EDI X12 Integration Poses Complex Challenges

Extensive exchange of complex HIPAA X12 transactions is a rising trend across the healthcare industry. The surge in the number of end-users such as payers, providers, HIEs, state agencies and others is anticipated to fuel the demand for EDI services or solutions. Companies find themselves faced with the challenges of building, managing and maintaining a daunting array of EDI X12, XML and proprietary interfaces. The difficulties and pain points are numerous.

Middleware Bridges the Gap Between Old and New

Onboarding trading partners is time consuming and costly. Organizations have to contend with a multitude of operating systems, databases, data formats and communication protocols. Plus, Healthcare EDI X12 transactions come in hundreds of versions and sub-versions. The reality is that organizations must be able to work around these constraints, supporting both the old and the new. Middleware that sits alongside these systems allows you to develop, innovate and connect with the technology that is currently in place and with new systems, too.

Loosely Coupling Systems is Key

The PilotFish eiPlatform integration engine is the middleware that enables an organization to “loosely couple” all of its systems. Connecting offerings from various vendors with systems of different ages and technologies is no problem. The result is that PilotFish offers the flexibility and maintainability that is impossible to achieve by hard-wiring integrations directly into each application. Whether you are using a home-grown solution or a legacy product, PilotFish users quickly recoup their investment with huge productivity gains.

The Flexibility to Connect Anything with Anything

As a select distribution partner of X12 and with access to X12 standards artifacts, PilotFish is able to deliver the industry’s most robust solution for rapid and efficient parsing, mapping, validation and/or production of any X12 standards message. PilotFish’s EDI-specific, productivity-boosting components automate and strip away the technical complexities of exchanging EDI X12 messages. Out of the box, PilotFish effortlessly handles trading partner versions of the X12 transactions, HIPAA X12 data formats and rules, conversion to XML, output in any format and any communication protocol required. By using PilotFish’s simple graphical automated interface “assembly line”, implementers can connect anything to anything – including legacy and new technology that may have been developed using different data models, designs or architecture.

PilotFish users can reap these additional benefits:

- By following the PilotFish assembly line process, users can map data and configure, maintain, manage and test their interfaces – thereby reducing the number of tools and technologies staff must master and maintain.

- PilotFish facilitates connectivity between systems and the aggregation and synthesis of data so that it can be standardized and easily consumed.

- PilotFish simplifies the implementation of newer industry XML standards such as HL7 3.x, CCDA, CCD and FHIR, while still supporting the older standards such as HL7 2.x, ANSI X12, CSV, XLS and the proprietary formats of internal and external applications and services.

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The EDI integration requirements of entities within healthcare are as varied as the entities themselves. Whether it is a solution or service provider, HIE, payer, provider, software vendor, state or government entity, PilotFish’s EDI Integration Solution meets their needs with an architecture that is extensible and a design that is flexible. Users can extend the product using Open Source components. Custom EDI implementations are easily handled with PilotFish’s Lenient EDI Parser, where even non-standards compliant EDI can be handled with ease.

Use Case: Benefit Enrollment and Claims Processing

TPA Delivers Rapid Integration while also Ensuring Data Quality – Strategic use of data and analytics by a leading third-party administrator (TPA) is critical to delivering value and innovation to its growing employer client base, which is seeking new ways to manage rising healthcare costs and improve employee health. To help this TPA meet this end, PilotFish’s EDI solution delivers features and modules that strip away the technical complexity of parsing, validating, mapping and producing HIPAA EDI files. In this case, it streamlined and automated the handling and processing of member EDI 834 Enrollment and Maintenance data at scale, thereby giving this TPA a competitive edge to deliver big benefits.

Use Case: Revenue Cycle Management

Clinical Lab Billing and Collection Company Maximizes Profitability for its Lab Clients – Through optimization of the revenue cycle and reimbursement process, this cloud-based provider of clinical laboratory billing enables client laboratories to maximize profitability. By leveraging PilotFish, this revenue cycle management company was able to reduce its dependency on scarce human resources, which threatened to put a cap on their growth. By automating claims entry, end-to-end processing time was reduced to 7 minutes, a 360% improvement.
Across the Entire Healthcare Ecosystem

Built-in format readers allow users to instantly read in and convert HIPAA EDI X12, flat files, XLS, CSV, JSON, NCPDP, etc. into an XML representation that is then readily mapped to the format required by a target system. All HIPAA EDI 12 transactions for claims, benefit enrollments, authorizations, eligibility requirements, acknowledgements, etc. are easily processed, as well. PilotFish offers users an all-in-one EDI solution to easily map data and rapidly configure, manage, maintain and test interfaces end-to-end.

