



DEUTSCHE BÖRSE  
GROUP

## High Precision Timestamps File Service

A new data services product for EUREX and XETRA

August 2018

Deutsche Boerse is introducing a new timestamp to help clients accurately calculate the time delta to winning orders

The new  
timestamp:

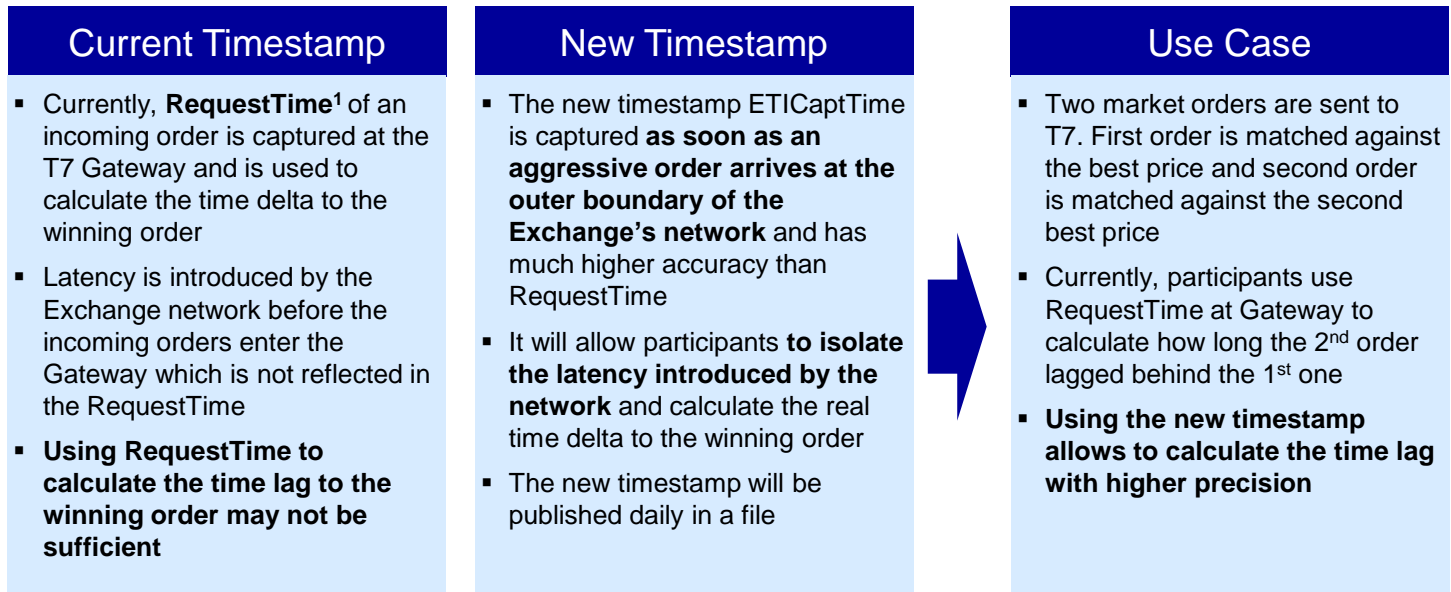
Provides more information on the flow of an order in the T7<sup>®</sup> architecture

Acts as a measure to evaluate and optimise participants' investment strategy

Can be used in algorithm backtesting

Available for all aggressive orders sent via Co-location 2.0 Service

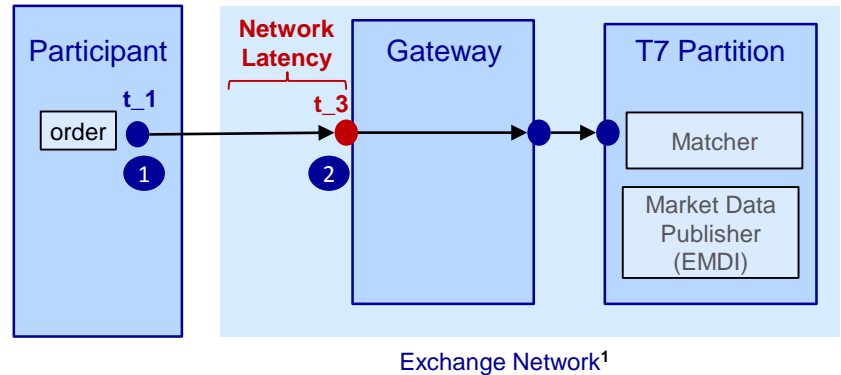
# The new timestamp will allow to calculate the time delta to winning orders with higher accuracy



<sup>1</sup> **RequestTime** timestamp is publicly available in EMDI/EOBI for aggressive orders. Aggressive is the order that triggered the trade. It is an incoming order that matches one of the orders sitting on the order book and pulls liquidity out of the order book.

