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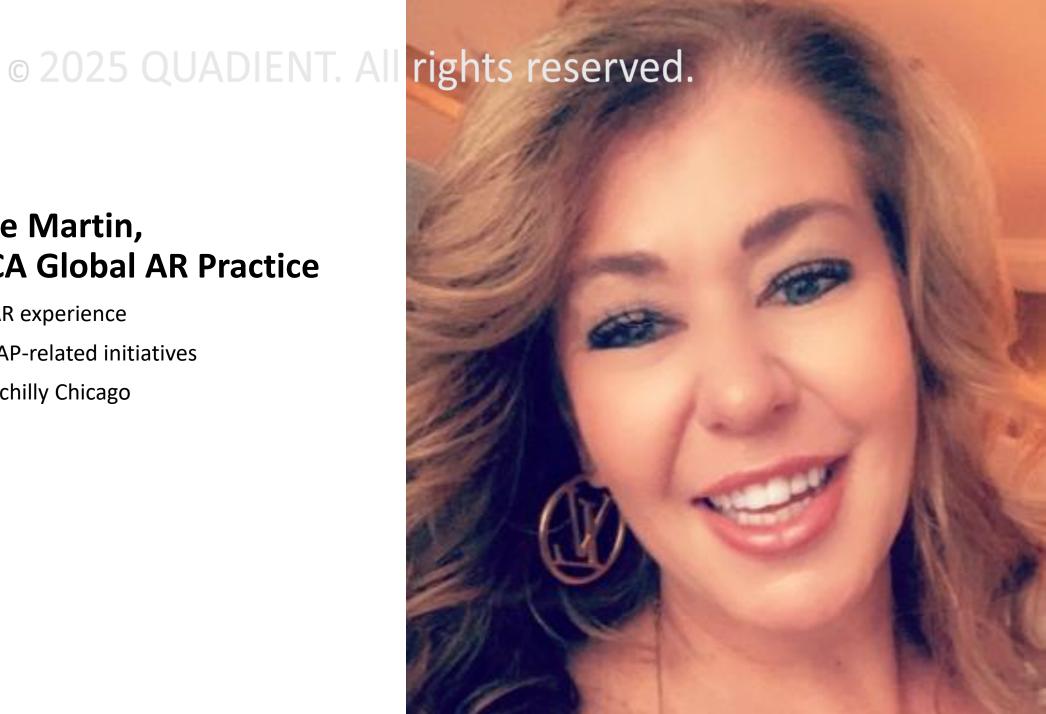


Mastering Invoicing Compliance: Navigating Portal Billing, Retainage, and e-Invoicing Mandates



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## Agenda

1 Common invoicing pitfalls

e-invoicing mandates and compliance strategies

Portal billing best practices

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A word about tariffs

Retainage billing complexities

## What do these numbers mean?



## Nothing good!

55%

43 days

38 days

Invoices in the US

paid late

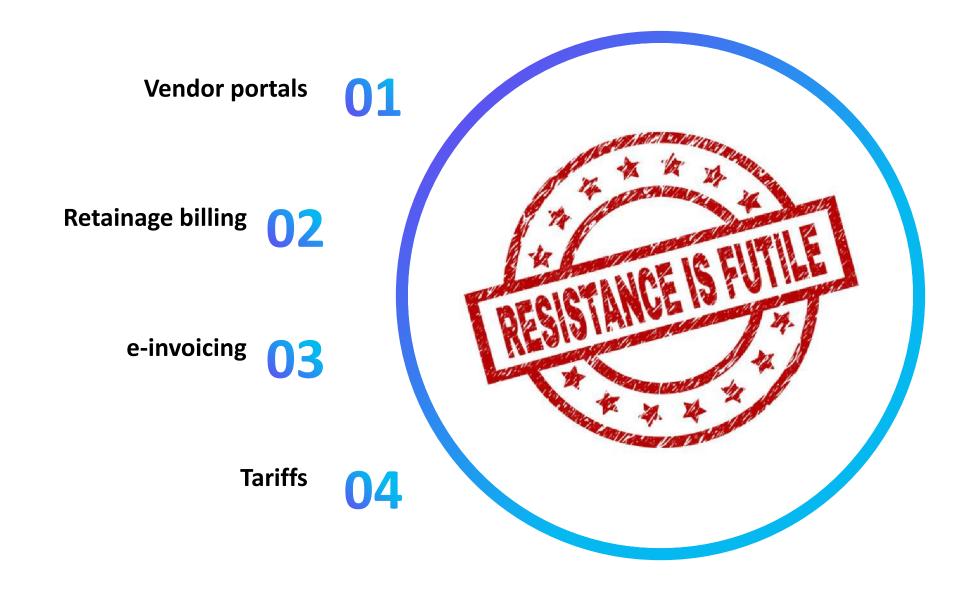
**Average wait** 

for payment

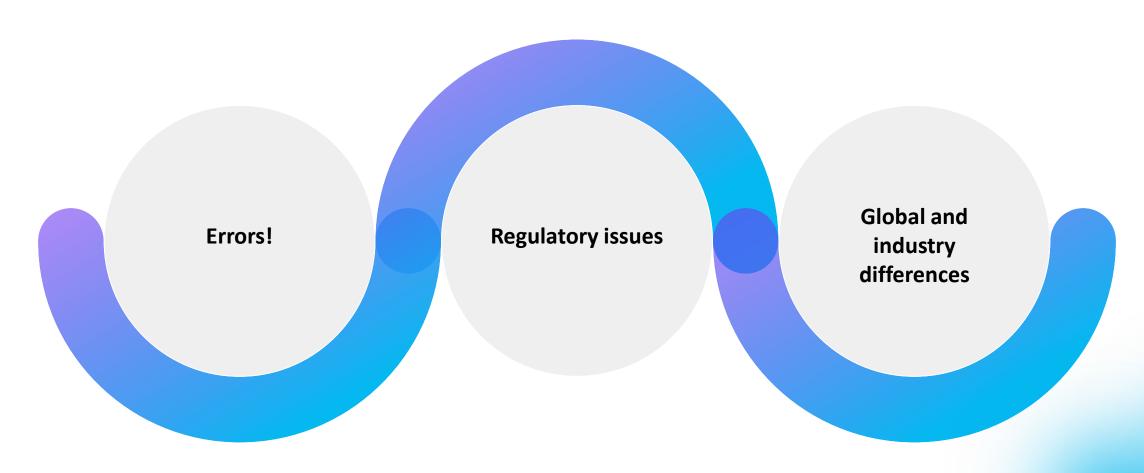
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number of days across industries to get paid

