

The Future Direction of EDI Internationally

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DI - Electronic Commerce and Beyond

Agenda

- ★ The International e-commerce Market
- ★ Business Needs
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- ★ The current state of EDI
- ★ The 100% EDI Approach

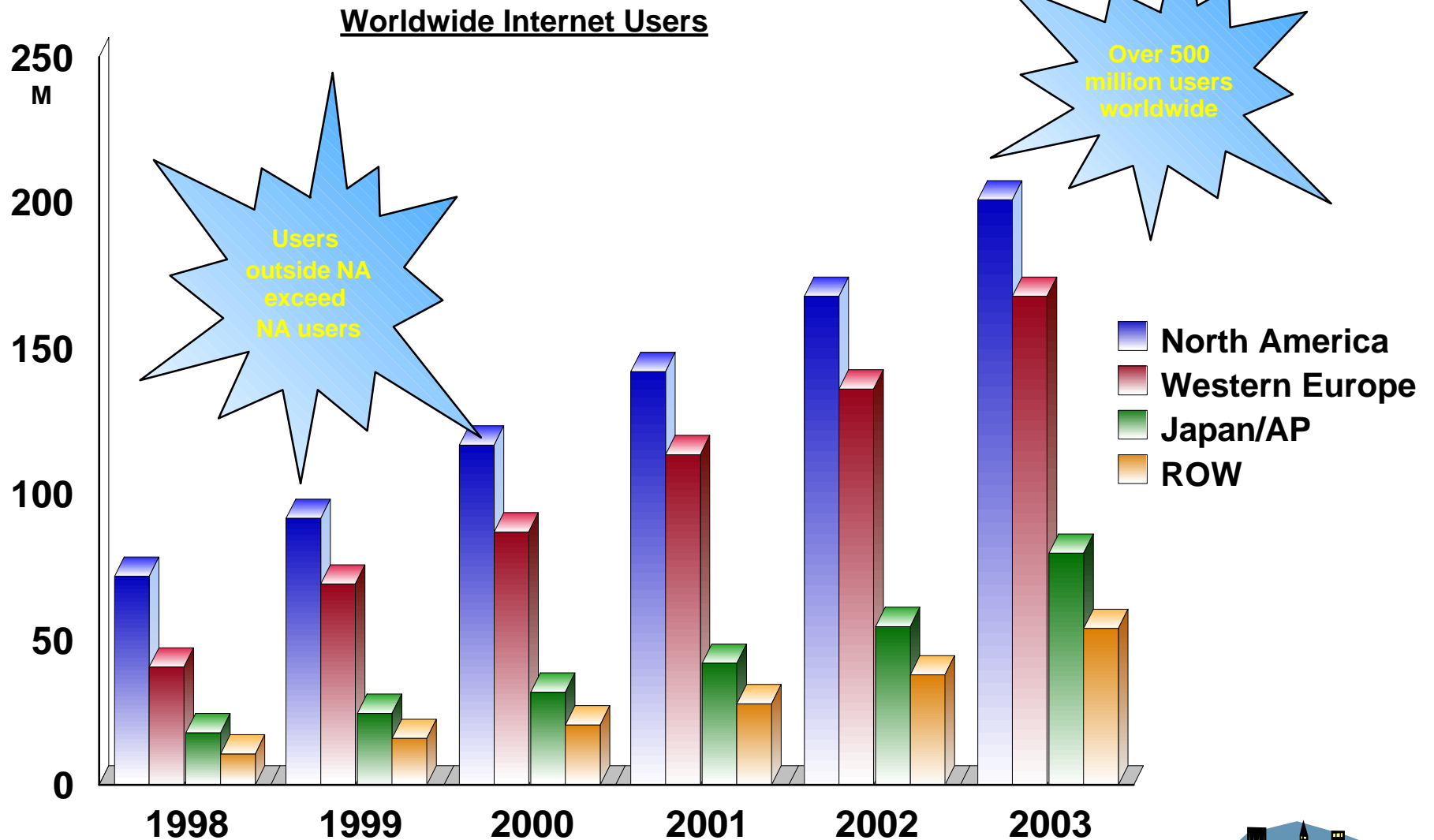


The International e-commerce Market

- ★ **Forrester Research, Inc.**, estimates that volume of e - commerce worldwide will reach between \$1.4 and \$3.2 trillion in the year 2003
- ★ **IDC** - EDI's Internet Transformation - By 2001 the majority of EDI-based procurement dollar volume will run over the Internet
- ★ **Ovum** - The European EDI market is 850 Million Dollars in 1999 and will exceed 1.7 Billion Dollars in 2003



