

# MapQuest Place Search API

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## Provides:

- this API allows you to enter a type of place you'd like to search for (ex. Restaurants, Places of Worship, Paint Stores -- just about anything you can think of)
- it will return a list of places of that type near the address you've entered

## Key Provisioning:

**Pain factor** (0=eypz...5=nightmare): **2**

- In order to get a key, one must sign up with a MapQuest developer account; nothing is necessary for this process beyond an email address (no linking to Google, f\*cebook, etc.)
- One is meant to specify an application name, company name, URL, etc, but **all this stuff doesn't matter!** None of it will impact the creation of the key, or its usage. (as far as I can tell, considering I have an app named "Don't stop me now")

\*the above section originally written by Kiran Vuksanaj for the [MapQuest Geocoding API](#)

## Quotas:

- 15k data transactions/month come free
  - This is *shared* with any other MapQuest Developer APIs you might use, when they share the same key

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## The Good:

- Free, easy to make an account
- Relies only on open-source mapping data (OpenStreetMap)
- Simple data access

## The Bad:

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## The Ugly:

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**Location (Documentation):** <https://developer.mapquest.com/documentation/search-api/v2/>

### Example Request:

[https://www.mapquestapi.com/search/v2/radius?origin=Denver,+CO&radius=0.15&maxMatches=3&ambiguities=ignore&hostedData=mqap.ntpois|group\\_sic\\_code=?|581208&outFormat=json&key=KEY](https://www.mapquestapi.com/search/v2/radius?origin=Denver,+CO&radius=0.15&maxMatches=3&ambiguities=ignore&hostedData=mqap.ntpois|group_sic_code=?|581208&outFormat=json&key=KEY) (note you must replace KEY with your own key)

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