



## About TechStyle

In the world of fashion, TechStyle has been a game-changer since its establishment in El Segundo, California in March 2010. This global fashion e-commerce and retail powerhouse has a unique focus on women's apparel, with a dynamic portfolio of brands that have attracted attention in the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Spain. TechStyle's commitment to innovation and customer-first approach has positioned it as a frontrunner in the fashion e-commerce industry. As the company experienced rapid growth, it faced significant challenges in its Accounts Payable (AP) processes, especially in the invoice-to-pay process.

#### **TechStyle Brands**









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# Challenges

- > The AP process was manual and the team had to key a large number of PO and non-PO invoices into Oracle E-Business Suite (EBS). This continuous data entry required significant time and patience.
- Matching invoices to POs in Oracle was extremely difficult. Inventory and indirect invoices required 3-way and 2-way matching respectively. In either case, the process was long and complex.
- > Invoice exceptions were the norm for both non-PO and PO based invoices and the AP team couldn't catch up.
- > Processing delays routinely caused TechStyle to miss early pay discount opportunities, leaving money on the table.
- > AP team members were overwhelmed fielding inquiries from suppliers regarding payment status.
- **Lack of visibility** into outstanding liabilities made financial planning difficult.





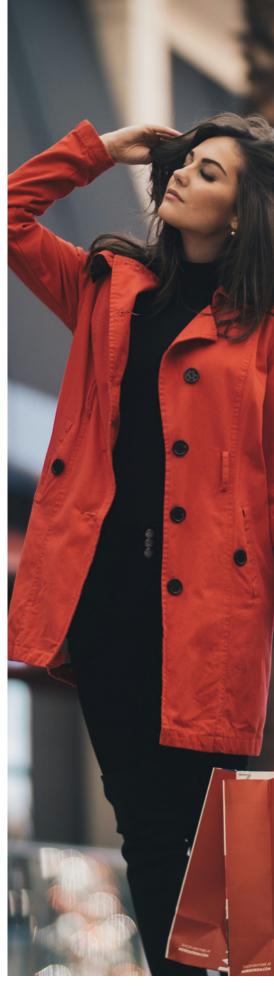
### Why TechStyle Chose Transcepta

TechStyle recognized the need for a comprehensive solution to address these challenges and decided to partner with Transcepta, the leading AP Automation platform The key factors that led TechStyle to choose Transcepta included:

- No OCR: Transcepta's approach to invoice capture is distinct from other providers as it does not use Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology. OCR requires manual validation and ensures a lifetime of excess staffing and cost.
- Transcepta Supplier Network: Transcepta creates a feedback loop with suppliers, promoting transparency and eliminating delayed payment surprises. Suppliers are enabled to resolve errors and potential invoice exceptions before they reach AP's inbox.
- Learning Platform: Transcepta delivers advanced invoice validation capabilities, including validation against multiple purchase orders and for complex non-PO invoice GL coding and approval. Transcepta learns from all the transactions in the Transcepta Supplier Network, and makes every invoice you receive, process more efficiently than the last.
- > Seamless Integration: Transcepta enabled TechStyle to capitalize on its previous investments in Oracle EBS by synching existing validation rules with Transcepta.
- **Flexible Supplier Connectivity:** Transcepta supports various invoice formats such as EDI/XML, PDF, and Virtual Printer.

### TechStyle Project Scope

- > Quickly connecting over 3,000 suppliers to the Transcepta Supplier Network.
- Digitally processing of more than 40,000 annual invoices with accuracy and efficiency.
- Validating invoices against 37,000 open monthly purchase orders, ensuring 100% matching.
- Making invoice status readily available to all suppliers, enhancing communication and reducing payment inquiries.
- Integrating Oracle's "cross validation" rules into the Transcepta Platform so not to lose previous investment.





#### The Results

The collaboration between TechStyle and Transcepta produced impressive results, effectively transforming the AP process end to end. TechStyle was able to:

- Reassign five members from the Accounts Payable team thanks to process automation.
- Eliminate all supplier driven invoice exceptions thanks to Transcepta's pre-validation features.
- Automate the GL coding of non-PO invoices with Transcepta CloudCode.

- Prevent the need to add AP staff despite the company's substantial growth.
- Achieve a 100% auto-match rate in Oracle by pre-matching PO-based invoices in the Transcepta Platform.

