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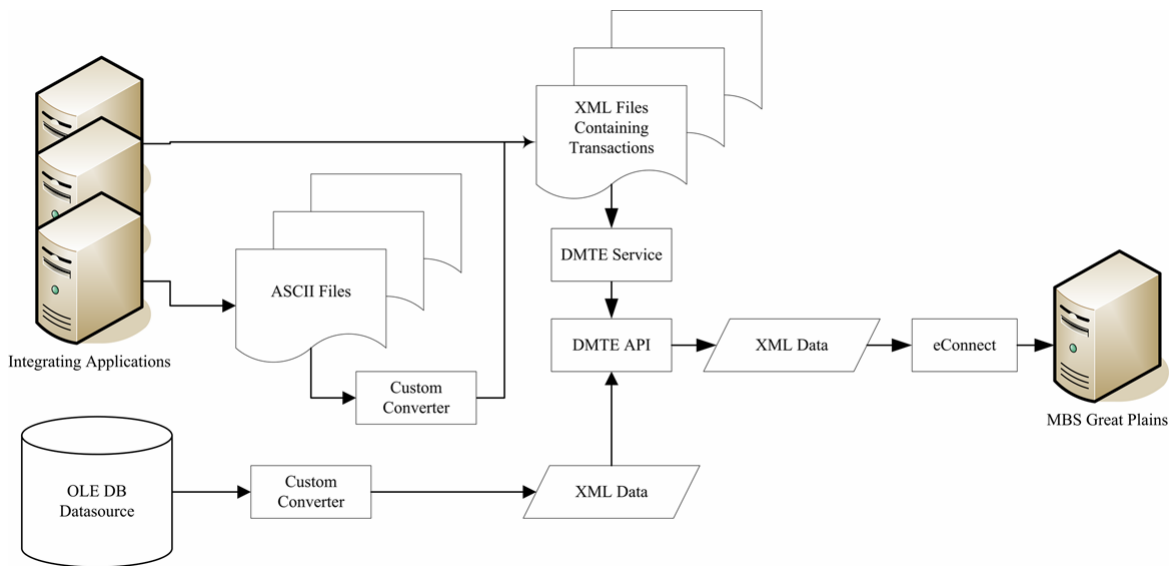
What is the Data Management Tool for eConnect?

Data Management Tool for eConnect is a .NET Windows Service that can be utilized “out of the box” to integrate eConnect ready XML documents into Great Plains. Alternately, the Data Management Tool for eConnect API can be invoked through .NET code leveraging pre-developed routines to manage incoming eConnect transactions. Data Management Tool for eConnect also offers substantial cost savings for the client in both eConnect investment and development costs.

What can the Data Management Tool for eConnect do for my business?

- Provides a low cost solution for near-real-time transaction processing while eliminating the need for a full MBS eConnect license, a BizTalk server, or MSMQ (Microsoft Message Queuing).
- Reduces development costs by eliminating the need for custom code to import transactions into Great Plains. XML documents can be exported from the integrating application and Data Management Tool for eConnect can import them autonomously into Great Plains, without the need for additional development.
- Facilitates communication between MBS Great Plains and any external system that can create XML files.
- Reduces IT costs for system administration through built in error tracking and notification features.
- Provides features that are unavailable within MSMQ/BizTalk model, such as data retention and a safety net for failed transactions.

How does Data Management Tool for eConnect work? (DMTE in graphic below)



Data Management Tool for eConnect Service:

- Data Management Tool for eConnect monitors a user-configurable path for files at a pre-determined interval.
- When a file is detected it opens the file, determines if it contains valid xml, and sends the xml to the eConnect runtime to be imported into MBS Great Plains.
- Files containing errors are moved to an error folder. Error messages are written to the event log and, optionally, can be emailed to user-defined recipients.
- Additional development consulting services can be sold to assist customer and third parties with formatting data into eConnect compliant XML documents.

Data Management Tool for eConnect API:

- Sold in combination with ePartners development services. Presently only for “internal” ePartners development use.
- Can be used to develop “custom converters” to integrate data from ASCII files or OLE DB Datasources into Great Plains using eConnect business logic.