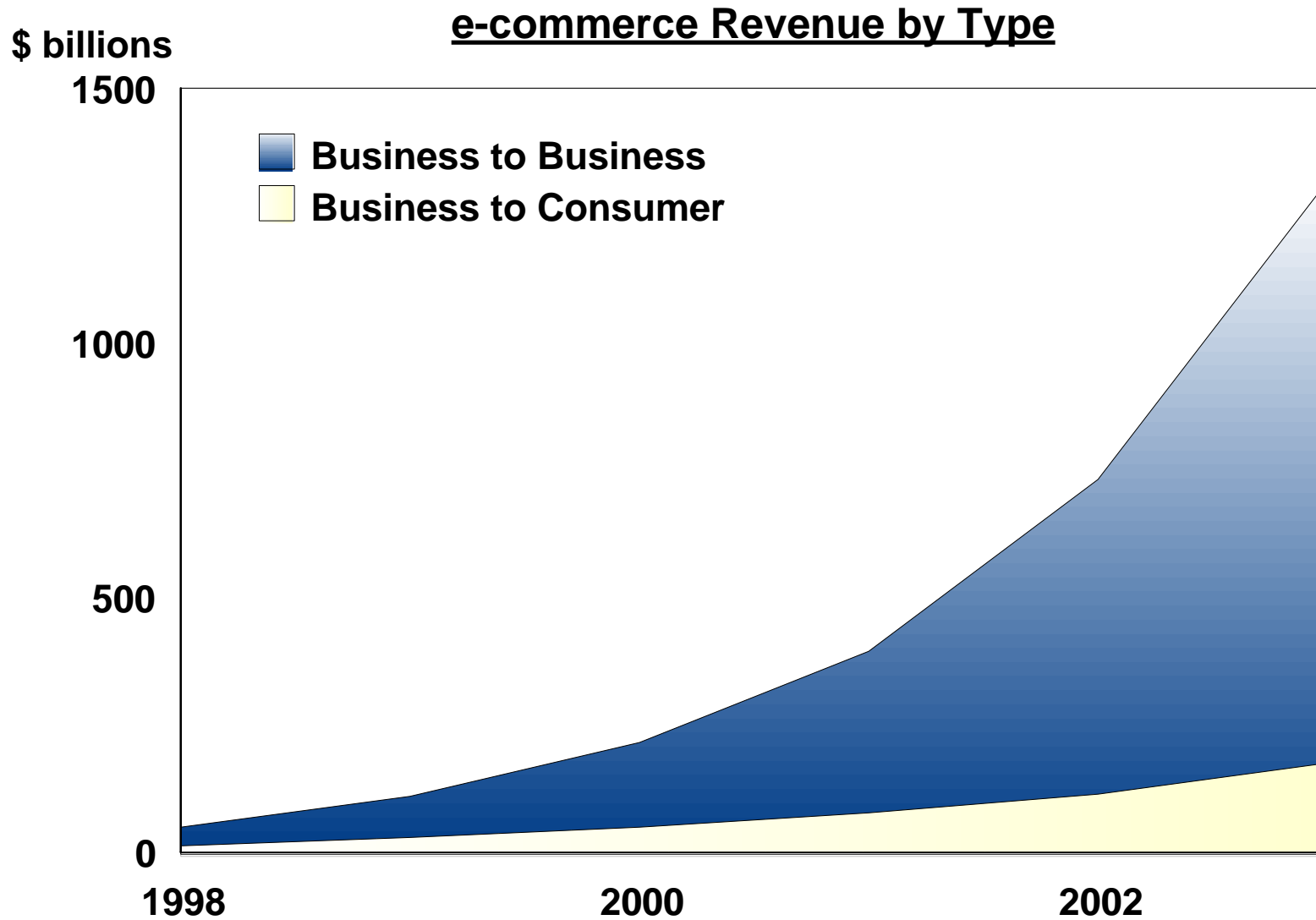
The Importance of the Internet



Source: IDC 1999



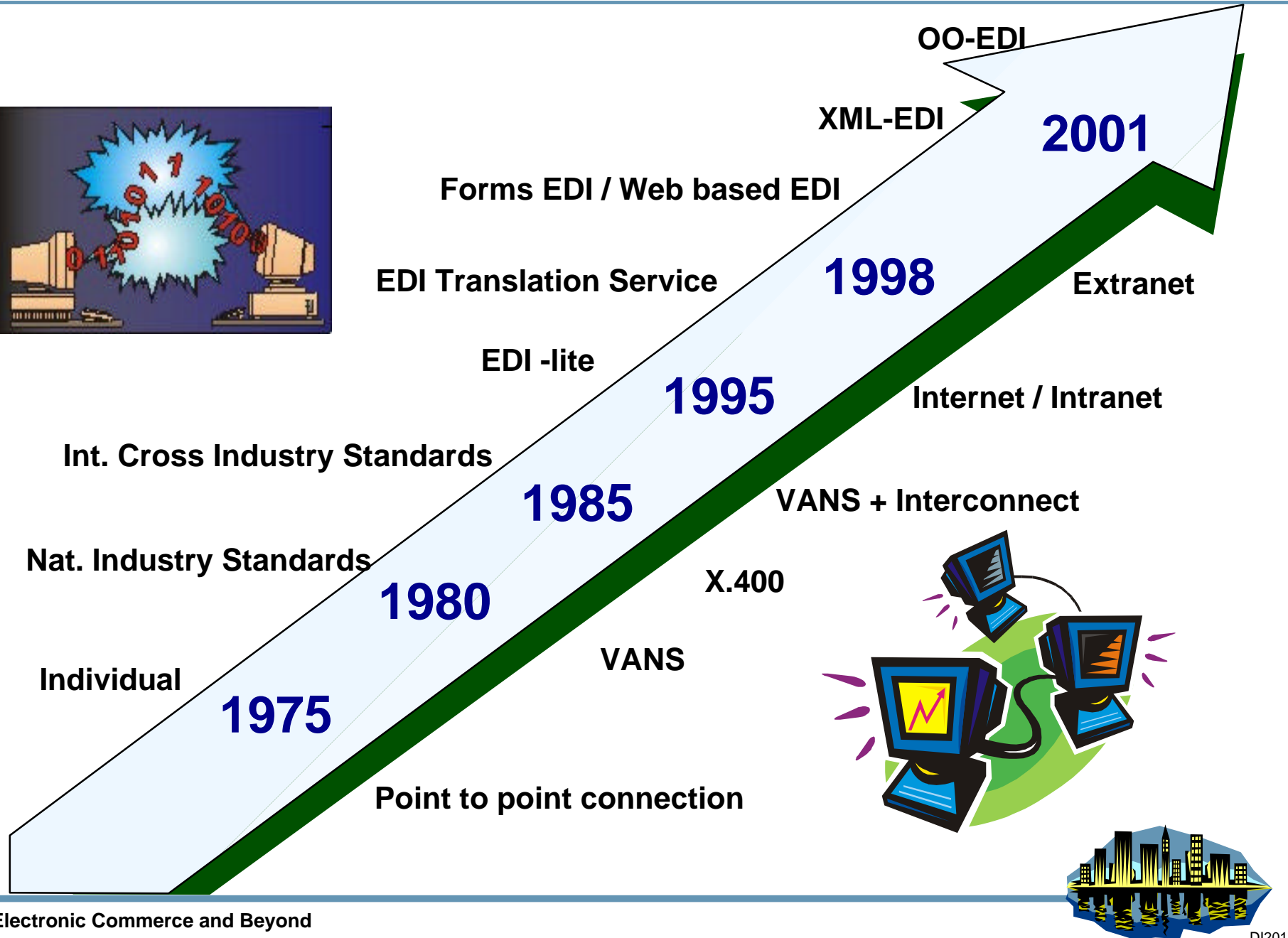
Business to Business Commerce is Driving the e-commerce Boom



