可能期限日 | 注文に満足しないならば、注文を取り消しできる期限の日付。 | the date on or after which Order should be cancelled if not satisfied. |
| 16 | 13 | ValidityDurationMeasure | Order. Validity Duration. Measure | Measure | 0..1 | BBIE | 有効期間(日数) | 注文が有効な期間。 | the period for which the Order is valid. |
| 17 | 14 | TaxTotalAmount | Order. Tax Total. Amount | Amount | 0..1 | BBIE | 合計税額 | 注文に支払われる税額の合計。 | the total tax amount to be paid for the Order. |
| 18 | 15 | LineExtensionTotalAmount | Order. Line_ Extension Total. Amount | Amount | 0..1 | BBIE | 課税対象額 | 出積値引とか税額を調整されていない、行拡張した全体の合計額。 | the total of line item extension amounts for the entire Order, but not adjusted by any payment settlement discount or taxation. |
| 19 | 16 | TotalPackagesQuantity | Order. Total_ Packages Quantity. Quantity | Quantity | 0..1 | BBIE | 総梱包総数 | 注文した梱包総数。 | the count of the total number of packages contained in the Order. |
| 20 | 17 | GrossWeightMeasure | Order. Gross_ Weight. Measure | Measure | 0..1 | BBIE | 総重量 | 注文した総重量(物品+梱包+輸送設備)。 | the total gross weight of the order. (goods plus packaging plus transport equipment) |
| 21 | 18 | NetWeightMeasure | Order. Net_ Weight. Measure | Measure | 0..1 | BBIE | 正味梱包総重量 | 注文した正味の総重量。(物品+梱包)。 | the total net weight of the order. (goods plus packaging) |
| 22 | 19 | NetNetWeightMeasure | Order. Net Net_ Weight. Measure | Measure | 0..1 | BBIE | 正味物品総重量 | 梱包なしの物品自身の重量(質量)。 | the weight (mass) of the goods themselves without any packing. |
| 23 | 20 | GrossVolumeMeasure | Order. Gross_ Volume. Measure | Measure | 0..1 | BBIE | 正味梱包総容積 | 注文した物品に梱包を加えた総容積。 | the total volume of the goods plus packaging on the Order. |

Draft translations of the entire UBL data dictionary (element and attribute definitions) are now available in Chinese (Simplified), Japanese, Korean, and Spanish.



UBL 1.0 translation targets



The translation efforts currently underway will make UBL 1.0 usable to over two-thirds of the world's online population.



UBL + ebXML: add water and stir

If you add UBL 1.0 to ebXML you get a complete, free, open-standards framework for generic XML EDI.

Obligatory Web Services Disclaimer: UBL is completely independent of the transport layer will actually work with any XML-based service-oriented architecture (SOA).

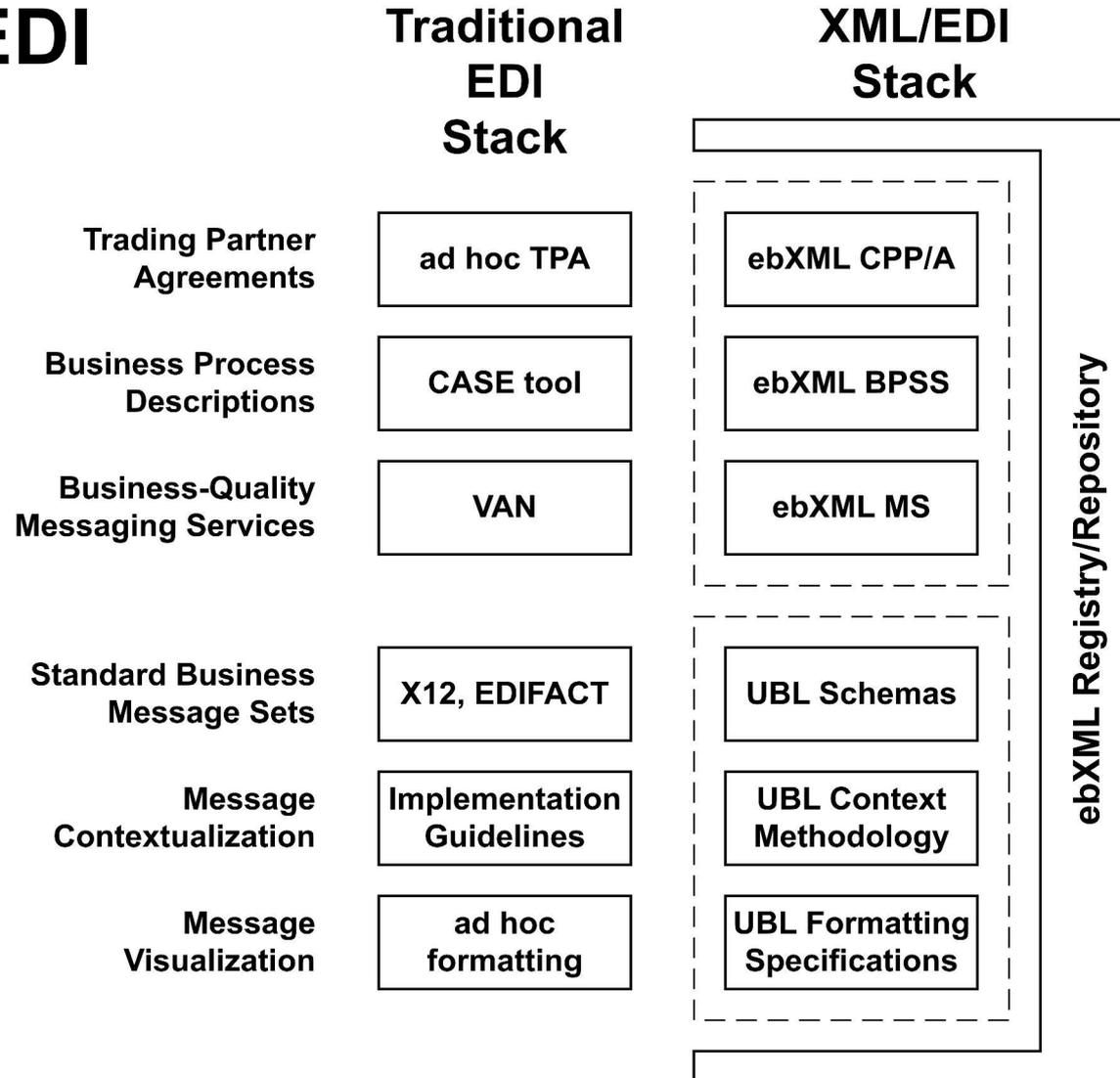
In fact, it is difficult to imagine any of the other XML-based B2B infrastructures currently under consideration working at all without something like UBL.

