

Shared: Attendee Import, Version 2

Specification

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Applies to these SAP Concur solutions:

- Expense
 - Professional/Premium edition
 - Standard edition
- Travel
 - Professional/Premium edition
 - Standard edition
- Invoice
 - Professional/Premium edition
 - Standard edition
- Request
 - Professional/Premium edition
 - Standard edition

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Section 1: Permissions

A company administrator may or may not have the correct permissions to use this feature. The administrator may have limited permissions, for example, they can affect only certain groups and/or use only certain options (*view* but not *create* or *edit*).

If a company administrator needs to use this feature and does not have the proper permissions, they should contact the company's SAP Concur administrator.

Also, the administrator should be aware that some of the tasks described in this guide can be completed only by SAP Concur. In this case, the client must initiate a service request with SAP Concur support.

Section 2: IMPORTANT - Two Import Guides

There are separate guides for the different versions of the import:

- Attendee Import, Version 1
- Attendee Import, Version 2
Added Middle Initial, Suffix, and five new custom fields

Before creating your data file, verify with SAP Concur that you are using the proper import guide.

Section 3: Overview

A client uses this feature to import attendee data for one or more attendee types. These attendees are then available for users to search for and select from when entering expenses or managing their list of attendees.



Refer to the *Concur Expense: Attendees Setup Guide* for more information about the Attendees feature.

Section 4: Attendee Import – The Basic Process

The basic steps are described ***briefly*** here and then described ***in detail*** on the following pages:

- **Step 1:** The client creates an import data file, ensuring that it complies with the requirements of this specification.
- **Step 2:** The client moves the import data file to SAP Concur.
- **Step 3:** SAP Concur runs a batch job that imports the data file.

Section 5: Step 1: Creating the Import Data File

The client assembles the import data file, formatting it according to the specifications in this document. The import data file specifications are as follow:

- **Format Type:** Delimiter-Separated Value, UTF8
- **Supported Field Delimiter:** Comma
- **Enclosing Character:** Quotation Mark
- **Record Delimiter:** CRLF
- **Data Record Layout:** There are the record types in the attendee import file. The record types are:
 - ◆ 100 (Attendee fields)
 - ◆ 200 (Employee-Attendee Map Fields)

The record types are referenced in the tables on the following pages.

File Naming Conventions

The data file name should be of the format "jobtype_entitycode_datetime.txt". The job type for an attendee import data file is "attendee." If an entity has the code t0000123abcd, then the file name for the import data file would be "attendee_t0000123abcd_yyyymmddhhmns.txt".

Update/Replace

The following rules apply when the attendee import job is run:

- The attendee import updates existing records if they are found.
- If an existing record is not found, the attendee import creates a new record.
- The YTD Total field is not updated when the attendee import is updated.
- Except for the YTD Total field, if an attendee import contains a blank field for an existing record, the existing field is cleared.

The correct record to update is found by matching on the **External ID** field (and without regard for attendee type):

- If no match is found, then a new record is created.
- If one and only one match is found, then that record is updated. If the found record is marked as deleted, it will be reactivated (based on the import record inactive field setting) and updated.

- If more than one matching record is found
 - ◆ If only one is active, that record will be updated.
 - ◆ If more than one is active or none are active, the record will fail to import and be logged as a warning in the error log.

External ID

The **External ID** field is critical in the attendee import process. The External ID is required to make changes to existing attendees (edit or delete) using the import.

! **IMPORTANT:** The **External ID** field **MUST** be unique across all attendees within the system, without regard for attendee type.

Automatically-created attendee records used for employees (SAP Concur users, under attendee type SYSEMP) is enabled by default. In these records, the Employee ID from the user profile is the value in the **External ID** field. **Please consider the pattern used for Employee ID when importing attendee records**, to ensure that External ID remains unique across all attendees.

External ID – Employees as Attendees (SYSEMP)

The External ID is set to the Employee ID from the user's profile when employees as attendees are automatically created by the application using the SYSEMP attendee type. This **MUST** be considered when considering External ID for imported attendees and global uniqueness of this field.

External ID – Automatic Assignment

In most cases, the External ID is a company-generated unique identifier, which is imported with the initial import of attendees. However, for attendees who are manually entered by Concur Expense users, there likely is no External ID. Without that information, you cannot change or remove those attendees via the import.

To solve this problem, you can have the system auto-generate an External ID for each manually entered attendee so that the External ID will never be blank.



Refer to the *Concur Expense: Attendees Setup Guide* for more information about the Attendees feature.

Specifications

Record Type 100 – Attendee Fields

This record type is used to add new or update existing attendee records.

