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# Unlocking Seamless Invoice Automation in the SAP Ecosystem

## Executive Summary

Accounts payable (AP) teams face increasing pressure to streamline operations, reduce costs, and ensure compliance with ever-evolving regulations. SAP systems—ranging from ECC to S/4HANA, Ariba Buying & Invoicing, and Ariba Invoice Management—offer robust capabilities; however, AP teams often still face significant amounts of manual work and rework.

Relish Invoice AI integrates across the existing SAP landscape, adding advanced automation capabilities that optimize data extraction, validation, and matching processes. It empowers AP teams to achieve greater efficiency, accuracy, and compliance, supporting them at every stage of their SAP journey.



# Accounts Payable Challenges Remain Common

	<p><b>High Processing Costs</b></p> <p>Manual intervention, rework, and error correction drive up the cost of processing each invoice. These inefficiencies prevent AP teams from operating at their full potential and often result in missed opportunities for cost savings.</p>
	<p><b>Approval Bottlenecks</b></p> <p>Delays caused by slow invoice coding, validation, and routing can extend approval cycles unnecessarily, impacting cash flow management, early payment discounts, and vendor satisfaction.</p>
	<p><b>Compliance Risks</b></p> <p>Meeting global e-invoicing mandates and addressing regional language, currency, and regulatory requirements demands significant time and resources, increasing the risk of costly penalties and compliance gaps.</p>
	<p><b>Duplicate Payments</b></p> <p>Without intelligent detection systems, duplicate invoices can slip through the cracks, leading to avoidable financial losses and strained vendor relationships.</p>
	<p><b>Resource Constraints</b></p> <p>Many AP teams are tasked with doing more with less, relying on outdated tools and processes that limit productivity and prevent teams from focusing on high-value, strategic work.</p>

These challenges become even more complex in organizations navigating diverse SAP environments, from legacy ECC systems to the next-generation S/4HANA and procurement tools like Ariba Buying & Invoicing. Without enhanced automation and seamless integration, AP teams face mounting inefficiencies that impact the organization's bottom line and vendor relationships.

# Bridging the Gaps with Relish Invoice AI

Relish Invoice AI is purpose-built to address these gaps, delivering automation and advanced invoice processing capabilities that complement the SAP ecosystem.

## Core Capabilities:

### Advanced Data Extraction

AI-powered recognition for invoices in various file types, formats, and languages.

Machine learning adapts to user corrections, continuously improving accuracy.

### Intelligent Validation and Compliance

Automatic cross-checks of invoice data against SAP master data.

Global e-invoicing compliance, ensuring adherence to country-specific mandates.

### Automated Matching and Exception Handling

Seamlessly matches invoices to transactional data, flagging discrepancies for quick resolution.

Reduces manual intervention, accelerating approval cycles.

### Future-Ready Integration

Supports SAP ECC, S/4HANA (private and public cloud), SAP Ariba Buying & Invoicing, SAP Ariba Invoice Management and SAP Business Network.

Provides a smooth upgrade path for ECC customers transitioning to S/4HANA.



# Business Benefits

Relish Invoice AI delivers transformative value for enterprise accounts payable teams, addressing critical challenges while driving measurable improvements across the board:



## 01.

### Reduced Processing Costs

By minimizing rework and manual intervention, Invoice AI drastically reduces the time—and cost—of processing each invoice. With a higher first-pass rate, you spend less on labor, avoid costly mistakes, and free up your team to focus on strategic tasks.

## 02.

### Faster Invoice Approval Cycles

Invoice AI accelerates your approval cycles by automating time-consuming tasks like data capture, coding, and validation. Faster approvals mean better cash flow management, early payment discounts, and stronger vendor relationships.

## 03.

### Improved Compliance and Risk Mitigation

Meet global regulatory requirements with ease. Invoice AI ensures compliance with country-specific mandates, language, and currency differences. Reduce the risk of penalties and protect your organization from compliance pitfalls.

## 04.

### Eliminate Duplicate Payments

With intelligent duplicate detection, Invoice AI catches duplicate invoices before they're paid—saving your company from costly, unnecessary payments. Keep vendor relationships strong by ensuring accurate and timely payments.

## 05.

### Higher Efficiency, Lower Headcount Requirements

Automate routine tasks to increase productivity without adding headcount. With Invoice AI, your team spends less time on manual processes and more time on value-driven activities. It's about achieving more with the resources you have.

# Optimized for Every SAP Journey

SAP environments often include multiple solutions, from ECC and S/4HANA to Ariba Buying & Invoicing and the Business Network. Relish Invoice AI streamlines invoice intake, validation, and triage, enabling seamless processes across the entire SAP landscape.

**SAP ECC**



## SAP ECC

Relish Invoice AI empowers ECC users to overcome inefficiencies without the need for a complete ERP overhaul. By maximizing the capabilities of existing systems, it ensures operational continuity and prepares AP teams for a seamless transition to S/4HANA.

**SAP S/4HANA**



## SAP S/4HANA

While S/4HANA includes advanced invoicing features, complex scenarios—such as multi-invoice documents, global compliance, and exception handling—often require complementary solutions. Relish Invoice AI enhances native functionality, delivering unmatched efficiency and accuracy.

**SAP Ariba Invoice Management**

**SAP Ariba Buying & Invoicing**



## SAP Ariba Buying & Invoicing

Procure-to-pay workflows are only as strong as their weakest link. Relish Invoice AI integrates with SAP Ariba Buying & Invoicing, and SAP Ariba Invoice Management to streamline invoice processing, reduce approval delays, and improve supplier relationships.

**SAP Business Network**



## SAP Business Network

The SAP Business Network streamlines invoice processing through its portal or supplier integrations (EDI, cXML). For invoices from other channels—email, scanned images, or paper—Relish Invoice AI ensures the same seamless automation and validation. Together, they enable effortless reconciliation and flexible, integrated invoicing workflows.

# Why Relish Invoice AI?

Relish Invoice AI is more than just an automation tool—it's a strategic extension to your SAP environment. Designed to integrate seamlessly, it complements your existing systems while preparing your organization for the future of AP.

## SAP ECOSYSTEM EXPERTISE

Purpose-built for SAP ECC, S/4HANA (private and public cloud), SAP Ariba Buying & Invoicing, SAP Ariba Invoice Management and SAP Business Network.

## SCALABLE AND FLEXIBLE

Adapts to your organization's unique needs, whether you're maintaining legacy systems or adopting cutting-edge solutions.

## DEDICATED SUPPORT

Our team of experts ensures smooth implementation and ongoing success.

## Ready to Transform Your AP Processes?

Learn more about how Relish Invoice AI can help your organization unlock seamless invoice automation, enhance compliance, and drive operational efficiency. Contact us today to schedule a demo or speak with one of our experts at [relishiq.com](https://relishiq.com).

