

# AvaTax REST V2 SDK for IBM i

# Implementation Guide

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# Introduction

Avalara provides automated sales tax solutions to streamline cumbersome, error-prone tax compliance processes and reduce the risk of loss or penalty in case of an audit. Our solutions automatically perform address validation, jurisdiction research, and rate calculation and allow you to manage even the most complicated tax issues, such as situs<sup>1</sup>, nexus, tax tiers, tax holidays, exemptions, certificate management, and product taxability rules.

AvaTax Calc is a powerful, online sales tax compliance solution. The AvaTax REST V2 SDK for IBM i (SDK) allows you to easily create an integration with AvaTax Calc. It is designed to operate with most AS400, iSeries or IBMi applications where tax calculation or address validation is required.

The SDK makes the AvaTax Calc and Address Validation web services available to customers and developer partners alike, providing full testing and support services as well as optional time-saving connector examples.

# **The Business Case**

Accurately calculating sales and use tax reports for the myriad of jurisdictions where companies conduct business is complicated, time consuming, and confusing. Large corporations with hefty specialized tax or accounting departments use expensive, complex software systems to compute rates and file required reports. But medium-sized and smaller businesses can rarely afford the investment such "enterprise" systems require. End users are forced to manually find, collect, and update information, and if they do it incorrectly, may be exposed to serious consequences of non-compliance.

Avalara is committed to freeing companies from their manual and error-prone processes today with the costs associated with adding new clients, time consuming tax rate research, and tax schedule maintenance. The AvaTax solution delivers best practices in sales and use tax compliance, provides companies with improved internal controls, and is designed to integrate into existing order management systems providing the best end-user experience. Avalara provides you with a rich tax API in the SDK to achieve the best possible end-user experience. The SDK is fully documented, including sample code and complete certification requirements.

# **Document Scope**

This document is restricted to describing implementation of the SDK product and the requirements of the IBMi environment needed for the SDK to consume Avalara web services.

<sup>1</sup> In law, the situs (pronounced "sī'təs") (Latin for position or site) of property is where the property is treated as being located.

## Who Should Read this Document

Any developer with an interest connecting to Avalara web services using the SDK should read this document. They will create the '*Blue*' ERP-specific connector shown in Figure 1.1 below. The '*Green*' AvaTax SDK for IBM i provided by Avalara handles building the REST request, sending it the service, and parsing the returned JSON response.

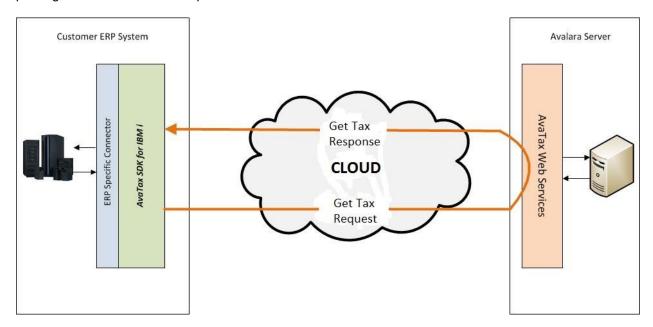


Figure 1.1

# Features and Benefits of the AvaTax SDK for IBM i

#### The SDK:

- Is written entirely in RPG. There is no need for developers to use or understand Java. Furthermore, there is no need to implement IBM Websphere.
- Uses the latest Avalara REST v2 API interface
- Runs on all versions of the IBMi operating system from V6R1
- Has a small footprint. It requires the installation of a single library of about 150MB.
- Handles all Internet communications with Avalara web services.
- Is supported by Avalara.

# What Does the AvaTax SDK for IBM i Do?

A typical use would be as follows:

- 1. An application passes an invoice to the SDK for which a tax calculation is required.
- 2. The SDK adapter receives the invoice details and generates a REST enabled request which it transmits over the Internet to the Avalara tax calculation web service.
- 3. The SDK then receives the response message from the service, parses it, and returns the calculated tax results back to the calling application. Details of the transaction can be recorded in the customer's cloud-based AvaTax Admin Console for reconciliation and/or tax filing purposes.

# **Prerequisites**

Several prerequisites must be in place before using the AvaTax SDK for IBM i.

# **Requirements and Constraints**

Following are requirements and constraints associated with the SDK. Check that these are satisfied before beginning installation.

# **Software and Hardware Requirements**

- A IBMi (AS/400, iSeries, or i5) running OS/400 version V6R1 or later.
- TCP/IP installed and configured. To check TCP/IP installation, type GO LICPGM at a command line and look for the entry highlighted in Figure 2.0.

For example, 5761TC1 IBM TCP/IP Connectivity Utilities for i5/OS

For more information, see:

http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/iseries/v6r1m0/index.jsp?topic=/rzaij/rzaijlantcp.htm

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          *COMPATIBLE Network Authentication Enablement
5761NAE
          *COMPATIBLE IBM Performance Tools for i5/0S
5761PT1
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5761PT1
          *COMPATIBLE Performance Tools - Agent Feature
*COMPATIBLE Performance Tools - Job Watcher
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5761PT1
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Figure 2.0

# **Digital Certificates**

You must ensure that all users will have access to the key database which is part of the certificate store and is stored in the IFS.

For information on using Digital Certificate Manager to set up your store see Appendix E.

If you are using the \*SYSTEM certificate store, which is the normal case, then the database can be found in the /QIBM/USERDATA/ICSS/CERT/SERVER directory of the IFS. If you're using a different certificate store, then it will be located wherever you decided to put it.

In either case you will need to make sure any AvaTax users have access to the key databases. The easiest way to do this is to grant \*PUBLIC access to the directories and key databases. Users will need read (\*R) access to the key database and at least read/execute (\*RX) authority to each of the nested directories that it is in.

Use the WRKLNK command to access each object link and then use option 9 to work with authorities.

# e.g. WRKLNK '/'

```
Work with Object Links

Directory . . . .:

Type options, press Enter.

2=Edit 3=Copy 4=Remove 5=Display 7=Rename 8=Display attributes
11=Change current directory . . .

Opt Object link Type Attribute Text

9 / DIR

Bottom

Parameters or command
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F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F9=Retrieve F12=Cancel F17=Position to
F22=Display entire field F23=More options
```

Then option '2' to change the authority.

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Work with Authority
Type . . . . . . . . . . . . :
                                 QSYS
Primary group . . . . . . . : *NONE
Type options, press Enter.
 1=Add user 2=Change user authority 4=Remove user
                          --Object Authorities--
Opt User
                Authority Exist Mgt Alter Ref
    *PUBLIC
                *RWX
    QSYS
    QDIRSRV
                                                                    Bottom
Parameters or command
                                    F9=Retrieve
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh
F11=Display detail data authorities
                                   F12=Cancel
                                                F24=More keys
(C) COPYRIGHT IBM CORP. 1980, 2009.
```

Continue down the chain until QIBM, USERDATA, ICSS, CERT and SERVER all have authority that looks like Fig.2.1a below. User \*PUBLIC \*RX.

```
Work with Object Links
Directory . . . . : /qibm
Type options, press Enter.
 2=Edit 3=Copy 4=Remove
                             5=Display 7=Rename
                                                  8=Display attributes
 11=Change current directory ...
0pt
     Object link
                                           Attribute
                           Type
                                                       Text
     UserData
                           DIR
9
                                                                    Bottom
Parameters or command
F3=Exit F4=Prompt
                    F5=Refresh
                                F9=Retrieve
                                              F12=Cancel F17=Position to
F22=Display entire field
                                F23=More options
```

