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RE: Electronic Data Exchange (EDE) Technical Reference for 2001-2002

We are pleased to announce the availability of the *EDE Technical Reference for 2001-2002*.

What Is the *EDE Technical Reference for 2001-2002*

The *EDE Technical Reference for 2001-2002* is designed to meet the reference needs of programmers and data processing staff.

The Department of Education (ED) provides two types of software to EDE participants:

- EDEExpress 32-bit software for processing Title IV financial aid and direct loan data.
- EDconn32 software for sending and receiving electronic files.

Many EDE participants need additional specifications for these functions to develop their own software or develop software bridges between their own systems and EDEExpress. This guide provides sufficient information for you to build your own software to complement the software provided by ED for sending and receiving Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data. It includes information about:

- Record Layouts
- Required Edits
- Print Formats
- Specifications
- Reject Messages

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