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The following fields are controlled by the form design and values are not imported if the field is not part of the form design:

- First_name
- Last_name
- Title
- Company
- Custom 1-20

NOTE: Best practice is to **not** allow personal, sensitive, or uniquely identifying information in custom fields.

Table 1: Data for Record Type 100 – Attendee Fields

Name	Definition	Required?	Description	Client Field Definition
Record Type	100	Y		
External ID	48 characters maximum	Y	<p>Unique identifier for the attendee</p> <p>This is the identifier used to determine whether this is an <i>add</i> or <i>update</i> to an existing record.</p> <p>IMPORTANT NOTE: The External ID MUST be unique across all attendees, without regard for attendee type. This includes automatically created employees as attendees (SYSEMP attendee type) which use Employee ID from the user profile as the attendee External ID.</p> <p> Refer to the <i>Update/Replace</i> section above for specific logic.</p>	
Attendee Type Code	8 characters maximum	Y	<p>Attendee type code for the attendee type assigned to this attendee.</p> <p>Must represent an active attendee type or the record will not be imported.</p> <p>IMPORTANT NOTE: The importer can and <u>will update</u> the attendee type based on a matched External ID for the record.</p>	

Name	Definition	Required?	Description	Client Field Definition
Currency Code	3 characters; case insensitive	Y	Defines the currency to be used for totaling costs for this attendee This value is used for a new attendee record and is ignored for an update. Must be an existing ISO 3-character alpha or 3-digit numeric code for the currency	
Last Name	132 characters maximum	Y	Attendee last name	
First Name	50 characters maximum	N	Attendee first name Value is not imported if field is not defined on the applicable form	
Middle Initial	1 character maximum	N*	Attendee middle initial * Value is required for US regulations	
Suffix	32 characters maximum	N*	Attendee suffix * Value is required for US regulations	
Company	150 characters maximum	N	Name of the attendee's company Value is not imported if field is not defined on the applicable form	
Title	32 characters maximum	N	Title of the attendee Value is not imported if field is not defined on the applicable form	
Inactive	1 character; Y or N	N	If null or N, the attendee is marked as active. If set to Y, the existing attendee record will be marked as inactive. Additionally, the attendee will be removed from all employee My Attendees lists.	

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Name	Definition	Required?	Description	Client Field Definition
YTD Total	Amount	N	<p>Starting YTD total for the current year.</p> <p>This value is used for a new attendee record to set a starting value.</p> <p>NOTE: If the attendee import is updated, this field is ignored. It is not updated.</p>	
Custom 1 - 20	100 characters maximum (for each of the fields)	N	<p>Custom field data is validated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value is not imported if the field is not defined on the applicable form • First, check the attendee type form for any custom fields that are required. If the form specifies custom fields and the import row does not provide them, this is treated as an error and the record is not processed. • If a custom field is required and the value does not pass a validation, this is treated as an error. • If a custom field is not required and the value does not pass a validation, a warning is logged. • For each custom field defined in the form, an appropriate validation is performed based on the data type specified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ List (custom): Validated against the code value, not the long name, for the list item ◆ Date: Must be a valid date, in the following format YYYYMMDD ◆ Boolean: Value must be Y or N ◆ Numeric: Value must be a number (e.g. "10000.00") ◆ Text: Value must be less than or equal to 	

Name	Definition	Required?	Description	Client Field Definition
			<p>max_length and pass whatever validation is specified for the field.</p> <p>NOTE: Best practice is to <i>not</i> allow personal, sensitive, or uniquely identifying information in custom fields.</p>	
Custom 21 (Taxonomy)	48 characters maximum	N		
Custom 22 (Tax ID)	48 characters maximum	N		
Custom 23 (Covered Recipient ID)	48 characters maximum	N		

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Name	Definition	Required?	Description	Client Field Definition
Custom 24 - 25	100 characters maximum (for each of the fields)	N	<p>Custom field data is validated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value is not imported if the field is not defined on the applicable form • First, check the attendee type form for any custom fields that are required. If the form specifies custom fields and the import row does not provide them, this is treated as an error and the record is not processed. • If a custom field is required and the value does not pass a validation, this is treated as an error. • If a custom field is not required and the value does not pass a validation, a warning is logged. • For each custom field defined in the form, an appropriate validation is performed based on the data type specified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ List (custom): Validated against the code value, not the long name, for the list item ◆ Date: Must be a valid date, in the following format YYYYMMDD ◆ Boolean: Value must be Y or N ◆ Numeric: Value must be a number (e.g. "10000.00") ◆ Text: Value must be less than or equal to max_length and pass whatever validation is specified for the field. <p>NOTE: Best practice is to not allow personal, sensitive, or uniquely identifying information in custom fields.</p>	