```
Work with Authority
Object . . . . . . . . . . . :
                               /qibm/UserData
QSYS
Owner . . . . . . . . . . . . :
Primary group . . . . . . :
                               *NONE
                               *NONE
Type options, press Enter.
 1=Add user 2=Change user authority 4=Remove user
                 Data
                         --Object Authorities--
   User
               Authority Exist Mgt Alter Ref
0pt
    *PUBLIC
    OSYS
               *RWX
    QDIRSRV
    QTIVOLI
                                                                Bottom
Parameters or command
F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh
                                  F9=Retrieve
F11=Display detail data authorities
                                  F12=Cancel
                                             F24=More keys
(C) COPYRIGHT IBM CORP. 1980, 2007.
```

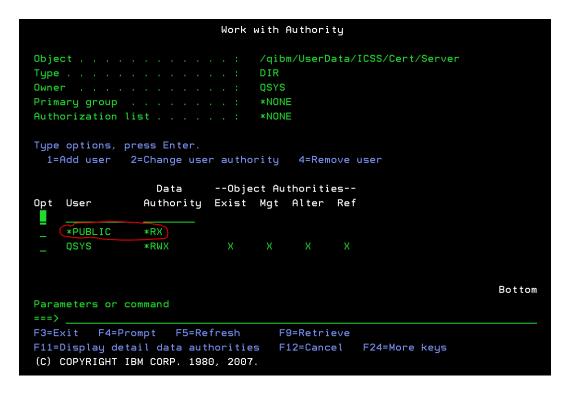


Fig. 2.1a

The two 'DEFAULT' files in the Server directory will need to have the public authority shown in Fig. 2.1b \*PUBLIC \*R

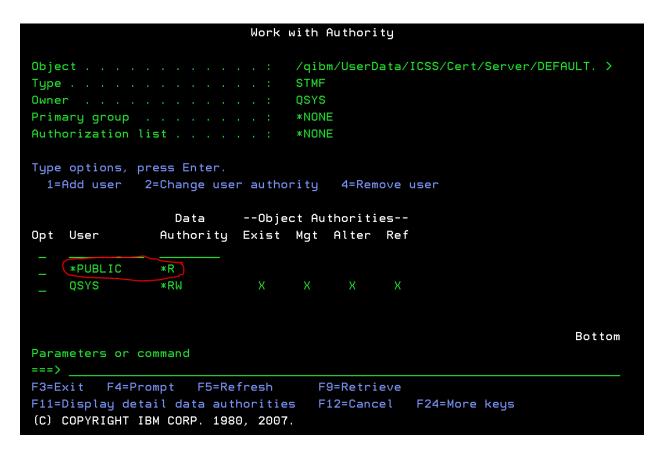


Fig.2.1b

Alternatively, you can use the following commands to make the necessary changes.

CHGAUT OBJ('/') USER(\*PUBLIC) DTAAUT(\*RX)

CHGAUT OBJ('/QIBM') USER(\*PUBLIC) DTAAUT(\*RX)

CHGAUT OBJ('/QIBM/UserData') USER(\*PUBLIC) DTAAUT(\*RX)

CHGAUT OBJ('/QIBM/UserData/ICSS') USER(\*PUBLIC) DTAAUT(\*RX)

CHGAUT OBJ('/QIBM/UserData/ICSS/CERT') USER(\*PUBLIC) DTAAUT(\*RX)

CHGAUT OBJ('/QIBM/UserData/ICSS/CERT/SERVER') USER(\*PUBLIC) DTAAUT(\*RX)

CHGAUT OBJ('/QIBM/UserData/ICSS/CERT/SERVER/DEFAULT.KDB') USER(\*PUBLIC) DTAAUT(\*R)

 $CHGAUT\ OBJ('/QIBM/UserData/ICSS/CERT/SERVER/DEFAULT.RDB')\ USER(*PUBLIC)\ DTAAUT(*R)$ 

### **SDK Limits**

The limits for a single tax call are as follows:

- 3750 detail lines
- 500 addresses

# **AvaTax Admin Console**

Tax profiles as well as other company organizational settings are managed within the AvaTax Admin Console (a secure website). Tax reporting is also a function of the AvaTax Admin Console. **You will need to have an AvaTax Admin Console account to use Avalara web services.** Credentials and instructions are provided to you as part of your order fulfillment or you can sign up for a free trial account by going to <a href="http://developer.avalara.com">http://developer.avalara.com</a>

# **Training**

It is a recommended best practice that individuals using the AvaTax Admin Console - as well as the developers of SDK custom connectors - attend a free Avalara University webinar. Webinars cover the AvaTax Admin Console functions as well as most major ERPs.

Classes are held regularly and appear for sign up at the Avalara Help Center (<a href="https://help.avalara.com">https://help.avalara.com</a>). Please select the class that is appropriate for your company's subscription (Pro or Basic) and the ERP used.

Developers, although not necessarily maintaining company settings in the AvaTax Admin Console, are highly encouraged to take these same webinars to gain a thorough understanding of the AvaTax Admin Console and how it relates to the results and actions of the SDK custom connectors.

# **AvaTax Admin Console and Web Service**

# To Login to the AvaTax Admin Console

1. Enter the URL to the Development AvaTax Admin Console: https://admin-development.avalara.net/

### **NOTE**

- The **Production** AvaTax Admin Console URL is https://admin-avatax.avalara.net/
- 2. Enter your *User Name* (for example, avalara.sample@avalara.com)
- 3. Enter the Password that was sent to you via email

#### **NOTES**

- This password is temporary. You are prompted to enter a new password.
- If you have lost this password, click the Forgot your Password? link on the login screen.

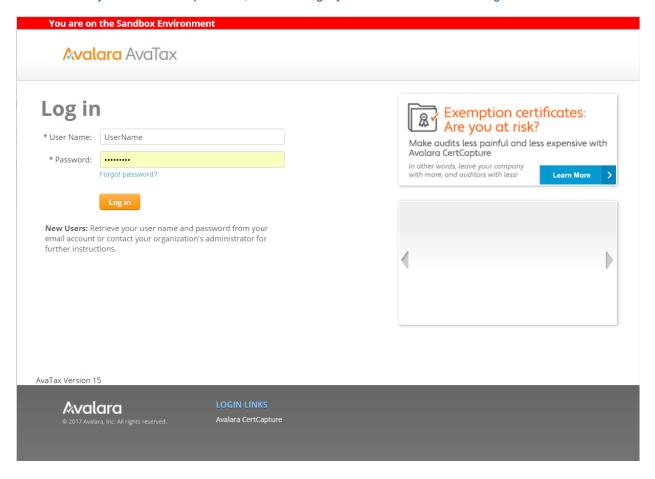


Figure 2.1

# Installing the AvaTax SDK for IBM i

This section explains how to install SDK to your system, setup your system control file, and test the service connection.

# **Install the AVATAX Library onto your IBM Server**

Components for SDK are contained in a single library, by default called AVATAXR2. The first step is to install the AVATAXR2 library onto your system. To make this task simple Avalara provides an installer. Running the installer will download the latest version of the SDK onto your IBMi and install it.

If this is the first time that you are doing this then a new SDK library will be created.

If you want to upgrade your existing version of the SDK the installer works the same way as for a new install. However, all your custom settings are retained in the upgraded version.

# Here are the instructions for installing or upgrading the SDK.

- 1.0) Sign off the IBMi
- 2.0) Sign on as QSECOFR or a profile with \*ALLOBJ authority
- 3.0) Download the Avatax Installer. At a command line key the following;
  - 3.1) CRTSAVF FILE(QTEMP/AVASTALLER)
  - 3.2) Start an FTP session by typing **ftp 'ftp.taxrates.com'** at a command line. Follow the script below.

Connecting to host FTP.TAXRATES.COM at address 10.52.0.15 using port 21.

220 Microsoft FTP Service

#### > ftp\_avatax

331 Password required for ftp\_avatax.

### > Avalara!

230 User ftp\_avatax logged in.

Windows NT

#### > bin

200 Type set to I.

### > lcd qtemp

Local working directory is QTEMP

### > cd ftp600\_avatax

250 CWD command successful.

### > get avastaller (replace

500 'EPSV': command not understood

227 Entering Passive Mode (10,52,0,15,19,24).

125 Data connection already open; Transfer starting.

226 Transfer complete.

236544 bytes transferred in 0.043 seconds. Transfer rate 5505.024 KB/sec.

### >quit

3.3) Restore the saved objects to QTEMP using the command below.

RSTOBJ OBJ(\*ALL) SAVLIB(QTEMP) DEV(\*SAVF) SAVF(QTEMP/AVASTALLER) RSTLIB(QTEMP)

4.0) Run the installer by typing BUILDR2. The installer will now create or update your SDK library. If you are performing an update rather than a new install, then all your custom configurations will be retained.

The installer works in 2 parts. The first part downloads the latest version of the SDK to a library called ORANGE (Note: You must have FTP enabled on your IBMi). The second part is a submitted job called RV2BUILD that updates or creates your SDK library.

At the end of the upgrade or install check the job log of the RV2BUILD job to make sure that the update was successful.

If you do not see the success message you or you receive an error message check your job log for errors. Correct the issue and try again or contact <a href="mailto:support@avalara.com">support@avalara.com</a> for assistance.

The installer is designed to either update your library successfully or leave it alone. However, in the unlikely event that you should experience problems with your SDK library after an install a pre-update copy of your objects is saved in a library called AVABACK.

- 5.0) Sign off and on again to use your application.
- 6.0) If you have built a connector that uses the SDK then don't forget to recompile your connector program over the new SDK library.

# Authorizing Users to the AvaTax SDK for IBM i Menu System

The AvaTax SDK for IBM i has its own menu system which allows easy access to the maintenance and inquiry functions. The first time you try access the menu and add new users you will need to sign on with the QSECOFR user profile.

Menu Security gives control over which users have access to the SDK menu items.

Setting up menu security *must* be performed to use the SDK application.

#### Files:

- SC0005P Table of User Profiles/Authorized Menu Options
- SC0010P Menu Options

### Program:

• SC0005R - User Authority Maintenance

#### Command:

• RV2 – start the menu system

# To start the menu security program:

- 1. Add AVATAXR2 to your library list (ADDLIBLE AVATAXR2 \*FIRST).
- 2. Type 'RV2' at the command line and press <Enter>.
- 3. This brings up the AvaTax SDK for IBM i menu shown in Figure 3.1 below.



# Figure 3.1

- 4. Select option 11 Administration Menu
- 5. At the next screen take option 2 Menu security. The screen shown in Figure 3.2 below is displayed. From here you can change, copy, delete, display, and add users.

# **NOTE**

• Remember to press F5 to update!