For example, Hitachi representatives to the UBL Software Subcommittee have reported success in implementing UBL using J2EE and WS Reliable Messaging.

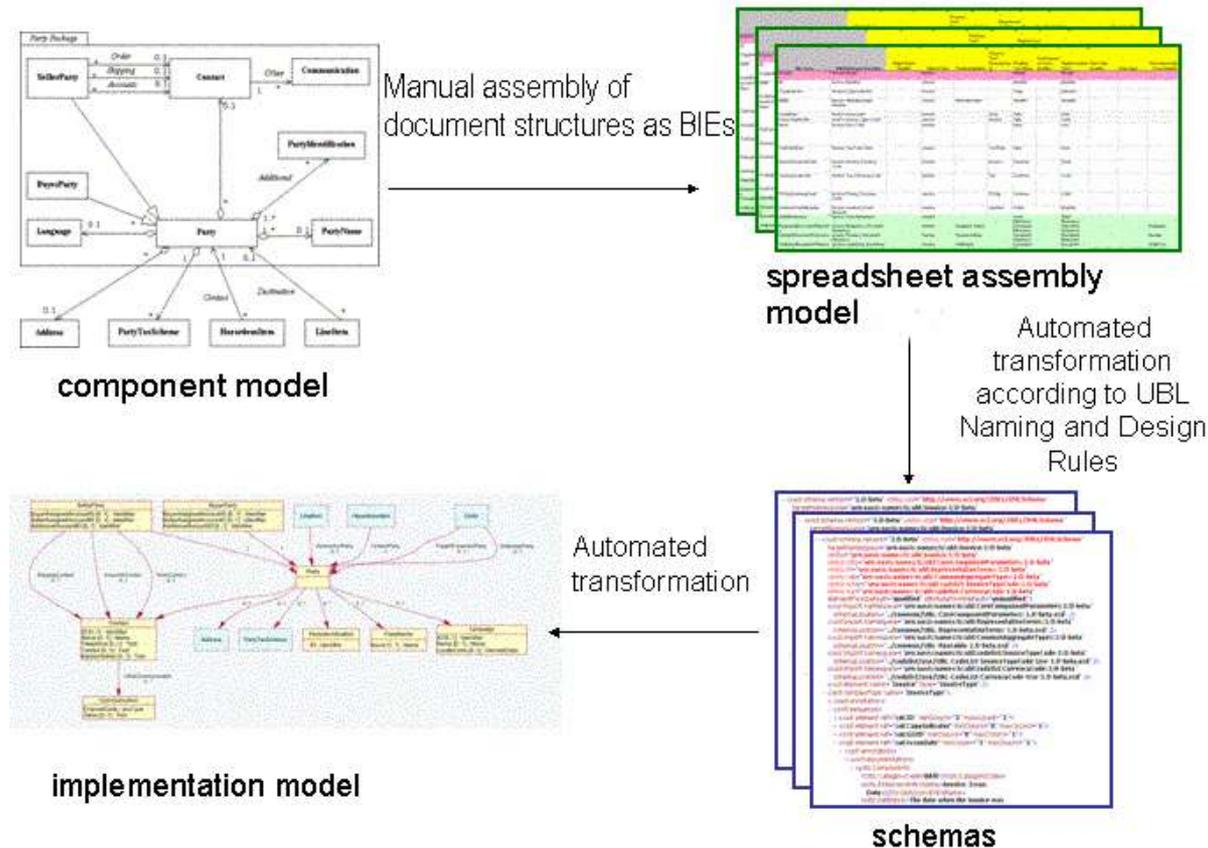
But ebXML is the thing I find exciting because it's here at the established international standards level right now and is being deployed right now.



