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Welcome

This is the *Amazon Mechanical Turk API Reference*. This guide provides detailed information about Amazon Mechanical Turk operations, data structures, and parameters. The major sections of this guide are described in the following table.

Amazon Mechanical Turk is a web service that provides an on-demand, scalable, human workforce to complete jobs that humans can do better than computers, for example, recognizing objects in photos. For more information about this product go to [Amazon Mechanical Turk](#).

Operations (p. 8)	Alphabetical list of all Amazon Mechanical Turk operations.
Data Structures (p. 129)	Alphabetical list of all Amazon Mechanical Turk data structures.
Common Parameters (p. 6)	Descriptions of the parameters common to all operations.
WSDL and Schema Locations (p. 2)	Links to Amazon Mechanical Turk WSDL and schemas.
Review Policies (p. 160)	Description of Amazon Mechanical Turk Review Policies.
Question and Answer Data (p. 172)	Description of question and answer data that Amazon Mechanical Turk passes between Requesters and Workers.
The Notification Receptor API (p. 203)	Description of how Amazon Mechanical Turk sends notification messages to your application.

WSDL and Schema Locations

Topics

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- [The Data Structure Schema Locations \(p. 3\)](#)
- [The Formatted Content XHTML Subset \(p. 4\)](#)
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The Amazon Mechanical Turk Service can be accessed using the SOAP web services messaging protocol, or using the REST method of HTTP requests with parameters. The SOAP interface is described by a Web Services Description Language (WSDL) document. REST requests return messages that conform to an XML Schema document.

To make it easy to upgrade your application when a new version of schemas are released, all schemas have a version number. The version number appears in the URL of a schema file, and in a schema's target namespace. The API schemas (the WSDL and request/response messages) and the data structure schemas (question and answer values) use separate version numbers. The latest versions are as follows:

Type of Schema	Latest Version
The API: WSDL and message schemas	2011-10-01
The QuestionForm, QuestionFormAnswers and AnswerKey schemas	2005-10-01
The ExternalQuestion schema	2006-07-14
The formatted content XHTML subset	2006-07-14
The notifications receptor API	2006-05-05

The WSDL and Message Schema Locations

The WSDL for a given version of the Amazon Mechanical Turk Service API can be found at a URL that corresponds to the API version. For example, the WSDL for the 2011-10-01 version of the API can be found here:

<http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurk/2011-10-01/AWSMechanicalTurkRequester.wsdl>

The XML Schema for the messages of a given version of the Amazon Mechanical Turk Service API can be found at a URL that corresponds to the API version. For example, the XML Schema for the 2011-10-01 version of the API can be found here:

<http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurk/2011-10-01/AWSMechanicalTurkRequester.xsd>

The Data Structure Schema Locations

The Amazon Mechanical Turk Service has several parameters and return values that contain XML data. The XML content must validate against the appropriate XML schema. For more information, see [QuestionForm](#) (p. 174), [QuestionFormAnswers](#) (p. 194), and [AnswerKey](#) (p. 195).



Note

The API version number and the data structure version number are not related. The two sets of schemas may have new releases at different times, and may have different version numbers. For example, an application using the 2011-10-01 version of the API may create HITs using the 2005-10-01 version of the QuestionForm schema. (There may not be a "2011-10-01" version of the QuestionForm schema.)

Your application may use any supported version of the data schemas with any supported version of the API. A data structure returned by the service will include a namespace that corresponds to the relevant schema.

The 2005-10-01 version of the QuestionForm schema can be found here:

<http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2005-10-01/QuestionForm.xsd>

The 2005-10-01 version of the QuestionFormAnswers schema can be found here:

<http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2005-10-01/QuestionFormAnswers.xsd>

The 2005-10-01 version of the AnswerKey schema can be found here:

<http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2005-10-01/AnswerKey.xsd>

The 2006-07-14 version of the ExternalQuestion schema can be found here:

<http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2006-07-14/ExternalQuestion.xsd>



Note

To conform to a schema, XML content must use namespace declarations that match the target namespace for the schema. The target namespace is declared at the top of the schema, as the "targetNamespace" attribute of the "xs:schema" element.

The schemas for `QuestionForm`, `QuestionFormAnswers`, and `AnswerKey` use namespace URIs similar to the URL at which the schema file can be found, including the service version. For example:

```
<QuestionForm
  xmlns="http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchem
as/2005-10-01/QuestionForm.xsd"
  >
  [...]
</QuestionForm>
```

If the service returns an error message about data not validating against the schema, make sure your namespace declaration matches the target namespace specified in the schema.

The Formatted Content XHTML Subset

HITs and Qualification tests can include blocks of content formatted with XHTML tags in their instructions and question data. To include text and markup for formatted content in a web service request, you specify it as XML CDATA inside a *FormattedContent* element, part of [the QuestionForm data structure \(p. 174\)](#).

Amazon Mechanical Turk validates formatted content by converting the text and markup in the CDATA block into an XML document, then validating it against a schema. For more information about how this XML document is produced, see [Formatted Content: XHTML \(p. 188\)](#), "How XHTML Formatted Content Is Validated".

The 2006-07-14 version of the schema used to validate formatted content can be found here:

<http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2006-07-14/FormattedContentXHTMLSubset.xsd>

The Notifications Receptor WSDL Location

The WSDL for the notification receptor API is located here:

<http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurk/2006-05-05/AWSMechanicalTurkRequesterNotification.wsdl>

For more information about building a notification receptor web service, see [The Notification Receptor API \(p. 203\)](#).

Service API Versions

When a new version of the service API is released, previous versions are supported for a limited time to allow applications to continue to function until they are upgraded. The version of a service API is specified as a date, such as 2011-10-01.

The version of the API can be found in the URLs of the WSDL and schema files. It can also be found in the *targetNamespace* of the WSDL and schema files.

You can retrieve the WSDL or schema files for previous versions of the API by replacing the version date in the URL with the desired version. For example, to retrieve the WSDL for API version 2011-10-01:

<http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurk/2011-10-01/AWSMechanicalTurkRequester.wsdl>

For information about which versions of the API are supported, visit the Amazon Web Services web site at <http://aws.amazon.com/mturk>.

Accessing a Specific Service Version

For your application to use a specific version of the service API, the service needs to be told which version is being used with each request.

For SOAP requests, the Amazon Mechanical Turk Service determines which API version you are using based on the namespace in your request message, which is determined by the WSDL you are using with your application. SOAP requests always include this information, and SOAP toolkits determine the namespace automatically from the WSDL.

For REST requests, you must explicitly request the version to use by including the *Version* parameter in your request. The *Version* parameter ensures that the service does not return response elements that your application is not designed to handle.

Here is an example REST request that includes the *Version* parameter:

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GetHIT
&HITId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

The Default Version

Older AWS services supported requests that did not specify an API version. This behavior is still supported for legacy reasons, but its use is discouraged.

When the Amazon Mechanical Turk Service receives a REST request without a *Version* parameter, the service will use the latest version. If your application does not specify the *Version* in each request, when a new version of the API is released, your application will start using the new version automatically. Because new versions of the API may be incompatible with applications expecting to use an older version, specifying an explicit *Version* parameter with each request is strongly recommended.

A similar legacy feature exists for SOAP: A request for the WSDL or a schema file using a URL that does not include the version number will return the file for the latest version of the API. Using WSDL/schema URLs that include the API version number is strongly recommended.

Common Parameters

Introduction

The Amazon Mechanical Turk Service accepts a set of parameters in the request common to every operation. Each required parameter must be included in a request for the request to be successful.

Parameters common to all operations are explained here. For more information about the parameters for a specific operation, see the description of the operation in the [Operations \(p. 8\)](#) section of this reference.

Common Request Parameters

Requests to the Amazon Mechanical Turk service can include the parameters described in the following table. Required parameters must be included with each request for the request to succeed.

Name	Description	Required
<i>AWSSecretAccessKeyId</i>	The Requester's Access Key ID, a unique identifier that corresponds to a Secret Access Key and an Amazon.com account. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Service</i>	The name of the Amazon Web Services service. Type: String Valid Values: AWSMechanicalTurkRequester Default: None Constraints: For REST requests only. For SOAP requests the name of the service is part of the SOAP entry point, and does not need to be specified in the request.	Yes

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Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Default: None Constraints: For REST requests only For SOAP requests, the operation name is part of the SOAP message structure provided by your SOAP toolkit, and is not part of the request.	Yes
<i>Signature</i>	The signature for this request, an encrypted string calculated from elements of the request and the AWS access key that corresponds to your AWS Access Key ID. For information about how to calculate a <i>Signature</i> , see AWS Request Authentication . Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Timestamp</i>	The current time on your system. This value is included to validate against the <i>Signature</i> parameter. Type: a dateTime in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z. Default: None	Yes
<i>ResponseGroup</i>	A list of response groups Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Version</i>	Specifies what version of the API to use. Type: String Default: None. If not specified, the latest version of the API is used. Constraints: Used only for REST requests	No
<i>Validate</i>	If specified, instructs the service to <i>not</i> perform the operation, and only return information about whether or not the request is valid. Type: String Default: None. If not specified, the service executes the requested operation.	No
<i>Credential</i>	This parameter is reserved for future use. Type: None Default: None	Not used

Operations

The Amazon Mechanical Turk Service API consists of web service operations for every task the service can perform. This section describes each operation in detail.

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- [UpdateQualificationType](#) (p. 125)

ApproveAssignment

Description

The `ApproveAssignment` operation approves the results of a completed assignment.

Approving an assignment initiates two payments from the Requester's Amazon.com account: the Worker who submitted the results is paid the reward specified in the HIT, and Amazon Mechanical Turk fees are debited. If the Requester's account does not have adequate funds for these payments, the call to `ApproveAssignment` returns an exception, and the approval is not processed.

You can include an optional feedback message with the approval, which the Worker can see in the **Status** section of the web site.

Request Parameters

The `ApproveAssignment` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters](#) (p. 6) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `ApproveAssignment` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: ApproveAssignment Default: None	Yes
<i>AssignmentId</i>	The ID of the assignment. This parameter must correspond to a HIT created by the Requester. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Name	Description	Required
<i>RequesterFeedback</i>	A message for the Worker, which the Worker can see in the Status section of the web site. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Can be up to 1024 characters (including multi-byte characters). The <i>RequesterFeedback</i> parameter cannot contain ASCII characters 0-8, 11,12, or 14-31. If these characters are present, the operation throws an <i>InvalidParameterValue</i> error.	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the *ApproveAssignment* operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>ApproveAssignmentResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the *ApproveAssignment* operation.

Sample Request

The following example approves an assignment identified by its assignment ID.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=ApproveAssignment
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&AssignmentId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE456RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<ApproveAssignmentResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</ApproveAssignmentResult>
```

AssignQualification

Description

The `AssignQualification` operation gives a Worker a Qualification. `AssignQualification` does not require that the Worker submit a Qualification request. It gives the Qualification directly to the Worker.

You can assign a Qualification to any Worker who has submitted one of your HITs in the past.

You can only assign a Qualification of a Qualification type that you created (using the [CreateQualificationType](#) (p. 27) operation).



Tip

`AssignQualification` does not affect any pending Qualification requests for the Qualification by the Worker. If you assign a Qualification to a Worker, then later grant a Qualification request made by the Worker, the granting of the request may modify the Qualification score. To resolve a pending Qualification request without affecting the Qualification the Worker already has, reject the request with the [RejectQualificationRequest](#) (p. 102) operation.

Request Parameters

The `AssignQualification` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [CommonParameters](#) (p. 6) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `AssignQualification` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: AssignQualification Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type to use for the assigned Qualification. Type: String Default: None Constraints: must be a valid Qualification type ID, as returned by the CreateQualificationType (p. 27) operation.	Yes
<i>WorkerId</i>	The ID of the Worker to whom the Qualification is being assigned. Worker IDs are included with submitted HIT assignments and Qualification requests. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>IntegerValue</i>	The value of the Qualification to assign. Type: Integer Default: 1	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>SendNotification</i>	Specifies whether to send a notification email message to the Worker saying that the qualification was assigned to the Worker. Type: Boolean Valid Values: true false. Default: true	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `AssignQualification` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>AssignQualificationResult</i>	Contains a <code>Request</code> element if the <code>Request</code> <code>ResponseGroup</code> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `AssignQualification` operation.

Sample Request

The following example assigns a Qualification of a specified type to a Worker with the specified ID, using the specified Qualification value. By default, Amazon Mechanical Turk sends the Worker an e-mail message saying that the Worker has received the Qualification.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=AssignQualification
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&QualificationTypeId=789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
&WorkerId=AZ3456EXAMPLE
&IntegerValue=800
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<AssignQualificationResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</AssignQualificationResult>
```


BlockWorker

Description

The `BlockWorker` operation allows you to prevent a Worker from working on your HITs. For example, you can block a Worker who is producing poor quality work. You can block up to 100,000 Workers.

You need the Worker ID to use this operation. You can get the Worker ID in the assignment data returned by a call to the [GetAssignmentsForHIT](#) (p. 44) operation. If the Worker ID is missing or invalid, this operation returns with the failure message "WorkerId is invalid." If the Worker is already blocked, this operation returns successfully.

Request Parameters

The `BlockWorker` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters](#) (p. 6) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `BlockWorker` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: BlockWorker Default: None	Yes
<i>WorkerId</i>	The ID of the Worker to block. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Reason</i>	A message explaining the reason for blocking the Worker. This parameter enables you to keep track of your Workers. The Worker does not see this message. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `BlockWorker` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>BlockWorkerResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `BlockWorker` operation.

Sample Request

The following example blocks a Worker from working on your HITs.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=BlockWorker
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&WorkerId=AZ3456EXAMPLE
&Reason=After%20several%20warnings,%20he%20continued%20to%20submit%20an
swers%20without%20reading%20the%20instructions%20carefully.
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<BlockWorkerResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</BlockWorkerResult>
```

Related Operations

To unblock a Worker use the [UnblockWorker](#) (p. 121) operation.

ChangeHITTypeOfHIT

Description

The `ChangeHITTypeOfHIT` operation allows you to change the `HITType` properties of a HIT. This operation disassociates the HIT from its old `HITType` properties and associates it with the new `HITType` properties. The HIT takes on the properties of the new `HITType` in place of the old ones. For more information about HIT types, see the [Amazon Mechanical Turk Developer Guide](#).

You can use `ChangeHITTypeOfHIT` to update any of the `HITType` properties of a HIT. All properties except for `Reward` can be updated at any time.

Request Parameters

The `ChangeHITTypeOfHIT` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `ChangeHITTypeOfHIT` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: ChangeHITTypeOfHIT Default: None	Yes
<i>HITId</i>	The ID of the HIT to change Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>HITTypeId</i>	The ID of the new HIT type Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `ChangeHITTypeOfHIT` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>ChangeHITTypeOfHITResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `ChangeHITTypeOfHIT` operation.

Sample Request

The following example changes the HIT type.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=ChangeHITTypeOfHIT
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
&HITTypeId=T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<ChangeHITTypeOfHITResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</ChangeHITTypeOfHITResult>
```

CreateHIT

Description

The `CreateHIT` operation creates a new Human Intelligence Task (HIT). The new HIT is made available for Workers to find and accept on the Amazon Mechanical Turk website.

There are two ways to call the `CreateHIT` operation: with the HIT type ID, or with the common property values. If the `HITTypeId` parameter is specified, the `CreateHIT` operation assumes the syntax with a HIT type ID is what you intended. If you provide both a HIT type ID and values for the common properties, the common property values are ignored.

Using Review Policies with `CreateHIT` you can specify how you want Mechanical Turk to take action on the HITs you create. Using Review Policies removes the need for you to manually take action and determine Worker accuracy after the HIT has been completed. For more information about Review Policies, see [Review Policies \(p. 160\)](#).

You must specify review policies when you create a HIT. You cannot apply a Review Policy to an existing HIT. There are two types of Review Policies, Assignment-level and HIT-level:

- An Assignment-level Review Policy is applied as soon as a Worker submits an assignment. For more information, see [Assignment Review Policies \(p. 161\)](#).
- A HIT-level Review Policy is applied when a HIT becomes reviewable. For more information, see [HIT Review Policies \(p. 163\)](#).

You can specify one Assignment-level Review Policy and one HIT-level Review Policy when you call `CreateHIT` using the [HIT Review Policy \(p. 138\)](#) data structure. The Assignment-level Review Policy `ScoreMyKnownAnswer/2011-09-01` and the HIT-level Review Policy `SimplePlurality/2011-09-01` can be used in the same call to `CreateHIT`.

- Use the `ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01` policy parameters to compare a known answer you provide with the answer a Worker provides. Mechanical Turk will automatically compare the answer and take action based on your requirements.
- Use the `SimplePlurality/2011-09-01` policy parameters to automatically compare answers received from multiple workers and detect if there is a majority or consensus answer.

For more information about how to get the results you need from Workers, see [Review Policy Use Cases \(p. 166\)](#).

Request Parameters

The `CreateHIT` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following tables describe the additional parameters required to call the `CreateHIT` operation with an explicit HIT type ID and without a HIT type ID.

Calling CreateHIT with a HIT Type ID

The following parameters are specific to calling the `CreateHIT` operation with an explicit HIT type ID:

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Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: CreateHIT Default: None	Yes
<i>HITTypeId</i>	The HIT type ID Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Question</i>	The data the person completing the HIT uses to produce the results. Type: String Default: None Constraints: must be a QuestionForm (p. 174) data structure or an ExternalQuestion (p. 199) data structure. The XML Question data must not be larger than 64 kilobytes (65,535 bytes) in size, including whitespace.	Yes
<i>LifetimeInSeconds</i>	The number of seconds after which the HIT is no longer available for users to accept. After the lifetime of the HIT has elapsed, the HIT no longer appears in HIT searches, even if not all of the HIT's assignments have been accepted. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any integer between 30 (30 seconds) and 31536000 (365 days). Default: None	Yes
<i>MaxAssignments</i>	The number of times the HIT can be accepted and completed before the HIT becomes unavailable. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any integer between 1 and 1000000000 (1 billion). Default: 1	No
<i>AssignmentReviewPolicy</i>	The Assignment-level Review Policy applies to the assignments under the HIT. You can specify for Mechanical Turk to take various actions based on the policy. For more information, see Assignment Review Policies (p. 161) . Type: String Valid Values: Must be a HIT Review Policy data structure, see HIT Review Policy (p. 138) . Default: none	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	<p>The HIT-level Review Policy applies to the HIT. You can specify for Mechanical Turk to take various actions based on the policy. For more information, see HIT Review Policies (p. 163).</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Valid Values: Must be a HIT Review Policy data structure, see HIT Review Policy (p. 138).</p> <p>Default: none</p>	No
<i>RequesterAnnotation</i>	<p>An arbitrary data field. The <i>RequesterAnnotation</i> parameter lets your application attach arbitrary data to the HIT for tracking purposes. For example, this parameter could be an identifier internal to the Requester's application that corresponds with the HIT.</p> <p>The <i>RequesterAnnotation</i> parameter for a HIT is only visible to the Requester who created the HIT. It is not shown to the Worker, or any other Requester.</p> <p>The <i>RequesterAnnotation</i> parameter may be different for each HIT you submit. It does not affect how your HITs are grouped.</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Default: None</p> <p>Constraints: must not be longer than 255 characters in length.</p>	No
<i>UniqueRequestToken</i>	<p>A unique identifier for this request. Allows you to retry the call on error without creating duplicate HITs. This is useful in cases such as network timeouts where it is unclear whether or not the call succeeded on the server. If the HIT already exists in the system from a previous call using the same <i>UniqueRequestToken</i>, subsequent calls will return a <i>AWS.MechanicalTurk.HitAlreadyExists</i> error with a message containing the HITId.</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Default: None</p> <p>Constraints: must not be longer than 64 characters in length.</p> <p>Note: It is your responsibility to ensure uniqueness of the token. The unique token expires after 24 hours. Subsequent calls using the same <i>UniqueRequestToken</i> made after the 24 hour limit could create duplicate HITs.</p>	No

Calling CreateHIT Without a HIT Type ID

The following parameters are specific to calling the `CreateHIT` operation without a HIT type ID, letting Amazon Mechanical Turk determine the HIT type from the property values:

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Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	<p>The name of the operation</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Valid Values: CreateHIT</p> <p>Default: None</p>	Yes
<i>Title</i>	<p>The title of the HIT. A title should be short and descriptive about the kind of task the HIT contains. On the Amazon Mechanical Turk web site, the HIT title appears in search results, and everywhere the HIT is mentioned.</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Default: None</p> <p>Constraints: must not be more than 128 characters</p>	Yes
<i>Description</i>	<p>A general description of the HIT. A description includes detailed information about the kind of task the HIT contains. On the Amazon Mechanical Turk web site, the HIT description appears in the expanded view of search results, and in the HIT and assignment screens. A good description gives the user enough information to evaluate the HIT before accepting it.</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Default: None</p> <p>Constraints: cannot be more than 2,000 characters in length</p>	Yes
<i>Question</i>	<p>The data the person completing the HIT uses to produce the results.</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Default: None</p> <p>Constraints: Must be a QuestionForm (p. 174) data structure or an ExternalQuestion (p. 199) data structure. The XML Question data must not be larger than 64 kilobytes (65,535 bytes) in size, including whitespace.</p>	Yes
<i>Reward</i>	<p>The amount of money the Requester will pay a Worker for successfully completing the HIT.</p> <p>Type: Price (p. 143) data structure.</p> <p>Default: None</p>	Yes

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Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>AssignmentDurationInSeconds</i>	<p>The amount of time, in seconds, that a Worker has to complete the HIT after accepting it. If a Worker does not complete the assignment within the specified duration, the assignment is considered abandoned. If the HIT is still active (that is, its lifetime has not elapsed), the assignment becomes available for other users to find and accept.</p> <p>Type: positive integer</p> <p>Valid Values: any integer between 30 (30 seconds) and 31536000 (365 days).</p> <p>Default: None</p>	Yes
<i>LifetimeInSeconds</i>	<p>An amount of time, in seconds, after which the HIT is no longer available for users to accept. After the lifetime of the HIT elapses, the HIT no longer appears in HIT searches, even if not all of the assignments for the HIT have been accepted.</p> <p>Type: positive integer</p> <p>Valid Values: any integer between 30 (30 seconds) and 31536000 (365 days).</p> <p>Default: None</p>	Yes
<i>Keywords</i>	<p>One or more words or phrases that describe the HIT, separated by commas. These words are used in searches to find HITs.</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Default: None</p> <p>Constraints: The complete string of keywords, including commas and spaces, cannot be more than 1,000 characters.</p>	No
<i>MaxAssignments</i>	<p>The number of times the HIT can be accepted and completed before the HIT becomes unavailable.</p> <p>Type: positive integer</p> <p>Valid Values: any integer between 1 and 1000000000 (1 billion).</p> <p>Default: 1</p>	No
<i>AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds</i>	<p>The number of seconds after an assignment for the HIT has been submitted, after which the assignment is considered Approved automatically unless the Requester explicitly rejects it.</p> <p>Type: non-negative integer</p> <p>Valid Values: any integer between 0 (auto-approve results as soon as they are submitted) and 2592000 (30 days).</p> <p>Default: 2592000 (30 days)</p>	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>QualificationRequirement</i>	<p>A condition that a Worker's Qualifications must meet before the Worker is allowed to accept and complete the HIT.</p> <p>Type: a QualificationRequirement (p. 149) data structure.</p> <p>Default: None</p> <p>Constraints: there can be no more than 10 <i>QualificationRequirement</i> data structures for each HIT.</p>	No
<i>AssignmentReviewPolicy</i>	<p>The Assignment-level Review Policy applies to the assignments under the HIT. You can specify for Mechanical Turk to take various actions based on the policy. For more information, see Assignment Review Policies (p. 161).</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Valid Values: Must be a HIT Review Policy data structure, see HIT Review Policy (p. 138).</p> <p>Default: none</p>	No
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	<p>The HIT-level Review Policy applies to the HIT. You can specify for Mechanical Turk to take various actions based on the policy. For more information, see HIT Review Policies (p. 163).</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Valid Values: Must be a HIT Review Policy data structure, see HIT Review Policy (p. 138).</p> <p>Default: none</p>	No
<i>RequesterAnnotation</i>	<p>An arbitrary data field. The <i>RequesterAnnotation</i> parameter lets your application attach arbitrary data to the HIT for tracking purposes. For example, the <i>RequesterAnnotation</i> parameter could be an identifier internal to the Requester's application that corresponds with the HIT.</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Default: None</p> <p>Constraints: must not be longer than 255 characters in length.</p>	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>UniqueRequestToken</i>	<p>A unique identifier for this request. Allows you to retry the call on error without creating duplicate HITs. This is useful in cases such as network timeouts where it is unclear whether or not the call succeeded on the server. If the HIT already exists in the system from a previous call using the same <i>UniqueRequestToken</i>, subsequent calls will return a <i>AWS.MechanicalTurk.HitAlreadyExists</i> error with a message containing the HITId.</p> <p>Type: String Default: None Constraints: must not be longer than 64 characters in length.</p> <p>Note: It is your responsibility to ensure uniqueness of the token. The unique token expires after 24 hours. Subsequent calls using the same <i>UniqueRequestToken</i> made after the 24 hour limit could create duplicate HITs.</p>	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `CreateHIT` operation includes the elements described in the following table.

Name	Description
<i>HIT</i>	Contains the newly created HIT data. For a description of the HIT data structure as it appears in responses, see the HIT Data Structure (p. 133).

Examples

The following examples show how to use the `CreateHIT` operation.

Sample Request

The following are examples of REST requests.

Example Request (Query) Using CreateHIT with a HIT Type ID

The following example creates a simple HIT, using an explicit HIT type ID. The *Question* parameter takes a block of XML data as its value. See the [QuestionForm \(p. 174\)](#) data structure and the [ExternalQuestion \(p. 199\)](#) data structure for more information.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=CreateHIT
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITTypeId=T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE
&Question=[URL-encoded question data]
&LifetimeInSeconds=604800
```

Example Request (Query) Using CreateHIT With a HIT Type ID Using SimplePlurality/2011-09-01 Review Policy

The following example creates a simple HIT with a SimplePlurality/2011-09-01 Review Policy.

```
<CreateHITRequest>
  <HITTypeId>T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE</HITTypeId>
  <Question>[CDATA block or XML Entity encoded]</Question>
  <LifetimeInSeconds>604800</LifetimeInSeconds>
  <AssignmentReviewPolicy>
    <PolicyName>ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01</PolicyName>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>AnswerKey</Key>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId3</Key>    <!--correct answer is "B" -->
        <Value>B</Value>
      </MapEntry>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId7</Key>    <!--correct answer is "A" -->
        <Value>A</Value>
      </MapEntry>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId15</Key>   <!--correct answer is "F" -->
        <Value>F</Value>
      </MapEntry>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId17</Key>   <!--correct answer is "C" -->
        <Value>C</Value>
      </MapEntry>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId18</Key>   <!--correct answer is "A" -->
        <Value>A</Value>
      </MapEntry>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</Key>
      <Value>80</Value>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>ExtendMaximumAssignments</Key>
      <Value>3</Value>
    </Parameter>
  </AssignmentReviewPolicy>
</CreateHITRequest>
```

Example Request (Query) Using CreateHIT Without a HIT Type ID

The following example creates a simple HIT with some properties, letting Amazon Mechanical Turk determine the HIT type ID from the property values. The *Question* parameter takes a block of XML data as its value. See the [QuestionForm \(p. 174\)](#) data structure and the [ExternalQuestion \(p. 199\)](#) data structure for more information.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=CreateHIT
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&Title=Location%20and%20Photograph%20Identification
&Description=Select%20the%20image%20that%20best%20represents...
&Reward.1.Amount=5
&Reward.1.CurrencyCode=USD
&Question=[URL-encoded question data]
&AssignmentDurationInSeconds=30
&LifetimeInSeconds=604800
&Keywords=location,%20photograph,%20image,%20identification,%20opinion
```

Sample Response

Amazon Mechanical Turk might return the following response for the preceding requests.

```
<CreateHITResponse>
  <OperationRequest>
    <RequestId>ece2785b-6292-4b12-a60e-4c34847a7916</RequestId>
  </OperationRequest>
  <HIT>
    <Request>
      <IsValid>True</IsValid>
    </Request>
    <HITId>GBHZVQX3EHXZ2AYDY2T0</HITId>
    <HITTypeId>NYVZTQ1QVKJZXCYZCZVZ</HITTypeId>
  </HIT>
</CreateHITResponse>
```

CreateQualificationType

Description

The `CreateQualificationType` operation creates a new Qualification type.

Request Parameters

`CreateQualificationType` accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `CreateQualificationType` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: <code>CreateQualificationType</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>Name</i>	The name you give to the Qualification type. The type name is used to represent the Qualification to Workers, and to find the type using a Qualification type search. Type: String Default: None Constraints: must be unique across all of your Qualification types.	Yes
<i>Description</i>	A long description for the Qualification type. On the Amazon Mechanical Turk web site, the long description is displayed when a user examines a Qualification type. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Must be less than or equal to 2000 characters.	Yes
<i>Keywords</i>	One or more words or phrases that describe the Qualification type, separated by commas. The Keywords of a type make the type easier to find during a search. Type: String Default: None Constraints: Must be less than or equal to 1000 characters, including commas and spaces.	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>RetryDelayInSeconds</i>	The number of seconds after requesting a Qualification of the Qualification type that a user must wait before that user can request it again. Type: non-negative integer Default: None. If not specified, retries are disabled and users can request a Qualification of this type only once, even if the user has not been granted the Qualification.	No
<i>QualificationTypeStatus</i>	The initial status of the Qualification type. Type: String Valid Values: Active Inactive Default: None	Yes
<i>Test</i>	The questions for the Qualification test a user must answer correctly to obtain a Qualification of this type. If this parameter is specified, <i>TestDurationInSeconds</i> must also be specified. Type: String. Default: None. If not specified, the user may request the Qualification without answering any questions. Constraints: must be a QuestionForm (p. 174) data structure. This parameter cannot be specified if <i>AutoGranted</i> is <code>true</code> .	No
<i>AnswerKey</i>	The answers to the Qualification test specified in the <i>Test</i> parameter, in the form of an AnswerKey (p. 195) data structure. Type: String Default: None. If not specified, you must process Qualification requests manually.	No
<i>TestDurationInSeconds</i>	The number of seconds the user has to complete the Qualification test, starting at the time the user requests the Qualification. Type: Integer Valid Values: Positive integer Default: None Conditions: Required if the <i>Test</i> parameter is specified.	Conditional
<i>AutoGranted</i>	Specifies whether requests for the Qualification type are granted immediately, without prompting the Worker with a Qualification test. Type: Boolean Valid Values: <code>true</code> <code>false</code> Default: None Constraints: If the <i>Test</i> parameter is specified, this parameter cannot be <code>true</code> .	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>AutoGrantedValue</i>	The Qualification value to use for automatically granted Qualifications. This parameter is used only if the <i>AutoGranted</i> parameter is true. Type: Integer Default: 1	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `CreateQualificaionType` operation includes the elements found in the following table:

Name	Description
<i>QualificationType</i>	The created Qualification type. Type: a QualificationType (p. 155) data structure.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `CreateQualificaionType` operation.