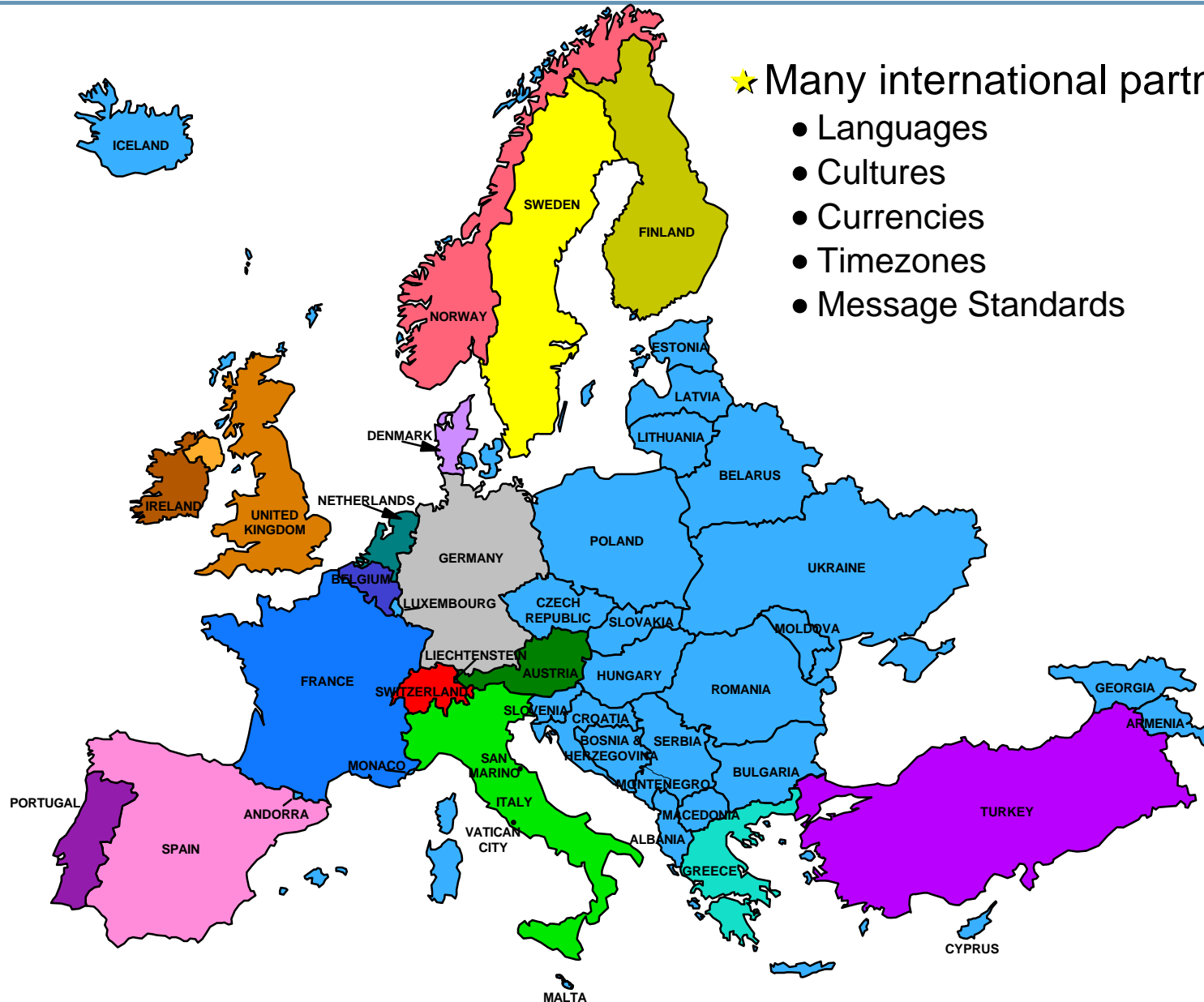
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Trends in Electronic Data Interchange



The European e-commerce Environment



★ Many international partners with different

- Languages
- Cultures
- Currencies
- Timezones
- Message Standards

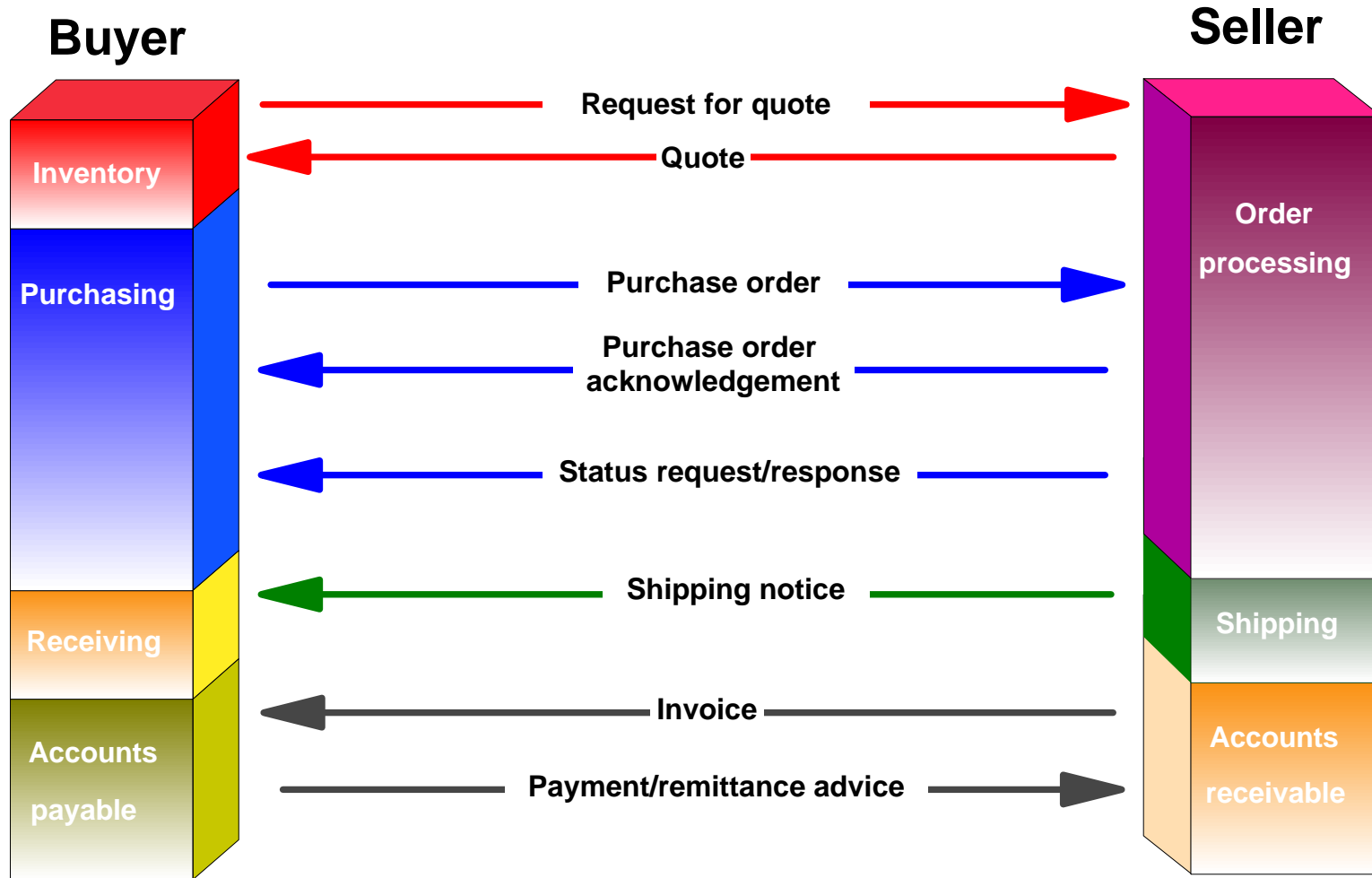


Business Needs

- ★ Trading of wares for non-production and production processes internationally
- ★ Production processes need to be very effective
 - High reliable
 - Fast - time critical - "just-in-time"
 - Secure
 - Integrated
- ★ Non-production processes need to be efficient
 - Reliable
 - Integrated
 - Low cost



