

http://api.pipl.com/search/

Accepts a GET request, or POST request with Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded. All parameters should be UTF-8 and URL Encoded. Supports HTTPS.

SEARCH API REQUEST CONFIGURATION		
key:string	Your API key, this is our way to identify and authorize your call	
pretty:bool	The response is "pretty-printed" (with indentation)	true /false
minimum_probability:float	The minimum acceptable probability for inferred data	0.0-1.0 (0.9)
infer_persons:bool	Persons made up solely from data inferred by statistical analysis from your search query are returned	true/ false
minimum_match:float	The minimum required match score for possible persons to be returned	0.0 -1.0
show_sources:string	All: all sources shown; matching/true: only sources from the person; false: don't show sources	true/ false /all/matching
hide_sponsored:bool	Omit sponsored results from the search response	true/ false
live_feeds:bool	Whether to use live data sources. Can be turned off for performance	true/false
match_requirements:string	A condition to specify what fields you must get back. Response not meeting criteria, return empty and are not charged	
source_category_requirements:string	A condition to specify what source categories are required to exist. Responses not meeting criteria, return empty and are not charged	
callback:string	For JSONP support in JavaScript applications. Only alphanumeric characters and underscored are allowed	

Search parameters

email:string phone:string >= 3 chars username:string user_id:string user@service url:string first_name:string >= 2 chars last_name:string >= 2 chars middle_name:string raw_name:string country:string state:string city:string street:string house:string zipcode:string raw_address:string YY or YY- YY age:string

Person

person:person

OR

The minimal requirement for a person to be searchable is to have at least one searchable name, email, phone, username, user_id, URL or a single valid US address (down to a house number)

Use any combination of the parameters. Each parameter may be used only once.

A search request has to contain at least one valid name, email address, phone or username.

Searches can be made using a U.S street address.

Search pointer

search_pointer:string

OR

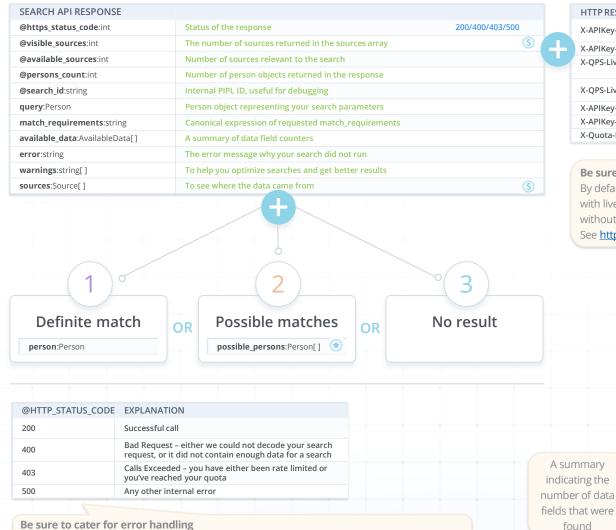
A search pointer is a pointer to a person, which is used to get more information about a possible person (like when clicking on possible search engine results). Preferably use HTTP POST.

For testing purposes, searching with the email address clark.kent@example.com will not result in a billable charge on any DEMO or production API key. For a Person search this email must appear as the first address in the list



All fields prefixed with '@' represent metadata

- Only shown if show_sources is not false in the request.
- Possible persons contain Person summary objects, which do not include email addresses or URLs. To get to the full Person object, do an API request with the search pointer of the possible person.



We recommend to log all queries to Pipl and review warnings from time to time. A complete

list of error messages can be seen at https://docs.pipl.com/reference#errors

	HTTP RESPONSE HEADERS	S INDICATING QUOTA AND THROTTLING LIMITS
	X-APIKey-QPS-Allotted	The number of queries you are allowed to do per second
	X-APIKey-QPS-Current	The number of queries you have to run this second
	X-QPS-Live-Allotted	The number of live queries you are allowed to do per second.
	X-QPS-Live-Current	The number of live queries you have run this second.
	X-APIKey-Quota-Allotted	Your quota limit
	X-APIKey-Quota-Current	Your used quota
	X-Quota-Reset	The time (in UTC) that your quota will be reset

Be sure to throttle your queries

By default you can make 10 asynchronous parallel calls per second with live feeds, and 20 asynchronous parallel calls per second without live feeds.

