

Factsheet

Trade Innovation Nexus

Trade Innovation Nexus: Accelerating trade finance transformation

Trade Innovation Nexus is a next-generation interoperability framework that empowers banks to modernize their trade finance operations with speed, agility, and control. Designed to streamline integration across systems, it enables institutions to onboard, transact, maintain, and connect seamlessly, reducing time-to-market and enhancing operational efficiency.

Built for the cloud and future-ready, Nexus delivers a unified set of REST APIs, integration tools and services that support connectivity between Finastra's Trade Innovation platform, and third-party applications, including core banking systems.

Foundation

As the first step, Nexus provides a foundational layer of REST APIs that span the Maintain, and Transact modules. This base set of must have services ensures consistent integration patterns, security, and auditability, making it easier for banks to adopt and scale the solution across their environments.



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Trade Innovation Nexus demonstrates our commitment to modernizing trade finance, supporting digital trade, and enabling secure, scalable integration. We're proud of the scalability and resilience benefits it delivers, and are excited to empowering banks to innovate, cut integration complexity and costs, as well and accelerate migration from legacy systems."

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Nexus’ four modules

1. Maintain

Simplifies static and reference data management by automating the ingestion of key information, such as account details and standing settlement instructions. This ensures data consistency and reduces manual effort across trade operations.

2. Transact

Automates lifecycle actions on trade transactions, including amendments, claims, document presentations, repayments, and Swift messaging. This improves processing speed and reduces operational risk.

3. Build

Supports the creation and issuance of trade instruments, such as import letters of credit (ILCs), export letters of credit (ELCs), undertakings, financing arrangements, and collections. Enables banks to originate transactions from any upstream system.

4. Connect

Connect empowers businesses with effortless integration through pre-built adapters, enabling smooth connectivity to leading platforms like Compend, Cleareye.ai, Integro, Enigio, Finverity, and CredAble. Designed to be solution-agnostic, Connect streamlines critical processes such as compliance checks, supply chain finance, and limit management—helping you accelerate innovation without vendor lock-in.

Challenges associated with trade & interoperability

1

Fragmented and legacy systems

Trade finance struggles with disconnected and fragmented systems, causing inefficiencies.

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Client demand to connect with multi-bank / digital trade platforms

Bank clients are looking for a modern, seamless way to originate and manage the entire trade transaction life-cycle through self-service

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Complex integration requirements

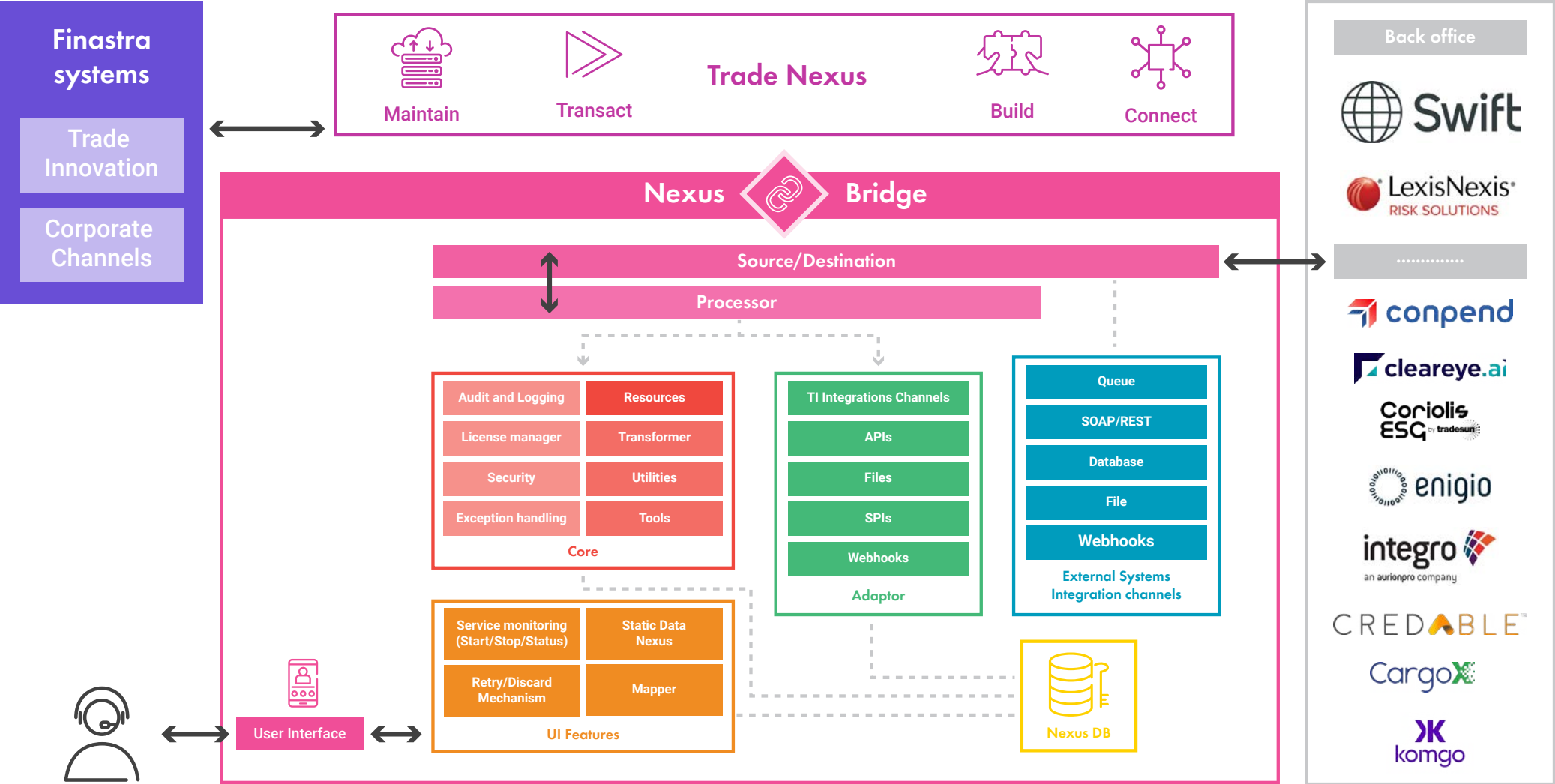
Dependency on SIs and high-cost skills to integrate trade platform with internal and external systems.

