

What are the SAP Ariba Catalog Types

Catalogs are text files stored on SAP Business Network or on the Supplier's website that describe the products and services available, and the prices charged. Customers access catalogs through their procurement applications to see different product and service offerings across various suppliers. To know which catalog to use or which products to include, your customer will confirm this information.

Static Catalog (Catalog Interchange Format)



- Static file created by supplier and approved for use in the customer's procurement solution.
- There are different types of Static catalogs mainly
 - Catalog Interchange Format (.cif)
 - CMS or Excel Catalog (.xlsx)
 - Commerce eXtensible Markup Language (cXML)
 - Bundesverband Materialwirtschaft, Einkauf und Logistik (BMEcat)
- Supported File extensions: CIF, cXML, xls, xlsx, BME

- ✓ Supplier is new to Ariba or to catalogs
- ✓ Supplier does not host an eCommerce website

PunchOut Catalog



- Allows buyers to access Catalog content residing at supplier's e-commerce website
- PunchOut index files are loaded by the supplier and approved for use in the customer's procurement solution. Once activated, this file creates the button your customer will use to connect to your e-commerce website.
- There are two different punchout user experiences:
 - PunchOut Level 1 (Store level)
 - PunchOut Level 2 (Aisle, Shelf, Product)

- ✓ Catalog is very dynamic
- ✓ Catalog is very large
- ✓ Value-added features (real time availability etc.) are included