

Simple 'e'TM

e-commerce

Business 2 Business
e-commerce just got a
whole lot easier with
Simple 'e'.

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Is the amazing pace of e-business expansion leaving your small to mid-sized company behind? You probably need more than just e-mail, yet you don't want to buy into costly, more complex applications that include capabilities you'll never use.

Simple 'e' was designed with your company in mind. It simply provides your customers and vendors with access to data they need to run their businesses and support your company.

What is *Simple 'e'*

Simple 'e' involves two phases of development. Phase I provides your vendors and customers with inquiry access to your system's data. Phase II provides order entry capabilities. The general features of each phase are as follows.

➤ **PHASE I – INQUIRY.** General availability July 2002.

Inquiry access allows vendors and customers access to select data via the Web. You control each customer's or vendor's access rights using *Simple 'e'* security. Data available for inquiry includes:

For Customers:

- 📄 Open order information – items ordered, pricing, shipping information, and more
- 📄 Order status – which items have been shipped and when, how were they shipped, shipping costs, tracking numbers and expected arrival dates.
- 📄 Historical information – items ordered, pricing, invoice information, and more
- 📄 Available inventory – available on-hand and on-order quantities, using ATP (Available to Promise) logic.

For Vendors:

- 📄 Open purchase orders for this vendor – items on order, quantities, received, invoiced, due dates and special comments.
- 📄 Historical information – what items were purchased, when received, and more
- 📄 Available inventory – For primary/sole supplier vendors, view the on-hand inventory, allocations, and planned needs for items. This equates to an electronic vendor schedule that allows your vendor to plan according to your needs.

- **PHASE II – ORDER ENTRY.** General availability April 2003.
This phase allows vendors and customers to enter orders via the Web. Using *Simple 'e'* security, you control what any given customer or vendor can enter. Order entry access includes the following data:

For customers:

- 🖥 Enter new orders or maintain and cancel existing orders. For each customer, you control:
 - Whether new orders are automatically available or placed on hold for review.
 - When an order can be modified or canceled. For example, you may not want to allow maintenance to an order due to ship in two days.

For vendors:

- 🖥 Enter replenishment orders into your system. This is especially useful if you have vendor-managed inventories. Like customer order entry, you control:
 - Whether new orders are automatically released or placed on hold for review.
 - When an order can be released, modified, or canceled by the vendor.

Benefits of *Simple 'e'*

- 🖥 *Simple 'e'* allows you to give your vendors and customers inquiry and order entry access to your system. You don't have to custom-build these capabilities or buy into a pricey solution from an outside vendor.
- 🖥 *Simple 'e'* uses your existing Web site and hardware. There is no additional hardware or software to buy. By placing a link on your Web site, your vendors and customers can access *Simple 'e'* using your existing network security.
- 🖥 Your company's AS400 is secure because *Simple 'e'* does not provide direct access to it. *Simple 'e'* uses unique work-files.
- 🖥 The *Simple 'e'* work-files make it easy to pull information in from other data sources and integrate it with your ERP information.

Integration Information

Simple 'e' is designed to work with any version of MAPICS ERP for the iSeries[®] applications (formerly named MAPICS XA[®]). We are committed to reconciling *Simple 'e'* to new releases of MAPICS ERP for the iSeries, as well as any PCM's (Program Corrective Maintenance) made available by MAPICS Inc., within three months of general availability.