Sample Request

The following example creates a Qualification type.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=CreateQualificationType
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&Name=EnglishWritingAbility
&Description=The%20ability%20to%20write%20and%20edit%20text...
&QualificationTypeStatus=Active
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<CreateQualificationTypeResponse>
  <OperationRequest>
    <RequestId>5218189c-1d7e-49a3-abbf-672fb5e77c66</RequestId>
  </OperationRequest>
  <QualificationType>
    <Request>
      <IsValid>True</IsValid>
    </Request>
    <QualificationTypeId>ZSPJXD4F1SFZP7YNJWR0</QualificationTypeId>
    <CreationTime>2009-07-13T17:26:33Z</CreationTime>
```

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```
<Name>SampleQualificationTest</Name>
<Description>Description of my qualification test.</Description>
<QualificationTypeStatus>Active</QualificationTypeStatus>
<AutoGranted>0</AutoGranted>
</QualificationType>
</CreateQualificationTypeResponse>
```

DisableHIT

Description

The `DisableHIT` operation removes a HIT from the Amazon Mechanical Turk marketplace, approves any submitted assignments pending approval or rejection, and disposes of the HIT and all assignment data. Assignment results data cannot be retrieved for a HIT that has been disposed.

Assignments in progress at the time of the call to the `DisableHIT` operation are approved once the assignments are submitted. You will be charged for approval of these assignments.

When either all of the HIT's assignments have been submitted by Workers, or the HIT has expired and all assignments have either been submitted, returned or abandoned, the HIT is considered **Reviewable**. For more information about the **Reviewable** state, see [Creating and Managing Assignments](#).

The `DisableHIT` operation does not work on HITs in the **Reviewable** state. For HITs in the **Reviewable** state, call the [ApproveAssignment](#) (p. 9) or the [RejectAssignment](#) (p. 100) operation for each submitted assignment for the HIT. Then call the [DisposeHIT](#) (p. 33) operation to dispose of the HIT.

Only the Requester who created the HIT can disable it.

Request Parameters

The `DisableHIT` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters](#) (p. 6) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `DisableHIT` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: DisableHIT Default: None	Yes
<i>HITId</i>	The ID of the HIT, as returned by the CreateHIT (p. 17) operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `DisableHIT` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>DisableHITResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `DisableHIT` operation.

Sample Request

The following example disables a HIT with a specified HIT ID.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=DisableHIT
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<DisableHITResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</DisableHITResult>
```

DisposeHIT

Description

The `DisposeHIT` operation disposes of a HIT that is no longer needed.

You can only dispose of HITs that are in the **Reviewable** state, with all of their submitted assignments already either approved or rejected. If you call the `DisposeHIT` operation on a HIT that is not in the **Reviewable** state (for example, that has not expired, or still has active assignments), or on a HIT that is **Reviewable** but without all of its submitted assignments already approved or rejected, the service returns an error.

Only the Requester who created the HIT can dispose of it.

Request Parameters

The `DisposeHIT` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `DisposeHIT` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: DisposeHIT Default: None	Yes
<i>HitId</i>	The ID of the HIT, as returned by the CreateHIT (p. 17) operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `DisposeHIT` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>DisposeHITResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `DisposeHIT` operation.

Sample Request

The following example disposes of the HIT with the specified HIT ID.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=DisposeHIT
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<DisposeHITResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</DisposeHITResult>
```

DisposeQualificationType

Description

The `DisposeQualificationType` operation disposes a Qualification type and disposes any HIT types that are associated with the Qualification type.

This operation does not dispose Qualification types already assigned to Workers as the Qualifications might be needed for active HITs. If there are any pending requests for the Qualification type, Amazon Mechanical Turk rejects those requests.

Once you dispose a Qualification type, you can't use it to create HITs or HIT types.

Request Parameters

A request to the Amazon Mechanical Turk Service includes parameters that control its behavior and the data it returns. Required parameters must be included for the request to succeed.

`DisposeQualificationType` accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `DisposeQualificationType` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The operation you want to call. To access the <code>DisposeQualificationType</code> operation, set the <i>Operation</i> parameter to <code>DisposeQualificationType</code> . Type: <code>DisposeQualificationType</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification to dispose. Type: String Default: None Constraint: A valid QualificationType ID	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `DisposeQualificationType` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>DisposeQualificationTypeResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `DisposeQualification` operation.

Sample Request

The following example blocks a Worker from working on your HITs.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=DisposeQualificationType
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&QualificationTypeId=AZ34EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<DisposeQualificationTypeResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</DisposeQualificationTypeResult>
```


ExtendHIT

Description

The `ExtendHIT` operation increases the maximum number of assignments, or extends the expiration date, of an existing HIT.

To extend the maximum number of assignments, specify the number of additional assignments.

To extend the expiration date, specify an amount of time as a number of seconds. If the HIT has not yet expired, the new expiration date is the existing date plus the amount of time specified. If the HIT has already expired, the new expiration date is the current time plus the amount of time specified.

Only the Requester who created a HIT can extend it.

Request Parameters

The `ExtendHIT` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `ExtendHIT` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: ExtendHIT Default: None	Yes
<i>HITId</i>	The ID of the HIT to extend Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>MaxAssignmentsIncrement</i>	The number of assignments by which to increment the <i>MaxAssignments</i> parameter of the HIT. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any integer between 1 and 1000000000 (one billion) Default: None	No
<i>ExpirationIncrementInSeconds</i>	The amount of time, in seconds, by which to extend the expiration date. If the HIT has not yet expired, this amount is added to the HIT's expiration date. If the HIT has expired, the new expiration date is the current time plus this value. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any integer between 3600 (1 hour) and 31536000 (365 days) Default: None	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>UniqueRequestToken</i>	<p>A unique identifier for this request, which allows you to retry the call on error without extending the HIT multiple times. This is useful in cases such as network timeouts where it is unclear whether or not the call succeeded on the server. If the extend HIT already exists in the system from a previous call using the same <i>UniqueRequestToken</i>, subsequent calls will return an error with a message containing the request ID.</p> <p>Type: String Default: None</p> <p>Constraints: must not be longer than 64 characters in length.</p> <p>Note: It is your responsibility to ensure uniqueness of the token. The unique token expires after 24 hours. Subsequent calls using the same <i>UniqueRequestToken</i> made after the 24 hour limit could extend the HIT multiple times.</p>	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `ExtendHIT` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>ExtendHITResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `ExtendHIT` operation.

Sample Request

The following example extends the expiration date of a HIT by 5 days (432,000 seconds).

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=ExtendHIT
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
&ExpirationIncrementInSeconds=432000
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<ExtendHITResult>  
  <Request>  
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>  
  </Request>  
</ExtendHITResult>
```

ForceExpireHIT

Description

The `ForceExpireHIT` operation causes a HIT to expire immediately, as if the `LifetimeInSeconds` parameter of the HIT had elapsed.

The effect is identical to the HIT expiring on its own; the HIT no longer appears on the Amazon Amazon Mechanical Turk web site, and no new Workers are allowed to accept the HIT. Workers who have accepted the HIT prior to expiration are allowed to complete it or return it, or allow the assignment duration to elapse (abandon the HIT). Once all remaining assignments have been submitted, the expired HIT becomes **Reviewable**, and will be returned by a call to the [GetReviewableHITs \(p. 76\)](#) operation.



Note

Unlike the [DisableHIT \(p. 31\)](#) operation, the `ForceExpireHIT` operation does not have any effect on assignments. If assignments have been submitted for the HIT, your application still needs to approve or reject them before disposing of the HIT.

Request Parameters

The `ForceExpireHIT` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `ForceExpireHIT` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: ForceExpireHIT Default: None	Yes
<i>HITId</i>	The ID of the HIT, as returned by the <code>CreateHIT</code> operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `ForceExpireHIT` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>ForceExpireHITResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `ForceExpireHIT` operation.

Sample Request

The following example causes the specified HIT to expire.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Operation=ForceExpireHIT
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<ForceExpireHITResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</ForceExpireHITResult>
```

GetAccountBalance

Description

The `GetAccountBalance` operation retrieves the amount of money in your Amazon Mechanical Turk account.

Request Parameters

The `GetAccountBalance` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameter is specific to the `GetAccountBalance` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<code>Operation</code>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: <code>GetAccountBalance</code> Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetAccountBalance` operation returns with a `GetAccountBalanceResult` element in the response.

The `GetAccountBalanceResult` element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<code>AvailableBalance</code>	The amount available to pay for assignments. This is your current balance minus any outstanding payments, fees or bonuses you owe. Type: Price (p. 143) data structure
<code>OnHoldBalance</code>	Not used. This value is always 0. Type: Price (p. 143) data structure

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetAccountBalance` operation.

Sample Request

The following example retrieves the Requester's account balance.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GetAccountBalance
```

```
&Signature=[signature for this request]  
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetAccountBalanceResult>  
  <Request>  
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>  
  </Request>  
  <AvailableBalance>  
    <Amount>10000.000</Amount>  
    <CurrencyCode>USD</CurrencyCode>  
    <FormattedPrice>$10,000.00</FormattedPrice>  
  </AvailableBalance>  
</GetAccountBalanceResult>
```

GetAssignmentsForHIT

Description

The `GetAssignmentsForHIT` operation retrieves completed assignments for a HIT. You can use this operation to retrieve the results for a HIT.

You can get assignments for a HIT at any time, even if the HIT is not yet **Reviewable**. If a HIT requested multiple assignments, and has received some results but has not yet become **Reviewable**, you can still retrieve the partial results with this operation.

Use the `AssignmentStatus` parameter to control which set of assignments for a HIT are returned. The `GetAssignmentsForHIT` operation can return submitted assignments awaiting approval, or it can return assignments that have already been approved or rejected.

Only the Requester who created the HIT can retrieve the assignments for that HIT.

Results are sorted and divided into numbered pages and the operation returns a single page of results. You can use the parameters of the operation to control sorting and pagination.

Request Parameters

The `GetAssignmentsForHIT` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GetAssignmentsForHIT` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: GetAssignmentsForHIT Default: None	Yes
<i>HITId</i>	The ID of the HIT for which completed assignments are requested. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>AssignmentStatus</i>	The status of the assignments to return. Type: String Valid Values: Submitted Approved Rejected Default: None. If not specified, the operation returns all assignments that have been submitted, including those that have been approved or rejected.	No
<i>SortProperty</i>	The field on which to sort the results returned by the operation. Type: String Valid Values: AcceptTime SubmitTime AssignmentStatus Default: SubmitTime	

Name	Description	Required
<i>SortDirection</i>	The direction of the sort used with the field specified by the <i>SortProperty</i> parameter. Type: String Valid Values: Ascending Descending Default: Ascending	No
<i>PageSize</i>	The number of assignments to include in a page of results. The complete sorted result set is divided into pages of this many assignments. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any integer between 1 and 100 Default: 10	No
<i>PageNumber</i>	The page of results to return. Once the assignments have been filtered, sorted, and divided into pages of size <i>PageSize</i> , the page corresponding to <i>PageNumber</i> is returned as the results of the operation. Type: positive integer Default: 1	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetAssignmentsForHIT` operation has a `GetAssignmentsForHITResult` element in the response.

The `GetAssignmentsForHITResult` element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
NumResults	The number of assignments on the page in the filtered results list, equivalent to the number of assignments returned by this call. Type: non-negative integer
PageNumber	The number of the page in the filtered results list being returned. Type: positive integer
TotalNumResults	The total number of HITs in the filtered results list based on this call. Type: positive integer
Assignment	The assignment. The response includes one <code>Assignment</code> element for each HIT returned by the query. Type: an Assignment (p. 129) data structure

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetAssignmentsForHIT` operation.

Sample Request

The following example retrieves five assignments for a HIT, using the default sort order (SubmitTime) and direction (Ascending).

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GetAssignmentsForHIT
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
&PageSize=5
&PageNumber=1
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetAssignmentsForHITResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
  <NumResults>1</NumResults>
  <TotalNumResults>1</TotalNumResults>
  <PageNumber>1</PageNumber>
  <Assignment>
    <AssignmentId>GYFTRHZ5J3DZREY48WNZE38ZR9RR1ZPMXGWE7WE0</AssignmentId>
    <WorkerId>AD20WXZZP9XXK</WorkerId>
    <HITId>GYFTRHZ5J3DZREY48WNZ</HITId>
    <AssignmentStatus>Approved</AssignmentStatus>
    <AutoApprovalTime>2009-08-12T19:21:54Z</AutoApprovalTime>
    <AcceptTime>2009-07-13T19:21:40Z</AcceptTime>
    <SubmitTime>2009-07-13T19:21:54Z</SubmitTime>
    <ApprovalTime>2009-07-13T19:27:54Z</ApprovalTime>
    <Answer>
      <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
      <QuestionFormAnswers xmlns="http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2005-10-01/QuestionFormAnswers.xsd">
        <Answer>
          <QuestionIdentifier>Question100</QuestionIdentifier>
          <FreeText>Move to X.</FreeText>
        </Answer>
      </QuestionFormAnswers>
    </Answer>
  </Assignment>
</GetAssignmentsForHITResult>
```

GetBonusPayments

Description

The `GetBonusPayments` operation retrieves the amounts of bonuses you have paid to Workers for a given HIT or assignment.

Request Parameters

The `GetBonusPayments` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GetBonusPayments` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: GetBonusPayments Default: None	Yes
<i>HITId</i>	The ID of the HIT associated with the bonus payments to retrieve. If not specified, all bonus payments for all assignments for the given HIT are returned. Type: String Default: None Conditions: Either the <i>HITId</i> parameter or the <i>AssignmentId</i> parameter must be specified.	Conditional
<i>AssignmentId</i>	The ID of the assignment associated with the bonus payments to retrieve. If specified, only bonus payments for the given assignment are returned. Type: String Default: None Conditions: Either the <i>HITId</i> parameter or the <i>AssignmentId</i> parameter must be specified.	Conditional
<i>PageSize</i>	The number of bonus payments to include in a page of results. The complete result set is divided into pages of this many bonus payments. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any integer between 1 and 100 Default: 10	No
<i>PageNumber</i>	The page of results to return. Once the list of bonus payments has been divided into pages of size <i>PageSize</i> , the page corresponding to <i>PageNumber</i> is returned as the results of the operation. Type: positive integer Default: 1	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetBonusPayments` operation has a `GetBonusPaymentsResult` element in the response.

The `GetBonusPaymentsResult` element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<code>PageNumber</code>	The page of results to return. Once the list of bonus payments has been divided into pages of size <code>PageSize</code> , the page corresponding to the <code>PageNumber</code> parameter is returned as the results of the operation. Type: positive integer
<code>NumResults</code>	The number of bonus payments on this page in the filtered results list, equivalent to the number of bonus payments being returned by this call. Type: non-negative integer
<code>TotalNumResults</code>	The total number of bonus payments in the filtered results list based on this call. Type: non-negative integer
<code>BonusPayment</code>	A bonus payment. The response includes one <code>BonusPayment</code> element for each bonus payment returned by the query. Type: A <code>BonusPayment</code> data structure, described in the next table.

Each `BonusPayment` is a data structure with the following elements:

Name	Description	
<code>WorkerId</code>	The ID of the Worker to whom the bonus was paid. Type: String	
<code>BonusAmount</code>	The amount of the bonus payment. Type: A Price (p. 143) data structure	
<code>AssignmentId</code>	The ID of the assignment associated with this bonus payment Type: String	
<code>Reason</code>	The Reason text given when the bonus was granted, if any. Type: String	
<code>GrantTime</code>	The date and time of when the bonus was granted. Type: A dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as <code>2005-01-31T23:59:59Z</code> .	

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetBonusPayments` operation.

Sample Request

The following example retrieves all bonus payments associated with the specified HIT.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GetBonusPayments
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetBonusPaymentsResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
  <NumResults>0</NumResults>
  <TotalNumResults>0</TotalNumResults>
  <PageNumber>1</PageNumber>
</GetBonusPaymentsResult>
```

GetFileUploadURL

Description

The `GetFileUploadURL` operation generates and returns a temporary URL. You use the temporary URL to retrieve a file uploaded by a Worker as an answer to a `FileUploadAnswer` question for a HIT. For information about the `FileUploadAnswer` answer, see [QuestionForm \(p. 174\)](#).

The temporary URL is generated the instant the `GetFileUploadURL` operation is called, and is valid for 60 seconds.



Note

URL expiration allows your application to retrieve the file without credentials, but still retain control over who can access your data, because you need an access key ID and signature to get the temporary URL. If you need to retrieve the file after the URL has expired, call `GetFileUploadURL` again to get a new URL.

You can get a temporary file upload URL any time until the HIT is disposed. After the HIT is disposed, any uploaded files are deleted, and cannot be retrieved.

Request Parameters

The `GetFileUploadURL` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GetFileUploadURL` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: <code>GetFileUploadURL</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>AssignmentId</i>	The ID of the assignment that contains the question with a <code>FileUploadAnswer</code> . Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>QuestionIdentifier</i>	The identifier of the question with a <code>FileUploadAnswer</code> , as specified in the QuestionForm (p. 174) of the HIT. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetFileUploadURL` operation has a `GetFileUploadURLResult` element in the response.

The `GetFileUploadURLResult` element includes the elements described in the following table.

Name	Description
<i>FileUploadURL</i>	A temporary URL for the file that the Worker uploaded for the answer. Type: URL

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetFileUploadURL` operation.

Sample Request

The following example of a call to the `GetFileUploadURL` operation retrieves the temporary URL for a file-upload answer to the given question in the given assignment.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GetFileUploadURL
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&AssignmentId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE456RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
&QuestionIdentifier=ReadAloudAudio
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetFileUploadURLResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
  <FileUploadURL>http://s3.amazonaws.com/myawsbucket/puppy.jpg</FileUploadURL>
</GetFileUploadURLResult>
```

GetHIT

Description

The `GetHIT` operation retrieves the details of the specified HIT.

Request Parameters

The `GetHIT` accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GetHIT` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation. Type: String Valid Values: GetHIT Default: None	Yes
<i>HITId</i>	The ID of the HIT to retrieve. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetHIT` operation returns the elements described in the following table in the response.

The `HIT` element contains the requested HIT data. For a description of the HIT data structure as it appears in responses, see the [HIT \(p. 133\)](#) data structure.

Name	Description
<i>HIT</i>	Contains the requested HIT data. Type: HIT Data Structure (p. 133)

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetHIT` operation.

Sample Request

The following example gets a HIT specified by a HIT ID.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GetHIT
```



```
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<HIT>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
  <HITId>ZZRZPTY4ERDZWJ868JCZ</HITId>
  <HITTypeId>NYVZTQ1QVKJZXCYZCZVZ</HITTypeId>
  <CreationTime>2009-07-07T00:56:40Z</CreationTime>
  <Title>Location</Title>
  <Description>Select the image that best represents</Description>
  <Question>
    <QuestionForm xmlns="http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurk
DataSchemas/2005-10-01/QuestionForm.xsd">
      <Question>
        <QuestionIdentifier>Question100</QuestionIdentifier>
        <DisplayName>My Question</DisplayName>
        <IsRequired>true</IsRequired>
        <QuestionContent>
          <Binary>
            <MimeType>
              <Type>image</Type>
              <SubType>gif</SubType>
            </MimeType>
            <DataURL>http://tictactoe.amazon.com/game/01523/board.gif</DataURL>

            <AltText>The game board, with "X" to move.</AltText>
          </Binary>
        </QuestionContent>
        <AnswerSpecification><FreeTextAnswer/></AnswerSpecification>
      </Question>
    </QuestionForm>
  </Question>
  <HITStatus>Assignable</HITStatus>
  <MaxAssignments>1</MaxAssignments>
  <Reward>
    <Amount>5.00</Amount>
    <CurrencyCode>USD</CurrencyCode>
    <FormattedPrice>$5.00</FormattedPrice>
  </Reward>
  <AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds>2592000</AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds>
  <Expiration>2009-07-14T00:56:40Z</Expiration>
  <AssignmentDurationInSeconds>30</AssignmentDurationInSeconds>
  <NumberOfSimilarHITs>1</NumberOfSimilarHITs>
  <HITReviewStatus>NotReviewed</HITReviewStatus>
</HIT>
```

GetHITsForQualificationType

Description

The `GetHITsForQualificationType` operation returns the HITs that use the given Qualification type for a Qualification requirement.

The operation returns HITs of any status, except for HITs that have been disposed with the [DisposeHIT \(p. 33\)](#) operation.

This operation returns only HITs that you created.



Note

For reasons internal to the service, there may be a delay between when a HIT is created and when the HIT will be returned from a call to `GetHITsForQualificationType`.

The operation divides the results into numbered pages and returns a single page of results. You can control pagination with parameters to the operation.

Request Parameters

The `GetHITsForQualificationType` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GetHITsForQualificationType` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation. Type: String Valid Values: <code>GetHITsForQualificationType</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type to use when querying HITs, as returned by the CreateQualificationType (p. 27) operation. The operation returns HITs that require that a Worker have a Qualification of this type. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>PageSize</i>	The number of HITs to include in a page of results. The complete results set is divided into pages of this many HITs. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any integer between 1 and 100 Default: 10	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>PageNumber</i>	The page of results to return. After the HITs are divided into pages of size <i>PageSize</i> , the operation returns the page corresponding to the <i>PageNumber</i> . Type: positive integer Default: 1	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetHITsForQualificationType` operation returns a `GetHITsForQualificationTypeResult` element in the response.

The `GetHITsForQualificationTypeResult` element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<i>NumResults</i>	The number of HITs on this page in the filtered results list, equivalent to the number of HITs being returned by this call. Type: non-negative integer
<i>PageNumber</i>	The number of this page in the filtered results list. Type: positive integer
<i>TotalNumResults</i>	The total number of HITs in the filtered results list based on this call. Type: non-negative integer
<i>HIT</i>	The HIT. The response includes one <i>HIT</i> element for each HIT returned by the query. Type: HIT (p. 133) data structure.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetHITsForQualificationType` operation.

Sample Request

The following example returns HITs that use the specified Qualification type for a Qualification requirement.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GetHITsForQualificationType
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&QualificationTypeId=789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetHITsForQualificationTypeResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
  <NumResults>1</NumResults>
  <TotalNumResults>1</TotalNumResults>
  <PageNumber>1</PageNumber>
  <HIT>
    <HITId>123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</HITId>
    <HITTypeId>T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE</HITTypeId>
    <CreationTime>2009-06-15T12:00:01</CreationTime>
    <HITStatus>Assignable</HITStatus>
    <MaxAssignments>5</MaxAssignments>
    <AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds>86400</AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds>
    <LifetimeInSeconds>86400</LifetimeInSeconds>
    <AssignmentDurationInSeconds>300</AssignmentDurationInSeconds>
    <Reward>
      <Amount>25</Amount>
      <CurrencyCode>USD</CurrencyCode>
      <FormattedPrice>$0.25</FormattedPrice>
    </Reward>
    <Title>Location and Photograph Identification</Title>
    <Description>Select the image that best represents...</Description>
    <Keywords>location, photograph, image, identification, opinion</Keywords>
    <Question>
      &lt;QuestionForm&gt;
        [XML-encoded Question data]
      &lt;/QuestionForm&gt;
    </Question>
    <QualificationRequirement>
      <QualificationTypeId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</QualificationTypeId>
      <Comparator>GreaterThan</Comparator>
      <Value>18</Value>
    </QualificationRequirement>
    <HITReviewStatus>NotReviewed</HITReviewStatus>
  </HIT>
</GetHITsForQualificationTypeResult>
```

GetQualificationsForQualificationType

Description

The `GetQualificationsForQualificationType` operation returns all of the Qualifications granted to Workers for a given Qualification type.

This operations divides the results into numbered pages and returns a single page of results. You can control pagination with parameters to the operation.

Request Parameters

The `GetQualificationsForQualificationType` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GetQualificationsForQualificationType` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation. Type: String Valid Values: <code>GetQualificationForQualificationType</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type of the Qualifications to return. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Status</i>	The status of the Qualifications to return. Type: String Valid Values: <code>Granted</code> <code>Revoked</code> Default: <code>Granted</code>	No
<i>PageSize</i>	The number of Qualifications to include in a page of results. The operation divides the complete result set into pages of this many Qualifications. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any number between 1 and 100 Default: 10	No
<i>PageNumber</i>	The page of results to return. Once the operation divides the Qualifications into pages of size <i>PageSize</i> , it returns the page corresponding to <i>PageNumber</i> . Type: positive integer Default: 1	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetQualificationsForQualificationType` operation returns a `GetQualificationsForQualificationTypeResult` element in the response.

The `GetQualificationsForQualificationTypeResult` element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<code>PageNumber</code>	The page of results to return. Once the operation divides the Qualifications into pages of size <code>PageSize</code> , the operation returns the page corresponding to <code>PageNumber</code> . Type: positive integer
<code>NumResults</code>	The number of Qualifications on this page in the filtered results list, equivalent to the number of Qualifications being returned by this call. Type: non-negative integer
<code>TotalNumResults</code>	The total number of Qualifications in the filtered results list based on this call. Type: non-negative integer
<code>Qualification</code>	The Qualification. The response includes one <code>Qualification</code> element for each Qualification returned by the query. Type: a Qualification (p. 145) data structure.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetQualificationsForQualificationType` operation.

Sample Request

The following example returns the Qualifications assigned to Workers for the given Qualification type.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/onca/xml?  
Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester  
&Operation=GetQualificationsForQualificationType  
&Version=2008-08-02  
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]  
&Signature=[signature for this request]  
&Timestamp=2009-07-15T01:21:28.186Z  
&QualificationTypeId=ZSPJXD4F1SFZP7YNJWR0
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetQualificationsForQualificationTypeResult>  
  <Request>  
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>  
  </Request>  
  <NumResults>1</NumResults>  
  <TotalNumResults>1</TotalNumResults>  
  <PageNumber>1</PageNumber>  
  <QualificationRequest>  
    <QualificationRequestId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE  
  </QualificationRequestId>  
  <QualificationTypeId>ZSPJXD4F1SFZP7YNJWR0</QualificationTypeId>
```

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```
<SubjectId>AZ3456EXAMPLE</SubjectId>
<Test>
  &lt;QuestionForm&gt;
    [XML-encoded question data]
  &lt;/QuestionForm&gt;
</Test>
<Answer>
  &lt;QuestionFormAnswers&gt;
    [XML-encoded answer data]
  &lt;/QuestionFormAnswers&gt;
</Answer>
<SubmitTime>2009-07-15T01:21:28.296Z</SubmitTime>
</QualificationRequest>
</GetQualificationsForQualificationTypeResult>
```

GetQualificationRequests

Description

The `GetQualificationRequests` operation retrieves requests for Qualifications of a particular Qualification type. The owner of the Qualification type calls this operation to poll for pending requests, and grants Qualifications based on the requests using the [GrantQualification \(p. 90\)](#) operation.

The `GetQualificationRequests` operation returns only those Qualifications that require the type owner's attention. The operation does not return requests awaiting Qualification test answers and requests that have already been granted.

Only the owner of the Qualification type can retrieve its requests.

The operation sorts the results, divides them into numbered pages, and returns a single page of results. You can control sorting and pagination with parameters to the operation.

Request Parameters

The `GetQualificationRequests` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GetQualificationRequests` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation. Type: String Valid Values: GetQualificationRequests Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type, as returned by the CreateQualificationType (p. 27) operation. Type: String Default: None. If not specified, all requests for all of your Qualification types are considered for the results.	No
<i>SortProperty</i>	The field on which to sort the returned results. Type: String Valid Values: QualificationTypeId SubmitTime Default: SubmitTime	No
<i>SortDirection</i>	The direction of the sort. Type: String Valid Values: Ascending Descending Default: Ascending	No
<i>PageSize</i>	The number of Qualification requests to include in a page of results. The operation divides the complete sorted result set into pages of this many Qualification requests. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any number between 1 and 100 Default: 10	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>PageNumber</i>	The page of results to return. When the operation has filtered the Qualification requests, sorted them, and divided them into pages of size <i>PageSize</i> , the operation returns the page corresponding to the <i>PageNumber</i> parameter. Type: positive integer Default: 1	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetQualificationRequests` operation returns a `GetQualificationRequestsResult` element in the response.

The `GetQualificationRequestsResult` element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<i>NumResults</i>	The number of Qualification requests on this page in the filtered results list, equivalent to the number of Qualification requests being returned by this call. Type: non-negative integer
<i>PageNumber</i>	The number of this page in the filtered results list. Type: positive integer
<i>TotalNumResults</i>	The total number of Qualification requests in the filtered results list based on this call. Type: non-negative integer
<i>QualificationRequest</i>	The Qualification request. The response includes one <code>QualificationRequest</code> element for each Qualification request returned by the query. Type: a QualificationRequest (p. 147) data structure.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetQualificationRequests` operation.

Sample Request

The following example retrieves Qualification requests for a specified Qualification type.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GetQualificationRequests
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&QualificationTypeId=789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetQualificationRequestsResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
  <NumResults>1</NumResults>
  <TotalNumResults>1</TotalNumResults>
  <PageNumber>1</PageNumber>
  <QualificationRequest>
    <QualificationRequestId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
    </QualificationRequestId>
    <QualificationTypeId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</QualificationTypeId>
    <SubjectId>AZ3456EXAMPLE</SubjectId>
    <Test>
      &lt;QuestionForm&gt;
        [XML-encoded question data]
      &lt;/QuestionForm&gt;
    </Test>
    <Answer>
      &lt;QuestionFormAnswers&gt;
        [XML-encoded answer data]
      &lt;/QuestionFormAnswers&gt;
    </Answer>
    <SubmitTime>2005-12-01T23:59:59Z</SubmitTime>
  </QualificationRequest>
</GetQualificationRequestsResult>
```

GetQualificationScore

Description

The `GetQualificationScore` operation returns the value of a Worker's Qualification for a given Qualification type.

