



## Electronic invoice despatch

### Signed outgoing invoices in compliance with legal requirements

#### The business process

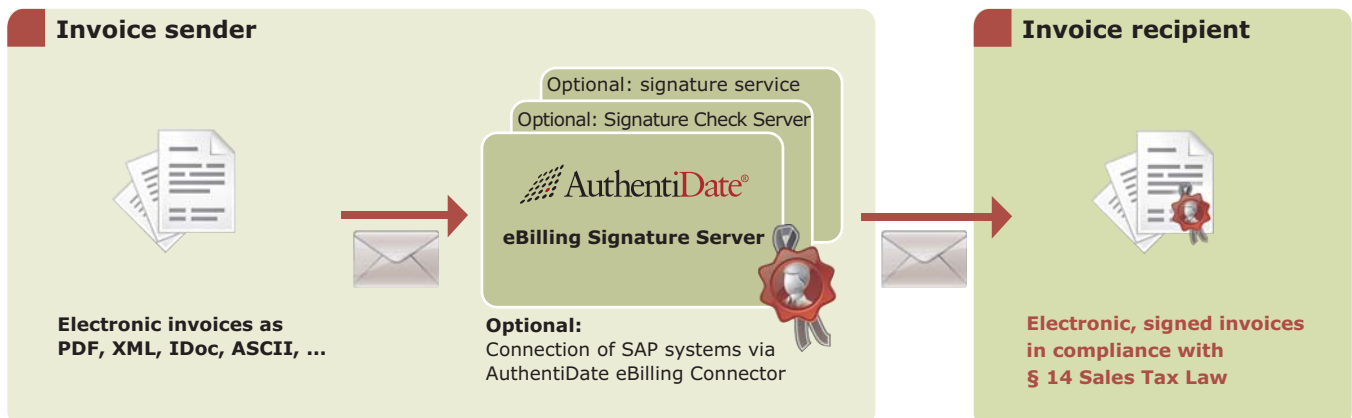
Many companies today send their invoices as paper documents – yet according to the Sales Tax Law the use of electronic invoices has already been possible for years – without an additional paper invoice. Hence, companies of all sizes and from all sectors can reduce their costs for printing, posting, enveloping and entering invoices, for example.

The use of qualified electronic signatures is the basic requirement for electronic invoicing in all member states of the European Union. Only in this way can the invoices be used for sales tax deduction purposes (s. §14 Sales Tax Law and EU-Invoice Directive 2001/115/EC).

AuthentiDate offers various products specially tailored to the requirements for the signature of electronic invoices. Existing invoicing processes can be supplemented easily and quickly. The signatures can optionally be generated manually, semi-automatically or fully automatically, e.g. for high volumes of invoices. The subsequent distribution to the invoice recipients can also be controlled by the AuthentiDate signature products. All AuthentiDate signature products are also available for and via service providers.

#### The implementation

The basic process of generating signatures is the same in most companies depending on the volume of invoices. The electronic invoices are generated by the existing IT systems, e.g. as PDF, XML, IDoc or other formats. Instead of printing out the invoices, the data are signed electronically and forwarded to the recipient, e.g. by email or file exchange.



Various products are available for the manual or automatic verification of signatures in order to make the processing of the signed invoices as simple as possible for the invoice recipients. The signatures can also be verified before transmission to the recipient and the verification result can be forwarded to the recipient automatically if required.



#### Auditor certification

The AuthentiDate eBilling signature solution was certified by **PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)**, one of the leading auditing companies worldwide. This means even more security for invoice senders and invoice recipients – because independent third parties have certified that the AuthentiDate signature solution also especially meets the requirements in accountancy (German Charges Regulations, German Accounting Principles, German Commercial Code and Sales Tax Law).



## SOLUTION DESCRIPTION

### Flexibility by means of an extensive policy

The AuthentiDate eBilling Signature Server has an extensive policy. The invoice sender can create the invoicing process himself with this. This, among other things, includes the provision of the signed invoices in an electronic mailbox for collection by the recipient.

Possible filter criteria for creating the process:

- ▶ Distribution of signed invoices to specific
  - recipient addresses and domains
  - sender addresses and domains
- ▶ Distribution control by
  - searching for keywords in the subject
  - evaluation of X headers



### Products for this solution

can be used individually or in combination

- eBilling Signature Server
- Signature Check Server
- Signature Check Webservice
- signamus Signature Service
- eBilling Connector for SAP

The eBilling Signature Server also offers multi-client capability.

In this way, different clients, e.g. business units, user groups (e.g. suppliers and customers) and single users can use a single solution. This is an advantage, particularly for use at service providers'. Each client can use the specific settings for him and thus also work with individual certificates.

## Profile

### ▶ Conformity with the law & investment protection

- Use of qualified signatures in compliance with the German Signature Law & EU Signature Directive
- Software is compliant with signature law
- Auditor certification by internationally recognized auditing company
- Usable internationally

### ▶ Simple technical implementation

- Can be seamlessly integrated into existing systems (including portals)
- Standard interfaces to ERP systems available (including SAP)
- Signatures are also retrievable as service – without separate integrations
- Flexible invoice formats (e.g. IDoc, PDF, ASCII, TIFF, etc.)
- Process monitoring, e.g. for compliance requirements (SOX)

### ▶ Used in practice nationally & internationally for many years by companies from all kinds of sectors & of all sizes

### The implementation via service providers

If companies do not want to carry out the signature generation themselves for their outgoing invoices, AuthentiDate also offers the option of obtaining this as a service.

Companies that offer services themselves can use the AuthentiDate signature products to develop and extend their invoicing services.

This type of usage also lends itself frequently to service companies of large groups, too.

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