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Description

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

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

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{
    "QualificationRequestId": String,
    "IntegerValue": Integer
}
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<td>Type: String.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IntegerValue</td>
<td>The value of the Qualification. You can omit this value if you are using the presence or absence of the Qualification as the basis for a HIT requirement.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: 1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the `AcceptQualificationRequest` operation returns with no errors and an empty body.

Example

The following example shows how to use the `AcceptQualificationRequest` operation:

Sample Request

The following example grants a Qualification to a user.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
```
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
  QualificationRequestId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
  IntegerValue:95
}

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
ApproveAssignment

Description

The ApproveAssignment operation approves the results of a completed assignment created with the API.

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.

You can also call this operation on assignments that were previous rejected and approve them by overriding the previous rejection. This works only on rejected assignments that were submitted within the previous 30 days and only if the assignment's related HIT has not been deleted.

Note
To maintain the consistency of the assignments for HITs in a batch, if a HIT is created through the Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester website, you must use the Requester website UI to approve or reject the work.

If you want to be able to approve or reject work through the API, you can use a HITLayout (p. 86) when calling CreateHIT (p. 12) to utilize an existing template from the Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester website.

Request Syntax

```json
{
  "AssignmentId": String,
  "RequesterFeedback": String,
  "OverrideRejection": Boolean
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentId</td>
<td>The ID of the assignment. This parameter must correspond to a HIT created by the Requester.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RequesterFeedback</td>
<td>A message for the Worker, which the Worker can see in the Status section of the web site.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OverrideRejection</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OverrideRejection</td>
<td>A flag indicating whether you want to approve an assignment that was previously rejected. Type: Boolean Constraints: This works only on rejected assignments that were submitted within the previous 30 days and only if the assignment's related HIT has not been deleted.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the ApproveAssignment operation returns with no errors and an empty body.

Example

The following example shows how to use the ApproveAssignment operation:

Sample Request

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

```plaintext
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
  AssignmentId: "123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE456RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE"
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```plaintext
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
```
AssociateQualificationWithWorker

Description

The `AssociateQualificationWithWorker` operation gives a Worker a Qualification. `AssociateQualificationWithWorker` does not require that the Worker submit a Qualification request. It immediately gives the Worker the Qualification.

You can only assign a Qualification of a Qualification type that you created (using the `CreateQualificationType` operation).

**Tip**

`AssociateQualificationWithWorker` does not affect any pending Qualification requests for the Qualification by the Worker. If you associate a Qualification to a Worker, then later accept a Qualification request made by the Worker, accepting 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` operation.

Request Syntax

```json
{
    "QualificationTypeId": String,
    "WorkerId": String,
    "IntegerValue": Integer,
    "SendNotification": Boolean
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the Qualification type to use for the assigned Qualification. Type: String Constraints: must be a valid Qualification type ID, as returned by the <code>CreateQualificationType</code> operation.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WorkerId</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IntegerValue</td>
<td>The value of the Qualification to assign. Type: Integer</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Response Elements

A successful request for the `AssociateQualificationWithWorker` operation returns with no errors and an empty body.

Example

The following example shows how to use the `AssociateQualificationWithWorker` operation:

Sample Request

The following example grants a Qualification to a Worker.

```plaintext
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
  WorkerId:"AZ3456EXAMPLE",
  QualificationTypeId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
  IntegerValue:1,
  SendNotification:false
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```plaintext
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
```
CreateAdditionalAssignmentsForHIT

Description

The CreateAdditionalAssignmentsForHIT operation increases the maximum number of assignments of an existing HIT.

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

Note

- HITs created with fewer than 10 assignments cannot be extended to have 10 or more assignments. Attempting to add assignments in a way that brings the total number of assignments for a HIT from fewer than 10 assignments to 10 or more assignments will result in an AWS.MechanicalTurk.InvalidMaximumAssignmentsIncrease exception.
- HITs that were created before July 22, 2015 cannot be extended. Attempting to extend HITs that were created before July 22, 2015 will result in an AWS.MechanicalTurk.HITTooOldForExtension exception.

Request Syntax

```
{
  "HITId": String,
  "NumberOfAdditionalAssignments": Integer,
  "UniqueRequestToken": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITId</td>
<td>The ID of the HIT to for which to request more assignments. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NumberOfAdditionalAssignments</td>
<td>The number of additional assignments to request for this HIT. Type: Integer</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UniqueRequestToken</td>
<td>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 UniqueRequestToken, subsequent calls will return an error with a message containing the request ID. Type: String</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Response Elements

A successful request for the `CreateAdditionalAssignmentsForHIT` operation returns with no errors and an empty body.

