# Eliminate Friction in Your Accounts Payable Workflow

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# State of accounts payable research

AP automation is the top investment priority for 83% of those surveyed





## The biggest concerns

Fraud and expense abuse due to vulnerabilities in financial systems

Paper-based processes caused late payments; forcing finance professionals to go to the office during the pandemic

Accountants have been working 1 extra day a week since March 2020





#### The case for AP automation

79% say their automated AP platform is effective at flagging potentially fraudulent billing and/or payments

**82%** of data entry can be automated by OCR

**76%** Report increased productivity and less overtime for the accounting team

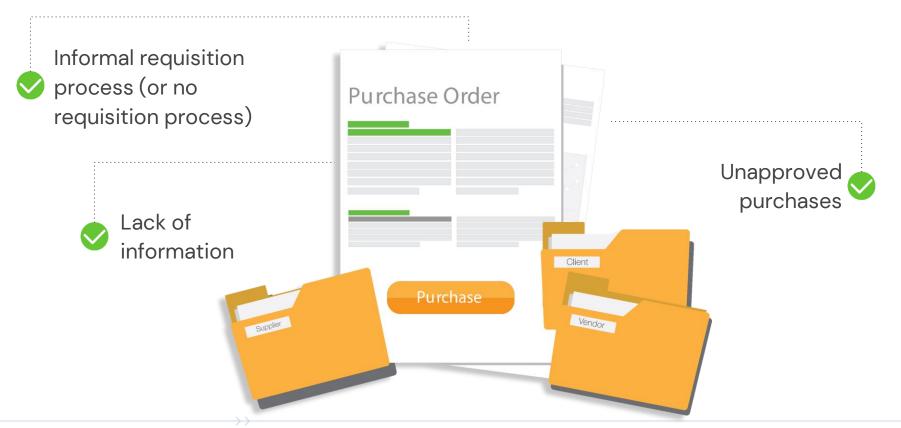




# **Purchase Orders**



## Common challenges within procurement process







## How to fix this without using an AP software



Establish a formal requisition process with PO forms



Match invoices to POs

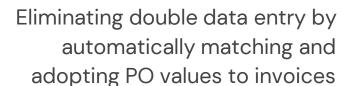


Create approval network to manage departmental spend

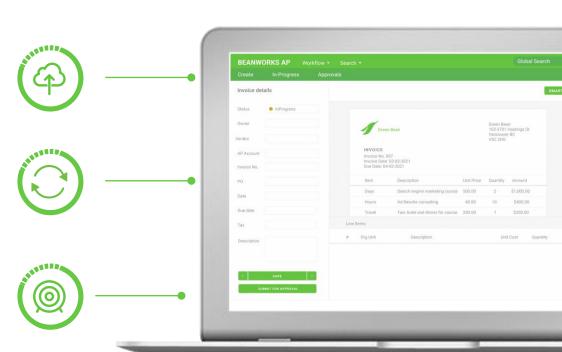


#### AP automation solves this by

Enabling Customized purchasing and spending limits to ensure spend is within policy



Providing budget and forecast previews on a central dashboard





"The automation piece is critical. I think if we hadn't had a software to track POs, we would have multiple hurdles, whereas now everyone's involved in checks and balances. With Sage AP Automation, all information that I need is right there. I have 100% transparency."

- Waleed Gamay, Vice President of Operations, DreamPak LLC



# Invoices

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## Slow invoice processing due to...