Currently RequestTime is captured at the Gateway and is used to estimate the time delta to the winning order

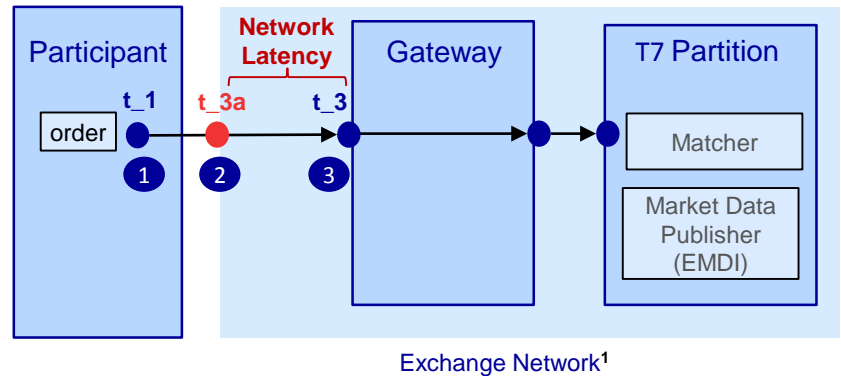
Step	Description
1	Participant sends order from their terminal at $t_1$ ( $t_1$ is captured by client)
2	Order arrives at the Gateway at $t_3$ . $t_3$ is captured and published in EMDI/EOBI in field <b>RequestTime</b> for aggressive orders only



<sup>1</sup> More information on the T7 architecture and T7 timestamps can be found in Appendix 1.

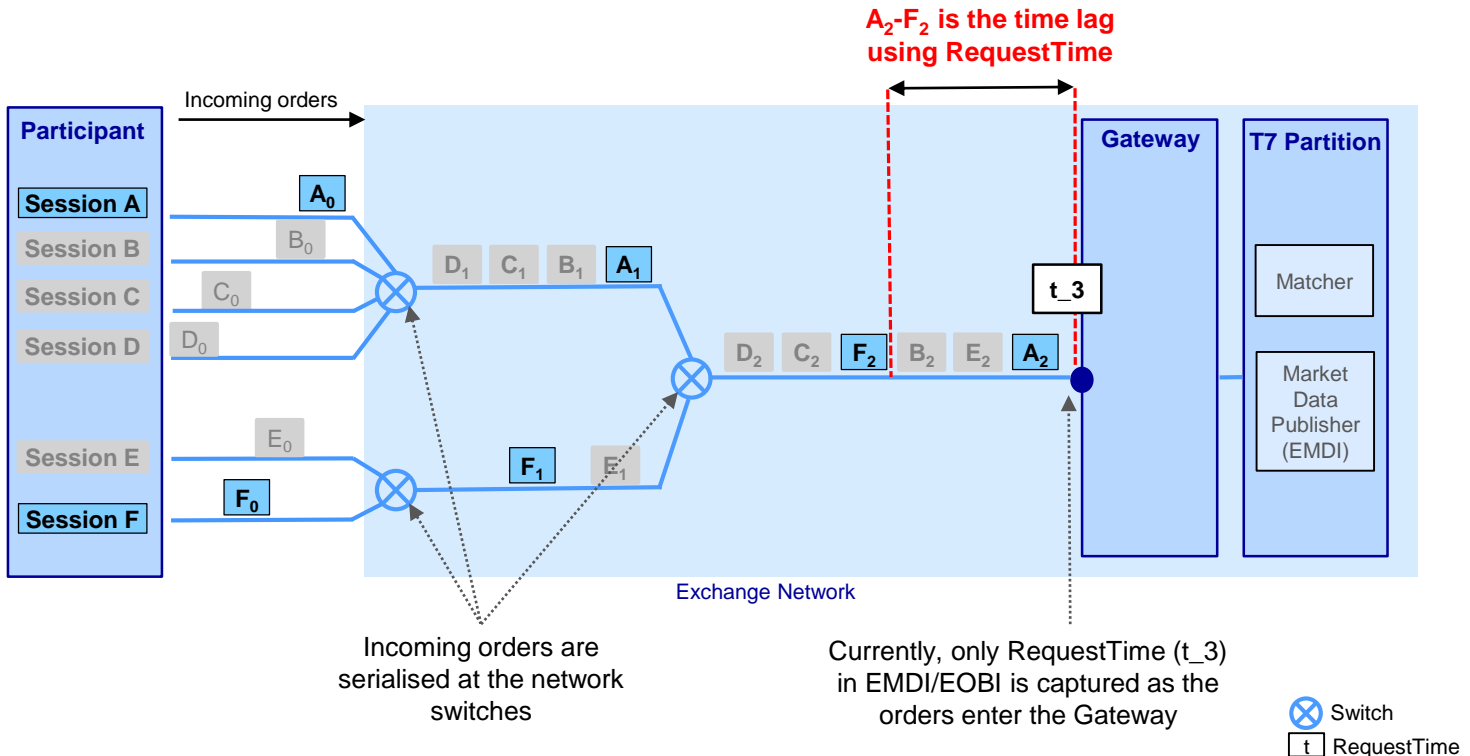
## The new timestamp is captured at the outer bounds of the Exchange Network and allows to determine network latency