To get a Worker's Qualification, you must know the Worker's ID. The Worker's ID is included in the assignment data returned by the [GetAssignmentsForHIT](#) (p. 44) operation.

Only the owner of a Qualification type can query the value of a Worker's Qualification of that type.

Request Parameters

The `GetQualificationScore` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters](#) (p. 6) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GetQualificationScore` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation. Type: String Valid Values: <code>GetQualificationScore</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type, as returned by the CreateQualificationType (p. 27) operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>SubjectId</i>	The ID of the Worker whose Qualification is being updated. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetQualificationScore` operation includes the elements described in the following table.

Name	Description
<i>Qualification</i>	For information about the contents of the <i>Qualification</i> element, see the Qualification (p. 145) data structure.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetQualificationScore` operation.

Sample Request

The following example gets the value of a Qualification for a given user and Qualification type.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GetQualificationScore
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&QualificationTypeId=789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
&SubjectId>AZ3456EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetQualificationScoreResult>
  <Qualification>
    <QualificationTypeId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</QualificationTypeId>
    <SubjectId>AZ3456EXAMPLE</SubjectId>
    <GrantTime>2005-01-31T23:59:59Z</GrantTime>
    <IntegerValue>95</IntegerValue>
  </Qualification>
</GetQualificationScoreResult>
```

GetQualificationType

Description

The `GetQualificationType` operation retrieves information about a Qualification type using its ID.

Request Parameters

The `GetQualificationType` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GetQualificationType` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation. Type: String Valid Values: <code>GetQualificationType</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type, as returned by the CreateQualificationType (p. 27) operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetQualificationType` operation returns the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description
<i>QualificationType</i>	For information about the data structure of a Qualification type, see QualificationType (p. 155) data structure.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetQualificationType` operation.

Sample Request

The following example gets a Qualification type by its ID.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GetQualificationType
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
```

```
&QualificationTypeId=789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetQualificationTypeResult>
  <QualificationType>
    <QualificationTypeId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</QualificationTypeId>
    <CreationTime>2005-01-31T23:59:59Z</CreationTime>
    <Name>EnglishWritingAbility</Name>
    <Description>The ability to write and edit text...</Description>
    <Keywords>English, text, write, edit, language</Keywords>
    <QualificationTypeStatus>Active</QualificationTypeStatus>
    <RetryDelayInSeconds>86400</RetryDelayInSeconds>
    <IsRequestable>true</IsRequestable>
  </QualificationType>
</GetQualificationTypeResult>
```

GetRequesterStatistic


Description

The `GetRequesterStatistic` operation retrieves statistics about you (the Requester calling the operation). The following table describes the available statistics:

Name	Description
NumberAssignmentsAvailable	The number of times Workers can accept an available HIT, totaled over all available HITs. In other words, a HIT with 3 <i>MaxAssignments</i> can be described as having 3 available assignments, each of become Accepted when a Worker accepts the HIT. (Technically, Amazon Mechanical Turk does not create an assignment with an assignment ID until a Worker accepts a HIT.) Type: Long
NumberAssignmentsAccepted	The number of times Workers have accepted your HITs. Type: Long
NumberAssignmentsPending	The total number of assignments for your HITs that have been submitted by Workers and are awaiting approval. The total increases and decreases as assignments are submitted by Workers and approved or rejected by you. Type: Long
NumberAssignmentsApproved	The number of assignments you have approved. Type: Long
NumberAssignmentsRejected	The number of assignments you have rejected. Type: Long
NumberAssignmentsReturned	The number of times Workers have returned assignments for your HITs. Type: Long
NumberAssignmentsAbandoned	The number of times Workers have abandoned assignments (allowed the deadline to elapse without submitting results) for your HITs. Type: Long
PercentAssignmentsApproved	The percentage of assignments that you have approved, computed over all assignments that you have approved or rejected. The percentage is represented as a decimal fraction between 0 and 1. The statistic value for a given day represents a change in the overall percentage due to activity for that day. Type: Double

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Name	Description
PercentAssignmentsRejected	The percentage of assignments that you have rejected, computed over all assignments that you have approved or rejected. The percentage is represented as a decimal fraction between 0 and 1. The statistic value for a given day represents a change in the overall percentage due to activity for that day. Type: Double
TotalRewardPayout	The total amount of the rewards paid for approved assignments. The amount is given in U.S. dollars. Type: Double
AverageRewardAmount	The change in the average amount of the rewards paid for approved assignments. The amount is given in U.S. dollars. Type: Double
TotalRewardFeePayout	The total amount of the HIT listing fees paid for approved assignments. The amount is given in U.S. dollars. Type: Double
TotalFeePayout	The total amount of the HIT listing fees paid for approved assignments and bonus payments. The amount is given in U.S. dollars. <i>This statistic is deprecated.</i> To get the total amount of fees paid for rewards and bonuses, get the <i>TotalRewardFeePayout</i> statistic and the <i>TotalBonusFeePayout</i> statistic and add them together. Type: Double
TotalRewardAndFeePayout	The total amount of money paid for approved assignments, including rewards and fees. The amount is given in U.S. dollars. This total does <i>not</i> include fees for bonus payments made with the GrantBonus (p. 87) operation. <i>This statistic is deprecated.</i> To get the total amount of money paid for rewards and reward fees, get the <i>TotalRewardPayout</i> and <i>TotalRewardFeePayout</i> statistics and add them together. Type: Double
TotalBonusPayout	The total amount of the bonuses paid to Workers. The amount is given in U.S. dollars. Type: Double
TotalBonusFeePayout	The total amount of the fees paid for bonus payments. The amount is given in U.S. dollars. Type: Double
NumberHITsCreated	The number of HITs you created. Type: Long
NumberHITsCompleted	The total number of your HITs that have been completed to their final state of either Disposed or Disabled . Type: Long

Name	Description
NumberHITsAssignable	<p>The number of your HITs with status Assignable.</p> <p> Note</p> <p><i>NumberHITsAssignable</i> can only be queried as a LifeToDate value. While most statistics change in real time, a day's value for this statistic is added to the <i>LifeToDate</i> total at the end of the day.</p> <p>Type: Long</p>
NumberHITsReviewable	<p>The number of your HITs with status Reviewable.</p> <p>Type: Long</p>
EstimatedRewardLiability	<p>The total amount of all of the rewards for HITs and assignments that have not yet been completed. This includes the reward for each unclaimed assignment for HITs that have not yet expired, each assignment in progress, and each submitted assignment that has not yet been approved or rejected. This is an estimate, because it is possible that not all of a HIT's assignments will be completed before the HIT expires. The amount is given in U.S. dollars.</p> <p>Type: Double</p>
EstimatedFeeLiability	<p>The total amount of all of the HIT listing fees for HITs and assignments that have not yet been completed at a given point in time. The amount is given in U.S. dollars.</p> <p>Type: Double</p>
EstimatedTotalLiability	<p>The total amount of all of the rewards and fees for HITs and assignments that have not yet been completed at a given point in time. The amount is given in U.S. dollars.</p> <p>Type: Double</p>

Request Parameters

The `GetRequesterStatistic` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GetRequesterStatistic` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	<p>The name of the operation</p> <p>Type: String</p> <p>Valid Values: <code>GetRequesterStatistic</code></p> <p>Default: None</p>	Yes

Name	Description	Required
<i>Statistic</i>	The statistic to return Type: String Valid Values: See the preceding table. Default: None	Yes
<i>TimePeriod</i>	The time period of the statistic to return. Type: String Valid Values: OneDay SevenDays ThirtyDays LifeToDate Default: None	Yes
<i>Count</i>	The number of data points to return Type: positive integer Default: 1 Conditions: only used if <i>TimePeriod</i> is OneDay For example, if <i>TimePeriod</i> is OneDay and <i>Count</i> is 12, the operation returns 12 data points for the statistic, one for each of 12 calendar days leading up to the current date, including the current day.	Conditional

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetRequesterStatistic` operation has a `GetStatisticResult` element in the response.

The `GetStatisticResult` element contains the following elements for each value requested.

Name	Description
<i>Statistic</i>	The named statistic you specified in the Request. See the preceding table for a list of statistics. Type: String
<i>TimePeriod</i>	The time period you specified in the Request. Type: String
<i>DataPoint</i>	The data point data structure described in the next table. Type: DataPoint structure

Each `DataPoint` element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<i>Date</i>	The date represented by the data point. For aggregate values, this is the current date. Type: A dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z

Name	Description
<i>LongValue DoubleValue</i>	The value of the statistic over the specified time period. The element name and data type depend on which statistic was requested. Type: a long or a double, depending on the requested statistic.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetRequesterStatistic` operation.

Sample Request

The following example of a call to the `GetRequesterStatistic` operation retrieves the total reward payout for the thirty days leading up to the current date.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-09-01
&Operation=GetRequesterStatistic
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&Statistic=NumberAssignmentsApproved
&TimePeriod=ThirtyDays
&Count=1
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetStatisticResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
  <Statistic>NumberAssignmentsApproved</Statistic>
  <TimePeriod>ThirtyDays</TimePeriod>
  <DataPoint>
    <Date>2011-09-05T07:00:00Z</Date>
    <DoubleValue>281</DoubleValue>
  </DataPoint>
</GetStatisticResult>
```

GetRequesterWorkerStatistic

Description

The `GetRequesterWorkerStatistic` operation retrieves statistics about a specific Worker who has completed Human Intelligence Tasks (HITs) for you. If you have used Review Policies with known answers or plurality, Mechanical Turk will summarize the following statistics about the Worker's known answers and agreement level. These statistics are only for your Requester account. For more information about Review Policies, see [Review Policies \(p. 160\)](#).

The following table describes the available statistics:

Name	Description
NumberAssignmentsApproved	The number of assignments you have approved for the Worker. Type: Long
NumberAssignmentsRejected	The number of assignments you have rejected for the Worker. Type: Long
PercentAssignmentsApproved	The percentage of assignments approved, which is the Number of assignments approved divided by the number of assignments approved or rejected. Type: Double
PercentAssignmentsRejected	The percentage of assignments rejected, which is the Number of assignments rejected divided by the number of assignments approved or rejected. Type: Double
NumberKnownAnswersCorrect	The total number of <i>known answer</i> questions that the Worker has answered correctly. Type: Long
NumberKnownAnswersIncorrect	The total number of <i>known answer</i> questions that the Worker has answered incorrectly. Type: Long
NumberKnownAnswersEvaluated	The total number of <i>known answer</i> questions in assignments the Worker has submitted. Type: Long
PercentKnownAnswersCorrect	The rounded percentage of <i>known answer</i> questions the Worker has answered correctly, which is the number of correct known answers divided by the number of known answers evaluated. Type: Double
NumberPluralityAnswersCorrect	The number of evaluated questions that the Worker provided the agreed-upon answer for. Type: Long
NumberPluralityAnswersIncorrect	The number of evaluated questions that the Worker did not provide the agreed-upon answer for. Type: Long

Name	Description
NumberPluralityAnswersEvaluated	The number of evaluated questions answered by the Worker participating in the HIT. Type: Long
PercentPluralityAnswersCorrect	The number of questions that the Worker provided the agreed-upon answer for, divided by the number of evaluated questions. Type: Double

Request Parameters

The `GetRequesterWorkerStatistic` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. For more information, see [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#).

The following parameters are specific to the `GetRequesterWorkerStatistic` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation. Type: String Valid Values: <code>GetRequesterWorkerStatistic</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>Statistic</i>	The statistic to return. Type: String Valid Values: See the preceding available statistics table. Default: None	Yes
<i>WorkerID</i>	The Worker you want to return the statistics for. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>TimePeriod</i>	The time period of the statistic to return. Type: String Valid Values: <code>OneDay</code> <code>SevenDays</code> <code>ThirtyDays</code> <code>LifeToDate</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>Count</i>	The number of data points to return. Type: Positive Integer Default: 1 Conditions: only used if <i>TimePeriod</i> is <code>OneDay</code> . For example, if <i>TimePeriod</i> is <code>OneDay</code> and <i>Count</i> is 12, the operation returns 12 data points for the statistic, one for each of 12 calendar days leading up to the current date, including the current day.	Conditional

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetRequesterWorkerStatistic` operation has a `GetStatisticResult` element in the response.

The `GetStatisticResult` element contains the elements in the following table for each value requested.

Name	Description
<i>WorkerID</i>	The WorkerID you are requesting the statistics for. Type: String
<i>Statistic</i>	The named statistic you specified in the Request. See the preceding table for a list of statistics. Type: String
<i>TimePeriod</i>	The time period you specified in the Request. Type: String
<i>DataPoint</i>	The data point data structure described in the next table. Type: DataPoint structure

Each `DataPoint` data structure contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<i>Date</i>	The date represented by the data point. For aggregate values, this is the current date. Type: A dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z
<i>LongValue DoubleValue</i>	The value of the statistic over the specified time period. The element name and data type depend on which statistic was requested. Type: A Long or a Double, depending on the requested statistic.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetRequesterWorkerStatistic` operation.

Sample Request

The following `GetRequesterWorkerStatistic` operation request retrieves the number of assignments approved for WorkerID A1Z4X5D207ALZF in the last 30 days.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-09-01
&Operation=GetRequesterWorkerStatistic
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
```

```
&Statistic=NumberAssignmentsApproved  
&WorkerID=A1Z4X5D207ALZF  
&TimePeriod=ThirtyDays  
&Count=1
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response where the Worker had 281 assignments approved in the last 30 days.

```
<GetStatisticResult>  
  <Request>  
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>  
  </Request>  
  <WorkerID>A1Z4X5D207ALZF</WorkerID>  
  <Statistic>NumberAssignmentsApproved</Statistic>  
  <TimePeriod>ThirtyDays</TimePeriod>  
  <DataPoint>  
    <Date>2011-09-05T07:00:00Z</Date>  
    <DoubleValue>281</DoubleValue>  
  </DataPoint>  
</GetStatisticResult>
```

GetReviewableHITs

Description

The `GetReviewableHITs` operation retrieves the HITs with `Status` equal to **Reviewable** or `Status` equal to **Reviewing** that belong to the Requester calling the operation.

You can limit the query to HITs with a specified HIT type.

The operation sorts the results, divides them into numbered pages, and returns a single page of results. You can control sorting and pagination can be controlled with parameters to the operation.

When $(PageNumber \times PageSize)$ is less than 100, you can get reliable results when you use any of the sort properties. If this number is greater than 100, use the `Enumeration` sort property for best results. The `Enumeration` sort property guarantees that the operation returns all reviewable HITs with no duplicates, but not in any specific order.

Request Parameters

The `GetReviewableHITs` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GetReviewableHITs` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: GetReviewableHITs Default: None	Yes
<i>HITTypeId</i>	The ID of the HIT type of the HITs to consider for the query. Type: String Default: None. If not specified, all of the Requester's HITs are considered for the query.	No
<i>Status</i>	The status of the HITs to return Type: String Valid Values: Reviewable Reviewing Default: Reviewable To query both Reviewable and Reviewing HITs, specify multiple <code>Status</code> parameters.	No
<i>SortProperty</i>	The field on which to sort the results. Type: String Valid Values: Title Reward Expiration CreationTime Enumeration Default: Expiration	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>SortDirection</i>	The direction of the sort used with the field specified by the <i>SortProperty</i> property. Type: String Valid Values: Ascending Descending Default: Descending	No
<i>PageSize</i>	The number of HITs to include in a page of results. The operation divides the complete sorted result set is divided into pages of this many HITs. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any number between 1 and 100 Default: 10	No
<i>PageNumber</i>	The page of results to return. After the operation filters, sorts, and divides the HITs into pages of size <i>PageSize</i> , it returns the page corresponding to <i>PageNumber</i> as the results of the operation. Type: positive integer Default: 1	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetReviewableHITs` operation has a `GetReviewableHITsResult` element in the response.

The `GetReviewableHITsResult` element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<i>NumResults</i>	The number of HITs on this page in the filtered results list, equivalent to the number of HITs this call returns. Type: non-negative integer
<i>PageNumber</i>	The number of this page in the filtered results list. Type: positive integer
<i>TotalNumResults</i>	The total number of HITs in the filtered results list based on this call. Type: non-negative integer
<i>HIT</i>	The HIT. The response includes one <i>HIT</i> element for each HIT returned by the query. Type: a HIT (p. 133) data structure

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetReviewableHITs` operation.

Sample Request

The following example retrieves five of the Requester's reviewable HITs, using the default values for the *SortProperty* and *SortOrder* parameters (ExpirationDate, Ascending).

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GetReviewableHITs
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&PageSize=5
&PageNumber=1
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetReviewableHITsResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
  <NumResults>1</NumResults>
  <TotalNumResults>1</TotalNumResults>
  <PageNumber>1</PageNumber>
  <HIT>
    <HITId>GBHZVQX3EHXZ2AYDY2T0</HITId>
  </HIT>
</GetReviewableHITsResult>
```

GetReviewResultsForHIT

Description

The `GetReviewResultsForHIT` operation retrieves the computed results and the actions taken in the course of executing your Review Policies during a `CreateHIT` (p. 17) operation. For information about how to apply Review Policies when you call `CreateHIT`, see [Review Policies](#) (p. 160). The `GetReviewResultsForHIT` operation can return results for both Assignment-level and HIT-level review results. You can also specify to only return results pertaining to a particular Assignment.

Request Parameters

The `GetReviewResultsForHIT` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. For more information, see [Common Parameters](#) (p. 6).

The following parameters are specific to the `GetReviewResultsForHIT` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation. Type: String Valid Values: GetReveiwResultsForHIT Default: None	Yes
<i>HITId</i>	The unique identifier of the HIT to retrieve review results for. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>PolicyLevel</i>	The Policy Level(s) to retrieve review results for. Type: String Default: HIT and Assignments Constraints: HIT and Assignment. If omitted, the default behavior is to retrieve all data for both policy levels. For a list of all the described policies, see Review Policies (p. 160).	No
<i>AssignmentId</i>	If supplied, the results are limited to those pertaining directly to this Assignment ID. Type: String Default: None Note: Both the HIT-level and the Assignment-level Review Policies may take actions and return results concerning an Assignment, so both will be reported unless filtered by the <i>PolicyLevel</i> parameter.	No
<i>RetrieveActions</i>	Retrieves a list of the actions taken executing the Review Policies and their outcomes. Type: String Default: T Constraints: T or F	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>RetrieveResults</i>	Retrieves a list of the results computed by the Review Policies. Type: String Default: T Constraints: T or F	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GetReviewResultsForHIT` operation has a `GetReviewResultsForHITResult` element in the response. The `GetReviewResultsForHITResult` element contains the name of the Review Policy applied as well as the `AssignmentReviewReport` element and the `HITReviewReport` element. Additional elements called `ReviewAction` and `ReviewResult` provide the results of Review Policy specified when the HIT was created.

The `GetReviewResultsForHITResult` element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<i>HITId</i>	The HIT ID. Type: String
<i>AssignmentReviewPolicy</i>	The name of the Assignment-level Review Policy. This contains only the <code>PolicyName</code> element. Type: String Constraint: Name of the applied policy. For a list of available named policies, see Review Policies (p. 160) .
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	The name of the HIT-level Review Policy. This contains only the <code>PolicyName</code> element. Type: String Constraint: Name of the applied policy. For a list of available named policies, see Review Policies (p. 160) .
<i>AssignmentReviewReport</i>	Contains both <code>ReviewResult</code> and <code>ReviewAction</code> elements for an Assignment. Type: <code>ReviewResult</code> data structure and <code>ReviewAction</code> data structure. See below for details.
<i>HITReviewReport</i>	Contains both <code>ReviewResult</code> and <code>ReviewAction</code> elements for a particular HIT. Type: <code>ReviewResult</code> data structure and <code>ReviewAction</code> data structure. See below for details.

ReviewResult Data Structure

Both the `AssignmentReviewReport` element and the `HITReviewReport` element contain the `ReviewResult` data structure. The `ReviewResult` structure is returned multiple times for each result specified in the Review Policy.



Note

A HIT-level Review Policy may be enacted multiple times if the HIT is extended by the Review Policy or by extending a reviewable HIT using the [ExtendHIT \(p. 37\)](#) operation.

`GetReviewResultsForHITResult` includes the results from each of the review steps, in chronological order. The first-produced results appear first in the list, while other results with the same `SubjectId/QuestionId/Key` may appear later in the list, reflecting later reviews. Assignment-level review policies are enabled precisely once per submitted Assignment, so the Assignment-level results will only contain duplicate `SubjectId/QuestionId/Key` elements if the Assignment-level policy contains information about the HIT itself.

ReviewResult Elements

The `ReviewResult` data structure contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<i>ActionId</i>	A unique identifier of the Review action result. Type: String
<i>SubjectId</i>	The HITID or AssignmentId about which this result was taken. Note that HIT-level Review Policies will often emit results about both the HIT itself and its Assignments, while Assignment-level review policies generally only emit results about the Assignment itself. Type: String
<i>ObjectType</i>	The type of the object from the SubjectId field. Type: String Constraint: Assignment or HIT
<i>QuestionId</i>	Specifies the QuestionId the result is describing. Depending on whether the ObjectType is a HIT or Assignment this results could specify multiple values. See the next table for possible values and their meaning. If ObjectType is HIT and QuestionId is absent, then the result describes results of the HIT, including the HIT agreement score. If ObjectType is Assignment and QuestionId is absent, then the result describes the Worker's performance on the HIT. Type: String
<i>Key</i>	Key identifies the particular piece of reviewed information. See the next table for details. Type: String
<i>Value</i>	The values of Key provided by the review policies you have selected. Type: String

Result Keys

The `QuestionId` element can contain the following result values:

Key	SubjectType	Meaning
AgreedAnswerFound	Question	A boolean to describe whether an agreed answer was found. Constraints: true or false
AgreedAnswer	Question	If AgreedAnswerFound is true, contains the agreed answer for the question. If no agreed answer is found then this value is not returned.
AnswerAgreementScore	Question	If AgreedAnswerFound is true, contains the Agreement Score for the question. If no agreed answer is found then this value is not returned.
WorkerAgreementScore	Assignment	Contains the computed Worker Agreement Score for the Worker that completed the assignment.
PluralityAnswersCorrect	Assignment	Contains the number of answers in the assignment that agreed with the majority.
PluralityAnswersIncorrect	Assignment	Contains the number of answers in the assignment that disagreed with the majority.
HitAgreementScore	HIT	Contains the computed HIT Agreement Score for the HIT.


ReviewAction Data Structure

Both the *AssignmentReviewReport* and the *HITReviewReport* elements contains the *ReviewAction* data structure. This structure is returned multiple times for each action specified in the Review Policy.

ReviewAction Elements

The *ReviewAction* data structure element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<i>ActionId</i>	The unique identifier for the action. Type: String
<i>ActionName</i>	The nature of the action itself. The Review Policy is responsible for examining the HIT and Assignments, emitting results, and deciding which other actions will be necessary. Type: String Constraints: Approve, Reject, or Extend
<i>ObjectId</i>	The specific HITId or AssignmentID targeted by the action. Type: String Constraint: none
<i>ObjectType</i>	The type of object in ObjectId. Type: String Constraint: AssignmentID or HITID

Name	Description
<i>Status</i>	The current disposition of the action. See below for a description of the statuses. Type: String Constraints: INTENDED, SUCCEEDED, FAILED, or CANCELLED
<i>CompleteTime</i>	The date when the action was completed. Type: Date/Time Constraints: none
<i>Results</i>	A description of the outcome of the review.  Note Do not to make assumptions about the format of this string or the data it contains. Type: String
<i>ErrorCode</i>	Present only when the Results have a FAILED Status. Type: String

ReviewAction Elements Returned Status Values

The following table lists the types of Status values returned in the *ReviewAction* Status element:

Status	Description
INTENDED	The action is either queued for execution or currently being worked on.
SUCCEEDED	The action was taken successfully. Note that the SUCCESS of an action does not necessarily imply that the object has actually been acted upon. For example, an action trying to approve an already-approved Assignment will report itself as SUCCESSFUL even though the Assignment was not further altered by the second approval. Similarly, if the policy was configured to extend a HIT to a maximum of 5 assignments, then an extend action attempted when the HIT has already been extended to have a maximum of 5 assignments will take no action and report SUCCESS, because it has successfully performed the action in accordance with the configured limits of the Review Policy.
FAILED	The action could not be taken because of the state of its object. For example, an Assignment that is already approved cannot later be rejected or a HIT cannot be extended if the Requester lacks sufficient funds to cover the increased liability. Whenever an action is "FAILED", an additional ErrorCode element is present.
CANCELLED	The action was prevented by the intervention of Mechanical Turk.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the *GetReviewResultsForHIT* operation.

Sample Request

The following is an example request.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-XX-XX
&Operation=GetReviewResultsForHIT
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITId=1AAAAAAAAABBBBBBBBBBCCCCCCCC
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GetReviewResultsForHITResult>
  <HITId>1AAAAAAAAABBBBBBBBBBCCCCCCCC</HITId>
  <AssignmentReviewPolicy>
    <PolicyName>ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01</PolicyName>
  </AssignmentReviewPolicy>
  <HITReviewPolicy>
    <PolicyName>SimplePlurality/2011-09-01</PolicyName>
  </HITReviewPolicy>
  <AssignmentReviewReport>
    <ReviewResult>
      <SubjectId>1DDDDDDDDDEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE</SubjectId>
      <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
      <QuestionId>Question_2</QuestionId>
      <Key>KnownAnswerCorrect</Key>
      <Value>1</Value>
    </ReviewResult>
    <ReviewResult>
      <SubjectId>1DDDDDDDDDEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE</SubjectId>
      <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
      <Key>KnownAnswerScore</Key>
      <Value>100</Value>
    </ReviewResult>
    <ReviewResult>
      <SubjectId>1GGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHHIIIIIIIIII</SubjectId>
      <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
      <QuestionId>Question_2</QuestionId>
      <Key>KnownAnswerCorrect</Key>
      <Value>0</Value>
    </ReviewResult>
    <ReviewResult>
      <SubjectId>1GGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHHIIIIIIIIII</SubjectId>
      <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
      <Key>KnownAnswerScore</Key>
      <Value>0</Value>
    </ReviewResult>
  <ReviewAction>
    <ActionName>review</ActionName>
    <ObjectId>1DDDDDDDDDEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE</ObjectId>
    <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
```


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```
<Status>SUCCEEDED</Status>
<Result>Reviewed one known answer; 1/1 correct</Result>
</ReviewAction>
<ReviewAction>
  <ActionName>approve</ActionName>
  <ObjectId>1DDDDDDDDDEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE</ObjectId>
  <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
  <Status>SUCCEEDED</Status>
  <Result>Approved</Result>
</ReviewAction>
<ReviewAction>
  <ActionName>review</ActionName>
  <ObjectId>1GGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH</ObjectId>
  <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
  <Status>SUCCEEDED</Status>
  <Result>Reviewed one known answer; 0/1 correct</Result>
</ReviewAction>
<ReviewAction>
  <ActionName>reject</ActionName>
  <ObjectId>1GGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH</ObjectId>
  <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
  <Status>SUCCEEDED</Status>
  <Result>Rejected</Result>
</ReviewAction>
</AssignmentReviewReport>
<HITReviewReport>
  <ReviewResult>
    <SubjectId>1DDDDDDDDDEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE</SubjectId>
    <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
    <QuestionId>Question_1</QuestionId>
    <Key>AgreedWithPlurality</Key>
    <Value>1</Value>
  </ReviewResult>
  <ReviewResult>
    <SubjectId>1GGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH</SubjectId>
    <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
    <QuestionId>Question_1</QuestionId>
    <Key>AgreedWithPlurality</Key>
    <Value>1</Value>
  </ReviewResult>
  <ReviewResult>
    <SubjectId>1AAAAAAAAABBBBBBBBBBCCCCCCCC</SubjectId>
    <ObjectType>HIT</ObjectType>
    <QuestionId>Question_1</QuestionId>
    <Key>PluralityAnswer</Key>
    <Value>true</Value>
  </ReviewResult>
  <ReviewResult>
    <SubjectId>1AAAAAAAAABBBBBBBBBBCCCCCCCC</SubjectId>
    <ObjectType>HIT</ObjectType>
    <QuestionId>Question_1</QuestionId>
    <Key>PluralityLevel</Key>
    <Value>100</Value>
  </ReviewResult>
  <ReviewAction>
    <ActionName>approve</ActionName>
    <ObjectId>1DDDDDDDDDEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE</ObjectId>
    <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
```

```
<Status>SUCCEDED</Status>
<Result>Already approved</Result>
</ReviewAction>
<ReviewAction>
  <ActionName>approve</ActionName>
  <ObjectId>1GGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHHIIIIIIIIII</ObjectId>
  <ObjectType>Assignment</ObjectType>
  <Status>FAILED</Status>
  <Result>Assignment was in an invalid state for this operation.</Result>
  <ErrorCode>AWS.MechanicalTurk.InvalidAssignmentState</ErrorCode>
</ReviewAction>
</HITReviewReport>
</GetReviewResultsForHITResult>
```

GrantBonus

Description

The `GrantBonus` operation issues a payment of money from your account to a Worker. This payment happens separately from the reward you pay to the Worker when you approve the Worker's assignment.

The `GrantBonus` operation requires the Worker's ID and the assignment ID as parameters to initiate payment of the bonus.

You must include a message that explains the reason for the bonus payment, as the Worker may not be expecting the payment.

Amazon Mechanical Turk collects a fee for bonus payments, similar to the HIT listing fee. This operation fails if your account does not have enough funds to pay for both the bonus and the fees.

For information about Amazon Mechanical Turk pricing and fee amounts, see the [Amazon Mechanical Turk](#) site.

