

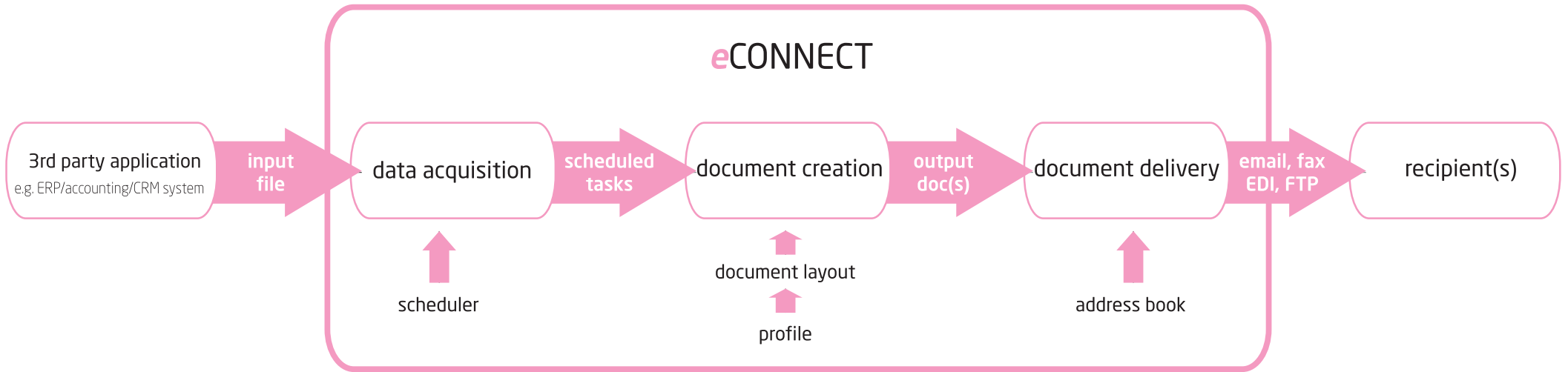
save money, time
and resources with
the complete
electronic document
delivery solution

The UK's leading supplier of electronic document delivery software

Since 1989, Albany Software has been leading the way in electronic delivery solutions, providing a range of powerful, integrated services designed to meet the needs of 21st Century businesses.

Albany Software is a leading authority in the eBusiness marketplace and supplies over 12,000 organisations with advanced, integrated funds and document delivery solutions.





what is eCONNECT?

eCONNECT is the complete Electronic Document Delivery (EDD) solution, enabling the production and distribution of a range of documents, such as purchase orders, remittance advices and invoices, at the touch of a button and at a fraction of the cost of traditional methods.

how does eCONNECT work?

eCONNECT works by initially acquiring data extracted from your accounts package and translating this into an electronic document, based on the specified document layout. This document is then routed to the correct recipient and delivered via fax, email, EDI, print or file transfer.

hassle-free installation and integration

Whether you are new to electronic document management, an existing user of Albany Software, or indeed a user of an alternative solution, our post-sales and support teams are on hand to ensure straightforward installation and integration.





what will **eCONNECT** do for you?

eCONNECT dramatically increases business efficiency, eliminating the time and money spent on creating, managing and distributing business documents manually. At the touch of a button, **eCONNECT** can deliver numerous professional documents, cutting costs by up to 90%.

■ **input and output EDI files* - dramatically transforming your business processes**

EDI, the preferred method of transmission for many large retail and commercial organisations, is a highly effective means of linking trading partners. Increasingly, these organisations are insisting that their suppliers and partners communicate with them using EDI. With **eCONNECT**, one of the most successful EDI solutions available, implementing EDI capabilities is quick, easy and cost-effective.

■ **numerous output formats - offering wide choice and flexibility in document production**

The ability to choose from EDI, HTML, TIFF and PDF output formats allows communication with recipients via their preferred medium. PDF and TIFF formats specifically allow the delivery of encapsulated graphics and text which cannot be modified by the recipient, thus preserving the integrity of your data.

■ scheduling automates document delivery - reducing costs and administration time

eCONNECT allows users to schedule jobs for automatic transmission, without the need for manual intervention. For additional cost savings, documents can be scheduled to deliver overnight, taking advantage of off-peak tariffs and making best use of available capacity.

■ advanced document management - increasing control and ease of use

The document manager provides a summary of actions, allowing users to quickly determine the status of outgoing and incoming documents. A number of options are available to resend failed items or redirect to alternative recipients via alternative delivery means.

■ address book facility - ensuring advanced recipient management

The eCONNECT address book complements and enhances the contact information stored by your accounting package by providing advanced recipient management options. Contact groups can be created, favoured delivery options noted and multiple contact details specified for each recipient, allowing complete control of your document delivery.