```
SC0005-A
                         AvaTax SDK for IBM i
                                                                 4/16/13
GWILSON
                     User Authority Maintenance
                                                                12:08:03
Type Option, Press Enter.
2=Change 3=Copy 4=Delete
                                 5=Display
Opt User
               User Text
    GWILSON
               Graham Wilson user profile
    QSECOFR
               Security Officer
    RONB
               Ron Brown
                                                                    Bottom
F3=Exit
                F6=Add
Copyright 2013 Avalara, Inc. All Rights Reserved
                      MW
                                                                     09/003
```

Figure 3.2

# **Configuring the System Control File**

All information needed to connect and authenticate to the Avalara web services on the development server is provided with the SDK and contained in the system control file (RV2001P. You just need to add your company and the Account and Password provided by Avalara. When you decide to go live with your application you need to make sure you create a system control file entry that has your <u>production</u> company and credentials with Account Type = 'P'.

RV2001R Edit System Control File Record  Company: 1	5/15/17 12:50:07 Active: <u>Y</u>
Operation: create	
Account Type: S (S-andbox or P-roduction)  Request Filename: <a href="mailto://tmp/create_in.txt">/tmp/create_in.txt</a> Result Filename: <a href="mailto://tmp/create_out.txt">/tmp/create_out.txt</a>	
Compact JSON Y/N: N Avatax Request Time Out (secs):	10
Debug Y/N: Y Debug Filename: <a href="https://doi.org/tmp/*AUT0">/tmp/*AUT0</a> (e.g /tmp/mydebug.txt)	
F3=Exit F12=Cancel	

Figure 2.2

#### Company

Set this to the same value as you used for company in your admin console.

# Active

Used to switch the service on or off.

### Operation

This is the operation that you wish to perform. For example, the create operation allows you to calculate taxes and optionally record the result in your admin console.

See <a href="https://sandbox-rest.avatax.com/swagger/ui/index.html#/">https://sandbox-rest.avatax.com/swagger/ui/index.html#/</a> or <a href="https://developer.avalara.com/">https://developer.avalara.com/</a> for more details regarding operations and what they do.

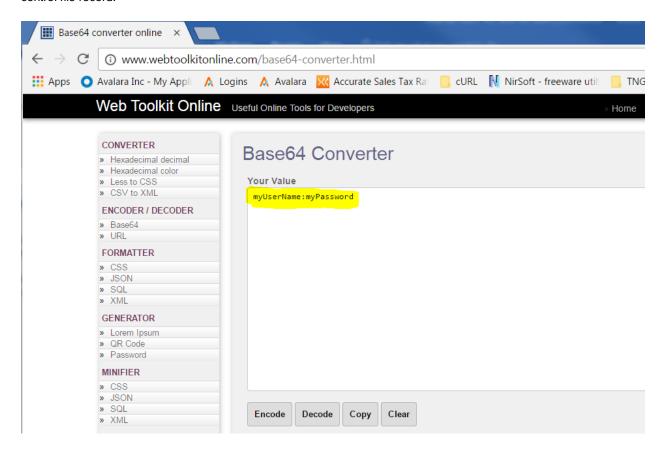
### • Authorization String

This should be entered as a BASE64 encoded string version of your Avalara ID and password.

You can obtain the BASE64 encoded string by using an online encoder like the one at ...

http://www.webtoolkitonline.com/base64-converter.html

Enter your Avalara provided user Id and password separated by a colon and then hit the encode button. Your credentials will be converted into an encoded string that can be cut and pasted into your system control file record.



#### Account Type

Select 'S' to use a development (sandbox) account.

Select 'P' to use a production account.

#### • Request Filename

You can optionally enter an IFS location and file that will be used to build and stream your outgoing web service message. If you leave it blank the request will be handled in main memory which will give slightly faster performance. However, if you need access to the outgoing JSON data stream then you can use the file approach.

#### Result Filename

You can optionally enter an IFS location and file that will be used to receive your incoming result stream. If you leave it blank the request will be handled using a default file.

### Compact JSON

Enter Y to compact the outgoing JSON request for more efficient performance.

#### Avatax Request Time Out

You can adjust the time (in seconds) that the SDK adapter waits for a response. If you experiencing HTTPS time out issues then increase this value.

#### Debug Y/N

Entering Y in this field will put the SDK into debug mode and a comprehensive report will be produced for all transactions.

#### • Debug Filename

You can optionally enter the IFS directory and filename that you would like to record the debug data to. Leaving it blank will result in an output file called httpapi\_debug.txt.

**Note:** Debug files are overwritten by subsequent transactions. This can be frustrating in a busy environment where you are trying to get results for a specific document. To overcome this, use \*Auto for the filename. This will force the SDK to generate a new filename for each call in the format avatax\_debugnnn.txt where nnn is a unique number between 001 – 999. When the number hits 999 the files will start to recycle from 001 again.

e.g. /tmp/\*Auto will create a unique file in the IFS tmp directory.

# **Testing the Connection to Avalara Web Services**

Now that you have set up the system control details, you are ready to test your connection to the service.

### To Test the Connection to Avalara Web Services

1. From the Maintain System Control File main screen put a 'T' next to the service you want to test and press <Enter>.



2. If you have correctly configured the service you will get a 'Success' response as shown in Figure 3.7.

Figure 3.7

3. If you get the message shown in Figure 3.8 then re-check your Authentication String and Digital Certificate set up details. These are the two most common forms of failure. Firewalls are another common issue. Make sure that you have port 443 open and that you can successfully ping the following two URI's from your IBMi command line.

```
ping 'sandbox-rest.avatax.com'
```

```
Type

2=E:

Test Connection Settings Result

Opt: Result: Failed to connect to Avatax

-

Detail: 1) Check your authentication string
-

and authorization
-

3) If checks 1 and 2 are OK then put the transaction that you are testing in debug mode, re-run the test
-

and check the log for errors.

Exit=(Enter)

Fi=Info F3=Exit F6=Add
Copyright 2004-2016 Avalara, Inc. All Rights Reserved
```

Figure 3.8

If you are having trouble getting a successful connection, then please contact our support team for assistance. See <u>Avalara Support</u> at the end of this document

However, assuming you received the success message then you have completed installation and configuration and you ready to start developing your connector.

# **SDK Integration Tester**

Once your connection to the service has tested OK, you can use the SDK Integration Tester to generate transactions on your AvaTax Admin Console account for the purposes of testing, learning more about how the system works, or working out a business scenario that you may wish to implement.

The tester is available as from the first screen of the AvaTax SDK for IBM i menu. It looks like the example in Figure 3.9 and allows you to create many of the transaction scenarios allowed by the AvaTax web service.



Figure 3.9

# **Integration Tester Defaults**

For your convenience, we have provided an option to allow you to save your favorite test scenarios. This can save you the need for repetitive typing when testing.

```
RV2004R Maintain Test Defaults - Select

Type option, press Enter.
2=Edit 3=Copy 4=Delete

Opt Key Description

FL Create - No record
LL Use Lat/Long
S1 NY Example - Using Address
O1 Create - No record
O2 Void a Transaction
O3 Commit a Transaction
O4 Adjust a Transaction
O5 Retrieve a Transaction

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Select, edit, copy, delete, or add default templates.

	2 Integration Tester Defaults rd	5/19/17 16:10:07
Co: <u>1</u>	Transaction Type: <u>create</u>	
	Ship FROM:	
State: <u>WA</u> Zip: <u>98110</u>	Seattle           Country: US         WA         98101           0000000         .0000000         .0	<u>US</u>
CustNo: <u>Cus100</u> PO#: <u>12345</u> O/ride=> Amt: <u>00</u> Ty	e: EntUse: _ Record: N 6	-28 Rsn:
1         Piano         Bechst           2         Violin         Stradi	ption Inc Ent Tax  ein concert piano N	1 5000.00 2 800.00

Populate as required and save with a unique Dft: value (for example, 01 above).

To use the template, type the Dft: code into the first field of the Integration Tester (Figure 3.9) and press <Enter>. The screen is populated with the appropriate data.

# **Canadian Taxes**

Some users will have the need to print a summary of the Canadian taxes on their invoices or documentation. The Avatax API returns this data in detail form per order line but does not provide a summary for the entire document. To make summarizing Canadian taxes easier Avalara provides a program called RV2009R which can be used to return a summary of Canadian taxes for a given invoice. This program is included in your AVATAXR2 library. A demo program showing how to use RV2009R is included as menu option 2 on the INQUIRY menu. The source is in AVATAXR2/QRPGLESRC RV2009RT.

**Note**: RV2009R uses the Avalara **transactions** operation, so make sure that you activate that function with your company code and valid credentials in your System Control file.

# **Developing Your Connector**

This section gives guidance and examples of how to use the SDK to connect to Avalara web services. If you remember from Figure 1.1, the SDK handles the building of the SOAP request, performs the HTTP transmission, and parses the returned XML returning the results to your program in an easily manageable data structure.

The more complex parts of planning your integration with the SDK will be determining:

- When to call the AvaTax web service.
- When to update your ERP's internal tables with the results data that are returned from the AvaTax web service.
- When to save the results to the AvaTax database in preparation for tax reporting.
- How to handle returns, delayed shipments, credits, and discounts.

# **Web Service Operations**

The following is an explanation of the data structures used by the SDK.

# SysCtl - HTTP Parameters Used by the Web Service Call

These parameters are easy to populate. Simply chain to the System Control file using a key of Company Code and Operation type (e.g. ctl\_cmpy = '1' ctl\_oper='create') and then populate the SysCtl data structure with the returned results.

Refer to Appendix A for a table of SysCtl parameters, lengths, and types.

#### TaxHdr - Document Header Details

This structure is used to pass the order or invoice header details and also to receive document level taxation details like the Total Tax or Total Amount for a document.

Refer to Appendix A for a table of parameters, lengths, and types.

### TaxLin - Document Line Details

This structure is used to pass the order or invoice line details.

Refer to Appendix A for a table of parameters, lengths, and types.

# TaxDet – Tax Line Details Returned by AvaTax

This structure returns tax jurisdiction details per order or invoice line. There can be up to 10 separate tax jurisdictions per line (for example, State, County, City, Special, etc.).

# TaxAdr - Addresses used for Calculation Returned by AvaTax

This structure is returns the actual addresses and boundary level information used by Avatax when calculating taxes.

Refer to Appendix A for a table of parameters, lengths, and types.

# TaxSum – Summary of Taxes Returned by AvaTax

This structure returns a summary of the of the taxes calculated by Avatax and separated by actual taxing jurisdiction. So, for example, if you were delivering to an address in Los Angeles, CA then this data structure would contain the document level summary totals for each individual taxing jurisdiction, as shown in the example below.

Tax Name		Rate	Amount
CA STATE TAX	CALIFORNIA	6.000	60.000
CA COUNTY TAX	LOS ANGELES	.250	2.500
CA SPECIAL TAX	LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1.500	15.000
CA SPECIAL TAX	LOS ANGELES CO LOCAL	1.000	10.000

Refer to Appendix A for a table of parameters, lengths, and types.

# TaxMsg – Returns Error Messages

This structure returns error messages sent by the service.

Refer to Appendix A for a table of parameters, lengths, and types.

# **Coding Considerations**

In your AVATAXR2 library you will find a source member called QRPGLESRC/RV2EXAMPLE. This is not a working program but it will take you through all the steps required to complete your AVATAX connector using the SDK. Just follow the steps 1 through 9.