Request Parameters

The `GrantBonus` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GrantBonus` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: GrantBonus Default: None	Yes
<i>WorkerId</i>	The ID of the Worker being paid the bonus, as returned in the assignment data of the GetAssignmentsForHIT (p. 44) operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>AssignmentId</i>	The ID of the assignment for which this bonus is paid, as returned in the assignment data of the GetAssignmentsForHIT (p. 44) operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>BonusAmount</i>	The bonus amount to pay. Type: Price (p. 143) data structure Default: None	Yes

Name	Description	Required
<i>Reason</i>	A message that explains the reason for the bonus payment. The Worker receiving the bonus can see this message. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>UniqueRequestToken</i>	A unique identifier for this request, which allows you to retry the call on error without granting multiple bonuses. This is useful in cases such as network timeouts where it is unclear whether or not the call succeeded on the server. If the extend HIT already exists in the system from a previous call using the same <i>UniqueRequestToken</i> , subsequent calls will return an error with a message containing the request ID. Type: String Default: None Constraints: must not be longer than 64 characters in length. Note: It is your responsibility to ensure uniqueness of the token. The unique token expires after 24 hours. Subsequent calls using the same <i>UniqueRequestToken</i> made after the 24 hour limit could grant multiple bonuses.	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GrantBonus` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>GrantBonusResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GrantBonus` operation.

Sample Request

The following example of a call to the `GrantBonus` operation pays a bonus of \$5 to a Worker.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GrantBonus
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&WorkerId=AZ3456EXAMPLE
&AssignmentId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE456RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

```
&BonusAmount.1.Amount=5  
&BonusAmount.1.CurrencyCode=USD  
&Reason=Thanks%20for%20doing%20great%20work!
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GrantBonusResult>  
  <Request>  
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>  
  </Request>  
</GrantBonusResult>
```

GrantQualification

Description

The `GrantQualification` operation grants a Worker's request for a Qualification.

Only the owner of the Qualification type can grant a Qualification request for that type.

Request Parameters

`GrantQualification` accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `GrantQualification` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: GrantQualification Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationRequestId</i>	The ID of the Qualification request, as returned by the GetQualificationRequests (p. 60) operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>IntegerValue</i>	The value of the Qualification Type: Integer Default: 1 Conditions: You can omit this value if you are using the presence or absence of the Qualification as the basis for a HIT requirement.	Conditional

Response Elements

A successful request for the `GrantQualification` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>GrantQualificationResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GrantQualification` operation.

Sample Request

The following example grants a Qualification to a user.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=GrantQualification
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&QualificationRequestId=789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
&IntegerValue=95
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<GrantQualificationResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</GrantQualificationResult>
```

Help

Description

The `Help` operation returns information about the Amazon Mechanical Turk Service operations and response groups. You can use it to facilitate development and documentation of your web site and tools. It is similar to the `Help` operation found in other AWS web services.

Request Parameters

The `Help` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `Help` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: Help Default: None	Yes
<i>HelpType</i>	Specifies whether you want help with an operation or with a response group. Type: String Valid Values: Operation ResponseGroup Default: None	Yes
<i>About</i>	The name of the operation or response group for which to return help. Type: String Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `Help` operation has an `Information` element in the response. The `Information` element contains either an `OperationInformation` element or a `ResponseGroup` element, depending on the `HelpType` requested.

The `OperationInformation` element contains the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description
<i>Name</i>	The name of the operation Type: String
<i>Description</i>	A description of the operation result. Type: String

Name	Description
<i>RequiredParameters</i>	A list of required parameters for the operation. Type: a list of <i>Parameter</i> elements. The <i>Parameter</i> element is a string.
<i>AvailableParameters</i>	A list of optional parameters for the operation. Type: a list of <i>Parameter</i> elements. The <i>Parameter</i> element is a string.
<i>DefaultResponseGroups</i>	A list of default <i>ResponseGroups</i> for the operation. Type: a list of <i>ResponseGroup</i> elements. The <i>ResponseGroup</i> element is a string.
<i>AvailableResponseGroups</i>	A list of optional <i>ResponseGroups</i> for the operation. Type: a list of <i>ResponseGroup</i> elements. The <i>ResponseGroup</i> element is a string.

The *ResponseGroupInformation* element contains the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description
<i>Name</i>	The name of the response group Type: String
<i>CreationDate</i>	The date the response group was created Type: String
<i>ValidOperations</i>	A list of the <i>Operation</i> elements that return data for the response group. Type: a list <i>Operation</i> elements. The <i>Operation</i> element is a string.
<i>Elements</i>	A list of the <i>Elements</i> elements for the response group. Type: a list <i>Elements</i> elements. The <i>Elements</i> element is a string.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `Help` operation.

Sample Request

The following example of a `Help` operation returns information about the `GetReviewableHITs` operation.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=Help
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HelpType=Operation
```

```
&About=GetReviewableHITs
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<Information>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
    <HelpRequest>
      <Operation>Help</Operation>
    </HelpRequest>
  </Request>
  <OperationInformation>
    <Name>
      Please see our online documentation at
      http://developer.amazonwebservices.com/connect/kbcategory.jspa?categoryID=28
    </Name>
  </OperationInformation>
</Information>
```

NotifyWorkers

Description

The `NotifyWorkers` operation sends an email to one or more Workers that you specify with the Worker ID.

You can specify up to 100 Worker IDs to send the same message with a single call to the `NotifyWorkers` operation.



Note

The `NotifyWorkers` operation will send a notification email to a Worker only if you have previously approved or rejected work from the Worker.

Request Parameters

The `NotifyWorkers` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `NotifyWorkers` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: <code>NotifyWorkers</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>Subject</i>	The subject line of the email message to send. Type: String Default: None Constraints: can include up to 200 characters.	Yes
<i>MessageText</i>	The text of the email message to send Type: String Default: None Constraints: can include up to 4,096 characters	Yes
<i>WorkerId</i>	The ID of the Worker to notify, as returned by the GetAssignmentsForHIT (p. 44) operation. Type: String Default: None Constraints: You can repeat this parameter up to 100 times to notify multiple Workers.	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `NotifyWorkers` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>NotifyWorkersResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetHITsForQualificationType` operation.

Sample Request

The following example sends an email message to three Workers.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=NotifyWorkers
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&Subject=Thank%20you
&MessageText=Hello!%20Just%20wanted%20to%20say%20thank%20you...
&WorkerId.1=AZ3123EXAMPLE
&WorkerId.2=AZ3456EXAMPLE
&WorkerId.3=AZ3789EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<NotifyWorkersResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</NotifyWorkersResult>
```

RegisterHITType

Description

The `RegisterHITType` operation creates a new HIT type.

The `RegisterHITType` operation lets you be explicit about which HITs ought to be the same type. It also gives you error checking, to ensure that you call the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation with a valid HIT type ID.

If you register a HIT type with values that match an existing HIT type, the HIT type ID of the existing type will be returned.

Request Parameters

The `RegisterHITType` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `RegisterHITType` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: RegisterHITType Default: None	Yes
<i>Title</i>	The title for HITs of this type. A <i>Title</i> parameter should be short and descriptive about the kind of task the HIT contains. On the Amazon Mechanical Turk web site, the HIT title appears in search results, and everywhere the HIT is mentioned. Type: String Default: None Constraints: can be up to 128 characters in length	Yes
<i>Description</i>	A general description of HITs of this type A <i>Description</i> includes detailed information about the kind of task the HIT contains. On the Amazon Mechanical Turk web site, the HIT description appears in the expanded view of search results, and in the HIT and assignment screens. A good description gives the user enough information to evaluate the HIT before accepting it. It should not include instructions for completing the HIT. Type: String Default: None Constraints: must be less than 2,000 characters in length	Yes

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Name	Description	Required
<i>Reward</i>	The amount of money the Requester will pay a user for successfully completing a HIT of this type. Type: a Price (p. 143) data structure Default: None	Yes
<i>AssignmentDurationInSeconds</i>	The amount of time a Worker has to complete a HIT of this type after accepting it. Type: positive integer Default: None Constraints: any integer between 30 (30 seconds) and 3153600 (365 days)	Yes
<i>Keywords</i>	One or more words or phrases that describe a HIT of this type, separated by commas. Searches for words similar to the keywords are more likely to return the HIT in the search results. Type: String Default: None Constraints: The complete string, including commas and spaces, must be fewer than 1,000 characters.	No
<i>AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds</i>	An amount of time, in seconds, after an assignment for a HIT of this type has been submitted, that the assignment becomes Approved automatically, unless the Requester explicitly rejects it. Type: positive integer Default: 2592000 (30 days) Constraints: must be between 0 (immediate) and 2592000 (30 days).	No
<i>QualificationRequirement</i>	A condition that a Worker's Qualifications must meet before the Worker is allowed to accept and complete a HIT of this type. Type: a QualificationRequirement (p. 149) data structure. Default: None	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `RegisterHITType` operation has a `RegisterHITTypeResult` element in the response.

The `RegisterHITTypeResult` element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<i>HITTypeId</i>	The ID of the newly registered HIT type Type: String Default: None

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetHITsForQualificationType` operation.

Sample Request

The following example registers a new HIT type.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=RegisterHITType
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&Title=Location%20and%20Photograph%20Identification
&Description=Select%20the%20image%20that%20best%20represents...
&Reward.1.Amount=5
&Reward.1.CurrencyCode=USD
&AssignmentDurationInSeconds=30
&Keywords=location,%20photograph,%20image,%20identification,%20opinion
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<RegisterHITTypeResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
  <HITTypeId>KZ3GKTRXBWGYX8WXBW60</HITTypeId>
</RegisterHITTypeResult>
```

RejectAssignment

Description

The `RejectAssignment` operation rejects the results of a completed assignment.

You can include an optional feedback message with the rejection, which the Worker can see in the **Status** section of the web site. When you include a feedback message with the rejection, it helps the Worker understand why the assignment was rejected, and can improve the quality of the results the Worker submits in the future.

Only the Requester who created the HIT can reject an assignment for the HIT.

Request Parameters

The `RejectAssignment` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `RejectAssignment` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: RejectAssignment Default: None	Yes
<i>AssignmentId</i>	The assignment ID Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>RequesterFeedback</i>	A message for the Worker, which the Worker can see in the Status section of the web site. Type: String Default: None Constraints: can be up to 1024 characters, including multi-byte characters.	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `RejectAssignment` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>RejectAssignmentResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `RejectAssignment` operation.

Sample Request

The following example rejects an assignment identified by its assignment ID.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=RejectAssignment
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&AssignmentId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE456RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<RejectAssignmentResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</RejectAssignmentResult>
```

RejectQualificationRequest

Description

The `RejectQualificationRequest` operation rejects a user's request for a Qualification.

You can provide a text message explaining why the request was rejected. The Worker who made the request can see this message.

Request Parameters

The `RejectQualificationRequest` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `RejectQualificationRequest` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: <code>RejectQualificationRequest</code> Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationRequestId</i>	The ID of the Qualification request to reject, as returned from a call to the GetQualificationRequest (p. 60) operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Reason</i>	A text message explaining why the request was rejected, to be shown to the Worker who made the request.	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `RejectQualificationRequest` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>RejectQualificationRequestResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the RequestResponseGroup is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `RejectQualificationRequestType` operation.

Sample Request

The following example rejects a specified Qualification request.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=RejectQualificationRequest
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&QualificationRequestId=789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<RejectQualificationRequestResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</RejectQualificationRequestResult>
```

RevokeQualification

Description

The `RevokeQualification` operation revokes a previously granted Qualification from a user.

You can provide a text message explaining why the Qualification was revoked. The user who had the Qualification can see this message.

Request Parameters

The `RevokeQualification` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `RevokeQualification` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: RevokeQualification Default: None	Yes
<i>SubjectId</i>	The ID of the Worker who possesses the Qualification to be revoked. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type of the Qualification to be revoked. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Reason</i>	A text message that explains why the Qualification was revoked. The user who had the Qualification sees this message. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `RevokeQualification` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>RevokeQualificationResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `RevokeQualification` operation.

Sample Request

The following example revokes Qualification of the specified Qualification type for the specified user.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=RevokeQualification
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&SubjectId=AZ3456EXAMPLE
&QualificationTypeId=789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<RevokeQualificationResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</RevokeQualificationResult>
```

SearchHITs

Description

The `SearchHITs` operation returns all of a Requester's HITs, on behalf of the Requester.

The operation returns HITs of any status, except for HITs that have been disposed with the [DisposeHIT \(p. 33\)](#) operation.



Note

The `SearchHITs` operation does not accept any search parameters that filter the results.

The operation sorts the results and divides them into numbered pages. The operation returns a single page of results. You can control sorting and pagination with parameters to the operation.

When $(PageNumber \times PageSize)$ is less than 100, you can get reliable results when you use any of the sort properties. If this number is greater than 100, use the `Enumeration` sort property for best results. The `Enumeration` sort property guarantees that all HITs are returned with no duplicates, but not in any specific order.

Request Parameters

The `SearchHITs` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `SearchHITs` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: SearchHITs Default: None	Yes
<i>SortProperty</i>	The field on which to sort the returned results Type: String Valid Values: Title Reward Expiration CreationTime Enumeration Default: CreationTime	No
<i>SortDirection</i>	The direction of the sort, used with the field specified by the <i>SortProperty</i> parameter. Type: String Valid Values: Ascending Descending Default: Ascending	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>PageSize</i>	The number of HITs to include in a page of results. The complete sorted result set is divided into pages of this many HITs. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any integer between 1 and 100 Default: 10	No
<i>PageNumber</i>	The page of results to return. After the operation sorts the HITs and divides them into pages of size <i>PageSize</i> , the operation returns the page corresponding to <i>PageNumber</i> . Type: positive integer Default: 1	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `SearchHITs` operation will have a `SearchHITsResult` element in the response.

The `SearchHITsResult` element contains the following elements:

Name	Description
<i>NumResults</i>	The number of HITs on this page in the filtered results list, equivalent to the number of HITs being returned by this call. Type: non-negative integer
<i>PageNumber</i>	The number of this page in the filtered results list. Type: positive integer
<i>TotalNumResults</i>	The total number of HITs in the filtered results list based on this call. Type: non-negative integer
<i>HIT</i>	The HIT. The response includes one <code>HIT</code> element for each HIT the query returns. Type: a HIT (p. 133) data structure.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `GetHITsForQualificationType` operation.

Sample Request

The following example queries all of the HITs for a Requester. The example uses default values for sorting and pagination.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Operation=SearchHITs
&Signature=[signature for this request]
```

```
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<SearchHITsResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
  <NumResults>2</NumResults>
  <TotalNumResults>2</TotalNumResults>
  <PageNumber>1</PageNumber>

  <HIT>
    <HITId>GBHZVQX3EHXZ2AYDY2T0</HITId>
    <HITTypeId>NYVZTQ1QVKJZXCYZCZVZ</HITTypeId>
    <CreationTime>2009-04-22T00:17:32Z</CreationTime>
    <Title>Location</Title>
    <Description>Select the image that best represents</Description>
    <HITStatus>Reviewable</HITStatus>
    <MaxAssignments>1</MaxAssignments>
    <Reward>
      <Amount>5.00</Amount>
      <CurrencyCode>USD</CurrencyCode>
      <FormattedPrice>$5.00</FormattedPrice>
    </Reward>
    <AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds>2592000</AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds>
    <Expiration>2009-04-29T00:17:32Z</Expiration>
    <AssignmentDurationInSeconds>30</AssignmentDurationInSeconds>
    <NumberOfAssignmentsPending>0</NumberOfAssignmentsPending>
    <NumberOfAssignmentsAvailable>0</NumberOfAssignmentsAvailable>
    <NumberOfAssignmentsCompleted>1</NumberOfAssignmentsCompleted>
  </HIT>

  <HIT>
    <HITId>ZZRZPTY4ERDZJW868JCZ</HITId>
    <HITTypeId>NYVZTQ1QVKJZXCYZCZVZ</HITTypeId>
    <CreationTime>2009-07-07T00:56:40Z</CreationTime>
    <Title>Location</Title>
    <Description>Select the image that best represents</Description>
    <HITStatus>Assignable</HITStatus>
    <MaxAssignments>1</MaxAssignments>
    <Reward>
      <Amount>5.00</Amount>
      <CurrencyCode>USD</CurrencyCode>
      <FormattedPrice>$5.00</FormattedPrice>
    </Reward>
    <AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds>2592000</AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds>
    <Expiration>2009-07-14T00:56:40Z</Expiration>
    <AssignmentDurationInSeconds>30</AssignmentDurationInSeconds>
    <NumberOfAssignmentsPending>0</NumberOfAssignmentsPending>
    <NumberOfAssignmentsAvailable>1</NumberOfAssignmentsAvailable>
    <NumberOfAssignmentsCompleted>0</NumberOfAssignmentsCompleted>
  </HIT>
</SearchHITsResult>
```


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```
</HIT>  
</SearchHITSResult>
```

SearchQualificationTypes

Description

The `SearchQualificationTypes` operation searches for Qualification types using the specified search query, and returns a list of Qualification types.

The operation sorts the results, divides them into numbered pages, and returns a single page of results. You can control sorting and pagination with parameters to the operation.

Request Parameters

`SearchQualificationTypes` accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `SearchQualificationTypes` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: SearchQualificationTypes Default: None	Yes
<i>Query</i>	A text query against all of the searchable attributes of Qualification types. Type: String Default: None. If not specified, the complete set of all Qualification types is considered for the results.	No
<i>SortProperty</i>	The field on which to sort the results returned by the operation. Type: String Valid Values: Name Default: Name	No
<i>SortDirection</i>	The direction of the sort used with the field specified by <i>SortProperty</i> . Type: String Valid Values: Ascending Descending Default: Descending	No
<i>PageSize</i>	The number of Qualification types to include in a page of results. The operation divides the complete sorted result set into pages of this many Qualification types. Type: positive integer Valid Values: any integer between 1 and 100. Default: 10	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>PageNumber</i>	The page of results to return. After the operation filters, sorts, and divides the Qualification types into pages of size <i>PageSize</i> , it returns page corresponding to <i>PageNumber</i> as the results of the operation. Type: positive integer Default: 1	No
<i>MustBeRequestable</i>	Specifies that only Qualification types that a user can request through the Amazon Mechanical Turk web site, such as by taking a Qualification test, are returned as results of the search. Some Qualification types, such as those assigned automatically by the system, cannot be requested directly by users. If <i>false</i> , all Qualification types, including those managed by the system, are considered for the search. Type: Boolean Valid Values: true false Default: None	Yes
<i>MustBeOwnedByCaller</i>	Specifies that only Qualification types that the Requester created are returned. If <i>false</i> , the operation returns all Qualification types.	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `SearchQualificationTypes` operation has a `SearchQualificationTypesResult` element in the response.

The `SearchQualificationTypesResult` element contains the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description
<i>NumResults</i>	The number of Qualification types on this page in the filtered results list, equivalent to the number of types this operation returns. Type: non-negative integer
<i>PageNumber</i>	The number of this page in the filtered results list. Type: positive integer
<i>TotalNumResults</i>	The total number of Qualification types in the filtered results list based on this call. Type: non-negative integer
<i>QualificationType</i>	The Qualification type. The response includes one <code>QualificationType</code> element for each Qualification type the query returns. Type: a QualificationType (p. 155) data structure.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `SearchQualificationTypes` operation.

Sample Request

The following example performs a simple text query for Qualification types.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=SearchQualificationTypes
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&Query=English
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<SearchQualificationTypesResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
  <NumResults>10</NumResults>
  <TotalNumResults>5813</TotalNumResults>
  <QualificationType>
    <QualificationTypeId>WKAZMYZDCYCZP412TZEZ</QualificationTypeId>
    <CreationTime>2009-05-17T10:05:15Z</CreationTime>
    <Name> WebReviews Qualification Master Test</Name>
    <Description>
      This qualification will allow you to earn more on the WebReviews HITs.
    </Description>
    <Keywords>WebReviews, webreviews, web reviews</Keywords>
    <QualificationTypeStatus>Active</QualificationTypeStatus>
    <Test>
      <QuestionForm xmlns="http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanical
TurkDataSchemas/2005-10-01/QuestionForm.xsd">
        <Overview>
          <Title>WebReviews Survey</Title>
          <Text>
            After you have filled out this survey you will be assigned one or
more qualifications...
          </Text>
        </Overview>
        <Question>
          <QuestionIdentifier>age</QuestionIdentifier>
          <DisplayName>What is your age?</DisplayName>
          <IsRequired>true</IsRequired>
          <QuestionContent>
            <Text>
              Please choose the age group you belong to.
            </Text>
          </QuestionContent>
        </Question>
      </QuestionForm>
    </Test>
  </QualificationType>
</SearchQualificationTypesResult>
```

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```
    <AnswerSpecification>
  <SelectionAnswer>
    <StyleSuggestion>radiobutton</StyleSuggestion>
    <Selections>
      <Selection>
        <SelectionIdentifier>0018</SelectionIdentifier>
        <Text>-18</Text>
      </Selection>
      <Selection>
        <SelectionIdentifier>5160</SelectionIdentifier>
        <Text>51-60</Text>
      </Selection>
      <Selection>
        <SelectionIdentifier>6000</SelectionIdentifier>
        <Text>60+</Text>
      </Selection>
    </Selections>
  </SelectionAnswer>
</AnswerSpecification>
</Question>
</QuestionForm>
</Test>
  <TestDurationInSeconds>1200</TestDurationInSeconds>
</QualificationType>
</SearchQualificationTypesResult>
```

SendTestEventNotification

Description

The `SendTestEventNotification` operation causes Amazon Mechanical Turk to send a notification message as if a HIT event occurred, according to the provided notification specification. This allows you to test your notification receptor logic without setting up notifications for a real HIT type and trying to trigger them using the web site.

When you call this operation, the service sends the test notification immediately. If the destination of your test notification is a web service, Amazon Mechanical Turk waits until your web service has responded, then returns a status report as its response to this operation. Amazon Mechanical Turk returns an appropriate error message if your web service could not be contacted using the notification specification you provided.

Request Parameters

The `SendTestEventNotification` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `SendTestEventNotification` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: SendTestEventNotification Default: None	Yes
<i>Notification</i>	The notification specification to test. This value is identical to the value you would provide to the SetHITTypeNotification (p. 118) operation when you establish the notification specification for a HIT type. Type: a Notification (p. 158) data structure Default: None	Yes
<i>TestEventType</i>	The event to simulate to test the notification specification. This event is included in the test message even if the notification specification does not include the event type. The notification specification does not filter out the test event. Type: an <i>EventType</i> element of the Notification (p. 158) data structure. Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `SendTestEventNotification` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>SendTestEventNotificationResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `SendTestEventNotification` operation.

Sample Request

The following example sends a notification message for a simulated *AssignmentSubmitted* event to be sent to a web service using the REST transport.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Operation=SendTestEventNotification
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&Notification.1.Destination=http://example.com:80/mt/notifications.cgi
&Notification.1.Transport=REST
&Notification.1.Version=2006-05-05
&Notification.1.EventType=AssignmentSubmitted
&TestEventType=AssignmentSubmitted
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<SendTestEventNotificationResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</SendTestEventNotificationResult>
```

SetHITAsReviewing

Description

The `SetHITAsReviewing` operation updates the status of a HIT. If the status is `Reviewable`, this operation updates the status to `Reviewing`, or reverts a `Reviewing` HIT back to the `Reviewable` status.

You can update only HITs with status `Reviewable` to status `Reviewing`. Similarly, you can revert only `Reviewing` HITs back to status `Reviewable`.



Note

The `SetHITAsReviewing` operation does *not* toggle the status value. The default behavior is to promote a HIT from `Reviewable` to `Reviewing`. To revert a `Reviewing` HIT back to `Reviewable`, specify the `Revert` parameter with a value of `true`.

Request Parameters

The `SetHITAsReviewing` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `SetHITAsReviewing` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String ValidValues: SetHITAsReviewing Default: None	Yes
<i>HITId</i>	The ID of the HIT whose status is to be updated. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Revert</i>	Specifies whether to update the HIT <i>Status</i> from <code>Reviewing</code> to <code>Reviewable</code> . Type: Boolean Valid Values: true false Default: false; the operation promotes the HIT from <code>Reviewable</code> to <code>Reviewing</code> .	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `SetHITAsReviewing` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>SetHITAsReviewingResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the <code>Request</code> <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `SetHITAsReviewingResult` operation.

Sample Request

The following example updates a HIT with `Reviewable` status to `Reviewing` status.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=SetHITAsReviewing
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<SetHITAsReviewingResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</SetHITAsReviewingResult>
```

SetHITTypeNotification

Description

The `SetHITTypeNotification` operation creates, updates, disables or re-enables notifications for a HIT type.

If you call the `SetHITTypeNotification` operation for a HIT type that already has a notification specification, the operation replaces the old specification with a new one.

Every time you change your secret access key ID (using the Access Identifiers section of Your Account at <http://aws.amazon.com/account>) you need to reset each of your HITType notifications. When you do, Amazon Mechanical Turk uses your new secret access key ID to sign all notifications for the specified HITType going forward. Until you reset your HITType notifications, Amazon Mechanical Turk will keep signing notifications using your old secret access key ID.



Important

If you deactivate or delete a secret access key ID used by a HITType notification, you will start receiving unsigned notifications for that HITType.

You can call the `SetHITTypeNotification` operation to enable or disable notifications for the HIT type, without having to modify the notification specification itself.

You can call this operation at any time to change the value of the of the *Active* parameter of a HIT type. You can specify changes to the *Active* status without specifying a new notification specification (the *Notification* parameter).

To change the *Active* status of a HIT type's notifications, the HIT type must already have a notification specification, or one must be provided in the same call to `SetHITTypeNotification`.



Note

After you make the call to `SetHITTypeNotification`, it can take up to five minutes for changes to a HIT type's notification specification to take effect.

Request Parameters

The `SetHITTypeNotification` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `SetHITTypeNotification` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: SetHITTypeNotification Default: None	Yes

Name	Description	Required
<i>HITTypeId</i>	The ID of the HIT type whose notification specification is being updated, as returned by the RegisterHITType (p. 97) operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Notification</i>	The notification specification for the HIT type. Type: a Notification (p. 158) data structure. Default: None. Constraint: You must specify either the <i>Notification</i> parameter or the <i>Active</i> parameter for the call to <code>SetHITTypeNotification</code> to succeed.	Yes
<i>Active</i>	Specifies whether notifications are sent for HITs of this HIT type, according to the notification specification. Type: Boolean Valid Values: true false Default: None. If omitted, the active status of the HIT type's notification specification is unchanged Constraint: You must specify either the <i>Notification</i> parameter or the <i>Active</i> parameter for the call to <code>SetHITTypeNotification</code> to succeed.	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `SetHITTypeNotification` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>SetHITTypeNotificationResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `SetHITTypeNotification` operation.

Sample Request

The following example sets the notification specification for a HIT type to send the Requester an e-mail whenever a Worker submits an assignment for a HIT of the specified type.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Operation=SetHITTypeNotification
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&HITTypeId=T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE
```

```
&Notification.1.Destination=requester-email@example.com  
&Notification.1.Transport=Email  
&Notification.1.Version=2006-05-05  
&Notification.1.EventType=AssignmentSubmitted
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<SetHITTypeNotificationResult>  
  <Request>  
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>  
  </Request>  
</SetHITTypeNotificationResult>
```

UnblockWorker

Description

The `UnblockWorker` operation allows you to reinstate a blocked Worker to work on your HITs. This operation reverses the effects of the `BlockWorker` (p. 13) operation.

You need the Worker ID to use this operation. If the Worker ID is missing or invalid, this operation fails and returns the message "WorkerId is invalid." If the specified Worker is not blocked, this operation returns successfully.

Request Parameters

The `UnblockWorker` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters](#) (p. 6) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `UnblockWorker` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: UnblockWorker Default: None	Yes
<i>WorkerId</i>	The ID of the Worker to unblock. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Reason</i>	A message that explains the reason for unblocking the Worker. The Worker does not see this message. Type: String Default: None	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `UnblockWorker` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>UnblockWorkerResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `UnblockWorker` operation.

Sample Request

The following example unblocks a Worker and allows that Worker to work on your HITs.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=UnblockWorker
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&WorkerId=AZ3456EXAMPLE
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<UnblockWorkerResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</UnblockWorkerResult>
```

UpdateQualificationScore

Description

The `UpdateQualificationScore` operation changes the value of a Qualification previously granted to a Worker.

Only the owner of a Qualification type can update the score of a Qualification of that type.

The Worker must have already been granted a Qualification of the given Qualification type before the score can be updated.

Request Parameters

The `UpdateQualificationScore` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters \(p. 6\)](#) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `UpdateQualificationScore` operation:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: UpdateQualificationScore Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type, as returned by CreateQualificationType (p. 27) operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>SubjectId</i>	The ID of the Worker whose Qualification is being updated, as returned by the GetAssignmentsForHIT (p. 44) operation. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>IntegerValue</i>	The new value for the Qualification. Type: Integer Default: None	Yes

Response Elements

A successful request for the `UpdateQualificationScore` operation returns with no errors. The response includes the elements described in the following table. The operation returns no other data.

Name	Description
<i>UpdateQualificationScoreResult</i>	Contains a <i>Request</i> element if the Request <i>ResponseGroup</i> is specified.

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `UpdateQualificationScore` operation.

Sample Request

The following example changes the value of a Qualification of the specified type for the specified Worker.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=UpdateQualificationScore
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&QualificationTypeId=789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
&SubjectId=AZ3456EXAMPLE
&IntegerValue=70
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<UpdateQualificationScoreResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
  </Request>
</UpdateQualificationScoreResult>
```


UpdateQualificationType

Description

The `UpdateQualificationType` operation modifies attributes of an existing Qualification type.

Most attributes of a Qualification type can be changed after the type has been created. However, the *Name* and *Keywords* fields cannot be modified. If you create a Qualification type and decide you do want to use it with its name or keywords as they were created, update the type with the *QualificationTypeStatus* parameter set to `Inactive`. Then create a new type using [CreateQualificationType](#) (p. 27) operation with the desired values.

You can use this operation to update a the test of a Qualification type. The test is updated based on the values specified for the *Test*, *TestDurationInSeconds* and *AnswerKey* parameters. All three parameters specify the updated test. If you are updating the test for a type, you must specify the *Test* and *TestDurationInSeconds* parameters. The *AnswerKey* parameter is optional; omitting it specifies that the updated test does not have an answer key.

If you omit the *Test* parameter, the test for the Qualification type is unchanged. There is no way to remove a test from a Qualification type that has one. If the type already has a test, you cannot update it to be *AutoGranted*. If the Qualification type does not have a test and one is provided by an update, the type will henceforth have a test.



Note

If you want to update the test duration or answer key for an existing test without changing the questions, you must specify a *Test* parameter with the original questions, along with the updated values.

If you provide an *AnswerKey* parameter, Amazon Mechanical Turk processes requests for the Qualification automatically, and assigns the Worker a Qualification with a value calculated from the *AnswerKey* and the answers submitted by the Worker.

