Benefits
SAP Ariba Cloud Integration Gateway allows you to:

• Connect once to Ariba Network to integrate with many customers—without having to deal with buyer-specific mappings and customized configurations

• Turn integration into a simple, scalable process that you can leverage quickly and easily with any customer

• Shorten deployment time for integrations from months to days

• Capitalize on convenience through a one-stop shop approach that lets you manage everything through a single application

• Realize fast time to value through intuitive self-service tools that walk you through the entire process, eliminating the need for extensive support calls and handholding

• Free up IT resources and eradicate volume-based data conversion and management fees charged by third-party providers

• Transform testing speed and efficiency using automated self-testing resources that get you ready to go live in record time, with no customer interaction required

• Reap the rewards of integration—such as a faster market-to-cash cycle, greater order and invoice accuracy, lower processing costs, and higher customer satisfaction, retention, and sales—across more customer accounts

TOUCHLESS TRANSACTING MADE SIMPLE
As an Ariba Network supplier, you know that collaborative e-commerce can help you enhance efficiency, cut costs, grow revenue, and gain competitive advantage. And one of the best ways to maximize those benefits—especially as your business reaches higher volumes—is to integrate. Integration connects your back-end systems directly to your customers through Ariba Network, so you can automate the entire order-to-cash cycle and provide straight-through electronic transacting that’s truly touchless. And SAP Ariba Cloud Integration Gateway makes it easier than ever before.

By enabling you to connect once to Ariba Network to integrate with all your customers, SAP Ariba Cloud Integration Gateway lets you reap the benefits of touchless transacting in a fraction of the time formerly required.1 Rather than spending weeks on complex IT projects to meet each buyer’s unique integration requirements, you can use a single, simple process to define your preferred configuration method for every integration. The result? Transformed transaction speed and efficiency across more accounts—helping you build stronger relationships and grow your business faster.

OPENING THE DOOR TO WORLD-CLASS CONNECTIVITY
With end-to-end hosting and support by SAP Ariba, SAP Ariba Cloud Integration Gateway forms the core of a major platform upgrade that completely redefines the integration process. Your connectivity sets, mapping repository, self-testing framework, configuration utility, and reporting and monitoring capabilities all reside within this world-class integration layer. An intuitive, browser-based application guides you through each step required to connect your back-end system to Ariba Network, while a comprehensive transformation engine automatically handles all data conversions and validations—eliminating the need for expensive assistance from third-party providers.

1. Use of SAP Ariba Cloud Integration Gateway is available to suppliers with an Ariba Network subscription at the Silver, Gold, or Platinum level.
INNOVATIVE FEATURES

• **A self-service setup wizard** automates the complex tasks of integration, making it easy to handle everything on your own. You simply log into your Ariba Network account and choose SAP Ariba Cloud Integration Gateway as your routing method. The wizard then asks you a series of basic technical questions and uses your answers to derive all the necessary transaction configurations.

• **Helpful deployment guides** assist you through each step of the process, while comprehensive documentation answers any questions you may have.

• **Standards mapping repository** supports multiple non-cXML data standards used across a wide array of industry verticals, making it easy to align your customers’ data and formatting requirements to yours.

• **Work-saving developer tools** expedite formerly resource-intensive processes, accelerating time to value. For example, the transformation tool transforms the data and verifies that it meets customer requirements, while the schema validation tool ensures formatting is accurate and acceptable.

• **Test Central** gives you an automated, intuitive way to test and validate the connectivity, transformation, and content of documents you have configured in the integration portal. It dramatically lowers overall testing and setup time, allowing you to go live with integrated transactions on Ariba Network far faster than before. You can select and run a variety of mandatory, optional, and custom test cases to self-test and perfect these scenarios. You can also share downloadable test reports with customers, making it easy for them to review and certify your results.

• **Business rule validation** electronically checks your test scenario transactions against the buyer’s business rules, alerting you to any issues so you can resolve them up front and ensure end-to-end posting of your documents.

• **One-click deployment** enables you to launch integration projects moments after verification is complete.

• **Connect-one functionality** lets you leverage your initial integration setup across all your accounts, which means you can reuse project configurations and modify them with ease.

• **Single sign-on** allows you to access your SAP Ariba Cloud Integration Gateway account from your Ariba Network account and vice versa, while permission-based controls allow your account administrator to designate which users can configure and manage your customer integrations.

• **Transaction tracker with search capability** makes it easy to monitor and manage your Ariba Network transactions and attachments. Search filters include start and end date, buyer, and inbound or outbound direction.

• **Support for AS2, HTTPS, VAN, and RNIF communications protocols** ensures security across all your Ariba Network transactions, giving you the flexibility to manage your connections through certificate-based or basic authentication.

SUPPORT FOR MULTIPLE STANDARDS AND DOCUMENT TYPES

SAP Ariba Cloud Integration Gateway provides support for all the data exchange standards listed below, with more planned for future releases.

• cXML (all versions)
• X12 v4010
• EDIFACT D96A
• OAGIS v9.2
• EDIFACT D01B
• PIDX v1.61
• GS1 EANCOM 97
• GS1 EANCOM 2002
• GS1 GUSI 2.1
• xCBL v3.0
About SAP Ariba

SAP Ariba is how companies connect to get business done. On Ariba Network, buyers and suppliers from more than 2.8 million companies and 190 countries discover new opportunities, collaborate on transactions, and grow their relationships. Buyers can manage the entire purchasing process while controlling spending, finding new sources of savings, and building a healthy supply chain. And suppliers can connect with profitable customers and efficiently scale existing relationships – simplifying sales cycles and improving cash control along the way. The result is a dynamic, digital marketplace, where nearly US$1 trillion in commerce gets done every year. To learn more about SAP Ariba, visit www.ariba.com.

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