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Unified integrated solution

Lack of a unified integrated solution creates fragmented workflows, increases operational complexity, and slows innovation—making it harder for banks to deliver seamless client experiences

Nexus Bridge helps address these client – specific needs



Technical overview

Trade Innovation Nexus is underpinned by a robust, REST-based Open API framework that consolidates all integration needs for Finastra's Trade Innovation platform. This modern architecture complements the existing legacy xml gateway messages with scalable legacy XML gateways with scalable, web-service-based connectivity, enabling faster, more agile development and deployment.

The framework includes a comprehensive set of components essential for enterprise-grade integration:

- **License management:** Controls access and usage across modules
- **Audit logging:** Ensures traceability and compliance for all interactions
- **Security services:** Provides built-in authentication, authorization and encryption
- **Data transformation & orchestration:** Enables flexible mapping and enrichment of data across systems
- **Integration patterns:** Supports diverse connectivity models, including REST, file-based, and message queues

To support evolving industry standards, Nexus is designed for future-proof connectivity with emerging protocols such as eBills of Lading (eB/Ls), MT798, and ESG tools. This ensures your institution remains compliant and competitive in a rapidly digitizing trade ecosystem.

The Nexus Bridge layer enhances integration flexibility by supporting hybrid environments. It allows banks to interface with both modern REST APIs and legacy systems, using Apache Camel-based endpoints for message-based or file-based communication. This ensures seamless interoperability, even in complex or constrained IT landscapes.

Nexus also addresses broader strategic challenges in trade finance – such as compliance, fraud mitigation, and ecosystem interoperability – making it a future-ready solution for banks navigating digital transformation.

With its robust, REST-based Open API framework and modular design, Trade Innovation Nexus goes beyond integration to address critical challenges and enable future-ready capabilities for banks.



Tackling paper and fraud in trade finance

Leveraging its digital-first architecture, Nexus helps eliminate paper-heavy processes in trade finance, reducing manual errors and mitigating fraud risk, particularly in supply chain finance.

It automates document handling and embeds compliance checks, strengthening operational integrity across transactions.



Regulatory compliance enablement

Nexus includes features to capture, structure, and securely share data with compliance teams.

This supports banks in meeting growing regulatory demands for transparency, auditability, and reporting.



Modular architecture for innovation

By separating the integration layer from the core platform, Nexus allows banks to innovate without compromising stability.

This approach mirrors orchestration layers in payments, enabling rapid addition of new services and fintech partnerships.



Cloud-ready and AI-enabled

Designed for cloud deployment, Nexus supports flexible, scalable infrastructure.

Finastra is embedding AI capabilities to automate routine tasks, optimize workflows, and personalize services.

Through our ecosystem partners we offer AI-driven document checking and workflow optimization which are already part of our offering ensuring continuous evolution.

Benefits Trade Innovation Nexus

1

Unified REST-based API layer

Provides a unified, consistent interface that streamlines integration across legacy and modern systems—reducing development and upgrade overhead while accelerating deployment timelines.

2

Pre-built adapters and simplified data ingestion

Out-of-the-box connectors to common trade finance applications (e.g., Conpend, Cleareye.ai, Enigio, ESG Corolis, Integro) allow banks to onboard clients faster and reduce IT friction. Data ingestion is streamlined, minimizing manual mapping and transformation.

3

AI-powered document automation and compliance checks

Through our ecosystem partners capabilities leverages AI, OCR, and NLP to automate document examination, reducing errors and speeding up compliance processes. This is especially valuable for high-volume operations and regulatory-heavy environments.

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Modular, scalable architecture

Supports phased rollouts and future expansion. Banks can start small and scale capabilities as needed without disrupting existing operations.

5

Built-in audit trails and logging

Ensures full traceability of transactions and service interactions. This supports internal governance, external audits, and regulatory reporting with minimal manual effort.

6

Backward compatibility with legacy formats

Supports XML, JSON, SOAP, and file-based formats, enabling seamless integration with existing infrastructure while paving the way for modernization

7

Enhanced security and compliance

Includes built-in authentication, authorization, and encryption for data in transit and at rest. Meets industry standards and helps banks maintain compliance with evolving regulations.

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Real-time transaction processing

Enables immediate lifecycle actions such as amendments, claims, and document handling. Improves operational agility and client responsiveness.

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