See https://docs.pipl.com/docs/rate-limiting

Response Metadata

AvailableData
basic:FieldCount
premium:FieldCount

FieldCount emails:int relationships:int usernames:int user_ids:int jobs:int addresses:int ethnicitiess:int phones:int mobile_phones:int landline_phones:int educations:int names:int dobs:int images:int genders:int origin_countries:int



Pipl Cheat sheet CONTAINERS & DATA FIELDS

Request only

Response only

 Can be used for API search

Correlate a Person to

person id

a Source using id and

Social and up

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The containers are used in both request and responses. The data fields have been marked as to what can be searched for. Metadata will only be returned in the response.

@type:string

number:int

raw:string

extension:int

display:string

language:string

region:string

country:string

■ URL:DataField

@source_id:string

@domain:string

@category:string

Ethnicity:DataField

@name:string

@url:string

content:string

display:string

Tag:DataField

date range:DateRange

display:int

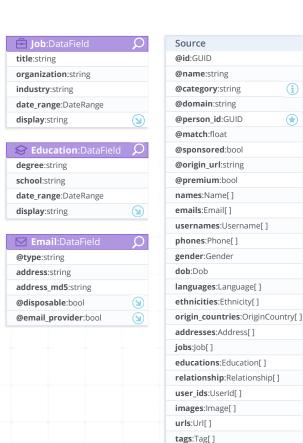
country_code:int

Cyphone: DataField

Language:DataField

DataField	A Name:DataField	
@valid_since:Date	@type:string	
@last seen:Date	first:string	
@last_seen:Date	middle:string	
@inferred:bool	last:string	
Cimeri Canada	prefix:string	
DateRange	suffix:string	
start:string YYYY-MM-DD	raw:string	
end:string YYYY-MM-DD	display:string	
0		
Person	♥ Gender :DataField	
@id:GUID	content:string (i)	
@inferred:bool		
@inferred:bool (i) @search_pointer:string (i)	🛱 Dob :DataField	
@match:float	date_range:DateRange	
names:Name[]	display:string	
emails:Email[]		
usernames:Username[]	Address:DataField	
<pre>phones:Phone[]</pre>	@type:string	
gender:Gender	country:string	
dob:Dob	state:string	
languages:Language[]	city:string	
ethinicities:Ethinicity[]	street:string	
origin_countries:OriginCountry[]	house:string	
addresses:Address[]	apartment:string	
jobs:Job[]	zip_code:string	
educations:Education[]	po_box:string	
relationship:Relationship[]	raw:string	
user_ids:UserID[]	display:string	
images:Image[]		
urls:Url[]		







Contact and up
Social and up
Business

Atomic expressions (field name or source category) can be combined using operators '&' 'and' '|' 'OR', including brackets '(' ')' to separate logic

SEARCH API REQUEST

PARAMETER	EXPLANATION
match_requirements e.g.: (names and addresses) or emails	You can use any one (or more) of these field names in your condition as the most atomic expression: name, address, phone, email, job, education, image, username, user_id, dob, url, gender, ethnicity, language, origin_country, social_profile Plurals can also be used (e.g. names, addresses) The criteria will be met if ANY person in the response contains the requested field. 1. You can append ".TYPENAME" to any field name, where TYPENAME is any recognized @type value of the data field. For example phone.mobile or address.work. Please see the Data Fields table for a summary of types 2. You can prefix any field name with "new_", in which case the criteria will only be met if the response includes data of that type which was not included in the original query.
source_category_requirements e.g.: web_pages or media	You can use any of the source categories as the atomic expression. The criteria will be met if the response contains a source of the requested category (please note that in order to see the source, you need to set the show_sources parameter).

DATA SOURCE CATEGORY

CATEGORY	EXAMPLES
personal_profiles	facebook.com, pinterest.com, last.fm.
media	picasa.com, flickr.com, youtube.com
professional_and_business	linkedin.com, spoke.com, zoominfo.com
public_records	bop.gov, archives.com, ancestry.com
publications	uspto.gov, portal.acm.org, scirus.com
school_and_classmates	classmates.com, reunion.com, schoolbank.nl
email_address	intelius.com, spokeo.com
background_reports	peoplefinders.com intelius.com peoplesmart.com
contact_details	whitepages.com, addresses.com, anywho.com
web_pages	Default category, for sources that don't match any of the above categories.