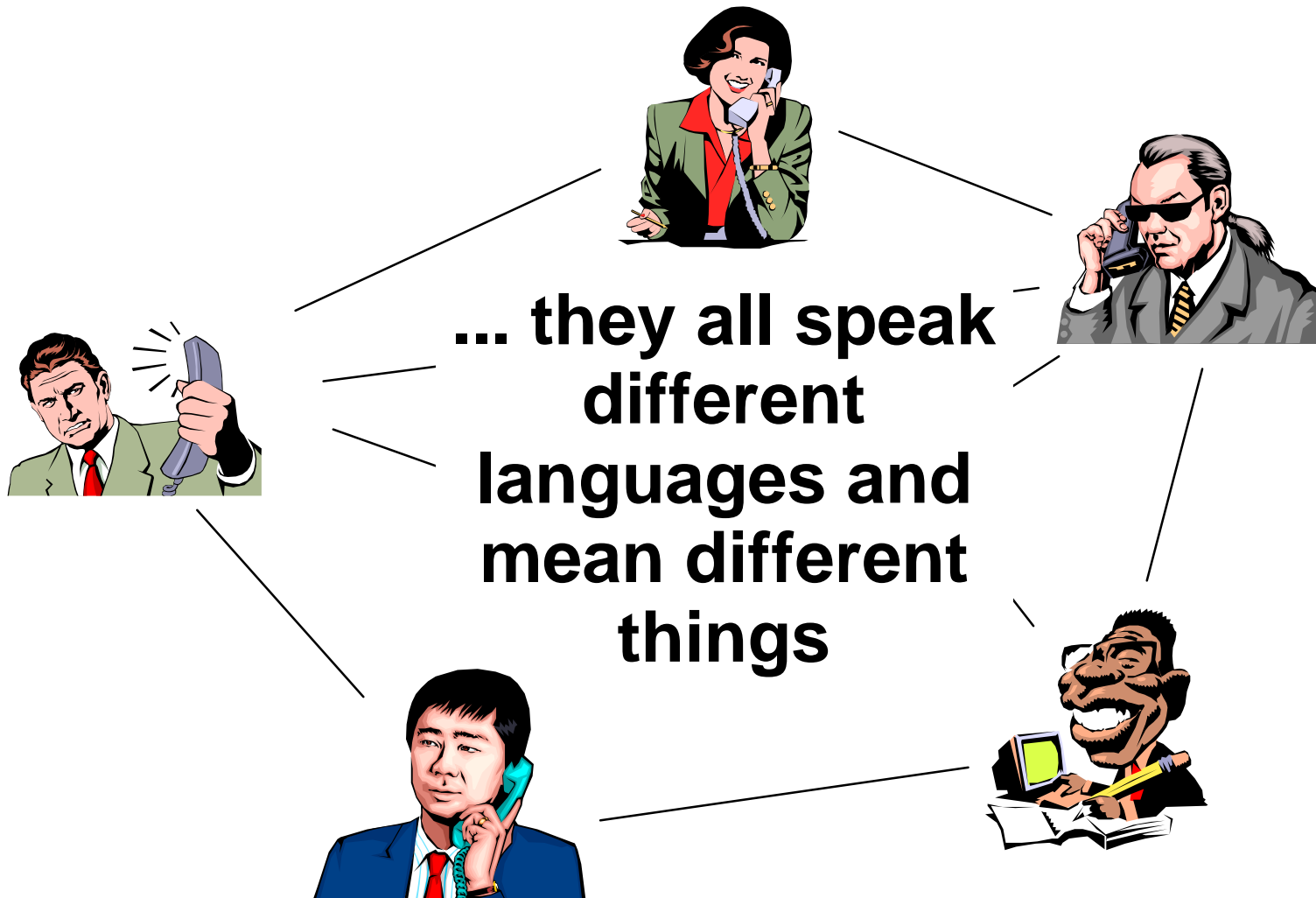
B2B Communications are Needed for any Kind of Trading