If you provide an updated *Test* but no *AnswerKey*, the new test will not have an answer key. Requests for such Qualifications must be granted manually.

You can also update the *AutoGranted* and *AutoGrantedValue* attributes of the Qualification type.



Note

A Qualification type cannot be configured with both the *Test* parameter specified and the *AutoGranted* parameter set to `true`. Currently, there is no way to remove a test from a Qualification type that has one. A Qualification type with a test cannot be re-configured to use the auto-granting feature.

Only the owner of a Qualification type can modify its attributes.

Request Parameters

The `UpdateQualificationType` operation accepts parameters common to all operations. Some common parameters are required. See [Common Parameters](#) (p. 6) for more information.

The following parameters are specific to the `UpdateQualificationType` operation:

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Request Parameters

Name	Description	Required
<i>Operation</i>	The name of the operation Type: String Valid Values: UpdateQualificationType Default: None	Yes
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type to update. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>RetryDelayInSeconds</i>	The amount of time, in seconds, that Workers must wait after requesting a Qualification of the specified Qualification type before they can request it again. Type: non-negative integer Default: None. If not specified, retries are disabled.	No
<i>QualificationTypeStatus</i>	The new status of the Qualification type. Type: String Valid Values: Active Inactive Default: None	No
<i>Description</i>	The new description of the Qualification type. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Test</i>	The questions for a Qualification test a user must answer correctly to obtain a Qualification of this type. Type: a QuestionForm (p. 174) data structure. Default: None Constraints: Cannot be specified if <i>AutoGranted</i> is <code>true</code> . If you update the <i>AnswerKey</i> , you must provide the <i>Test</i> parameter, even if the test has not changed. If you update the <i>TestDurationInSeconds</i> , you must provide the <i>Test</i> parameter, even if the test has not changed.	No
<i>AnswerKey</i>	The answers to the Qualification test specified in the <i>Test</i> parameter. Type: an AnswerKey (p. 195) data structure. Default: None	No
<i>TestDurationInSeconds</i>	The amount of time, in seconds, that a Worker has to complete the Qualification test, starting from when the Worker requested the Qualification. Type: positive integer Default: None Conditions: Required if the <i>Test</i> parameter is specified.	Conditional

Name	Description	Required
<i>AutoGranted</i>	Specifies whether requests for the Qualification type will be granted immediately, without prompting the Worker with a Qualification test. Type: Boolean Valid Values: true false Default: None Conditions: Cannot be <code>true</code> if <i>Test</i> is specified.	Conditional
<i>AutoGrantedValue</i>	The Qualification value to use if <i>AutoGranted</i> is <code>true</code> . Type: Integer Default: 1	No

Response Elements

A successful request for the `UpdateQualificationType` operation has a *QualificationType* element in the response, as described in the following table:

Name	Description
<i>QualificationType</i>	Contains a <i>QualificationType</i> (p. 155) data structure. Type: a <i>QualificationType</i> (p. 155) data structure

Examples

The following example shows how to use the `UpdateQualificationType` operation.

Sample Request

The following example changes the *QualificationTypeStatus* of a Qualification type.

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
&AWSAccessKeyId=[the Requester's Access Key ID]
&Version=2011-10-01
&Operation=UpdateQualificationType
&Signature=[signature for this request]
&Timestamp=[your system's local time]
&QualificationTypeId=789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
&QualificationTypeStatus=Inactive
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<UpdateQualificationTypeResult>
  <Request>
    <IsValid>True</IsValid>
```

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```
</Request>
<QualificationType>
  <QualificationTypeId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</QualificationTypeId>
  <CreationTime>2009-06-15T12:00:01Z</CreationTime>
  <Name>EnglishWritingAbility</Name>
  <Description>The ability to write and edit text...</Description>
  <Keywords>English, text, write, edit, language</Keywords>
  <QualificationTypeStatus>Active</QualificationTypeStatus>
  <RetryDelayInSeconds>86400</RetryDelayInSeconds>
  <IsRequestable>true</IsRequestable>
</QualificationType>
</UpdateQualificationTypeResult>
```

Data Structures

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The Amazon Mechanical Turk Service API uses several common data structures in its operation request and response structures. For easy reference, these structures are documented in separate articles. For more information, refer to their corresponding operations.

Assignment

Description

The Assignment data structure represents a single assignment of a HIT to a Worker. The assignment tracks the Worker's efforts to complete the HIT, and contains the results for later retrieval.

The Assignment data structure is used as a response element for the following operation:

- [GetAssignmentsForHIT](#) (p. 44)

Elements

The Assignment structure can contain the following elements.

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Elements**

Name	Description	Required
<i>AssignmentId</i>	A unique identifier for the assignment Type: String Default: None	No
<i>WorkerId</i>	The ID of the Worker who accepted the HIT. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>HITId</i>	The ID of the HIT Type: String Default: None	No
<i>AssignmentStatus</i>	The status of the assignment Type: String Valid Values: Submitted Approved Rejected Default: None	No
<i>AutoApprovalTime</i>	If results have been submitted, <i>AutoApprovalTime</i> is the date and time the results of the assignment results are considered Approved automatically if they have not already been explicitly approved or rejected by the Requester. This value is derived from the auto-approval delay specified by the Requester in the HIT. This value is omitted from the assignment if the Worker has not yet submitted results. Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z . Default: None	No
<i>AcceptTime</i>	The date and time the Worker accepted the assignment. Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z . Default: None	No
<i>SubmitTime</i>	If the Worker has submitted results, <i>SubmitTime</i> is the date and time the assignment was submitted. This value is omitted from the assignment if the Worker has not yet submitted results. Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z . Default: None	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>ApprovalTime</i>	If the Worker has submitted results and the Requester has approved the results, <i>ApprovalTime</i> is the date and time the Requester approved the results. This value is omitted from the assignment if the Requester has not yet approved the results. Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z . Default: None	No
<i>RejectionTime</i>	If the Worker has submitted results and the Requester has rejected the results, <i>RejectionTime</i> is the date and time the Requester rejected the results. Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z . Default: None. This value is omitted from the assignment if the Requester has not yet rejected the results.	No
<i>Deadline</i>	The date and time of the deadline for the assignment. This value is derived from the deadline specification for the HIT and the date and time the Worker accepted the HIT. Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z . Default: None	No
<i>Answer</i>	No	
<i>RequesterFeedback</i>	The feedback string included with the call to the ApproveAssignment (p. 9) operation or the RejectAssignment (p. 100) operation, if the Requester approved or rejected the assignment and specified feedback. Type: String Default: None. This field is not returned with assignment data by default. To request this field, specify a response group of AssignmentFeedback .	No

Example

The following example shows an Assignment data structure returned by the [GetAssignmentsForHIT](#) (p. 44) operation. The [GetAssignmentsForHIT](#) (p. 44) operation returns zero or more *Assignment* elements for a **Reviewable** HIT.

```
<Assignment>
  <AssignmentId>123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE456RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</AssignmentId>
  <WorkerId>AZ3456EXAMPLE</WorkerId>
  <HITId>123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</HITId>
  <AssignmentStatus>Submitted</AssignmentStatus>
```

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```
<Deadline>2005-12-01T23:59:59Z</Deadline>
<AcceptTime>2005-12-01T12:00:00Z</AcceptTime>
<SubmitTime>2005-12-07T23:59:59Z</SubmitTime>
<Answer>
  &lt;QuestionFormAnswers&gt;
    [XML-encoded Answer data]
  &lt;/QuestionFormAnswers&gt;
</Answer>
</Assignment>
```


HIT

Description

The HIT data structure represents a single HIT, including all the information necessary for a Worker to accept and complete the HIT.

The HIT data structure is used as a response element for the following operations:

- [CreateHIT](#) (p. 17)
- [DisableHIT](#) (p. 31)
- [GetHIT](#) (p. 52)
- [GetReviewableHITs](#) (p. 76)
- [SearchHITs](#) (p. 106)

HITs and Response Groups

Operations that return a HIT data structure use response groups to determine how much information to return. As described in [Common Parameters](#) (p. 6), the *ResponseGroup* parameter specifies which sets of elements the service should return, as a set of named groups. For example, the **Request** response group includes the contents of the operation request in the response.

For the HIT data structure, the **Minimal** response group returns the *HITId*. To also return the HIT's *Question* data, include the **HITQuestion** response group. To include the other properties of the HIT, specify the **HITDetail** response group. Finally, specify the **HITAssignmentSummary** response group to include information on the number of assignments that are available for Workers to accept, accepted and pending submission of results, or completed.

The **GetHIT** operation returns the **HITDetail**, **HITQuestion** and **Minimal** response groups by default. The **HITAssignmentSummary** response group is off by default.

The **SearchHITs** operation includes **HITDetail**, **Minimal**, and **HITAssignmentSummary** as default response groups. You can also specify **HITQuestion** with **SearchHITs**.

CreateHIT and **DisableHIT** can also return additional HIT fields, but their default is **Minimal**.

Currently, the **GetReviewableHITs** operation only supports the **Minimal** response group. To retrieve additional HIT data for HITs returned by this operation, use the HIT IDs in the results with **GetHIT**.

Elements

The HIT structure can contain the elements described in the following table.

Name	Description	Required
<i>HITId</i>	A unique identifier for the HIT. The CreateHIT (p. 17) operation gives a HIT the HIT ID and the HIT retains that ID forever. Type: String Default: None	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>HITTypeId</i>	The ID of the HIT type of this HIT Type: String Default: None	No
<i>CreationTime</i>	The date and time the HIT was created Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z. Default: None	No
<i>Title</i>	The title of the HIT Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Description</i>	A general description of the HIT Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Keywords</i>	One or more words or phrases that describe the HIT, separated by commas. Search terms similar to the keywords of a HIT are more likely to have the HIT in the search results. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>HITStatus</i>	The status of the HIT and its assignments Type: String Valid Values: Assignable Unassignable Reviewable Reviewing Disposed Default: None	No
<i>Reward</i>	The amount of money the Requester will pay a Worker for successfully completing the HIT. Type: a Price (p. 143) data structure Default: None	No
<i>LifetimeInSeconds</i>	The amount of time, in seconds, after which the HIT is no longer available for users to accept. The HIT becomes unavailable even if the requested number of assignments, specified by <i>MaxAssignments</i> , has not been completed. Type: positive integer Default: None	No
<i>AssignmentDurationInSeconds</i>	The length of time, in seconds, that a Worker has to complete the HIT after accepting it. Type: positive integer Default: None	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>MaxAssignments</i>	The number of times the HIT can be accepted and completed before the HIT becomes unavailable. Type: positive integer Default: 1	No
<i>AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds</i>	The amount of time, in seconds after the Worker submits an assignment for the HIT that the results are automatically approved by the Requester. Type: positive integer Default: None	No
<i>QualificationRequirement</i>	A condition that a Worker's Qualifications must meet in order to accept the HIT. A HIT can have between zero and ten Qualification requirements. All requirements must be met by a Worker's Qualifications for the Worker to accept the HIT. Type: a QualificationRequirement (p. 149) data structure. Default: None	No
<i>Question</i>	The data the Worker completing the HIT uses produce the results. Type: either a QuestionForm (p. 174) or an ExternalQuestion (p. 199) data structure. Default: None	No
<i>RequesterAnnotation</i>	An arbitrary data field the Requester who created the HIT can use. This field is visible only to the creator of the HIT. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>NumberOfSimilarHITS</i>	The number of HITs with fields identical to this HIT, other than the <i>Question</i> field. Type: non-negative integer Default: None	No
<i>HITReviewStatus</i>	Indicates the review status of the HIT. Type: String Valid Values: NotReviewed MarkedForReview ReviewedAppropriate ReviewedInappropriate Default: None	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>NumberOfAssignmentsPending</i>	The number of assignments for this HIT that have been accepted by Workers, but have not yet been submitted, returned, abandoned. Type: non-negative integer Default: None Conditions: This element is returned only if the <i>HITAssignmentSummary</i> response group is specified.	Conditional
<i>NumberOfAssignmentsAvailable</i>	The number of assignments for this HIT that are available for Workers to accept Type: non-negative integer Default: None Conditions: This element is returned only if the <i>HITAssignmentSummary</i> response group is specified.	Conditional
<i>NumberOfAssignmentsCompleted</i>	The number of assignments for this HIT that have been approved or rejected. Type: non-negative integer Default: None Conditions: This element is returned only if the <i>HITAssignmentSummary</i> response group is specified.	Conditional

Example

The following example shows a HIT data structure returned by the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation. The [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation returns an element named `HIT` that represents the HIT that was created by the call.

```
<HIT>
  <HITId>123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</HITId>
  <HITTypeId>T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE</HITTypeId>
  <CreationTime>2005-06-30T23:59:59</CreationTime>
  <HITStatus>Assignable</HITStatus>
  <MaxAssignments>5</MaxAssignments>
  <AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds>86400</AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds>
  <LifetimeInSeconds>86400</LifetimeInSeconds>
  <AssignmentDurationInSeconds>300</AssignmentDurationInSeconds>
  <Reward>
    <Amount>25</Amount>
    <CurrencyCode>USD</CurrencyCode>
    <FormattedPrice>$0.25</FormattedPrice>
  </Reward>
  <Title>Location and Photograph Identification</Title>
  <Description>Select the image that best represents...</Description>
  <Keywords>location, photograph, image, identification, opinion</Keywords>
  <Question>
    &lt;QuestionForm&gt;
```

```
[XML-encoded Question data]
  &lt;/QuestionForm&gt;
</Question>
<QualificationRequirement>
  <QualificationTypeId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</QualificationTypeId>
  <Comparator>GreaterThan</Comparator>
  <Value>18</Value>
</QualificationRequirement>
  <HITReviewStatus>NotReviewed</HITReviewStatus>
</HIT>
```

HIT Review Policy

Description

HIT Review Policy data structures represent HIT review policies, which you specify when you create a Human Intelligence Task (HIT). For more information about Review Policies, see [Review Policies \(p. 160\)](#).

The following two types of HIT Review Policy data structures are used when calling the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation.

- *AssignmentReviewPolicy* data structures set the review results and actions at the Assignment level. For more information, see [Assignment Review Policies \(p. 161\)](#).
- *HITReviewPolicy* data structures set the review results and actions at the HIT-level. For more information, see [HIT Review Policies \(p. 163\)](#).

The HIT Review Policy data structure is used in the following operation:

- CreateHIT

HIT Review Policy Elements

The HIT Review Policy data structures can contain the following elements:

Name	Description	Required
<i>PolicyName</i>	Name of a Review Policy. For policy names and descriptions, see Assignment Review Policies (p. 161) and HIT Review Policies (p. 163) . Type: String Constraints: SimplePlurality/2011-09-01 or ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01	Yes
<i>Parameter</i>	Name of the parameter from the Review policy. Type: Parameter data structure, for a description see the next section Parameter Elements.	

Parameter Elements

The Parameter data structure contains the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Key</i>	Name of the parameter from the list of Review Polices. For a list of valid parameter names, see Assignment Review Policies (p. 161) and HIT Review Policies (p. 163) . Type: String Constraints: none Default: none	

Name	Description	Required
<i>Value</i>	Value of the parameter. Type: Varies.	
<i>MapEntry</i>	This data structure is the data type for the <i>AnswerKey</i> parameter of the ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01 Review Policy, see Assignment Review Policies (p. 161) . Type: MapEntry data structure, for a description, see the next section MapEntry Elements.	

MapEntry Elements

The MapEntry element contains the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Key</i>	The QuestionID from the HIT that is used to identify which question requires Mechanical Turk to score as part of the ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01 Review Policy. Type: String none	
<i>Value</i>	The answer to the question specified in the MapEntry <i>Key</i> element. Note: You can provide multiple <i>Value</i> elements, but the Worker must match all values in order for the answer to be scored correctly. Type: String	

Examples

The following example request shows the structure of a `CreateHIT` request using HIT Review Policy data structures. The example request is followed by an example response.

Sample Request

The following is an example request.

```
<CreateHITRequest>
  <HITTypeId>T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE</HITTypeId>
  <Question>URL-encoded question data</Question>
  <LifetimeInSeconds>604800</LifetimeInSeconds>
  <AssignmentReviewPolicy>
    <PolicyName>ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01</PolicyName>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>AnswerKey</Key>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId1</Key>    <!--correct answer is "B" -->
        <Value>B</Value>
      </MapEntry>
    </MapEntry>
  </MapEntry>
</CreateHITRequest>
```

```
        <Key>QuestionId2</Key>  <!--correct answer is "A" -->
        <Value>A</Value>
    </MapEntry>
    <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId1</Key>  <!--correct answer is "F" -->
        <Value>F</Value>
    </MapEntry>
    <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId1</Key>  <!--correct answer is "C" -->
        <Value>C</Value>
    </MapEntry>
    <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId1</Key>  <!--correct answer is "A" -->
        <Value>A</Value>
    </MapEntry>
</Parameter>
<Key>ApproveIfKnownAnswerScoreIsAtLeast</Key>
<Value>79</Value>
</Parameter>
<Parameter>
    <Key>ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</Key>
    <Value>79</Value>
</Parameter>
<Parameter>
    <Key>ExtendMaximumAssignments</Key>
    <Value>3</Value>
</Parameter>
</AssignmentReviewPolicy>
<HITReviewPolicy>
    <PolicyName>SimplePlurality/2011-09-01</PolicyName>
    <Parameter>
        <Key>QuestionIDs</Key>
        <Value>questionid1</Value>
        <Value>questionid2</Value>
        <Value>questionid3</Value>
        <Value>questionid4</Value>
        <Value>questionid5</Value>
        ..... <!-- Add your additional 10 questionIDs for a total of 15
questions>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
        <Key>QuestionIdAgreementThreshold</Key>
        <Value>100</Value>
    </Parameter>
</HITReviewPolicy>
</CreateHITRequest>
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response.

```
<CreateHITResponse>
  <OperationRequest>
    <RequestId>ece2785b-6292-4b12-a60e-4c34847a7916</RequestId>
  </OperationRequest>
  <HIT>
```


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```
<Request>
  <IsValid>True</IsValid>
</Request>
<HITId>GBHZVQX3EHXZ2AYDY2T0</HITId>
<HITTypeId>NYVZTQ1QVKJZXCYZCZVZ</HITTypeId>
</HIT>
</CreateHITResponse>
```

Locale

Description

The Locale data structure represents a geographical region or location.

The Locale data structure is used as part of the [QualificationRequirement \(p. 149\)](#) data structure when you specify a requirement based on the locale Qualification, and as part of the [Qualification \(p. 145\)](#) data structure that describes the value of a locale Qualification.

When used in a QualificationRequirement, the Locale data structure only needs to contain as much of the locale as the Worker needs to match to meet the requirement. For example, a requirement that the Worker be living anywhere in the United States would have only the *Country* field.



Note

Currently, a Locale data structure only supports the *Country* field.

Elements

The Locale structure can contain the elements described in the following table. When the structure is used in a request, elements described as **Required** must be included for the request to succeed.

Name	Description	Required
<i>Country</i>	The country of the locale Type: a ISO 3166 country code . For example, the code <code>us</code> refers to the United States of America. Default: none	Yes

Example

The following code sample indicates a locale in the United States.

```
<LocaleValue>  
  <Country>US</Country>  
</LocaleValue>
```

Price

Description

The Price data structure represents an amount of money in a given currency.

The Price data structure is used in the [HIT data structure \(p. 133\)](#).

The Price data structure is used as a parameter for the following operations:

- [CreateHIT](#)

When you call the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation, you must specify the *Amount* and *CurrencyCode* elements. The *FormattedPrice* element is only used in responses sent by the service.

Elements

The Price structure can contain the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Amount</i>	The amount of money, as a number. The amount is in the currency specified by the <i>CurrencyCode</i> . For example, if <i>CurrencyCode</i> is <code>USD</code> , the amount will be in United States dollars (e.g. <code>12.75</code> is \$12.75 US). Type: Number Default: None	No
<i>CurrencyCode</i>	A code that represents the country and units of the currency. Its value is Type an ISO 4217 currency code, such as <code>USD</code> for United States dollars. Default: None Constraints: Currently, only <code>USD</code> is supported.	No
<i>FormattedPrice</i>	A textual representation of the price, using symbols and formatting appropriate for the currency. Symbols are represented using the Unicode character set. You do not need to specify <i>FormattedPrice</i> in a request. It is only provided by the service in responses, as a convenience to your application. Type: String Default: None	No

Example

The following example shows how you can pass a Price data structure in a call to the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation. The [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation accepts parameters that describe the HIT being created, including the reward the Worker will be paid for completing the HIT successfully. For [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#), the parameter name is `Reward`, and the value is a Price data structure.

In a SOAP request, the Price data structure is specified as the *Reward* parameter in XML:

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```
<Reward>
  <Amount>0.32</Amount>
  <CurrencyCode>USD</CurrencyCode>
</Reward>
```

In a REST request, the components of the Price data structure are specified as separate parameters:

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
[... ]
&Reward.1.Amount=0.32
&Reward.1.CurrencyCode=USD
```

Qualification

Description

The Qualification data structure represents a Qualification assigned to a user, including the Qualification type and the value (score).

The Qualification data structure is used as a response element for the following operations:

- [GetQualificationScore](#) (p. 63)
- [GetQualificationsForQualificationType](#) (p. 57)

Elements

The Qualification structure can contain the elements described in the following table. When the structure is used in a request, elements described as **Required** must be included for the request to succeed.

Name	Description	Required
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type for the Qualification Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>SubjectId</i>	The ID of the Worker who possesses the Qualification. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>GrantTime</i>	The date and time the Qualification was granted to the Worker. If the Worker's Qualification was revoked, and then re-granted based on a new Qualification request, <i>GrantTime</i> is the date and time of the last call to the GrantQualification (p. 90) operation. Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z Default: None	Yes
<i>IntegerValue</i>	The value (score) of the Qualification, if the Qualification has an integer value. Type: Integer Default: None	No
<i>LocaleValue</i>	The value of the Qualification if the Qualification describes a geographical region or location. Type: a Locale (p. 142) data structure. Default: None	No
<i>Status</i>	The status of the Qualification Type: String Valid Values: Granted Revoked Default: None	Yes

Example

The following example illustrates a Qualification with an integer value.

```
<Qualification>
  <QualificationTypeId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</QualificationTypeId>
  <SubjectId>AZ3456EXAMPLE</SubjectId>
  <GrantTime>2005-01-31T23:59:59Z</GrantTime>
  <IntegerValue>95</IntegerValue>
</Qualification>
```

QualificationRequest

Description

The QualificationRequest data structure represents a request a Worker has made for a Qualification.

The QualificationRequest data structure is used as a response element for the following operations:

- [GetQualificationRequests](#) (p. 60)

Elements

The QualificationRequest structure can contain the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description	Required
<i>QualificationRequestId</i>	The ID of the Qualification request, a unique identifier generated when the request was submitted. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type the Worker is requesting, as returned by the CreateQualificationType (p. 27) operation. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>SubjectId</i>	The ID of the Worker requesting the Qualification. This ID corresponds to the <i>workerId</i> returned with assignment results when the user performs a HIT. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Test</i>	The contents of the Qualification test that was presented to the user, if the type has a test and the user has submitted answers. This value is identical to the QuestionForm associated with the Qualification type at the time the user requests the Qualification. Type: a QuestionForm (p. 174) data structure Default: None	No
<i>Answer</i>	The user's answers for the Qualification type's test, if the type has a test and the user has submitted answers. Type: a QuestionFormAnswers (p. 194) data structure/ Default: None	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>SubmitTime</i>	The date and time the Qualification request had a status of Submitted . This is either the time the user submitted answers for a Qualification test, or the time the user requested the Qualification if the Qualification type does not have a test. Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z Default: None	No

Example

The following example shows a QualificationRequest data structure returned by the [GetQualificationRequests](#) (p. 60) operation. This operation returns the requests for Qualifications of a Qualification type to the owner of the type.

```
<QualificationRequest>
  <QualificationRequestId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</QualificationRequestId>
  <QualificationTypeId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</QualificationTypeId>
  <SubjectId>AZ3456EXAMPLE</SubjectId>
  <Test>
    &lt;QuestionForm&gt;
      [XML-encoded question data]
    &lt;/QuestionForm&gt;
  </Test>
  <Answer>
    &lt;QuestionFormAnswers&gt;
      [XML-encoded answer data]
    &lt;/QuestionFormAnswers&gt;
  </Answer>
  <SubmitTime>2005-12-01T23:59:59Z</SubmitTime>
</QualificationRequest>
```


QualificationRequirement

Description

The QualificationRequirement data structure describes a Qualification a Worker must have before the Worker is allowed to accept a HIT. A requirement may optionally state that a Worker must have the Qualification to preview the HIT's question data.

The QualificationRequirement data structure is used as a parameter for the following operations:

- CreateHIT
- RegisterHITType

The QualificationRequirement data structure is used in the [HIT data structure](#) (p. 133).

Using Custom, System-Assigned, and Master Qualification Types

A Qualification requirement can be based on a Qualification you assign to Workers. You can create a custom Qualification type using the `CreateQualificationType` operation. Then you can grant requests for the Qualification automatically using a Qualification test and answer key submitted with the Qualification type, or you can grant the request manually with the `GrantQualification` operation. The `CreateQualificationType` returns a `QualificationTypeId`, which you can use with the `QualificationRequirement` data structure to identify the type of Qualification the Worker is required to have to accept a HIT. Either the Qualification test or your call to `GrantQualification` determines a Qualification value, which is compared to the requirement in the HIT to determine the Worker's eligibility.

Amazon Mechanical Turk supplies several Qualification types for use by all Requesters. Mechanical Turk system-assigned Qualification types work the same way as Qualifications that you create, except that data from the Mechanical Turk marketplace determines the Worker's values. Every Worker has a value for each system Qualification, and these values are updated as the Worker uses the system. Additionally, Amazon Mechanical Turk also provides Master Qualification types that give you access to an elite group of Workers who have demonstrated accuracy on specific types of HITs across the Mechanical Turk marketplace.

To include a Qualification requirement for a Mechanical Turk Master or system-assigned Qualification, use the corresponding Qualification type ID from the following table.

Name	QualificationTypeId	Description
Worker_PercentAssignmentsSubmitted	00000000000000000000	The percentage of assignments the Worker has submitted, over all assignments the Worker has accepted. The value is an integer between 0 and 100.
Worker_PercentAssignmentsAbandoned	00000000000000000070	The percentage of assignments the Worker has abandoned (allowed the deadline to elapse), over all assignments the Worker has accepted. The value is an integer between 0 and 100.

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Name	QualificationTypeId	Description
Worker_ PercentAssignmentsReturned	000000000000000000E0	The percentage of assignments the Worker has returned, over all assignments the Worker has accepted. The value is an integer between 0 and 100.
Worker_ PercentAssignmentsApproved	000000000000000000L0	<p>The percentage of assignments the Worker has submitted that were subsequently approved by the Requester, over all assignments the Worker has submitted. The value is an integer between 0 and 100.</p> <p>Note that a Worker's approval rate is statistically meaningless for small numbers of assignments, since a single rejection can reduce the approval rate by many percentage points. So to ensure that a new Worker's approval rate is unaffected by these statistically meaningless changes, if a Worker has submitted less than 100 assignments, the Worker's approval rate in the system is 100%.</p> <p>To prevent Workers who have less than 100 approved assignments from working on your HIT, set the Worker_ NumberHITsApproved qualification type ID to a value greater than 100.</p>
Worker_ PercentAssignmentsRejected	000000000000000000S0	The percentage of assignments the Worker has submitted that were subsequently rejected by the Requester, over all assignments the Worker has submitted. The value is an integer between 0 and 100.
Worker_ NumberHITsApproved	00000000000000000040	Specifies the total number of HITs submitted by a Worker that have been approved. The value is an integer greater than or equal to 0.
Worker_Locale	00000000000000000071	The location of the Worker, as specified in the Worker's mailing address. For more information about the locale Qualification, see the The Locale Qualification section.
Worker_Adult	00000000000000000060	Requires workers to acknowledge that they are over 18 and that they agree to work on potentially offensive content. The value type is boolean, 1 (required), 0 (not required, the default)

Name	QualificationTypeId	Description
Categorization Masters	Sandbox: 2F1KVCNHMVHV8E9PBUB2A4J79LU20F Production: 2NDP2L92HECWY8NS8H3CK0CP5L9GHO	Categorization Masters are an elite group of Workers, who have demonstrated superior performance while completing thousands of categorization HITs across the Marketplace. Masters must maintain this high level of performance or they may lose this distinction. Set the <i>comparator</i> parameter to "Exists" to require that Workers have this Qualification. Note that for this Qualification type ID the <i>QualificationTypeId</i> value for the Mechanical Turk Sandbox environment is different than the value for the Production environment.
Photo Moderation Masters	Sandbox: 2TGBB6BFMFFOM08IBMAFGGESC1UWJX Production: 21VZU98JHSTLZ5BPP4A9NOBJEK3DPG	Photo Moderation Masters are an elite group of Workers, who have demonstrated superior performance while completing thousands of photo moderation HITs across the Marketplace. Masters must maintain this high level of performance or they may lose this distinction. Set the <i>comparator</i> parameter to "Exists" to require that Workers have this Qualification. Note that for this Qualification type ID the <i>QualificationTypeId</i> value for the Mechanical Turk Sandbox environment is different than the value for the Production environment.

Master Qualifications

You can require that Workers must have a Master Qualification to complete your HITs.

To create a Qualification requirement for Photo Moderation Masters, specify:

- a *QualificationTypeId* of 21VZU98JHSTLZ5BPP4A9NOBJEK3DPG
- a *Comparator* of *Exists*

To create a Qualification requirement for Categorization Masters, specify:

- a *QualificationTypeId* of 2NDP2L92HECWY8NS8H3CK0CP5L9GHO
- a *Comparator* of *Exists*



Note

The Master Qualification Type ID values used for the *QualificationTypeId* parameter in the preceding procedures are for the Production environment. See the table of Qualification Type IDs for the values to use in the Mechanical Turk Sandbox environment.

Adding Adult Content

Adult content can be offensive to some people. For that reason, if your HIT is adult-oriented, we ask you to use the following procedure.

Adding Adult HITs

1. In the HIT title, include the words "adult content."
2. Specify the worker's qualifications in one of the following ways:

Using the API:

- Set the *CreateHit* parameter, *QualificationRequirement*, to the qualification type, 0000000000000000060.
- Set *comparator* parameter to "EqualTo."
- Set the *IntegerValue* parameter to 1 (required).

Using the command line tools, in the HIT properties file:

- Set *qualificationTypeId* to 0000000000000000060.
- Set *comparator*, to "EqualTo."
- Set the *IntegerValue* to 1 (required). For example,

