

# The Future of APIA with SAP

What will Accounts Payable Invoice Automation look like in the future?

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#### **APIA – New Buzzword or Real Change?**

In the past, incoming invoice processing has been considered part of Purchase-2-Pay.

With the increasing digitalization of the world's markets and the resulting increase in complexity, companies are now facing far more significant challenges in processing incoming invoices in a compliant manner.



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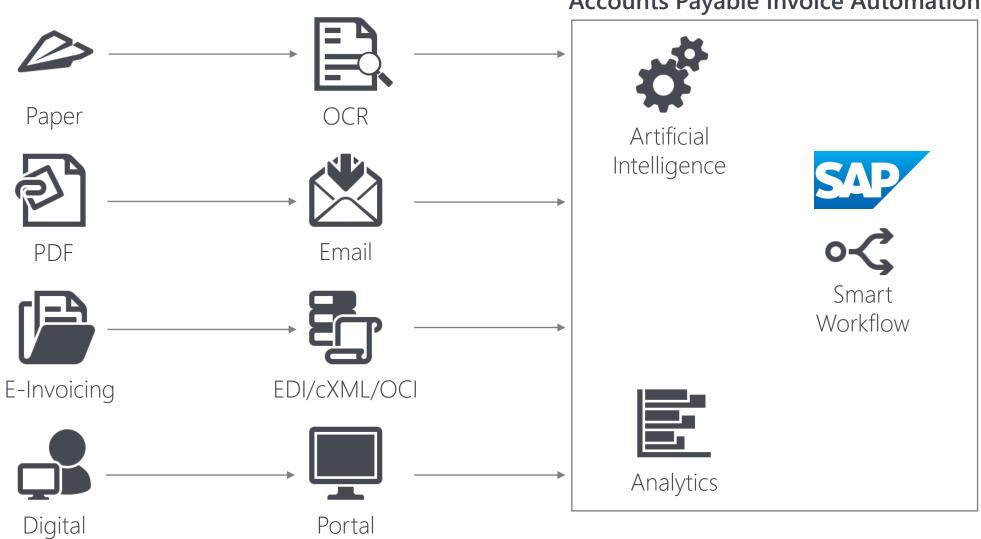
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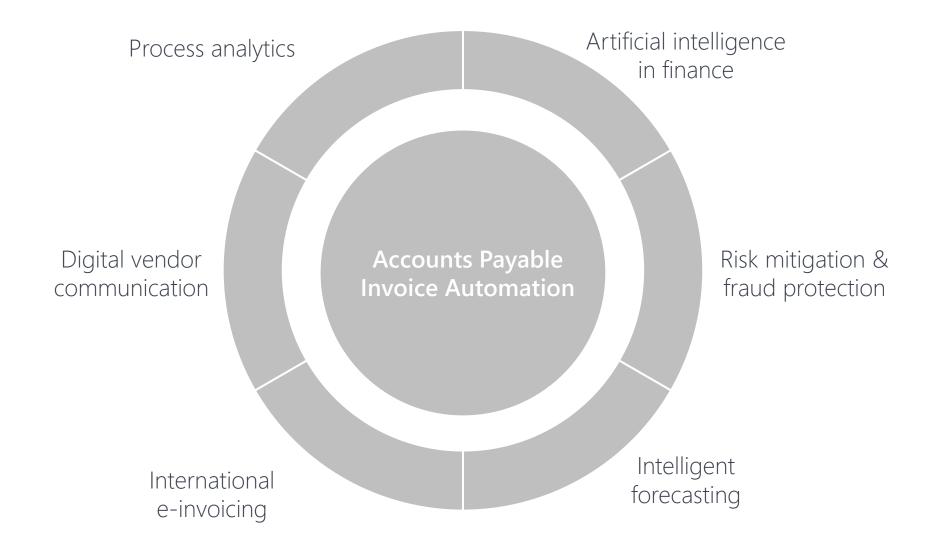


