

Attachments Focus Group Meeting 2, 29 August 2022



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Today's Agenda

- 1. Acknowledgement of country
- 2. Recap of meeting 1
- 3. Review capabilities
- 4. Review Consistent Data Mapping Guidance
- 5. Wrap up and Next steps



Recap Meeting 1

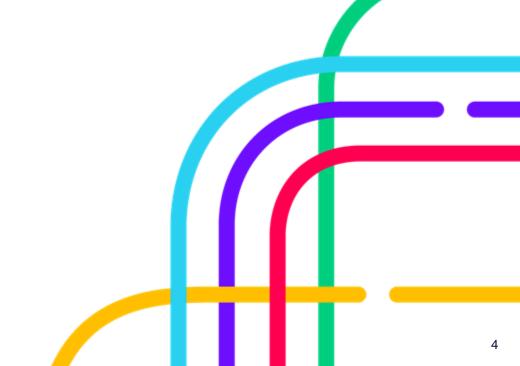
Revised problem statement:

There are varied levels of support of attachments for Peppol Invoice and Credit Note transactions. As such, there are circumstances where end-users will require a better understanding of the use of attachments within the Peppol network.

Guidance is required to promote consistent support for sending, receiving and managing attachments (e.g., accessibility, storage etc.) which will strengthen data quality and richness, and maximise positive client experience.



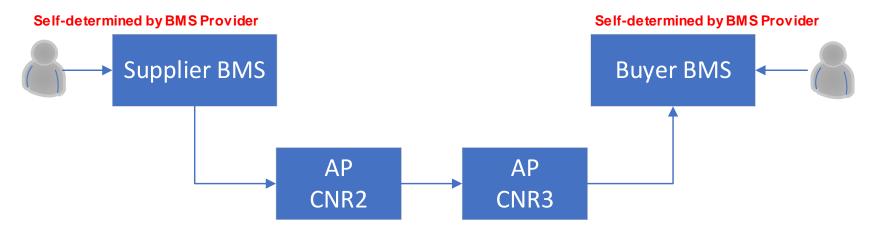
Review Capabilities



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Attachment Constraints - Theoretical



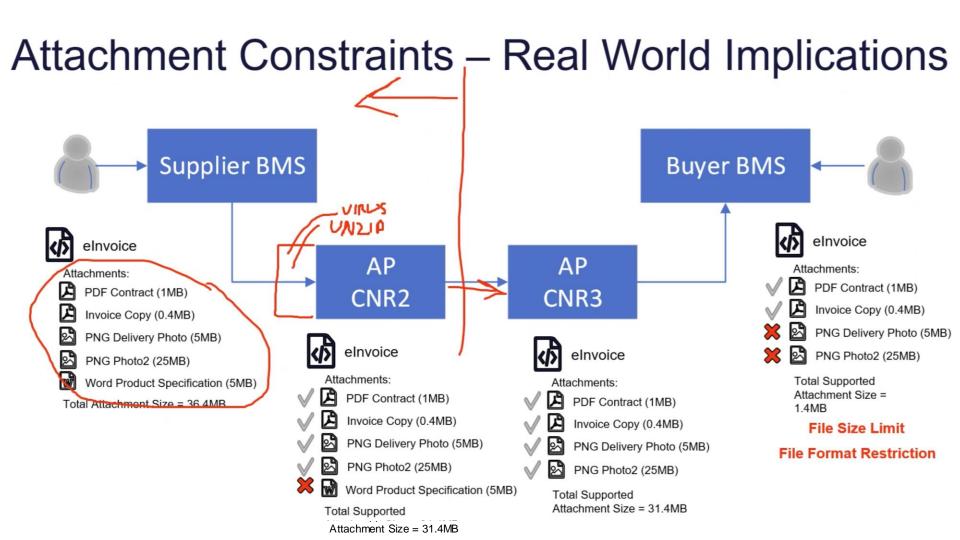
Determined by Peppol:

Maximum Message Size

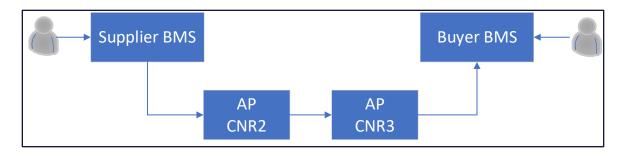
- Post-Award (inc. Invoice): 100MB
- Pre-Award: 1GB

File Formats (Mime Types)

- PDF
 - 'application/pdf'
- Image
 - 'image/png'
 - 'image/jpeg'
- Spreadsheet
 - 'text/csv'
 - 'application/vnd.openxmlformats-officedocument.spreadsheetml.sheet'
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Basic 4 Corner Model

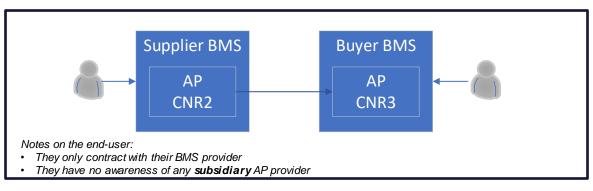


The following real-world deployment models have been documented to highlight the complexity of the eco-system and it's implications on consistent user experience and handling of elnvoicing attachments.

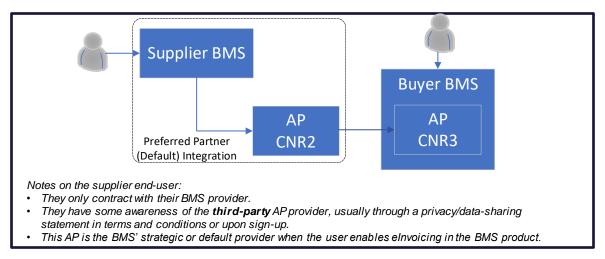
The suite of deployment models is not exhaustive nor designed to highlight any particular service providers, but rather to illustrate the known and potential commercial models expected across the Australian and New Zealand market in the next 3 years.

Small / Medium / Large Business

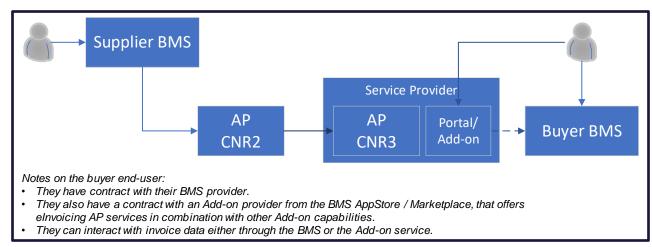
Fully Integrated AP Model



Default Partner Integration Model

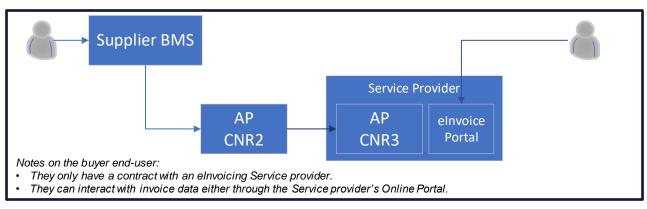


Small / Medium Business



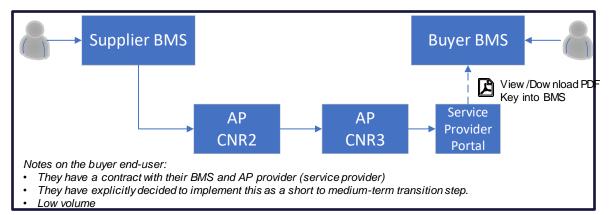
Partner-Only Model

Partner-First Model

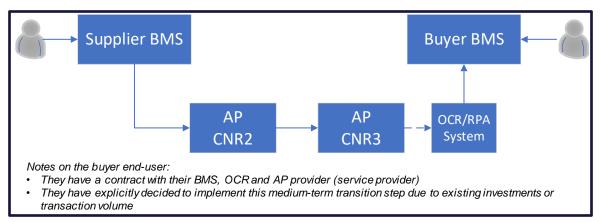


Medium to Large Enterprise – Transition Models

Basic Portal-based Transition Model



Advanced Transition Model



Review of Peppol Standard

Example use cases:

