# CONNECTING AN SAP-CERTIFIED AP AUTOMATION SOLUTION

USING AI-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS FOR BEST-IN-CLASS AUTOMATION RESULTS



# SAP CERTIFIED FOR INTEGRATION WITH SAP S/4HANA® CLOUD





# PERKS OF A CLOUD-BASED SOLUTION

**OUTSIDE SAP** 

One Doesn't Affect The Other





# THE TECHNOLOGIES

Transforming Accounts Payable



# **RPA-DRIVEN**

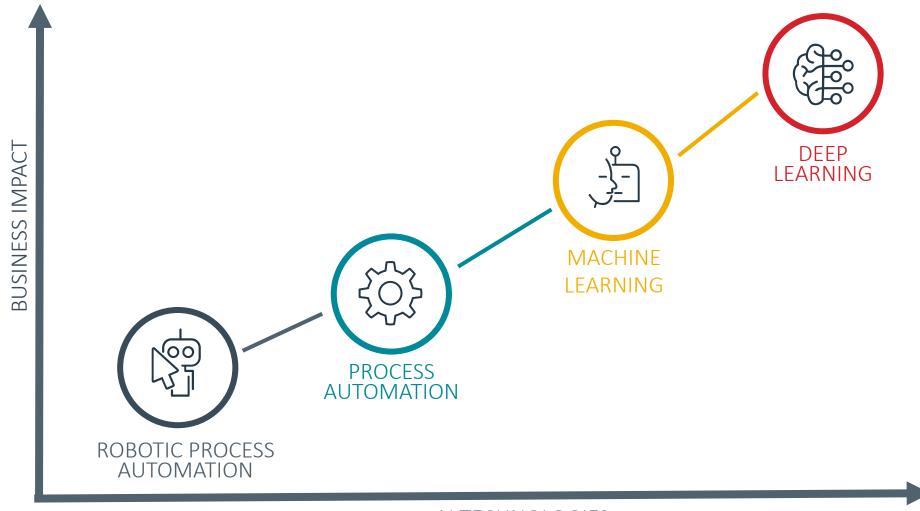
#### **INVOICE RETRIEVAL PROCESS:**





# **TECHNOLOGIES WORKING HAND-IN-HAND**

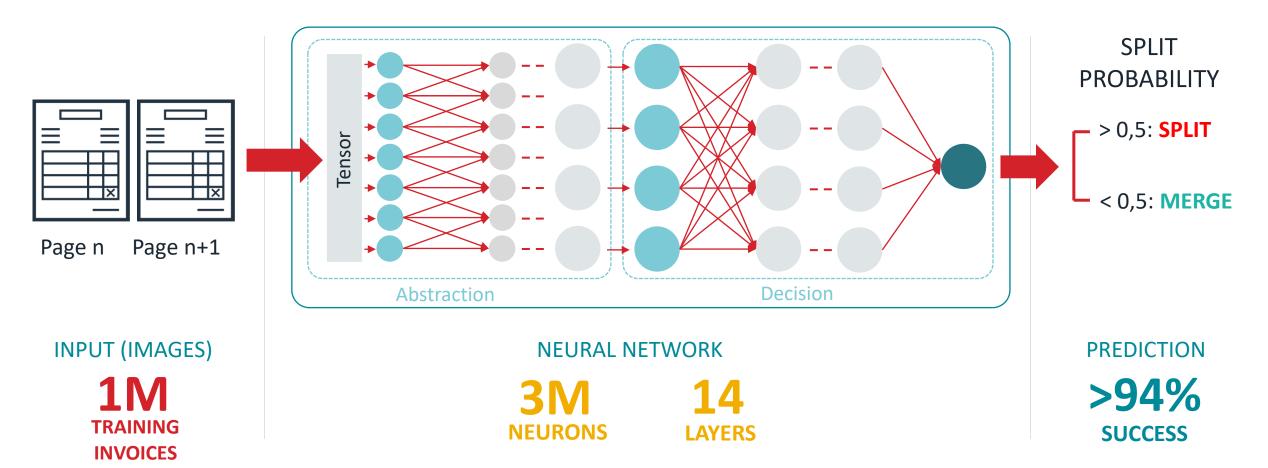
TO ENABLE TOUCHLESS AP PROCESSING:





# **DEEP LEARNING**

#### **INVOICE BATCH SPLITTING**





# **SYNERGY: A SIMPLE IDEA**

Machine learning recognition Is great!

But requires a ramp-up period

Our platform contains millions of templates...

...and we have strong verticals (life science, building materials, food...)



