



## Lights Out Finance – AP Optimization

**Function:**  
Finance

**Processes:**  
AP Invoice Processing

**Industry:**  
Consumer & Industrial Products, Retail, Wholesale Distribution, Manufacturing

### Business Driver

#### Finance users would generally like to

- Automatically code invoices to appropriate accounts and cost centers based on historical invoices
- Reduce AP operating costs by enabling a touchless process from invoice receipt to payment processing
- Diminish the cycle time to process invoices by eliminating the need for manual overhead of invoice processing
- Provide real time insights to invoice processing, matching/approval workflow

### Solutions Overview

Finance leaders are yearning to fix the capability gap that can often hold their AP departments back. With estimated average cost to process invoice above \$10, there is significant desire to improve AP productivity. Our solution aims at eliminating the need for any manual overhead to review, code and process invoices. Our machine learning algorithm automatically handles OCR, account coding and any invoice exceptions based on historical patterns, vendor behavior, details available on the invoice.

### Features

#### Integration with SAP S/4HANA®

- Scalable solution integrated with SAP S/4HANA
- SAP Fiori® enabled solution tightly integrated with SAP best practices

#### Process efficiency and insight

- Ability to read invoices via OCR and use machine learning algorithms to automatically code and process invoices
- Collect insights based on patterns – types of differences, locations, vendors, type of spend etc.

#### SAP Fiori® capabilities

- Tailor-made custom SAP Fiori® apps for real-time tracking and analytics
- Trigger business decisions within app (e.g., approve invoices)

### Potential Benefits

- Short cycle times for invoice processing
- Minimizing the time required for coding, approving, matching and exception handling
- Real-time visibility to invoice life cycle
- Elimination of AP accrual process
- Minimizes vendor dispute calls
- Enable auto-approval of invoices based on pattern driven rule-sets
- Real-time vendor spend analytics for Procurement Organization
- Improved vendor relationship as a negotiating lever for Procurement Organization



### Machine Learning

- SAP HANA PAL



### Core SAP

- SAP S/4HANA
- SAP Fiori



### Analytics

- Real-time Invoice Cycle
- Scorecards

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