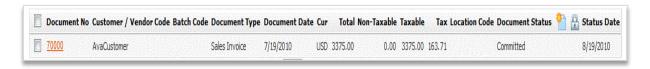
Also look at the source for some of the other demo programs like the Integration Tester (RV2003R) to see how they were used to return a tax calculation.

#### **Handling Return Invoices**

Return Invoice processing is largely a business practice that the developer and the business manager need to map out prior to coding or moving forward to a production environment. As the business needs of every company is as unique as their products, it should not be expected that the scenarios described below will work for your specific situation, or that we have any "one size fits all" solution that you can "snap in" to your development; rather it is up to the developer to fashion a solution that fits the company's business model.

#### **Committed Document – Refund (Return Invoice)**

For the example provided below, we will process a return invoice on the following invoice.



The invoice has the following line items:

	No	Item	Tax Code I	Jse Code Sourcing	Line Amount	Discount	Non-Taxable	Taxable	Tax
±	1	NBCP-000-S	PC030100	<u>D</u>	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	4.85
+	2	NBCP-000-L	PC030100	<u>D</u>	125.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	6.08
+	3	NBCP-000-2XL	PC030100	<u>D</u>	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	24.25
H	4	NBCP-000-3XL	PC030100	<u>D</u>	800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	38.80
+	5	NBBP-000-L	PC030100	<u>D</u>	1800.00	0.00	0.00	1800.00	87.30
+	6	Shipping	FR020200	<u>D</u>	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	2.43

## **Assumptions:**

- The document in question has already been *committed* and tax remitted to the tax jurisdictions.
- There may be multiple lines in the document.
- A complete or partial refund is the expected outcome

#### Steps:

- 1. Call a 'create' with a duplicate of the document (invoice) you want to process returns on:
  - using the same invoice number, or
  - b. with a new invoice number (DocCode) with the original invoice number passed in the reference number field, or
  - c. re-use the original document's invoice number with a ".1" added to it

# **NOTE**

 You can only use ReturnInvoice method once using the original DocCode. A DocStatusError results if you attempt to commit a second document using ReturnInvoice with a duplicate DocCode



- 2. Set the DocType to ReturnInvoice (very important if you are re-using the original DocCode).
- 3. Set the DocDate to the tax reporting month that you want the return to appear in (typically the current month).
- 4. Set the TaxOverride property to TaxDate.
- Set the TaxOverrideDate to the date the original invoice computed tax. AvaTax calculates the tax based on this date.
- 6. Set the AdjustmentReason to Return Items (or whatever makes sense for your business needs).
- 7. Optional: Set the GetTaxRequest ReferenceCode = to the original Invoice for tracking purposes.

### **NOTE**

- Pass only line items being returned. Do not include the line items that will not be returned unless all items are returned. In the example below we are returning line items 1 and 3.
- 8. Set the Amt field to a negative dollar amount.

#### **NOTE**

Always leave Qty as a positive.



Once sent to the AvaTax web service, the tax engine will return negative tax amounts on the line items based on the TaxDate specified. If no TaxDate is set, the document date will be used to calculate tax.

#### **NOTE**

The Taxable Amounts on a Return Invoice show negative amounts equal to the items returned.

#### Summary:

Out of the six items originally processed, two items have been reversed on your tax reporting – in this case \$29.10 appears essentially as a "credit" on the current month's tax liability.

## Handling Shipping and Freight

Shipping (Freight) should be sent as a separate line item on a document. Avalara has a number of predefined freight codes to cover various business scenarios but a good default code to use is FR020100 This tax code will automatically charge or not charge tax on Freight, according to the regulations of the state referenced in the Ship To address.

# **Handling Discounts**

The recommended best practice for handling discounts is in the following manner:

- It is expected that the create operation should pass a dollar amount of the discount at the Document level.
- It is also expected that anywhere from one to many line items have the Discounted property set to 'true'.
- For each line item to which the discount applies AvaTax allocates the discount across those line items and reduces the tax base by the amount of the allocation.
- On the AvaTax Admin Console, the line items show the discounted amounts that applied (see Figure 4.1).
- For line items that you want discounted, ensure you pass the net amount (versus the discounted amount) to the Adapter.

#### **NOTE**

Manufacturing Discounts should not be passed to AvaTax.

# Some Examples:

- Basic: A \$25.00 line item is sold with a \$10.00 discount. The resulting tax base is \$15.00.
   Simple: Two \$25.00 line items are sold with a \$10.00 discount, with only one item marked for the discount. The resulting tax base is \$15.00 for the item marked for Discount and \$25.00 for the item not marked for discount.
- 2. **Typical**: Two \$25.00 line items are sold with a \$10.00 discount, with both line items marked for the discount. The resulting tax base is \$20.00 for each item marked for discount.
- 3. **Complex**: Three line items and a Freight line item are sold (one for \$25, \$35, and \$45) with a **\$20.00** discount, with all items (except Freight) marked for the discount. The resulting tax calculation would appear this way on the Admin Console.

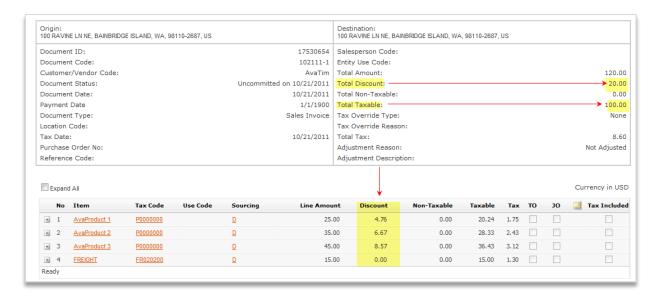


Figure 4.1

#### **NOTE**

- The discount was apportioned across the three items but not the Freight.
- The taxable amount was reduced by a total of the discount applied (\$20).

## Messages - Results / Error

Understanding and taking appropriate action on error messages is *critical* to the successful implementation of a custom SDK connector. The errors and warnings that result from web service calls guide the receiver to the most logical problem resolution path.

For example; if an API, such as 'create' fails, the receiver should always iterate through the messages collection that is part of the result set and check the contents of the Name, Summary, Details, and Refers To fields of each message. Often the contents of these messages will indicate what the problem is.

All connectors should check the errorCode on the return from the web service call and contain code that will program for:

- errorCode = SeverityLevel.Success
- errorCode = SeverityLevel.Error
- errorCode = SeverityLevel.Exception

#### **NOTES**

- Typically, Exception is only returned by a system error from the Avalara web service and will be caused by circumstances outside of the client application's control (that is not having an Internet connection will return the error).
- In general, the path taken for errorCode= **Exception** should be the same as for errorCode=**Error**.

#### Address Validation - 'create' Method

While a fully validated street address is always better, taxing jurisdictions can usually be unambiguously determined if at a minimum city, state, and ZIP Code are provided (and at least two-thirds are valid).

However, even though it is possible for the 'create' request to be called devoid of a valid street address or even ZIP Code, the results may omit Special taxes (that is transit, stadium, levy, etc.) that are specific to the jurisdictional boundaries the shipped to address may be liable for. Without a valid street address it may be next to impossible to return tax results that should be included if the address was less ambiguous.

A 'create' call attempts to normalize an address. If the address cannot be normalized, it continues with processing a Sales Order/Invoice with what it has. Albeit rare, incomplete or erroneous addresses submitted via 'create' operations will return incorrect results.

### **Understanding Boundary levels**

Boundary levels, returned by Avatax, indicate the jurisdiction boundary precision level enumerations (below) found for the address submitted. From highest (1) to lowest (3):

1. Address: Street address precision

2. Zip9: 9-digit zip precision

3. Zip5: 5-digit zip precision

The result depends on the accuracy of the address as well as the precision level of the state provided jurisdiction boundaries.

#### **NOTE**

• In some jurisdictions, the highest level of precision to return an accurate tax result may well be level two or three. However, this is the exception versus the rule.

### **Useful Links**

#### **Web Service URLs**

These are the development and production web service URLs.

### **Development**

https://sandbox-rest.avatax.com

#### **Production**

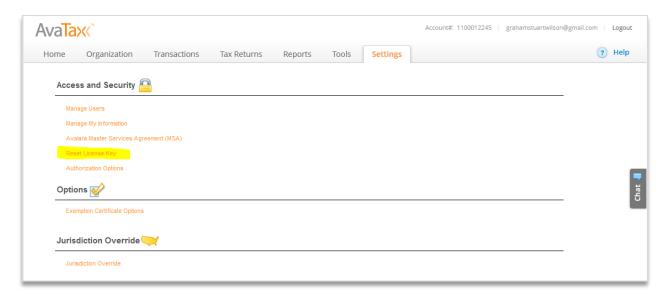
https://rest.avatax.com

### developer.avalara.com

You will find useful links and information here to get you building your SDK connector. Use the free trial to get an Admin Account (pre-set up) that you can use while developing your SDK connector. Trial accounts are valid for one month.

# **Resetting Your License Key**

If you've lost or forgotten your license key you can reset it. Sign in to the AvaTax Admin Console. Select the Settings tab and then click Reset License Key.



#### **NOTE**

Resetting the license key has the effect of invalidating the old key, and breaks all connector connection
to the AvaTax web service still using that old license key (including AvaTax ERP Connectors using the
same account number). In other words, when you reset your license key, you will need to change the
credential properties in the AvaTax SDK for IBM i System Control file for all services using the same
account number.

# Tax Compliance

AvaTax tax calculations are "data-driven", meaning data that affects a tax calculation may include:

- State and Local Nexus Admin Console settings
- Taxability rules based upon Customer type codes and Item tax codes
- Exemption Certificates
- Other tax rules defined

## **Nexus Jurisdictions**

Nexus Jurisdictions (formerly Nexus) is a term meaning the sufficient connection a business has with a taxing jurisdiction. This connection obligates the business to calculate, collect, report, and remit tax. The connection is established by business activity being conducted in the taxing jurisdiction.

