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Targeting Search

Target Ad sets on a number of criteria you provide in targeting specs. Most targets are predefined values, such as country "Japan" or city "Tokyo".

 $Find \ valid \ values \ with \ Marketing \ API_VERSION\}/search. \ You \ must \ provide \ your \ query \ string \ in \ \verb|UTF8| \ format. \\$

Targeting Option Status

To verify current and/or planned status of targeting objects, use the targeting option list parameter:

```
curl -G \
-d 'targeting_option_list=[<TARGETING_OPTION_ ID>,<TARGETING_OPTION_ID>]'
-d 'type=targetingoptionstatus'
https://graph.facebook.com/<API_VERSION>/search
```

The response:

```
{"data":[{"id":"<TARGETING_OPTION_ ID>","current_status":"NON-DELIVERABLE"},{"id":"<TARGETING_OPTION_ID>","current_status":"NON-DELIVERABLE","future_plan":[{"key":"2018-05-10T00:00:00+00000","value":"DEPRECATING"}]}]
```

Return Fields

Field	Value
current_status	 NORMAL NON-DELIVERABLE - Does not deliver, though the ad set may continue to deliver according to predetermined rules. DEPRECATING - Ad sets targeted at this objective continue to deliver, but the object can't be used to create new or update ad sets. When updated, ad sets with with this term will be rejected, unless the term is removed. NON-DELIVERABLE-IN-EXCLUSION - The object can't be used in targeting exclusions. UNKNOWN
future_plan	Map of timestamp to status. Returns a map of dates and planned statuses, which are the same values as available under current_status.

Geographic

Search targeting by country, country group, city, state, zip code, and other geographic areas at type=adgeolocation. You can specify optional parameters with type=adgeolocation. To find the United States' country code:

```
curl -G \
    -d 'location_types=["country"]' \
    -d 'type=adgeolocation' \
    -d 'q=un' \
    -d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
    https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

```
"name": "United Kingdom",
  "type": "country",
  "supports_city": false,
  "supports_region": false
},
{
  "key": "AE",
  "name": "United Arab Emirates",
  "type": "country",
  "supports_city": false,
  "supports_region": false
},
{
  "key": "UM",
  "name": "United States Minor Outlying Islands",
  "type": "country",
  "supports_city": false,
  "supports_city": false,
  "supports_region": false
}
}
```

key is a fixed number unique in per category, such as countries or country groups. Other fields, including name, are subject to change. Use key to define Targeting Specs.

In the response:

- if supports_region is true, this country has region codes
- if supports_city is true, this country has city codes

Name	Description
location_types	country, country_group, region, city, zip, geo_market, or electoral_district, latter only in US.
type: array	location_types is preferred over type=adcountry, etc.
and the state of t	Region to search from
region_id	Reguli to Seator Fulli
type: int	
country_code	Country to search from: country_code=US
type: string	

Countries

 $\textbf{Every country you can target has a country code. Optional parameters for {\tt type=adgeolocation_types=['country']:} \\$

Name	Description
q	The string to autocomplete values. To list all countries with <code>location_types=['country']</code> , leave this blank <code>q=</code> , and set limit to a large number <code>limit=1000</code>
type: string	
match_country_code	Defaults to false.
type: boolean	Find country by country code. Match Country by country_code versus name

Country Group

All country groups have a code to search and get a list of countries. For all country groups named mercosur:

```
curl -6 \
   -d 'location_types=["country_group"]' \
   -d 'type=adgeolocation' \
   -d 'q=mercosur' \
   -d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
   https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

The response:

If is_worldwide is true, this is a worldwide country group. If supports_region is true, the country group has region codes. If supports_city is true, the group has city codes.