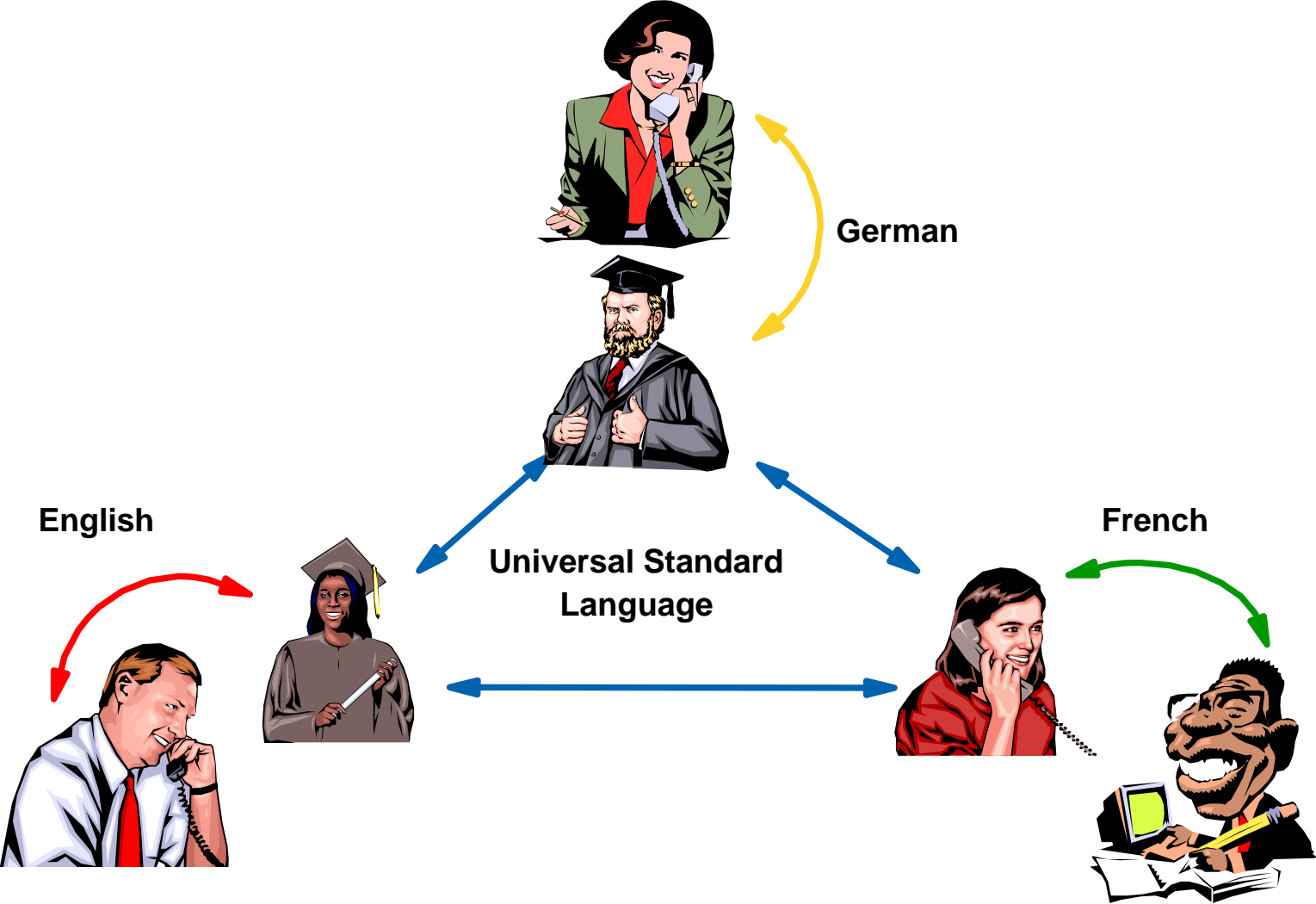
Example for a procurement process



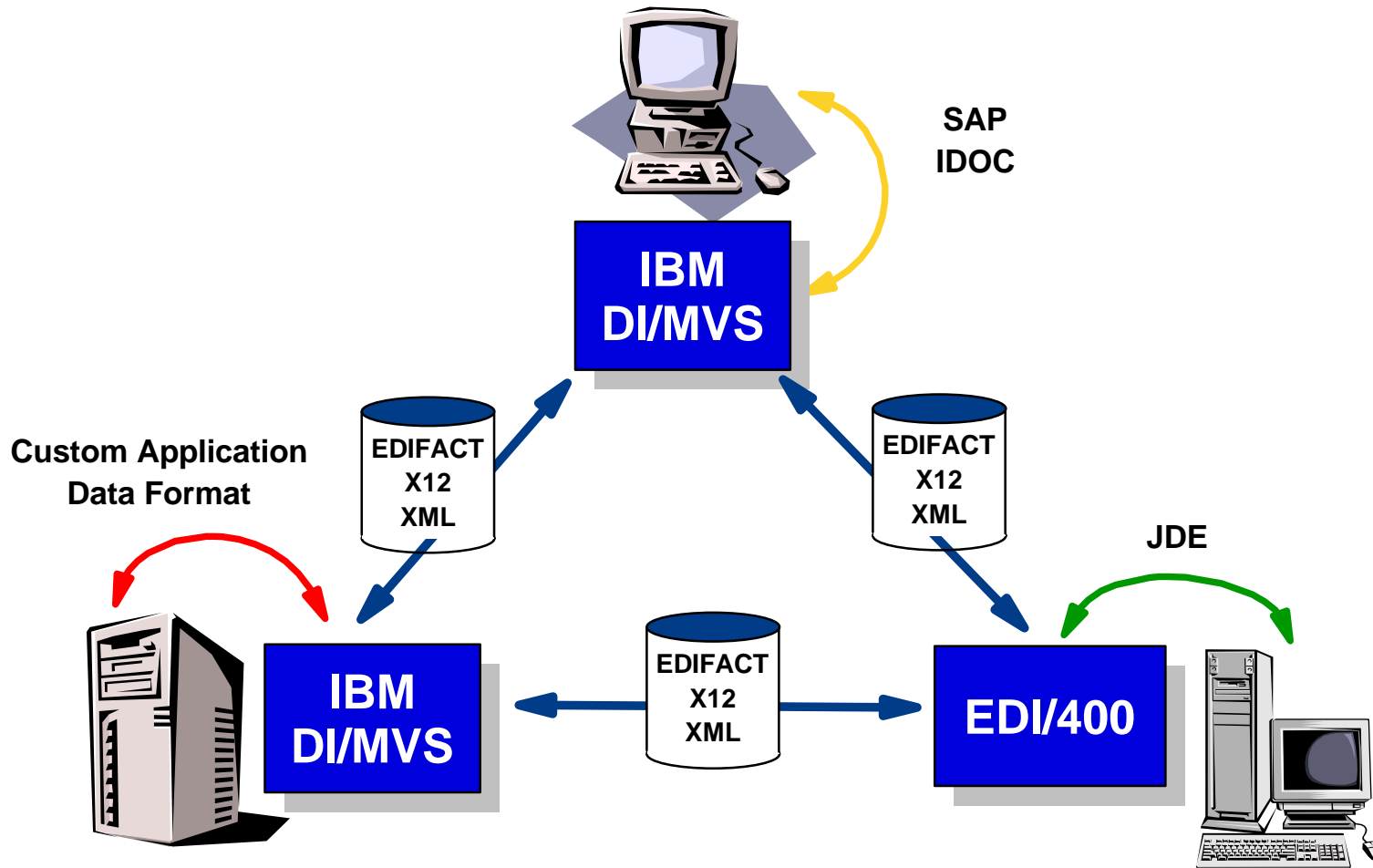
Computers Have the Same Issues as Humans



Solution: Everyone Hires a Translator



The Traditional EDI Approach



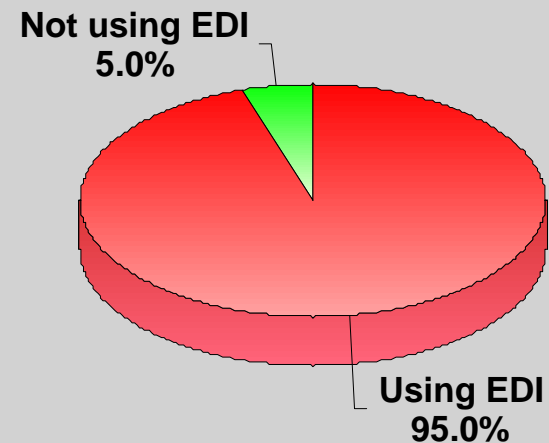
Everyone runs his own translation software



The Current State of EDI Worldwide

- ★ Most effective and efficient way to communicate
- ★ High reliable
- ★ Full integrated
- ★ Fast
- ★ High return of invest
- ★ Significant cost reduction

Fortune 1000 Companies



Source: IDC

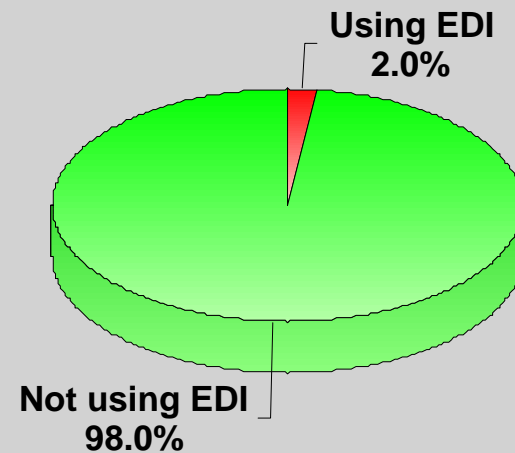


The Current State of EDI Worldwide (cont.)

