Age of EDI

How has Business 2 Business (B2B) commerce evolved?

Currently, Big Box Retailers use EDI for all B2B transactions

Walmart · TARGET · Sam's CLUB · macy's · Kroger · Walgreens

COSTCO WHOLESALE · LOWE'S · Office DEPOT OfficeMax · THE HOME DEPOT · BEST BUY · BED BATH & BEYOND

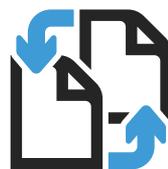### But how did it all begin?

1850s
Railroads use telegraphs to communicate with Western Union via Morse code

1960s
Electronic methods of communication for B2B commerce gain traction

1979
American National Standards Institute (**ANSI**) creates Accredited Standards Committee (**ASC**) **X12** to regulate electronic data interchange (**EDI**)

2001
ASC 12 works with UN/EDIFACT Working Group (EWG) to standardize global EDI requirements

Now
150,000+ companies worldwide utilize EDI via GS1 global standards

Including EDI transactions, B2B commerce to hit **$12 trillion** in 2020

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