Step	Description
1	Participant sends order from their terminal at $t_1$ (captured by client)
2	The new timestamp <b>ETICapTime</b> ( $t_{3a}$ ) is captured at the outer boundaries of the Exchange's network. ETICapTime is published for aggressive orders only in PCAP/CSV file.
3	Order arrives at the Gateway at $t_3$ . $t_3$ is captured and published in EMDI/EOBI in field RequestTime for aggressive orders only



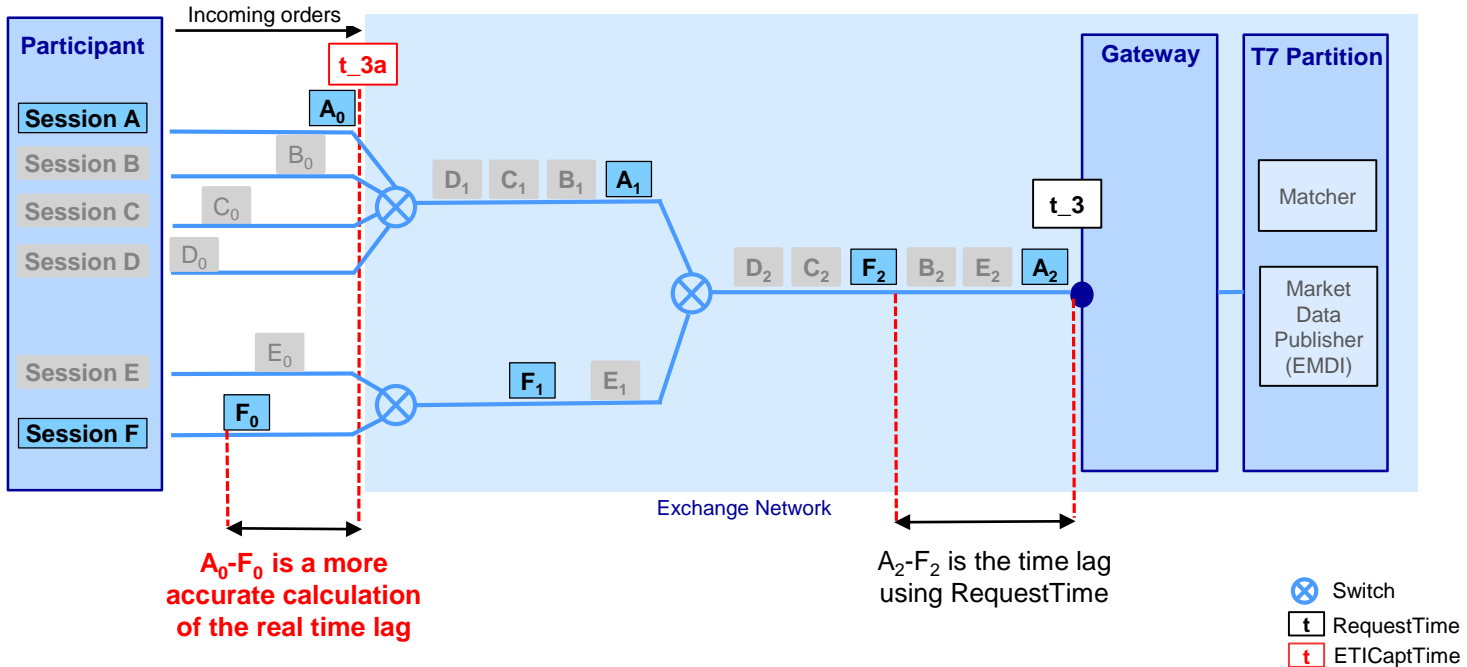
<sup>1</sup> More information on the T7 architecture and T7 timestamps can be found in Appendix 1.