```
<QualificationRequirement>
  <QualificationTypeId>0000000000000000060</QualificationTypeId>
  <Comparator>EqualTo</Comparator>
  <IntegerValue>1</IntegerValue>
</QualificationRequirement>
```

3. Define the HIT to be private or previewed.

This setting prevents anyone who does not qualify from seeing the HIT. To make the HIT private, use one of the following methods:

Using the API, set the *RequiredToPreview* parameter to true.

Using the command line tools, in the HIT properties file, set the private parameter, *qualification.private*, to TRUE.

The Locale Qualification

You can create a Qualification requirement based on the Worker's location. The Worker's location is specified by the Worker to Amazon Mechanical Turk when the Worker creates his account.

To create a Qualification requirement based on the Worker's location, specify:

- a *QualificationTypeId* of 00000000000000000071
- a *Comparator* of *EqualTo* or *NotEqualTo*
- a *LocaleValue* data structure that corresponds to the desired locale

For more information on the format of a *LocaleValue*, see [Locale data structure \(p. 142\)](#).



Note

A Worker must meet *all* of a HIT's Qualification requirements to qualify for the HIT. This means you cannot specify more than one locale Qualification requirement, because a given Worker will only be able to match one of the requirements. There is no way to allow Workers of varying locales to qualify for a single HIT.

Sample: CreateHIT

The following example of a *QualificationRequirement* data structure could be passed in to a call to *CreateHIT*. *CreateHIT* accepts parameters that describe the HIT being created, including one or more *Qualification* requirements.

In a SOAP request, the *QualificationRequirement* data structure is specified as the *QualificationRequirement* parameter in XML:

```
<QualificationRequirement>
  <QualificationTypeId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</QualificationTypeId>
  <Comparator>GreaterThan</Comparator>
  <IntegerValue>18</IntegerValue>
</QualificationRequirement>
```

In a REST request, the components of the *QualificationRequirement* data structure are specified as separate parameters. To specify more than one *QualificationRequirement* in a REST request, increment the sequence number in the parameter name for each value:

```
http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/?Service=AWSMechanicalTurkRequester
[...]
&QualificationRequirement.1.QualificationTypeId=789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
&QualificationRequirement.1.Comparator=GreaterThan
&QualificationRequirement.1.IntegerValue=18
&QualificationRequirement.2.QualificationTypeId=237HSIANVCI00EXAMPLE
&QualificationRequirement.2.Comparator=EqualTo
&QualificationRequirement.2.IntegerValue=1
```

Elements

The *QualificationRequirement* structure may contain the following elements.

Name	Description	Value
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	The ID of the Qualification type for the requirement.	A valid QualificationType ID

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Name	Description	Value
<i>Comparator</i>	<p>The kind of comparison to make against a Qualification's value.</p> <p>Two values can be compared to see if one value is <i>LessThan</i>, <i>LessThanOrEqualTo</i>, <i>GreaterThan</i>, <i>GreaterThanOrEqualTo</i>, <i>EqualTo</i>, or <i>NotEqualTo</i> the other.</p> <p>A Qualification requirement can also test if a Qualification <i>Exists</i> in the user's profile, regardless of its value.</p>	<p><i>LessThan</i> <i>LessThanOrEqualTo</i> <i>GreaterThan</i> <i>GreaterThanOrEqualTo</i> <i>EqualTo</i> <i>NotEqualTo</i> <i>Exists</i></p>
<i>IntegerValue</i>	<p>The integer value to compare against the Qualification's value.</p> <p><i>IntegerValue</i> must not be present if <i>Comparator</i> is <i>Exists</i>.</p> <p><i>IntegerValue</i> can only be used if the Qualification type has an integer value (i.e. not with the locale Qualification).</p>	An integer
<i>LocaleValue</i>	<p>The locale value to compare against the Qualification's value, if the Qualification being compared is the locale Qualification.</p> <p><i>LocaleValue</i> can only be used with the <i>EqualTo</i> and <i>NotEqualTo</i> comparators.</p> <p><i>LocaleValue</i> can only be used if the Qualification type has a locale value (i.e. the locale Qualification).</p>	A locale data structure. (See previous.)
<i>RequiredToPreview</i>	<p>If true, the question data for the HIT will not be shown when a Worker whose Qualifications do not meet this requirement tries to preview the HIT. That is, a Worker's Qualifications must meet all of the requirements for which <i>RequiredToPreview</i> is true in order to preview the HIT.</p> <p>If a Worker meets all of the requirements where <i>RequiredToPreview</i> is true (or if there are no such requirements), but does not meet all of the requirements for the HIT, the Worker will be allowed to preview the HIT's question data, but will not be allowed to accept and complete the HIT.</p> <p>The default is false.</p>	A Boolean value, true or false

QualificationType

Description

The QualificationType data structure represents a Qualification type, a description of a property of a Worker that must match the requirements of a HIT for the Worker to be able to accept the HIT. The type also describes how a Worker can obtain a Qualification of that type, such as through a Qualification test.

The QualificationType data structure is used as a response element for the following operations:


- [CreateQualificationType](#) (p. 27)
- [GetQualificationType](#) (p. 65)
- [SearchQualificationTypes](#) (p. 110)
- [UpdateQualificationType](#) (p. 125)

Elements

The QualificationType structure can contain the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description	Required
<i>QualificationTypeId</i>	A unique identifier for the Qualification type. A Qualification type is given a Qualification type ID when you call the CreateQualificationType (p. 27) operation operation, and it retains that ID forever. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>CreationTime</i>	The date and time the Qualification type was created Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z. Default: None	No
<i>Name</i>	The name of the Qualification type. The type name is used to identify the type, and to find the type using a Qualification type search. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Description</i>	A long description for the Qualification type. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>Keywords</i>	One or more words or phrases that describe theQualification type, separated by commas. The Keywords make the type easier to find using a search. Type: String Default: None	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>QualificationTypeStatus</i>	<p>The status of the Qualification type. A Qualification type's status determines if users can apply to receive a Qualification of this type, and if HITs can be created with requirements based on this type.</p> <p>Type: String Valid Values: Active Inactive Default: None</p>	No
<i>RetryDelayInSeconds</i>	<p>The amount of time, in seconds, Workers must wait after taking the Qualification test before they can take it again. Workers can take a Qualification test multiple times if they were not granted the Qualification from a previous attempt, or if the test offers a gradient score and they want a better score.</p> <p>Type: positive integer Default: None. If not specified, retries are disabled and Workers can request a Qualification only once.</p>	No
<i>Test</i>	<p>The questions for a Qualification test associated with this Qualification type that a user can take to obtain a Qualification of this type.</p> <p>Type: a QuestionForm (p. 174) data structure.</p> <p> Note</p> <p>A Qualification test cannot use an ExternalQuestionQuestionForm (p. 199) like a HIT can.</p> <p>Default: None Constraints: must be specified if <i>AnswerKey</i> is present. A Qualification type cannot have both a specified <i>Test</i> parameter and an <i>AutoGranted</i> value of <code>true</code>.</p>	No
<i>TestDurationInSeconds</i>	<p>The amount of time, in seconds, given to a Worker to complete the Qualification test, beginning from the time the Worker requests the Qualification.</p> <p>Type: positive integer Default: None</p>	No
<i>AnswerKey</i>	<p>The answers to the Qualification test specified in the <i>Test</i> parameter.</p> <p>Type: an AnswerKey (p. 195) data structure. Default: None. If not provided with a test, the Qualification author must process the Qualification request manually.</p>	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>AutoGranted</i>	Specifies that requests for the Qualification type are granted immediately, without prompting the Worker with a Qualification test. Type: Boolean Valid Values: true false Default: None Constraints: A Qualification type cannot have both a specified <i>Test</i> parameter and an <i>AutoGranted</i> value of true .	No
<i>AutoGrantedValue</i>	The Qualification value to use for automatically granted Qualifications, if <i>AutoGranted</i> is true . Type: Integer Default: 1	No
<i>IsRequestable</i>	Specifies whether the Qualification type is one that a user can request through the Amazon Mechanical Turk web site, such as by taking a Qualification test. This value is false for Qualifications assigned automatically by the system. Type: Boolean Valid Values: true false Default: None	No

Example

The following example shows a QualificationType data structure returned by a call to the [GetQualificationType \(p. 65\)](#) operation. The [GetQualificationType \(p. 65\)](#) operation returns a GetQualificationTypeResult element, which contains a QualificationType element.

```
<QualificationType>
  <QualificationTypeId>789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE</QualificationTypeId>
  <CreationTime>2005-01-31T23:59:59Z</CreationTime>
  <Name>EnglishWritingAbility</Name>
  <Description>The ability to write and edit text...</Description>
  <Keywords>English, text, write, edit, language</Keywords>
  <QualificationTypeStatus>Active</QualificationTypeStatus>
  <RetryDelayInSeconds>86400</RetryDelayInSeconds>
  <IsRequestable>true</IsRequestable>
</QualificationType>
```

Notification

Description

The Notification data structure describes a HIT event notification for a HIT type.

The Notification data structure is used as a parameter for the following operations:

- [SetHITTypeNotification](#) (p. 118)
- [SendTestEventNotification](#) (p. 114)

Elements

The Notification structure can contain the elements described in the following table. When the structure is used in a request, elements described as **Required** must be included for the request to succeed.

Name	Description	Required
<i>Destination</i>	The destination for notification messages. Type: For e-mail notifications (if <i>Transport</i> is Email), this is an e-mail address. For web service notifications (if <i>Transport</i> is SOAP or REST), this is the URL end point for your application's notification receptor. Default: None	Yes
<i>Transport</i>	The method Amazon Mechanical Turk uses to send the notification. Type: String Valid Values: Email SOAP REST Default: None	Yes
<i>Version</i>	The version of the notification WSDL/schema to use for SOAP or REST notifications. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>EventType</i>	The events that should cause notifications to be sent. You can specify multiple events by repeating this parameter Type: String Valid Values: AssignmentAccepted AssignmentAbandoned AssignmentReturned AssignmentSubmitted HITReviewable HITExpired Default: None	Yes

Example

In the following example the notification specification says that when Worker returns or abandons a HIT of the HIT type whose notifications specification this is), the web service application at the given URL should be notified with a REST-style web service call, using the 2006-05-05 version of the notification message schema.

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```
<Notification>
  <Destination>http://example.com:80/mt/notifications.cgi</Destination>
  <Transport>REST</Transport>
  <Version>2006-05-05</Version>
  <EventType>AssignmentAbandoned</EventType>
  <EventType>AssignmentReturned</EventType>
</Notification>
```

Review Policies

Using Amazon Mechanical Turk Review Policies you can evaluate Worker submissions against a defined set of criteria. You specify the Review Policy(s) that you want to use when you call the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation.

There are two types of Review Policies, Assignment-level and HIT-level:

- An Assignment-level Review Policy is applied as soon as a Worker submits an assignment. For more information, see [Assignment Review Policies \(p. 161\)](#).
- A HIT-level Review Policy is applied when a HIT becomes reviewable. For more information, see [HIT Review Policies \(p. 163\)](#).

You can select from a set of pre-defined Review Policies. One Review Policy leverages *known answers* or *gold standards* within a Human Intelligence Task (HIT) and has Mechanical Turk calculate a Worker's performance on these known answers. You can specify an action for Mechanical Turk to take automatically based on Worker performance against the known answer.

Mechanical Turk has Review Policies that calculate consensus/agreement among multiple Workers performing the same HITs. For instance, you can specify a Review Policy that measures agreement on work items within the HIT and authorizes Mechanical Turk to keep asking additional Workers to work on the HIT, until a certain level of agreement is achieved. Once the required level of agreement is achieved, the results are returned to you for immediate use.

Review Policies that track Worker performance on your known answers and agreement with other Workers give you information you can use to manage your Workers. For more information about using Review Policies, see [Review Policy Use Cases \(p. 166\)](#).

How Review Policies Work

You specify the Review Policy(s) that you want Mechanical Turk to apply when you call the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation. You must specify Review Policies when you create a HIT. You cannot apply a Review Policy to an existing HIT.

As assignments are submitted, Mechanical Turk applies the Review Policy(s) that you specify. You call the [GetReviewResultsForHIT \(p. 79\)](#) operation to gather the results from the application of the Review Policy.

There are two types of Review Policies, Assignment-level Review Policies that are applied as soon as a Worker submits an assignment and HIT-level Review Policies that are applied when a HIT becomes reviewable. For more information, see [Assignment Review Policies \(p. 161\)](#) and [HIT Review Policies \(p. 163\)](#).

You can specify one Assignment-level Review Policy and one HIT-level Review Policy when you call `CreateHIT` using the [HIT Review Policy \(p. 138\)](#) data structure. The Assignment-level Review Policy `ScoreMyKnownAnswer/2011-09-01` and the HIT-level Review Policy `SimplePlurality/2011-09-01` can be used in the same call to `CreateHIT`.

Once an Assignment-level Review Policy is applied, the Assignment's status is changed to *Submitted* and optionally an event notification can be sent. Assignments with *Submitted* status are returned by the [GetAssignmentsForHIT \(p. 44\)](#) operation and the results of applying the Review Policy are available by using the [GetReviewResultsForHIT \(p. 79\)](#) operation.

You can use different Review Policies on distinct HITs in a HIT type. For example, you may wish to apply the `ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01` policy to a small number of HITs that have known answers in them, but apply the `SimplePlurality/2011-09-01` policy to all HITs in a group. Workers do not have access on the Worker User Interface to information about whether a Review Policy has been applied to a HIT.

To help you understand Worker performance on your Review Policy you can call the [GetRequesterWorkerStatistic \(p. 72\)](#) operation to get the percentage of known answers that were answered correctly or the Worker agreement level for your HITs.

Assignment Review Policies

Assignment-level Review Policies are applied as soon as a Worker submits an assignment.

ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01

`ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01` is an Assignment-level Review Policy.

Description

You can use the `ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01` Review Policy for `QuestionForm (QAP)` HITs and for `ExternalQuestion (iframe)` HITs. You provide an answer key when you call the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation. The answer key is a collection of `QuestionIds`, where each `QuestionId` has a set of zero or more values that represent the correct response for that `QuestionId`. For more information about `QuestionForm` and `ExternalQuestion` HITs, see [QuestionForm \(p. 174\)](#) and [ExternalQuestion \(p. 199\)](#).

You can specify if one question in your HIT has a known answer or if many questions in your HIT have known answers. When a Worker submits an assignment Mechanical Turk examines the Worker's answers and compares them against the set of known answers that you provide when you create the HIT. Mechanical Turk then calculates a score, for example, 4 out of 10 known answers were correct.

Based on how the Worker's level of agreement with the known answers compares with various configurable thresholds, Mechanical Turk can automatically take actions you requested to approve the assignment, automatically reject the assignment, or automatically extend the HIT to publish an assignment for another Worker.

A Worker's performance on known answers within a specific assignment are returned from calling the [GetReviewResultsForHIT \(p. 79\)](#) operation. You can get a Worker's Life to Date (LTD), 7 day, and 30 day known answer statistics using the [GetRequesterWorkerStatistic \(p. 72\)](#) operation.

Mechanical Turk evaluates answers and considers the following answers as not matching:

- The Worker left an empty value set in the answer key.

- The answer key has an empty value set but the Worker supplied an answer.
- The Worker provides an answer that is the wrong case or has incorrect punctuation that doesn't match the answer exactly. You can either use structured HTML form elements to restrict the values a Worker can submit, or use JavaScript to validate and normalize the submitted values.
- The answer key says a question's answer is A and B but the Worker's value is A.
- The answer key says a question's answer is A and the Worker selected both A and B.

When comparing answers for a match, Mechanical Turk removes any whitespace from before and after the Worker's answer, and from before and after the answer you provide.

Parameters

The following parameters are specified in the AssignmentReviewPolicy element when calling the CreateHIT operation. You must also specify the PolicyName *ScoreYourKnownAnswers/2011-09-01* as part of the AssignmentReviewPolicy element. For an example of how to structure the AssignmentReviewPolicy element, see the [HIT Review Policy \(p. 138\)](#) data structure.

Name	Description	Required
<i>AnswerKey</i>	Question IDs and the answers to the questions. Type: MapEntry, see the HIT Review Policy (p. 138) data structure. Default: None	Yes
<i>ApproveIfKnownAnswerScoreIsAtLeast</i>	Approve the assignment if the KnownAnswerScore is equal to or greater than this value. If not specified, assignments are left in the submitted state and are not approved or rejected. Type: Integer Constraints: Minimum value 0 (always approve), maximum 101 (never approve)	No
<i>ApproveReason</i>	A description provided to the Worker about the reason the assignment was approved. If not specified, the reason is left blank. Type: String	No
<i>RejectIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</i>	Reject the assignment if the KnownAnswerScore is equal to or less than this value. If not specified, assignments are left in the submitted state and are not approved or rejected. Type: Integer Constraints: Minimum value 0 (never reject), maximum 101 (always reject).	No
<i>RejectReason</i>	A description provided to the Worker about the reason the assignment was rejected. If not specified, the reason is left blank. Type: String	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</i>	Extend the HIT by one assignment to allow one more Worker to complete it if the known answer score is less than this value. Ordinarily this is done to replace an assignment that is being rejected or that is not usable because the Worker didn't answer the known answer correctly. If omitted the HIT is not extended. Type: String Constraint: Minimum value 0 (never extend), maximum 101 (always extend).	No
<i>ExtendMaximumAssignments</i>	The maximum number of assignments the HIT can be extended. Note that if you use the ExtendHIT (p. 37) operation and specify a maximum assignment count greater than this value, <code>ScoreMyKnownAnswers</code> will not extend the HIT. Type: Integer Constraint: Minimum value 2, maximum 25. Default: 5	No
<i>ExtendMinimumTimeInSeconds</i>	The additional time in seconds to let other Workers complete the extended assignment. Type: Integer Constraints: Minimum of 3600 (one hour), Maximum of 31536000 (one year). Default: 0	No

HIT Review Policies

A HIT-level Review Policy is applied when a Human Intelligence Task (HIT) becomes reviewable.

SimplePlurality/2011-09-01

SimplePlurality/2011-09-01 is a HIT-level Review Policy.

Description

The SimplePlurality/2011-09-01 policy allows you to automatically compare answers received from multiple Workers and detect if there is a majority or consensus answer. The results can optionally trigger additional actions, such as approving the assignments that matched the majority answer. The results of this comparison are available as a part of the [GetReviewResultsForHIT \(p. 79\)](#) operation.

Mechanical Turk evaluates answers and considers the following answers as not matching:

- The Worker provides an answer that is the wrong case or incorrect punctuation that doesn't match the answer exactly to another Worker. You can either use structured HTML form elements to restrict the values a Worker can submit, or use JavaScript to validate and normalize the submitted values.
- One Worker's answer is A and B, but another Worker's value is A.

- One Worker's answer is A, but another Worker selected both A and B.

When comparing answers for a match, Mechanical Turk removes any whitespace from before and after the Worker's answer.

Parameters

The following parameters are specified in the HITReviewPolicy element when calling the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation. You must also specify the PolicyName *SimplePlurality/2011-09-01* as part of the HitReviewPolicy element. For an example, see [HIT Review Policy \(p. 138\)](#) data structure.

Name	Description	Required
<i>QuestionIds</i>	A comma-separated list of questionIds used to determine agreement. Type: String Constraints: none	Yes
<i>QuestionIdAgreementThreshold</i>	If the Question Agreement Score is greater than this value, the questionId is considered to have an <i>agreed answer</i> . Type: Integer Constraints: none	Yes
<i>DisregardAssignmentIfRejected</i>	Excludes rejected assignments from agreement calculation. Type: Boolean Constraints: T or F	Yes
<i>DisregardAssignmentIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</i>	Excludes answers from agreement calculation if the KnownAnswerScore is present and less than the provided value. Type: Integer Constraints: none	No
<i>ExtendIfHITAgreementScoreIsLessThan</i>	If the HIT Agreement Score is less than this value, extend the HIT to another Worker to complete. If omitted, extending on failure is disabled. Type: Integer Constraints: 0-100	No

Name	Description	Required
<i>ExtendMaximumAssignments</i>	<p>If the <code>ExtendIfHITAgreementScoreIsLessThan</code> is provided, this sets the total maximum number of assignments for the HIT.</p> <p>If you use <code>ExtendHIT</code> operation and specify the maximum assignment count greater than this value, <code>ScoreMyKnownAnswers</code> will not extend the HIT.</p> <p>Type: Integer Constraints: none Conditions: Required if <code>ExtendIfHITAgreementScoreIsLessThan</code> is provided.</p>	Conditional
<i>ExtendMinimumTimeInSeconds</i>	<p>If the <code>ExtendIfHITAgreementScoreIsLessThan</code> is provided, this sets the additional time that the HIT will be extended by.</p> <p>Type: Integer Constraints: Minimum 3600 (one hour) Maximum 31536000 (365 days) Conditions: Required if <code>ExtendIfHITAgreementScoreIsLessThan</code> is provided.</p>	Conditional
<i>ApproveIfWorkerAgreementScoreIsNotLessThan</i>	<p>If the Worker Agreement Score is not less than this value, approve the Worker's assignment.</p> <p>If omitted, assignment will not be approved or rejected.</p> <p>Type: Integer Constraints: none</p>	No
<i>RejectIfWorkerAgreementScoreIsLessThan</i>	<p>If the Worker Agreement Score is less than this value, reject the Worker's assignment.</p> <p>If omitted, assignment will not be approved or rejected.</p> <p>Type: Integer Constraints: none</p>	No
<i>RejectReason</i>	<p>If the <code>RejectIfWorkerAgreementScoreIsLessThan</code> value is provided, this value sets the reason for any automated rejections.</p> <p>Type: String Constraints: none</p>	Optional

Scores

The following scores are calculated data from the SimplePlurality/2011-09-01 policy. Based on the value of these scores, Mechanical Turk can take various actions that you specify in the `CreateHIT` operation.

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It is important to understand how these scores are calculated so you can specify the appropriate actions to take, including approving or rejecting assignments, or extending HITs. The following chart describes how the scores are calculated.

Score	Description
Question Agreement Score	Percentage of Workers who provided the agreed-upon answer for a HIT. Note: Answer values are not normalized for case, whitespace, or punctuation before comparison. Answers can contain multiple values (such as in a set of check boxes); two answers agree with each other if they have the same values present and absent. We don't recommend using free format answers because values are not normalized.
HIT Agreement Score	Percentage of questions within the HIT with an agreed-upon answer. The number of questions within the HIT with an agreed-upon answer, divided by the number of questions evaluated.
Worker Agreement Score	The percentage of questions to which a Worker's answer agreed with other Workers' answers in the same HIT. If a question does not have an agreed upon answer the question is disregarded in this calculation.

The example chart below describes how the Answer Agreement Score and Worker Agreement Score is calculated for a HIT with 4 questions and answers from 3 Workers.

QuestionId	Worker1's answers	Worker2's answers	Worker3's answers	Has Agreed-upon value?	Agreed-upon value	Question Agreement Score
A	coat	sweater	coat	Yes	coat	66%
B	blue	blue	green	Yes	blue	66%
C	large	large	large	Yes	large	100%
D	Furry	fur	furr	No	n/a	n/a
Worker Agreement Score	100%	66%	66%			

The Question Agreement Score for questions A and B are 66% because two Workers agreed on the same answer. The HIT Agreement Score for this HIT is 75%. The HIT had four questions, and three of them had an agreed-upon answer for a percentage of 75%. The Worker Agreement Score for Worker 1 is 100% because this Worker agreed with the other Workers for each answer, except Question D where there was no conclusive answer.

Review Policy Use Cases

The following use cases show you how to apply `ScoreYourKnownAnswers` and `SimplePlurality` policies when you call the [CreateHIT](#) (p. 17) operation.

Photo Moderation Use Case – Single Worker with Known Answers

In this scenario, you want Workers to moderate photos and screen the photos for inappropriate content. You place 20 photos in a single HIT and 5 of the 20 photos are your known answers. You are using Master Workers and have created the HIT with only one initial assignment. You want to use the answers based on the Worker getting at least 4 of the 5 known answers (80% Answer Agreement Score) correct. If the first Worker does not meet the Answer Agreement score of 80%, then you want to extend the HIT to another Worker. But, in this scenario, you only want to extend the HIT to a maximum of three Workers.

Elements and Parameters

The following is a list of elements and parameters you need to specify in the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation to execute the above scenario and allow Mechanical Turk to automatically calculate the known answer score. Note that this `CreateHIT` example assumes you have already created a HIT Type.

Element	Parameter	Value
<code>AssignmentReviewPolicy</code>	PolicyName	ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011/09/01
<code>AssignmentReviewPolicy</code>	AnswerKey	List of questionIDs and answers.
<code>AssignmentReviewPolicy</code>	ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan	80
<code>AssignmentReviewPolicy</code>	ExtendMaximumAssignments	3

Examples

The following example shows how to use the above elements and parameters with the `CreateHIT` operation.

Sample CreateHIT Request

The following example shows a `CreateHIT` request.

```
<CreateHITRequest>
  <HITTypeId>T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE</HITTypeId>
  <Question>[CDATA block or XML Entity encoded]</Question>
  <LifetimeInSeconds>604800</LifetimeInSeconds>
  <AssignmentReviewPolicy>
    <PolicyName>ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01</PolicyName>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>AnswerKey</Key>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId3</Key>  <!--correct answer is "B" -->
        <Value>B</Value>
      </MapEntry>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId7</Key>  <!--correct answer is "A" -->
        <Value>A</Value>
      </MapEntry>
    </MapEntry>
  </MapEntry>
</CreateHITRequest>
```

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```

        <Key>QuestionId15</Key>    <!--correct answer is "F" -->
        <Value>F</Value>
    </MapEntry>
    <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId17</Key>    <!--correct answer is "C" -->
        <Value>C</Value>
    </MapEntry>
    <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId18</Key>    <!--correct answer is "A" -->
        <Value>A</Value>
    </MapEntry>
</Parameter>
<Parameter>
    <Key>ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</Key>
    <Value>80</Value>
</Parameter>
<Parameter>
    <Key>ExtendMaximumAssignments</Key>
    <Value>3</Value>
</Parameter>
</AssignmentReviewPolicy>
</CreateHITRequest>

```

Photo Moderation Use Case – Multiple Workers with Agreement

In this scenario, you want Workers to moderate photos and screen the photos for inappropriate content. You place 20 photos in a single HIT and 5 of the 20 photos are your known answers. You want to approve the assignment if the Worker completes at least 4 of the 5 known answers correct (at least 80% Answer Agreement Score).

You want 3 Workers to complete each HIT and you want to calculate the HIT Agreement Score for the 15 photos you don't know the answer to. Also, you want to disregard the Worker's answer in the Agreement Score if they don't get 4 of 5 of the known answers correct.

Elements and Parameters

The following is a list of elements and parameters you need to specify in the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation to execute the above scenario and allow Mechanical Turk to automatically approve the assignments. Note that this CreateHIT example assumes you have already created a HIT Type.

Element	Parameter	Value
<i>AssignmentReviewPolicy</i>	PolicyName	ScoreMyKnownAnswers2011/09/01
<i>AssignmentReviewPolicy</i>	Answer	List of questionIDs and answers.
<i>AssignmentReviewPolicy</i>	ApproveIfKnownAnswerScoreIsAtLeast	80
<i>AssignmentReviewPolicy</i>	ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan	80
<i>AssignmentReviewPolicy</i>	ExtendMaximumAssignments	3
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	PolicyName	SimplePlurality/2011-09-01

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Element	Parameter	Value
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	QuestionIDs	Your list of 15 question IDs.
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	QuestionIdAgreementThreshold	100
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	DisregardAssignmentIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan	80

Examples

The following example shows how to use the above elements and parameters with the `CreateHIT` operation.

Sample CreateHIT Request

The following example shows a `CreateHIT` request.

```
<CreateHITRequest>
  <HITTypeId>T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE</HITTypeId>
  <Question>[CDATA block or XML Entity encoded]</Question>
  <LifetimeInSeconds>604800</LifetimeInSeconds>
  <AssignmentReviewPolicy>
    <PolicyName>ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01</PolicyName>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>AnswerKey</Key>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId3</Key>    <!--correct answer is "B" -->
        <Value>B</Value>
      </MapEntry>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId4</Key>    <!--correct answer is "A" -->
        <Value>A</Value>
      </MapEntry>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId13</Key>   <!--correct answer is "F" -->
        <Value>F</Value>
      </MapEntry>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId14</Key>   <!--correct answer is "C" -->
        <Value>C</Value>
      </MapEntry>
      <MapEntry>
        <Key>QuestionId19</Key>   <!--correct answer is "A" -->
        <Value>A</Value>
      </MapEntry>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>ApproveIfKnownAnswerScoreIsAtLeast</Key>
      <Value>80</Value>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</Key>
      <Value>80</Value>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>ExtendMaximumAssignments</Key>

```

```
        <Value>3</Value>
    </Parameter>
</AssignmentReviewPolicy>
<HITReviewPolicy>
    <PolicyName>SimplePlurality/2011-09-01</PolicyName>
    <Parameter>
        <Key>QuestionIDs</Key>
        <Value>questionid1</Value>
        <Value>questionid2</Value>
        <Value>questionid5</Value>
        <Value>questionid6</Value>
        <Value>questionid7</Value>
        . . . . . <!-- Add your additional 10 questionIDs for a total of 15
questions. Different from your known answer questionIDs.-->
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
        <Key>QuestionIdAgreementThreshold</Key>
        <Value>100</Value>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
        <Key>DisregardAssignmentIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</Key>
        <Value>80</Value>
    </Parameter>
</HITReviewPolicy>
</CreateHITRequest>
```

Categorization and Tagging Use Case – Multiple Workers

In this scenario, you want Workers to categorize a product and provide multiple tags for the product in a HIT. You also want the Workers to be able to comment on your HIT and give you feedback.

You want to calculate the Answer Agreement Score for only the categorization question. If two Workers do not agree on the product categorization question, you want to extend the HIT to a third Worker. Also, you want to extend the assignment by an hour so the third Worker has time to work on the assignment.

Elements and Parameters

The following is a list of elements and parameters you need to specify in the [CreateHIT \(p. 17\)](#) operation to execute the above scenario and allow Mechanical Turk to automatically calculate agreement and approve or reject the assignments. Note that this CreateHIT example assumes you have already created a HIT Type.

Element	Parameter	Value
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	PolicyName	SimplePlurality/2011-09-01
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	QuestionIDs	questionID1
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	QuestionIdAgreementThreshold	100
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	ExtendMinimumTimeInSeconds	3600
<i>HITReviewPolicy</i>	ExtendMaximumAssignments	3

Examples

The following example shows how to use the above elements and parameters with the `CreateHIT` operation.

Sample CreateHIT Request

The following example shows a `CreateHIT` request.

