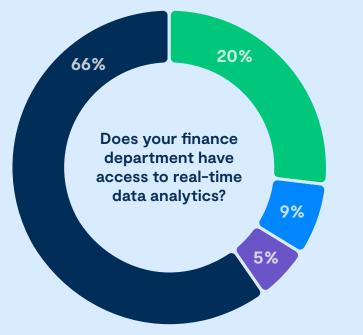
6 Ways Data Can Help Solve Your Biggest AP Headaches

Data Analytics Drives Efficiency and Unlocks a Competitive Edge



Harnessing the power of data is key to improving processes and driving accounts payable (AP) efficiency, so it's no surprise that **95%** of finance teams surveyed say that they have or plan to embrace real-time data analytics.



Source: AvidXchange 2024 Trends Survey, September 2023

Below, we discuss how data analytics can drive AP efficiency and alleviate the 6 most common pain points faced by finance leaders.

1. Missing Invoices

Data analytics tools can analyze past billing data for recurring invoices, identify expected invoices, and flag any that may be missing, helping AP teams address missing invoices proactively before late fees are incurred.

The Consequences of Missing Invoices



2. Lengthy Processing Time

67% of accounts payable teams are using data analytics to measure invoice and payment workflows.

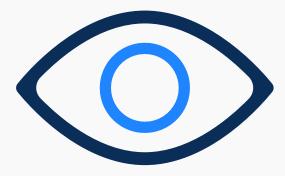


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AP teams can use data analytics to identify and help solve bottlenecks throughout invoice processing and payment workflows. If an invoice is behind schedule, teams can easily intervene to avoid late fees.

3. **Poor Status Visibility**

Data analytics tools make it easier to identify the **exact location of an invoice within the AP workflow and create alerts** when invoices are approaching their due date.



4. Duplicate Invoices



Fixing invoice issues takes most AP teams **3–6 days**, costing time and effort.

With the help of pattern detection, data analytics tools can flag potential duplicates before they are processed and identify possible anomalies by comparing historical data.

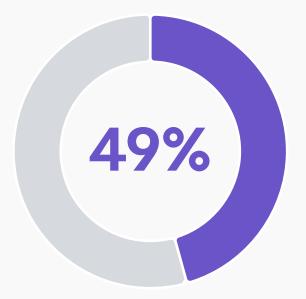
Source: American Productivity & Quality Center, Cycle Time in Days to Resolve an Invoice Error, June 2022

5. Missed Discounts

49% of finance departments are using data analytics to identify money-saving opportunities, including volume discounts and rebates.

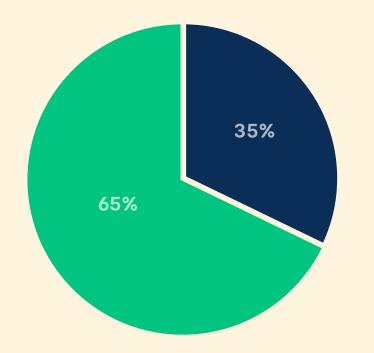
With the help of data analytics tools, non-financial team members can understand spending trends and assess supplier performance.

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6. Mitigating Fraud

65% of finance leaders report that their organization experienced attempted or actual fraud in 2023.



By analyzing patterns in financial transactions, irregularities and

suspicious behavior, finance teams can use data analytics tools to manage risk by quickly zeroing in on transactions for review.



Source: Association for Finance Professionals, 2023 Payments Fraud and Control Report

Data science isn't rocket science.

The field of data analysis is growing rapidly. Data-driven insights can be easily harnessed and shared within finance teams by digitizing and automating accounts payable workflows. Once data has been standardized, data analytics tools can help alleviate top pain points and unlock efficiencies.



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