Typically, a business in the United States must have a "substantial physical presence" in a taxing jurisdiction to be required to register there. The following may constitute a "substantial physical presence" in a taxing jurisdiction, and therefore an obligation to calculate, collect, report, and remit tax:

- A corporate office, storefront, or remote sales office
- Remote employees working from home on business payroll
- Owned or rented warehouse space containing owned inventory
- Owned inventory leased to a customer
- · Sales or marketing representatives making regularly scheduled visits
- Delivery of product by a business owned vehicle

Rules governing what constitutes "substantial physical presence" vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Determining exactly how a rule applies to your business is critical.

Businesses in the European Union may not have a "substantial physical presence" in an EU country. Instead, businesses can select other EU countries where they:

- · Have reached or exceeded the buying or selling threshold of that EU country, or
- Have voluntarily decided to register in that EU country to reclaim VAT charges

#### **NOTE**

- Contact Avalara Professional Services, an accountant, a tax attorney, or other qualified tax professional to conduct a Nexus Jurisdictions analysis for your US-based business. For US-based businesses, AvaTax Calc assumes:
- Transactions in Nexus Jurisdictions are fully taxable
- Transactions in non-Nexus Jurisdictions are non-taxable and receive a 0.00% tax calculation

For EU-based businesses, the EU country in which the transaction takes place is only one consideration that AvaTax Calc uses. Other factors affecting AvaTax Calc are the type of good sold, whether that good is taxable or exempt, and whether it is sold to a business or a consumer.

More granular control over taxing Transactions is provided by

- Tax Codes
- Tax Rules
- Items

If you have more questions, please refer to your Admin Console setup or check out the AvaTax Admin Console Training.

## Item Code versus Tax Code

Item Code versus Tax Code in line Items:

- Special product taxability rules can be defined using Item and/or Tax Codes:
  - Line Item Code or Tax Code
- Item Codes represent individual products, whereas Tax Codes represent categories of products. For example:
  - Item Codes of M for Milk, E for Eggs, and C for Cheese.
    - Then a TaxCode of GR might be established for the broader category of Groceries.

Product Taxability Rules are defined in the AvaTax Admin Console in terms of Tax Codes.

**For example**: Groceries are not taxable in the state of Washington so a taxability rule might be established that states 'when a line item is passed with the Tax Code GR, and the destination address is Washington, the line item is charged \$0 tax'.

The mechanism to get the tax rule defined above by one of two methods:

- In the AvaTax Admin Console, map Item Codes to a Tax Code(s) then send the Item Code for your individual product SKU.
  - a. Using the example above, Item Codes M, E, and C would be mapped to each via TaxCode GR. Then if Line.Item Code = M, E or C they would automatically map to Tax Code GR, and the rule for Tax Code GR will apply.
- 2. Send the Tax Code GR in Line Tax Code field.
  - a. Method #1 is popular, because it allows you to send your own internal SKUs without setting up any additional tables. This is especially true for PRO or SST customers because Avalara is typically supplying the Tax Code(s) for them.

If you send a value in **both** the Item Code and the Tax Code fields, the behavior is as follows:

- If the Item Code sent maps to a Tax Code, the mapped Tax Code will be used for product taxability rules, regardless of what is sent in the Tax Code field.
- 2. If the **Item Code** sent does not map to a **Tax Code**, the Tax Code sent will be used for product taxability rules.
- 3. Lines that have, or are mapped to **Tax Codes** that have no rule associated with them are simply taxed at the applicable rates for Origin, Destination and Nexus Jurisdiction settings.

## Pre - GoLive Check List

Once you have things up and running, here is a recommended checklist you should go through in order to validate that your connector is working correctly.

#### **Documents**

- Evidence of committed documents in the AvaTax Admin Console.
- Evidence that a Freight/Shipping line was tested within a saved document.
- Evidence of a voided document (use of void).
- Evidence that returns, partial returns, delayed shipping, and if appropriate drop shipping methods were tested successfully.
- Evidence that Return Invoices are passing negative amounts versus negative quantities.

## **Item Codes and Description**

- Verification that there are Item Codes with corresponding Item Descriptions (a requirement for SST and AvaTax Returns customers).
- Verification that tax rules, tax codes, and / or Item Codes mapped to tax codes are tested in transactions and are functioning as expected. Those that appear out of character will be flagged and the developer notified via the analysis process.
- Verify that all Items Codes are not set to the default tax codes. For example; item codes mapped to Tangible Personal Property or P0000000.
- Verify that the use of the FR tax code (Freight) is not defaulting to the Tangible Personal Property (P0000000) tax code which may have the effect of incorrect tax results.

### **Nexus Jurisdictions**

- Verify the company's local nexus selected (the tax jurisdiction they are doing business in).
- Verify that the Nexus Jurisdiction settings appear to support the expressed or written business needs of the customer.
- Evidence that you have tested transactions that fall inside and outside of Nexus Jurisdictions.

### **Server Audit**

- Evidence of the use of DocType="SalesOrder" is present and results in a saved document (DocType="SalesInvoice").
- An analysis that results in an "appropriate" ratio of Validate and SalesOrder to SalesInvoice transactions. Best practice recommendation is ratio to be 2-6-1 (that is 2 address validations and 6 SalesOrder transactions to complete 1 committed document [reportable]).
- An analysis that results in an "appropriate" number of errors (that is address validation errors, or tax service errors encountered in a normal business flow).

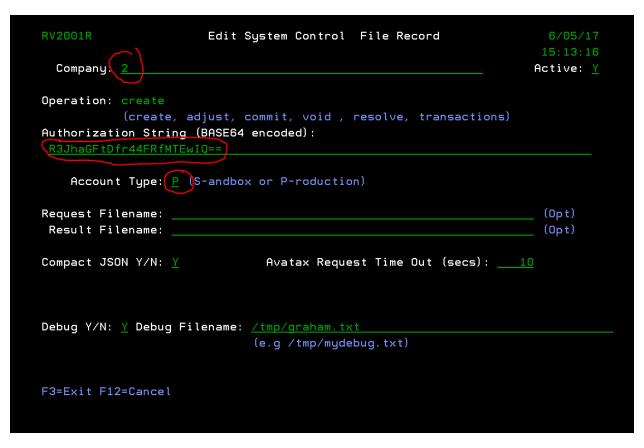
Verification that future production ready company codes are not flagged as Test companies. Test companies will be reported as part of the analysis results.

### How to Go Live

Eventually you will want to point your transactions to the Avalara production server and start calculating and recording real data.

To do this you need to set up an entry in the System Control file that points to the production rather than the development server.

You will need to change the Company, Authorization String and Account Type settings. Company and Authorization String must be your production credentials supplied to you by Avalara. Also, change The account type to be 'P' which will point your transactions to the Production URL.



If your test and production systems are on the same IBMi server then you can either modify the setting in entry you have been using for testing or you can use option 3 to copy a service (to a different company code) and set that to point to the production server. This way you can have both production and test applications residing on the same box. See example for the 'create' service below which has a test company under company 1 and a production company under company 2.

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Type option, press Enter.

2=Edit 3=Copy 4=Delete 5=Display T=Test Credentials

Opt Company Code	Operation	Environment	Active
	adjust	Sandbox	
	commit	Sandbox	
_ 1	create	Sandbox	
_ 1	resolve	Sandbox	
	transactions	Sandbox	
	void	Sandbox	
_ 2	adjust	Sandbox	
_ 2	commit	Sandbox	
_ 2]	create	Production	

F1=Info F3=Exit F6=Add

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# Appendix A: SDK Parameters

Field Name	Size/Type	Input or Output	Description
Tax Document	Header		
TaxHdr			
type	25a	Input	Document Type: if not specified, a document with type of SalesOrder will be created by default = ['SalesOrder', 'SalesInvoice', 'PurchaseOrder', 'PurchaseInvoice', 'ReturnOrder', 'ReturnInvoice', 'InventoryTransferOrder', 'InventoryTransferInvoice', 'ReverseChargeOrder', 'ReverseChargeInvoice', 'Any'],
code	50a	Input	Transaction Code - the internal reference code used by the client application. This is used for operations such as Get, Adjust, Settle, and Void. If you leave the transaction code blank, a GUID will be assigned to each transaction.
companyCode	50a	Input	Specify the code of the company creating this transaction here. If you leave this value null, your account's default company will be used instead.
date	10a	Input	The date on the invoice, purchase order, etc.,
salesPersnCd	10a	Input	The client application salesperson reference code.
customerCode	50a	Input	The client application customer reference code.
custUseType	25a	Input	The client application customer or usage type. For a list of available usage types, see https://developer.avalara.com/avatax/handling-tax-exempt-customers/
discount	15p	Input	The discount amount to apply to the document. This value will be applied only to lines that have the discounted flag set to true. If no lines have discounted set to true, this discount cannot be applied
purchOrdNo	50a	Input	Purchase Order Number for this document This is required for single use exemption certificates to match the order and invoice with the certificate.
exemptNo	25a	Input	Exemption Number for this document.
shipFrmline1	50a	Input	Ship From Address line 1
shipFrmline2	50a	Input	Ship From Address line 2