Example

The following example shows how to use the `CreateAdditionalAssignmentsForHIT` operation:

**Sample Request**

The following example adds 2 more assignments to a HIT.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
    HITId:"123RVAZW00EXAMPLE2SL3LSK",
    HITNumberOfAdditionalAssignments:2
}
```

**Sample Response**

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
```
CreateHIT

Description

The CreateHIT operation creates a new HIT (p. 128) (Human Intelligence Task). The new HIT is made available for Workers to find and accept on the Amazon Mechanical Turk website.

This operation allows you to specify a new HIT by passing in values for the properties of the HIT, such as its title, reward amount and number of assignments. When you pass these values to CreateHIT, a new HIT is created for you, with a new HITTypeId.

CreateHIT also supports several ways to provide question data: by providing a value for the Question (p. 81) parameter that fully specifies the contents of the HIT, or by providing a HitLayoutId (p. 86) and associated HitLayoutParameters.

For a step-by-step tutorial, please read our blog post which walks you through the HIT creation process.

Note

- If a HIT is created with 10 or more maximum assignments, there is an additional fee. For more information, see Amazon Mechanical Turk Pricing.
- During the first few seconds after calling CreateHIT, the HIT cannot be modified except to expire it using UpdateExpirationForHIT. Until the HIT becomes modifiable, the following operations may return a RequestError:
  
  UpdateHITTypeOfHIT, CreateAdditionalAssignmentsForHIT, and UpdateExpirationForHIT with a DateTime in the future.

Request Syntax

```json
{
    "Title": String,
    "Description": String,
    "Question": String,
    "HITLayoutId": String,
    "HITLayoutParameters": HITLayoutParameterList (p. 133),
    "Reward": String,
    "AssignmentDurationInSeconds": Integer,
    "LifetimeInSeconds": Integer,
    "Keywords": String,
    "MaxAssignments": Integer,
    "AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds": Integer,
    "QualificationRequirements": QualificationRequirementList (p. 138),
    "AssignmentReviewPolicy": ReviewPolicy (p. 150),
    "HITReviewPolicy": ReviewPolicy (p. 150),
}
```
### Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Title</td>
<td>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. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>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. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Question</td>
<td>The data the person completing the HIT uses to produce the results. You can learn more about the various ways of specifying this field [here](p. 81) Type: String</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITLayoutId</td>
<td>The HITLayoutId allows you to use a pre-existing HIT design with placeholder values and create an additional HIT by providing those values as HITLayoutParameters. For more information, see [here](p. 86). Type: String Constraints: Either a Question parameter or a HITLayoutId parameter must be provided.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITLayoutParameters</td>
<td>If the HITLayoutId is provided, any placeholder values must be filled in with values using the HITLayoutParameter structure. For more information, see HITLayout. Type: HITLayoutParameterList (p. 133)</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------------------------</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reward</td>
<td>The US Dollar amount the Requester will pay a Worker for successfully completing the HIT. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentDurationInSeconds</td>
<td>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. Type: Integer</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LifetimeInSeconds</td>
<td>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. Type: Integer</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keywords</td>
<td>One or more words or phrases that describe the HIT, separated by commas. These words are used in searches to find HITs. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxAssignments</td>
<td>The number of times the HIT can be accepted and completed before the HIT becomes unavailable. Type: Integer</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds</td>
<td>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. Type: Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QualificationRequirements</td>
<td>A condition that a Worker's Qualifications must meet before the Worker is allowed to accept and complete the HIT. Type: QualificationRequirementList (p. 146)</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
<td>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. Type: ReviewPolicy (p. 150)</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Response Elements**

A successful request for the CreateHIT operation returns HIT (p. 128) object containing the newly created HIT data.

