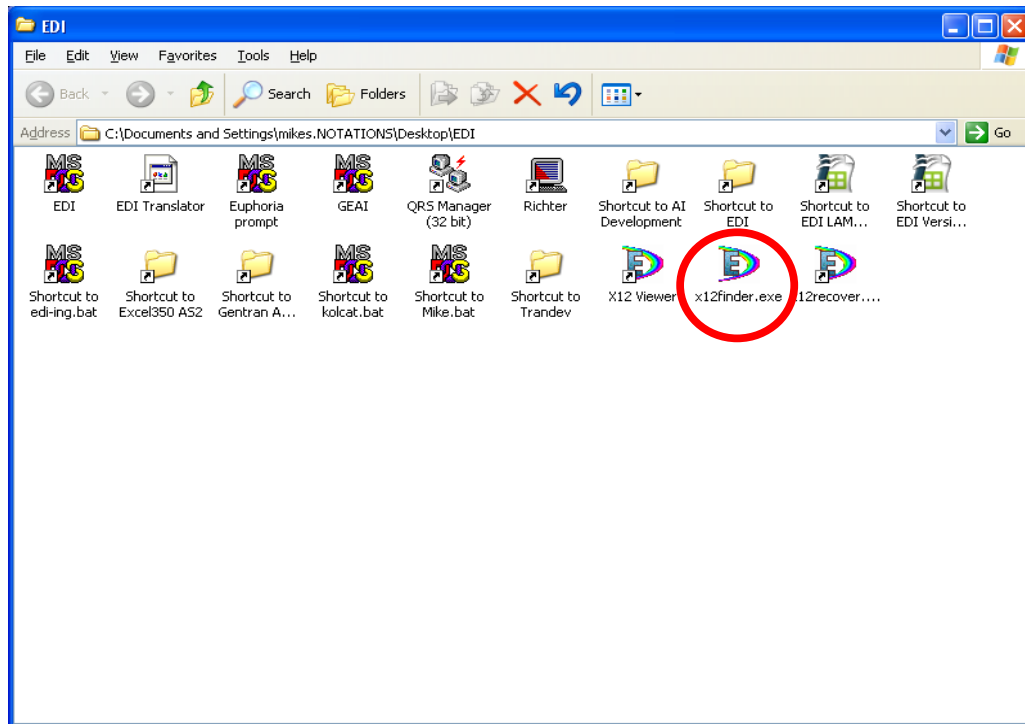


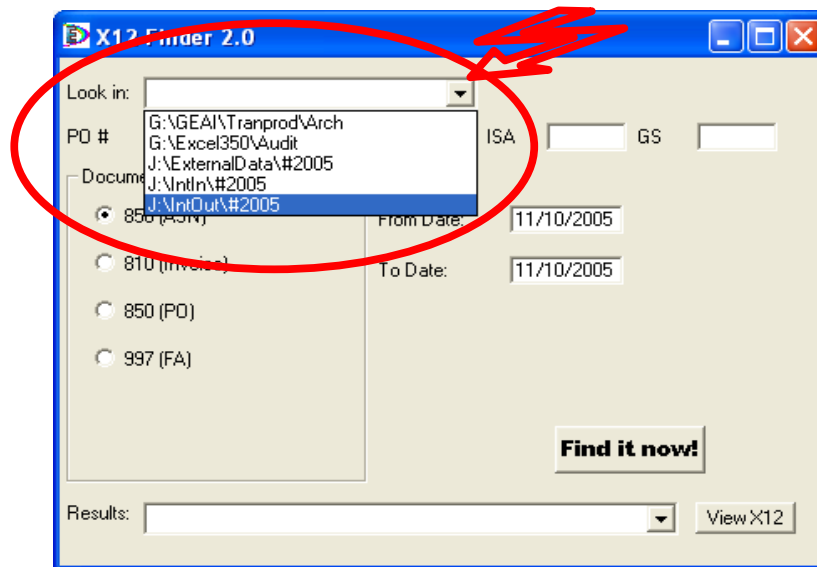
X12 Finder 2.0 Alpha 1 User Guide

This program is designed to make locating, comparing, and printing EDI raw data (X12 documents) faster and easier. Being an alpha version, there are bound to be some bugs and missing features. Please report any bugs to mikes@notations.com, and please be patient with the missing features. They will be coming as soon as I can get them ready.