★ Low message volumes don't justify investment in EDI

- Hardware
- Software
- Communication
- Skills
- Operation

ALL Companies

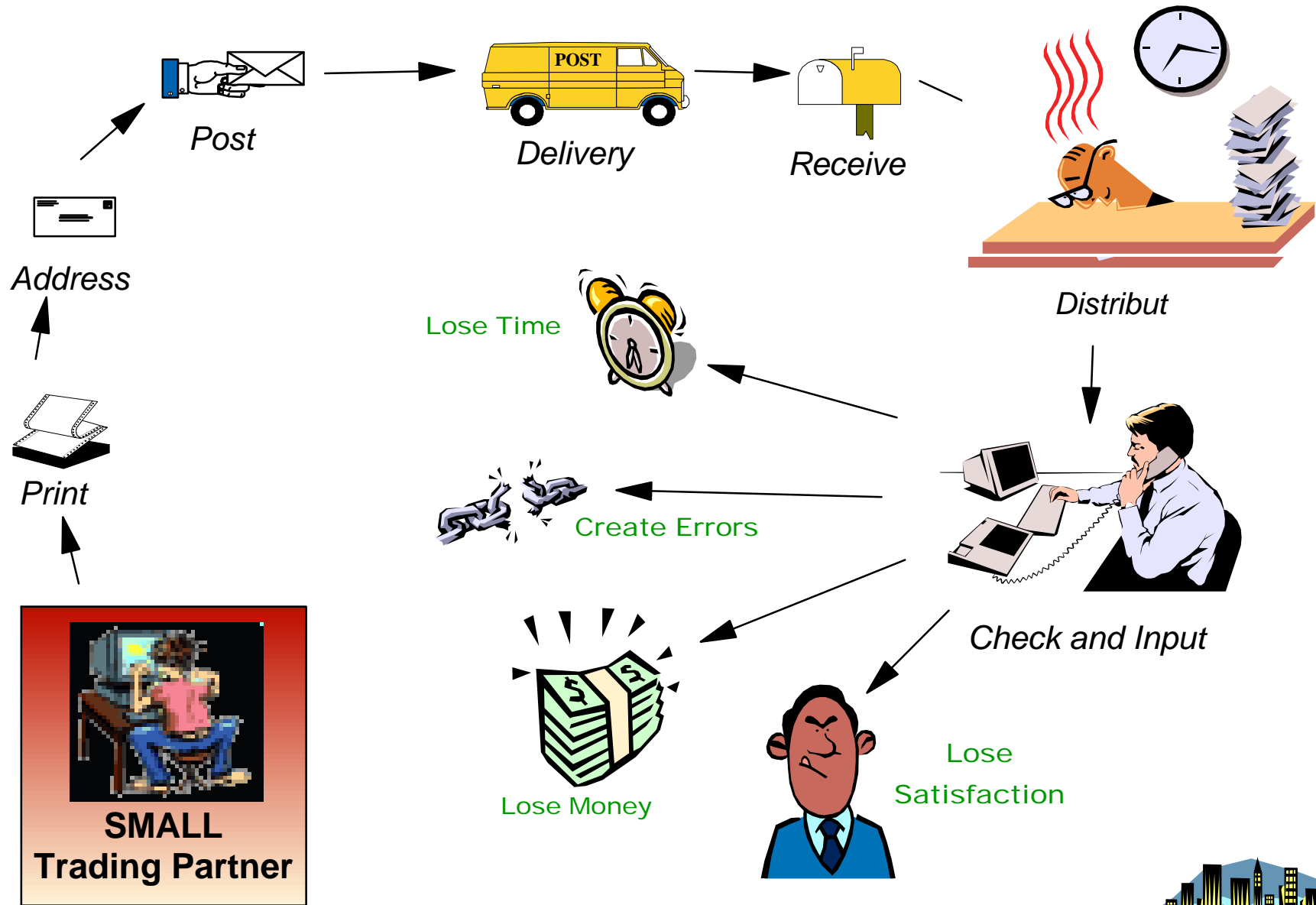


Using EDI Not using EDI

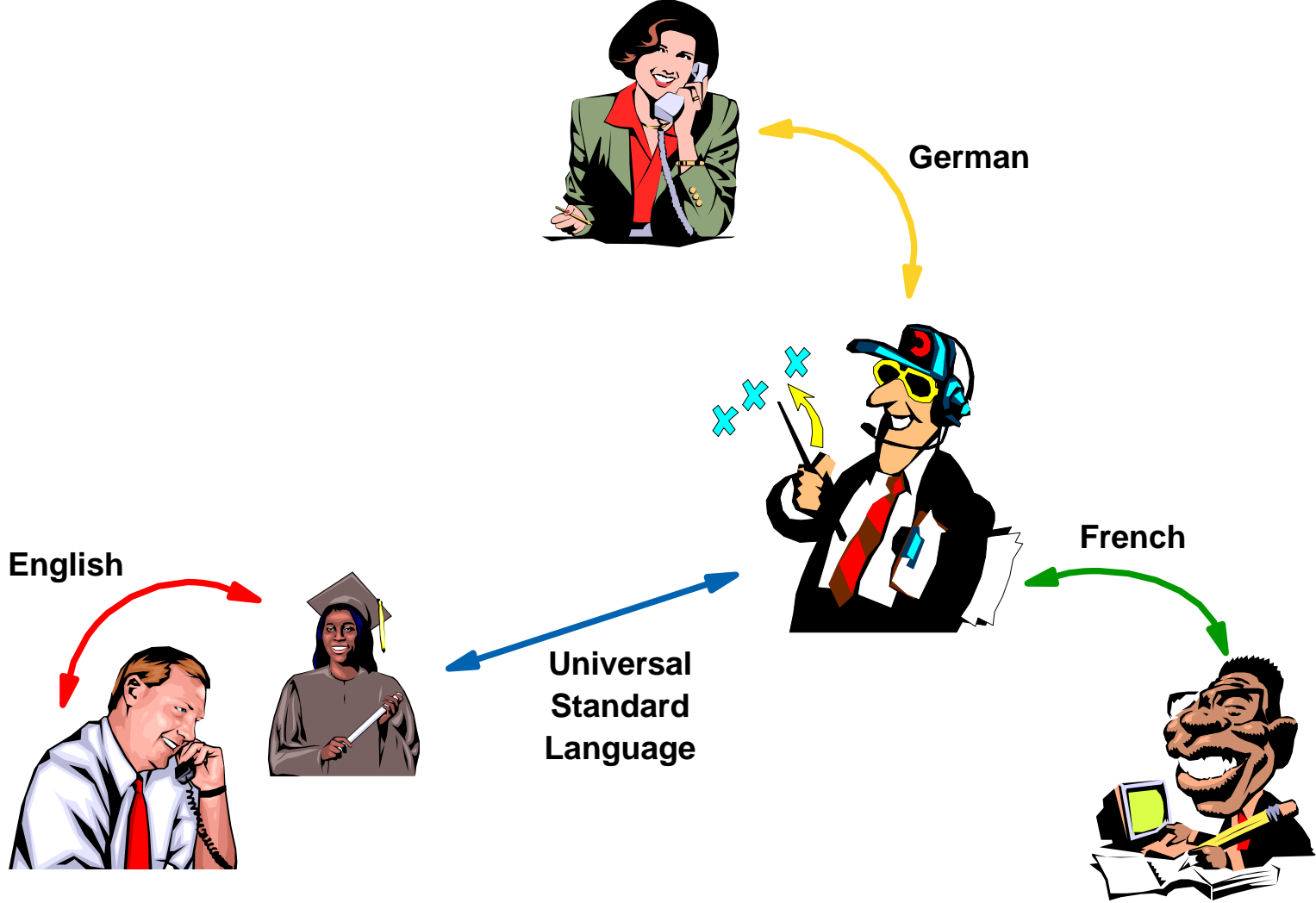
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The Reality Still Looks Like This