**Example**

The following example shows how to use the CreateHIT operation:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITReviewPolicy</td>
<td>The HIT-level Review Policy applies to the HIT. You can specify for Mechanical Turk to take various actions based on the policy. Type: ReviewPolicy (p. 150)</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RequesterAnnotation</td>
<td>An arbitrary data field. The RequesterAnnotation 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. The RequesterAnnotation 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. The RequesterAnnotation parameter may be different for each HIT you submit. It does not affect how your HITs are grouped. Type: String Constraints: must not be longer than 255 characters in length.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UniqueRequestToken</td>
<td>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 UniqueRequestToken, subsequent calls will return a AWS.MechanicalTurk.HitAlreadyExists error with a message containing the HITId. Type: String Constraints: must not be longer than 64 characters in length. It is your responsibility to ensure uniqueness of the token. The unique token expires after 24 hours. Subsequent calls using the same UniqueRequestToken made after the 24 hour limit could create duplicate HITs.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Sample Request

The following example creates a simple HIT. The Question parameter takes a block of XML data as its value.

```plaintext
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
  Title: "Compare two photographs",
  Description: "Compare two pictures and pick one",
  Reward: 0.5,
  Question: [XML question data] (p. 81),
  AssignmentDurationInSeconds: 0,
  LifetimeInSeconds: 604800,
  Keywords: "location, photograph, image, identification, opinion"
}
```

Tip

Find code samples for MTurk Requester API at AWS Labs on Github

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```plaintext
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{
  HITId: "789RVYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
  HITTypeId: "789RVYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVYBAZW00EXAMPLE"
}
```
CreateHITType

Description

The CreateHITType operation creates a new HIT type.

CreateHITType 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 CreateHITWithHITType (p. 20) 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 Syntax

```json
{
  "Title": String,
  "Description": String,
  "Reward": String,
  "AssignmentDurationInSeconds": Integer,
  "Keywords": String,
  "AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds": Integer,
  "QualificationRequirements": QualificationRequirementList (p. 138)
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Title</td>
<td>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. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>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. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reward</td>
<td>The US Dollar amount the Requester will pay a Worker for successfully completing the HIT.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Response Elements

A successful request for the `CreateHITWithHITType` operation returns a `HITTypeId`. A `HITTypeId` can be up to 255 bytes long.

### Example

The following example shows how to use the `CreateHITType` operation:

### Sample Request

The following example creates a new HIT type.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1  
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com  
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>  
X-Amz-Date: <Date>  
{
  "Title": "Compare two photographs",
  "Description": "Compare two pictures and pick one",
  "Reward": 0.5,
  "AssignmentDurationInSeconds": 0,
  "Keywords": "location, photograph, image, identification, opinion"
}
```
Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```plaintext
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{
    HITTypeId:"789RVYBAZ00EXAMPLE951RVYBAZ00EXAMPLE"
}
```
CreateHITWithHITType

Description

The CreateHITWithHITType operation creates a new Human Intelligence Task (HIT) using an existing HITTypeID generated by the CreateHITType operation.

This is an alternative way to create HITs from the CreateHIT operation. This is the recommended best practice for Requesters who are creating large numbers of HITs.

CreateHIT also supports several ways to provide question data: by providing a value for the Question (p. 81) parameter that fully specifies the contents of the HIT, or by providing a HitLayoutId (p. 86) and associated HitLayoutParameters.

Note

If a HIT is created with 10 or more maximum assignments, there is an additional fee. For more information, see Amazon Mechanical Turk Pricing.