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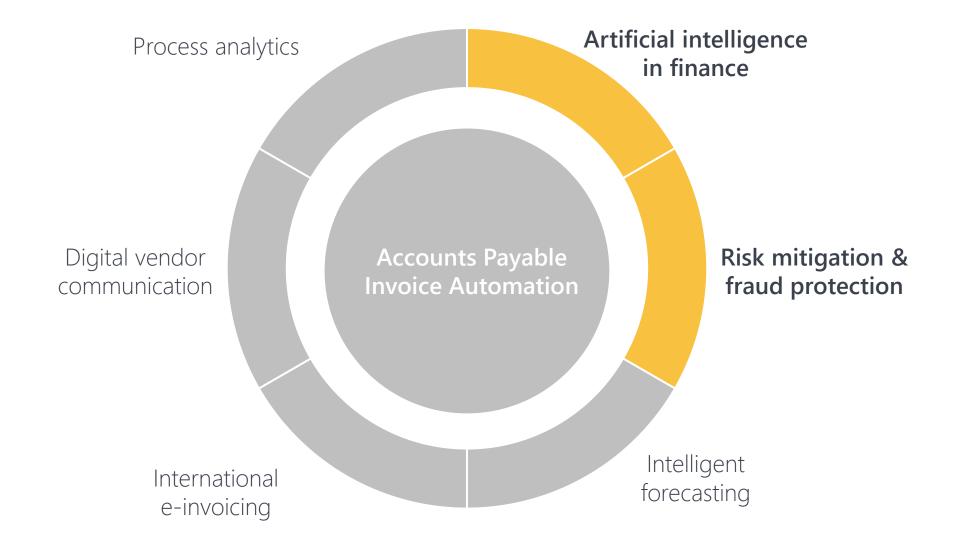


#### **Accounts Payable Invoice Automation**











# **Categories of Artificial Intelligence**

#### Weak AI

- Weak (or narrow) AI is artificial intelligence that implements only a limited part of mind or is focused on one narrow task, on solving a certain, concrete problem.
- All systems available today belong to this category:
  - Character/text recognition
  - > Voice recognition
  - > Image recognition

#### Strong Al

- Strong (or general) AI refers to machine intelligence that has capabilities similar to or even exceeding those of humans.
- It possesses, among other things, logical reasoning, decision-making ability even in the face of uncertainty, and communication in natural language.
- As of today, strong AI is still science fiction.



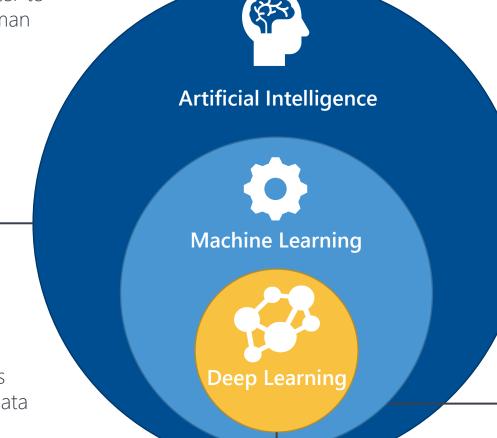
## **Artificial Intelligence**

#### Artificial Intelligence (AI)...

... enables a system or computer to perform tasks that require human intelligence.



... is a specialization of machine learning and uses neural networks and big data to optimize itself.



#### Machine Learning (ML)...

... is a subfield within AI. Machine learning enables software applications to recognize patterns and regularities based on existing data sets and algorithms and to predict results more accurately.



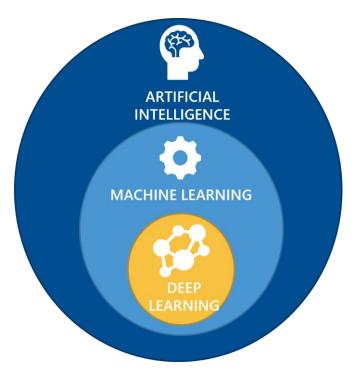
## Machine Learning – the Solution for any Problem?

#### > Yes, if

- > the problem is too complex to be programmed.
- > the number of data sets is sufficient.