Example: Orders A to F are submitted at different times. The time lag between A and F is currently calculated based on Gateway timestamps



# Example (cont.): The new timestamp ETICapTime allows the calculation of the time lag between orders A and F with higher precision

The new timestamp  $t_{3a}$  is captured at the outer boundaries of the network allowing for a highly accurate calculation of the time delta between A and F



# High Precision Timestamps File Service Subscription Details

## Product Coverage

- The new timestamp file covers all products / instruments traded on Eurex and Xetra
- Available for all aggressive orders sent via Co-Location 2.0 Service

## Data Availability

- The file is available daily in **CSV** format per market (Xetra, Eurex)
- For a full description of the headers in the files check the next slide

## Contact

### [Deutsche Boerse Market Data + Services Sales](#)

#### **EMEA**

[Maria Boutsikou](#)

+44 (0) 207 862 7524

#### **US**

[Chris DeMaso](#)

+1 212 309 9305



# High Precision Timestamps File Description

Field	Description
<b>MarketSegmentID</b>	Product identifier, extracted from EOBI/EMDI <sup>1</sup> Packet Header
<b>SecurityID</b>	Unique instrument identifier, extracted from EOBI Execution Summary (ES)/EMDI DepthIncremental (DI)
<b>ExecID</b>	Matching timestamp, extracted from EOBI ES/EMDI MDEntryTime
<b>AppSeqNum</b>	Message sequence number, extracted from EOBI Packet Header / EMDI DI MsgSeqNum
<b>PartitionID</b>	Grouping of T7 products, extracted from EOBI / EMDI Packet Header
<b>CompletionIndicator</b>	Indicates whether a unit of work fits into a single datagram, extracted from EOBI Packet Header (empty for EMDI)
<b>TradeCondition</b>	1 = Implied Trade, extracted from EOBI ES (empty for EMDI)
<b>AggressorSide</b>	1= Triggered by the buy side, 2= triggered by the sell side, extracted from EOBI ES / EMDI DI
<b>LastQty</b>	Total quantity of this match, extracted from EOBI ES / EMDI MDEntrySize
<b>LastPx</b>	Worst price of this match, extracted from EOBI ES / EMDI MDEntryPx
<b>RestingHiddenQty</b>	Quantity of matched passive orders that is not displayed to the market, extracted from EOBI ES (empty for EMDI)
<b>RestingCxlQty</b>	Extracted from EOBI ES (empty for EMDI)
<b>RequestTime</b>	Gateway request in timestamp of aggressing order, extracted from EOBI ES / EMDI DI
<b>AggressorTime</b>	Matching Engine In timestamp of aggressing order, extracted from EOBI ES / EMDI DI
<b>TransactTime</b>	Time when market data feed handler writes packet on the wire, extracted from EOBI/EMDI Packet Header
<b>EOBICaptTime/EMDICaptTime</b>	Time when market data feed packet is captured by distribution layer tap (t_9d)
<b>ETICaptTime</b>	Time when aggressing order packet is captured by access layer tap (t_3a)

