
UBL Update

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Abstract

UBL increases interoperability in electronic commerce by standardizing generic business messages. The UBL 1.0 Standard, released in November 2004, includes an XML library of standard data components and a set of basic business schemas (purchase order, invoice, shipping notice, etc.) together with a wealth of supporting materials to aid the implementer. UBL 2.0, due out in 2006, will incorporate recent input from governments and tax authorities to provide a complete XML solution for electronic procurement. This presentation will introduce UBL, explain its relationship to ebXML (ISO 15000), and update potential users on recent adoptions and technical developments.

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