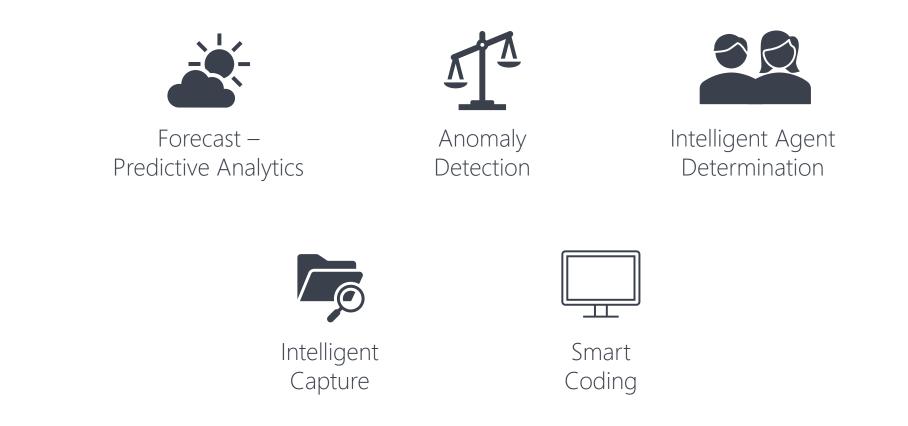
#### > No, if

- > it is easier to use a rule-based approach.
- > the number of data sets is too small.
- > you need perfect results.



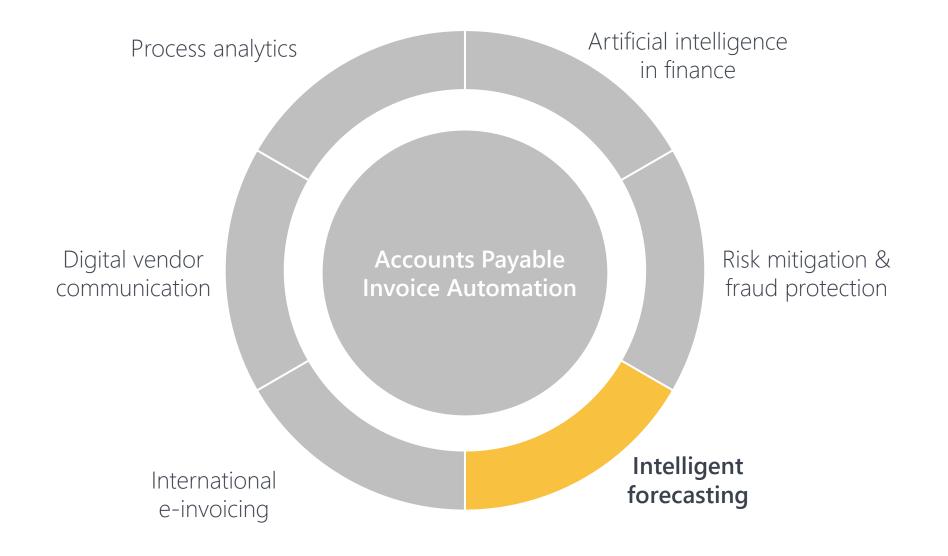


### **Examples of AI Applications in Accounts Payable**



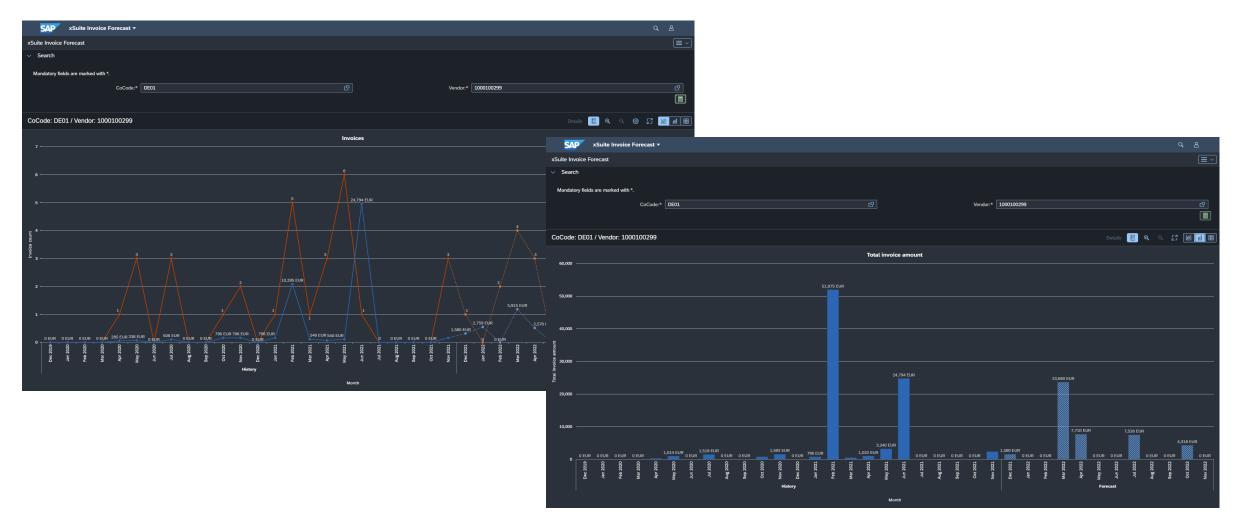
**Objective:** Blind posting of invoices without purchase order reference



