

CSIOnet eDocs Implementation Guide

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Change History

Document Version	Date of change	Change Description			
1.0	February 15, 2013	Initial version			
1.1	April 26, 2013	Section Added/Updated Description of change		f change	
		Updated SMTP HEADER TABLE	Extended Content-Type to accept both Multipart/Mixed and Multipart/Related		
		New section added	Added new use case: Transmitting eDocs unrelated to a specific policy or individual		
1.2	August 20, 2013	Minor correction to section Transmitting policy-related attachments	,		
1.3	March 22, 2016	Provided further direction on what values to use for the line of business code list (LOBCd).	Common values are: For personal lines:		
				Private Passenger Auto	
			csio:HABL	Habitational	
				Farm Owners, Fire, Liability	
			For commercial lines: csio:CAUTO Individually Rated Commercial Automobile		
			csio:CPROP	Property - Commercial	
			csio:20	Farm - Commercial	

		csio:21	Commercial Fleet Automobile
		csio:22	Commercial Garage Automobile
		CYBER	Commercial Cyber and Privacy Liability
		Please contains:	ct CSIO before
		csio:PERS	Personal Lines - Miscellaneous
		csio:COMI	M Commercial Lines - Miscellaneous
	Provided further direction on what values to use for the	Common va	lues are:
	attachment type code list (AttachmentTypeCd).	csio:BLN	Billing Notice
	(Attachment TypeCd).	csio:DEC	Policy Declaration
		csio:BKA	Banking Authorization
		csio:EXP	Expiring Policy
		Please contactusing:	ct CSIO before
		csio:EDM	Electronic Data Memorandum
		csio:OTH	Other

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		csio:998 None
1.4	July 10, 2017	Guidance on how to populate AttachmentDesc
1.5	February 25, 2021	Removed deprecated LOB Codes, Added optional element DocumentCopyTypeCd to specify whether a document is the broker or insured copy, Included information on sending/ retrieving eDocs via Web Services

Objective

The purpose of this document is to provide the necessary information in order to support an initial implementation of eDocs using CSIOnet. This document targets the developers and analysts responsible for an eDocs deployment. Topics covered by this document include:

- An overview section
 - o What is an eDoc?
 - Benefits of eDocs
 - Challenges
- Message structures
 - CSIOnet
 - API
 - SMTP/POP3
 - o XML

Overview

A great deal of communication between brokers and carriers involves the manual mailing and faxing of documents. Once the physical document is received, manual sorting, routing and processing is required in order to accomplish a specific business task. The goal of eDocs is to help automate this process as much as possible.

Through the use of the CSIO eDocs XML standard - via the message ActivityNoteRs - systems can now allow for electronic documents to be transmitted and workflow tasks to be automated.

What is an eDoc?

Each eDoc message contains an XML file and one or more attachments. The XML file describes the purpose of the transaction and brief information of the attachments to help the recipient system directing the attached files.

Benefits of eDocs

By using a solution that supports eDocs, one can realize the following benefits:

- A huge potential for cost savings and increased workplace efficiencies;
- Electronic data can be accessible from remote sites to many people at the same time;
- Retrieval of the information is almost immediate;
- Over time as use of the eDocs standard evolves and supports the sending of more granular data - solutions can then provide enhanced benefits such as workflow automations, alerts and reminders.

The Interoperability Challenge

One challenge in implementing eDocs is that there are many trading partners involved and each has a different starting point from which they can adopt the standard. In that respect, the standard needs to be very flexible in order to accommodate these variances in readiness.

In scope: this document will outline the necessary data elements that an ActivityNoteRs message must support to enable the association of an electronic document to a Person or a Policy.

Out of scope: the identification of additional data elements needed for further workflow automation.

Recommendation: this guide only describes support for baseline elements; you must work with your trading partner to fully support the integration of eDocs into a broker's workflow.

Message Structures

This section describes how an eDoc can be sent using CSIOnet. **Note:** other transmission models are also possible.