SEARCH PARAMETERS

PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION
user_id Format is userid@service	Supported services include: facebook, linkedin, twitter, myspace, foursquare, ebay, google, pinterest, instagram, lastfm, flickr, youtube, digg tagged, hi5, weeworld, delicious, hyves, deviantart, douban, odnoklassniki, quora, xanga, mylife, gaia, stumbleupon, bebo, livejournal, viadeo, ning, myheritage, qzone, vkontakte, flixster, tumblr, myyearbook, badoo, habbo, xing, sonico, friendster, meetup, goodreads, classmates, renren, cyworld, netlog, soundcloud, yelp, orkut, aboutme, flavorsme, freelancer, gravatar, imgur, github, CPF.

DATA FIELDS

DATA FIELD	COMPONENT	POSSIBLE VALUES (DEFAULT MARKED IN BOLD)
Name	@type	present/maiden/former
Address	@type	home/work/old
Phone	@type	mobile/home_phone/home_fax/work_phone/pager
	content	male/female
	content	white/black/american_indian/alaska_native/chinese/filipino/other_asia/japanese/korean/vietnamese/native_hawaiian/guamanian/chamorroamoan/other_pacific_islander/other
	@category	'background_reports', 'contact_details', 'email_address', 'media', 'personal_profiles', 'professional_and_business', 'public_records', 'publications', 'school_and_classmates', 'web_pages'
Relationship	@type	work/family/ friend /other
	content	Format: user_id@service service is one of the following known services: facebook, linkedin, twitter, myspace, foursquare, ebay, google, pinterest, instagram, lastfm, flickr, youtube, digg tagged, hi5, weeworld delicious, hyves, deviantart, douban, odnoklassniki, quora, xanga, mylife, gaia, stumbleupon, bebo, livejournal, viadeo, ning, myheritage, qzone, vkontakte, flixster, tumblr, myyearbook, badoo, habbo, xing, sonico, friendster, meetup, goodreads, classmates, renren, cyworld, netlog, soundcloud, yelp, orkut, aboutme, flavorsme, freelancer, gravatar, imgur, github.
Email	@type	personal/work

For more and detailed information about the Pipl API please refer to the reference guide at https://docs.pipl.com/reference





Cropping images to the right dimensions



Zooming in on faces with advanced face detection



Attributing sources by adding favicons to images



Image redundancy - specify a fallback image

http://thumb.pipl.com/image?

THUMBNAIL API REQUEST URL PARAMETERS			
tokens:string	One or two thumbnail tokens, separated by a comma. If the image referenced by the first thumbnail token is not available on the web any more, the second token will be used	FIRST_TOKEN{,SECOND_TOKEN}	
height:int	Height in pixels	100-500	
width:int	Width in pixels	100-500	
favicon:bool	Whether to show favicon	true/false	
zoom_face:bool	Whether to enable face zoom	true/ false	



Thumbnail API example

http://thumb.pipl.com/image?height=250&width=250&favicon=true&zoom_face=true&tokens=AE2861B242686E7BD0CB4D904929 8EB7D18FEF66D950E8AB78BCD3F484345CE74536C19A85D0BA3D32DC9E7D1878CD4D341254E7AD129255C6983E6E154C4530A0 DAAF665EA325FC0206F8B1D7E0B6B7AD9EBF71FCF610D57D

A redundant thumbnail URL example

 $http://thumb.pipl.com/image?height=250\&width=250\&favicon=true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&zoom_face=true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&tokens=FIRST_TOKEN,SECOND_TOKEN-true\&tokens=Tokens-true\&tokens=Tokens-true\&tokens=Tokens-true\&tokens-t$

Special cases







favicon

Sometimes, images will no longer be available on the web. To help you create robust thumbnail URLs, our thumbnail API allows specifying a fallback token.

In some cases, both of your tokens will reference an image no longer available online - or they may contain a default placeholder image, and not a real image of the person.

In those cases, the thumbnail server will return 404.

For more and detailed information about the thumbnail API, please refer to https://docs.pipl.com/docs/thumbnails