XML EDI



UBL 1.0: overview

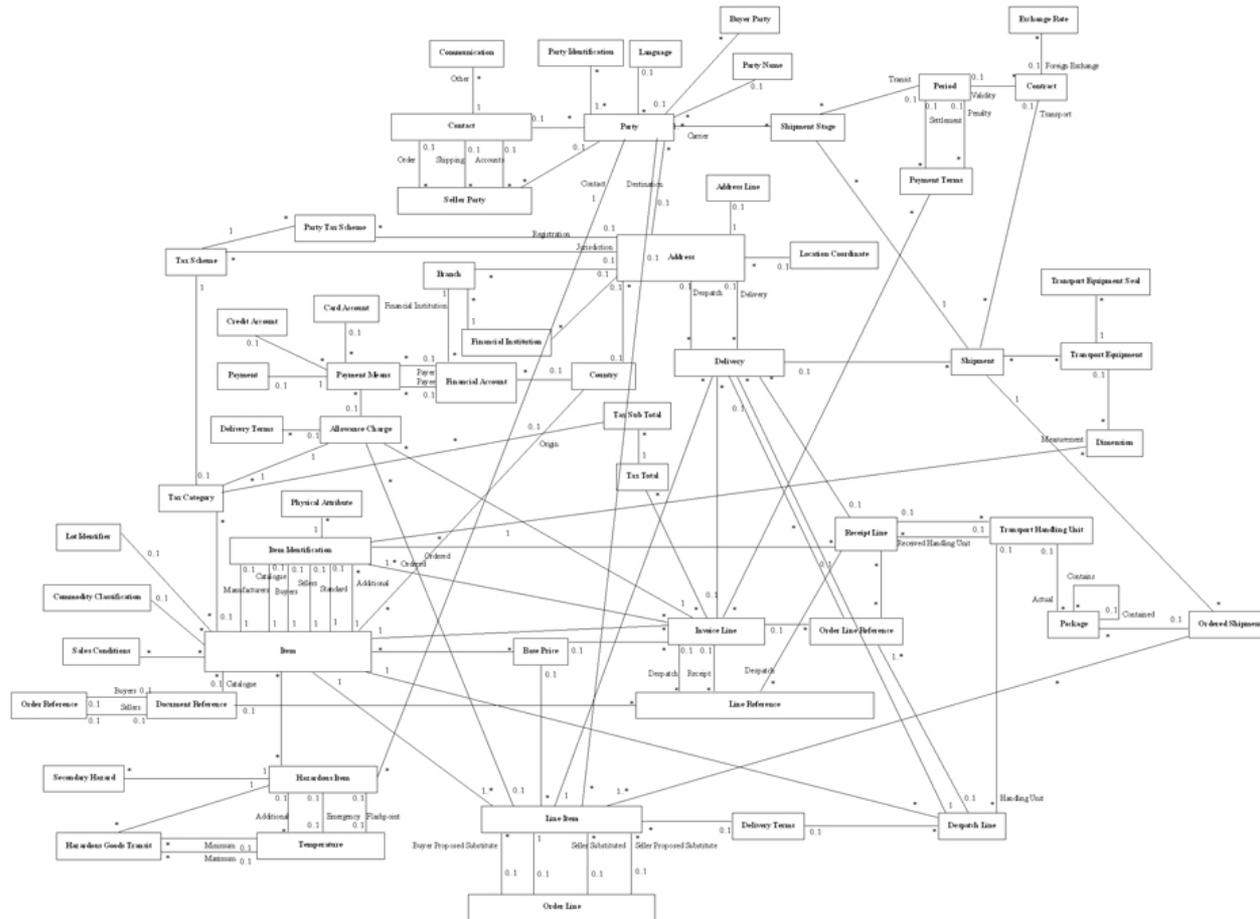


See the Committee Draft at

<http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/download.php/9354/cd-UBL-1.0.zip>



