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PacificEast Development

Overview

PacificEast web services provide access to the best data in the industry. With access to multiple vendors and data sources, PacificEast strives to provide the most relevant and up-to-date responses to your queries. PacificEast is committed to providing the best solution to your data needs by combining our sophisticated algorithms with a wide array of data sources.

Most PacificEast web services are accessible using either the Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) version 1.1 or Representational State Transfer (REST).

This document describes accessing these services using both SOAP and REST. Further information on SOAP can be found on the World Wide Web Consortium's web site at www.w3.org. More information on REST can be found in various places including Wikipedia at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational_state_transfer.

Architecture

PacificEast web services are hosted in several data centers throughout North America and are configured to provide rapid failover in the event of issues. PacificEast uses a combination of load balancing, failover and external monitoring to maintain high service uptimes.

Security

PacificEast web services use Transport Layer Security (TLS) for all communication between client applications and the PacificEast servers. Each request to an PacificEast web service must include the account key that was assigned by PacificEast.

Production vs. Development

All development work must be done on PacificEast's client development servers. Once development has been completed, clients may request that their account on the production servers be enabled by contacting their account manager or by emailing devsupport@pacificeast.com.

Access to the development servers is granted solely for the purpose of testing code integration with the PacificEast web services. The development servers are not to be used for stress or load testing. Queries to the development servers should not exceed 100 queries per day or 1,000 queries total. Queries exceeding these totals may be billable. If additional queries are needed, please contact your account manager or email devsupport@pacificeast.com. Excessive use of the development servers will result in access being revoked. Access to the development servers will be disabled after the production account has been enabled.

The development servers have access to the same data sources as the production servers. However, the production servers are quicker and have redundancy and load-balancing features implemented. While we do our best to ensure that the development servers are available at all times, there may be times when a web service on a development server is unavailable because of maintenance. These periods will usually

be very brief and we will do our best to perform maintenance outside of regular business hours. However, please note that there will not be maintenance notifications issued for our development servers. If you have a question about the status of a particular service on a development server, please email devsupport@pacificast.com.

Production servers should be available at all times. Using multiple data centers and load-balancing, we strive to provide uninterrupted service to our clients. However, there may be times when maintenance, either our own or at our downstream providers, will affect our services. Whenever possible, we will – provide maintenance notifications at least a week before the scheduled maintenance.

Support

During development, support for PacificEast web services can be obtained by emailing our development support group at devsupport@pacificast.com. Please be sure to include details about the nature of the problem and your contact information.

Support for production systems can be obtained by emailing devsupport@pacificast.com. For emergency support, please call our 1-800 number.

Errors

Errors in SOAP-based queries will be indicated using SOAP faults. See the SOAP Fault specification at http://www.w3.org/TR/2000/NOTE-SOAP-20000508/#_Toc478383507 for more information. Information about the error is returned in the fault as an `IdiciaError` object (see *IdiciaError* below).

IDICIA is PacificEast's real-time API service brand

Authentication

Service authentication is performed using a custom header and the account key assigned by PacificEast. Each request must include a header with the name *X-PacificEast-Acct* and the account key as the value.

For example, if your account key is “abc123” then the header included with each request should look like:

X-PacificEast-Acct : abc123

Requests not containing the *X-PacificEast-Acct* header will be rejected with a 403 (Unauthorized) response.

Transaction Requests

Append

The Append transaction uses the input name and address information to find a matching email address. Please see the tables below for more information.

Table 1 – Parameters

Parameter	Description	Type	Required
queryType	The query type specifies the type of query to be performed: Household – accept either a household or individual level match. Individual – only accept an individual level match.	Text	Y
accountKey	The account key assigned by PacificEast.	Text	Y
consentCode	The consent code indicating what consent, if any, was given for retrieving the requested data.	Text	N
jobCode	An identifier (twenty characters maximum) that can be included for reporting purposes. Queries with the same job code will be grouped together on the invoice.	Text	N
purpose	Indicates what the retrieved data will be used for. Valid values are: LE law enforcement FR commercial fraud and risk prevention AD administrative	Text	Y
referenceID	An identifier that can be used by the client application to uniquely identify the transaction. This text will be returned in the response.	Text	N
firstName	First name of the contact.	Text	N
lastName	Last name of the contact.	Text	Y
address	Street address of the contact.	Text	N
city	City of the contact.	Text	N

state	Two character state or province abbreviation.	Text	N
postalCode	The five digit ZIP code for US contacts or the six character postal code (do not include spaces) for Canadian contacts.	Text	N

Not every parameter is required but a minimum of a last name and a location (either city + state or a postal code) is needed for Individual or Household query types. Business query types require a first name, last name and business name. The more information that can be supplied in the query the better chance of finding a good match.

