Glossary of Industry Terms

Check21	The Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act was signed into United States law on October 28, 2003. The law facilitates check truncation by creating a new negotiable instrument called a substitute check that permits banks to truncate original checks, to process check information electronically, and to deliver substitute checks to banks that want to continue receiving paper checks.
Centralized Capture	Banks will have operational facilities, either single or regional, where all checks deposited at the bank are transported to be processed and cleared. Usually high speed reader sorters are used at centralized capture sites.
ASP	Application Service Provider. A service provider will actually host a remote deposit application for a bank. A remote deposit ASP will deliver the remote deposit application services to the bank's customers, receive the check image data from those customers and transmit the data to the bank.
ACH	Automated Clearing House – Networks in the Americas used to clear electronic high-volume low-value payments.
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ARC	Account Receivable Check. An ACH transaction that is a conversion from a paper check to an electronic ACH debit transaction.
ASC	Accredited Standards Committee – Committee sanctioned by ANSI for the development and maintenance of standards specifications for a particular industry.
CAR	Courtesy Amount Recognition – Technology to read the amount printed in numerical characters from a check image.
Distributed Capture	Capturing the data from a check at the point of deposit. Includes teller, branch back office, remote at a business entity location, and at an ATM. Small table top scanners are typically used for distributed capture.
DPI	Dots per Inch (pixels per inch) – Image resolution parameter
ECCHO	Electronic Check Clearing House Organization
ECP	Electronic Check Presentment

Endorsement	Check payment approval and audit information applied to the rear of a check. The payee will sign the check for cashing or deposit. The depositing institution will print their name, location, and date information when deposited. Automatic equipment will apply date and reference numbers on the check for auditing and research purposes.
Inclearing System	The system that receives and processes on-us checks deposited in other banks.
LAR	Legal Amount Recognition – Technology to read the amount written/printed in words from a check image.
Lock Box	A utility bill payment is typically addressed to a post office box number. The address will actually be a service provider for the biller who will receive and process the payments. Check scanners used for this application include high speed reader sorters, mid range reader sorters, and some applications for smaller volume scanners like the Canon CR-180. Opus makes a specialized envelope scanner that is able to automatically open an envelope, remove and scan the contents.
On-us checks	Checks drawn on the bank that is processing them.
POS	Point of Sale
Remote Capture	Capturing the data at a business entity location. A business will use remote deposit to capture and transmit their received checks over the internet to their bank for deposit.
Substitute check	A substitute check is the legal equivalent of the original check and includes all the information contained on the original check including the front and rear image views.
Thick Client	Thick clients are full-featured computers that are connected to a network. Unlike thin clients, which lack hard drives and other features, thick clients are functional whether they are connected to a network or not.
Thin Client	A true thin client is a piece of hardware. A generic terminal with only input and display capabilities and little if any peripheral support.
TN 2	Technical Note 2 – A specific format of TIFF 6.0 that solves interoperability problems with TIFF 6.0 for grayscale images.
Transit checks	Checks drawn on other banks.

US Federal Reserve	The central bank of the United States of America. The Federal Reserve provides check clearing services to mostly community and small financial institutions.
X9.37	ANSI standard for Electronic Check Presentment with Image Exchange
X9.81	ANSI standard for Image Delivery by Media