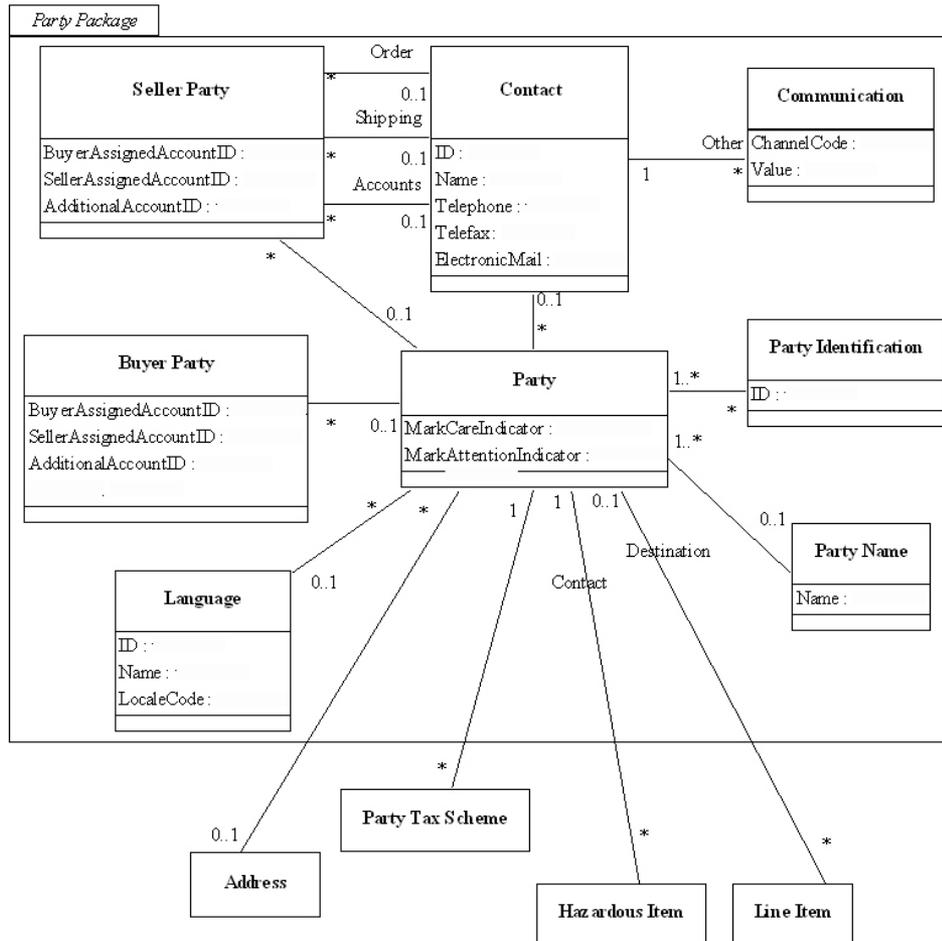
UBL 1.0: Document components



To aid comprehension, this data model is broken down into packages...



