

AP Automation for SAP

Reduce manual work and increase visibility across AP



Take control of your accounts payable (AP) processes, speed up the approval and posting of invoices and maintain visibility into your transactions with AP automation from Hyland. Leveraging industry-leading Brainware intelligent capture and OnBase technology, Hyland complements SAP to capture, manage and provide access to critical information alongside your AP records.

Hyland AP automation captures invoices at their source, whether they are scanned or delivered electronically. Intelligent capture automates the extraction of data contained in the invoices, including vendor tax codes and tax types, as well as bank account details, making them available for processing quickly and without manual keying of information. Documents and indexing values are fully integrated with SAP, so that content is immediately available for users and invoices can be processed using SAP processes or Hyland workflow automation as required.



Reduce paper dependency to decrease manual work effort

When invoice documents are captured, Hyland uses advanced data collection (OCR) to find critical values. Lifted data from the invoice image is automatically validated against vendor and PO data from SAP. Not only does this validate the indexing values, but it also allows Hyland to leverage the existing data in SAP to index and classify the imported document. This expedites the document processing and ensures that the data is complete even when the desired values are not readable, or even present, on the document.

Imaged invoices, as well as other related documents, are then securely stored in a digital library and can be accessed directly alongside corresponding AP records. Staff no longer have to physically search for payment information. They quickly retrieve invoices, goods receipts, packing slips, check images, vendor contracts, service order entry sheets and even historical correspondence directly from the SAP screen with a few mouse clicks. Users can then utilize document management features like built-in related document views, revision and version control, and detailed histories.

Flexible workflow options

Workflows in either the Hyland solution or SAP can be used to automatically route invoices for issue resolution, review and approval, notifying approvers via email or mobile where required. Hyland workflows are highly configurable, allowing organizations to create custom processes to fit their unique needs, or turn the process over to SAP for approval and final processing.

Providing choice and configurability ensures that the final process supports the highest level of automation for invoice processing. Reliable and secure, this solution automates predictable decisions throughout the transaction life cycle, minimizes the number of touches per invoice, and increases AP process efficiency.

Increase visibility into processes and deliver real-time information

When integrated with SAP, Hyland provides greater visibility into the payables process. Real-time dashboards provide managers with insight into the current status of invoice processing, enabling them to identify bottlenecks and adjust workload distribution. With all documentation captured and stored electronically in one system, staff can surface the content they need directly from the SAP interface. They can review, approve or even add information to their invoices and transactions.



AP Automation for SAP is configurable to each organization's process, providing consistency and efficiency without forcing a change to operations.

Utilize consistent processes to improve control and tracking

The AP Automation for SAP solution leverages well-defined approval hierarchies and tracks the complete approval history and approval delegations that occur for each invoice. Customers can even block vendor payments when needed. The solution ensures consistent record-keeping and guarantees the right information is available to the right people.

Document retention can also be automated within a secure system, providing consistent disposition and immediate response to exceptions and audit requests. With access to real-time information about the financial health of your organization, consistent processes and the ability to grant auditors web-based access to documentation, you also significantly reduce the time it takes to prepare for an audit.

Leverage the strengths of SAP and Hyland

With SAP managing your key accounting data and AP transactions, and Hyland streamlining the capture and secure management of critical related content, your users will benefit from a complete view of their information with less manual effort. The result? More informed decision-making, faster processing, and significant time savings and cost reduction in your AP department.





Data (EDI/
Data Streams)



Fax



Email



Scan

Brainware Automated Data Capture and Classification

Data validation

HYLAND™ / ONBASE

Document and Data Integration

- Invoice access automatically from SAP screens
- Bi-directional data sync between systems

Capture and Processing

- GL coding
- PO matching

SAP

- Data posted to SAP
- Voucher created automatically

Approval Management

- Email notifications
- Approvals via mobile devices

About Hyland

Hyland uniquely empowers organizations with unified access to AI-enabled enterprise content and unstructured data across repositories, unlocking profound insights that fuel innovations – fundamentally redefining how they operate and engage with those they serve. The pioneer of the Content Innovation Cloud™ — a unified content, process and application intelligence platform — Hyland is trusted by thousands of organizations worldwide, including more than half of the Fortune 100.

