Support for Updating Invoice Conversion Templates with Additional Fields
NP-38480

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Feature Overview

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Introducing:

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Feature Description

The intelligent invoice conversion templates are used to annotate available fields for extraction and once activated, these templates can be used to process PDF and scanned paper invoices. Currently only a minimal set of fields are available for extraction that can be annotated by the supplier.

To provide support for additional invoice data extraction from these invoices, this feature provides a mechanism by which additional fields are made available for extraction incrementally and the suppliers can update their template to consume these fields as per their business needs.

Key Benefits

Seamless support for incremental invoice capabilities like Direct material, Services and Summary invoices or Credit memos as and when the relevant invoice fields are made available for extraction.

Easy update of the template to consume these additional fields.

Ensures existing annotations continue to be available.

Audience:

Supplier

Enablement Model:

Automatically On

Applicable Solutions:

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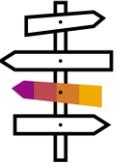
Prerequisites, Restrictions, Cautions

Prerequisites
- None

Restrictions
- None.

Cautions
- Supplier has to review the additional fields available for annotation via the links to the fields set (schema) from the SAP online help before deciding to update the template to consume these fields.

User Story

As a supplier who wants to send their invoices to the buyers on the SAP Business Network, the supplier admin will want to ensure most of the invoice data in their PDF or scanned paper invoices to be extracted and be able to send different types of invoices like Summary, Service, Direct and Indirect and Credit memos etc

Business Problem : Currently only a minimal set of mostly indirect material invoice fields are available for extraction for the initial release of the Intelligent invoice conversion capability but going ahead to take full advantage of this solution, more fields should be available for extraction and this has to be done seamlessly for existing templates to consume these additional fields as and when made available.

Solution : For this a schema versioning like functionality is being provided where every now and then based on business roadmap and supplier or buyer feedback, additional fields that represent the cXML invoice elements in the SAP Business Network will be made available to suppliers to annotate and thus extract additional data from their PDF or Scanned paper invoices.

Suppliers can review these fields and if it meets their business needs or data in their PDF or scanned paper invoices, they can update their templates to consume these fields and use for conversion.

Feature Details

- ❑ A **banner** shows up at the top of the Invoice conversion templates summary page, every time a new set of fields are available for extraction
- ❑ Click on **Configuration** to go to the configuration page.
- ❑ Select from the list of available templates that have not been updated with these new fields and click on **Update**
- ❑ The **status** of the selected templates will be set to **Applying fields**
- ❑ Once applied, the template **Status** changes to **Draft**, so that you can **Edit** the template and annotate the new fields that are available, before activating and testing the template again and publishing it to production again.
- ❑ If there are any technical errors, it will change the Status to **Applying fields failed** with the error details
- ❑ In either case, you will be notified of the status of the update, if you have configured the **notification** for template status changes.

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