Request Syntax

```json
{
    "HITTypeId": String,
    "Question": String,
    "HITLayoutId": String,
    "HITLayoutParameters": HITLayoutParameterList (p. 133),
    "LifetimeInSeconds": Integer,
    "MaxAssignments": Integer,
    "AssignmentReviewPolicy": ReviewPolicy (p. 150),
    "HITReviewPolicy": ReviewPolicy (p. 150),
    "RequesterAnnotation": String,
    "UniqueRequestToken": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITTypeId</td>
<td>The HIT type ID.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Question</td>
<td>The data the person completing the HIT uses to produce the results. You can learn more about the various ways of specifying this field here (p. 81).</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LifetimeInSeconds</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxAssignments</td>
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<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
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<tr>
<td>UniqueRequestToken</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------------</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Constraints: The XML question data must not be larger than 64 kilobytes (65,535 bytes) in size, including whitespace. Either a Question parameter or a HITLayoutId parameter must be provided.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITLayoutId</td>
<td>The HITLayoutId allows you to use a pre-existing HIT design with placeholder values and create an additional HIT by providing those values as HITLayoutParameters. For more information, see here (p. 86).</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: Either a Question parameter or a HITLayoutId parameter must be provided.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITLayoutParameters</td>
<td>If the HITLayoutId is provided, any placeholder values must be filled in with values using the HITLayoutParameter structure. For more information, see HITLayout.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: HITLayoutParameterList (p. 133)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LifetimeInSeconds</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxAssignments</td>
<td>The number of times the HIT can be accepted and completed before the HIT becomes unavailable.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: ReviewPolicy (p. 150)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITReviewPolicy</td>
<td>The HIT-level Review Policy applies to the HIT. You can specify for Mechanical Turk to take various actions based on the policy.</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Type: ReviewPolicy (p. 150)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-------------------</td>
<td>---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RequesterAnnotation</td>
<td>An arbitrary data field. The RequesterAnnotation 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. The RequesterAnnotation 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. The RequesterAnnotation parameter may be different for each HIT you submit. It does not affect how your HITs are grouped.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UniqueRequestToken</td>
<td>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 UniqueRequestToken, subsequent calls will return a AWS.MechanicalTurk.HitAlreadyExists error with a message containing the HITId.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Response Elements

A successful request for the CreateHIT operation returns HIT (p. 128) object containing the newly created HIT data.

### Example

The following example shows how to use the CreateHITWithHITType operation:

### Sample Request

The following example creates a simple HIT. The Question parameter takes a block of XML data as its value.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
  HITTypeId: "T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE",
  Question: [XML question data],
```
Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```plaintext
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{
    HITId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
    HITTypeId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE"
}
```
CreateQualificationType

Description

The CreateQualificationType operation creates a new Qualification type, which is represented by a QualificationType (p. 146) data structure.

Request Syntax

```
{
  "Name": String,
  "Description": String,
  "Keywords": String,
  "RetryDelayInSeconds": Non-negative integer,
  "QualificationTypeStatus": String,
  "Test": String,
  "AnswerKey": String,
  "TestDurationInSeconds": Integer,
  "AutoGranted": Boolean,
  "AutoGrantedValue": Integer
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>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. It must be unique across all of your Qualification types. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>A long description for the Qualification type. On the Amazon Mechanical Turk website, the long description is displayed when a Worker examines a Qualification type. Type: String Constraints: Must be less than or equal to 2000 characters</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keywords</td>
<td>One or more words or phrases that describe the Qualification type, separated by commas. The</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----------------------------</td>
<td>------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>keywords of a type</td>
<td>keywords of a type make the type easier to find during a search.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: Must be less than or equal to 1000 characters, including commas and spaces.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RetryDelayInSeconds</td>
<td>The number of seconds that a Worker must wait after requesting a Qualification of the Qualification type before the worker can retry the Qualification request.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Non-negative integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None. If not specified, retries are disabled and Workers can request a Qualification of this type only once, even if the Worker has not been granted the Qualification. It is not possible to disable retries for a Qualification type after it has been created with retries enabled. If you want to disable retries, you must delete existing retry-enabled Qualification type and then create a new Qualification type with retries disabled.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeStatus</td>
<td>The initial status of the Qualification type.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: Valid values are: Active</td>
<td>Inactive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test</td>
<td>The questions for the Qualification test a Worker must answer correctly to obtain a Qualification of this type. If this parameter is specified, TestDurationInSeconds must also be specified.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: Must not be longer than 65535 bytes. Must be a QuestionForm data structure. This parameter cannot be specified if AutoGranted is true.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None. If not specified, the Worker may request the Qualification without answering any questions.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AnswerKey</td>
<td>The answers to the Qualification test specified in the Test parameter, in the form of an AnswerKey data structure.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: Must not be longer than 65535 bytes.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None. If not specified, you must process Qualification requests manually.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Response Elements

A successful request for the CreateQualificationType operation returns a QualificationType (p. 146) data structure.

Example

The following example shows how to use the CreateQualificationType operation:

Sample Request

The following example creates a Qualification type.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
    Name:"EnglishWritingAbility",
    Description:"The ability to write and edit in text in English",
    QualificationTypeStatus:"Active"
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{
    QualificationTypeId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
    Name:"EnglishWritingAbility",
    Description:"The ability to write and edit in text in English",
    QualificationTypeStatus:"Active"
}
CreateWorkerBlock

Description

The CreateWorkerBlock 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.