To search for all regions starting the code al:

```
curl -G \
  -d 'location_types=["region"]' \
  -d 'type=adgeolocation' \
  -d 'q=al' \
  -d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
  https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

The response:

Regions

```
"key": "527",
"name": "Alberta",
"type": "region",
"country_code": "CA",
"country_name": "Canada",
"supports_region": true,
"supports_city": true
},
{
    "key": "1089",
    "name": "Alsace",
    "type": "region",
    "country_code": "FR",
    "country_name": "France",
    "supports_region": true,
    "supports_city": true
}
}
```

Options for type=adgeolocation@location types=['region']:

Name	Description
q	String to autocomplete values. To get all countries with <code>location_types=['region']</code> : provide no parameters, <code>q=</code> , and set the limit to a large number, <code>limit=1000</code>
type: string	

 $If \verb| supports_region| is true|, \verb| you can target this region|. If \verb| supports_city| is true|, the region has city codes|.$

Cities

Since March 2019, we have reclassified several cities to other roles, but you can continue to use city. The search will return results that were formerly cities.

To search codes for all cities starting with Manhattan:

```
curl -G \
    -d 'location_types=["city"]' \
    -d 'type=adgeolocation' \
    -d 'q=Manhattan' \
    -d 'access_token=ACCESS_TOKEN' \
    https://graph.facebook.com/VERSION/search
```

```
"data": [
   "key": "2447439",
   "name": "Manhattan",
   "type": "city",
   "country_code": "US",
   "country_name": "United States",
   "region": "Kansas",
   "region_id": 3859,
    "supports_region": true,
    "supports_city": true
   "key": "2439596",
   "name": "Manhattan",
   "type": "city",
   "country_code": "US",
   "country_name": "United States",
   "region": "Illinois",
   "region_id": 3856,
```

```
"supports_region": true,
"supports_city": true
"key": "2479541",
"name": "Manhattan",
"type": "city",
"country_code": "US",
"country_name": "United States",
"region": "Montana",
"region_id": 3869,
"supports_region": true,
"supports_city": true
"key": "2428908",
"name": "Manhattan",
"type": "city",
"country_code": "US",
"country_name": "United States",
"region": "Florida",
"region_id": 3852,
"supports\_region"\colon \verb"true",
"supports_city": true
"key": "2703980",
"name": "Manhattan",
"type": "subcity",
"country_code": "US",
"country_name": "United States",
"region": "New York",
"region_id": 3875,
"supports_region": true,
"supports_city": true,
"geo_hierarchy_level": "SUBCITY",
"geo_hierarchy_name": "BOROUGH"
```

If supports_region is true, the region for this city is available for targeting. If supports_city is set true, this city is available for targeting.

Geographic Areas

We have other geographical areas you can use to target. Some of these areas are not yet defined, as noted below.

Area	Description
LARGE_GEO_AREA	Known commonly as a district or governate covering hundreds of square killometers or more. Example: Akkar in Lebanon.
MEDIUM_GEO_AREA	Known commonly as a county, covering more than one city. Example: Henrico county in the state of Virginia in United States
SMALL_GEO_ARSA	Known commonly as a residential area near a city or town. Example: El Rosario near Marbella in Spain.
SUBCITY	Such as a borough, Example: Brooklyn in New York.
NEIGHBORHOOD	Area within a city. Example: Barton Estates, Irving in Texas.
SUBNEIGHBORHOOD	Not yet available.
METRO_AREA	Densely populated area surround a larger city. Not yet available.

The hierarchy of geographical areas is as follows, from largest to smallest:

- REGION
- LARGE_GEO_AREA
- MEDIUM_GEO_AREA
- SMALL_GEO_AREA
- METRO_AREA
 CITY
- SUBCITY
- NEIGHBORHOOD
- SUBNEIGHBORHOOD

Zip Code

You can also search zip codes to target on Facebook. For zip code search, we recommend adgeolocation with location_types=['zip']. Visit the Meta Helpcenter 🗷 to view a list of countries with supported Zip codes.

Search zip codes starting with 9:

```
curl -6 \
    -d 'location_types=["zip"]' \
    -d 'type=adgeolocation' \
    -d 'q=9' \
    -d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
    https://graph.facebook.com/LATEST-API-VERSION/search
```

```
"data": [
   "key": "US:90028",
   "name": "90028",
   "type": "zip",
   "country_code": "US",
   "country_name": "United States",
   "region": "California",
   "region_id": 3847,
   "primary_city": "Los Angeles",
   "primary_city_id": 2420379,
    "supports_region": true,
    "supports_city": true
   "key": "US:94110",
   "name": "94110",
   "type": "zip",
   "country_code": "US",
    "country_name": "United States",
    "region": "California",
    "region_id": 3847,
    "primary_city": "San Francisco",
   "primary_city_id": 2421836,
    "supports_region": true,
    "supports_city": true
   "key": "US:94501",
   "name": "94501".
    "type": "zip",
   "country_code": "US",
   "country_name": "United States",
    "region": "California",
   "region_id": 3847,
   "primary_city": "Alameda",
   "primary_city_id": 2417628,
    "supports_region": true,
    "supports_city": true
```