# **SYNERGY SHARED NETWORK**

**HOW IT WORKS:** 

#### **COMPANY A**



User corrects the standard recognition results



Auto-learning templates

#### **OTHER COMPANIES USING PLATFORM**



New recognition templates are available for other companies on the network



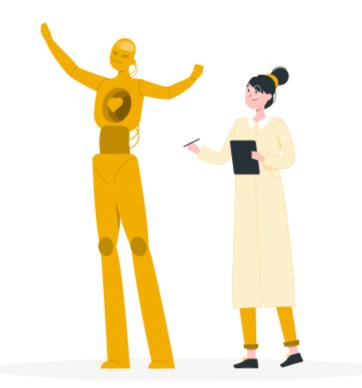


# **SYNERGY NEURAL NETWORK**

**HOW IT WORKS:** 







Large set of invoices with the associated date extracted & validated by users

Trained neural network that is an expert at extracting invoice data







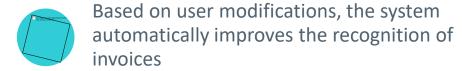
# AI-DRIVEN LEARNING NETWORK

#### POWERED BY FACIAL RECOGNITION



When new invoices come in, the closest format is automatically identified in our database thanks to facial recognition-like technology.



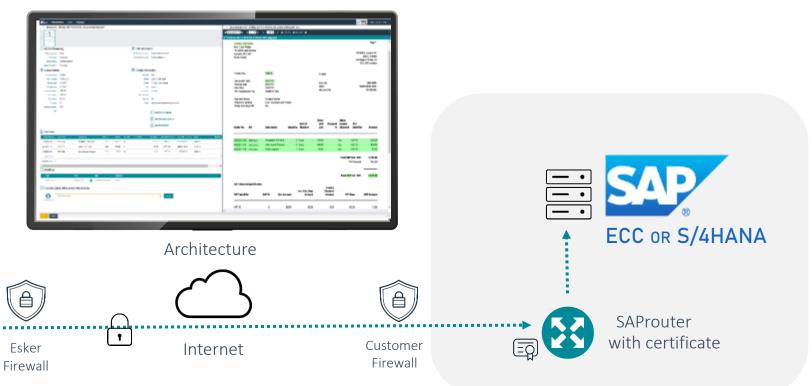




# SAP INTEGRATION

#### **BEHIND-THE-SCENES**





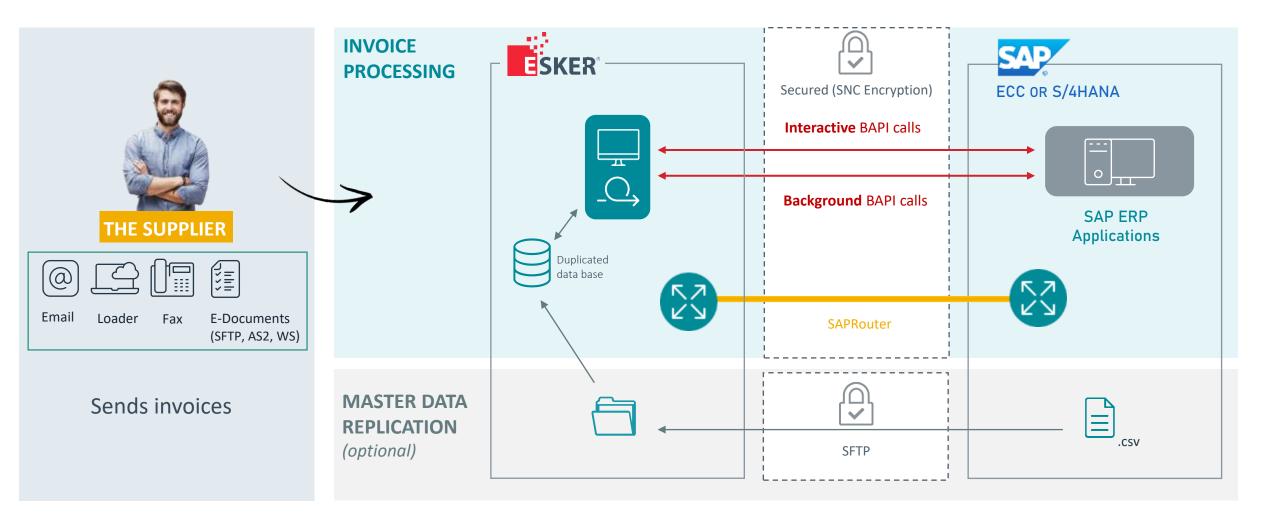
#### **BUILT ON SAP TECHNOLOGY**

- SAProuter application
- SAP certificate for SSL/TLS encryption using the SAP SNC protocol
- SAP Logon groups support to handle SAP load balancing
- SAP BAPI calls using the RFC protocol to access SAP