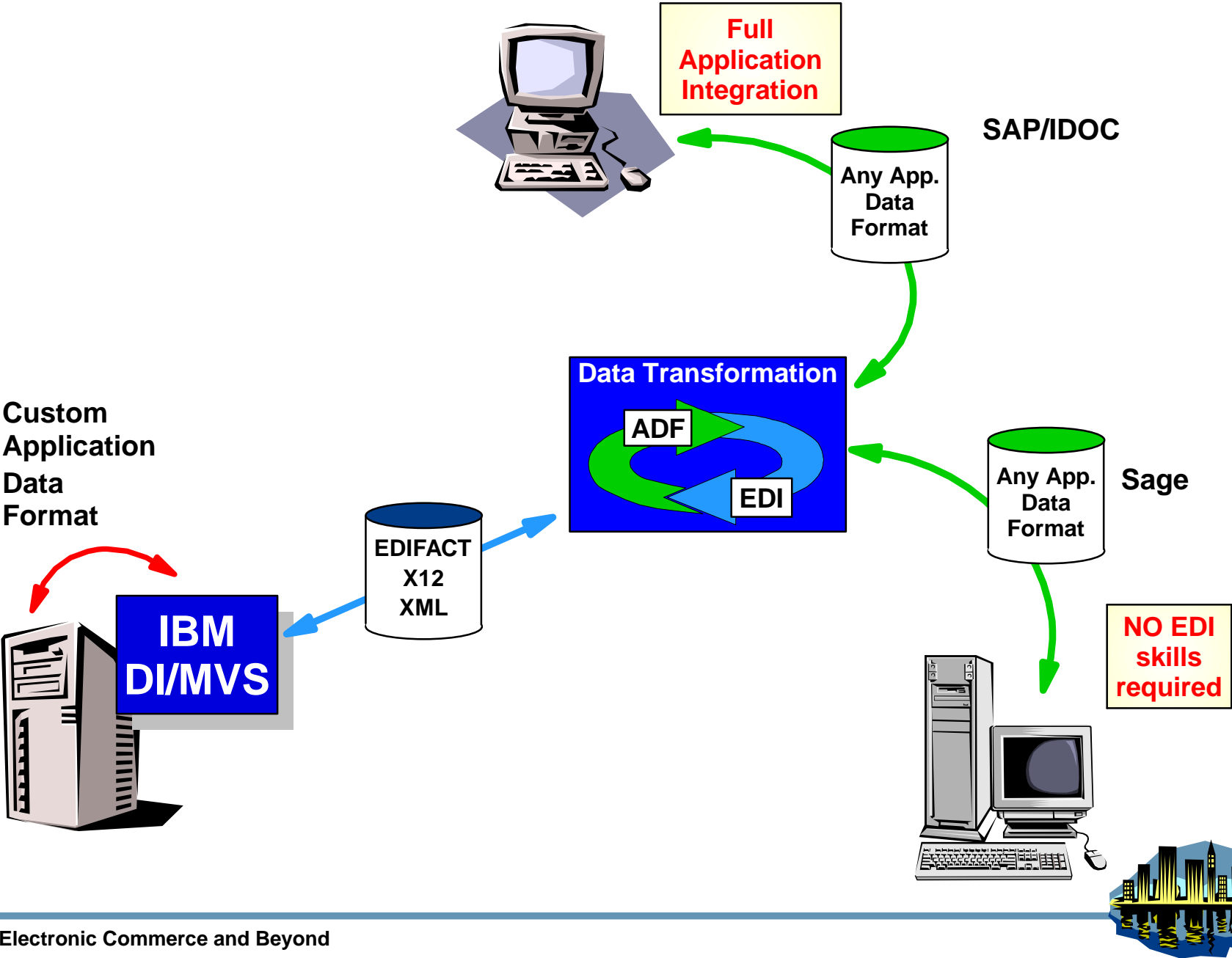
Making the Step into EDI Easier For Small and Medium Companies ...



... by sharing the translator !