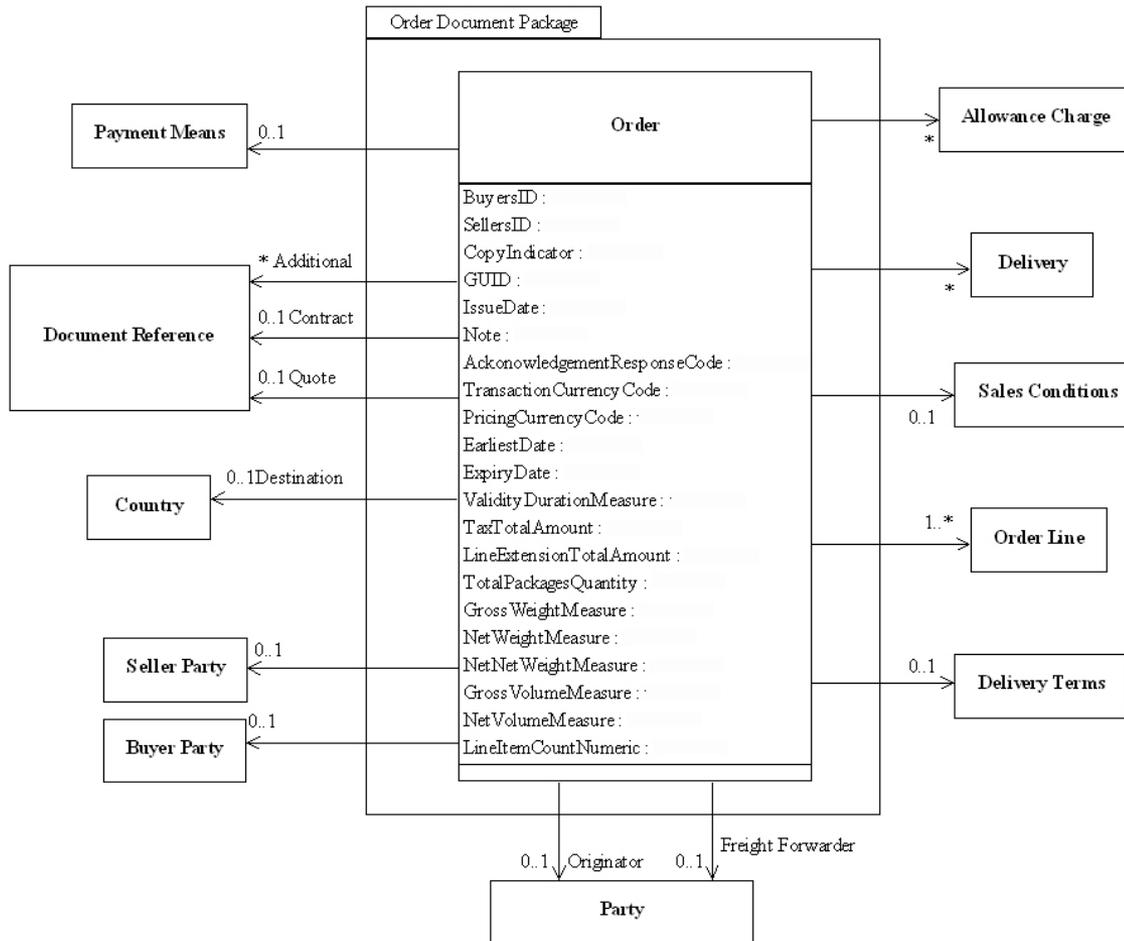
Package example: Party



- UBL 1.0 includes diagrams for**
- Address Package**
 - Contract Package**
 - Delivery Package**
 - Document Reference Package**
 - Hazardous Item Package**
 - Item Package**
 - Party Package**
 - Payment Package**
 - Procurement Package**
 - Tax Package**



Document assembly example: Order



UBL 1.0 includes assembly diagrams for the eight basic order-to-invoice documents:

Order

Order Response

Order Response Simple

Order Change

Order Cancellation

Despatch Advice

Receipt Advice

Invoice



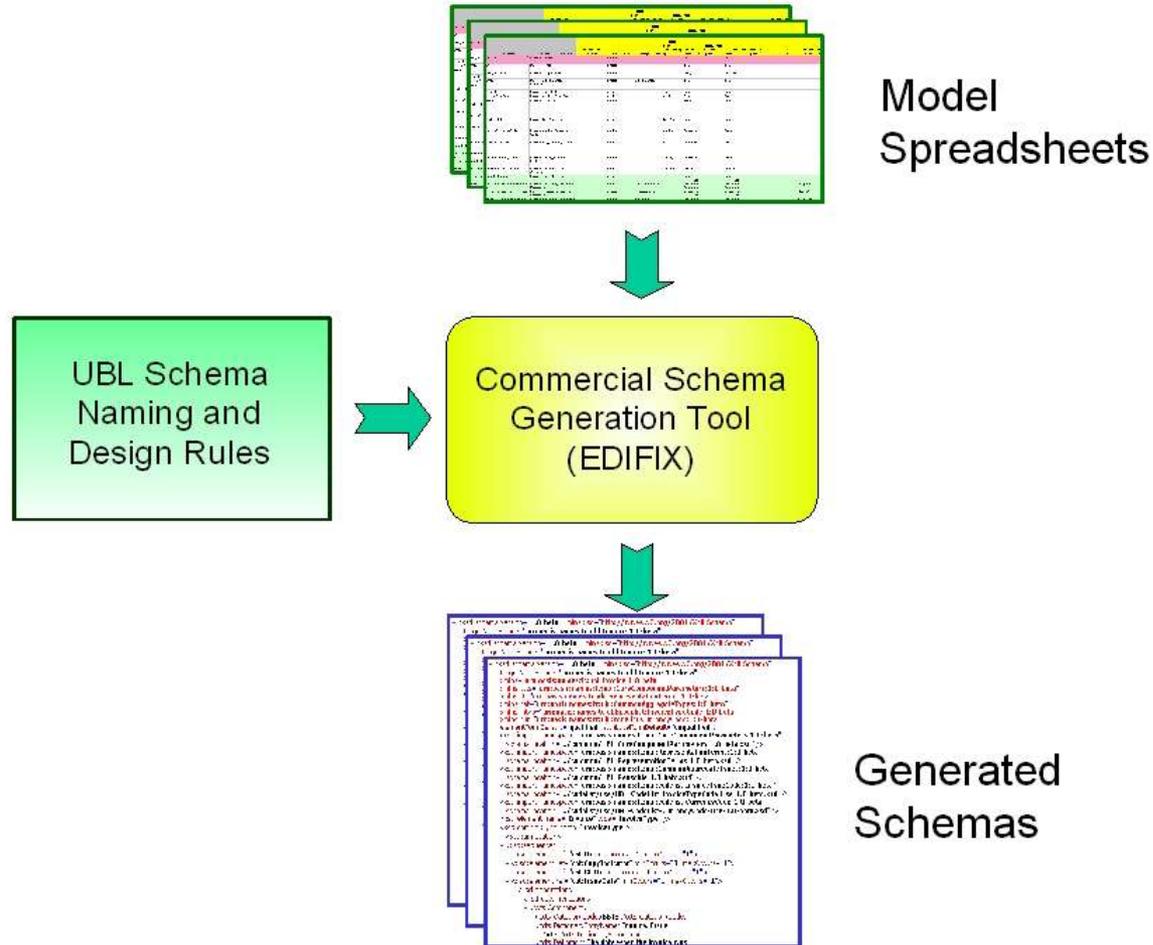
Example document spreadsheet: Order

| UBL Name | Dictionary Entry Name | Object Class Qualifier | Object Class | Property Term Qualifier | Property Term Possessive Noun | Property Term Primary Noun | Property Term | Representation Term | Data Type | Associated Object Class Qualifier | Associated Object Class | Alternative Business Terms | Cardinality | Component Type | Definition |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| Order | Order: Details | | Order | | | | | | | | | Purchase Order | 1 | ASBIE | a document that contains information directly relating to the economic event of ordering |
| BuyerID | Order: Buyers: Identifier: Identifier | | Order | Buyers | Identifier | Identifier | Identifier | Identifier | Identifier: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the identification assigned to the Order in respect to the Buyer party |
| SellerID | Order: Sellers: Identifier: Identifier | | Order | Sellers | Identifier | Identifier | Identifier | Identifier | Identifier: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the identification given to an Order by the seller |
| CopyIndicator | Order: Copy: Indicator | | Order | Copy | Copy | Copy | Indicator | Indicator | Indicator: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | Indicates whether a document is a copy (true) or not (false) |
| GUID | Order: Globally Unique: Identifier: Identifier | | Order | Globally Unique | Identifier | Identifier | Identifier | Identifier | Identifier: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | a computer generated unique identifier for the document, which is guaranteed to be unique in date (and potentially time stamp) denoting when the Order was issued |
| IssueDate | Order: Issue: Date: Date | | Order | | Issue | Date | Date | Date | Date: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | contains any free form text pertinent to the entire document or to the document message itself. This element may contain notes or any other similar information that is not contained explicitly in another structure. |
| Note | Order: Note: Text | | Order | | Note | Note | Text | Text | Text: Type | | | | 0..1 | ASBIE | specifies the type of Response for the Order that the Buyer requires from the Seller |
| AcknowledgementResponseCode | Order: Acknowledgement: Response: Code | | Order | Acknowledgement | Response | Acknowledgement | Code | Acknowledgement | Acknowledgement: Code: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the default currency of the transaction, to be used for invoicing |
| TransactionCurrencyCode | Order: Transaction: Currency: Code | | Order | Transaction | Currency | Transaction | Code | Currency | Currency: Code: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the currency in which all pricing on the transaction will be specified |
| PricingCurrencyCode | Order: Pricing: Currency: Code | | Order | Pricing | Currency | Pricing | Code | Currency | Currency: Code: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the starting date on or after which Order should be considered valid |
| EarliestDate | Order: Earliest: Date: Date | | Order | Earliest | Date | Earliest | Date | Date | Date: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the date on or after which Order should be cancelled if not satisfied |
| ExpnDate | Order: Expiry: Date: Date | | Order | Expiry | Date | Expiry | Date | Date | Date: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the period for which the Order is valid |
| ValidityDurationMeasure | Order: Validity: Duration: Measure | | Order | Validity | Duration | Validity | Measure | Measure | Measure: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the total tax amount to be paid for the Order |
| TaxTotalAmount | Order: Tax: Total: Amount | | Order | Tax | Total | Tax | Amount | JBL | UBL: Amount: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the total of the item extension amounts for the entire Order, but not adjusted by any payment settlement discount or taxation |
| LineExtensionTotalAmount | Order: Line: Extension: Total: Amount | | Order | Line | Extension | Total | Extension | Amount | JBL | UBL: Amount: Type | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the count of the total number of packages contained in the Order |
| TotalPackagesQuantity | Order: Total: Packages: Quantity: Quantity | | Order | Total | Packages | Quantity | Packages | Quantity | Quantity: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the total gross weight of the order (goods plus packaging plus transport equipment) |