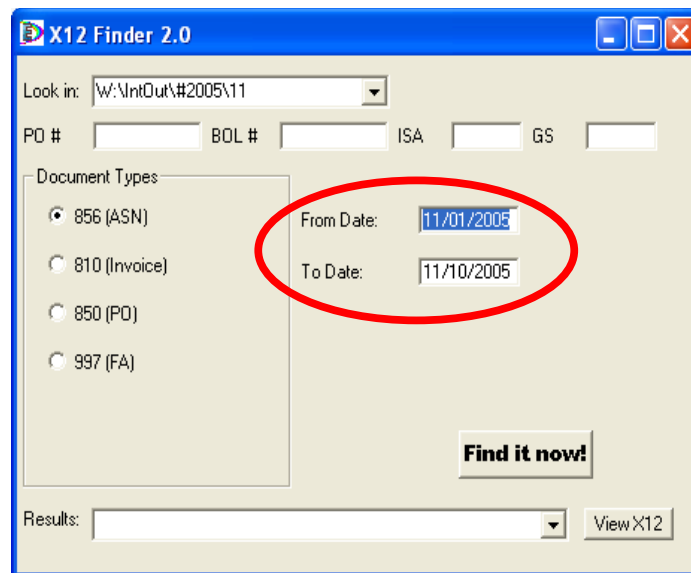
To begin, double-click the X12Finder icon.



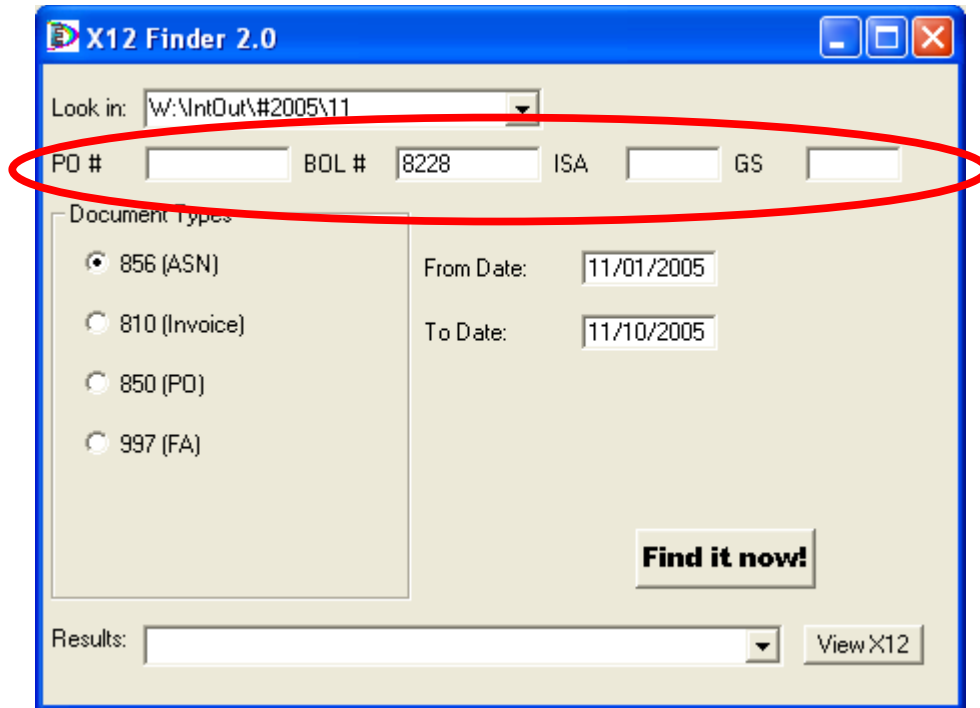
The first thing you need to enter is the location of the EDI documents you are looking for. You can add subdirectory information from the location selected in the drop-down box to the base path just by typing in the box.



Next, fill in your date range. Dates must be entered as MM/DD/YYYY.