<sup>1</sup> [T7 Enhanced Order Book Interface \(EOBI\) manual](#)

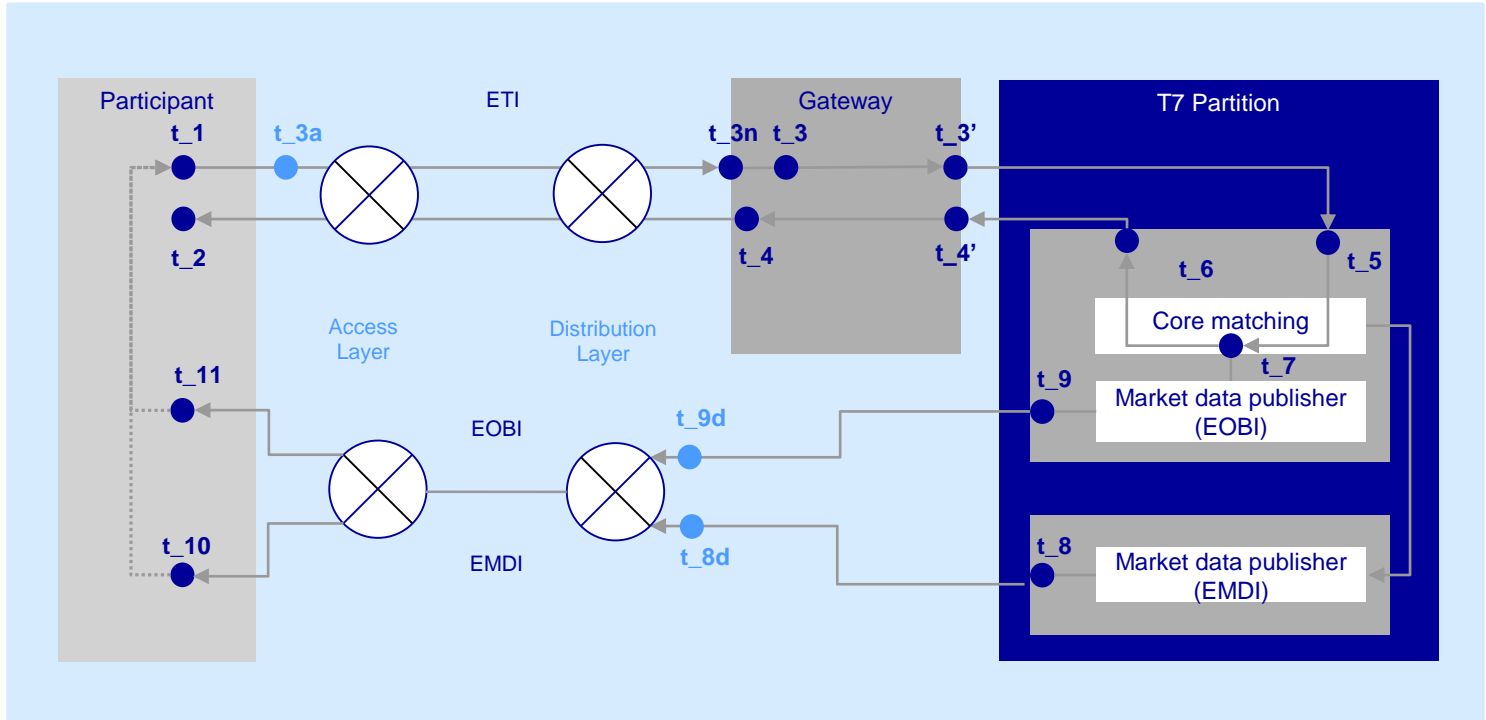
[T7 Enhanced Market Data Interface \(EMDI\) manual](#)

# Appendix 1

## T7 Architecture and Timestamps



# T7<sup>®</sup> Architecture and Timestamps<sup>1</sup>



The above T7 architecture reflects the new timestamp  $t_{3a}$ . Network timestamps shown in light blue.

