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| CDS Client | A service that is supported by a specific CDS server. The client will typically be a software application e.g. an application-to-college service or vendor-supported college server handling transcript request and delivery. |
| CDS Server | A document exchange server that is a component of the CDS network. CDS servers are associated with the CDS clients that they host. |
| CDS-Client Pair | A combination of a specific CDS host and a client supported by that host. |
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| Package | A combination of an electronic payload and the information necessary for its transmission and delivery. |
| Payload | One or more electronic documents being transmitted within a single transmission. |
| PESC-Compliant |  |
| Service Provider | An public or private organization that supports one or more CDS servers. |
| Universal Client List | A list of all CDS-Client Pairs supported by the CDS network. A copy of this list is stored locally on each CDS Server and can be refreshed by sending queries to each CDS server registered with EdUnify. |