Dynamic invoice processing

Auto-Interleasing AG has streamlined its invoicing workflows with the ELO DocXtractor classification module, which automatically captures and processes invoice data. ELOpro professional speeds up processing times, improves data quality, and provides information on demand.

A family-run company, Auto-Interleasing has stood for professional full service fleet management for over 60 years. As a neutral leasing firm, Auto-Interleasing is the only fleet management leasing provider in Switzerland that is not affiliated with a specific bank or brand. Fifty employees focus on every customer need.

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The Challenge

An enormous number of vendor invoices makes internal processing extremely complex and time-consuming. The company would like to simplify the process. Connection to ERP system 'Miles'.

The solution

ELOprofessional and ELO DocXtractor for automatic invoice capture and classification.

Smooth data exchange between ELO and ERP system 'Miles'. Workflows control invoice approval.

The benefits

Efficient, expedited invoice booking, booking errors avoided.
Improved quality; invoice data available at the press of a button.

From testing to roll-out

On September 1, 2010, the ECM project began with a multi-day workshop where relevant departments, internal IT, and executive management proposed ideas to derive a solution based on ELOprofessional.

After installing and configuring the required components, Bechtle set up a test system. First, the ELO DocXtractor module for automatic document classification was customized. Next, the project team identified matching data on the ERP, created various validation data sources for optimized capture, then drafted workflows for controlling the company’s invoice process.
Tailored concepts

The user interface, the front end, was customized based on .NET. It automatically opens from the workflow in the ELO client and shows the relevant invoice document. All staff responsible for capturing invoices have been equipped with two screens to simplify their work, allowing them to view not only the invoice header data but also up to three pages of a document at once. After an initial testing phase, Bechtle tailored the front end to the employees’ requests to optimize their entire workflow.

Finally, all systems were linked in March 2011, including the company’s ERP system ‘Miles’. During this period, the ELO client was once again adapted to the users’ needs. ELO went live on June 1, 2011, with data now being scanned, classified by ELO DocXtractor, and automatically booked in the ERP system.

Invoice capture in detail

The available invoice data (number, date, supplier, and debtor) is combined into a new data set and then booked in the ERP system. The invoice is then stamped in ELO. A financial calculation process recalculates the typical Swiss rounding to 5 or 10 pennies and also automatically calculates residual invoice values into new, bookable items.

The ELO workflow then initiates the approval process and ends in ELO; the ERP system retrieves the approved data and then performs a final check. Once complete, the employee can book the invoice.

“Thanks to the specialists at Bechtle, the launch of ELOprofessional at Auto-Interleasing was a total success. The new, digital process speeds up accounting, and our data is available at the press of a button!”

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The advantages are obvious: “Booking inbound invoices is now much faster and more efficient since automated processes prevent booking errors and cancellations. And our invoice archive is now structured,” states Spaniol.

Today, the ELO system manages approximately 4,000 documents, with between 1,000 and 1,500 new documents every month. Acceptance in the IT department and among the executive board was high right from the beginning, reflected in their avid support of the solution. Initially, the end users were a bit skeptical, fearing staff cuts due to the introduction of the software. This skepticism faded day by day, with acceptance increasing. After all, searches run at the click of a button, queries are addressed quickly, and faster processing means higher work and data quality.

Outlook
ELO is used in the accounting department to capture incoming invoices, as well as in the insurance department to manage contracts and invoices. In the second phase of the project, an electronic customer file will be implemented.

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