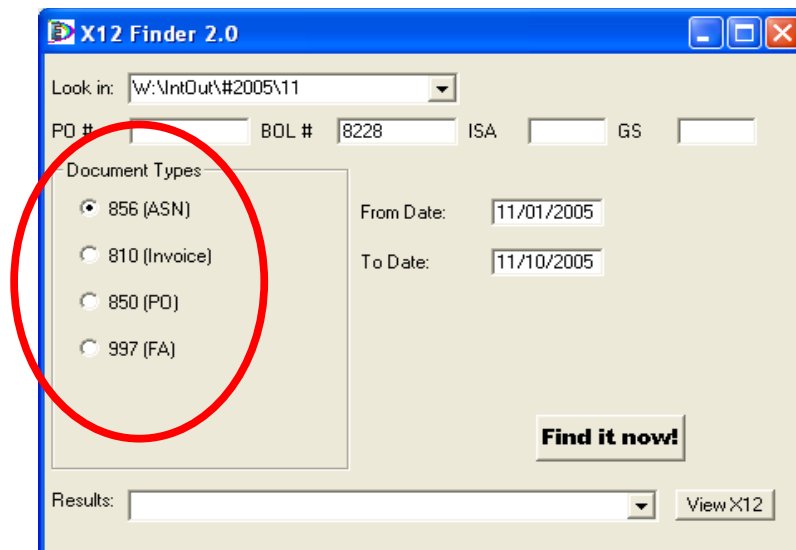


Next, fill in whatever information you know from the Purchase Order #, the BOL #, the ISA control number, or the GS control number. PO# will work for any document except 997, BOL # will work for 810s and 856s, and ISA control number will work for any document at all. The GS control number is the ID of the document except on 997s. For 997s, the GS control number is the ID of the document being acknowledged, rather than the ID of the acknowledgment itself.



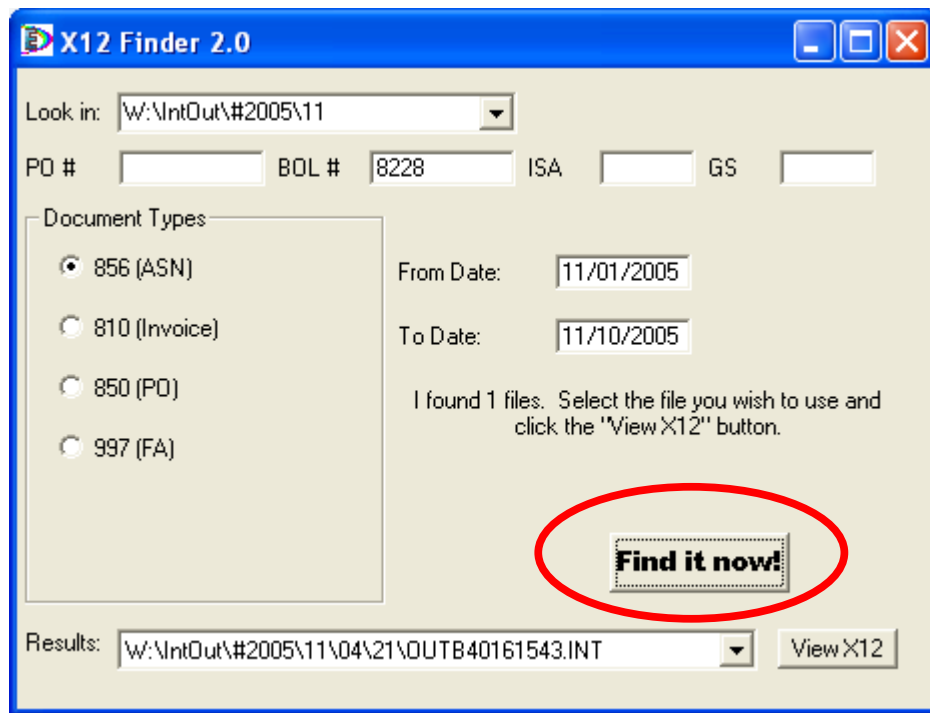
The screenshot shows the 'X12 Finder 2.0' application window. A red oval highlights the search criteria section, which includes a 'Look in:' dropdown menu set to 'W:\IntOut\#2005\11', and input fields for 'PO #', 'BOL #' (containing '8228'), 'ISA', and 'GS'. Below this, the 'Document Types' section has four radio buttons: '856 (ASN)' (selected), '810 (Invoice)', '850 (PO)', and '997 (FA)'. To the right of these are 'From Date:' (11/01/2005) and 'To Date:' (11/10/2005) fields. A 'Find it now!' button is located at the bottom right of the search area. At the very bottom, there is a 'Results:' dropdown menu and a 'View X12' button.