| GrossWeightMeasure | Order: Gross: Weight: Measure | | Order | Gross | Weight | Weight | Measure | Measure | Measure: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the total net weight of the order (goods plus packaging) |
| NetWeightMeasure | Order: Net: Weight: Measure | | Order | Net | Weight | Weight | Measure | Measure | Measure: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the weight (mass) of the goods themselves without any packing |
| NetNetWeightMeasure | Order: Net: Net: Weight: Measure | | Order | Net | Net | Weight | Measure | Measure | Measure: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the total volume of the goods plus packaging on the Order |
| GrossVolumeMeasure | Order: Gross: Volume: Measure | | Order | Gross | Volume | Volume | Measure | Measure | Measure: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the total volume of the Order (goods plus packaging) |
| NetVolumeMeasure | Order: Net: Volume: Measure | | Order | Net | Volume | Volume | Measure | Measure | Measure: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | the number of line items |
| LineItemCountNumeric | Order: LineItem: Count: Numeric | | Order | LineItem | Count | Count | Numeric | Numeric | Numeric: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with a previously agreed Contract |
| ContractDocumentReference | Order: Contract: Document: Reference | | Order | Contract | Document | Reference | Document | Reference | Document: Reference: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with a prior quote |
| QuoteDocumentReference | Order: Quote: Document: Reference | | Order | Quote | Document | Reference | Document | Reference | Document: Reference: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with one or more other identification means |
| AdditionalDocumentReference | Order: Additional: Document: Reference | | Order | Additional | Document | Reference | Document | Reference | Document: Reference: Type | | | | 0..n | ASBIE | associates the Order with information about the buyer involved in the transaction |
| BuyerParty | Order: Buyer: Party | | Order | Buyer | Party | Buyer | Party | Buyer | Party: Type | | | | 1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with information about the seller involved in the transaction |
| SellerParty | Order: Seller: Party | | Order | Seller | Party | Seller | Party | Seller | Party: Type | | | | 1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with information about the originator of the transaction |
| OriginatorParty | Order: Originator: Party | | Order | Originator | Party | Originator | Party | Originator | Party: Type | | | | 1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with information about the freight forwarder involved in the transaction |
| FreightForwarderParty | Order: Freight: Forwarder: Party | | Order | Freight Forwarder | Party | Freight Forwarder | Party | Freight Forwarder | Party: Type | | | | 1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with a delivery (or deliveries) |
| Delivery | Order: Delivery | | Order | Delivery | Delivery | Delivery | Delivery | Delivery | Delivery: Type | | | Carrier | 1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with the delivery terms agreed between seller and buyer with regard to the delivery of goods |
| DeliveryTerms | Order: Delivery: Terms | | Order | Delivery | Terms | Delivery | Terms | Delivery | Delivery: Terms: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with one or more pricing components for overall charges allowances etc. |
| AllowanceCharge | Order: Allowance: Charge | | Order | Allowance | Charge | Allowance | Charge | Allowance | Allowance: Charge: Type | | | | 0..n | ASBIE | associates the Order with a sales condition applying to the whole order |
| SalesConditions | Order: Sales: Conditions | | Order | Sales | Conditions | Sales | Conditions | Sales | Sales: Conditions: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with the country of destination (for Customs purposes) |
| DestinationCountry | Order: Destination: Country | | Order | Destination | Country | Country | Country | Country | Country: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | associates the Order with one or more Line Items |
| OrderLine | Order: Order: Line | | Order | Order | Line | Order | Line | Order | Order: Line: Type | | | | 1..n | ASBIE | associates the Order with the expected means of payment |
| PaymentMeans | Order: Payment: Means | | Order | Payment | Means | Payment | Means | Payment | Payment: Means: Type | | | | 1..1 | ASBIE | |