Use Case: Reporting and Analytics

Market Leader Delivers High-Quality Metrics and Actionable Reporting – The client provides strategic consulting, research and cloud-based software solutions to health systems and physician clinics across the US. The firm leverages PilotFish for its architectural flexibility to adapt to the diverse data flavors and format requirements of its healthcare provider members. To support this, PilotFish integration engine solution offers a combination of out-of-the-box parsers, finely tuned custom components and the ability to work with any data format so that this market leader can deliver higher-quality analytics in less time and with an improved level of customer service.

Use Case: Payer Claims Clearinghouse Integration and HIE

Re-engineered Claims Processing Architecture – With a team of just 2, this Healthcare Claims Clearinghouse and HIE utilized PilotFish to re-engineer and transition its claims processing architecture. Utilizing PilotFish, the team created a framework capable of handling the connectivity, data manipulation and data validation required to effectively replace and enhance their legacy implementation. The effort included the implementation of several hundred unique data flows and provided a secure gateway for the electronic exchange of data connecting to over 4,000 payers nationwide.

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**SUPPORTED PLATFORMS**
- Windows
- Linux / Unix / AIX / HP-UX
- Mac OSX

**SUPPORTED APPLICATION SERVERS**
- Windows Service
- Apache Tomcat
- JBoss / WildFly
- WebSphere Application Server (WAS)
- Glassfish
- WebLogic
- Any Other Java Container

**SUPPORTED DATABASES**
- Any JDBC DB
  - (MS SQL Server / Oracle / DB2 / Postgresql / MySQL / MariaDB / Java DB / Derby / H2)
- MS Access
- MongoDB

**SUPPORTED FORMATS**
- HL7 2.x / 3.x / FHIR
- CCD / CDA
- EDI X12
- Positional Flat Files
- Delimited Files (CSV / Custom)
- Key / Value
- XLS / XLSX
- DICOM
- XML
- JSON
- PDF
- NCPDP
- Binary (.wav / .jpg)

**SUPPORTED PROTOCOLS**
- Database (JDBC)
- Email (IMAP / POP3 / SMTP)
- Local / Network File System
- FTP / SFTP / FTPS
- TCP / UDP Sockets
- HL7 LLP
- HTTP/S
- OAuth2 (JWT / Token Introspection)
- Messaging (JMS / MQ / MSMQ / RabbitMQ / Kafka)
- EMR API Call
- Web Services (SOAP / RESTful)
- Command-Line Invocation (CLI)
- Active Directory / LDAP
- Custom Connectors
- IoT (Serial / MQTT)
- VistA RPC
- AS2
- Cloud Storage (S3 / Google / Azure)

**ARCHITECTURE**
- Consistent "Assembly Line" Pattern
- Configuration Over Code
- Component Driven
- Extensible Via Open APIs

**HL7 FEATURES**
- HL7 Differencing Engine (Mediate Differences Between HL7 Message Versions)
- HL7 Friendly Name Option
- HL7 Lenient Parser
- Ability to Read Any Version of HL7
- Inline HL7 Documentation
- Transaction Templates for HL7, FHIR and CDA

**EDI X12 FEATURES**
- Parse any EDI X12 Transaction
- EDI Friendly Name Option
- SNIP Validation (Types 1-3)
- Inline Code Set Definitions
- Transaction Templates for EDI

**DATA TRANSFORMATIONS**
- Graphical, Drag & Drop Data Mapping
- No Coding or Custom Scripting Required
- Standards Compliant (W3C XSLT)
- Computationally Complete

**WORKFLOW PATTERNS SUPPORT**
- Sequencing
- Splitting / Merging
- Process Orchestration
- Branching
- Conditional Logic
- Iteration

**ERROR HANDLING**
- Easy, Hook-Based Customized Error Handling
- Configurable Text-Based Logging
- Flexible Proactive Notifications
- Extensive Operational Visibility Framework

**VALIDATION**
- Schema (XSD)
- Structural Format Conformance (HL7, EDI, etc.)
- Business Rules
- External Lookups

**TESTING**
- Instant (No Compilation or Deployment)
- Graphical, Step-By-Step Debugging
- End-to-End or Stage-by-Stage
- IDE-Resident Server Emulation

**ANALYTICS**
- Robust Real-Time REST API
- Flexible Reporting
- On-the-Fly Break-Fix
- eiDashboard Multi-Instance Monitoring
- Splunk Integration

**DEPLOYMENT MODELS**
- On-Premises
- AWS / GCE / Azure
- Lightweight / Bundled
- Docker / Containerization

**LICENSING MODELS**
- End-User Licenses
- Product Bundling Licenses
- Reseller Licenses

(Licenses include an unlimited number of dev, test and cold back up)

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**PILOTFISH PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS**

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