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Feature at a Glance
Invoice Reconciliation – Enrichment and Validation

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Introducing: **Invoice Reconciliation – Enrichment and Validation**

Customer challenge

Accounts Payable departments have a variety of invoice validation rules and often requires Invoice data to be enriched via external systems as part of IR processing. Not all of them can be configured in SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing or SAP Ariba Invoicing solution. Currently, the validations and data enrichment required outside of SAP Ariba solution must be done manually and prone to errors. This result is more FTE spent in invoice processing, delayed invoice settlement, often missing early payment discount opportunities.

Meet that challenge with **SAP** Ariba

SAP Ariba offers the opportunity to unify all Invoice validations and enrichment from external systems into a single solution via the Invoice Reconciliation Enrichment and Validation API. Enrich and Validate API can be triggered from SAP Ariba solution at the time of IR creation, edits to IR by approver or at the end of invoice approval process in SAP Ariba, built with flexibility to adapt to customer workflow.

Experience key benefits

Unifying invoice validation and enrichment means faster invoice processing and less settlement errors. The end result is positive cash flow from early payment discounts, if applicable, and reduced FTE in invoice processing

Solution area

SAP Ariba Buying and Invoicing
SAP Ariba Invoice Management

Implementation information

This feature is "off" by default. To enable this feature, please submit a Service Request to have this feature turned on for you. The following parameters should be set to use this feature
- Application.Procure.ValidateEnrich.Invoice.AllowEnrichment
- Application.Procure.ValidateEnrich.Invoice.AllowValidation
- Application.Procure.ValidateEnrich.FieldNameToTriggerProcessApprovableExternallyEvent (optional)

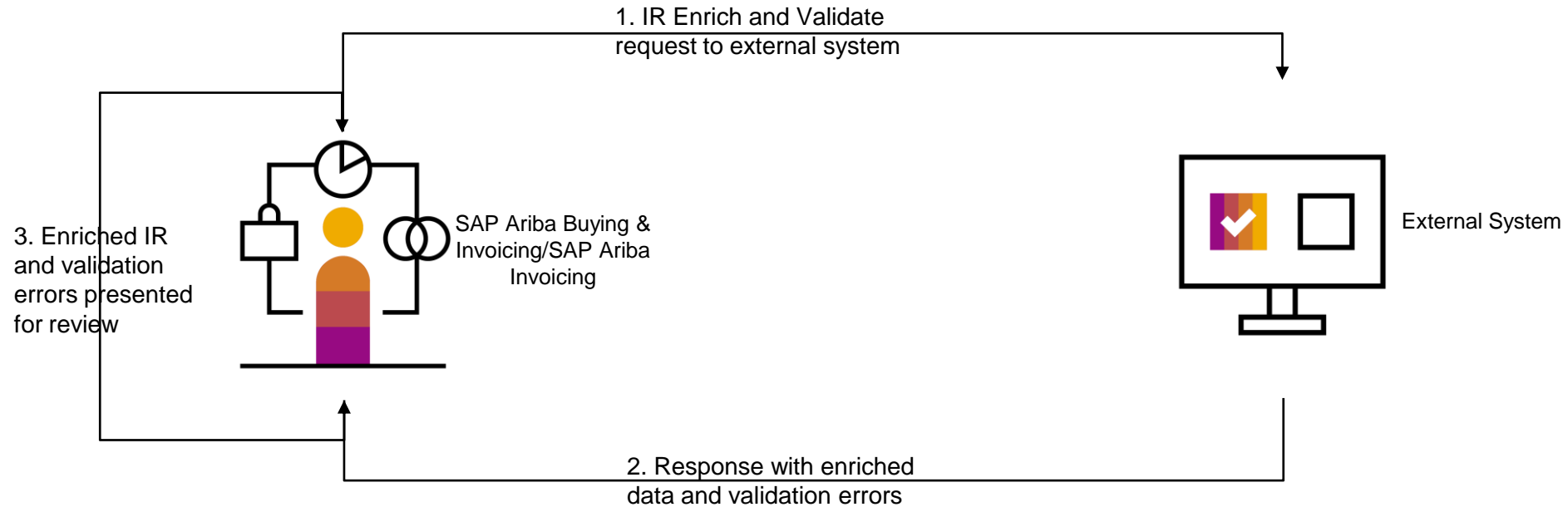### Prerequisites and Limitations

None

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Detailed feature information

Invoice Reconciliation enrichment and validation feature provides a single organizational view in processing and approving invoices. Validate And Enrich API will be called by Ariba system which makes a synchronous web service call to external system for validation, by sending out the invoice reconciliation document details. External system will send the response with validation errors if any, along with the enriched data. This feature is similar to the validate and enrich APIs for Requisition, Invoice and Contract Request.

1. IR Enrich and Validate request to external system

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External System

3. Enriched IR and validation errors presented for review

2. Response with enriched data and validation errors

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Key things to know

- ❑ Data Enrichment updates are silent, no user notification

- ❑ All custom fields can be enriched at header, line and accounting level

- ❑ Updates allowed only for accounting out-of-the-box fields

- ❑ Enriched data from response will NOT be updated if there are syntax and referential integrity issues

- ❑ Ariba validations may show error if invalid data is provided by external systems