



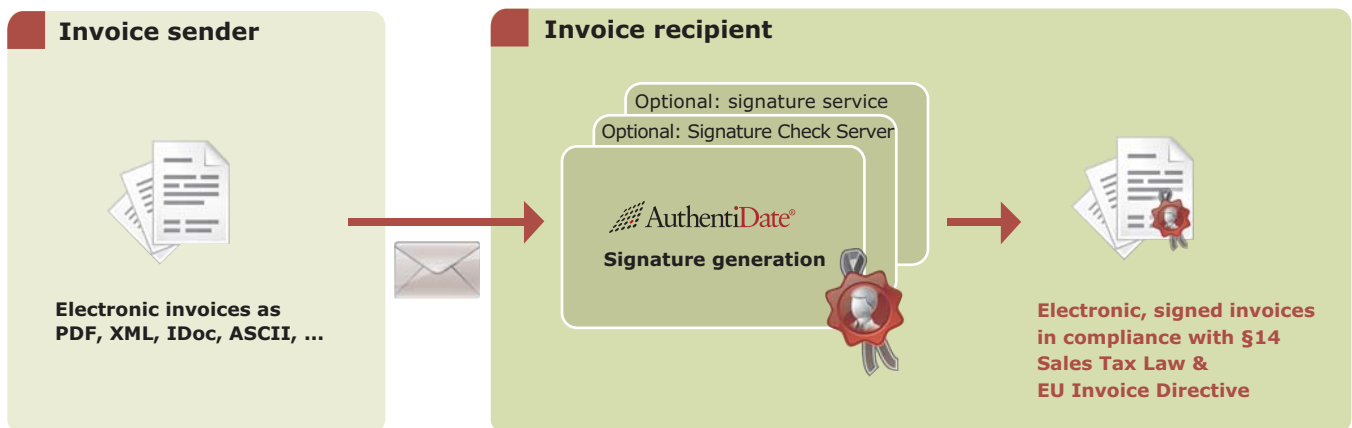
Electronic invoice receipt

Signed incoming invoices & credit-notes in compliance with legal requirements

The business process

Not only can invoice senders reduce costs by using electronic invoices. Recipients can optimize internal processes and reduce processing costs by using electronic incoming invoices as well. AuthentiDate offers a wide range of products for the receipt of incoming invoices electronically and which can therefore be directly processed. For this purpose – in compliance with the legal requirements – qualified signatures are integrated into the invoice receipt process.

The signature products are also suitable for supplementing credit-note procedures. Depending on the customer-supplier relation, the existing invoicing processes can be extended in various ways. Besides conformity with the law, user-friendliness is of prime importance. Thus, the best conditions are given for achieving a high level of acceptance among suppliers for signed electronic invoices.



Why an electronic invoice receipt?

- ▶ **Cost reduction & process optimization**
 - Automatic entry of invoice
 - Always current stock data
 - Reduction of manual effort
 - Automated invoice verification
 - Electronic archiving
- ▶ **Data can be further processed**
 - No scanning required
 - No manual recording
 - Improvement in the data quality
- ▶ **Minimization of risk (SOX)**
 - Prevents any possibility for manipulation & fraud scenarios
 - Process monitoring & documentation



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).

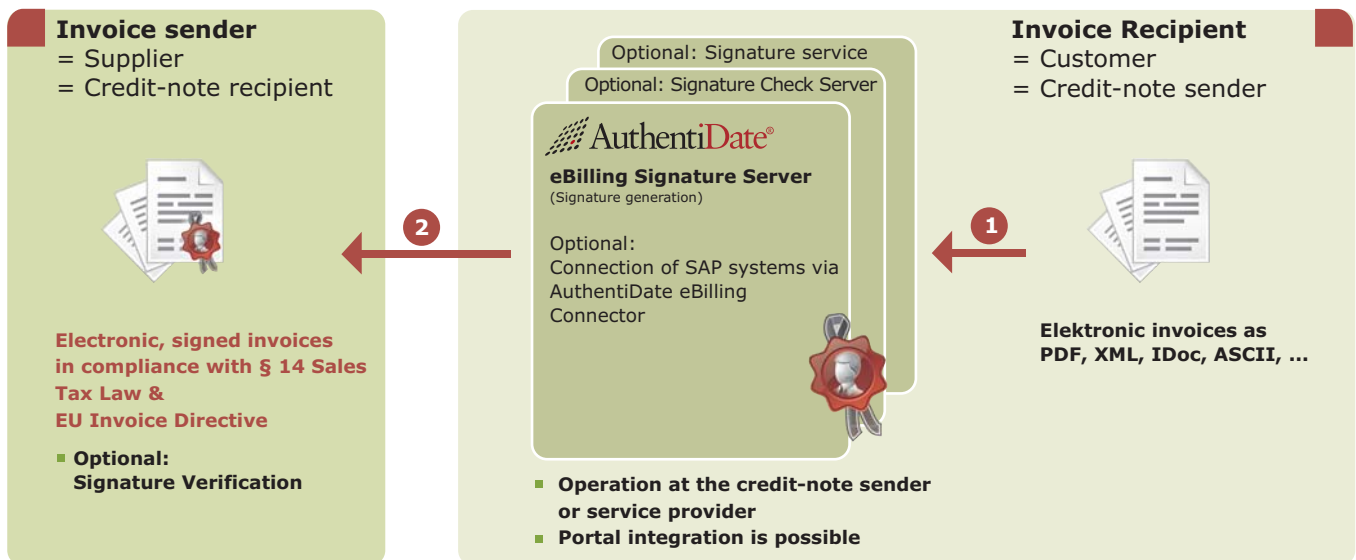


SOLUTION DESCRIPTION

Electronic invoice receipt in the credit-note procedure

Companies that receive high volumes of invoices already often practice a credit-note process with the suppliers. These credit-note processes can be fully replicated electronically and at the same time can comply with the legal requirements by the use of qualified signatures.