Request Syntax

```json
{
   "WorkerId": String,
   "Reason": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WorkerId</td>
<td>The ID of the Worker to block</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reason</td>
<td>A message that explains the reason for blocking the Worker.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The Worker does not see this message.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the CreateWorkerBlock operation returns with no errors and an empty body.
DeleteHIT

Description

The DeleteHIT operation disposes of a HIT that is no longer needed. Only the Requester who created the HIT can delete it.

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 DeleteHIT 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.

Note

• HITs are automatically disposed of after 120 days.
• After you dispose of a HIT, you can no longer approve the HIT’s rejected assignments.
• Disposed of HITs are not returned in results for the SearchHITs operation.
• Disposing of HITs can improve the performance of operations such as ListReviewableHITs and ListHITs.

Request Syntax

```
{"HITId": String}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITId</td>
<td>The ID of the HIT. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the DeleteHIT operation returns with no errors and an empty body.

Example

The following example shows how to use the DeleteHIT operation:

Sample Request

The following example deletes a HIT with the specified HIT ID.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
```

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Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
    HITId: "789RVYWBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVYWBAZW00EXAMPLE"
}

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
DeleteQualificationType

Description

The DeleteQualificationType disposes a Qualification type and disposes any HIT types that are associated with the Qualification type.

This operation does not revoke Qualifications already assigned to Workers because the Qualifications might be needed for active HITs. If there are any pending requests for the Qualification type, Amazon Mechanical Turk rejects those requests. After you delete a Qualification type, you can no longer use it to create HITs or HIT types.

Note
DeleteQualificationType must wait for all the HITs that use the deleted Qualification type to be deleted before completing. It may take up to 48 hours before DeleteQualificationType completes and the unique name of the Qualification type is available for reuse with CreateQualificationType.

Request Syntax

```json
{
   "QualificationTypeId": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the QualificationType to dispose.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the DeleteQualificationType operation returns with no errors and an empty body.

Example

The following example shows how to use the DeleteQualificationType operation:

Sample Request

The following example deletes a Qualification type and any HIT types that are associated with the Qualification type.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
```
Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
```
DeleteWorkerBlock

Description

The DeleteWorkerBlock operation allows you to reinstate a blocked Worker to work on your HITs. This operation reverses the effects of the CreateWorkerBlock 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 Syntax

```
{
    "WorkerId": String,
    "Reason": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WorkerId</td>
<td>The ID of the Worker to unblock</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reason</td>
<td>A message that explains the reason for unblocking the Worker. The Worker does not see this message.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the DeleteWorkerBlock operation returns with no errors and an empty body.
DisassociateQualificationFromWorker

Description

The DisassociateQualificationFromWorker 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 Syntax

```
{
    "QualificationTypeId": String,
    "WorkerId": String,
    "IntegerValue": Integer,
    "Reason": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the Qualification type of the Qualification to be revoked.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WorkerId</td>
<td>The ID of the Worker who possesses the Qualification to be revoked.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reason</td>
<td>A text message that explains why the Qualification was revoked. The user who had the Qualification sees this message. IF a reason is not provided, the worker will not be notified.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the DisassociateQualificationFromWorker operation returns with no errors and an empty body.

Example

The following example shows how to use the DisassociateQualificationFromWorker operation:
Sample Request

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

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
  WorkerId:"AZ3456EXAMPLE",
  QualificationTypeId:"789RVWBAZW00EXAMPLE"
  IntegerValue:1,
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
```
GetAccountBalance

Description

The GetAccountBalance operation retrieves the Prepaid HITs balance in your Amazon Mechanical Turk account.

Request Syntax

{  }

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

Response Elements

A successful request returns a string representing your account balance details in US Dollars.

Example

The following example shows how to use the GetAccountBalance operation:

Sample Request

The following makes a GetAccountBalance request.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{}
  
  AvailableBalance:10000.00
  
```
GetAssignment

Description

The GetAssignment retrieves an assignment with an AssignmentStatus value of Submitted, Approved, or Rejected, using the assignment's ID. Requesters can only retrieve their own assignments for HITs that they have not disposed of.

Request Syntax

```
{
   "AssignmentId": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentId</td>
<td>The ID of the assignment you want to retrieve</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns an Assignment (p. 124) data structure.
GetFileUploadURL

Description

**Important**
Beginning Tuesday, December 12th 2017 the Answer Specification structure will **no longer support the `FileUploadAnswer` element** to be used for the `QuestionForm (p. 97)` data structure. Instead, we recommend that Requesters who want to create HITs asking Workers to upload files use **Amazon S3**.

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

```
{
    "AssignmentId": String,
    "QuestionIdentifier": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentId</td>
<td>The ID of the assignment that contains the question with a <code>FileUploadAnswer</code>. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QuestionIdentifier</td>
<td>The identifier of the question with a <code>FileUploadAnswer</code>, as specified in the <code>QuestionForm</code> of the HIT. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns an `FileUploadURL` string containing the temporary URL.
GetHIT

Description

The GetHIT operation retrieves the details of the specified HIT.