shipFrmline3	50a	Input	Ship From Address line 3
shipFrmCity	50a	Input	Ship From City
shipFrmRegn	2a	Input	Ship From State or province name or abbreviation
shipFrmCntry	3a	Input	Ship From Country Code
shipFrmPstCd	10a	Input	Ship From Postal or ZIP code
shipFrmLat	10p	Input	Ship From Latitude
shipFrmLong	10p	Input	Ship From Longitude
shipToline1	50a	Input	Ship To Address line 1
shipToline2	50a	Input	Ship To Address line 2
shipToline3	50a	Input	Ship To Address line 3
shipToCity	50a	Input	Ship To City
shipToRegn	2a	Input	Ship To State or province name or abbreviation
shipToCntry	3a	Input	Ship To Country Code
shipToPstCd	10a	Input	Ship To Postal or ZIP code
shipToLat	10p	Input	Ship To Latitude
shipToLong	10p	Input	Ship To Longitude
parameters	96a	Input	Special parameters for this transaction.
rptLocCode	50a	Input	Sets the sale location code (Outlet ID) for reporting this document to the tax authority.
commit	5a	Input	Causes the document to be committed if true. This option is only applicable for invoice document types, not orders.
batchCode	10a	Input	BatchCode for batch operations.
taxOvrType	25a	Input	Specifies a tax override for the entire document
taxOvrAmt	15p	Input	Override amount
taxOvrDate	10a	Input	Override date
taxOvrRsn	25a	Input	Override reason
currencyCde	3a	Input	Currency Code - 3 character ISO 4217
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serviceMode	25a	Input	Specifies whether the tax calculation is handled Local, Remote, or Automatic (default). This only applies when using an AvaLocal server. = ['Automatic', 'Local', 'Remote'] string Enum: "Automatic", "Local", "Remote"
exchangeRate	15p	Input	Currency exchange rate from this transaction to the company base currency.
exRteEffDate	10a	Input	Effective date of the exchange rate
posLaneCode	10a	Input	Sets the POS Lane Code sent by the User for this document.
busldNumber	25a	Input	AT business identification number for the customer for this transaction. This number will be used for all lines in the transaction, except for those lines where you have defined a different business identification number. If you specify a VAT business identification number for the customer in this transaction and you have also set up a business identification number for your company during company setup, this transaction will be treated as a business-to-business transaction for VAT purposes and it will be calculated according to VAT tax rules
isSellrIOR	5a	Input	Specifies if the Transaction has the seller as IsSellerImporterOfRecord
description	256a	Input	Description
email	50a	Input	e-mail address
debugLevel	15a	Input	If the user wishes to request additional debug information from this transaction, specify a level higher than 'normal' = ['Normal', 'Diagnostic']
id	20i	Output	The unique ID number of this transaction
companyld	20i	Output	The unique ID number of the company that recorded this transaction
paymentDate	10a	Output	The date when payment was made on this transaction. By default, this should be the same as the date of the transaction
taxDate	10a	Output	The date on which this transaction occurred
status	10a	Output	The status of the transaction = ['Temporary', 'Saved', 'Posted', 'Committed', 'Cancelled', 'Adjusted', 'Queued', 'PendingApproval', 'Any']
custVndCode	25a	Input	Customer Vendor Code

reconciled	5a	Output	If this transaction has been reconciled against the company's ledger, this value is set to true
locationCode	10a	Input	If this transaction was made from a specific reporting location, this is the code string of the location. For customers using Returns, this indicates how tax will be reported according to different locations on the tax forms
totAmount	15p	Output	The total amount of this transaction
totExempt	15p	Output	The amount of this transaction that was exempt
totTax	15p	Output	The total tax calculated for all lines in this transaction
totTaxable	15p	Output	The portion of the total amount of this transaction that was taxable
totTaxCalcd	15p	Output	If a tax override was applied to this transaction, indicates the amount of tax Avalara calculated for the transaction
adjReason	35a	Input	If this transaction was adjusted, indicates the unique ID number of the reason why the transaction was adjusted. = ['NotAdjusted', 'SourcingIssue', 'ReconciledWithGeneralLedger', 'ExemptCertApplied', 'PriceAdjusted', 'ProductReturned', 'ProductExchanged', 'BadDebt', 'Other', 'Offline']
adjDesc	128a	Input	If this transaction was adjusted, indicates a description of the reason why the transaction was adjusted
locked	5a	Output	If this transaction has been reported to a tax authority, this transaction is considered locked and may not be adjusted after reporting.
region	2a	Output	The two character ISO region code of the region for this transaction
country	2a	Output	The two-character ISO 3166 code of the country for this transaction
version	5i	Output	If this transaction was adjusted, this indicates the version number of this transaction. Incremented each time the transaction is adjusted.
softwareVer	15a	Output	The software version used to calculate this transaction
originAddrld	20i	Output	The unique ID number of the origin address for this transaction
destAddrld	20i	Output	The unique ID number of the destination address for this transaction

modifiedDate	24a	Output	The date/time when this record was last modified
modifiedBy	20i	Output	The user ID of the user who last modified this record

Field Name	Size/Type	Input or Output	Description
Tax Document Lines			
TaxLin			
id	20i	Output	The unique ID number of this transaction
transld	20i	Output	The unique ID number of this transaction  The unique ID number of the company that recorded this
tiarisiu	201	Output	transaction
lineNumber	10a	Input	Line number within this document
bndryOvrld	20i	Output	The unique ID number of the boundary override applied to this line item
custUseType	25a	Input	The client application customer or usage type. For a list of available usage types, see https://developer.avalara.com/avatax/handling-tax-exempt-customers/
Description	200a	Input	A description of the item or service represented by this line
shipFrmline1	50a	Input	Ship From Address line 1
shipFrmline2	50a	Input	Ship From Address line 2
shipFrmline3	50a	Input	Ship From Address line 3
shipFrmCity	50a	Input	Ship From City
shipFrmRegn	2a	Input	Ship From State or province name or abbreviation
shipFrmCntry	3a	Input	Ship From Country Code
shipFrmPstCd	10a	Input	Ship From Postal or ZIP code
shipFrmLat	10p	Input	Ship From Latitude
shipFrmLong	10p	Input	Ship From Longitude
shipToline1	50a	Input	Ship To Address line 1
shipToline2	50a	Input	Ship To Address line 2
shipToline3	50a	Input	Ship To Address line 3
shipToCity	50a	Input	Ship To City
shipToRegn	2a	Input	Ship To State or province name or abbreviation
shipToCntry	3a	Input	Ship To Country Code
shipToPstCd	10a	Input	Ship To Postal or ZIP code
shipToLat	10p	Input	Ship To Latitude
shipToLong	10p	Input	Ship To Longitude
discAmount	15p	Input	The amount of discount that was applied to this line item. This represents the difference between list price and sale price of the item. In general, a discount represents money that did not change hands; tax is calculated on only the amount of money that changed hands
discTypeId	20i	Input	The type of discount, if any, that was applied to this line item
exemptAmt	15p	Input	The amount of this line item that was exempt
exemptCertId	20i	Input	The unique ID number of the exemption certificate that applied to this line item
exemptNo	25a	Input	If this line item was exempt, this string contains the word 'Exempt'

isltmTaxable	5a	Output	True if this item is taxable
isSSTP	5a	Output	True if this item is a Streamlined Sales Tax line item
itemCode	50a	Input	Item Code (SKU)
lineAmount	15p	Input	The total amount of the transaction, including both taxable and exempt. This is the total price for all items. To determine the individual item price, divide this by quantity.
Quantity	15p	Input	The quantity of products sold on this line item
ref1	50a	Input	Reference 1 - Client specific reference field
ref2	50a	Input	Reference 2 - Client specific reference field
reportDate	10a	Output	The date when this transaction should be reported. By default, all transactions are reported on the date when the actual transaction took place. In some cases, line items may be reported later due to delayed shipments or other business reasons
revenueAcct	50a	Input	The revenue account number for this line item
Sourcing	15a	Output	Indicates whether this line item was taxed according to the origin or destination. = ['Mixed', 'Destination', 'Origin']
Tax	15p	Output	The amount of tax generated for this line item
taxableAmt	15p	Output	The taxable amount of this line item
taxCalcd	15p	Output	The tax calculated for this line by Avalara. If the transaction was calculated with a tax override, this amount will be different from the "tax" value
taxCode	25a	Input	The code string for the tax code that was used to calculate this line item
taxCodeld	20i	Output	The unique ID number for the tax code that was used to calculate this line item
taxDate	10a	Output	The date that was used for calculating tax amounts for this line item. By default, this date should be the same as the document date. In some cases, for example when a consumer returns a product purchased previously, line items may be calculated using a tax date in the past so that the consumer can receive a refund for the correct tax amount that was charged when the item was originally purchased
taxEngine	35a	Output	The tax engine identifier that was used to calculate this line item
exemptCode	25a	Input	Exemption number for this line
discounted	5a	Input	True if the document discount should be applied to this line
taxIncluded	5a	Input	True if tax was included in the purchase price of the item.
busldNumber	25a	Input	VAT business identification number used for this transaction
taxOvrType	25a	Input	If a tax override was specified, this indicates the type of tax override. = ['None', 'TaxAmount', 'Exemption', 'TaxDate', 'AccruedTaxAmount', 'DeriveTaxable']
taxOvrAmt	15p	Input	If a tax override was specified, this indicates the amount of tax that was requested
taxOvrDate	10a	Input	Tax Override Date
taxOvrRsn	25a	Input	Tax Override Reason
parameters	96a	Output	Contains a list of extra parameters that were set when the transaction was created



Field Name	Size/Type	Input or Output	Description
Tax Documer	nt Addresses	3	
TaxAdr	DS		
id	20i	Output	The unique ID number of this address
transld	20i	Output	The unique ID number of the document to which this address belongs
boundaryLev	15a	Output	The boundary level at which this address was validated. = ['Address', 'Zip9', 'Zip5']
line1	50a	Output	Address line 1
line2	50a	Output	Address line 2
line3	50a	Output	Address line 3
city	50a	Output	City
region	2a	Output	State or province name or abbreviation
postalCode	10a	Output	Country Code
country	3a	Output	Postal or ZIP code
latitude	10p	Output	Latitude
longitude	10p	Output	Longitude

