The challenge for other retailers attempting to duplicate Walmart's Retail Link lies not only in the technical aspects of directly linking inventory management systems but also in replicating the vast network of suppliers and the associated influence that Walmart has cultivated over the years.The unique combination of extensive resources, global supplier relationships, and the implementation of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)–based supply chain management provides Walmart with a level of control and efficiency that is challenging for other retailers to replicate