Request Syntax

```
{
  "HITId": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITId</td>
<td>The ID of the HIT.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns a HIT (p. 128) data structure.
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.

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

Request Syntax

```
{
    "QualificationTypeId": String,
    "WorkerId": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the QualificationType.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WorkerId</td>
<td>The ID of the Worker whose Qualification is being updated.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns a Qualification (p. 40) data structure.

Example

The following example shows how to use the GetQualificationScore operation:

Sample Request

The following example disposes a Qualification type and any HIT types that are associated with the Qualification type.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
```

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Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{
  QualificationTypeId:"789RVYWBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVYWBAZW00EXAMPLE",
  WorkerId:"AZ3456EXAMPLE",
  IntegerValue:"95",
  GrantTime:"<date>"
}
```
GetQualificationType

Description

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

Request Syntax

```json
{
  "QualificationTypeId": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the QualificationType. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns a QualificationType (p. 146) data structure.

Example

The following example shows how to use the GetQualificationType operation:

Sample Request

The following example gets information about a Qualification type.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
  QualificationTypeId: "AZ34EXAMPLE"
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
```
Date: <Date>
{
    QualificationTypeId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE951RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
    Name:"EnglishWritingAbility",
    Description:"The ability to write and edit in text in English",
    QualificationTypeStatus:"Active"
}
ListAssignmentsForHIT

Description

The ListAssignmentsForHIT 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 AssignmentStatuses 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. You can set AssignmentStatuses=Approved,Rejected to get assignments that have already been approved and rejected together in one result set.

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 Syntax

```
{
  "HITId": String,
  "AssignmentStatuses": String,
  "NextToken": String,
  "MaxResults": Integer
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITId</td>
<td>The ID of the HIT.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentStatuses</td>
<td>The status of the assignments to return: Submitted</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Approved</td>
<td>Rejected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NextToken</td>
<td>Pagination token</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxResults</td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Response Elements

A successful request returns a paginated list of Assignment (p. 124) data structures submitted for the HIT.

Example

The following example shows how to use the ListAssignmentsForHIT operation:

Sample Request

```plaintext
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```plaintext
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-Request-Id: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{
  NextToken: PaginationToken,
  NumResults: 10,
  Assignments: [Assignment (p. 124)]
}
```
ListBonusPayments

Description

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

Request Syntax

```json
{
    "HITId": String,
    "AssignmentId": String,
    "NextToken": String,
    "MaxResults": Integer
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITId</td>
<td>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. Either the HITId parameter or the AssignmentId parameter must be specified. Type: String</td>
<td>Conditional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentId</td>
<td>The ID of the assignment associated with the bonus payments to retrieve. If specified, only bonus payments for the given assignment are returned. Either the HITId parameter or the AssignmentId parameter must be specified. Type: String</td>
<td>Conditional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NextToken</td>
<td>Pagination token</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxResults</td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns a paginated list of Bonuses with the following fields: WorkerId, BonusAmount, AssignmentId, Reason and GrantTime
Example

The following example shows how to use the ListBonusPayments operation:

**Sample Request**

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
}
```

**Sample Response**

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{
  NextToken: `PaginationToken`,
  NumResults: 10,
  BonusPayments: [Bonus]
}
```
ListHITs

Description

The ListHITs operation returns all of a Requester's HITs. The operation returns HITs of any status, except for HITs that have been deleted with the DeleteHIT operation or that have been auto-deleted.

Having high volumes of active HITs may lead to latency or timeouts when calling ListHITs. To remedy this, call the DeleteHIT (p. 29) operation on HITs you no longer need access to.

Request Syntax

```json
{
   "NextToken": String,
   "MaxResults": Integer
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NextToken</td>
<td>Pagination token</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxResults</td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns a paginated list of HIT (p. 128) data structures.

Example

The following example shows how to use the ListHITs operation:

Sample Request

```plaintext
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amzn-Date: <Date>
{
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Date: <Date>

{ 
   NextToken: <PaginationToken>,
   NumResults: 10,
   HITs: [HIT (p. 128)]
}
ListHITsForQualificationType

Description

The ListHITsForQualificationType operation returns the HITs that use the given QualificationType (p. 146) for a QualificationRequirement (p. 138). The operation returns HITs of any status, except for HITs that have been deleted with the DeleteHIT operation or that have been auto-deleted.