CSIOnet Overview

The general rules to use CSIOnet are as follows:

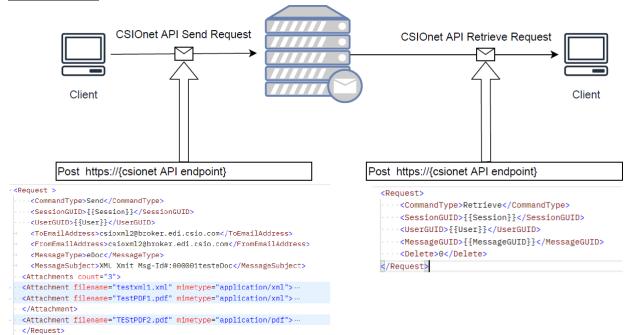
- Sender can use CSIOnet API or SMTP to upload (push their eDocs to the central CSIOnet mail server.
- Recipient can use CSIOnet API or POP3 to download (pull their eDocs from CSIOnet into their solutions.

In order to be able to use CSIOnet to transmit your eDocs, your solution must:

- Have a CSIOnet account:
- Support CSIOnet API or SMTP/POP3 email protocols;
- Be able to process XML.

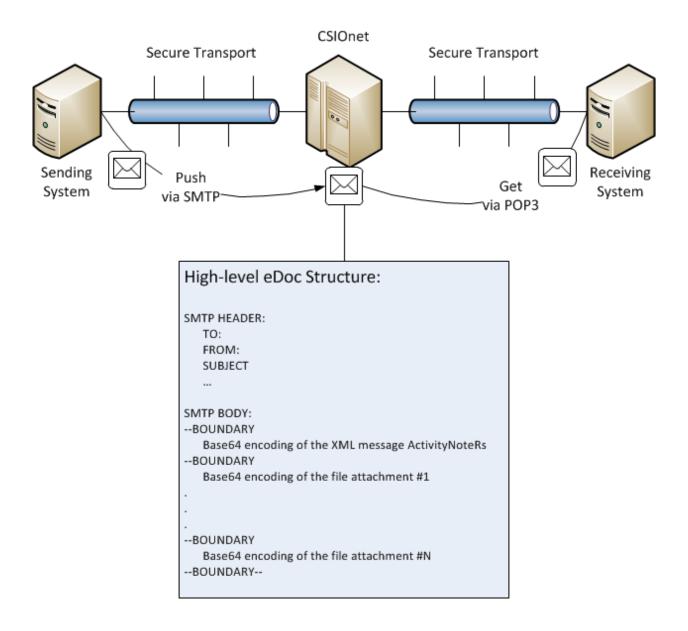
For more information on CSIOnet and how to acquire an account, please visit: http://www.csio.com

CSIOnet API



See details in the CSIOnet API Documentation.

SMTP/POP3



SMTP

SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) is an Internet standard for electronic mail transmission. This section will explain how to construct an SMTP message for eDocs use.

This document reuses the generic SMTP approach outlined in the existing CSIO document "Revised-C110-Transmission Session Options Standard.doc" and repurposes it for eDocs use.

An SMTP message consists of two parts, a **header** and a **body**. We will address each separately and then finish this section by offering a complete example.

SMTP Header

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The following table explains the five (5) required header elements for a CSIOnet-compliant eDocs SMTP message:

Field	Description	Example
То:	The destination userid, enclosed in "<" and ">". (i.e., to whom you are sending the message) Note: your trading partner	To: <bd1229a@broker.edi.csio.com></bd1229a@broker.edi.csio.com>
	should provide you with this information, often referred to as their CSIOnet EDI Domain.	
From:	The sender's userid, enclosed in "<" and ">". (i.e., your userid)	From: <ve0001a@mastercom.edi.csio.com></ve0001a@mastercom.edi.csio.com>
	Note: when you register for a CSIOnet account, you will be given this information. Often referred to as: CSIOnet EDI Domain	
Subject:	Must support the following format: Subject: XML Xmit Msg-Id#: + "{date stamp}." The date stamp generated as follows.	Subject: XML Xmit Msg-Id#:20120622101113.ve0001a@mastercom.edi.csio.com Those accustomed to sending AL3 (EDI) messages over CSIOnet: for eDocs using the XML
	YYYYMMDDHHMMSSMMM (Year Month Day Hour Minutes Seconds	message ActivityNoteRs, the Subject field has changed.
	Milliseconds). Solutions are expected to generate a date stamp to the highest level of precision that their solution can support. + {senders userid}	Correct: Subject: XML Xmit Msg Incorrect: Subject: EDI Xmit Msg
MIME- Version:	1.0	MIME-Version: 1.0
Content -Type:	MULTIPART/MIXED <i>or</i> MULTIPART/RELATED;	Note: the industry has agreed to accept two (2) different values for Content-Type as valid.
	+ Must specify "BOUNDARY="{unique piece of text}". This text delineates	A. Content-Type: MULTIPART/MIXED; B. Content-Type: MULTIPART/RELATED;