```
<CreateHITRequest>
  <HITTypeId>T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE</HITTypeId>
  <Question>[CDATA block or XML Entity encoded]</Question>
  <LifetimeInSeconds>604800</LifetimeInSeconds>
  <HITReviewPolicy>
    <PolicyName>SimplePlurality/2011-09-01</PolicyName>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>QuestionIDs</Key>
      <Value>questionID1</Value>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>QuestionIdAgreementThreshold</Key>
      <Value>100</Value>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>ExtendMaximumAssignments</Key>
      <Value>3</Value>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>ExtendMinimumTimeInSeconds</Key>
      <Value>3600</Value>
    </Parameter>
  </HITReviewPolicy>
</CreateHITRequest>
```

Question and Answer Data

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- [Using XML Parameter Values \(p. 173\)](#)
- [QuestionForm \(p. 174\)](#)
- [Formatted Content: XHTML \(p. 188\)](#)
- [QuestionFormAnswers \(p. 194\)](#)
- [AnswerKey \(p. 195\)](#)
- [ExternalQuestion \(p. 199\)](#)

The questions and answers that Amazon Mechanical Turk passes between Requesters and Workers are XML documents that conform to schemas. These documents are passed to the service and returned by the service as parameter values.

Using XML Parameter Values

The [QuestionForm](#) (p. 174), [QuestionFormAnswers](#) (p. 194), and [AnswerKey](#) (p. 195) data structures are used as parameter values in service requests, and as return values in service responses. Unlike other data structures described in this API reference, these XML structures are not part of the service API directly, but rather are used as string values going in and out of the service. This article describes the encoding methods needed to use XML data as parameter and return values.

XML Data as a Parameter

For SOAP requests, XML data in a parameter value must appear in the request *XML escaped*. Characters that are part of XML syntax, such as ampersands (&) and angle brackets (<>), must be replaced with the corresponding XML character entities in the parameter value. Most SOAP toolkits will automatically escape data set as the string value of the parameter.

The following is a fragment of a *QuestionForm* data structure, escaped with XML character entities:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<QuestionForm xmlns="...">
  <Overview>
    <Text>
      Musicals by Rodgers & Hart...
    </Text>
  </Overview>
  ...
</QuestionForm>
```

For REST requests, the data must be *URL encoded* to appear as a single parameter value in the request. (This is true for all REST parameter values.) Characters that are part of URL syntax, such as question marks (?) and ampersands (&), must be replaced with the corresponding URL character codes.



Note

XML data in REST requests should only be URL encoded, *not* XML escaped.

In service responses, this data will be XML escaped.

Namespaces for XML Parameter Values

XML data in parameter values must have a namespace specified for all elements. The easiest way to do this is to include an `xmlns` attribute in the root element equal to the appropriate namespace.

The namespace for a *QuestionForm*, *QuestionFormAnswers*, or *AnswerKey* element is identical to the URL of the corresponding schema document, including the version date. While XML namespaces need not be URLs according to the XML specification, this convention ensures that the consumer of the value knows which version of the schema is being used for the data.

For the locations of the schema documents, as well as instructions on how to include the version date in the URL, see [WSDL and Schema Locations](#) (p. 2).

QuestionForm

Topics

- [Description](#) (p. 174)
- [QuestionForm Structure](#) (p. 174)
- [Content Structure](#) (p. 176)
- [Answer Specification](#) (p. 181)
- [Example](#) (p. 187)

Description

The *QuestionForm* data format describes one or more *questions* for a HIT, or for a Qualification test. It contains instructions and data Workers use to answer the questions, and a set of one or more form fields, which are rendered as a web form for a Worker to fill out and submit.

A *QuestionForm* is a string value that consists of XML data. This XML data must conform to the *QuestionForm* schema. All elements in a *QuestionForm* belong to a namespace whose name is identical to the URL of the *QuestionForm* schema document. See [WSDL and Schema Locations](#) (p. 2) for the location of this schema.



Tip

For information about creating HITs that use your own web site in a frame instead of questions, see [the ExternalQuestion data structure](#) (p. 199).

The *QuestionForm* data structure is a value in a [HIT data structure](#) (p. 133) and a value in a [QualificationType data structure](#) (p. 155). The *QuestionForm* data structure is used as a parameter value for the following operations:

- CreateHIT
- CreateQualificationType
- UpdateQualificationType

For more information about using XML data as a parameter or return value, see [Using XML Parameter Values](#) (p. 173).

QuestionForm Structure

The top-most element of the *QuestionForm* data structure is a *QuestionForm* element. This element contains optional *Overview* elements and one or more *Question* elements. There can be any number of these two element types listed in any order. The following example structure has an *Overview* element and a *Question* element followed by a second *Overview* element and *Question* element—all within the same *QuestionForm*.

```
<QuestionForm xmlns="[the QuestionForm schema URL]">
  <Overview>
    [...]
  </Overview>
  <Question>
    [...]
  </Question>
```

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```
<Overview>
  [...]
</Overview>
<Question>
  [...]
</Question>
  [...]
</QuestionForm>
```

The *Overview* element describes instructions and information, and presents them separately from the set of questions. It can contain any kind of informational content, as described below. If omitted, no overview text is displayed above the questions.

Each *Question* element can contain the elements described in the following table. See also the example below the table.

Name	Description	Required
<i>QuestionIdentifier</i>	An identifier for the question. This identifier is used to associate the Worker's answers with the question in the answer data. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>DisplayName</i>	A name for the question, displayed as a prominent heading. Type: String Default: None	No
<i>IsRequired</i>	Specifies whether the Worker must provide an answer for this question to successfully submit the form. Type: Boolean Default: false Valid Values: true false	No
<i>QuestionContent</i>	The instructions and data specific to this question, such as the text of the question. It can contain any kind of informational content, as described in the <i>Content Structure</i> section below. Type: Content structure Default: None	Yes
<i>AnswerSpecification</i>	A structure that describes the field type and possible values for the answer to this question, as described in the <i>Answer Specification</i> section below. This element controls how the form field is rendered and specifies which values are valid answers for this question. Type: An answer specification structure Default: None Valid Values: <i>FreeTextAnswer</i> <i>SelectionAnswer</i> <i>FileUploadAnswer</i>	Yes

For example:

```
<Question>
  <QuestionIdentifier>my_question_id</QuestionIdentifier>
  <DisplayName>My Question</DisplayName>
  <IsRequired>true</IsRequired>
  <QuestionContent>
    [...]
  </QuestionContent>
  <AnswerSpecification>
    [...]
  </AnswerSpecification>
</Question>
```

Content Structure

The *Overview* elements and the *QuestionContent* elements of a *QuestionForm* can contain different types of information. For example, you might include a paragraph of text and an image in your HIT's overview.

Each kind of information is defined by a corresponding element. These elements can appear in any number, in any order. The content elements are rendered in the order in which they occur in the containing element.

Following are the allowed information types:

- *Title*
- *Text*
- *List*
- *Binary*
- *Application*
- *EmbeddedBinary*
- *FormattedContent*

Each of these types are described in detail in the following subsections. A full example showing the use of the elements and information types is at the end of the section.

Title

A *Title* element specifies a string to be rendered as a title or heading.

```
<Title>The Next Move</Title>
```

Text

A *Text* element specifies a block of text to be rendered as a paragraph. Only plain text is allowed. HTML is not allowed. If HTML characters (such as angle brackets) are included in the data, they appear verbatim in the web output.

```
<Text>What is the best next move for "X" in this game of Tic-Tac-Toe?</Text>
```

List

A *List* element displays a bulleted list of items. Items are specified using one or more *ListItem* elements inside the *List*. The *ListItem* element is a string.

```
<List>
  <ListItem>It must be a valid move.</ListItem>
  <ListItem>"X" cannot resign.</ListItem>
</List>
```

Binary

A *Binary* element specifies non-textual data of some kind, such as an image, audio, or video. The elements listed in the following table are required and must be entered in the order shown here.

Name	Description	Required
<i>MimeType</i>	Specifies the type of the data. Type: <i>MimeType</i> element Default: None Child Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type — A required string that specifies the type of the data. The possible values are image, audio, or video. • SubType — An optional string that specifies the format of the item, such as gif 	Yes
<i>DataURL</i>	The data itself specified with a <i>DataURL</i> element that contains a valid HTTP URL. Type: <i>DataURL</i> element Default: None	Yes
<i>AltText</i>	The text that should appear if the data cannot be rendered in the browser. Type: String Default: None	Yes

```
<Binary>
  <MimeType>
    <Type>image</Type>
    <SubType>gif</SubType>
  </MimeType>
  <DataURL>http://tictactoe.amazon.com/game/01523/board.gif</DataURL>
  <AltText>The game board, with "X" to move.</AltText>
</Binary>
```

Application

An *Application* element specifies an embedded application. It contains either a *JavaApplet* element or a *Flash* element.

You can specify zero or more parameters to pass to your Java applet or Flash application when it is opened in the web page. For a HIT, in addition to the parameters you specify, Amazon Mechanical Turk includes two parameters specific to the HIT: `hitId` and `assignmentId`. The `hitId` parameter is equal to the ID of the HIT. The `assignmentId` parameter is equal to the ID of the assignment if the Worker has accepted the HIT, or equal to `ASSIGNMENT_ID_NOT_AVAILABLE` if the Worker is only previewing the HIT.

The *JavaApplet* element includes the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description	Required
<i>AppletPath</i>	The URL path to the directory that contains Java classes for the applet. Type: URL Default: None	Yes
<i>AppletFilename</i>	The name of the class file that contains the applet code, which is located in the path specified by <i>AppletPath</i> . Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Width</i>	The width of the bounding box for the applet. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Height</i>	The height of the bounding box for the applet. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>ApplicationParameter</i>	The parameters for the applet. Type: <i>ApplicationParameter</i> Default: None Child Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name— A required string that specifies the name of the parameter • Value— A required string that specifies the value of the parameter 	No

The *Flash* element includes the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description	Required
<i>FlashMovieURL</i>	The URL of the Flash movie file. Type: URL Default: None	Yes

Name	Description	Required
<i>Width</i>	The width of the bounding box for the Flash movie. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Height</i>	The height of the bounding box for the Flash movie. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>ApplicationParameter</i>	The parameters for the Flash movie. Type: <i>ApplicationParameter</i> Default: None Child Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name — A required string that specifies the name of the parameter • Value— A required string that specifies the value of the parameter 	No

```
<Application>
  <JavaApplet>
    <AppletPath>http://tictactoe.amazon.com/applets/</AppletPath>
    <AppletFilename>GameViewer.class</AppletFilename>
    <Width>400</Width>
    <Height>300</Height>
    <ApplicationParameter>
      <Name>game_id<Name>
      <Value>01523</Value>
    </ApplicationParameter>
  </JavaApplet>
</Application>
```

EmbeddedBinary

An *EmbeddedBinary* element specifies an external object of non-textual data of some kind, such as an image, audio or video, that displays in your browser. The elements listed in the following table are required and must be entered in the order shown here.

Name	Description	Required
<i>EmbeddedMimeType</i>	Specifies the type of the data. Type: <i>EmbeddedMimeType</i> element Default: None Child Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type — A required string that specifies the type of the data. The possible values are image, audio, or video. • SubType —An optional string that specifies the format of the item, such as gif 	Yes

Name	Description	Required
<i>DataURL</i>	The data itself specified by a <i>DataURL</i> element that contains a valid HTTP URL Type: <i>DataURL</i> element Default: None	Yes
<i>AltText</i>	The text that should appear if the data cannot be rendered in the browser. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Width</i>	The width of the bounding box for the object. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>Height</i>	The height of the bounding box for the object. Type: String Default: None	Yes
<i>ApplicationParameter</i>	The parameters for the <i>EmbeddedBinary</i> object. Type: <i>ApplicationParameter</i> Default: None Child elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name — A required string that specifies the name of the parameter • Value— A required string that specifies the value of the parameter 	No

```

<EmbeddedBinary>
  <EmbeddedMimeType>
    <Type>image</Type>
    <SubType>gif</SubType>
  </EmbeddedMimeType>
  <DataURL>http://tictactoe.amazon.com/game/01523/board.gif</DataURL>
  <AltText>The game board, with "X" to move.</AltText>
  <Width>400</Width>
  <Height>300</Height>
  <ApplicationParameter>
    <Name>game_id<Name>
    <Value>01523</Value>
  </ApplicationParameter>
</EmbeddedBinary>

```

FormattedContent

For finer control over the display of your HIT information, you can specify a *FormattedContent* element. Formatted content is a block of text with formatting information specified using XHTML tags. For example, you can use XHTML tags to specify that certain words appear in a boldface font or to include a table in your HIT information.

Only a limited subset of XHTML is supported. For more information on the creating and validating XHTML formatted content, see [Formatted Content: XHTML \(p. 188\)](#).

The value of the *FormattedContent* element must be specified as an XML CDATA block. CDATA tells the web service that the XHTML elements are not part of the *QuestionForm* data schema. For example, the following describes a paragraph of formatted text:

```
<FormattedContent><![CDATA[
  <p>This is a paragraph with <b>bold text</b>,
  <i>italic text</i>, and <b><i>bold italic text</i></b>.</p>
]]></FormattedContent>
```

Answer Specification

The *AnswerSpecification* element describes the format and possible values for answers to a question. It contains a *FreeTextAnswer* element, which describes a text field; a *SelectionAnswer* element, which describes a multiple choice field; or a *FileUploadAnswer*, which prompts the Worker to upload a file as the answer to the question.

FreeTextAnswer

A *FreeTextAnswer* element describes a text field and constraints on its possible values. It includes the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description	Required
<i>Constraints</i>	Describes the constraints on the allowed values for the text field. This element is described in the next table. Type: <i>Constraints</i> element Default: None	No
<i>DefaultText</i>	Specifies default text. This value appears in the form when it is rendered, and is accepted as the answer if the Worker does not change it. Type: String Default: An empty value	No
<i>NumberOfLinesSuggestion</i>	Specifies how tall the form field should be, if possible. The field might be rendered as a text box with this many lines, depending on the device the Worker is using to see the form. Type: Integer Default: 1	No




Note

A Qualification test that is to be graded automatically using an answer key cannot have any free-text questions. An answer key can only match multiple-choice questions and cannot match free-text fields.

The optional *Constraints* element describes constraints on the allowed values for the text field. If no constraints are specified, any value is accepted for the field.

The *Constraints* element includes the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description	Required
<i>IsNumeric</i>	<p>Specifies that the value entered must be numeric.</p> <p>Type: empty element Default: None Attributes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minValue —An optional integer that specifies the minimum value allowed • maxValue —An optional integer that specifies the maximum value allowed 	No
<i>Length</i>	<p>Specifies the length range of the answer.</p> <p>Type: empty element Default: None Attributes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minLength— An optional non-negative integer that specifies the minimum number of characters • maxLength — An optional positive integer that specifies the maximum number of characters 	No
<i>AnswerFormatRegex</i>	<p>Specifies that JavaScript validates the answer string against a given pattern.</p> <p> Note</p> <p>A limitation of this approach is that Workers who have disabled JavaScript on their browsers cannot validate their answers. Although this is uncommon, you might want to caution your Workers.</p> <p>Type: empty element Default: None Attributes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regex—A required string that specifies the regular expression that JavaScript uses to validate against the Workers' entered values • errorText—An optional string that allows you to edit the content of errors displayed to the Worker on the Worker web site if the regex validation fails. If this attribute is not specified, the error displayed is "Invalid input supplied." • flags—An optional string with the value <i>i</i> which specifies that case is ignored when matching characters 	No

The *Constraints* element can contain multiple *AnswerFormatRegex* elements. All *AnswerFormatRegex* constraints must be satisfied before the Worker can submit the HIT. For more information about JavaScript RegExp and how to use it, go to the [Core JavaScript Reference](#) at Mozilla.org.

The following examples demonstrate how to use the *FreeTextAnswer* element.

If you want a 3-digit positive integer between 100 and 999, use the following:

```
<FreeTextAnswer>
  <Constraints>
    <IsNumeric minValue="100" maxValue="999" />
    <Length minLength="3" maxLength="3" />
  </Constraints>
</FreeTextAnswer>
```

If you want a 3-digit number that includes decimals, use the following:

```
<FreeTextAnswer>
  <Constraints>
    <IsNumeric />
    <Length minLength="3" maxLength="3" />
  </Constraints>
</FreeTextAnswer>
```

If you want to ensure that there is some text, use the following example. The *minLength* attribute includes whitespaces in the character count.

```
<FreeTextAnswer>
  <Constraints>
    <Length minLength="2" />
    <AnswerFormatRegex regex="\S" errorText="The content cannot be blank." />
  </Constraints>
</FreeTextAnswer>
```

If you specify the *minLength* attribute, it is the same as if the *IsRequired* element is *true*. If you want to allow an *optional* string that must be at least two characters, use the following:

```
<FreeTextAnswer>
  <Constraints>
    <AnswerFormatRegex regex="(^\$|\S{2,})"
      errorText="You must enter at least two characters." />
  </Constraints>
</FreeTextAnswer>
```

To request a US phone number in the format 1-*nnn-*nnn-*nnnn***, where "1-" is optional, use the following:

```
<FreeTextAnswer>
  <Constraints>
    <AnswerFormatRegex
      regex="^(1[- ])?(\([2-9]\d{2}\)\s*|[2-9]\d{2}-?[2-9]\d{2}-?\d{4}$)"
      errorText="You must enter a US phone number in the format
      1-555-555-1234 or 555-555-1234."/>
    </Constraints>
  </FreeTextAnswer>
```

If you want an answer that contains a date formatted as yyyy-mm-dd, use the following:

```
<FreeTextAnswer>
  <Constraints>
    <AnswerFormatRegex regex="^[12][0-9]{3}-[01]?\d-[0-3]?\d$"
      errorText="You must enter a date with the format yyyy-mm-dd."/>
    </Constraints>
  </FreeTextAnswer>
```

If you want an answer that contains "regex" and variations including RegEx, REGex, and RegExes, use the following:

```
<FreeTextAnswer>
  <Constraints>
    <AnswerFormatRegex regex="regex" flags="i"
      errorText="You must enter 'regex'."/>
    </Constraints>
  </FreeTextAnswer>
```


SelectionAnswer

A *SelectionAnswer* describes a multiple-choice question. Depending on the element defined, the Worker might be able to select zero, one, or multiple items from a set list as the answer to the question.

A *SelectionAnswer* element includes the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description	Required
<i>MinSelectionCount</i>	Specifies the minimum number of selections allowed for a valid answer. This value can range from 0 to the number of selections. Type: non-negative Integer Default: 1	No
<i>MaxSelectionCount</i>	Specifies the maximum number of selections allowed for a valid answer. This value can range from 1 to the number of selections. Type: positive Integer Default: 1	No

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Name	Description	Required
<i>StyleSuggestion</i>	<p>Specifies what style of multiple-choice form field to use when displaying the question to the Worker. The field might not use the suggested style, depending on the device the Worker is using to see the form.</p> <p>Type: String Default: None Valid Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • radiobutton— Can be used if <i>MaxSelectionCount</i> is 1, because it restricts the user to selecting either zero or one item from the list • checkbox— Allows multiple selections, but can be restricted by using the <i>MaxSelectionCount</i> element • list— Allows multiple selections, but can be restricted by using the <i>MaxSelectionCount</i> element • dropdown— Can be used if <i>MaxSelectionCount</i> is 1, because it restricts the user to selecting either zero or one item from the list • combobox— Allows multiple selections, but can be restricted by using the <i>MaxSelectionCount</i> element • multichooser— Allows multiple selections, but can be restricted by using the <i>MaxSelectionCount</i> element 	No
<i>Selections</i>	<p>Specifies the answer selections.</p> <p>Type: <i>Selections</i> structure Default: None Child elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection— Specifies an answer selection. This element is described fully in the next table. • OtherSelection— An optional text field to display below the selection list that allows the Worker to enter an alternate answer that does not appear in the list of selections. The contents of this element are similar to <i>FreeTextAnswer</i>. <p> Note</p> <p>A Qualification test that you want to grade automatically using an answer key cannot have an <i>OtherSelection</i> field for a multiple choice question. An answer key can only match multiple-choice questions and cannot match free-text fields.</p>	Yes

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The *Selections* element lists the selection options available. It contains one or more *Selection* elements, one for each possible answer in the set. The *Selection* element includes the elements described in the following table:

Name	Description	Required
<i>SelectionIdentifier</i>	A unique alphanumeric string that is in the answer data if this selection is chosen. Type: String Default: None	Yes
One of the following elements:		Yes
<i>Text</i>	Contains the content of the selected item. Type: String Default: None	
<i>FormattedContent</i>	A block of text formatted using XHTML tags that contains the content of the selected item. For more information about this format, see Formatted Content: XHTML (p. 188) . Type: String Default: None	
<i>Binary</i>	Contains the content of the selected item. Type: <i>Binary</i> Default: None	

The following example shows a *SelectionAnswer* element that specifies a question with four radiobuttons.

```
<SelectionAnswer>
  <StyleSuggestion>radiobutton</StyleSuggestion>
  <Selections>
    <Selection>
      <SelectionIdentifier>C1</SelectionIdentifier>
      <Text>C1 (northeast)</Text>
    </Selection>
    <Selection>
      <SelectionIdentifier>C2</SelectionIdentifier>
      <Text>C2 (east)</Text>
    </Selection>
    <Selection>
      <SelectionIdentifier>A3</SelectionIdentifier>
      <Text>A3 (southwest)</Text>
    </Selection>
    <Selection>
      <SelectionIdentifier>C3</SelectionIdentifier>
      <Text>C3 (southeast)</Text>
    </Selection>
  </Selections>
</SelectionAnswer>
```

FileUploadAnswer

A *FileUploadAnswer* prompts the Worker to upload a file as the answer to the question. When the Worker uploads the file, Amazon Mechanical Turk stores the file separately from the answer data. Once the HIT is submitted, your application can call the *GetFileUploadURL* operation to get a temporary URL it can use to download the file.

The *FileUploadAnswer* specification contains two required elements, a *MinFileSizeInBytes* and a *MaxFileSizeInBytes*, that specify the minimum and maximum allowed file sizes respectively. If the Worker uploads a file whose size in bytes is outside of this range, the answer is rejected, and the Worker must upload a different file to complete the HIT. You can specify a maximum size up to 2000000000 (2 billion) bytes.



Note

A *FileUploadAnswer* element can only be used with HITs. It cannot be used with Qualification tests.

The following example demonstrates a *FileUploadAnswer* element that specifies a file with a minimum of 1000 bytes and a maximum of 3000000 bytes.

```
<FileUploadAnswer>
  <MaxFileSizeInBytes>3000000</MaxFileSizeInBytes>
  <MinFileSizeInBytes>1000</MinFileSizeInBytes>
</FileUploadAnswer>
```

Example

The following is an example of a complete *QuestionForm* data structure. Remember that to pass this structure in as a value of a parameter to an operation, XML characters must be escaped as character entities. (See [Using XML Parameter Values](#) (p. 173) for more information.)

```
<QuestionForm xmlns="[the QuestionForm schema URL]">
  <Overview>
    <Title>Game 01523, "X" to play</Title>
    <Text>
      You are helping to decide the next move in a game of Tic-Tac-Toe. The
      board looks like this:
    </Text>
    <Binary>
      <MimeType>
        <Type>image</Type>
        <SubType>gif</SubType>
      </MimeType>
      <DataURL>http://tictactoe.amazon.com/game/01523/board.gif</DataURL>
      <AltText>The game board, with "X" to move.</AltText>
    </Binary>
    <Text>
      Player "X" has the next move.
    </Text>
  </Overview>
  <Question>
    <QuestionIdentifier>nextmove</QuestionIdentifier>
    <DisplayName>The Next Move</DisplayName>
```

```
<IsRequired>true</IsRequired>
<QuestionContent>
  <Text>
    What are the coordinates of the best move for player "X" in this game?

  </Text>
</QuestionContent>
<AnswerSpecification>
  <FreeTextAnswer>
    <Constraints>
      <Length minLength="2" maxLength="2" />
    </Constraints>
    <DefaultText>C1</DefaultText>
  </FreeTextAnswer>
</AnswerSpecification>
</Question>
<Question>
  <QuestionIdentifier>likelytowin</QuestionIdentifier>
  <DisplayName>The Next Move</DisplayName>
  <IsRequired>true</IsRequired>
  <QuestionContent>
    <Text>
      How likely is it that player "X" will win this game?
    </Text>
  </QuestionContent>
  <AnswerSpecification>
    <SelectionAnswer>
      <StyleSuggestion>radiobutton</StyleSuggestion>
      <Selections>
        <Selection>
          <SelectionIdentifier>notlikely</SelectionIdentifier>
          <Text>Not likely</Text>
        </Selection>
        <Selection>
          <SelectionIdentifier>unsure</SelectionIdentifier>
          <Text>It could go either way</Text>
        </Selection>
        <Selection>
          <SelectionIdentifier>likely</SelectionIdentifier>
          <Text>Likely</Text>
        </Selection>
      </Selections>
    </SelectionAnswer>
  </AnswerSpecification>
</Question>
</QuestionForm>
```

Formatted Content: XHTML

Topics

- [Using Formatted Content \(p. 190\)](#)
- [Supported XHTML Tags \(p. 190\)](#)
- [How XHTML Formatted Content Is Validated \(p. 192\)](#)

When you create a HIT or a Qualification test, you can include various kinds of content to be displayed to the Worker on the Amazon Mechanical Turk web site, such as text (titles, paragraphs, lists), media (pictures, audio, video) and browser applets (Java or Flash).

You can also include blocks of formatted content. Formatted content lets you include XHTML tags directly in your instructions and your questions for detailed control over the appearance and layout of your data.

You include a block of formatted content by specifying a *FormattedContent* element in the appropriate place in your [QuestionForm data structure](#) (p. 174). You can specify any number of *FormattedContent* elements in content, and you can mix them with other kinds of content.

The following example uses other content types (*Title*, *Text*) along with *FormattedContent* to include a table in a HIT:

```
<Text>
  This HIT asks you some questions about a game of Tic-Tac-Toe
  currently in progress.  Your answers will help decide the next move.
</Text>
<Title>The Current Board</Title>
<Text>
  The following table shows the board as it currently stands.
</Text>
<FormattedContent><![CDATA[
<table border="1">
  <tr>
    <td></td>
    <td align="center">1</td>
    <td align="center">2</td>
    <td align="center">3</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td align="right">A</td>
    <td align="center"><b>X</b></td>
    <td align="center">&nbsp;</td>
    <td align="center"><b>O</b></td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td align="right">B</td>
    <td align="center">&nbsp;</td>
    <td align="center"><b>O</b></td>
    <td align="center">&nbsp;</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td align="right">C</td>
    <td align="center">&nbsp;</td>
    <td align="center">&nbsp;</td>
    <td align="center"><b>X</b></td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td align="center" colspan="4">It is <b>X</b>'s turn.</td>
  </tr>
</table>
]]></FormattedContent>
```

For more information about describing the contents of a HIT or Qualification test, see [the QuestionForm data structure](#) (p. 174).

Using Formatted Content

As you can see in the example above, formatted content is specified in an XML CDATA block, inside a *FormattedContent* element. The CDATA block contains the text and XHTML markup to display in the Worker's browser.

Only a subset of the XHTML standard is supported. For a complete list of supported XHTML elements and attributes, see the table below. In particular, JavaScript, element IDs, `class` and `style` attributes, and `<div>` and `` elements are not allowed.

XML comments (`<!-- ... -->`) are not allowed in formatted content blocks.

Every XHTML tag in the CDATA block must be closed before the end of the block. For example, if you start an XHTML paragraph with a `<p>` tag, you must end it with a `</p>` tag within the same *FormattedContent* block.



Note

The tag closure requirement means you cannot open an XHTML tag in one *FormattedContent* block and close it in another. There is no way to "wrap" other kinds of question form content in XHTML. *FormattedContent* blocks must be self-contained.

XHTML tags must be nested properly. When tags are used inside other tags, the inner-most tags must be closed before outer tags are closed. For example, to specify that some text should appear in bold italics, you would use the `` and `<i>` tags as follows:

```
<b><i>This text appears bold italic.</i></b>
```

But the following would not be valid, because the closing `` tag appears before the closing `</i>` tag:

```
<b><i>These tags don't nest properly!</b></i>
```

Finally, formatted content must meet other requirements to validate against the XHTML schema. For instance, tag names and attribute names must be all lowercase letters, and attribute values must be surrounded by quotes.

For details on how Amazon Mechanical Turk validates XHTML formatted content blocks, see "How XHTML Formatted Content Is Validated," below.

Supported XHTML Tags

FormattedContent supports a limited subset of [the XHTML 1.0 \("transitional"\) standard](#). The complete list of supported tags and attributes appears in the table below. Notable differences with the standard include:

- JavaScript is not allowed. The `<script>` tag is not supported, and anchors (`<a>`) and images (``) cannot use `javascript:` targets in URLs.
- CSS is not allowed. The `<style>` tag is not supported, and the `class` and `style` attributes are not supported. The `id` attribute is also not supported.
- XML comments (`<!-- ... -->`) are not supported.
- URL methods in anchor targets and image locations are limited to the following: `http://` `https://` `ftp://` `news://` `nntp://` `mailto://` `gopher://` `telnet://`

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Other things to note with regards to supported tags and attributes:

- In addition to the attributes listed, the `title` attribute is supported for all tags, and the `dir` and `lang` attributes are supported for all tags except `
`.
- The `alt` attribute is required for `<area>` and `` tags.
- `` tags also require a `src` attribute.
- `<map>` tags require a `name` attribute.

The following table lists the supported tags and attributes:

Tag	Attributes
a	accesskey charset coords href hreflang name rel rev shape tabindex target type
area	alt coords href nohref shape target
b	
big	
blockquote	cite
br	
center	
cite	
code	
col	align char charoff span valign width
colgroup	align char charoff span valign width
dd	
del	cite datetime
dl	
em	
font	color face size
h1	align
h2	align
h3	align
h4	align
h5	align
h6	align
hr	align noshade size width
i	

Tag	Attributes
img	align alt border height hspace ismap longdesc src usemap vspace width
ins	cite datetime
li	type value
map	name
ol	compact start type
p	align
pre	width
q	cite
small	
strong	
sub	
sup	
table	align bgcolor border cellpadding cellspacing frame rules summary width
tbody	align char charoff valign
td	abbr align axis bgcolor char charoff colspan headers height nowrap rowspan scope valign width
tfoot	align char charoff valign
th	abbr align axis bgcolor char charoff colspan headers height nowrap rowspan scope valign width
thead	align char charoff valign
tr	align bgcolor char charoff valign
u	
ul	compact type

How XHTML Formatted Content Is Validated

When you create a HIT or a Qualification test whose content uses *FormattedContent*, Amazon Mechanical Turk attempts to validate the formatted content blocks against a schema. If the formatted content does not validate against the schema, the operation call will fail and return an error.

To validate the formatted content, Amazon Mechanical Turk takes the contents of the *FormattedContent* element (the text and markup inside the CDATA), then constructs an XML document with an appropriate XML header, `<FormattedContent>` as the root element, and the text and markup as the element's contents (without the CDATA). This document is then validated against a schema.

For example, consider the following *FormattedContent* block:

```
...
<FormattedContent><![CDATA[
  I absolutely <i>love</i> chocolate ice cream!
]]></FormattedContent>
...
```

To validate this block, Amazon Mechanical Turk produces the following XML document:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<FormattedContent xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  I absolutely <i>love</i> chocolate ice cream!
</FormattedContent>
```

The schema used for validation is called `FormattedContentXHTMLSubset.xsd`. For information on how to download this schema, see [WSDL and Schema Locations \(p. 2\)](#).