REST format

Queries submitted to the service are formatted in a REST style URL with input criteria submitted in key-value pairs. The only exception is the *queryType* parameter which forms the first part of the REST query string. For example, to specify a household type match with an account key of 'abc123' and a last name of 'Smith' the following URL would be used:

... /Append.svc/REST/household?accountKey=abc123&lastName=Smith

All values must be percent encoded (URL encoded) so that the final query string is a valid Uniform Resource Identifier (URI). See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Percent-encoding> for more information.

Transaction Responses

IDICIAError

The IDICIAError object is returned when a transaction fails and contains information on why the transaction failed.

Table 2 – IDICIAError

Field	Description	DataType
status	Indicates if the query was successfully executed or not. The status should have a value of -1 if an IDICIAError object is received	Integer
errorInfo	An ErrorInfo object (see below)	ErrorInfo

Table 3 – ErrorInfo

Field	Description	DataType
code	The error code describing the type of error that occurred. See Appendix A – Error Codes for a list of possible error codes.	Integer
description	A text description of the error.	Text

internalCode	For PacificEast internal use. You may be asked to provide this value when working with PacificEast support to resolve an issue.	Text
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EmailAppendResponse

A successful transaction is returned in an EmailAppendResponse object.

Table 4 –EmailAppendResponse

Field	Description	DataType
status	Indicates if the query was successfully executed or not. -1 An error occurred executing the query. 0 Query executed successfully.	Integer
lookupResult	The result of the contact search. Possible values are: -1 An error occurred executing the search. 0 No email addresses were found for the input query information. 1 One or more email addresses were found.	Integer
referenceID	The referenceID that was included in the input.	Text
emailAddress	The email address that was found.	Text
matchType	Indicates what type of match was made: Individual Household	Text
validationStatus	Indicates if the email address has been validated or not. Unknown The email address is presumed to be correct but has not been validated. Not validated The email address has been active previously but may not still be valid. Validated The email address has either been validated or was found from a current authoritative source.	Text

Samples

The following samples show various transactions using the service. Only the last portion of the resource and the parameters are shown. The JSON response has been formatted for easier readability.

Note: the data in the responses is fictional and is just a representation of the data that would be returned by the service.

Append Samples

Sample #1 – Invalid Authentication

This request shows the `IdciciaError` response that is returned when the authentication header is missing or invalid.

Request

```
.../Append.svc/Individual?purpose=FR
```

Response

```
{
  "status": -1,
  "errorInfo": {
    "code": 1,
    "description": "Unauthorized access.",
    "internalCode": 0
  }
}
```

Sample #2 – Basic Query

This request shows a basic query requesting a household match for the last name 'Smith' at 123 Main St, Seattle, WA:

Request

```
.../Append.svc/household?referenceID=Test%20query%20&purpose=FR &lastName=Smith&address=123%20Main%20St&city=Seattle&state=WA
```

Response

```
{
  "emailAddress": "tsmith@gmail.com",
  "lookupResult": 1,
  "matchType": "Household",
  "referenceID": "Test query 2",
  "status": 0,
  "validationStatus": "Validated"
}
```

Appendix A – Error Codes

The following are possible error codes that may be returned in the ErrorCode field of the ErrorInfo object.

Table 5 – Error Codes

Error Code	Description
0	Unknown error.
1	Unauthorized access.
2	Invalid query. The <i>description</i> field may provide more information.
3	Query execution error. Retrying the query may provide a successful result.
4	Unauthorized data source. A data source to which the account does not have access has been requested.
5	Unauthorized permissible purpose. The use of the requested permissible purpose has not been granted to the account.
6	Unauthorized query type. The type of query requested is not permitted for the account.

Appendix B – Document History

API Version	Doc. Version	Date	Description
1.0	1.0.0	2020/10/20	Initial release
1.1	1.1.0	2021/3/30	Added support for business email queries
1.1	1.1.1	2021/5/18	Added the <i>validationStatus</i> output parameter
1.1	1.1.2	2021/8/25	Branding Update
1.2	1.2.0	2022/5/27	Removed support for business email queries
1.3	1.3.0	2024/12/18	Authentication information update