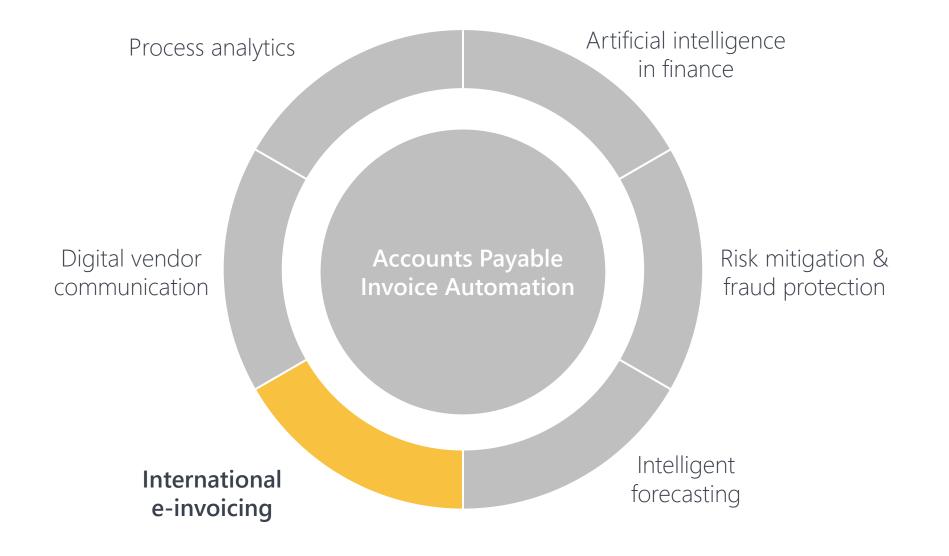




#### xSuite Forecast



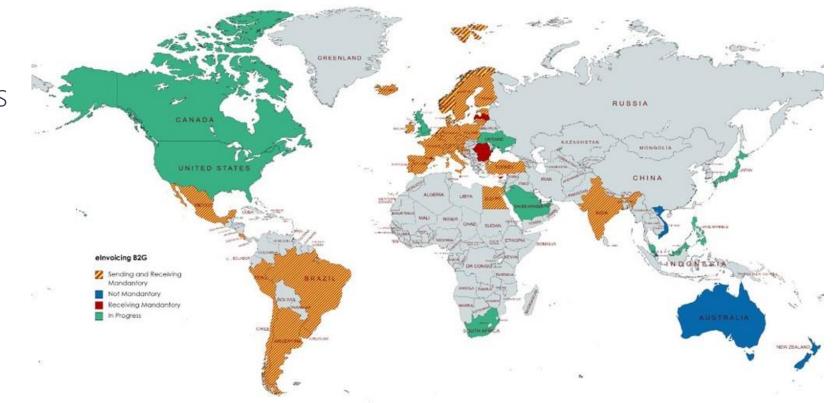




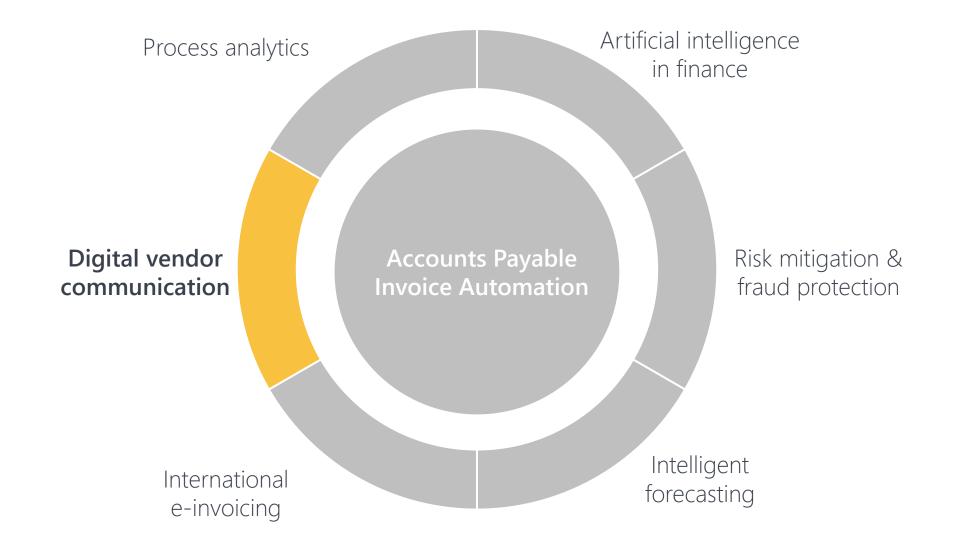


# Why E-Invoicing?

- Advancing digital transformation
- Compliance with government regulations
- Cost savings





