

Interchange Structure :- The basic unit

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of communication between trading partners is an interchange. It is defined by UN/EDIFACT. An Interchange consists of functional groups of messages. Each functional group contains one or more messages of the same type. A collection of segments ('sentences') makes up a message ('paragraph'), with each segment comprising data elements ('words'). The special delimiters which have been used as separators between data elements, component data elements and segments are specified in a special service segment called the Service String Advice. Each segment begins with a 3 character code which identifies the segment. The 3 character string beginning with 'UN' are tags for control segments in the interchange. In an interchange the service string advice are

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identified by the tag 'UNA'.