# AP INTEGRATION FOR SAP ERPS





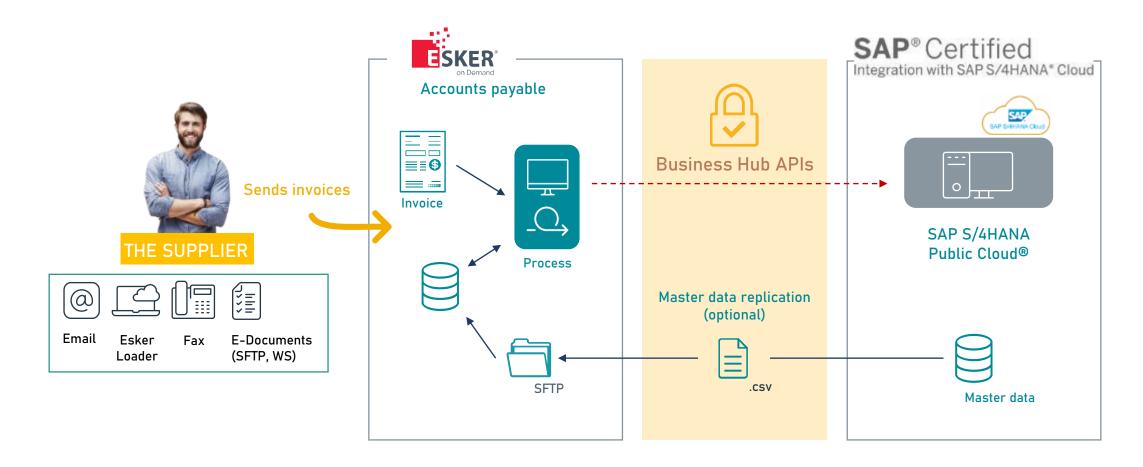


# SAP S/4 HANA CLOUD Certified Connector



#### AP INTEGRATION FOR

# SAP S/4 HANA PUBLIC CLOUD







# **BEST PRACTICES FOR AP**

#### PRIOR TO AUTOMATION



#### **Organizational Structure**

Centralize any decentralized processes (when you can)



#### **Map your Processes**

Workflow -> Logic based on what? Streamline, standardize, then document the workflow on each process



#### Visibility / KPIs

What are the KPIs are being captured today (data/motion report)? What is needed (or your vision) for the future?



#### Data/IT

Clean Master Data, Have IT prepare ends points.



#### **Change Management**

Have you started communicating with your teams? Enlist main stakeholders from various areas to help socialize the changes coming.



# **IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS**

#### **3 ENVIRONMENTS**







**DEV** 

QA

**PRODUCTION** 



# WHEN SHOULD YOU RE-EVALUATE YOUR PROCESS?



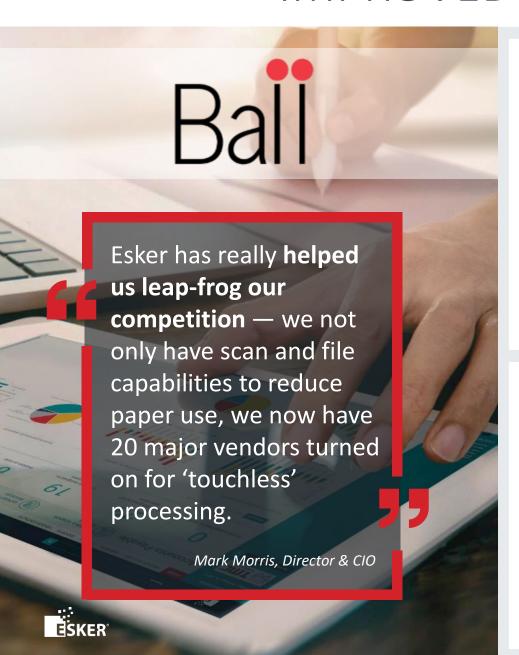
When transitioning from a manual to automated process



When adding additional levels of automation to your process



## IMPROVED **BUSINESS EFFICIENCY**





- Reduced processing time, 88 % of invoices require no human intervention.
- Increased productivity, with invoice processing time reduced by 6 days.
- Increased AP direct confirmation process (up to 80% from 60%).



**30% growth** without having to increase headcount.

**60% increase** in productivity, going from 57 invoices per-day/per-user to 92 invoices per-day/per-user.

## IMPROVED **BUSINESS EFFICIENCY**





90% of invoices processed in one click, without any human intervention.

**Improved performance:** Invoices are processed faster which has helped improve value-added tax (VAT) handling and cash forecasts are now more accurate.



50 % decrease in processing timex 3 increase in invoice volume

40 000 invoices processed per year

## LEVERAGED **ERP BENEFITS**





"We didn't realize how advantageous it would be to have instant access to any document within SAP. Even our CFO has been impressed by what can be tracked and measured with just the click of a button."

Janet Kuck, Senior Vice President of Information Systems.



Document images go into the SAP system **24 hours faster** than before.



Thanks to Esker, we have moved from a basic in-house invoicing tool to a reliable invoice automation solution. What's more, Esker's solution integrates perfectly with Cegid, our ERP system."

Mickaël Asseline, CFO



Web-based AP workflow outside the ERP system delivers simplified setup of SSC and ability to work with multiple ERP applications.

#### WHEN SHOULD YOU

# **MAKE THE SWITCH?**



### SCENARIO 1 -

Automating processes now and S/4 Later

### SCENARIO 2 -

Automating processes now and switching to S/4





# **ABOUT ESKER**





# ESKER'S EXPERIENCE

**MONTHS** ACHIEVE ROI IN AS LITTLE AS 6 MONTHS

500+ **COMPANIES AUTOMATING P2P** WITH ESKER

1.2M+ **DOCUMENTS** AUTOMATED **EACH MONTH** 

**1B** 

transactions a year

195

**OCR** languages

60+

Countries supported for e-invoicing compliance

20

years as a cloud pioneer 6,000+

customers WW













# **QUESTIONS?**

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