<sup>1</sup> More details can be found in the [T7 Enhanced Order Book Interface \(EOBI\) manual](#) and the [T7 Enhanced Market Data Interface \(EMDI\) manual](#)

# Description of Timestamps

## Definition<sup>1</sup>

Timestamp	Description
t_1,t_2	can be taken by a Participant (e.g. via a network capture) when a request/ response is read from/written to the socket.
t_4	taken by the ETI gateway when a response/ notification is written to the socket on the Participant's side of the gateway
t_3n	taken by the ETI gateway when the first bit of a request arrives on the HF gateway NIC
t_3	taken by the ETI gateway application when a request is read from the socket on the Participant's side of the gateway
t_3'	taken by the ETI gateway right before a request is sent towards the matching engine
t_4'	taken by the ETI gateway when a response/ notification is received by the ETI gateway from the matching engine
t_5, t_6	taken by the matching engine when a request/response is read/written
t_7	time at which the matching engine maintains the order book
t_8	time taken by EMDI publisher just before the first respective UDP datagram is written to the UDP socket.
t_9	time taken by EOBI publisher just before the first respective UDP datagram is written to the UDP socket.
t_10, t_11	can be taken by a Participant (e.g. via a network capture) when a UDP datagram is read from the UDP socket.

<sup>1</sup> More details can be found in the [T7 Enhanced Order Book Interface \(EOBI\) manual](#) and the [T7 Enhanced Market Data Interface \(EMDI\) manual](#)

# T7<sup>®</sup> Timestamp Reference<sup>1</sup>

The time stamps **t\_3** to **t\_9** are available via the following **EMDI/EOBI** fields:

<b>t_3, t_3n:</b>	Tag	5979	("RequestTime")	in the T7 ETI Response in the T7 EMDI Depth Incremental message, in case a trade is reported in the T7 EOBI Execution Summary message
<b>t_3':</b>	Tag	7764	("RequestOut")	in the T7 ETI Response (from the matching engine)
<b>t_4':</b>	Tag	7765	("ResponseIn")	in the T7 ETI Response (from the matching engine)
	Tag	25043	("NotificationIn")	in the T7 ETI Notification (from the matching engine)
<b>t_4:</b>	Tag	52	("SendingTime")	in the T7 ETI Response and Notification
<b>t_5:</b>	Tag	21002	("TrdRegTSTimeIn")	in the T7 ETI Response (from the matching engine)
	Tag	21002	("TrdRegTSTimeIn")	in the T7 EOBI Order Add, Order Modify, Order Modify Same Priority and Order Delete messages
	Tag	28820	("AggressorTimestamp")	in the T7 EMDI Depth Incremental message, in case a trade is reported
	Tag	28820	("AggressorTimestamp")	in the T7 EOBI Execution Summary message
<b>t_6:</b>	Tag	21003	("TrdRegTSTimeOut")	in the T7 ETI Response and Notification (from the matching engine)
<b>t_7:</b>	Tag	17	("ExecID")	in the T7 ETI Response (from the matching engine) in the T7 EOBI Execution Summary message
	Tag	273	("MDEntryTime")	in the T7 EMDI Depth Incremental message
	Tag	21008	("TrdRegTSTimePriority")	in the T7 EOBI Order Add and Order Modify messages
	Tag	60	("TransactTime")	in the T7 EOBI Order Modify Same Priority and Order Delete messages
<b>t_8:</b>	no Tag		("SendingTime")	in the T7 EMDI UDP packet header
<b>t_9:</b>	Tag	60	("TransactTime")	in the T7 EOBI packet header
<b>(t_8-t_5):</b>	no Tag		("PerformanceIndicator")	in the T7 EMDI UDP packet header of the T7 EMDI Depth Incremental stream.

## Notes on time stamps:

All time stamps provided are 8 byte integers (in nanoseconds after Unix epoch).

The PerformanceIndicator is a 4 byte integer (in nanoseconds as well).

<sup>1</sup> More details can be found in the [T7 Enhanced Order Book Interface \(EOBI\) manual](#) and the [T7 Enhanced Market Data Interface \(EMDI\) manual](#)



Deutsche Börse AG is a public company registered under German law. This publication is published for information only and shall not constitute investment advice. CEF<sup>®</sup>, DAX<sup>®</sup> and Eurex<sup>®</sup> are registered trademarks of Deutsche Börse AG. STOXX<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of STOXX Ltd..