Field Name	Size/Type	Input or Output	Description
Tax Document Detail			
TaxDet			
id	20i	Output	The unique ID number of this tax detail
transld	20i	Output	The unique ID number of the line within this transaction
country	2a	Output	The two character ISO 3166 country code of the country where this tax detail is assigned
region	2a	Output	The two-or-three character ISO region code for the region where this tax detail is assigned
exemptAmt	15p	Output	The amount of this line that was considered exempt in this tax detail
jurisCode	35a	Output	The code of the jurisdiction to which this tax detail applies
jurisName	50a	Output	The name of the jurisdiction to which this tax detail applies
stateAssNo	35a	Output	The state assigned number of the jurisdiction to which this tax detail applies
jurisType	35a	Output	The type of the jurisdiction to which this tax detail applies. = ['STA', 'CTY', 'CIT', 'STJ', 'CNT']
nonTaxAmt	15p	Output	The amount of this line item that was considered nontaxable in this tax detail
rate	7p	Output	The rate at which this tax detail was calculated
tax	15p	Output	The amount of tax for this tax detail
taxableAmt	15p	Output	The taxable amount of this tax detail
taxType	35a	Output	The type of tax that was calculated. Depends on the company's nexus settings as well as the jurisdiction's tax laws. = ['Lodging', 'Bottle', 'ConsumerUse', 'Excise', 'Fee', 'Input', 'Nonrecoverable', 'Output', 'Rental', 'Sales', 'Use']
taxName	50a	Output	The name of the tax against which this tax amount was calculated
taxAuthTypId	20i	Output	The type of the tax authority to which this tax will be remitted
taxCalcd	15p	Output	The amount of tax that was calculated. This amount may be different if a tax override was used. If the customer specified a tax override, this calculated tax value represents the amount of tax that would have been charged if Avalara had calculated the tax for the rule
rateType	35a	Output	(DEPRECATED) The rate type for this tax detail. Please use rateTypeCode instead. = ['ReducedA', 'ReducedB', 'Food', 'General', 'IncreasedStandard', 'LinenRental', 'Medical', 'Parking', 'SuperReduced', 'ReducedR', 'Standard', 'Zero']

Field Name	Size/Type	Input or Output	Description
Tax Summary	/		
TaxSum			
country	2a	Output	Two character ISO-3166 country code
region	2a	Output	Two or three character ISO region, state or province code, if applicable
jurisType	35a	Output	The type of jurisdiction that collects this tax. = ['Country', 'Composite', 'State', 'County', 'City', 'Special']
jurisCode	35a	Output	Jurisdiction Code for the taxing jurisdiction
jurisName	50a	Output	The name of the jurisdiction that collects this tax
taxAuthType	35a	Output	The unique ID of the Tax Authority Type that collects this tax
stateAssNo	35a	Output	The state assigned number of the jurisdiction that collects this tax
taxType	35a	Output	The tax type of this tax. = ['Lodging', 'Bottle', 'ConsumerUse', 'Excise', 'Fee', 'Input', 'Nonrecoverable', 'Output', 'Rental', 'Sales', 'Use']
taxName	50a	Output	The name of the tax
taxGroup	50a	Output	Group code when special grouping is enabled
rateType	35a	Output	(DEPRECATED) Indicates the tax rate type. Please use rateTypeCode instead. = ['ReducedA', 'ReducedB', 'Food', 'General', 'IncreasedStandard', 'LinenRental', 'Medical', 'Parking', 'SuperReduced', 'ReducedR', 'Standard', 'Zero']
taxable	15p	Output	Tax Base - The adjusted taxable amount.
rate	7p	Output	Tax Rate - The rate of taxation, as a fraction of the amount.
tax	15p	Output	Tax amount - The calculated tax (Base * Rate).
taxCalcd	15p	Output	Tax Calculated by Avalara AvaTax. This may be overriden by a TaxOverride.TaxAmount.
nonTaxable	15p	Output	The amount of the transaction that was non-taxable.
exempt	15p	Output	The amount of the transaction that was exempt

Field Name	Size/Type	Input or Output	Description
Tax Error Mes	ssages		
TaxMsg			
code	32a	Output	Message identifier
message	64a	Output	A summary of what this message tells us
description	128a	Output	Detailed information that explains what the summary provided
refersTo	64a	Output	Information about what object in your request this message refers to
severity	32a	Output	A category that indicates how severely this message affects the results

## Appendix E: Managing Digital Certificates

This process will guide you through setting up the Digital Certificate Manager to enable your IBM i to interact as a client to other external servers requiring SSL connections.

- 1. Note that 5722AC3 (Crypto Access Provider 128-bit) or equivalent must be installed as a LICPGM first.
- 2. Make sure your HTTP \*ADMIN server is running. You can verify that the \*ADMIN instance is started by issuing the following command:

WRKSBSJOB SBS (QHTTPSVR)

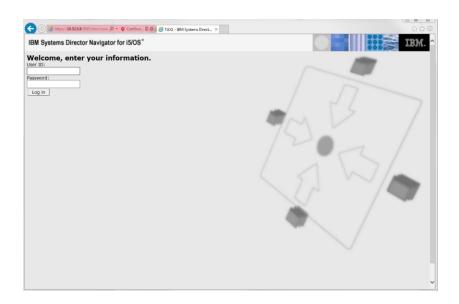
3. You can start the \*ADMIN server by issuing this command:

STRTCPSVR SERVER(\*HTTP) HTTPSVR(\*ADMIN)

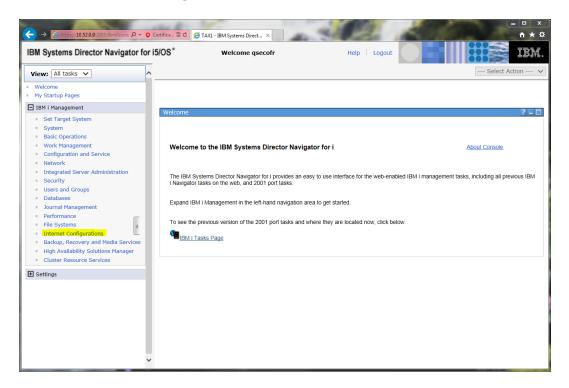
4. Open Windows Explorer and type <a href="http://<iseriesipaddress">http://<iseriesipaddress</a>:2001 in the address bar. This should bring up the navigator sign on screen. Sign on as a security officer.

For release V7R1 and greater if the above does not work then try this format.

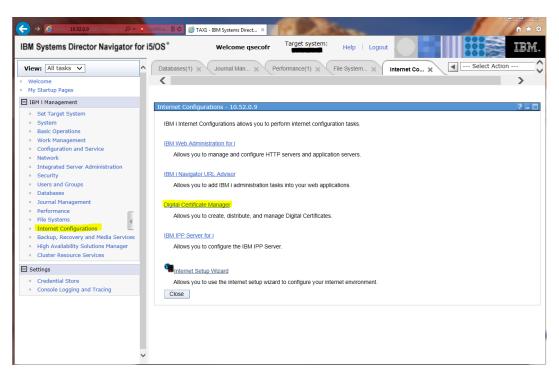
http://<Your IBM IP Address>:2001/QIBM/ICSS/Cert/Admin/gycucm1.ndm/main0



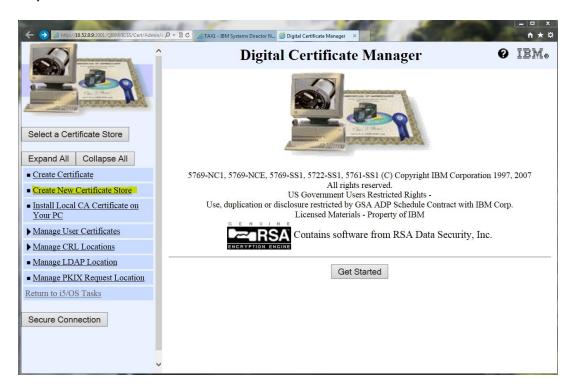
## Select internet configurations



## Select Digital Certificate Manager



## Try to create a New Certificate store



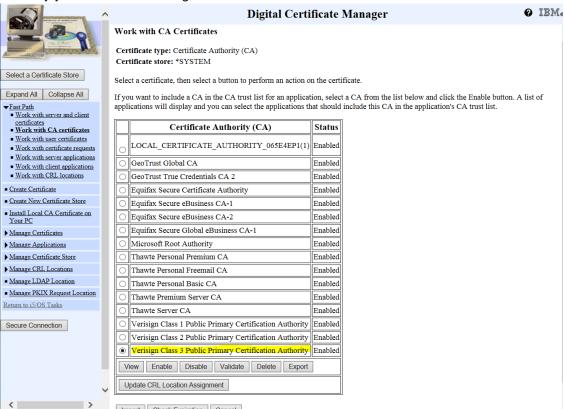
If you already have a \*System store then you will not see \*SYSTEM in the selection list. If you do see it (like the example below) create a new one. Select \*SYSTEM and hit continue.



Click 'No – Do not create a certificate in the certificate store' and continue. The system will create the store with a selection of certificates from the major Cert Authorities, which should be sufficient to connect with the Avalara service. Then follow the prompts to create certificate store.



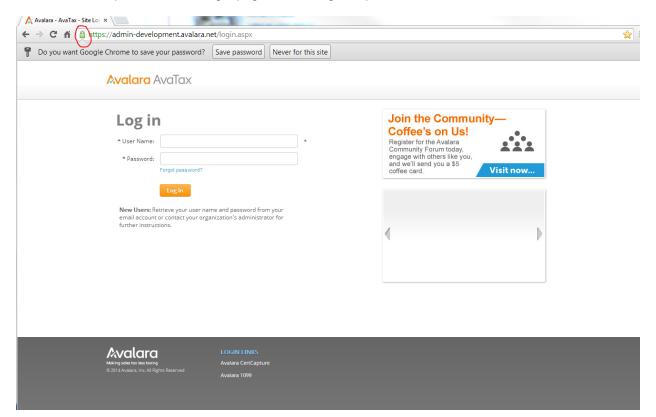
Once your \*System store is created you can view it using the Work with Certificates option. The certificate authority you need is the Verisign Class 3 shown below.



