# **Direct Asset Upload**



### **Overview**

SheerID's Asset Review verification source allows end-users to supply photographs/scans of documentation proving their affiliation, such as a membership card, transcript, pay stub etc. The direct asset upload feature of the API allows end-users to submit their documents directly to SheerID to ensure they are transferred quickly and securely into SheerID's review system, without the integrator having to act as an intermediary for the file transfer.

## **Techniques**

Below is a list of techniques that can be employed to take advantage of the direct asset upload. Note that in each of these cases, you will need to have performed the following steps:

- 1. Perform a verification using the Verify method
- 2. Create an asset upload token using the <u>Issue Token</u> method

Also note that the URLs shown in this document refer to the production environment. The same techniques can be used in the sandbox environment by replacing the hostname services.sheerid.com with services-sandbox.sheerid.com where appropriate.

## **Hosted Upload Page**

Link to the SheerID-hosted Upload page, including your asset upload token in the query string as shown:

https://services.sheerid.com/upload/?token=\${assetUploadToken}

#### **Custom Form**

Configure a form on your site that posts directly to the SheerID API. Ensure that your form is configured with an enctype attribute set to multipart/form-data.

```
<form enctype="multipart/form-data" method="POST" action="https://services.sheerid.com/rest/0.5/asset">
        <input type="hidden" name="token" value="${assetUploadToken}"/>
        <input name="success" type="hidden" value="${successUrl}"/>
        <input name="failure" type="hidden" value="${failureUrl}"/>
        <label>File: </label><input type="file" name="file"/>
        <buttoon type="submit">Submit</button>
</form>
```

#### Form elements:

- token your asset upload token
- file a file-upload field that represents the file data. Note: you may upload multiple files at once by supplying additional parameters prefixed by file (example: file0, file1, etc.)
- successUrl a URL to which the user is redirected upon successful upload.
- failureUrl a URL to which the user is redirected upon upload failure or configuration error. A

query string parameter, error, will be appended to this URL to provide more information about the nature of the error.

- ?error=400 required fields are missing or invalid, file field is empty
- ?error=401 the token is invalid or expired
- ?error=500 unexpected server error

## **Javascript API**

SheerID provides a Javascript snippet which renders a form similar to that shown in the previous example.

```
<div id="upload"></div>
<script src="https://www.sheerid.com/jsapi/js/SheerID.js"></script>
<script>
SheerID.load('asset', '1.0', {
   config: {
      container: 'upload', // the ID of an element in the page inside of which the form should be rendered maxFiles: 3, // the maximum number of files that can be uploaded at a time success : '${successUrl}', // replace with your success URL failure : '${failureUrl}', // replace with your failure URL ajax: true, // whether to use "AJAX"-style upload, see discussion below token: '${assetUploadToken}' // replace with your asset upload token
}
});
</script>
```

#### A note about AJAX mode

AJAX-style uploads can be used to keep the end-user on the same page while the upload is processing and after it has completed. The background file upload is not actually using AJAX but rather POSTing to a hidden iframe and waiting for the result. The success and failure URLs in this case are not displayed to the user, but instead used as indicators of the success/failure status of the upload request. For this reason, it is very important that these URLs match completely the domain, port and protocol of the page serving the upload form, in order for the event handlers to properly detect a completed upload. With AJAX mode disabled (this is the default configuration), the form will send the user to the redirect pages as described in the previous example.