

## Documentation

# Data Exchange and Integration

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We operate with two concepts in terms of transferring data from Acubiz into your ERP system: data exchange or integration. Below is an explanation of the different options available.

As a starting point, there are four ways you can transfer data from Acubiz into your ERP system:

1. The "manual" method without attachments (CSV) - requires a few mouse clicks from you
2. The "manual" method with attachments (XML64) - requires a few mouse clicks from you
3. The automatic method (SFTP)
4. Purchase of direct integration via one of our partners

## 1. Data Exchange: The "manual" (and cheapest) method without attachments (CSV):

With this model, a CSV file for accounting is exported (standard in all our basic packages). This means that you decide when you want to send data to your ERP via the export function in Acubiz. From there, a CSV file is generated containing all accounting data excluding scanned attachments.

Here the attachment is located on Visma's server. It is possible to generate a unique link to each attachment, which can then be accessed via the link from within your ERP system, where the attachment opens in a pop-up window. You then import the CSV file into the ERP system to a journal/financial journal/accounting journal ready for booking. This process typically requires 3-4 mouse clicks each time.

In some cases, there might be a need for a bit of customization work with your ERP partner to ensure that the CSV file and links to attachments can be imported. However, this would typically be limited.

## 2. Data Exchange: The "manual" method with attachments (XML64):

With this model, an XML64 file for accounting is exported (minimal additional purchase). This means that you decide when to send data to your ERP via the export function in Acubiz. From there, an XML64 file is generated containing all accounting data including scanned attachments.

You then import the file into the ERP system to a journal/financial journal/accounting journal, ready for booking. This process typically requires 3-4 mouse clicks each time.

In some cases, a bit of customization work with your ERP partner might be needed to import the XML64 file.

## 3. Data Exchange/wannabe Integration: The "automatic" method

Here, Acubiz provides an SFTP environment (optional purchase) - just as we also offer the option to access our SOAP API.

The file-based data exchange can be automated by transferring the files via an SFTP environment. On the Acubiz side, exports can either be initiated manually or scheduled at fixed intervals. Export files are placed on an SFTP server that we provide, and you can then fetch them for import/loading to a journal/financial journal/accounting journal in your ERP system. This import can be automated, but it requires that you build (or have built) a script that can handle this, or alternatively have some middleware that can be used for the purpose.

On the Acubiz side, there will be a bit more setup work as well as an operational cost for the SFTP environment. The SFTP environment also offers other possibilities, such as exporting images for attachments and automatically importing dimensions and users.

#### **4. Purchase of direct integration via one of our partners**

Depending on which ERP system you have, there are already pre-made "full-blown" integrations developed by partners, which can be purchased and inserted between Acubiz and your ERP system - typically without the need for significant customization in your ERP system beyond setup (with reservations).

This requires the above-mentioned SFTP facility (or API service) from our side and the purchase of integration from one of our partners - and is thus the most expensive solution.

In return, you get a 100% seamless connection between Acubiz and your ERP system, where everything can be set up automatically, and where attachments are also stored with you.

Unless there's a specific reason for wanting such a setup, the recommendation is always to start with one of the simpler exchange models. Most start with the CSV solution... and often end up staying with that solution, as it proves sufficient for most.

If you prefer a full-blown integration, this requires a deeper dialogue.