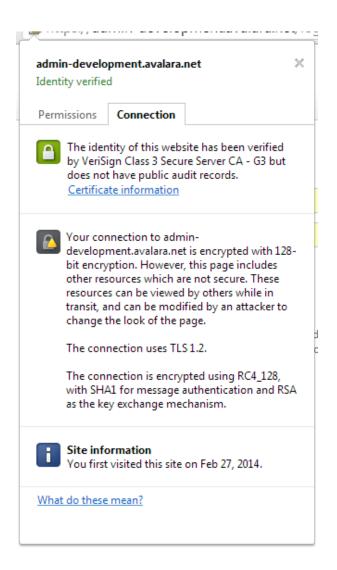
That should be all you need to do for setting up the certificate store apart from ensuring that your users have authorization access.

If, by any chance, you do not see the Verisign Class 3 CA in your store like the example above you will need to import it following the instructions below.

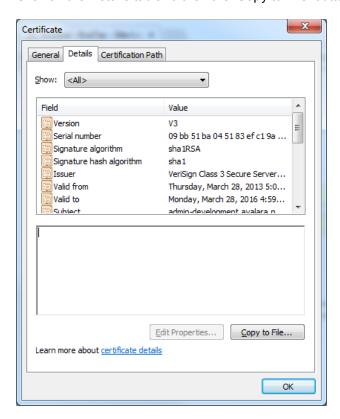
Go to our development console login page. Note the green padlock in the address bar.



Right click on the padlock and select the connection tab to display the drop down below. Click on Certificate information.



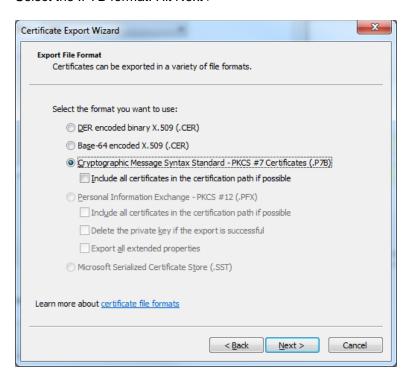
Click on the Details tab and then the 'Copy to File' button. This will start the Certificate Export Wizard.



#### Click Next >

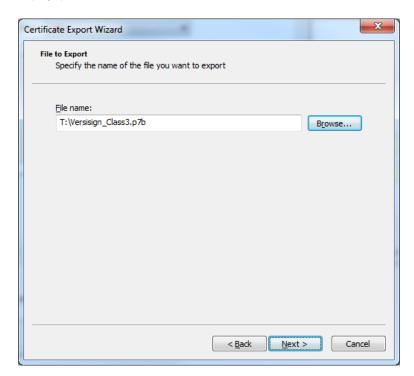


### Select the .P7B format. Hit Next >



Give the file a location and save name (we recommend saving in the /tmp directory of your IFS).

### Hit next >



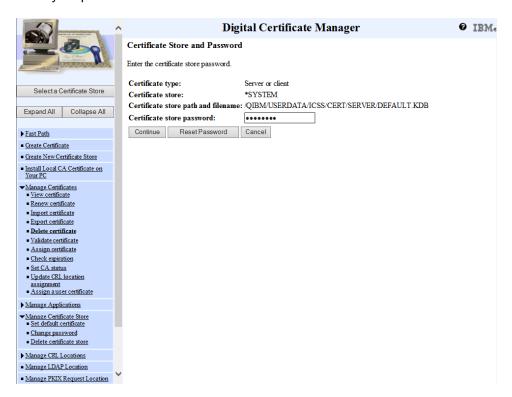
Hit Finish and you should get an 'Export Successful' message.



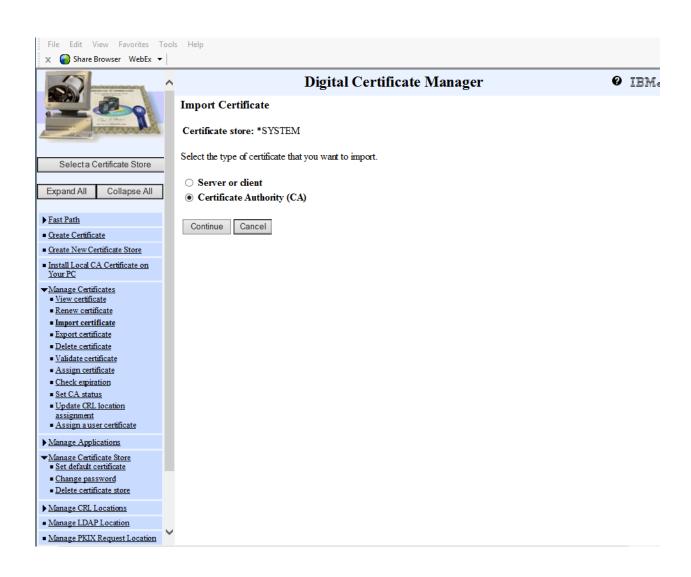
### Now go back to DCM and select the \*SYSTEM store



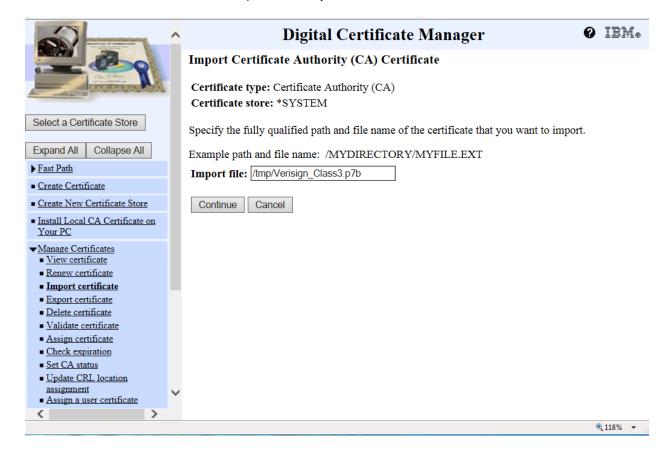
### Enter your password



Select Import Certificate > Certificate Authority (CA)



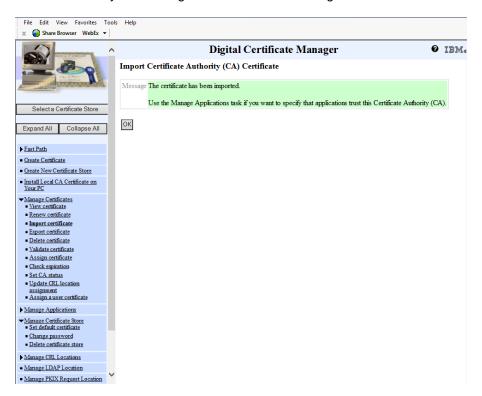
Enter the location and name of the import file that you saved above.



Specify a label ... you may want to use **Verisign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority** which matches what we have. Hit Continue.



If it all works ok you should get a confirmation message like this.



## Appendix F: Address Validation Service

Avalara also provides an address validation service for USA and Canada addresses. An address validation SDK is included with your install library.

The address service can also be called separately, perhaps at the time that you enter or modify an address within your system. See the source for RPGLE program RV2006R as an example. This program can be seen running from the Inquiry menu.

RV2010R is a simple skeleton application that can be used to quickly develop a program that will read through your address database and cleanse the addresses. This will correct errors in names or zips, add zip+4, convert case to a standard format etc. To use this program look at the source in AVATAXR2/QRPGLESRC RV2010R and follow the instructions in the program.

## Appendix G: Entity Control File

Maintenance option 2. Maintain Entity Control file gives you access to a table who's primary function is to provide a conversion between ISO 3166 alpha-3 codes and alpha-2 codes, The SDK address and tax adapters automatically convert an incoming country code to ISO 3166-2 at runtime. This is the format used by Avalara.

By default the table is set up with only alpha-2 codes. If your calling application passes alpha-3 codes you can configure the table, via the maintenance option, to create a conversion between alpha-3 and alpha-2. Below is an example of how you would configure the table to handle the USA ISO 3166-3 code. The US entry was copied and the ISO3 value set to USA. Now whenever USA is passed as the country code the adapter will convert it to US before calling the service.

AC004R1	Maintain Entity Control File	11/04/14
		15:12:33
Tupe option.	press Enter.	
	opy 4=Delete 5=Display	
US	<= Position	Cur Addr
Opt ISO3 Typ	ISO2 Entity Name	Cde Chk?
	US United States	USD N
_ USA 1	US United States	USD N
_ UY 1	UY Uruguay	UYU N
_ UZ 1	UZ Uzbekistan	UZS N
_ VA 1	VA Vatican City	EUR N
_ VC 1	VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	XCD N
_ VE 1	VE Venezuela	VEF N
_ VG 1	VG British Virgin Islands	USD N
_ VI 1	VI U.S. Virgin Islands	USD N
_ VN 1	VN Vietnam	VND N
_ VU 1	VU Vanuatu	VUV N
_ WF 1	WF Wallis and Futuna	XPF N
_ WS 1	WS Samoa	WST N
_ XXX 1	US United States	USD N
		More
	=Add	
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The Entity Control file also contains currency code information.

If you are using address validation at tax calculation time (controlled by the flag on the System Control file) then you can fine tune the level of validation performed by setting the Address Check flag in this file. So, for example, you could perform address validation for the United States but not for Canada, or you could choose to only validate addresses in California.

# Appendix H: Change Log

Release	Date	Changes
V1.0	July 2017	Initial Release
V1.1	July 2017	Changed the format of the TaxSum, TaxAdr, TaxMsg and TaxLin data structures. Formerly the were addressed using this format TaxLin(i).taxrate. This has now changed to TaxLin.taxrate(i).  This resolves an issue with debug being unable to handle the previous form of the TaxLin data structure. The other structures were changed for consistency.
V1.2	July 2017	Increased field size of the meta data "id" fields. Some customers were experiencing "receiver too small" errors.
V1.3	July 2017	Enhancements to installer program.
V1.4	Sept 2017	Minor changes to the Integration Tester
V1.5	Sept 2017	Corrected errors in documentation relating to field size specification.  Removed ExemptNo from the TaxLin data structure – use exemptCode instead. Increased the size of Taxhdr. modifiedDate to 24A to accommodate full date/timestamp.

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