You do not need to specify the namespace of the XHTML tags in your formatted content. This is assumed automatically during validation.

QuestionFormAnswers

Topics

- [Description](#) (p. 194)
- [The Structure of Answers](#) (p. 194)
- [Example](#) (p. 195)

Description

The *QuestionFormAnswers* data format describes answers submitted by a Worker for a HIT, or for a Qualification test.

A *QuestionFormAnswers* data structure is a string value that consists of XML data. The XML data must conform to the QuestionForm schema. See [WSDL and Schema Locations](#) (p. 2) for the location of this schema. For more information about using XML data as parameter or return value, see [Using XML Parameter Values](#) (p. 173).



Note

Answer data is *not* guaranteed by the Amazon Mechanical Turk Service to conform to the answer specifications described in a QuestionForm. MTS only guarantees that answer data returned by the service will conform to the *QuestionFormAnswers* schema. Your application should check that the answer data sufficiently answers the question.

The *QuestionFormAnswers* data structure is used as a response element for the following operations:

- `GetAssignmentsForHIT`
- `GetQualificationRequests`

The *QuestionFormAnswers* data structure is a value in an [Assignment data structure](#) (p. 129), and a value in a [QualificationRequest data structure](#) (p. 147).

All elements in a *QuestionFormAnswers* belong to a namespace whose name is identical to the URL of the *QuestionFormAnswers* schema document for the version of the API you are using.

The Structure of Answers

A *QuestionFormAnswers* element contains an *Answer* element for each question in the HIT or Qualification test for which the Worker provided an answer. Each *Answer* contains a *QuestionIdentifier* element whose value corresponds to the *QuestionIdentifier* of a *Question* in the QuestionForm. See [the QuestionForm data structure](#) (p. 174) for more information about questions and answer specifications.

If the question expects a free-text answer, the *Answer* element contains a *FreeText* element. This element contains the Worker's answer.

If the question expects a multiple-choice answer, the *Answer* element contains a *SelectionIdentifier* element for each option the Worker selected. If the Worker did not make any selections, the *Answer* will contain zero *SelectionIdentifier* elements. The identifier corresponds to the *SelectionIdentifier* for the selection provided in the answer specification for the question.

If the multiple-choice question includes an *OtherSelection* field, and the Worker enters data into this field, that data appears in the *Answer* in an *OtherSelectionText* element. If the Worker both selects an option from the list and provides text in this field, both values will be present in the answer.

If the question expects an uploaded file as an answer, the *Answer* element contains an *UploadedFileSizeInBytes* element, and an *UploadedFileKey* element. *UploadedFileSizeInBytes* indicates the size of the file the Worker uploaded. *UploadedFileKey* is a unique identifier for the file, unique with respect to other files that Workers may have uploaded. To retrieve an uploaded file, your application calls the *GetFileUploadURL* operation, which returns a temporary URL your application can use to download the file. See [the *GetFileUploadURL* operation \(p. 50\)](#) for more information on retrieving uploaded files.

Answer data will always conform to the answer specification provided in the HIT question, or in the Qualification test question.

Example

The following is an example of a complete *QuestionFormAnswers* data structure. Remember that this value will be returned as a single return value, XML escaped in the response.

```
<QuestionFormAnswers xmlns="[the QuestionFormAnswers schema URL]">
  <Answer>
    <QuestionIdentifier>nextmove</QuestionIdentifier>
    <FreeText>C3</FreeText>
  </Answer>
  <Answer>
    <QuestionIdentifier>likelytowin</QuestionIdentifier>
    <SelectionIdentifier>notlikely</SelectionIdentifier>
  </Answer>
</QuestionFormAnswers>
```

AnswerKey

Topics

- [Description \(p. 195\)](#)
- [The Structure of an Answer Key \(p. 196\)](#)
- [Example \(p. 197\)](#)

Description

The *AnswerKey* data structure specifies answers for a Qualification test, and a mechanism to use to calculate a score from the key and a Worker's answers.

An *AnswerKey* data structure is a string value that consists of XML data. The XML data must conform to the *AnswerKey* schema. See [WSDL and Schema Locations \(p. 2\)](#) for the location of this schema. For more information about using XML data as parameter or return value, see [Using XML Parameter Values \(p. 173\)](#).

The *AnswerKey* data structure is used as a parameter for the following operations:

- *CreateQualificationType*

The AnswerKey data structure is used as a return value for the following operations:

- GetQualificationType

The AnswerKey data structure is a value in a [Qualification type data structure \(p. 155\)](#).

All elements in a *AnswerKey* belong to a namespace whose name is identical to the URL of the *AnswerKey* schema document for the version of the API you are using.

The Structure of an Answer Key

An answer key is contained in a *AnswerKey* element. This element contains a *Question* element for each question in the Qualification test, and an optional *QualificationValueMapping* element that describes how to calculate the Qualification value from the answer key and the Worker's answers.

Question

A *Question* element contains a *QuestionIdentifier* element, which identifies the question for this answer. This value corresponds to a *QuestionIdentifier* in the QuestionForm.

A *Question* element has one or more *AnswerOption* elements, one for each combination of selections in the multiple-choice question that affects the Worker's test score.

Each *AnswerOption* contains one or more *SelectionIdentifier* elements that correspond to identifiers for the selections in the QuestionForm. It also contains an *AnswerScore* element, a number that is added to the Worker's test score if the Worker's answer matches this option. The Worker must select all of the selections specified by the *SelectionIdentifier* elements, and no others, to earn the score.



Tip

An *AnswerScore* for an *AnswerOption* may be negative.

The *Question* may have an optional *DefaultScore*, a number that is added to the Worker's test score if none of the answer options exactly match the Worker's answer for the question. *DefaultScore* is optional, and defaults to 0.

```
<AnswerOption>
  <SelectionIdentifier>apples</SelectionIdentifier>
  <AnswerScore>10</AnswerScore>
</AnswerOption>
```

QualificationValueMapping

The *Question* may have an optional *QualificationValueMapping* element that describes how to calculate the Worker's overall score from the scores of the Worker's answers. It contains either a *PercentageMapping* element, a *ScaleMapping* element, or a *RangeMapping* element.

If no *QualificationValueMapping* is specified, the sum of the scores of the answers is used as the Qualification value.

```
<QualificationValueMapping>
  ...
</QualificationValueMapping>
```


A *PercentageMapping* specifies a maximum score for the test, as a *MaximumSummedScore* element. The Qualification value is calculated as the sum of the scores of the selected answers, divided by the maximum, multiplied by 100 and rounded to the nearest integer to produce a percentage.

```
...
<PercentageMapping>
  <MaximumSummedScore>15</MaximumSummedScore>
</PercentageMapping>
```

A *ScaleMapping* specifies a multiplier, as a decimal value in a *SummedScoreMultiplier* element. The Qualification value is calculated as the sum of the scores of the selected answers, multiplied by the multiplier.

```
...
<ScaleMapping>
  <SummedScoreMultiplier>3</SummedScoreMultiplier>
</ScaleMapping>
```

A *RangeMapping* assigns specific Qualification values to ranges of total test scores. It contains one or more *SummedScoreRange* elements, each of which specify an *InclusiveLowerBound* element, an *InclusiveUpperBound* element, and a *QualificationValue* that becomes the Qualification value if the sum of the scores of the selected answers falls within the specified range. Finally, the *RangeMapping* includes a single *OutOfRangeQualificationValue*, which specifies the Qualification value if the sum of the scores of the selected answers do not fall within a specified range.



Note

Ranges cannot overlap. If ranges overlap, the behavior is undefined.

```
...
<RangeMapping>
  <SummedScoreRange>
    <InclusiveLowerBound>5</InclusiveLowerBound>
    <InclusiveUpperBound>7</InclusiveUpperBound>
    <QualificationValue>5</QualificationValue>
  </SummedScoreRange>
  <SummedScoreRange>
    <InclusiveLowerBound>8</InclusiveLowerBound>
    <InclusiveUpperBound>10</InclusiveUpperBound>
    <QualificationValue>10</QualificationValue>
  </SummedScoreRange>
  <OutOfRangeQualificationValue>0</OutOfRangeQualificationValue>
</RangeMapping>
```

Example

The following is an example of a complete *QuestionForm* data structure. Remember that to pass this structure in as a parameter to an operation, XML characters must be escaped as character entities.

```
<AnswerKey xmlns="[the AnswerKey schema URL]">
  <Question>
    <QuestionIdentifier>nextmove</QuestionIdentifier>
    <AnswerOption>
```

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```
    <SelectionIdentifier>D</SelectionIdentifier>
    <AnswerScore>5</AnswerScore>
  </AnswerOption>
</Question>
<Question>
  <QuestionIdentifier>favoritefruit</QuestionIdentifier>
  <AnswerOption>
    <SelectionIdentifier>apples</SelectionIdentifier>
    <AnswerScore>10</AnswerScore>
  </AnswerOption>
</Question>
<QualificationValueMapping>
  <PercentageMapping>
    <MaximumSummedScore>15</MaximumSummedScore>
  </PercentageMapping>
</QualificationValueMapping>
</AnswerKey>
```

ExternalQuestion

Topics

- [Description](#) (p. 199)
- [The ExternalQuestion Data Structure](#) (p. 199)
- [Example](#) (p. 200)
- [The External Form](#) (p. 200)
- [The Answer Data](#) (p. 202)
- [Guidelines For Using External Questions](#) (p. 202)

Description

Instead of providing a [QuestionForm data structure](#) (p. 174) that tells Amazon Mechanical Turk how to display your questions and collect answers, you can host the questions on your own web site using an "external" question.

A HIT with an external question displays a web page from your web site in a frame in the Worker's web browser. Your web page displays a form for the Worker to fill out and submit. The Worker submits results using your form, and your form submits the results back to Amazon Mechanical Turk. Using your web site to display the form gives your web site control over how the question appears and how answers are collected.

To use an external question with a HIT, you provide a *ExternalQuestion* data structure as the value of the *Question* parameter. As with the *QuestionForm* data structure, an *ExternalQuestion* is a string value that consists of XML data. This data must conform to the *ExternalQuestion* schema. See [WSDL and Schema Locations](#) (p. 2) for the location of this schema. For more information about using XML data as a parameter or return value, see [Using XML Parameter Values](#) (p. 173).



Note

You can only use an external question as the question of a HIT. You cannot use an external question with a Qualification test.

The *ExternalQuestion* data structure is used as a parameter value for the following operations:

- [CreateHIT](#)

The *ExternalQuestion* data structure is a value in a [HIT data structure](#) (p. 133).

All elements in a *ExternalQuestion* belong to a namespace whose name is identical to the URL of the *ExternalQuestion* schema document for the version of the API you are using.

The ExternalQuestion Data Structure

The *ExternalQuestion* data structure has a root element of **ExternalQuestion**.

The **ExternalQuestion** element contains the following elements:

Name	Description	Required
<i>ExternalURL</i>	The URL of your web form, to be displayed in a frame in the Worker's web browser. Type: URL Default: None Amazon Mechanical Turk appends two parameters to this URL: <code>hitId</code> and <code>assignmentId</code> . See below for more information.	Yes
<i>FrameHeight</i>	The height of the frame, in pixels Type: Integer Default: None	Yes

Example

The following is an example of a complete *ExternalQuestion* data structure. Remember that to pass this structure in as the value of a parameter to an operation, XML characters must be escaped as character entities. (See [Using XML Parameter Values \(p. 173\)](#) for more information.)

```
<ExternalQuestion xmlns="[the ExternalQuestion schema URL]">
  <ExternalURL>http://tictactoe.amazon.com/gamesurvey.cgi?gameid=01523</ExternalURL>
  <FrameHeight>400</FrameHeight>
</ExternalQuestion>
```

The External Form

When a Worker attempts to complete a HIT with an external question, the external web site is loaded into a frame in the middle of the screen. The web page at that URL should display a form for the Worker to fill out, and all the information the Worker will need to complete the HIT.

The Frame's URL and Parameters

The URL used for the frame is the *ExternalURL* of the question with two parameters appended: the `hitId` and the `assignmentId`. These parameters are appended CGI-style: The full URL has a question mark (?) before the first parameter, and an ampersand (&) between each parameter, with each parameter consisting of a name, an equal sign (=), and a value. Other parameters already present in this style in *ExternalURL* are preserved, so the final URL will only have one question mark, and all parameters will be separated by ampersands.

For example, consider an *ExternalURL* of:

```
http://tictactoe.amazon.com/gamesurvey.cgi?gameid=01523
```

With this *ExternalURL*, the full URL used for the page in the frame could be as follows:

```
http://tictactoe.amazon.com/gamesurvey.cgi?gameid=01523
&hitId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
&assignmentId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE456RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```

Preview Mode

Your external question will be displayed when a Worker previews the HIT on the Amazon Amazon Mechanical Turk web site, before the Worker has clicked the "Accept HIT" button. When the HIT is being previewed, the URL will have a special value for the `assignmentId: ASSIGNMENT_ID_NOT_AVAILABLE`

When a Worker previews a HIT, your web page should show her everything she will need to do to complete the HIT, so she can decide whether or not to accept it. The easiest way to do this is to simply display the form as it would appear when the HIT is accepted. However, you may want to take precautions to prevent a Worker from accidentally filling out or submitting your form prior to accepting the HIT.

You can use JavaScript or server-side logic to check the `assignmentId` parameter, and change the display the form if the HIT is being previewed (`assignmentId=ASSIGNMENT_ID_NOT_AVAILABLE`).

If a Worker submits your form before accepting the HIT, and your form attempts to post the data back to Amazon Mechanical Turk, Amazon Mechanical Turk will display an error message to the Worker, and the results will not be accepted.

The Form Action

The form on the external web site must post the result data back to Amazon Mechanical Turk using the following URL:

```
http://www.mturk.com/mturk/externalSubmit
```

The form must include the `assignmentId` field that was appended to the URL used to access your form. It should be submitted along with the other form fields submitted by your form, with a name of `assignmentId` and the same value as was passed to the form. Be sure to spell the field name as it appears here, with the same letters uppercase and lowercase.



Note

The field names `assignmentId` and `hitId` are reserved for special purposes. Your form only needs to submit the `assignmentId` field. Any data submitted with a field name of "hitId" will be ignored, and will not appear in the results data for the HIT.

The form can submit data to that URL using either the "GET" or "POST" methods. The data the form submits should be name-value pairs in the CGI-style:

- Each field appears as the name, an equal sign, and the value. For example: `favoriteColor=blue`
- Data that appears in the posted URL (using the "GET" method or the form's action URL) is preceded by a question mark (?), and is delimited by ampersands (&). For example:

```
http://www.mturk.com/mturk/externalSubmit?favoriteColor=blue&favoriteNumber=7&...
```

- Data that appears in the HTTP message body (using the "POST" method) has one data pair per line. For example:

```
favoriteColor=blue
favoriteNumber=7
...
```

The easiest way to post the data in the CGI-style is to use an HTML form on the web page, with the `externalSubmit` URL as the "action," and either "GET" or "POST" as the "method."

The Answer Data

When the Worker submits your form, the form sends the field data to Amazon Mechanical Turk using the `externalSubmit` URL, and Amazon Mechanical Turk records the field data as the results of the HIT.

When you retrieve the results using [the `GetAssignmentsForHIT` operation \(p. 44\)](#), the field data submitted by your form will appear in the *Answer* of the [Assignment \(p. 129\)](#) as if each field were a free-text answer. The *QuestionIdentifier* element of the answer will be the name of the field, and the *FreeText* element will contain the value.

See the [QuestionFormAnswers data format \(p. 194\)](#) for more information about the format of answer data.

Guidelines For Using External Questions

External questions give your application a great deal of power over how Workers submit results for your HITs. To ensure you get good results for your HITs, you should make sure your web server and web pages can provide your Workers with a quality experience.

Because external questions depend on your web server for rendering the question form, both while Workers are previewing HITs and while Workers are completing HITs, your server will need to be engineered for high availability. The Amazon Mechanical Turk web site gets heavy traffic, so your web server will need to be able to respond quickly and correctly when receiving many requests in a short period of time.



Tip

[Amazon S3](#) offers high availability hosting of data, accessible via public URLs. You can host your external questions as web pages in Amazon S3, and not have to run your own high availability web server.

Your web site can do many things inside the frame, but eventually it must cause the Worker's browser to load the "externalSubmit" URL in the frame with the results in POST data. The easiest way to do this is with an HTML form whose fields contain the HIT results, with a submit button that the Worker will click. If an external HIT prevents the Worker from submitting results back to Amazon Mechanical Turk using the "externalSubmit" mechanism, the Worker may not be able to claim rewards or continue doing work without restarting their session. Amazon Mechanical Turk reserves the right to remove any external HITs that are not functioning properly.



Tip

Remember that a [QuestionForm \(p. 194\)](#) can contain Java applets, Flash applications, and blocks of XHTML formatted content. If the capabilities of a QuestionForm meet the needs of your HIT, using a QuestionForm instead of an ExternalQuestion is the best way to ensure that your HIT will work correctly.

Finally, please remember that external questions must meet the Amazon Mechanical Turk Participation Agreement, and otherwise meet Amazon Mechanical Turk's standards for appropriate content. Specifically, the Participation Agreement expressly prohibits the use of Amazon Mechanical Turk for advertising or solicitation. If your web site typically displays advertising to visitors, please make sure those advertisements do not appear in your external questions. Amazon Mechanical Turk reserves the right to remove HITs with inappropriate content.

The Notification Receptor API

Topics

- [Building A Notification Receptor \(p. 203\)](#)
- [Elements of a Notification Message \(p. 204\)](#)
- [The REST Transport \(p. 206\)](#)
- [The SOAP Transport \(p. 207\)](#)

This section describes the way Amazon Mechanical Turk sends notification messages to your application, if you set up notifications for your HIT types using the REST or SOAP transports.

Building A Notification Receptor

You can tell Amazon Mechanical Turk to notify you whenever certain events occur that regard your HITs. Amazon Mechanical Turk can notify you when a Worker accepts, abandons, returns, or submits an assignment, when a HIT becomes "reviewable", or when a HIT expires, for any HIT of a given HIT type. To set up notifications for a HIT type, you call the `SetHITTypeNotification` operation with a HIT type ID and a [notification specification \(p. 158\)](#).

Amazon Mechanical Turk can send a notification using one of several "transports". The simplest transport is a human-readable e-mail message sent to an e-mail address that you specify in the notification specification.

The other notification transports let Amazon Mechanical Turk contact your Requester application directly: The REST transport sends an HTTP request to a URL you specify containing the notification data as key-value pairs. The SOAP transport sends a SOAP web services request, an HTTP request with XML data in SOAP-standard envelope, to an "end-point" (URL) that you specify.

To use the REST or SOAP transports, you will need to build an application that can accept HTTP connections, and collect and process notification messages. This notification receptor application will need to be operational any time a notification message might be sent in order to receive the message.



Note

Notification messages are only sent once. Notifications are not sent again, even if the HTTP request returns with an error code or fails for any reason. Your application will need to tolerate missing some notification messages.



Note

Only ports 80 and 443 are supported for receiving notification messages.

This section describes the notification receptor API that your receptor will need to implement to receive and understand notification messages. For code samples that illustrate how to build a notification receptor, see [the Amazon Web Services Resource Center](#).

For more information about notifications, see [Notifications](#). For more information about creating, modifying or disabling notification specifications on HIT types, see the `SetHITTypeNotification` operation.

See also the `SendTestEventNotification` operation, and [Notification \(p. 158\)](#).

What a Notification Receptor Should Expect

Your notification receptor will receive a notification message when a HIT event occurs that matches an active notification specification for the HIT type of the HIT, and the specification includes the receptor as the message destination.

A notification message may describe one or more events. If multiple events happen in a short period of time, they may be batched into a single message. Your receptor should expect messages to describe multiple events.

Your receptor should also expect to receive a "Ping" event at any time. "Ping" events are used for diagnostic purposes, and do not correspond to any HIT activity. Amazon Mechanical Turk will send a "Ping" notification when you call the `SendTestEventNotification` operation, and may also send "Ping" events to check the availability of your receptor at other times.

Elements of a Notification Message

Notification messages sent with either the REST or SOAP transports contain the following elements:

- a *Signature* and *Timestamp* that verify the notification message is coming from Amazon Mechanical Turk
- the *Version* of the notification API used for the message
- one or more *Event* data structures that describe recent activity for HITs of a HIT type

How You Know Amazon Mechanical Turk Sent the Message

Similar to how you include a *Signature* parameter with your requests to the Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester service that proves it is you, and not somebody else, sending the request, Amazon Mechanical Turk includes a *Signature* with each notification message. The signature value is calculated in the same way: Amazon Mechanical Turk produces a string by concatenating several values from the notification message, then calculates a Keyed-Hashing for Message Authentication code (HMAC) with the SHA-1 hashing method using a key known only to your application and Amazon Mechanical Turk: your AWS Secret Access Key.

To verify the signature in a notification message:

1. Produce a string by concatenating the following values:
 - the string "AWSMechanicalTurkRequesterNotification" (the "service" name)

- the string "Notify" (the "operation" name)
 - the value of the *Timestamp* parameter included in the notification message
2. Calculate an RFC 2104-compliant HMAC, using your AWS Secret Access Key as the key. This is the same method you use to sign your requests to Amazon Mechanical Turk, and could be performed using similar code.
 3. Base64 encode the HMAC value. (This is also similar to request signing.)
 4. Compare the result to the *Signature* value included in the notification message. A matching value indicates the notification message is genuine.

For more information about the method used to produce signature values, see [MakingRequests_RequestAuthenticationArticle](#).

The Notification API Version

Similar to how a REST request sent to the Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester service must include a *Version* parameter to indicate which version of the service API the client is expecting to use, a notification message also contains a *Version* parameter. This version string will be identical to the version included in the notification specification for the HIT type.

For notifications sent over the SOAP transport, the version will be in the message header as part of the WSDL URL. See [The SOAP Transport \(p. 207\)](#) for more information.



Tip

Your application may need to accommodate receiving notification messages of different versions at the same time if you want to upgrade your notification specifications to a new version without missing messages. You can avoid having to accommodate multiple API versions by first disabling the notification specifications that use the old version, upgrading your application to use the new version, then updating the notification specifications to use the new version and re-enable notifications.

When a new version of the notification API is made available, all existing notification specifications will continue to use the API versions they were using previously. You must update your notification specifications to use a new version of the API.

Events

A notification message describes one or more events that happened in regards to a HIT type. Each event includes:

- the event type (*EventType*), a value corresponding to the *EventType* value in the [notification specification data structure \(p. 158\)](#)
- the time of the event (*EventTime*), as a [dateTime](#) in the Coordinated Universal Time time zone, such as `2005-01-31T23:59:59Z`
- the HIT type ID for the event (*HITTypeId*)
- the HIT ID for the event (*HITId*)
- the assignment ID for the event, if applicable (*AssignmentId*)

Multiple events may be batched into a single notification message.

Amazon Mechanical Turk may send a "Ping" event to your notification receptor at any time. "Ping" events are for diagnostic purposes, and do not correspond to HIT activity.

The REST Transport

The REST notification transport makes an HTTP connection to your notification receptor, and sends the notification message using the HTTP GET method, as a set of key-value pairs.

The *Destination* that you specify in your [Notification \(p. 158\)](#) is the URL Amazon Mechanical Turk will use for the HTTP request.

The HTTP request will include key-value pairs for the values described in [Elements of a Notification Message \(p. 204\)](#), such as *Signature*, *Timestamp*, and *Version*.

Each event is represented in the REST request by a set of keys for the event properties. Each property name is prefixed with *Event*, a period, a number, and another period, where the number is a counter incremented for each event in the notification message. For example, the key *Event.1.EventTime* will have the *EventTime* value for the first event described by the message.



Note

Only ports 80 and 443 are supported for receiving REST notification messages.

Sample Message

The following is an example notification message using the REST transport, as an HTTP GET message (including headers). In this example, the destination is `http://example.com:80/mt/notifications.cgi`. The "GET" path containing all of the notification parameters (from "GET" to "HTTP/1.1") would normally appear all on one line; the line below has been split to make it easy to read.

```
GET /mt/notifications.cgi?method=Notify
&Signature=DEPRECATED
&Timestamp=2006-05-23T23:22:30Z
&Version=2006-05-05
&Event.1.EventType=AssignmentAccepted
&Event.1.EventTime=2006-04-21T18:55:23Z
&Event.1.HITTypeId=KDSFO4455LKDAF3
&Event.1.HITId=KDSFO4455LKDAF3
&Event.1.AssignmentId=KDSFO4455LKDAF3KDSFO4455LKDAF3
&Event.2.EventType=AssignmentReturned
&Event.2.EventTime=2006-04-21T18:55:23Z
&Event.2.HITTypeId=KDSFO4455LKDAF3
&Event.2.HITId=KDSFO4455LKDAF3KDSFO4455LKDAF3
&Event.2.AssignmentId=KDSFO4455LKDAF3KDSFO4455LKDAF3 HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: text/xml
Accept: application/soap+xml, application/dime, multipart/related, text/*
SOAPAction: http://soap.amazon.com
User-Agent: Jakarta Commons-HttpClient/2.0final
Host: example.com:80
```

This is similar to a request that would be caused by putting a URL in a web browser that began with `http://example.com:80/mt/notifications.cgi?method=Notify&...` and included all of the notification message parameters above.

The SOAP Transport

The SOAP notification transport makes an HTTP connection to your notification receptor, and sends the notification message according to the SOAP web services standard.

The *Destination* that you specify in your [Notification](#) (p. 158) is the "end point" (URL) Amazon Mechanical Turk will use for the SOAP request. In other words, this is the URL of your web service.

The SOAP API Amazon Mechanical Turk expects to use for notification messages is described by the notification WSDL, which is located at:

<http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurk/2006-05-05/AWSMechanicalTurkRequesterNotification.wsdl>

Amazon Mechanical Turk calls the *Notify* operation of this WSDL, using the end point you specified in the notification specification.



Note

Only ports 80 and 443 are supported for receiving SOAP notification messages.

Parameters to the *Notify* operation call correspond to the parameters described in [Elements of a Notification Message](#) (p. 204), such as *Signature*, *Timestamp*, and *Version*. Each event is represented in the SOAP request by a *Event* element, with sub-elements for each property of an event (such as *EventTime*).

Sample Message

The following is an example notification message using the SOAP transport, including the SOAP wrapper.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<soapenv:Envelope
  xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <soapenv:Body>
    <Notify xmlns="http://requester.mturk.amazonaws.com/doc/2006-05-05">
      <Signature>[DEPRECATED]</Signature>
      <Timestamp xsi:type="xsd:dateTime">2006-05-23T23:22:30Z</Timestamp>

      <Version>2006-05-05</Version>
      <Event>
        <EventType>AssignmentAccepted</EventType>
        <EventTime>2006-04-21T18:55:23Z</EventTime>
        <HITTypeId>KDSFO4455LKDAF3</HITTypeId>
        <HITId>KDSFO4455LKDAF3</HITId>
        <AssignmentId>KDSFO4455LKDAF3KDSFO4455LKDAF3</AssignmentId>
      </Event>
      <Event>
        <EventType>AssignmentReturned</EventType>
        <EventTime>2006-04-21T18:55:23Z</EventTime>
        <HITTypeId>KDSFO4455LKDAF3</HITTypeId>
        <HITId>KDSFO4455LKDAF3KDSFO4455LKDAF3</HITId>
        <AssignmentId>KDSFO4455LKDAF3KDSFO4455LKDAF3</AssignmentId>
      </Event>
    </Notify>
  </soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

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```
</soapenv:Body>  
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

Document History

This Document History describes the important changes to the documentation in this release of Amazon Mechanical Turk.

Relevant dates to this History

- **Current product version**-2011-10-01
- **Latest product release**-December 2011
- **Latest documentation update**-01 December 2011

Change	Description	Release Date
New Mechanical Turk Review Policies	Amazon Mechanical Turk has added Review Policies that you can use to evaluate Worker submissions against a defined set of criteria. For more information, see Review Policies (p. 160) .	In this Release
Mechanical Turk Masters Qualifications	Amazon Mechanical Turk has added two new Mechanical Turk Masters Qualification types: Categorization Masters and Photo Moderation Masters. The new Mechanical Turk Masters role is established for an elite group of Workers who have demonstrated accuracy on specific types of HITs on the Mechanical Turk marketplace. For more information, see QualificationRequirement (p. 149) .	2011-06-22
Technical documents reorganized	The API reference and the command line tool reference have been split out of the Amazon Mechanical Turk Developer Guide. Now, on the documentation landing page, Amazon Mechanical Turk Documentation you can select the document you want to view. When viewing the documents online, the links in one document will take you, when appropriate, to one of the other guides.	2009-09-16