

Payments Industry 101

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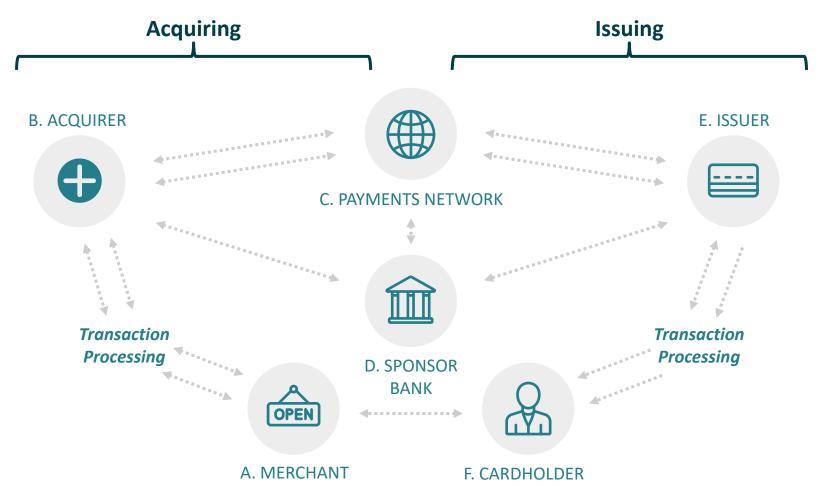
TSG's Payments Industry Education Series encompassing '101', '201', and '301', provides a foundational look into the fundamentals of the payments ecosystem (101), trends that are occurring within the ecosystem today (201), and what the future of payments may look like (301).

The ways in which entities exchange payment for goods and services continues to develop, and when it comes to electronic payments, there has been substantial recent evolution.

This first report – Payments Industry 101 – serves as an introductory guide to the payments industry. It provides a high-level overview of the inner workings of the space along with a conceptual basis to help you establish a foundation of knowledge.



Core Participants - PREVIEW



The Transaction Flow - PREVIEW

There are two general types of transactions – card present and card not present



Card Present Transactions

Card present transactions involve a cardholder physically presenting a card to complete a transaction. These transactions typically take place at a physical location between a merchant and cardholder. There are other transactions, like using a mobile wallet, which are similar card present transactions; however, rather than swiping or inserting a card, the card is digitally stored within a mobile wallet and used via Near Field Communication (NFC).



Card Not Present Transactions

Card not present transactions do not involve using a physical card with a physical card reading device. Card details (e.g. card number, expiration date) may be keyed in, for example. These transactions typically take place via eCommerce, mobile commerce (mCommerce) or voice commerce. There are also instances when a card number may be manually keyed in at a physical store.

There are many similarities between card present and card not present transactions like the participants involved – acquirer, processor, payment network, issuer, for example. However, there are also key differentiators between the two, as the transaction's needs and risk of fraud differ. The following pages illustrate a card present and a card not present transaction.

Credit Card Numbers Defined PREVIEW

1. Credit Card Number

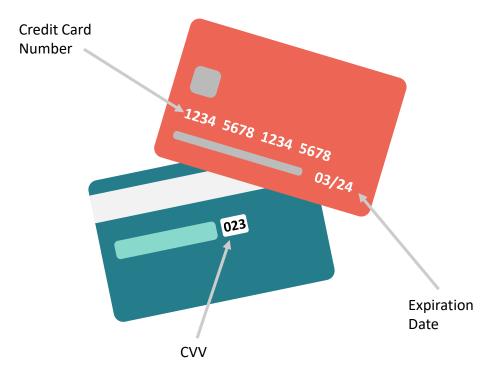
- First digit identifies the card issuer: 2 Mastercard, 3 American Express or Diner's Club, 4 – Visa, 5 – Mastercard, 6 – Discover
- Next five to six digits are the bank identification number (BIN), which allows a transaction to be directed to the issuer associated with the card
- Remaining digits, except the last digit, are the cardholder's account number
- Last digit is used to verify that the card is real and helps avoid issues with misentering a card number

2. Expiration Date

Provides a date in which the card expires.

3. CVV (Card Verification Value)

Provides additional security for card-not-present purchases, such as eCommerce.
American Express has a four-digit code on the front of the card and all other cards have a three-digit code on the back of the card.



Trends are moving towards digital screens that automatically refresh to provide a new security code and a new 16-digit card number, and even moving away from credit card numbers and towards tokenization and encryption.

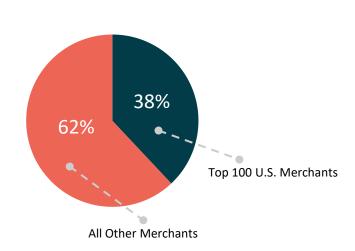
Size of the Payments Market - PREVIEW

Est. Merchant Share in the U.S.: Top 100 Versus "All Others"

Figures represent estimated data for 2023



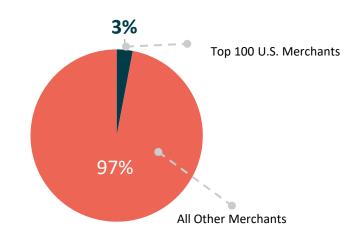
~\$11 Trillion



Merchants outside of the top 100 make up 95% of the revenue opportunity to merchant acquirers. This underscores the importance of the SMB market in terms of revenue to the payments space

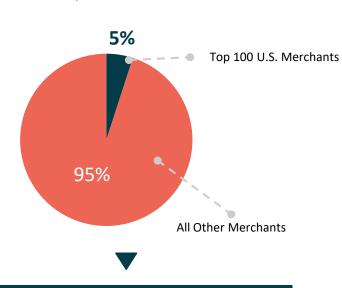
Merchant Outlets

~8 -10 Million



Net Revenue to Acquirers

~\$30 Billion



Net Revenue = Gross Processing Revenue + Other Income – Cost of the Transactions

Other Income

- Equipment revenue
- Lease revenue
- Additional service revenue
- Monthly fees

Cost of the Transactions:

Interchange

- Residuals paid to sub-ISOs
- Assessments and network fees Third Party Processing Costs



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