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Syndication Agreements



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What is Syndication?

Syndication represents a method for distributing products from one marketplace to another. In general, syndication enables to synchronize product data across multiple sales channels while complying with their provided business and legal requirements.

Syndication can be increasingly important for Connect users, since syndicating can drastically increase product exposure. Which in turn helps Connect users reach new audience and new potential customers.

Your organization can also skyrocket the sales by distributing a product across different marketplaces. Customers tend to use various platforms and sales channels for various needs. For instance, a customer can acquire certain products by using global marketplaces (eBay, Alibaba, etc.), while this customer can buy specific products from niche-focused platforms (like ASOS or Bonanza).

Therefore, syndication enables Connect users to address flexibility and diversity in their marketing strategies, which consequently greatly increases the company's sales.

Overview

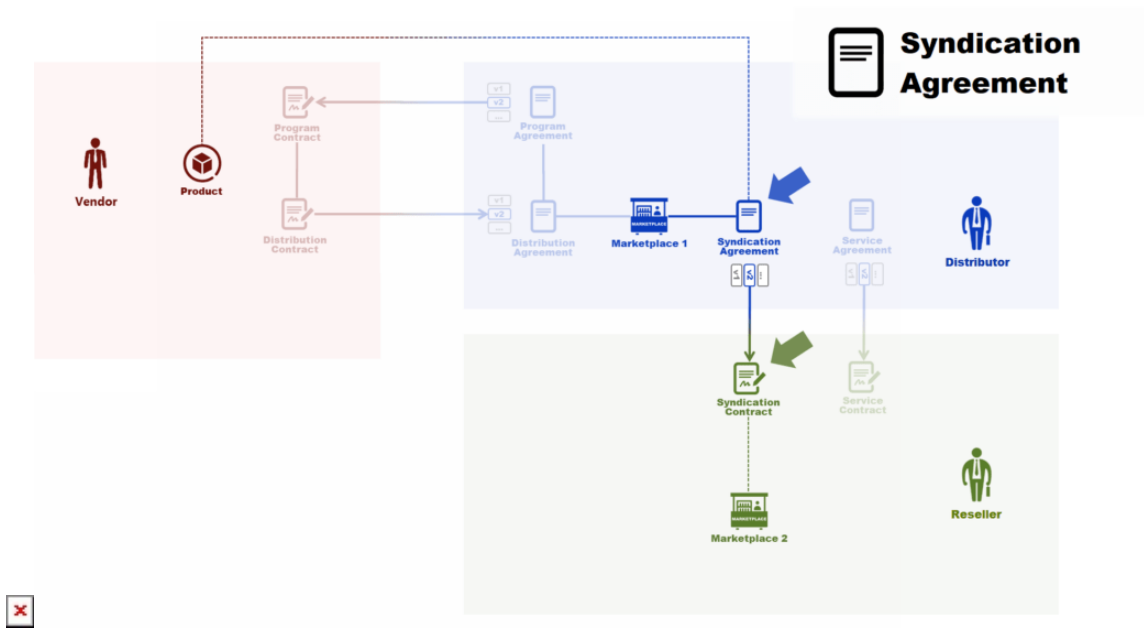
Distributors create a syndication agreement to sign a syndication contract with Resellers on the CloudBlue Connect® platform. Thus, Connect enables Distributors to establish sale chains via Reseller marketplaces by creating syndication agreements and activating syndication contracts.



Note

Syndication agreements are also called **Indirect Sourcing Agreements** within the provided graphical user interface. In general, Resellers do not have direct business relationships or communication with Vendors. Hence the name *indirect*.

The following diagram illustrates syndication agreements and syndication contracts data model.



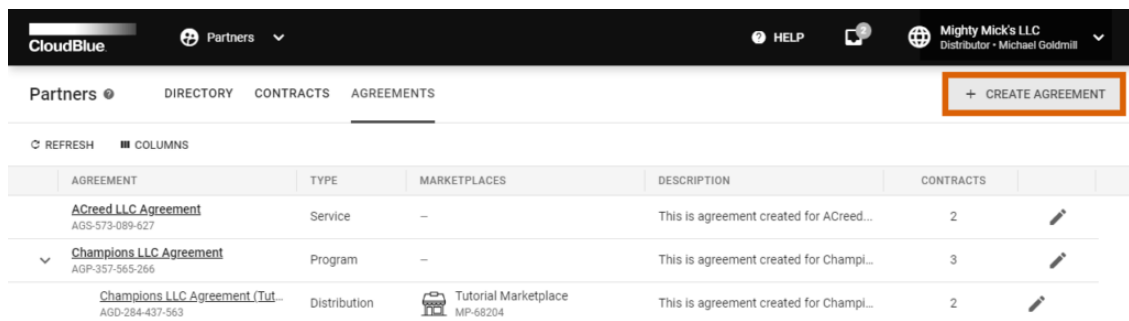
As displayed in this diagram, *Distributor* uses a distribution contract with *Vendor* and a syndication contract with *Reseller* to distribute specified *Product* via two marketplaces, one owned by *Distributor* and another one owned by *Reseller*.


Creating Syndication Agreements

Create a syndication agreement to define terms and conditions for your syndication contract. Follow the steps below to successfully create a syndication agreement.

1. Start creating a new agreement

Click the **Create Agreement** button to start creating a new agreement.



