NACHA's XML-ACH Opt-in Program

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Opportunity: Of U.S. remittance volumes by channel, only

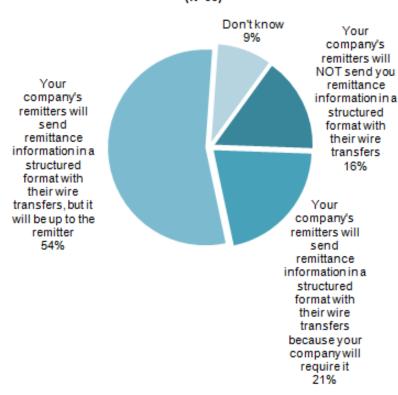
10% are sent with the payment using standards

-	Method or Channel for Providing Remittance Details	Number of Monthly Remittances (billions)
1	Sent by mail	2.6
2	Provided through a bank or third-party lockbox resource	2.2
3	Included with the payment in an unstructured or freeform format	1.7
4	Provided at a location such as an online banking site or the remitter's website that is accessed with a code or key	1.6
5	Included with the payment in a format supported by a standards group	1.5
5	Sent by email remittances	1.5
6	Provided in Electronic Data Interchange, or EDI, format directly to your company from your trading partner	1.2
7	Provided through a value-added network in Electronic Data Interchange, or EDI, format	1.1
8	Provided by SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications)	0.8
9	Provided by Telephone	0.5
10	Sent by fax	0.4
10	Provided by a trading partner network that is supported by a third-party vendor, such as Ariba or SunGard Source: NACHA - Aite Group	0.4

Opportunity: Overwhelmingly, <u>U.S.-based companies</u>' receivables respondents would like wire transfer and ACH remittance data to be in the same format

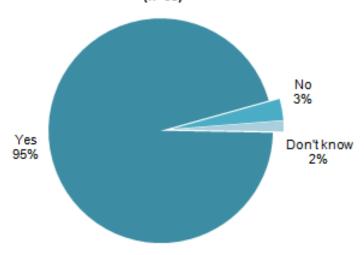
Q. As of November 2011, Fedwire and CHIPS include structured fields to capture remittance information within wire transfers. Do you anticipate that ...?

(N=90)



Q. When you use the structured remittance information provided in wire transfers, would it be easier for your company if the format for ACH remittance information were the same?

(n=65)



Source: NACHA - Aite Group survey of 240 receivables or payables experts at U.S.-based companies, January to March 2012



NACHA Opportunity Analysis

Overview of Current State in the Industry

- Corporate Remittance Process Flow Lifecycle
- XML in the Business Environment

Evaluation of Fedwire ERI

- Validation of ISO 20022 compliance
- Applicability to ACH with addenda
- Current assessment and findings
- Comparison of Fedwire ERI and ACH with Addenda

Evaluation of XML standards and schemas

- Schema Standards / Languages
- XML Schema Specifications

CGI evaluated additional standards to develop the proposed NACHA data dictionary including mapping to/observing:

- STP 820
- ISO 20022 pain.001
- IFX ISO 20022 proposal
- NACHA banking conventions



NACHA XML-ACH Opt-in Program



- Launched August 1, 2013
 - Member communication
 - Email announcement
 - Web presence
 - https://www.nacha.org/XML-ACH-Remittance



XML-ACH Features and Benefits

Features

- NACHA defined remittance data dictionary, rules and formats
- Opt-in usage for financial institutions, service providers and corporates
- An Identical process flow compared to Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) leveraging wire and international formats

Benefits

- Facilitate modern formats for B2B
- Enable electronic remittance exchanges with small and midsize companies
- Develop additional revenue streams for payments remittance services
- Leverage greater usage of XML in financial services
- Provide straight-through processing of payment-related information



XML-ACH Opt-in Rules

- XML-ACH Opt-in Rules have two parts:
 - Rules defining roles, responsibilities, origination/receipt requirements, obligations and warranties
 - Technical specifications for originating/receiving XML-ACH transactions