Medium Sized Companies use a Shared in-network Translation Service

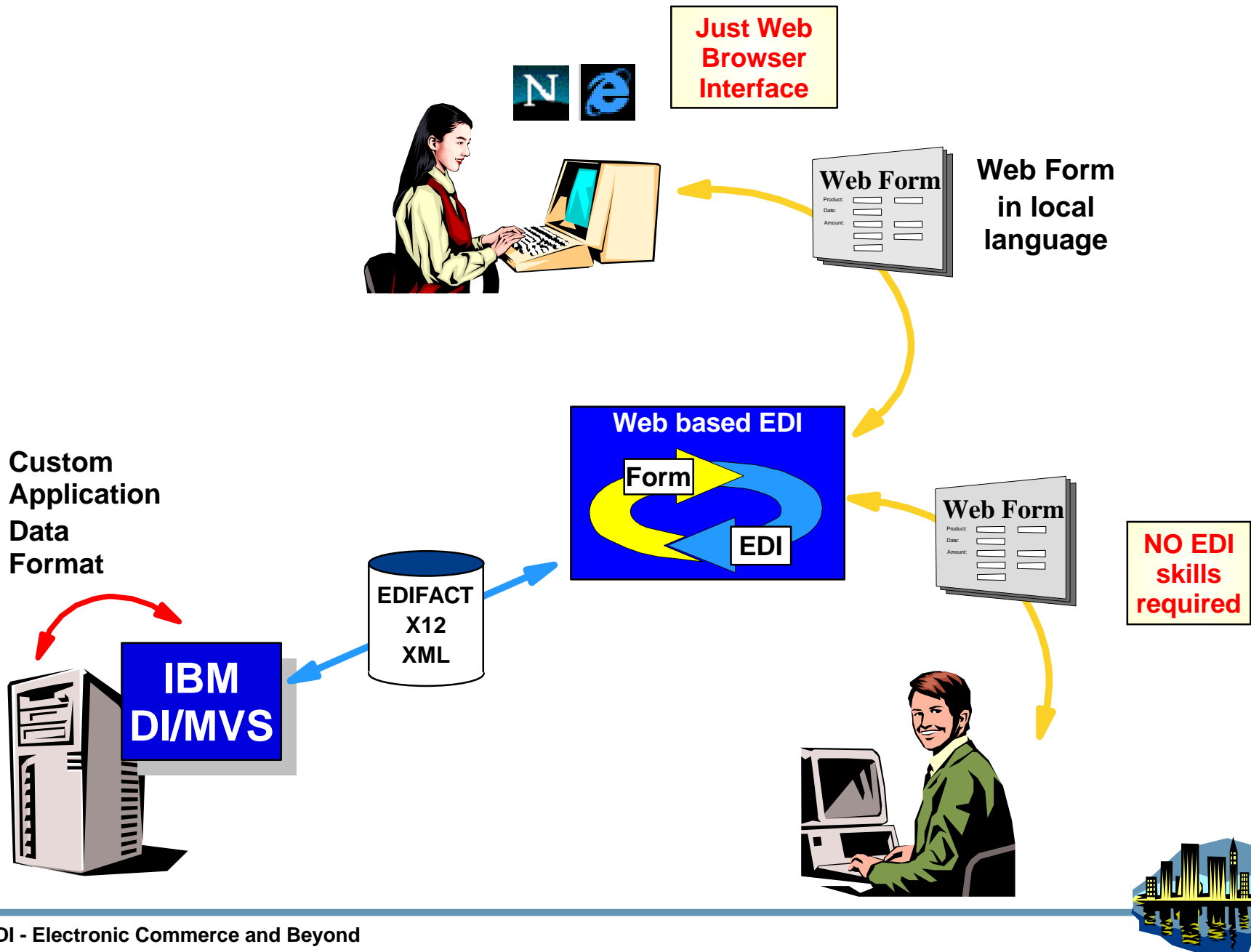


Why Should Medium Companies Sign on to a Data Transformation Service

- ★ Make business communications faster and more reliable
 - e.g. get invoices payed faster
 - Get better conditions from partners
- ★ World wide business relationships
- ★ Quick and easy implementation
 - No EDI software required
 - No EDI and connectivity skills required
 - Full application integration
- ★ 24/7 service hours



Smaller Companies use a Shared Web Forms Service



Why Should Small Companies Sign on to a Web Based EDI Service

★ **Make business communications faster and more reliable**

- e.g. get invoices payed faster
- Get better conditions from partners

★ **World wide business relationships**

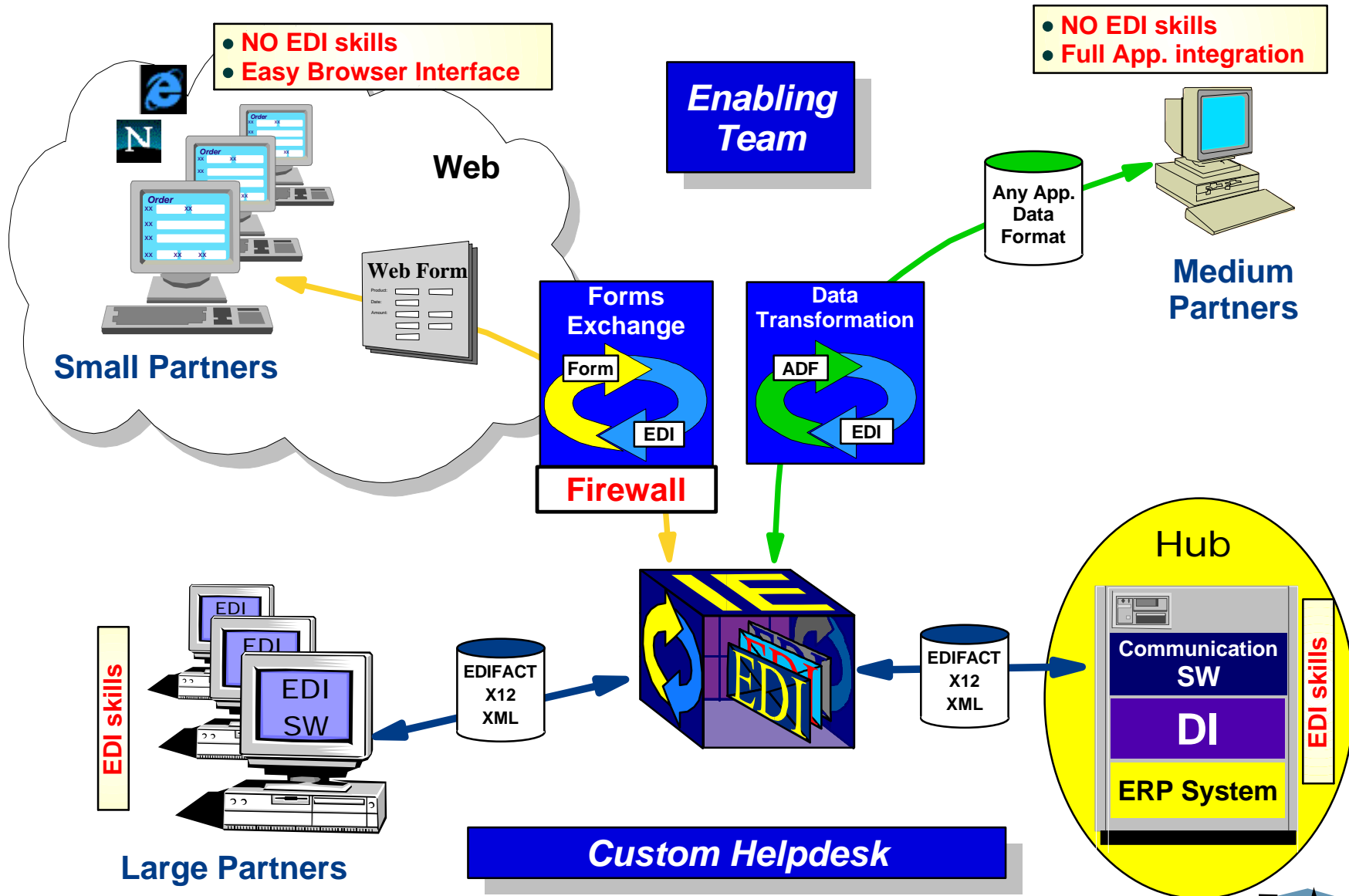
★ **Very quick and easy implementation**

- Just easy to use and familiar Web Browser interface required
- No additional HW, SW, skills etc. required

★ **24/7 service hours**



The 100% EDI Approach



Questions Please ??

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