the start and end of the message.	Note 2: when using MULTIPART/MIXED, the XML boundary must be followed by the attachment boundaries (see diagram on page 3).
	 This implies: Carriers: must support either Option A or Option B or both BMS Vendors: must support both Option A and Option B
	Example A: Content-Type: MULTIPART/MIXED; BOUNDARY="=====_NextPart_000_0003_01C405E4. 18F5A290"
	Example B: Content-Type: MULTIPART/RELATED; BOUNDARY="=====_NextPart_000_0003_01C405E4. 18F5A290"

SMTP Body

The general SMTP body structure for eDocs is:

- 1 XML message (MIME encoded), followed by;
- 1 to N file attachments (MIME encoded)

The following table describes how to build the standard body structure for a CSIOnet-compliant eDocs SMTP message:

Step #	Field	Description	Example
1	+ BOUNDARY as defined in your header	Note : always prefix your BOUNDARY separator with ""; notice the yellow highlight in the example section.	 =====_NextPart_000_0003_01C405E4.1 8F5A290
2	Content-Type:	Default value: application/octet-stream Other accepted values include using widely recognized Content- Types, such as, • text/xml	 Examples: Content-Type: application/octet-stream Content-Type: application/pdf Content-Type: image/jpeg Content-Type: text/xml

3	Content- Transfer- Encoding:	application/pdfimage/jpeg BASE64	Note: receiving systems can either process the more specific Content-Types or they can choose to ignore the more specific Content-Type and process it as if it were set to "application/octet-stream". Content-Transfer-Encoding: BASE64
4	Content- Disposition:	attachment; + filename="filename.xxx"	Content-Disposition: attachment; filename="XMLBUSMSG.XML"
5	[BLOB content]	Use Base64 encoding of the XML message ActivityNoteRs	PD94bWwgdmVyc2lvbj0iMS4wliBlbmNvZ GluZz0iVVRGLTgiPz4NCjxhY29yZDpBY3 Rp
Note: A	II file attachments a	re treated in a similar mann	er.
6	+ BOUNDARY as defined in your header	Note : always prefix your BOUNDARY separator with ""; notice the yellow highlight in the example section.	 =====_NextPart_000_0003_01C405E4.1 8F5A290
7	Content-Type:	Default construct: application/octet- stream; + name=" filename.xxx" Other accepted construct: [widely recognized Content-Types]; + name="filename.xxx" Sample list of widely recognized Content- Types: text/xml application/pdf image/jpeg	 Content-Type: application/octet-stream; name="DEC-Pages.pdf" Content-Type: application/pdf; name="DEC-Pages.pdf" Note: receiving systems can either process the more specific Content-Types or they can choose to ignore the more specific Content-Type and process it as if it were set to "application/octet-stream".
8	Content- Transfer- Encoding:	BASE64	Content-Transfer-Encoding: BASE64
9	Content- Disposition:	attachment;	Content-Disposition: attachment; filename=" DEC-Pages.pdf "

