


Solutions for medium-sized businesses



it.sign – a big step closer to a paperless office

Sign your documents directly in the  
SAP system – with guaranteed security!

»Electronic data exchange beyond company boundaries has become common practice in today's digital era. Nevertheless a large number of documents, including quotations, order confirmations, invoices and reminders are still being printed from SAP systems and mailed traditionally. Current legal regulations have a great deal to do with this.«

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### Legal requirements for sending electronic invoices

Since January 01, 2004 the German Law on Turnover Tax has stated that the recipient of an electronic invoice is only authorized to deduct input tax if the electronic invoice contains a qualified digital signature. The signature documents the identity of the signatory and the fact that the content has not been changed. The presence of a qualified digital signature is an essential prerequisite for the acceptance of invoices under fiscal law.

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#### Legal details:

##### Section 14, Subsection 3, German Law on Turnover Tax (UStG): issuing invoices

According to Section 14, Subsection 3, of the UStG, the origin of electronic invoices must be guaranteed as authentic and the content must be guaranteed to be intact. This can be achieved in two ways:

- using a qualified electronic signature or a qualified electronic signature with provider accreditation (...) or
- in the EDI process with an additional summary invoice in paper format or electronic format, provided the latter contains an electronic signature (...)

#### Sending legally compliant invoices from SAP systems

With the solution component it.sign, itelligence has developed a tried and tested solution that makes it significantly simpler for you to create electronic invoices with a digital signature. The signature process is handled automatically – even

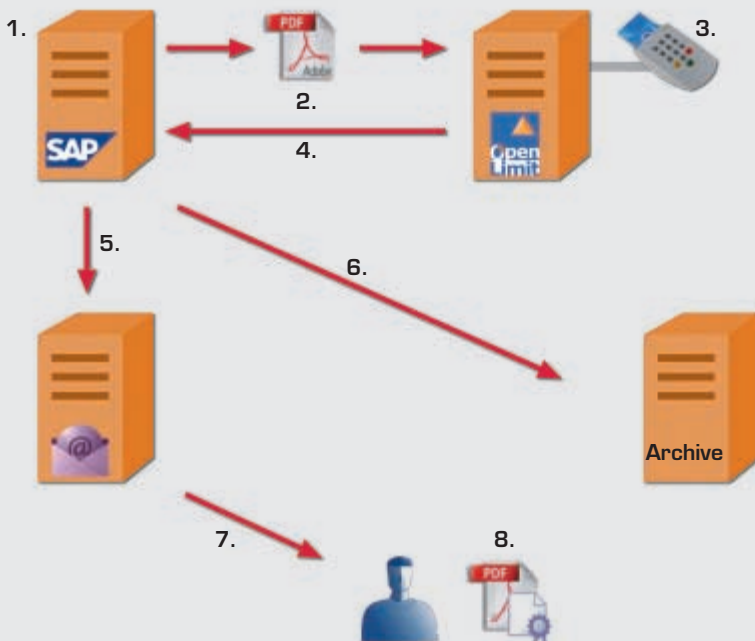
in the case of mass signatures. The solution can be integrated seamlessly into your SAP systems. The signatures are generated by a signature station in compliance with the law. Legal certainty is achieved using the OPENLiMiT® Batch signature software. The BSI (German Federal Office for Information Security) has confirmed that the basic component OPENLiMiT® SignCubes 2.0, version 2.0.1.1, complies with the German Digital Signature Act, and has awarded it Common Criteria EAL 4+ certification.

#### Benefits at a glance:

- Legally certain digital signature
- Cost savings on postage and paper
- Faster incoming payments
- Optimized processes
- Fast return on investment



As a leading SAP system company, we and our partner OPENLiMiT® can provide you with a solution to create qualified digital signatures in the SAP environment.



#### Process description:

- 1.) Invoice PDFs are generated from the SAP print program.
- 2.) PDF documents are transferred to the signature station.
- 3.) Signature station: documents are signed (in a mass process).
- 4.) Signed invoices are transferred to SAP message management.
- 5.) Invoices are transferred to the mail server.
- 6.) Additional filing in the external archive system.
- 7.) Signed documents (invoices) are sent to the recipient by the mail server or SAP system.
- 8.) Recipient checks the invoices with Adobe Reader and the OpenLimit signature plug-in.