1 Manual data entry and errors

2 Informal approval channels

3 Duplicate invoices





## How to fix challenges in invoice processing



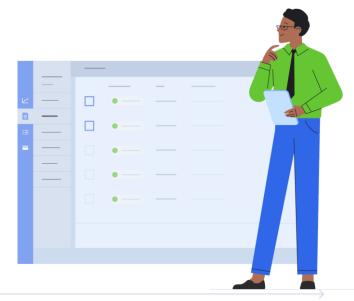
Use OCR tech to capture data



Document mgmt. tools such as SharePoint/DocLink for approval routing



Cloud storage with tools like PaperSave for paperless processing





## AP automation solves this by

Al-powered data capture to extract invoice details

Multi-level approvals, real-time tracking



Automatically flag duplicates



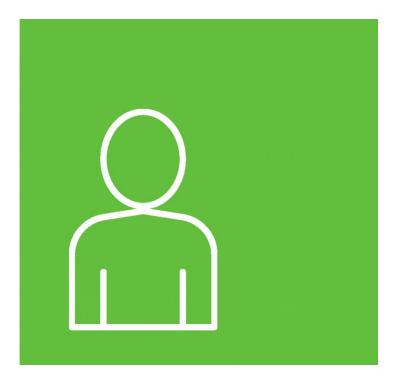
#### AP automation: customer success story



15 people were approving invoices every month, running into delays

**H**? Difficult to catch duplicates

Financial documents were on paper and stored in a physical facility





#### **AP Automation: Minikahda Club**

- Spotted **USD \$10,000** in overpayments including credits and duplicate payments
- Managers use web and mobile app to approve documents









# **Payments**



## Major challenges with payments







Late payments
58 days average to pay
suppliers and vendors

Lack of remote
access
57% of businesses were
unable to pay vendors
from home

Risk of fraud phishing scams, fake invoices, vendor fraud





## How to fix this without using an AP software



Separate approvals chain for payments



Vendor bank change form



Third party payments tools such as Nvoicepay



Train staff on how to identify signs of fraud



#### AP automation solves this by



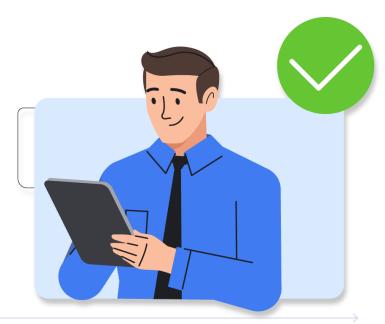
Electronic payments in vendors' preferred method: ACH/EFT, VCC, echecks



Online approvals and document access



Customized approval matrix







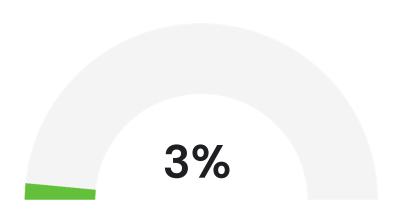
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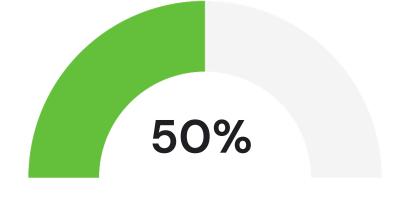


- Invoice to payment processing was a week-long process
- Payments were handled manually
- Documents often got lost between the back and forth with coworkers



#### AP Automation: Association for institutional research





AP teams spends 2-3% of their day on payments

More than 50% of vendors have moved to ACH





# Expenses



## Flaws of traditional expensing and reimbursement

Manual expense management is time-consuming



**45%** of CFOs say minimizing administrative burden in expense processing is **#1** priority

Risk of expense abuse



**62%** of businesses encountered out-of-policy expenses last year

Scope of errors



1 in 5 expense reports is filed incorrectly

#### How to fix this



Install an online document management system



Document an expense policy or design an expense-based questionnaire



Digitize receipts immediately after receiving them





## AP automation solves this by

- Enabling expense report submissions through web or mobile app and electronic processing of reimbursements
- 2 Flagging expenses that exceed limits

3 Eliminating double data entry with simple coding





"Employees can take a picture of their receipts and submit them online through the mobile app. The approver gets a notification and once signed off, the AP team reimburses the employee electronically. All data is stored within the system so they can always go back to audit reports. All expenses are in one place. It's comprehensive and we have access to all historical data."

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# 360-degree AP approach to 100% visibility



**Purchase Orders** 





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# **Product Demo**



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