		filename="filename.xxx"	
10	Description:	This field is optional . It is used to describe the included attachment. Default construct: "{echo content from XML element <attachmentdesc>}"</attachmentdesc>	Content-Description= "Policy Declaration"
11		Use Base64 encoding of the XML message ActivityNoteRs	JVBERi0xLjMNJeLjz9MNCjc3IDAgb2JqD Tw8L0xpbmVhcml6ZWQgMS9MIDYzNzM 1L08g
Note: R	epeat steps 6 to 11,	for each additional file att	achment.
40	F. II	ON ATTO	L : DOUNDADY LE S
12	Finally, complete y		a closing BOUNDARY delimiter.
	+ BOUNDARY as defined in your header +	Note: the closing BOUNDARY delimiter is the same as the opening BOUNDARY delimiter in step #1, with an additional suffix of ""; notice the yellow highlights in the example section.	====_NextPart_000_0003_01C405E4.18F 5A290 <mark></mark>

To view a complete eDocs example with three (3) attachments, click the embedded text file below:

Note: the embedded examples files only function in the MS Word version of implementation guide.



XML:

You are indirectly referencing the CSIO XML message **ActivityNoteRs** whenever you talk about eDocs.

In scope: This section will outline the necessary data elements that an ActivityNoteRs message must support to accomplish the following two (2) scenarios:

- 1. Transmitting policy-related attachments.
- 2. Transmitting attachments that are not related to a policy.

Out of scope: the identification of additional data elements needed for further workflow automation.



Note: the industry has agreed to accept two (2) different root nodes as valid.

- A. <ACORD><CommonSvcRs><ActivityNoteRs >
- B. <CommonSvcRs><ActivityNoteRs >

In the section that follows, the notation [root node] refers to either Option A or Option B from the above list. This implies:

- o Carriers: must support either Option A or Option B
- o BMS Vendors: must support both Option A and Option B

1. Transmitting policy-related attachments.

The following table describes the minimum suggested ActivityNoteRs data elements needed to enable the association of an electronic document to a Person or Policy. This table was validated against version 1.40 of the XML standards (older schemas should also be able to support these mappings).

Note: a fully specified example file is shown at the end of this section.

Element/xPath	Conformance	Reason		
[root node] /RqUID	Mandatory	Common to all XML messages. Used to uniquely identify a message.		
		Generally used for auditing purposes. Also used to identify duplicate messages.		
[root node] / SPName	Mandatory	Service Provider name. To insure uniqueness, <spname> must be an Internet domain name.</spname>		
[root node] /TransactionResponseDt	Mandatory	The date-time stamp the message was created.		
[root node] /MsgStatus /MsgStatusCd	Mandatory	Always equal to ResultPendingOutOfBand, this indicates that the result will be processed asynchronously through a method other than XML – in the case of eDocs, via attachments.		
[root node] /InsuredOrPrincipal /GeneralPartyInfo /NameInfo /CommlName /CommercialName	Recommende d	The full name of the Person/Organization associated with this eDoc.		
[root node] /PartialPolicy /PolicyNumber	Mandatory	The policy number associated with this eDoc.		
[root node] /PartialPolicy /LOBCd	Mandatory	A code list value identifying the line of business.		
		Common values are: For personal lines:		
		csio:AUTO Private Passenger Auto		

		asia IIADI		Llobitational
				Habitational
				Farm Owners, Fire, Liability
		csio:MARIN		Inland Marine
		csio:BUILD		Builders Risk
		csio:EQB		Equipment Breakdown
		For commercial lines:		S:
		csio:CAUTO Individually Rated Commercial Automobile		
		csio:CPROP	Pro	pperty - Commercial
		csio:FLEET Commercial Fleet Automobile csio:GARG Commercial Garage Automobile CYBER Commercial Cyber and Privacy Liability Please contact CSIO before using:		I
				-
) before using:
		csio:PERS		Personal Lines - Miscellaneous
		csio:COMM		Commercial Lines - Miscellaneous
[root node] /PartialPolicy /ContractTerm /EffectiveDt	Recommende d	The date on which an agreement, such as a contract or insurance policy, takes effect.		
[root node] /PartialPolicy /ContractTerm /ExpirationDt	Recommende	The date on which an agreement, such as a		
[root node] /PartialPolicy /CompanyCd	d Recommende	contract or insurance policy, terminates.		
[1331 11345] /1 artiali olicy /OoripanyOu	d	A code list value identifying the insurance company.		narying the insulance
	_	Example: WAW	VA =	Wawanesa
[root node] /BusinessPurposeTypeCd	Recommende			e business event being
	d	submitted in this	s me	ssage.

