



Opening Plenary: Report from the Chair

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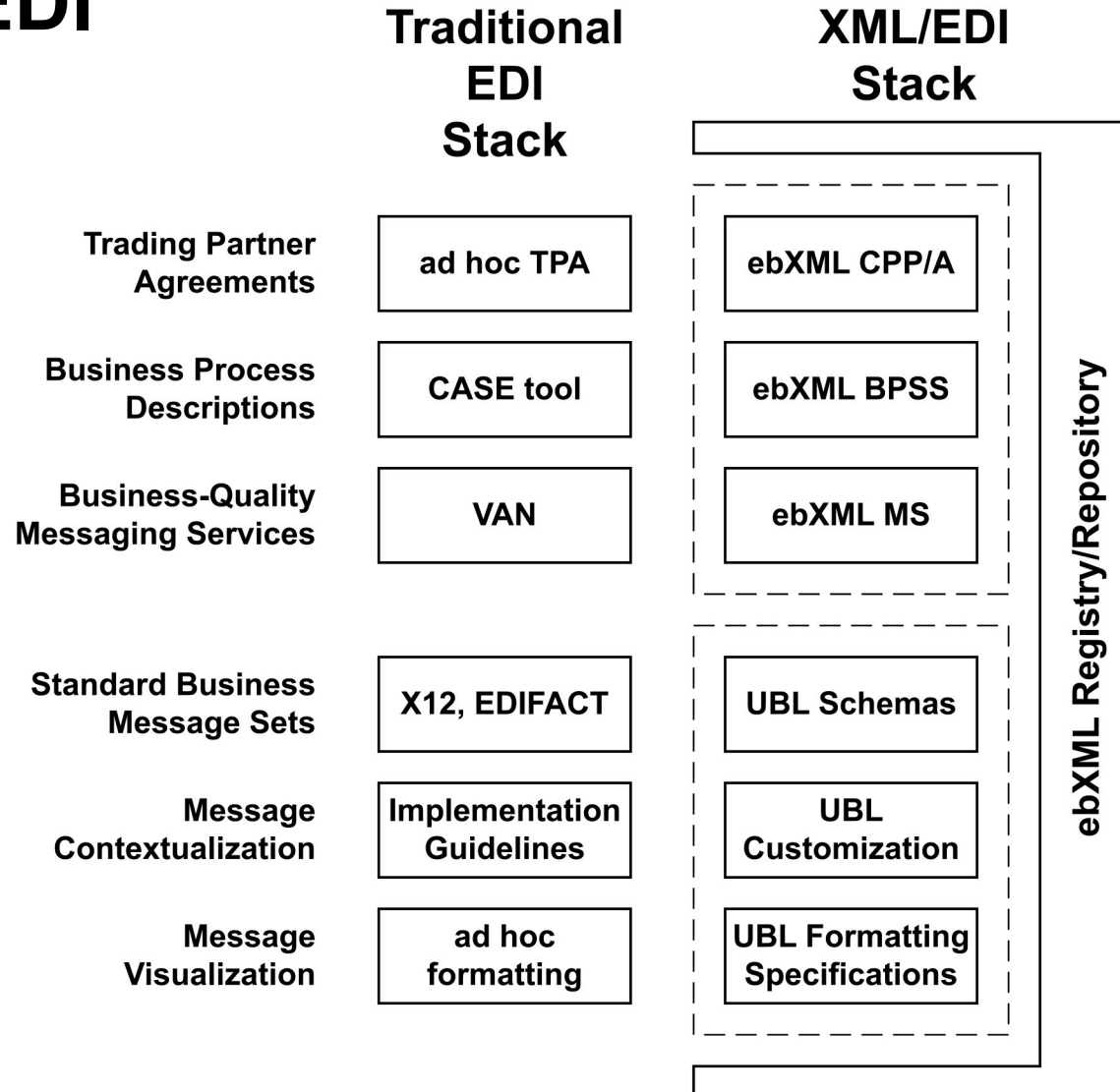
**OASIS
STANDARD**



The Universal Business Language (UBL)

- International effort to define a royalty-free library of standard electronic business documents
- Designed in an open and accountable vendor-neutral OASIS Technical Committee
- Plugs directly into existing business, legal, auditing, and records management practices with minimum disruption
- Eliminates re-keying of data in existing fax- and paper-based supply chains
- Fills the “payload” slot in B2B web services frameworks
- Maintains close alignment with existing EDI systems
- Presents vendors with a standard target for cheap off-the-shelf business software

XML EDI





UBL 2.0: the “Sixth Generation” B2B language

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

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 (4Q 2004): UBL 1.0 (OASIS)

G6 (4Q 2006): UBL 2.0 (OASIS)

UBL 2.0 represents over nine years of continuous development in the creation of a standard XML business syntax.



Where we stand

- UBL 2.0 is an important open standard for business documents supporting a fairly complete eprocurement solution
- Large deployments are underway in Northern Europe
- We've just ended five years of feverish development
- In the phase just starting, the focus will be on deployment and support



Where we're going

- We are committed to making only incremental improvements for the next two years
- We should aim to have UBL 2.1 out in the next 1-2 years (between May 2008 and May 2009)
- We are committed to further collaboration with UN/CEFACT working groups
- Priority development goals:
 - Customization policy
 - Minor version policy
 - Forecasting policy
 - Support materials



Supporting materials

- Translations
- Customization support
- Code list support
- Model trading partner agreement
- NES and DK materials
- Other scenarios and case studies
- Data input
- Data output
- NDR completion and publication