Lastly, select the document type you are looking for. At present, only the four document types listed on the screen can be searched, but more will be added later.



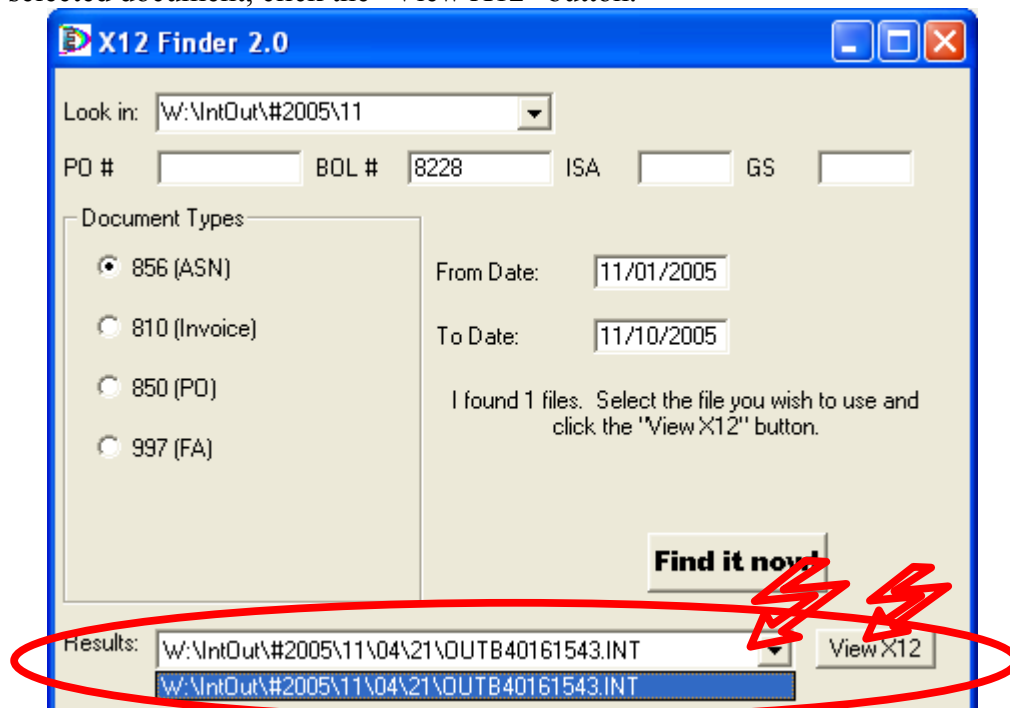
This screenshot shows the same 'X12 Finder 2.0' window. A red oval highlights the 'Document Types' section, specifically the radio buttons for '856 (ASN)', '810 (Invoice)', '850 (PO)', and '997 (FA)'. The other elements of the window, including the search criteria and date fields, remain the same as in the previous screenshot.

Now all you need to do is click “Find it now!” The area above the button will display the status as the program is performing its search. The results will appear in a list, by filename, in the drop-down list below the “Find it now!” button.