```
{
  "key": "US:95190",
  "name": "95190",
  "type": "zip",
  "country_code": "US",
  "country_name": "United States",
  "region": "California",
  "region_id": 3847,
  "primary_city_id": 2421846,
  "supports_region": true,
  "supports_city": true
}
}
```

Locales

Targetable locales by locale codes. To search for all locales starting with en:

```
curl -G \
-d 'type=adlocale' \
-d 'q=en' \
-d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

The response:

Name	Description
q	String to autocomplete values. To get all locales, leave this blank, q=, and set the limit to a large number limit=1000
type: string	

DMA Codes

To get these, specify type=adgeolocation and $location_types=['geo_market']$ in your query. To search for DMA codes that start with "New":

```
curl -6 \
    -d 'location_types=["geo_market"]' \
    -d 'type=adgeolocation' \
    -d 'q=New' \
    -d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
    https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

The result:

```
"data": [
   "key": "DMA:622",
   "name": "New Orleans",
   "type": "geo_market",
   "country_code": "US",
   "country_name": "United States",
   "supports_region": true,
   "supports_city": true
   "key": "DMA:501",
   "name": "New York",
   "type": "geo_market",
   "country_code": "US",
   "country_name": "United States",
   "supports_region": true,
   "supports_city": true
   "key": "DMA:533",
   "name": "Hartford & amp; New Haven",
   "type": "geo_market",
   "country_code": "US",
   "country_name": "United States",
   "supports_region": true,
   "supports_city": true
```

Electoral Districts

To search for Electoral Districts to target, specify type=adgeolocation and location_types=['electoral_district']. To search for Electoral Districts in California:

```
curl -G \
    -d 'location_types=["electoral_district"]' \
    -d 'type=adgeolocation' \
    -d 'q=California' \
    -d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
    https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

```
"region": "California",
    "region_id": 3847,
    "supports_region": true,
    "supports_city": true
},
...
}
```

Geo Locations Metadata

You can use additional optional parameters with type=adgeolocationmeta:

```
curl -G \
    -d 'cities=[2418779]' \
    -d 'zips=["US:90210"]' \
    -d 'countries=["US","JP"]' \
    -d 'regions=[10]' \
    -d 'type=adgeolocationmeta' \
    -d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

The response is a JSON object with metadata for geo locations specified:

```
"data": {
  "countries": {
   "US": {
      "key": "US",
      "type": "country",
      "name": "United States",
      "supports_city": true,
      "supports_region": true
    "JP": {
      "key": "JP",
      "type": "country",
      "name": "Japan",
      "supports_city": true,
      "supports_region": true
  "regions": {
    "10": {
      "key": "10",
      "type": "region",
      "name": "Dubai",
      "country_code": "AE",
      "supports_city": true,
      "supports_region": false
  "cities": {
    "2418779": {
      "key": "2418779",
      "type": "city",
      "name": "Danville",
      "region_id": 3847,
      "region": "California",
      "country_code": "US",
      "supports_city": true,
      "supports_region": true
  "zips": {
    "US:90210": {
      "key": "US:90210",
      "type": "zip",
      "name": "90210",
      "primary_city": "Beverly Hills",
      "region_id": 3847,
```

```
"region": "California",
    "country_code": "US",
    "supports_city": true,
    "supports_region": true
}
}
}
}
```

Options:

Name	Description
countries	Array of country codes
type: string	
regions	Array of region codes
type: integer	
country_groups	Array of country group codes
type: string	
cities	Array of city keys
type: integer	
zips	Array of full zip codes. For example US: 92103
type: string	

Radius Suggestions

 $To target around a specific location, get a suggested radius reach enough people with \verb|suggested_radius|:$

```
curl -G \
-d 'latitude=37.449478' \
-d 'longitude=-122.173016' \
-d 'type=adradiussuggestion' \
-d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

The response is JSON object with <code>suggested_radius</code> and <code>distance_unit</code>.

