



Haufe Group Completely Revamps Its Incoming Invoice Processing



Performance, reliability, and quality in electronic incoming invoice processing can always be further improved—even when a suitable software solution is already in place. This was the experience of the Haufe Group in Freiburg when it replaced its legacy solution from another vendor with xSuite. Today, the company uses standardized software with a strong focus on user experience that supports all of its processes—both current operations and especially its ongoing S/4HANA transformation.

Faster processing, immediate capture of early payment discounts, and full transparency into outstanding liabilities—these are benefits the Haufe Group realized years ago by implementing electronic invoice processing. It goes without saying that such a system must always remain up to date and support IT innovations, such as the company's ongoing S/4HANA implementation.

xSuite as the optimal solution for SAP environments

In its search for a future-proof solution, the Haufe Group launched a comprehensive vendor selection process, which culminated in 2023 with the migration to xSuite Invoice.

Ignatius Klausmann, Senior SAP Business Consultant at the company, explains: “We chose the xSuite invoice workflow with capture component because it offers the best integration with SAP, and the vendor has many years of in-depth expertise in this area. We also received consistent positive feedback about xSuite from various contacts within our SAP community.”

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xSuite® solution

- SAP-integrated incoming invoice processing

Decisive arguments for xSuite

- Future-ready, SAP-integrated software solution
- Extensive, long-standing expertise

Systems integration

- SAP ECC and S/4HANA

Rapid response times for custom requirements

The system is now fully operational. The standard solution was selectively customized and carefully adapted—not only improving process quality, but also increasing flexibility and efficiency. As a result, throughput times in accounts payable have accelerated even further. In particular, the xSuite software integrates seamlessly with the S/4HANA system that has been in rollout since 2025.

“When we have new requirements, we talk to the xSuite project consultants and quickly receive a solution that is implemented without delay,” says Klausmann.

The Haufe Group’s SAP journey dates back to 1998; SAP ECC 6.0 has been in use since 2001, and the migration to S/4HANA is now well advanced. The company follows a clear on-premises strategy for its ERP system and operates its S/4HANA environment independently in the AWS cloud.

“On-premises should primarily be understood as a commercial model in the sense that existing licenses are optimally leveraged,” explains Senior SAP Solution Architect Nikolas Popp.

Decision in favor of a subscription model

xSuite aligns well with this commercial model. While many software vendors no longer offer on-premises systems with traditional licensing, the Haufe Group can obtain xSuite as a subscription for on-premises deployment. The annual fee is based on the number of documents processed, and the software is operated by the company itself.

Invoice processing across SAP ECC and S/4HANA

Currently, a portion of invoices is still processed in SAP ECC. In the initial “lift and shift” to S/4HANA, the Haufe Group began with three company codes. As of July 2026, nearly all invoices will be processed via the new S/4HANA system.

Nikolas Popp emphasizes: “The fact that the xSuite solution runs on both SAP ECC and S/4HANA demonstrates its exceptional flexibility. It has optimally supported our phased transition to the new SAP product generation.”

At present, the majority of incoming invoices at the Haufe Group are still non–purchase order–based. Gradually, accounts payable processes are being converted to purchase order–based processing.

“By shifting primarily to purchase order–based invoice processing, the advantages of automated invoice processing that we are already seeing with xSuite will increase even further,” says Ralf Eisleben, Head of Finance & Accounting, underscoring once again the added value of the new xSuite invoice processing solution at the Haufe Group.