Carriers still speak 2001

Shipping updates often arrive in an older EDI than the orders they serve

SwiftB2B

Swipe →

EDI is how companies swap documents

Every document type has a number, so any system can read it

EDI DOCUMENTS

850 · Purchase order

856 · ASN

315 · Container update

And EDI has versions, like phone software

Each new version adds fields, so newer messages can say more

X12 VERSIONS

4010 · around 2000

5010 · mid 2000s

Newer · a release most years

But most carriers are still on 4010

So container updates come in an older version than the orders they belong to

ORDER · 5010

PO 7720

600 shirts

Ship to DC 0480

UPDATE · 4010

ABCU 1234567

Loaded on ship

PO · not sent

And the details don't always line up

Older messages have fewer fields, and each carrier fills them its own way, so it can be hard to tell which order a container is carrying

SAME UPDATE · THREE CARRIERS

Carrier A · sends the PO

Carrier B · sends a booking number

Carrier C · sends nothing

SwiftB2B lines up every version

SwiftLink, our AI-native integration layer, reads each one, so every container update lands on the right PO, whatever version it came in

SwiftB2B	PO 7720 · ABCU 1234567
Booking confirmed	301 · 4010
Loaded on ship	315 · 4010
Arrived at port	EDIFACT
ASN sent	856 · 5010
4 messages, 3 formats, 1 order	