



FTP Electronic Ordering with Bookstream using X12

FTP (file transfer protocol) offers a quicker way to use Electronic Ordering. Visual Anthology is now able to use FTP to do your ordering. It is done almost exactly like doing Electronic Ordering using a phone modem. Once you have Visual Anthology set up, a one time process, you will find this a helpful addition to your bookselling business.

You will need to get a FTP user login and password from Bookstream. Contact them at: 866-416-1112. They will ask you for your SAN and will have the FTP directory set up, then provide you with a login and password. You will need them before setting up Visual Anthology. Once you have them, follow the instructions below to set up the vendor screen.

You will also have to upgrade your Visual Anthology to a version that is at least 5.16.048. Log into the Customer Zone to download the upgrade and for instructions on running the upgrade. You must have current valid support/maintenance contract.

Setting Up Visual Anthology for FTP Electronic Ordering

Open Visual Anthology
Go to Master Files \ Vendors
Click on your Bookstream Vendor
Click on the EO tab

Main Entry Area

Click on the arrow to the right of the Format field
Click on X12BKSTR
The Confirm Type should be set to BISAC
Click in the Bill to Acct/ User SAN field and enter your User SAN (you may already have this number if you have done Electronic Order using a phone modem.)
Click in the Ship to Acct /Vendor SAN field and enter your Vendor SAN.

FlashBack Settings

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FTP Settings

Check the "USE PASSIVE FTP" checkbox. Most modern Firewalls expect this option to be checked.
Click in the User ID field and enter the FTP User ID that Bookstream gave to you (your San #)
Click in the Password field and enter the FTP password that Bookstream gave to you
Click in the IN Directory field and type in /PO
Click in the OUT Directory and type in /POA

Click on the arrow to the right of the Vendor Site field and click on BOOKSTREAM
 Set the Minutes to Wait set at 4 (this is how long it stays connected to do the transfer, this may need to be increased if the vendor's computers are busy.)
 Click in the Use FTP field so that it puts a check mark in the box
 Click on the F10 Save button
 Close the Vendor screen

Sending a Purchase Order with EO FTP

Go to Inventory Control \ Purchase Orders
 On the list tab, click on the PO you want to order
 Click on the Details tab
 Make sure the order is how you want it
 Click on the F6 EO button
 Click on the Send Order button
 You will see a window open showing the status of the EO order
 When it is complete, it will say you have a confirmation file
 Click yes or no to view the file
 When it is complete, your Draft Purchase Order will automatically become a Receiving Memo

The screenshot shows the 'Vendor' window in Visual Anthology. The window title is 'Visual Anthology User: BETH Station: TestStation One'. The main window title is 'Vendor'. The 'Name' field is 'Bookstream- EO FTP Testing Only!' and the 'Short code' is 'BOOKSTR2'. The 'Dial-Up Protocol' is 'RANDOM HOUSE' and the 'Format' is 'X12BKSTR'. The 'Confirm type' is 'BISAC'. The 'User ID' is '1111111' and the 'Password' is '1111111'. The 'Vendor Site' is 'Bookstream'. The 'Minutes to Wait' is '6'. The 'Use FTP' checkbox is checked. The 'FlashBack Settings' section includes 'Green light', 'Whse. code', 'Whse. pairs', 'Bill pswd', 'Ship pswd', 'BO release', and 'Order type'. The 'FTP Settings' section includes 'Use passive FTP', 'IN Directory', 'OUT Directory', 'Pubnet FTP username', and 'Pubnet FTP Password'. The 'F10 Save' button is highlighted.