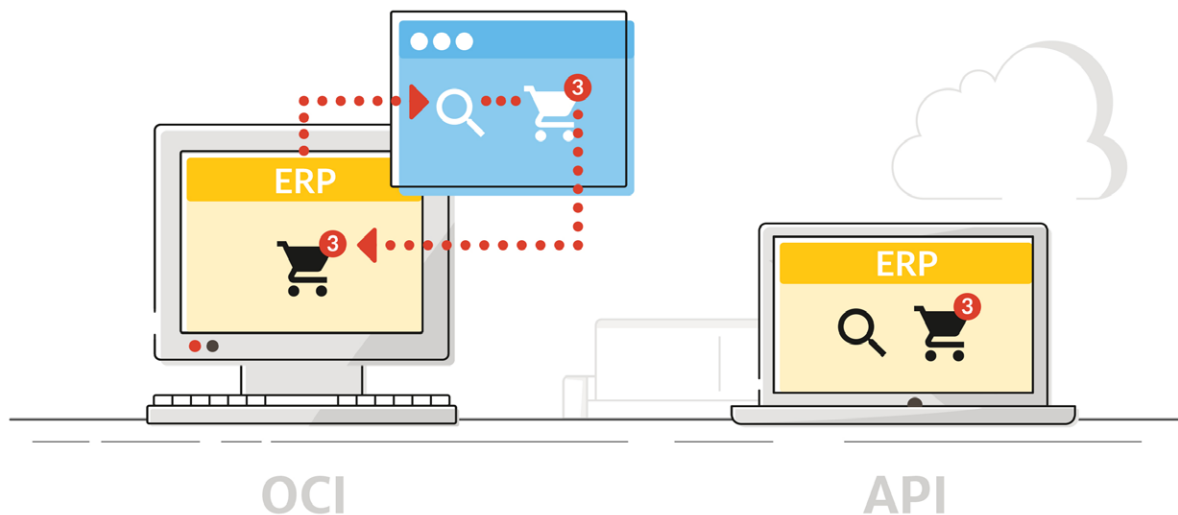


# Adding value to procurement



Using the punchout procedure, called Open Catalogue Interface (OCI), the buyer can access the supplier catalogue from the ERP. Here he selects the desired articles and creates a shopping basket. This is transferred to the ERP system as a purchase requisition and then runs through the internal approval process. After approval, the order is then sent from the ERP system to the vendor.

An Application Programmable Interface (API) allows a seamless purchasing experience without any media interruption. By using APIs, the buyer remains in their own system, as the supplier's catalogue can be seamlessly integrated into the ERP system and existing user interfaces. The articles are displayed in the search results and may be ordered as usual.