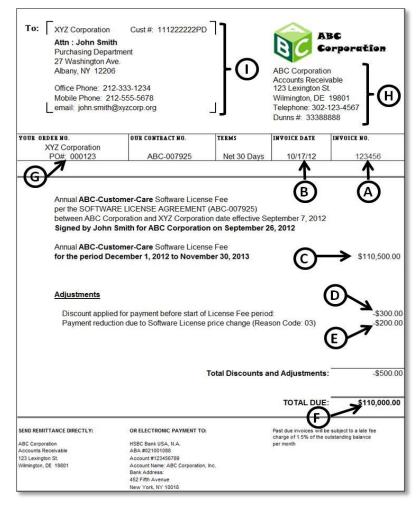
XML-ACH Opt-in Rules

Participation

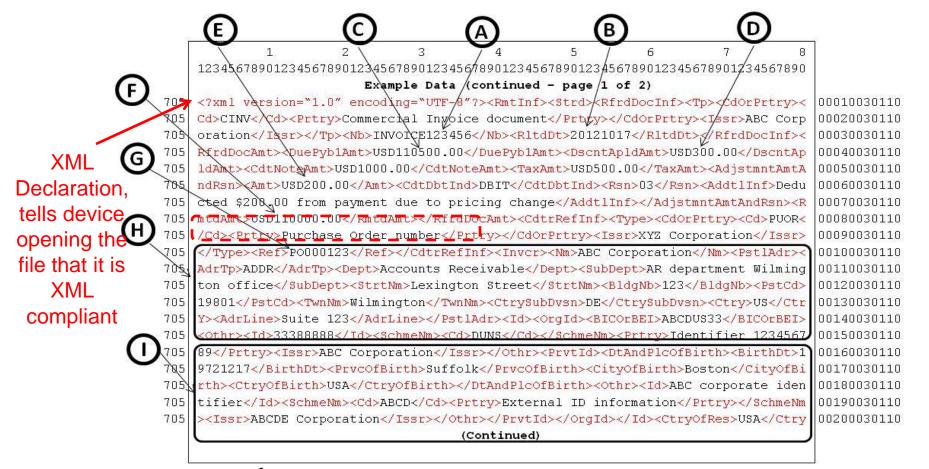
- Participants must sign participation agreement with NACHA and will be bound by the opt-in rules as well as the NACHA Rules
- Financial institutions must register as both ODFI and RDFI
- NACHA will maintain the list of participants
- Transactions
 - Opt-in rules apply only to CTX
 - There will be no operator validation of addenda records
 - Only data tags identified in the NACHA XML-ACH data dictionary can be included in remittance files
 - No changes required for 5-6-7 header records.
 - XML-formatted addenda will specifically be identified by the XML Declaration, or the first line in the 7 record e.g., <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>



How does it work?

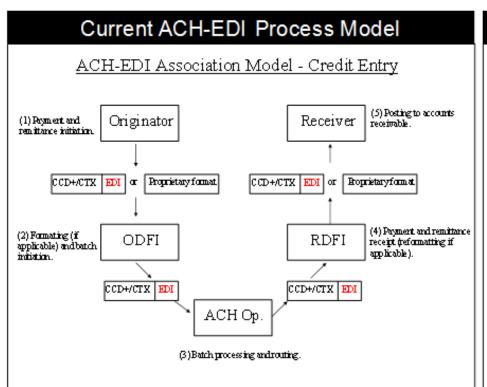


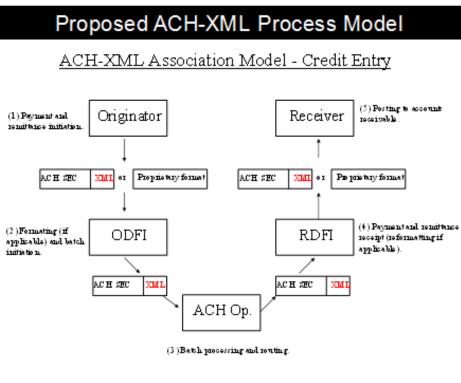






XML-ACH Process Flows – Identical to EDI Flows







Resources

- XML-ACH website: https://www.nacha.org/XML-ACH-Remittance
- XML-ACH rules: http://www.achrulesonline.org/ (free registration/log-in required)