- Duplicating / rendering of elnvoice data (e.g. image or PDF)
- 2. Industry specific, e.g. utilities
 Invoices may serve additional purposes. E.g. marketing
 information, meeting regulatory requirements such as
 Better Bills Guideline (BBG)
- 3. Meeting buyer's processing needs. E.g.
 - 1. Customised supporting information, timesheets, payment terms, contract information
 - 2. Agreements between specific trading partners (ad hoc or regular arrangement). E.g. scanned work order given to a tradie



Issue statement:

1 Interpretation of fields:

When sending attachments in an elnvoice, three pieces of information must be provided:

- 1. Attachment ID (i.e. the reference or identifier of the attachment)
- 2. The file name attribute, and
- 3. The mime code attribute (i.e. the type/format of attachment, based on a code list).

There were different interpretations of the meaning of "File name" which has caused inconsistent use of this field. For example, some seller solutions have included the file path in the file name field.

Recommendation

Definitions of fields:

- Attachment ID: This should be the document identifier (similar to a PO having a PO number) of the attachment if applicable.
- File name attribute: This should be the title / name of the attached document, e.g. Supporting Document.pdf. Note that the document type extension (e.g. .pdf) should be included to simplify storage and access by the receiver.
- Mime code attribute: This field is to specify the format of an attachment. The appropriate code from the Peppol code list must be used.

Some implementations may include the file type extension in file name, e.g. "Attachment.pdf". However, this is subject to the sender's systems, and it is recommended that C4 should rely on the mime code attribute to determine the format of attachments.

Identifying attachments:	Refer to guidance below for:
Questions were also raised around instances where multiple attachments are included in an elnvoice, and how the buyer (elnvoice receiver) should identify whether an attachment is a rendered version of the elnvoice or contains supporting information.	2.1 attaching rendered elnvoiceSee UBL example 2.12.2 attaching supporting information (e.g. timesheet)See UBL example 2.2



Attachment as a rendered elnvoice:

Some sending solutions by default will include an attachment, which is a rendered version (e.g. PDF) of the elnvoice, often with additional information (e.g. to meet regulatory requirements, support, marketing messages etc.). In this scenario, it is recommended that Peppol data fields for attachments are populated as follows:

Peppol fields	Proposed
Attachment ID (cac:Attachment/cbc:ID)	Invoice number, e.g. INV123
File name (cac:Attachment/cbc:EmbeddedDocumentBinaryObject/@filename)	Suggested a default value of "Rendered_Invoice_INV123" or "Rendered_Invoice_INV123.pdf"
Mime code (cac:Attachment/cbc:EmbeddedDocumentBinaryObject/@mimecode)	Must use one of the code from the Peppol code list, e.g. application/pdf'.



UBL example 2.1 (non-normative)



Attachments as supporting documents

Peppol fields	Proposed
Attachment ID (cac:Attachment/cbc:ID)	This should be the identifier of the supporting document, if applicable, e.g. timesheetwk18.
File name (cac:Attachment/cbc:EmbeddedDocumentBinaryObject/@filename)	This is the name of the attached file, e.g. Supporting_document.jpeg.
Mime code (cac:Attachment/cbc:EmbeddedDocumentBinaryObject/@mimecode)	Must use one of the code from the Peppol code list, e.g. image/jpeg".

UBL example 2.2 (non-normative)



Wrap Up & Next Meeting

- Wrap up
- Next meeting: 2 weeks time



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