■ flexible profile options - offering wide functionality

Profiles automatically translate data from a predetermined application into the required document type and deliver it to the specified recipient. A wide variety of documents are available - from statements to invoices, remittance advices to purchase orders. Users can select from a gallery of pre-defined document layouts, or via consultation, layouts can be designed to meet your specific needs.

■ variety of delivery options - providing immediate cost savings

Documents can be emailed, faxed, filed or printed, or alternatively sent by FTP or OFTP services. Utilising these efficient delivery methods, with the resulting savings in postage, stationery and time, means eCONNECT delivers a significant return on investment. It also ensures faster and more accurate delivery, reducing delays in incoming payments.

■ electronic document delivery (EDD) - minimising paper waste thus positively impacting the environment

Not only does EDD reduce costs and streamline business processes, it also allows you to drastically reduce paper consumption and waste, with an associated positive impact on the environment.

■ user security - ensuring confidentiality of information

Access to all areas is controlled by the eCONNECT administration tool, allowing restricted user rights to be established. Additional security features also allow certain fax numbers, such as those with high call tariffs, to be blocked, resulting in total control over document delivery.

■ high volume throughput - increasing document processing speed and efficiency

Documents can be prepared for transmission within minutes and scheduled to deliver automatically. Overnight, eCONNECT is able to deliver an unlimited number of emails (depending on your infrastructure) and over 400 documents per fax line, offering fast and efficient document delivery.

why choose eCONNECT?

- enables quick and easy implementation of electronic document delivery capabilities
- eliminates delays in communication caused by manual processes
- produces immediate cost savings
- offers real flexibility and ease of use
- offers an excellent return on investment
- easily integrates with existing accounting solutions
- allows personalisation of documents
- facilitates substantial gains in productivity and efficiency

look how much eCONNECT can save you...

number of documents sent per month	200	500	1000
stationery & printing @ 30p each	60	150	300
labour (folding & insertion) @ 20p each	40	100	200
envelopes @ 2p each	4	10	20
postage (1st class) @ 30p each	60	150	300
monthly total (£s)	84	210	420
annual total (£s)	1968	4920	9840
annual total using eCONNECT			
via fax (@ 5p per transmission)	120	300	600
via email (@ 0p per transmission)	0	0	0
percentage annual saving with eCONNECT			
via fax	94%	94%	94%
via email	100%	100%	100%

eCONNECT can be installed on the following platforms*:

operating system	recommended service pack	minimum machine specification	
		eCONNECT server/stand alone	eCONNECT client
Windows 2003	1	P4 1.3GHz	P III 700GHz
Windows XP Pro	2		
Windows 2000 Server	4	1Gb RAM	256Mb RAM
Windows 2000 Pro			

*details correct at time of printing

eCONNECT saves you money, time and resources, streamlining your business processes.

why choose Albany Software?

For more than 15 years and with an unrivalled 12,000 users, Albany has been at the forefront of the eBusiness revolution. As a trusted leader in the document delivery marketplace, Albany has worked closely with our business partners to develop a range of solutions for businesses who want cutting edge technology at an affordable price.

Albany is committed to providing best of breed products and first class support services to our clients. Our dedicated team is on hand to guide you from initial consultancy right through to implementation and can offer high level training and technical support, ensuring your business can totally depend on our software and our service.

consultancy services - enhancing your corporate identity

Albany Software offers consultancy services to **eCONNECT** clients, designing bespoke document layouts for your organisation. These can be developed to incorporate your company logo, ensuring documents you send out via **eCONNECT** reflect your corporate identity. Colour, black & white and high & low contrast versions can be created to ensure the best document quality across all delivery mediums.

enhance your eBusiness functionality with other Albany solutions

Albany Software provides a suite of strategic solutions and services for the electronic exchange and delivery of documents, data and funds:

- ALBACS family of solutions – the premier range of Electronic Funds Transfer solutions for small, medium and multi-site corporate organisations
- ALBANY*verify* – UK and European bank account and credit card validation
- **eBANK** - enables European electronic funds transfer
- **eCOLLECT** – schedules high volume collection of Direct Debit and credit card payments

Glossary of Terms

EDI - Electronic Data Interchange

EDI is a structured, secure, convenient and high-speed communication between organisations

EDD - Electronic Document Delivery

EDD reduces costs and increases efficiency by sending a wide variety of documents electronically

FTP - File Transfer Protocol

A software standard for transferring computer files between machines with widely differing operating systems

HTML - Hypertext Markup Language

A document format language used in the creation of Web pages

OFTP - Odette File Transfer Protocol

Used to send EDI files over Value Added Networks (VAN's)

PDF - Portable Document Format

A format from Adobe enabling documents to be electronically distributed while preserving the document layout and allowing the integration of corporate branding

TIFF - Tagged Image File Format

A widely used file format for storing greyscale and colour images, typically used by eCONNECT to deliver by fax

VAN - Value Added Network

A VAN is a service used to link EDI partners

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