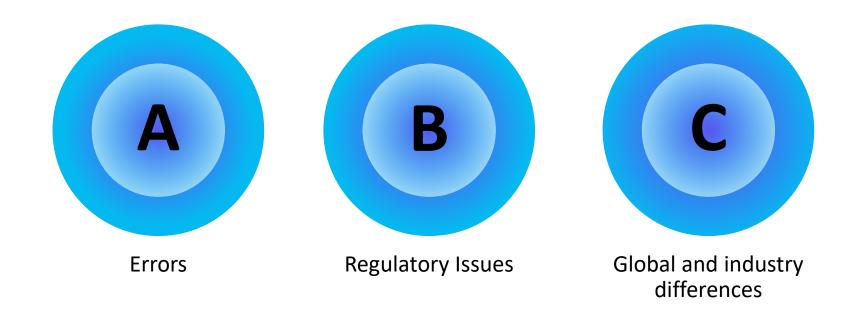
### You MUST assimilate



# Common invoicing pitfalls and risks



Poll #1: Which invoicing pitfall is the most concerning for you?

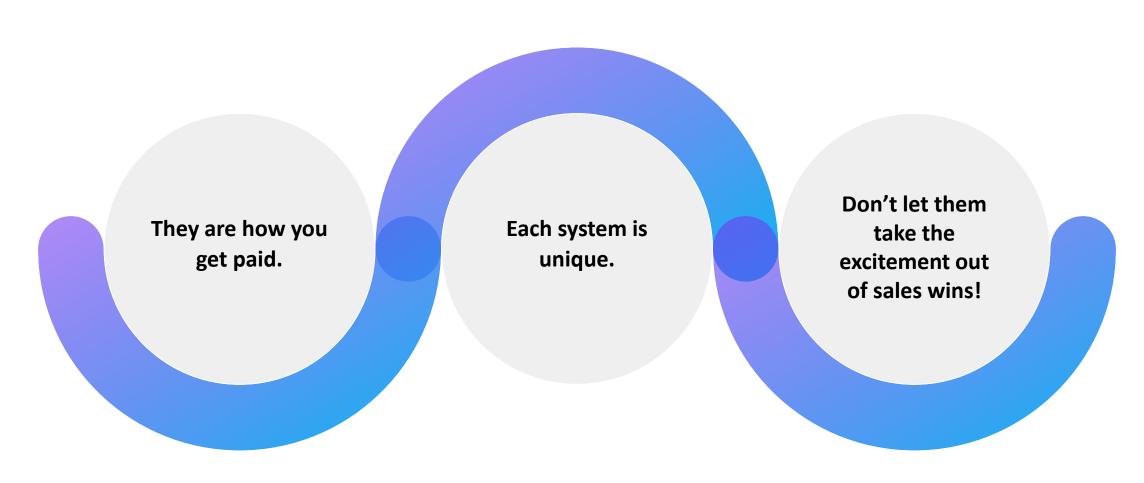


# AP portals: Why are they all the rage?



"An AP portal is an online platform that helps businesses automate and streamline the process of managing incoming invoices for accounts payable."

# AP portals can't be ignored!



Poll # 2: How many AP portals do you think are out there?





## **How to survive AP portals**

#### **Key challenges**

- Data entry mistakes
- Integration issues
- Payment delays

#### **Best practices**

- Automate submission
- Know the rules
- Track in real time



## Poll #3: Do you currently issue any retainage invoices?





#### What's all the fuss about?







**Cash flow implications** 



# How to survive retainage billing practices

#### **Key challenges**

- Contract language
- Incorrect calculations

#### **Best practices**

- Take a different approach
- Automate what you can
- Align processes with terms



e-invoicing is the exchange of invoice documents in a structured electronic format between a supplier and a buyer.





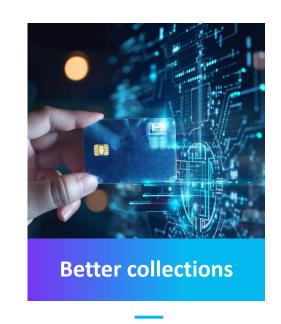
## Poll #4: How many countries do you think are moving to e-invoicing?

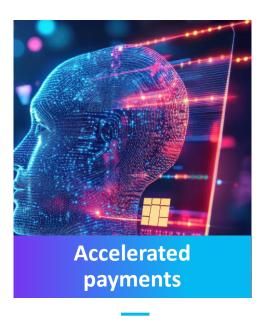




# e-invoicing is a balancing act









## How to survive e-invoicing mandates

#### **Key challenges**

- Required invoice formats
- Real-time reporting and validation
- Use of government technologies and protocols

#### **Best practices**

- Know the rules
- Automate and integrate
- Look toward the future while focusing on the present

# Portals can help with tariffs



Add standardized fields

2 Update dynamically

- Dispute at the line-item level
- Track disputed or declined charges









