

Will Abbyy FlexiCapture for Invoices work for me?

A guide to running an Abbyy FlexiCapture for Invoices project



Getting the most from this guide

Thanks for your interest in Abbyy FlexiCapture for Invoices (hereafter, we'll shorten its full title to Abbyy for Invoices).

Abbyy for Invoices is an incredibly powerful software application designed to automate the capture of data from purchase invoices. However, there's no magic bullet, the more automation you require the more the solution will cost and the greater the complexity of the development – in other words, a successful implementation takes hard work from all parties! So, it's important we understand your application in detail and likewise that you appreciate the realistic capabilities of Abbyy for Invoices and the indicative project costs.

With this in mind, please take a few minutes to read this guide carefully, review the video links, consider the likely project cost and complete the questionnaire at the end.



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All successful companies are looking to improve the bottom line, however the days of buying software for the sake of it are long gone and all new initiatives need a realistic return on investment. Later in this guide we'll give you some indicative budgetary costs for a typical Abbyy for Invoice project.

Before we go too far, it's important to clarify what your current purchase invoice volumes are and how much time you spend manually processing invoices.

If you're only processing 300 invoices per month, then it's unlikely Abbyy for Invoices is the right solution for you. There are also technical and practical issues to consider - for example do you want to capture header level or line level data (read on for an explanation) and we need to clarify where you need the captured information to end up and in what format.



What is Abbyy for Invoices?

Abbyy for Invoices is a software application which automates the capture of data from purchase invoices.

So, rather than having an accounts clerk manually keying data from an invoice into a finance system, the objective is to speed-up the process by collecting the data automatically and passing the information electronically to the business system. Abbyy for Invoices is happy dealing with both scanned paper invoices and those received via email and in many different formats (PDF, CSV, XLS, JPEG, TIFF, XML format).

[Click here for the Accounts Payable Automation with ABBYY for Invoices Video](#)

Please watch these two videos for a quick demo of Abbyy for Invoices in operation:

[Click here - Abbyy for Invoices Demo - Part 1](#)

[Click here - Abbyy for Invoices Demo - Part 2](#)

*Abbyy for Invoices can be installed on your own MS Windows server, or Document Genetics can host it in the Cloud.



Header Level and Line Level – explain?

Let's define what we mean by header and line level data extraction:

Header Level – Generally this is the Order No, Invoice No, Date, Net, VAT Gross etc.

Line Level – This is normally all of the above but includes details of the line level items on an invoice.

For example:

Product Code	Product Description	Quantity	Unit	Net
Old647494	Old Original Ale – 500ml	10	1.25	12.50

Note: A line level project is far more complex than a header level application and typically the cost will be two or three times higher. To get the best results, we recommended a lookup to the purchase order records on your finance system to validate the line level data we've captured against the original purchase order. In simple terms, only capture line level information if you really need it.



Can you give me a ballpark figure?

It's really difficult to give cost estimates as every project we deliver varies in its scope and complexity. So, on the next page we'll ask you some questions about your specific application which will help us provide you with an outline budgetary quote. However, here are some ballpark figures (which include software, setup and training) for a couple of scenarios:

Example 1:

Header Level project – 2,000 invoices/month, 10 optimised invoice formats £10,995*

*Based on Abbyy for Invoices Standalone for 30,000 invoices per year (this is a one-off cost perpetual license installed on your own MS Windows server) and 5 days professional services – excludes annual software maintenance (charged at 20% of software cost per annum)

Example 2:

Header & Line level project – 4,000 invoices/month, 20 optimised invoice formats £19,995*