All credit notes are automatically signed in a qualified manner by the AuthentiDate eBilling Signature Server. Afterwards, the credit notes are also transmitted automatically to the suppliers (credit-note recipients). The signed data is supplied to the credit-note recipient for further entry or archiving. Various resources are available for verifying the signatures by using the AuthentiDate Signature Check Server or Signature Check. Additional software is not required on the client workstations.



All signature processes, including signature verification, can also be implemented via external or internal service providers. Service areas within the company (e.g. IT-Services) frequently perform the tasks of a "signature service provider" here.

The service can also be obtained from the AuthentiDate computer center if required.



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

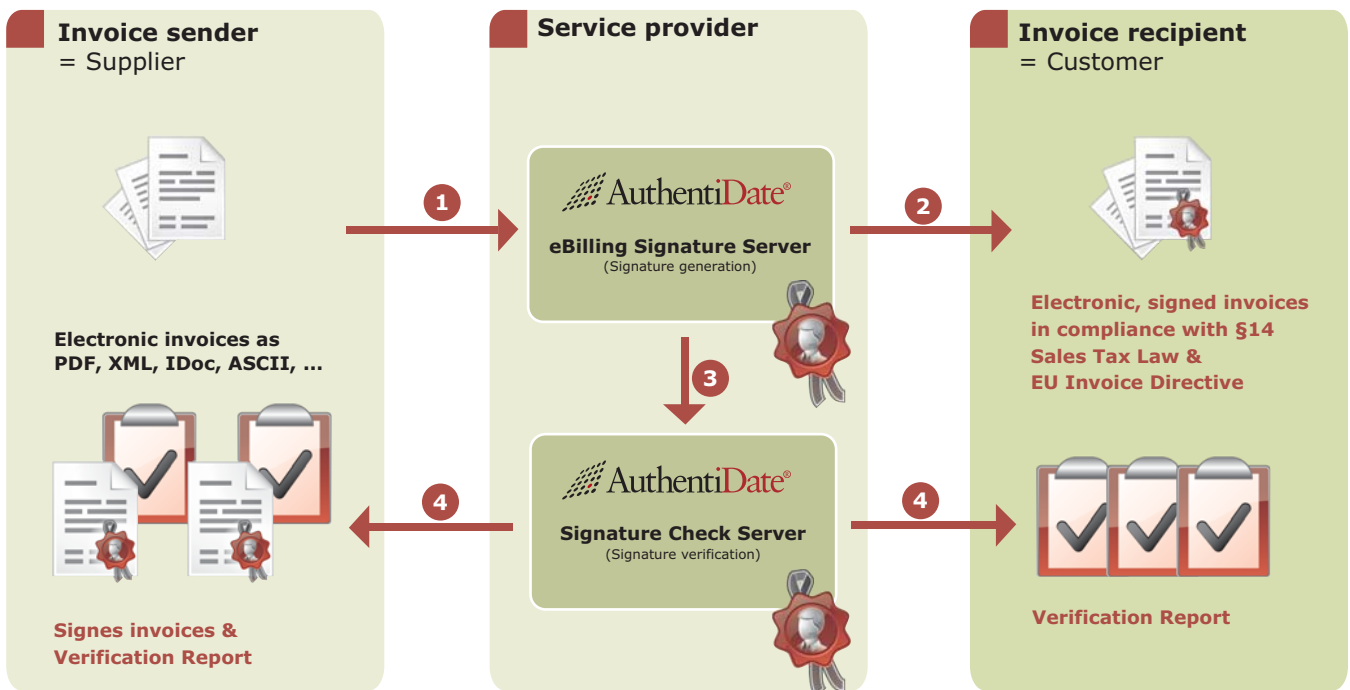


SOLUTION DESCRIPTION

Electronic invoice receipt via service providers

An option frequently used for the receipt of electronic invoices from suppliers is realized using a signature solution of a service provider. This service provider can – if the internal corporate structures enable this – also be a service company within the enterprise (e.g. IT-Services).

The service provider takes over various functions for the supplier (invoice sender), as well as for the customer (invoice recipient). These tasks are essentially signature generation on behalf of the invoice sender and signature verification on behalf of the invoice recipient. In this way all signature processes are centralized at the service provider. It is not necessary to extend the existing systems of the invoice sender or the invoice recipient. This accelerates the implementation and increases the acceptance – particularly among the invoice senders.



The service provider can take over other tasks if required such as the central long-term archiving of the signed invoices, for example.



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