The UBL 1.0 package includes spreadsheets for the UBL component library and for each of the eight document types defined by UBL 1.0: Order, Order Response, Order Response Simple, Order Change, Order Cancellation, Despatch Advice, Receipt Advice, and Invoice.



UBL 1.0 schema generation



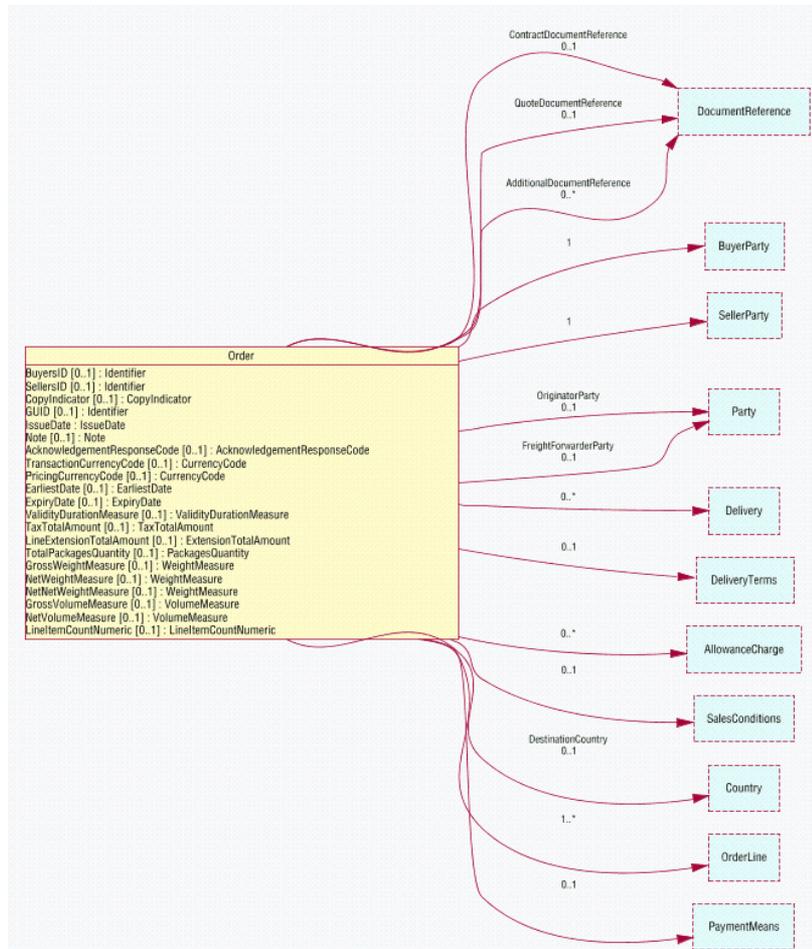
Example NDRs: Complex type naming

| ComplexType Naming Rules | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| [CTN1] | A UBL xsd:complexType name based on an ccts:AggregateBusinessInformationEntity MUST be the ccts:DictionaryEntryName with the separators removed and with the "Details" suffix replaced with "Type". |
| [CTN2] | A UBL xsd:complexType name based on a ccts:BasicBusinessInformationEntityProperty MUST be the ccts:DictionaryEntryName shared property term and its qualifiers and the representation term of the shared ccts:BasicBusinessInformationEntity, with the separators removed and with the "Type" suffix appended after the representation term. |
| [CTN3] | A UBL xsd:complexType for a cct:UnspecialisedDatatype used in the UBL model MUST have the name of the corresponding ccts:CoreComponentType, with the separators removed and with the "Type" suffix appended. |
| [CTN4] | A UBL xsd:complexType for a cct:UnspecialisedDatatype based on a ccts:SecondaryRepresentationTerm used in the UBL model MUST have the name of the corresponding ccts:SecondaryRepresentationTerm, with the separators removed and with the "Type" suffix appended. |
| [CTN5] | A UBL xsd:complexType name based on a ccts:CoreComponentType MUST be the Dictionary entry name of the ccts:CoreComponentType, with the separators removed. |

The UBL 1.0 package includes a checklist consisting of almost 150 such rules. The UBL 1.0 Naming and Design Rules have been published as a separate Committee Draft now undergoing public review in preparation for OASIS Standardization.



Implementation diagram example: Order



UBL 1.0 includes implementation diagrams for the eight basic order-to-invoice documents:

Order

Order Response

Order Response Simple

Order Change

Order Cancellation

Despatch Advice

Receipt Advice

Invoice



Other supporting materials

The UBL 1.0 package also includes

- Formatting specifications for UBL documents
- Example Order, Order Response (Simple), Order Change, Order Cancellation, DespatchAdvice, Receipt Advice, and Invoice instance documents demonstrating the use of UBL for buying office supplies
- Example Order, Order Response, Despatch Advice, and Invoice instance documents demonstrating the use of UBL for buying building supplies
- Example printouts of all the instance documents
- Guidelines for customizing the UBL schemas
- A specification for the publication of code list schemas
- A UBL 1.0 ASN.1 specification



Next step: UBL 1.1

Work now continues on an update due out by the end of 2005.

UBL 1.1 will include:

- Resolution of a number of issues raised during the development of UBL 1.0 that were judged safely deferrable to 1.1
- Refinements and clarifications of the UBL data definitions arising from the translation work
- Additions to the UBL library identified by the UBL localization subcommittees as required to accommodate regional business practices
- Consideration of proposed additions to the UBL document set submitted by qualified organizations (Example: Certificate of Origin)



For more information

UBL: <http://oasis-open.org>

UBL 1.0: <http://docs.oasis-open.org/ubl/cd-UBL-1.0.zip>

ubl-dev: <http://www.oasis-open.org/mlmanage/>

ebXML: <http://ebxml.org>

freebXML: <http://www.freebxml.org>

OpenOffice: <http://openoffice.org>

xmlroff: <http://xmlroff.sourceforge.net/>

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