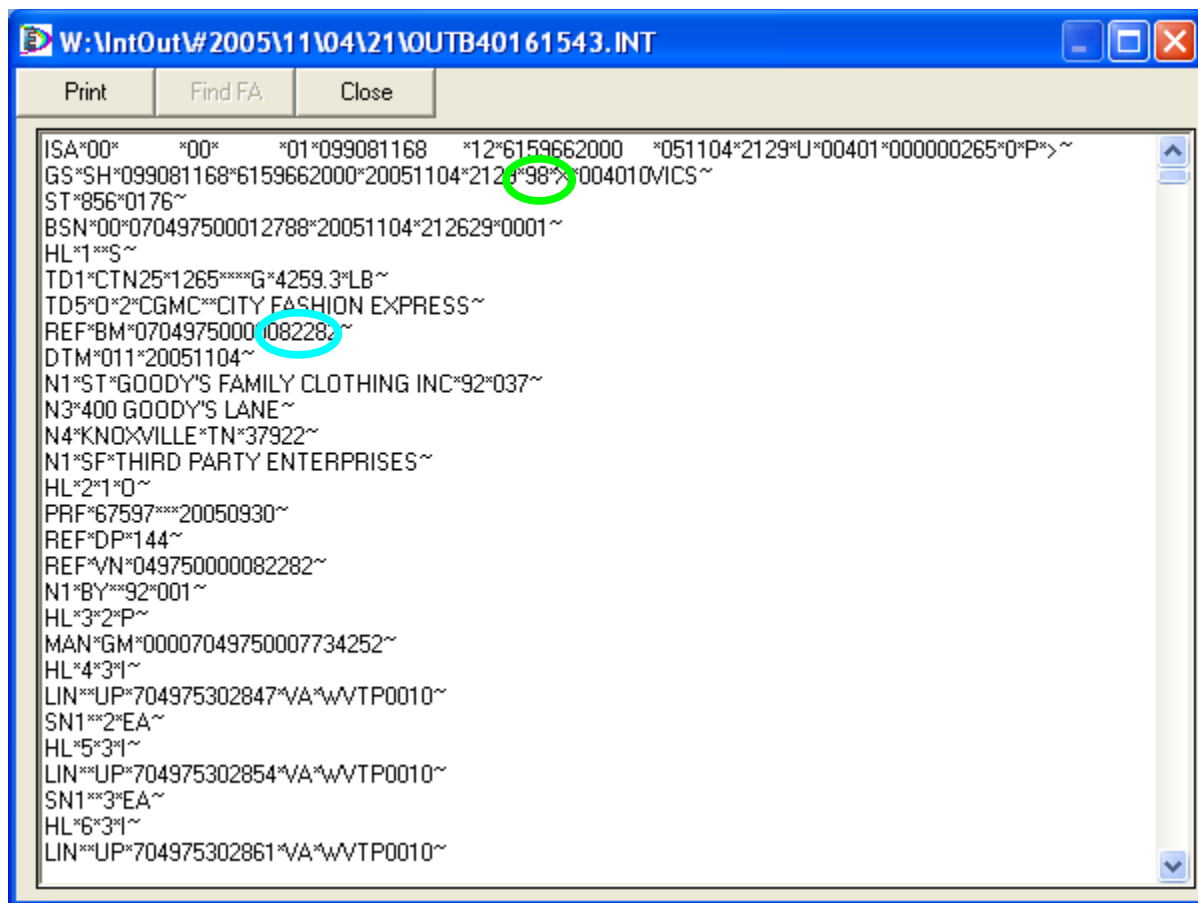


The screenshot shows the X12 Finder 2.0 window. The 'Look in:' dropdown is set to 'W:\IntOut\#2005\11'. The 'PO #' field is empty, 'BOL #' is '8228', 'ISA' is empty, and 'GS' is empty. Under 'Document Types', '856 (ASN)' is selected. 'From Date:' is '11/01/2005' and 'To Date:' is '11/10/2005'. A message states 'I found 1 files. Select the file you wish to use and click the "View X12" button.' The 'Find it now!' button is circled in red. The 'Results:' dropdown shows 'W:\IntOut\#2005\11\04\21\OUTB40161543.INT' and the 'View X12' button is visible.

If you are lucky, only one document will appear. More likely, there will be several, and you will have to look at each one individually to see if it is the one you are looking for. This is not as time consuming as it sounds, and future versions of this program will improve the accuracy of the searches. To view the selected document, click the “View X12” button.



This screenshot shows the same X12 Finder 2.0 window, but with the results list expanded. The results list contains two entries: 'W:\IntOut\#2005\11\04\21\OUTB40161543.INT' and 'W:\IntOut\#2005\11\04\21\OUTB40161543.INT'. The first entry is highlighted. The 'Find it now!' button is still circled in red, and there are red lightning bolts drawn over the button and the results list, indicating a warning or error. The 'View X12' button is also visible.



Here you can see that the number circled in blue is the BOL # we were searching for. You can print this by clicking the “Print” button at the top of the screen. The number circled in green is the GS control number, which we will use to search for a corresponding 997. At present, there is a 32KB limitation for files being viewed, so larger EDI documents will be truncated. Another future enhancement will be the automatic search of a matching FA through the “Find FA” button, which is grayed out. When you are finished reviewing the document, click the “Close” button.

This is a fairly straightforward program, but it is significantly faster and more accurate than Windows search or Gentran. When all the planned enhancements have been implemented, it should make life in the EDI world almost manageable.