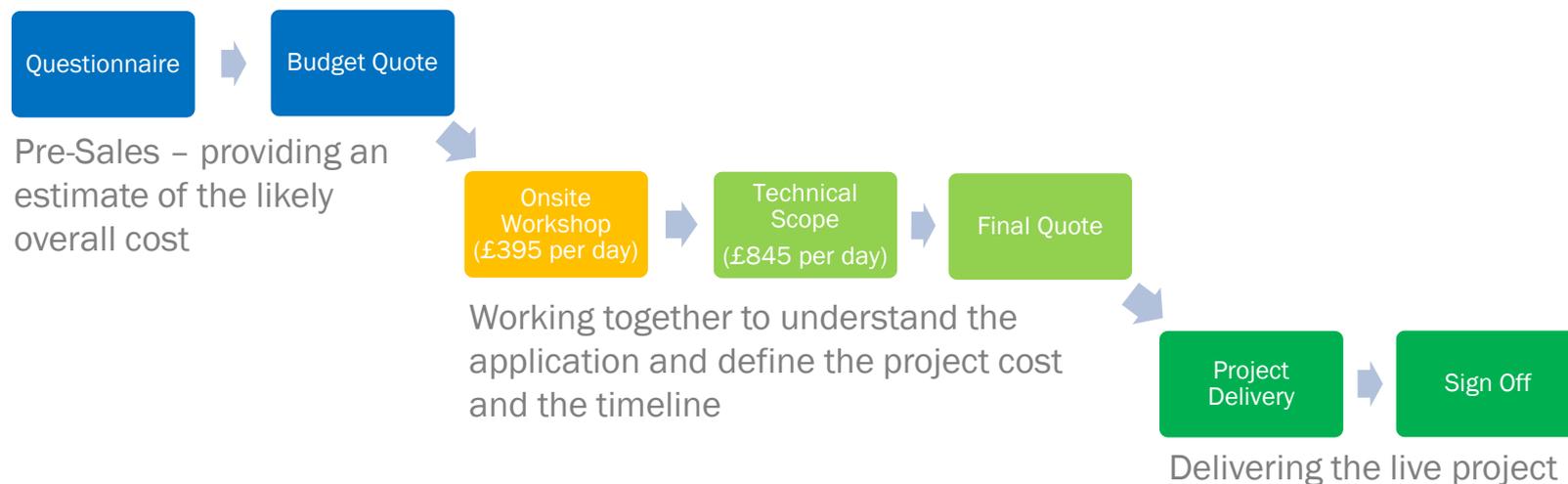
*Based on Abbyy for Invoices Distributed for 50,000 invoices per year (this is a one-off cost perpetual license installed on your own MS Windows server) and 10 days professional services – excludes annual software maintenance (charged at 20% of software cost per annum)

Note: An optimised invoice format is one we've tested to check how reliably we can extract the data. Out of the box Abbyy for Invoices will capture header level data accurately from 95% of UK invoices. However, when we're extracting line level data, we often need to tweak the flexi-layout for optimum results – this can take anywhere between 1 hour to 1 day per invoice format and this is why we need to test real samples of your invoices.



Delivering Abbyy for Invoices

Here's a schematic showing how we deliver an Abbyy for Invoices project:



Note: All costs exclude VAT.



Tell us about your application?

To help us evaluate the suitability of Abbyy for Invoices for your application and to give you a realistic estimate of project costs, please complete our brief questionnaire.

[Click here to complete our questionnaire](#)

Once we've had a chance to review the feedback from your questionnaire, we'll give you an indicative budgetary cost -this figure will enable you to calculate a realistic return on investment (ROI).

See overleaf for the next stage of the project, the onsite workshop.



Onsite Workshop

Assuming the ROI works for your business and you want to progress the project, the next stage is an onsite workshop. We find this is the best way for your business to get a really good understanding of how Abbyy for Invoices works – it's important to see it running in your organisation and with real invoices.....not a "smoke a mirrors" demo with a finely tuned set of perfect test invoices!

For the workshop, one of our Abbyy software experts attends your site with a full Abbyy for Invoices evaluation system and scanner. We then work with you to understand your operational environment and to test some of your current invoice formats. We can also review the interfaces to your purchase order/supplier records database(s) and the output formats you need and the final destination (e.g. ERP/Finance system, SQL, XML, CSV, XLS, etc.). A typical a workshop is 1 to 2 days in duration (depending on the complexity) and is charged at a cost of £395 per day (this includes our expenses but excludes VAT).

Note: there is no commitment to purchase Abbyy for Invoices at the end of the workshop. If you decide it's not the right solution for you, then that's fine. Ultimately, we want you to buy the right product for your business.



What our clients have to say



Luisa Grey, Managing Director

Integrating the DG solution into our business practices has enabled us to streamline our back-office processes beyond recognition. Everything that was previously done manually is now completely automated, which has increased our efficiency, reduced any chances of error and significantly enhanced our overall business offering and service levels to our clients. The result is a system that is now a vital element of our business. Quite simply couldn't do without it.

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John Embrey, Head of IT

"The DG solution has allowed us to electronically sort and send daily reports and purchase documents (both previously printed), saving considerable time, paper and postage costs. Their service has been excellent, a quality which can be hard to find in today's business world".

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Trevor Burrows, IT Director

"We implemented the DG software over 6 years ago to format and deliver documents from our iSeries system - this has proved to be flexible, reliable and cost effective and it's been a pleasure working with Document Genetics – I recommend both the product and the company".



Some of our clients





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