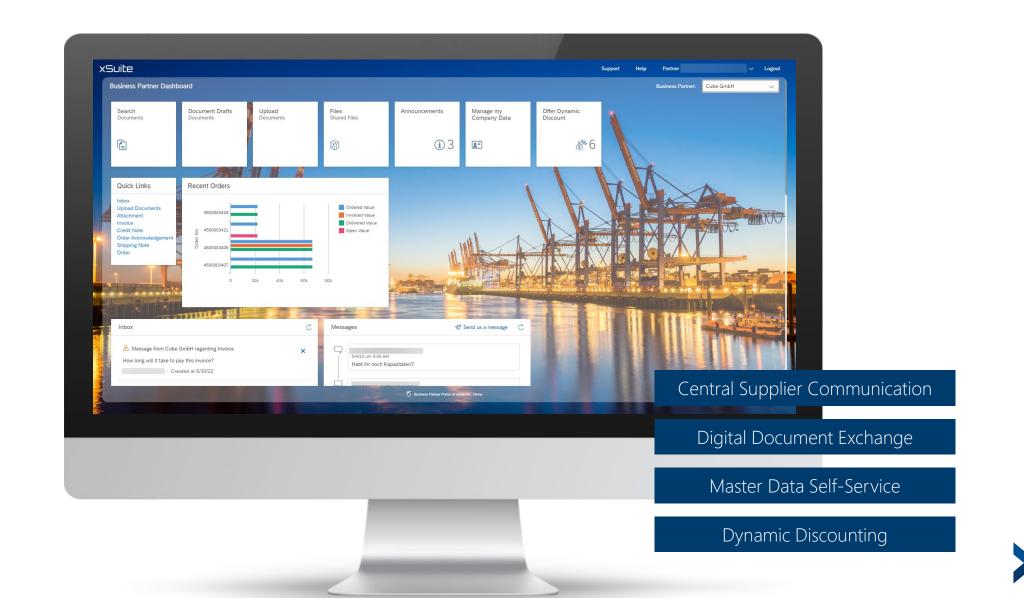


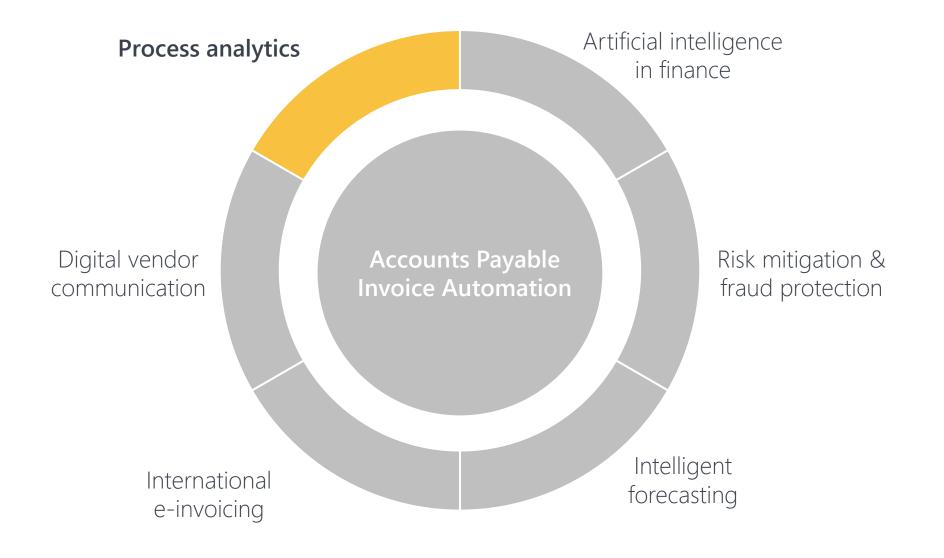


### **4** Reasons for Digital Vendor Communication

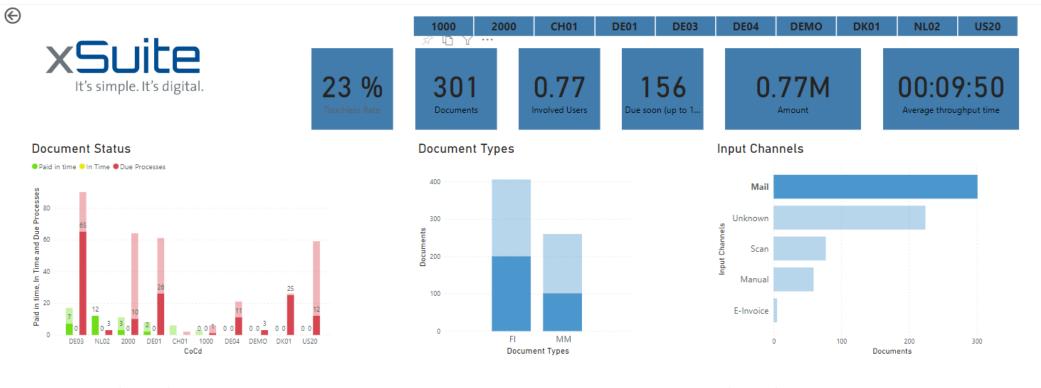
- > Vendor-based processes can be very time-consuming and labor-intensive
- Vendors demand more transparency on POs and payment status
- > Vendor and customer are interested in better conditions for faster payments
