



GS1net™ - Connection Options & Costs

What are the options for connecting to GS1net?

There are four methods of entering your product and price data into GS1net.

1. Graphical User Interface (GUI)

GS1net is built with the ability to maintain data via a web interface from your computer. Simply work through the screens for each product and fill in the required information.

While this comes at no extra charge, it can be a time consuming and labour intensive option, generally not suited to maintaining anything other than very small product ranges.

2. Browser Upload:

This is the ability to enter data into a spreadsheet and manually load via a web browser accessible from the GS1net GUI. It has the benefit of being relatively cheap, but manipulating large volumes of data, particularly with the many data requirements of GS1net, can be difficult.

GS1net is also able to send and receive messages using any of the HTTP(s), FTP or AS2 communications protocols.

3. HTTP(s) or FTP:

This option is for those who have purchased middleware that creates a DDF or XML file to GS1net standards and now need to load it. We set up a mailbox at GS1net and you install some software on your computer to automatically exchange files between the two.

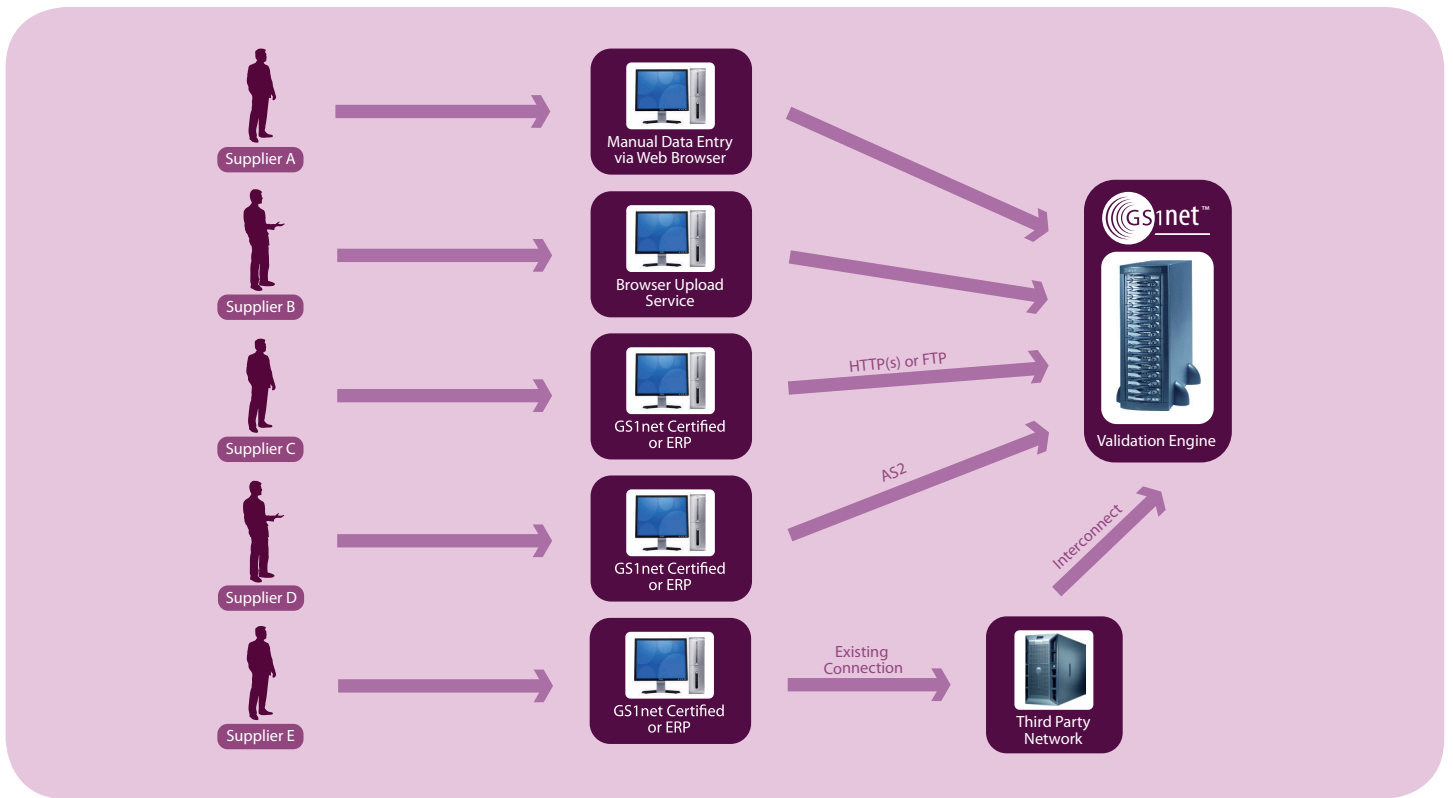
4. AS2 Communications:

This is a secure and reliable standard for business to business (B2B) communications. This is generally used for sending XML documents and ensures security and confirmation of transmission over the internet.

If you are currently using a B2B network or EDI VAN that has the capability to transmit the GS1net message types, then you can use this service to send and receive messages with GS1net.

The communications method used is independent of the data format (eg. XML or DDF) used to send your data to GS1net for options 1 through 3 (users choosing option 4 will need to speak with their service provider).





Above: The diagram shows the various options available for connection to GS1net

What are the costs for connecting to GS1net?

The charges for the three communication methods for connecting to GS1net are shown below. Of course, if you are intending to connect through an existing VAN relationship, you should confirm the costs with your service provider:

1. Graphical User Interface (GUI)

This includes the ability to manually key data directly into GS1net via the GS1net web interface. This option is included in your quarterly GS1net fees at no extra charge.

2. Browser Upload:

This option involves the ability to load a delimited data file (based on an MS Excel Template provided by GS1 Australia) onto GS1net via the GS1net web interface. There is a connection fee and quarterly access fee for this option.

- Connection Fee: \$240 (+GST)
- Quarterly Access Fee: \$60 (+GST) ⁽²⁾

3. HTTP(s) or FTP:

GS1net users can connect via HTTP(s) or FTP with the following fees:

- Setup Costs: \$580 (+GST) ⁽¹⁾
- Quarterly Access Fee: \$125 per qtr (+GST) ⁽²⁾

4. AS2 Communications:

GS1net users can connect via AS2 with the following fees:

- Setup Costs: \$1,110 (+GST) ⁽³⁾
- Quarterly Access Fee: \$125 per qtr (+GST) ⁽²⁾

Other Network or VAN: GS1net users connecting via another Network or VAN will need to speak to their service provider to identify the costs.

5. Third Party Network Interconnection:

This option involves the GS1net user to leverage an existing connection with a Third Party Network Service Provider to load data onto GS1net via this connection. The 3rd Party Network Service Provider must support an interconnection with GS1net. Users will need to contact their 3rd Party Network Service Providers to determine their ability to interconnect with GS1net.

Key:

- (1) The set up cost includes the cost of client server software
- (2) The quarterly fee includes unlimited messages sent and received to GS1net and is Invoiced quarterly with your GS1net Fees
- (3) This does not include the cost of client server software