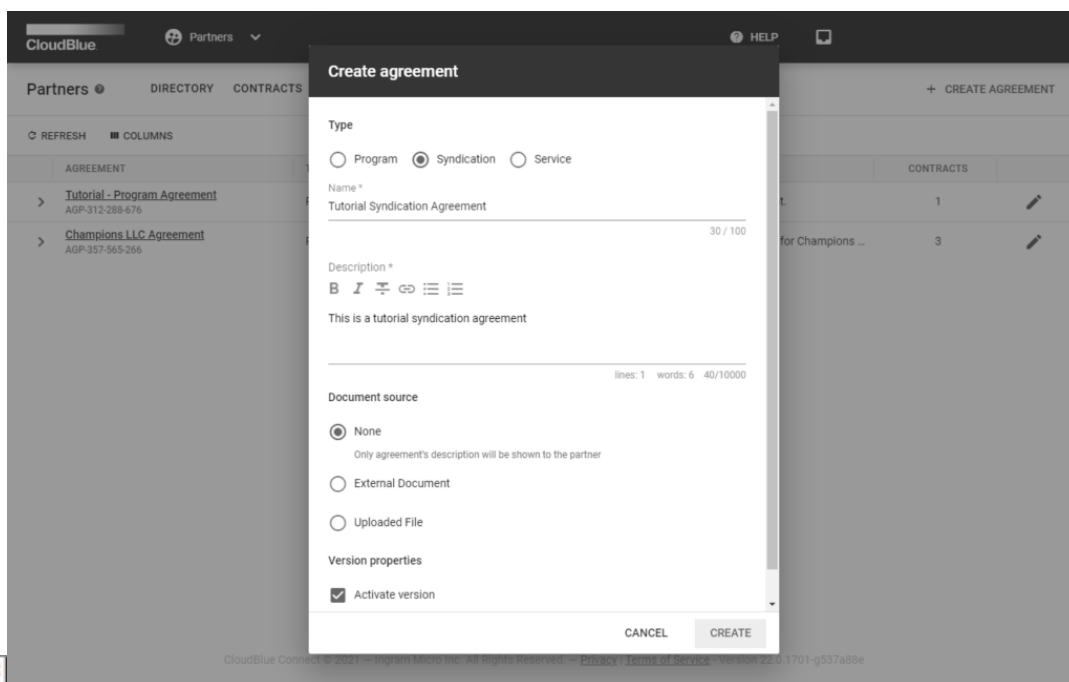
AGREEMENT	TYPE	MARKETPLACES	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACTS
ACreed LLC Agreement AGS-573-089-627	Service	–	This is agreement created for ACreed...	2
▼ Champions LLC Agreement AGP-357-565-266	Program	–	This is agreement created for Champi...	3
Champions LLC Agreement (Tutorial Marketplace) AGD-284-437-563	Distribution	 Tutorial Marketplace MP-68204	This is agreement created for Champi...	2

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2. Specify agreement attributes

Fill out the following agreement form:

- **Type:** Select the *Syndication* agreement type.
- **Name:** Enter a name for your agreement.
- **Description:** Provide a description for your agreement.
- **Document source:** Select *External Document* to provide a link to your agreement document or choose *Uploaded File* to upload a document file (in the PDF format). Otherwise, select *None* to show your Partner only the text from the *description* field.
- **Activate version:** Activate your agreement version by checking this checkbox. In case this checkbox is left unchecked, your agreement version can be specified and activated from the agreement details screen.



The screenshot shows the 'Create agreement' dialog box in the CloudBlue interface. The dialog is titled 'Create agreement' and has a dark header. It contains the following fields and options:

- Type:** Radio buttons for Program, **Syndication** (selected), and Service.
- Name*:** Text input field containing 'Tutorial Syndication Agreement' (30 / 100 characters).
- Description*:** Rich text editor containing 'This is a tutorial syndication agreement' (lines: 1, words: 6 / 40/10000).
- Document source:** Radio buttons for **None** (selected), External Document, and Uploaded File. A note below 'None' states: 'Only agreement's description will be shown to the partner'.
- Version properties:** A checked checkbox for 'Activate version'.

Buttons for 'CANCEL' and 'CREATE' are located at the bottom right of the dialog. The background interface shows a list of agreements with columns for 'AGREEMENT', 'CONTRACTS', and '+ CREATE AGREEMENT'.

Click the **Create** button to finalize your agreement creation.

Therefore, your generated syndication agreement will be displayed on the list within the **Agreements** tab. Note that you can review your created syndication agreement details by clicking on the agreement name.

Syndication Agreement Details

The *Syndication Agreement Details* screen provides general information on agreement versions, associated contracts, update and creation date, and more. This screen can also be used to access additional agreement data and perform various operations as described below:



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← Champions LTD Agreement EDIT

Agreement
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HISTORY CONTRACTS DETAILS

REFRESH + ADD VERSION

DOCUMENT	PUBLISHED	ACTIVE CONTRACTS	
Version 3	31/08/2020 11:15 Chester Williamson	0	⋮
Version 2 Active	24/04/2020 15:13 Cynthia Crawford	3	⋮
Version 1	22/04/2020 22:00 Andrew Harper	1	⋮



The system allows Distributors to delete syndication agreements by clicking on the vertical ellipsis (⋮) icon and selecting the *Delete* option.

Use the **Edit** button at the top-right corner of the agreement details screen to open a form that allows you to change name and description for your agreement. This form can be also used to enable or disable the *Syndication Contracts Auto-Accept* feature. Refer to the Catalog Management documentation for more information on this feature.

The **History** tab showcases all created agreement versions and highlights your active agreement version with the *Active* icon. Click *Add Version* to upload or provide a new document that defines terms for your syndication agreement. Use the vertical ellipsis (⋮) icon next to your agreement version from the list to activate or delete a specific version.

The **Contracts** tab, as the name implies, is used to access syndication contracts that are based on your selected agreement.

The **Details** tab contains your specified agreement description and indicates if the *Syndication Contracts Auto-Accept* feature is enabled.