- > Vendor master changes are often complicated

#### xSuite Business Partner Portal

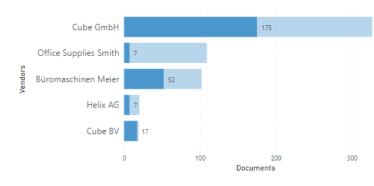




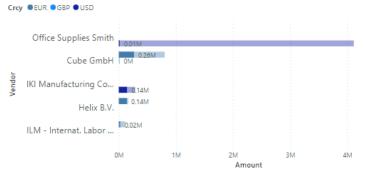




#### Top 5 Vendors (Invoices)

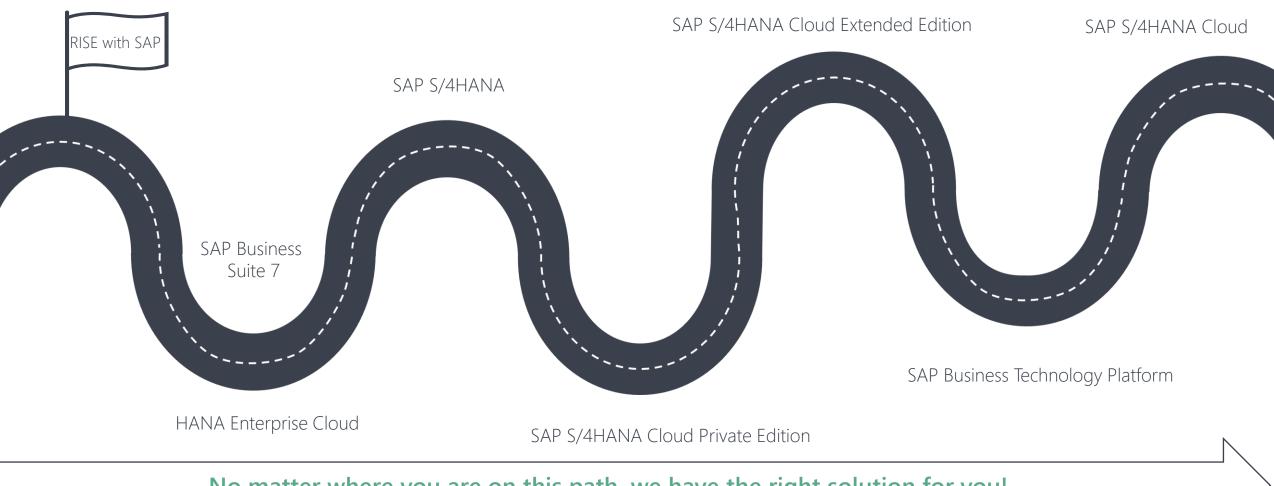


#### Top 5 Vendors (Amount)





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