Example fetching $suggested_radius$ with a $distance_unit$ specified:

```
curl -G \
  -d 'latitude=37.449478' \
```

```
-d 'longitude=-122.173016' \
-d 'type=adradiussuggestion' \
-d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

```
{
    "data": [
    {
        "suggested_radius": 16,
        "distance_unit": "kilometer"
    }
    }
}
```

Use these parameters:

Name	Description
latitude	Required.
type: float	Latitude of the location
longitude	Required.
type: float	Longitude of the location
distance_unit	Optional.
type: string	Unit of measurement, mile or kilometer

See also Local Awareness Ads to use with suggestions.

Interests

Send a GET request to the /search endpoint and set type to adinterest and ${\bf q}$ to the specific interest to search:

```
curl -G \
-d 'type=adinterest' \
-d 'q=baseball' \
-d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

The response will return the following fields:

Name	Description
d	Facebook ID of interest targeting
nteger	
ocale	If available, retrieve content in language of a particular locale in the format language_TERRITORY. Default en_US
tring	

Name	Description
name	Name of interest
string	
path	Includes category and any parent categories for targeting
array of strings	

Interest Suggestions

Send a GET request to the /search endpoint and set type to adinterest suggestion to get a list of suggested interests related to your interest.

Sample Query

```
curl -G \
    -d 'interest_list=["Basketball"]' \
    -d 'type=adinterestsuggestion' \
    -d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
    https://graph.facebook.com/<API_VERSION>/search
```

Sample Response

```
"data": [
    "id": "6003598240487",
    "name": "la biblia",
    "audience_size": 7419780,
     "path": [
     "description": null
    "id": "6003022269556",
    "name": "Rugby football",
    "audience_size": 13214830,
     "path": [
     "description": null
    "id": "6003146664949",
    "name": "Netball",
    "audience_size": 4333770,
    "path": [
"description": null
    "id": "6003013291881",
     "name": "Kaizer Chiefs F.C.",
    "audience_size": 1812850,
     "path": [
     "description": null
    "id": "6003400886535",
     "name": "espn sportscenter",
     "audience_size": 222960,
     "path": [
    "description": null
```

```
{
    "id": "6002925969459",
    "name": "watching movies",
    "audience_size": 4630950,
    "path": [
],
    "description": null
},
{
    "id": "6003214125247",
    "name": "lakers",
    "audience_size": 340360,
    "path": [
],
    "description": null
}
```

Options include:

Name	Description
interest_list	Required.
type: array of strings	List of terms you want suggestions for. Case sensitive.

Limitations

- Not all available interests will be returned in a search.
- Interests may be renamed at any time, and validating by name may fail when this happens. Therefore, we recommend validating interests by interest_fbid_list rather than by name. Check if terms are valid, by quering with type=adinterestvalid and the interest to validate:

```
curl -G \
-d 'interest_list=["Japan","nonexistantkeyword"]' \
-d 'type=adinterestvalid' \
-d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

The response:

Options:

Name	Description
interest_list	Required, if there is no interest_fbid_list.
type: array of strings	List of terms to validate. Case sensitive.

Name	Description
interest_fbid_list	Required, if there is no interest_list.
type: array of IDs	List of IDs to validated.

Interests

To browse possible interests to target, send a GET request to the /search endpoint with type set to adTargetingCategory and class to interests.

```
curl -G \
    -d 'type=adTargetingCategory' \
    -d 'class=interests' \
    -d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
    https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

Limitations

• Not all available interests will be returned in a search.

Behaviors

 $Target\ based\ on\ a\ user's\ actions\ or\ past\ purchase\ behavior.\ Retrieve\ all\ possible\ behavior\ targeting\ options\ with\ type=adTargetingCategory&class=behaviors.$

```
curl -G \
-d 'type=adTargetingCategory' \
-d 'class=behaviors' \
-d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

The response contains the following:

Name	Description
name	Name of behavior targeting
type: string	
id	Facebook ID of behavior targeting
type: integer	
audience_size_lower_bound	Estimated lower bound target audience size
integer	
audience_size_upper_bound	Estimated upper bound target audience size
integer	
path	Category and any parent categories for this targeting
type: array of strings	

Name	Description
description	Describes target audience
type: string	
type	Targeting category class
type: string	
yes sung	

Demographics

This includes workplace, education, job title types and relationship status types. You can also target based on recency of a life event: 3 months, 6 months, and 1 year. You can reference schools to target by an id and name.

To search for all schools starting with ha:

```
curl -G \
-d 'type=adeducationschool' \
-d 'q=ha' \
-d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

The response:

Education Majors

Target majors by an id and name. To search for all majors that start with ${\tt ph:}$

```
curl -G \
-d 'type=adeducationmajor' \
-d 'q=ph' \
-d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

```
{
    "data": [
    {
        "name": "Photography",
    }
```

```
"id": 108170975877442,
    "coverage": 613618
},
{
    "name": "Physics",
    "id": 109279729089828,
    "coverage": 942491
},
{
    "name": "Philosophy",
    "id": 108026662559095,
    "coverage": 701271
}
}
```

Work Employer

Reference targetable employers by id and name. To search for all work employer starting with \mathtt{mic}

```
curl -G \
-d 'type=adworkemployer' \
-d 'q=mic' \
-d 'access_token<<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

The response:

Job Title

Every self-declared, targetable job title has an id and name. To get all job titles that include Business Analyst:

```
curl -G \
-d 'type=adworkposition' \
-d 'q=Business Analyst' \
-d 'access_token=<ACCESS_TOKEN>' \
https://graph.facebook.com/v<API_VERSION>/search
```

```
{
  "data": [
  {
    "name": "Business Analyst",
    "id": 105763692790962,
```

```
"coverage": 282124
},
{
    "name": "Financial Analyst",
    "id": 112930925387573,
    "coverage": 212889
}
}
```

The response has these fields:

Name	Description
name	Name of demographic targeting
type: string	
id	Facebook ID of demographic targeting
type: integer	
coverage	Estimated target audience size
type: int	
subtext	Description for target audience
type: string	

The following are common parameters for this API. For type-specific input parameters, see the details below.

Parameter Name	Description
q	Required for most search types.
	String to autocomplete values.
type	Required.
	Type of autocomplete data to retrieve. See below
list	Optional.
	Retrieve preferred Facebook global ID's instead of FIPS codes. Supported for adzipcode
	When used, value must equal GLOBAL
limit	Optional.
	Maximum results to return, defaults 8

Based on the category of autocomplete data, provide the appropriate type. To retrieve locales, specify type-adlocale. Valid categories are:

Value for the `type` parameter	Description
adeducationschool	Autocomplete college targeting
adeducationmajor	Autocomplete college major targeting
adgeolocation	Autocomplete combined for country, city, state & zip
adgeolocation.adcountry	Autocomplete for country
adgeolocation.adzipcode	Autocomplete for zip code
adgeolocation.adgeolocationmeta	Additional metadata for geolocations
adgeolocation.adradiussuggestion	Returns recommended radius around location
adinterest	Autocomplete locale targeting
adinterest.adinterestsuggestion	Suggestions based on interest targeting
adinterest.adinterestvalid	Validates string as valid interest targeting option
adiocale	Autocomplete locale targeting
adTargetingCategory	Parameter q ignored. See all possible targeting options for class with parameter class. Possible values of class: interests, behaviors, demographics, life_events, industries, income, family_statuses, user_device, user_os
adworkemployer	Autocomplete values for work employer
adworkposition	Autocomplete values for job title

Demographic Browse

 $\textbf{Retrieve all possible demographic targeting options with $\tt type=adTargetingCategory and a class.}$

Name	Description
class	Specify one: life_events, industries, income, family_statuses, user_device. Specifying demographics retrieves all.
type: string	Demographic targeting options are not available in all countries. Facebook may return different results, including empty results, depending on the home country setting of the user whose access token is being used to make this API call.

The response contains these fields:	
Name	Description
name	Name of the demographic targeting
type: string	

Name	Description
id	Facebook ID of the demographic targeting
type: integer	
audience_size_lower_bound	Estimated lower bound target audience size
integer	
audience_size_upper_bound	Estimated upper bound target audience size
integer	
description	Description of the target audience
type: string	
type	Type of demographic. Useful if you retrieve all demographics.
type: string	
path	Includes the category and any parent categories the targeting falls into
type: array of strings	

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