[root node] /FileAttachmentInfo	Mandatory	A repeating cluster of seven (7) elements used to describe each attachment included in an eDoc. Includes: • AttachmentDesc = free text to describe the attachment. Although this element is optional, CSIO strongly recommends its usage. Based on broker feedback from a survey conducted in the summer of 2017, brokers expressed a strong message that better use of this element would benefit the broker channel. At a minimum, embed the following 3 fields as part of the eDoc description: document type, customer name, and policy #. Examples: • Bob_Smith_POL12345_NBS • Mary_Parker_ABC12345_RWL		
		 AttachmentTypeCd = a code list value to indicate the type of attachment: Common values are: 		/pe of attachment:
			csio:BLN	Billing Notice
			csio:DEC	Policy Declaration
		ľ	csio:BKA	Banking Authorization
			csio:EXP	Expiring Policy
		ļ	Please contact (CSIO before using:
			csio:EDM	Electronic Data Memorandum
			csio:OTH	Other
			csio:998	None
		MIMEContentTypeCd = application/octet-stream Default value: application/octet-stream Other accepted values include using widely recognized Content-Types, such as, text/xml		
				value:
				on/octet-stream
				pplication/pdf nage/jpeg

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		MIMEEncodingTypeCd = BASE64	
		AttachmentFilename = name of the file attachment	
		AttachmentStatusCd = csio:5	
		DocumentCopyTypeCd (optional) = A code indicate copy type of the document in this Activity.	
		Value:	
		A Agency copy	
		I Insured Copy	
[root node] /RemarksInfo /RemarkText	Recommende d	A section for free text to provide further contextual information.	

Note: the aggregate <ItemIdInfo> described in the table below would also be required for the scenario where an 'Intermediary System' processes all eDocs transmissions on behalf of an insurance company.

ItemIdInfo	Explanation
<pre></pre>	Two instances of OtherIdentifier are recommended to uniquely identify the intended recipient: CSIO Machine Address of the target recipient CSIOnet EDI Domain of the target recipient
	You can query your business partner's identifiers on CSIO's website: https://csio.com/csionet/csionet-tools/csionet-global-lookup (A CSIO.com account is required to access it.)

Note: this aggregate was introduced in version 1.23 of the XML standards (older schemas will not be able to support these mappings).

Example scenario:

• 'System A' deals with many trading partners that all have individual CSIOnet accounts;

- However, 'System A' does not want to deal directly with each CSIOnet account (*i.e.*, does not want to manage a one-to-many relationship);
- 'System A' prefers to work (one-to-one) with an 'Intermediary System' that will then interact with CSIOnet on behalf of 'System A'.

In this situation, 'System A' uses the above aggregate to tell the 'Intermediary System' which CSIOnet account to interact with for a given message.

To view a complete XML ActivityNoteRs message with three (3) attachments, click the embedded WordPad file below:

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WordPad Document

2. Transmitting eDocs unrelated to a specific policy or individual.

Scope: to enable the transmission of eDocs that are unrelated to a specific policy or individual. Some of the documents that carriers might send using this method include (but are not restricted to):

- monthly summaries of policies, claims or commissions;
- · promotions for new markets or lines of business;
- notifications of underwriting changes;
- reconciliation statements;
- accounts recommended for round-out or prospect accounts;
- messages intended for a specific group of policies, accounts or employees

How to identify eDocs that are of type "unrelated to a specific policy or individual" Depending on the version number of the CSIO XML standards being used, supporters of this use case have two (2) methods to use to identify an eDoc of this type:

CSIO XML Version 1.24 or earlier	CSIO XML Version 1.25 and onwards
BusinessPurposeTypeCd = csio:MEM	BusinessPurposeTypeCd = csio:NPD Note: csio:NPD (non-policy document) was added to the standard in release 1.25.
Also mandatory: CommercialName> = "?" PolicyNumber> = "?"	<commercialname> and <policynumber> become no longer mandatory.</policynumber></commercialname>
	Implementers can choose whether or not to continue using <commercialname> and <policynumber></policynumber></commercialname>

Note: Once release 1.25 of the CSIO XML standards is published (target date: July 2013), the industry is expected to move toward adopting csio:NPD method. Over time, a grandfather clause will be applied to the csio:MEM method.

