

Integration and automation to improve your business processes

**UPS**° Developer Kit









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## **UPS Developer Kit**

Integrate UPS functionality directly into your business systems and e-commerce websites.

With this collection of eleven powerful Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), you can integrate UPS transportation functionality into your processes for small package, LTL and air freight shipments.

Integration is designed to increase internal efficiencies and overall customer satisfaction for

- Ordering Street Level Address Validation, Rating or Time in Transit APIs help improve order accuracy.
- Shipping Pickup, Shipping and UPS
   TradeAbility™ APIs automate fulfillment and global shipping processes.
- Customer service Quantum View™, Rating, Tracking, Signature Tracking™ and Locator APIs provide shipment visibility to customers and your customer service agents.

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# Integration that delivers real benefits

- Address Validation API Catch errors before they catch up with you
- Locator API Find UPS shipping locations with ease
- Paperless Document API Upload document images and link to your international shipments
- Pickup API Offer customers the option to schedule a pickup at their convenience
- Quantum View API Access inbound and outbound shipment manifests
- Rating API Offer your customers the option to compare delivery services and rates
- Shipping API Deliver UPS shipping functionality from your website or enterprise system
- ullet Tracking API Visibility to up-to-the-minute status reports
- Time in Transit API Give your customers insights into shipment and delivery timelines
- Signature Tracking API Automate your Proof of Delivery process
- UPS TradeAbility API Anticipate and manage trade regulation compliance

## Build

## Who do I consult for expertise?

Making a decision involving complex technologies requires expertise. You should consult a technical team who are proficient in XML/Web Service coding.

#### Build

- · Secure an in-house development team or a third-party integrator
- UPS will provide technical support

For technical support, you can submit your question via e-mail to <a href="mailto:ups.com">ups.com</a>. You will need to attach a file that includes your XML request/response messages and errors.

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# Evaluation steps

# How do you determine which is best for you?

Examine the following steps to help you determine the expense and development time for integration. These steps take into account both business and technical planning processes. Consult a technical team who are proficient in XML or Web Service coding. Complete the steps outlined below to assist you in making a more informed decision on intergrating APIs. Of course, this list is not comprehensive and is to be used only as a guideline. Each customer has numerous variables that must be considered which are unique to their proprietary business processes and systems.

### Step 1) Needs analysis

- · Map and document business processes and pain points
- Document software functionality required to address pain points
- Identify appropriate APIs to meet business needs

## Step 2) Technical requirements

- Identify the number and type of platforms/systems impacted
- Pinpoint high-level impacts to interfaces and internal processing logic of each system

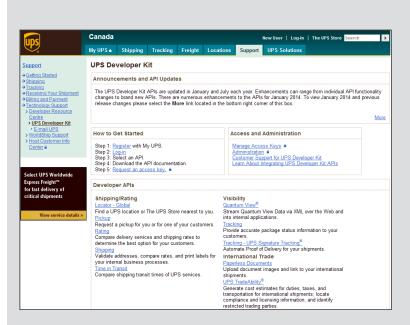
## Step 3) Cost comparison

- Determine developer skill level required for XML or Web Service coding
- Evaluate development time to integrate the APIs versus purchasing software with APIs integrated
- · Complete cost benefit analysis

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## Developer access

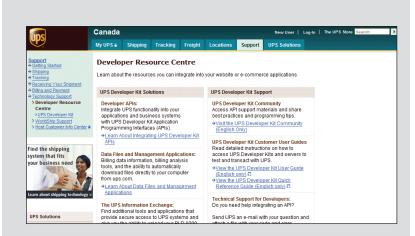


**UPS Developer Kit** — This section of <u>ups.com</u> provides access for developers to download developer guides, sample code and UPS logos. Developer can also request an Access Key to gain access to UPS test and production API servers. Complete instructions are available within the UPS Developer Kit User Guide.

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## Resource centre



**UPS Developer Resource Centre** — This section of <u>ups.com</u> provides a comprehensive list of technical support options for your developer, including the best channel for urgent technical support — the "E-mail UPS" option.



**UPS Developer Kit Community** — This section of <u>ups.com</u> provides developers a forum to share best practices and programming tips as well as access all API documentation online.

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## Integration process

## Quick-guide for developers

## Key things to know before and during the integration process.

The UPS Developer Kit offers convenience in integrating UPS functionality directly into your business systems and e-commerce websites using the Internet. Choose from 11 UPS Developer APIs to help automate and improve internal efficiencies while enhancing end-to-end customer experience.

#### Technical considerations

Prior to downloading APIs, you should be familiar with:

- Programming URL or socket connections
- Creating a secure socket implementation that supports SSL standard for secure connections
- · Encoding and decoding XML documents
- Designing and implementing a strategy into your existing software for handling errors

## Access requirements

Review whether the particular API provides Test and Production Access with initial access key request or if additional Production Access requests are required, as well as the business models approved for use with each API.

# Implementation to production

## Quick-guide for developers (cont.)

### Implementation

Review the requirements for each API carefully at the <u>UPS</u> <u>Developer Kit page</u>. Download the Software Developer Kit (SDK) and carefully review the entire developer guide for each of the APIs you will integrate. The Developer Kit also includes sample code and WSDLs. Once you have reviewed the Kit, you should request access to the UPS test environment. Most APIs provide immediate access to both test and production environments. However, the following APIs require a second request to activate production access: Address Validation Street Level, Locator, Pickup, Rating (LTL Freight only) and Shipping.

### Testing and certification

UPS provides a testing environment that is accessible with an Access Key for all APIs. This will allow you to simulate live request and response messaging to ensure you have properly formatted your XML or Web Service requests.

LTL Freight and Locator APIs require an additional request to gain production access. Please <u>click here</u> to review the User Guide and the respective developer guides for details.

## Developer support

## Quick-guide for developers (cont.)

#### Resource centre

UPS Developer Kit users can obtain support through the <u>Developer Resource Centre</u>, including:

- · Data files and management applications
- The UPS information exchange
- UPS Developer Kit Community
- Technical support
- The knowledge base

### Technical support

For general questions, you can download the Knowledge Base file. This resource contains answers to hundreds of questions about the APIs. You can also submit your question via e-mail at **ups.com**. You will need to attach a file that includes your XML request/response messages and errors.

## UPS resources

## You've got support

Wherever you are in the integration process, UPS offers a number of ways to find out what you need to know.

The UPS Developer Resource Centre offers several support options. Learn <u>more</u>.

## UPS Developer Kit support (at UPS Developer Resource Centre)

- UPS Developer Kit Community Access online documentation, FAQs and share best practices and programming tips. However, if you need urgent technical support, use the UPS Developer Resource Centre "E-mail UPS" link outlined below under Technical Support.
- Knowledge base This Knowledge Base PDF document is a downloadable .pdf file that provides answers to your business and functionality questions regarding the UPS APIs.
- Technical support Click <u>here</u> to submit your question via e-mail. You will need to attach a file that includes your XML request/response messages and errors. Our goal is to reply to your message within 24 hours.

For more information on product and service availability, visit **ups.com/developerkit**.

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