The following table describes the minimum suggested ActivityNoteRs data elements needed for the transmission of eDocs that are *unrelated* to a specific policy or individual.

Element/xPath	CSIO XML Version 1.24 or earlier	CSIO XML Version 1.25 and onwards	Description
	Conforma	Conforman	
	nce	ce	
[root node] /RqUID	Mandatory	Mandatory	Common to all XML messages. Used to uniquely identify a message.

			Generally used duplicate mess	d for auditing and to identify sages.
[root node] /SPName	Mandatory	Mandatory	Service Provider name. To insure uniqueness, <spname> must be an Intern domain name.</spname>	
[root node] /TransactionResponseDt	Mandatory	Mandatory	The date-time stamp the message was created.	
[root node] /MsgStatus /MsgStatusCd	Mandatory	Mandatory	Always equal to ResultPendingOutOfBand this indicates that the result will be processed asynchronously through a method other than XML – in the case of eDocs, via attachments.	
[root node] /InsuredOrPrincipal /GeneralPartyInfo /NameInfo /CommIName /CommercialName	Mandatory	Optional	If present, set to "?"	
[root node] /PartialPolicy /PolicyNumber	Mandatory	Optional	If present, set t	to "?"
[root node] /PartialPolicy	Mandatory	Mandatory	A code list value business.	ue identifying the line of
/LOBCd			csio:AUTO	Private Passenger Auto
			csio:HABL	Habitational
			csio:FARM	Farm Owners, Fire, Liability
			csio:MARIN	Inland Marine
			csio:BUILD	Builders Risk
			csio:EQB	Equipment Breakdown
			For commercia	al lines:
			csio:CAUTO	Individually Rated Commercial Automobile
			csio:CPROP	Property - Commercial
			csio:FLEET	Commercial Fleet Automobile
			csio:GARG	Commercial Garage Automobile
			CYBER	Commercial Cyber and Privacy Liability
			Please contact	: CSIO before using:

			csio:PERS	Personal Lines - Miscellaneous Commercial Lines - Miscellaneous
[root node] /PartialPolicy /CompanyCd [root node] /BusinessPurposeTypeC d	Mandatory Mandatory Use csio:MEM	Mandatory Use csio:NPD	company. Example: WAWA = A code indicating the submitted in the mean of the submitted in the submitted i	ne business event essage. In is 1.24 or earlier , then irposeTypeCd =
[root node] /FileAttachmentInfo	Mandatory	Mandatory	to describe each at eDoc. Includes: • Attachment describe the this element strongly recent Based on be survey cond 2017, broked message the element would channel. At following 3 find description: customer nate and the survey cond 2017, broked message the element would be considered as the survey cond 2017, broked message the element would be considered as the survey cond 2017, broked message the element would be considered as the survey cond 2017, broked message the element would be considered as the survey conditions as the survey conditions are considered as the survey conditions as the survey conditions are considered as the survey conditions as the survey conditions are conditionally conditions are conditionally conditions.	

			csio:BLN Billing Notice
			csio:DEC Policy Declaration
			csio:BKA Banking Authorization
			csio:EXP Expiring Policy
			Please contact CSIO before using:
			csio:EDM Electronic Data Memorandum
			csio:OTH Other
			csio:998 None
			Default value: application/octet-stream Other accepted values include widely recognized Content-Types, such as: • text/xml • application/pdf • image/jpeg •
			MIMEEncodingTypeCd = BASE64
			AttachmentFilename = name of the file attachment
			AttachmentStatusCd = csio:05
[root node] /RemarksInfo /RemarkText	Recommen ded	Recommen ded	A section for free text to provide further contextual information.