Having high volumes of active HITs may lead to latency or timeouts when calling ListHITsForQualificationType. To remedy this, call the DeleteHIT (p. 29) operation on HITs you no longer need access to.

Request Syntax

```
{
  "QualificationTypeId": String,
  "NextToken": String,
  "MaxResults": Integer
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the Qualification type to use when querying HITs.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NextToken</td>
<td>Pagination token</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxResults</td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns a paginated list of HIT (p. 128) data structures.

Example

The following example shows how to use the ListHITsForQualificationType operation:

Sample Request

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
```

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Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```xml
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Date: <Date>
{
    NextToken:PaginationToken,
    NumResults:10,
    HITs:[HIT (p. 128)]
}
```
ListQualificationRequests

Description

The ListQualificationRequests 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 accepts them using the AcceptQualification operation.

Request Syntax

```
{
   "QualificationTypeId": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the QualificationType. Type: String</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns a paginated list of QualificationRequests.

Example

The following example shows how to use the ListQualificationRequests operation:

Sample Request

The following example lists requests for a Qualification type.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
   QualificationTypeId:"AZ34EXAMPLE"
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
```
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{
    QualificationRequests:[QualificationRequest (p. 136)],
    NumResults:10,
    NextToken:PaginationToken
}
ListQualificationTypes

Description

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

Request Syntax

```json
{
   "Query": String,
   "MustBeRequestable": Boolean,
   "MustBeOwnedByCaller": Boolean,
   "NextToken": String,
   "MaxResults": Integer,
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Query</td>
<td>A search term</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MustBeRequestable</td>
<td>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 false, all Qualification types, including those managed by the system, are considered for the search.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MustBeOwnedByCaller</td>
<td>Specifies that only Qualification types that the Requester created are returned. If false, the operation returns all Qualification types.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: False</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NextToken</td>
<td>Pagination token</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxResults</td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Response Elements

A successful request returns a paginated list of Qualification Types.

Example

The following example shows how to use the `ListQualificationTypes` operation:

Sample Request

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

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>

{  
    Query: "LanguageSkill"
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
X-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>

{  
    NextToken: <PaginationToken>,
    NumResults: 10,
    QualificationType: [QualificationType (p. 146)]
}
```
ListReviewableHITs

Description

The `ListReviewableHITs` operation returns all of a Requester's HITs that have not been approved or rejected. The operation can return any HITs that have not been deleted with the `DeleteHIT` operation or that have not been auto-deleted.

By default, `ListReviewableHITs` operation only returns the IDs of HITs in the status `Reviewable`.

If you used the `UpdateHITReviewStatus (p. 73)` Operation to set the status of the HIT to `Reviewing`, and want HITs in the status `Reviewing`, set the `Status` request parameter to `Reviewing`.

Request Syntax

```
{
  "HITTypeId": String,
  "Status": String,
  "NextToken": String,
  "MaxResults": Integer
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the HIT type of the HITs to consider for the query. Type: String</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Status</td>
<td>The status of the HITs to return: <code>Reviewable</code></td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Reviewing</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>By Default Status is set to <code>Reviewable</code>.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NextToken</td>
<td>Pagination token</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxResults</td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns a paginated list of HIT (p. 128) data structures.
Example

The following example shows how to use the ListReviewableHITs operation:

Sample Request

```http
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```http
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{}
NextToken: PaginationToken,
NumResults:10,
HITs:[HIT (p. 128)]
```
ListReviewPolicyResultsForHIT

Description

The ListReviewPolicyResultsForHIT operation retrieves the computed results and the actions taken in the course of executing your Review Policies during a CreateHIT operation. For information about how to apply Review Policies when you call CreateHIT, see Review Policies. 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 Syntax

```
{
  "HITId": String,
  "PolicyLevel": String,
  "AssignmentId": String,
  "RetrieveActions": String,
  "RetrieveResults": String,
  "NextToken": String,
  "MaxResults": Integer
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITId</td>
<td>The unique identifier of the HIT to retrieve review results for.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PolicyLevel</td>
<td>The Policy Level(s) to retrieve review results for - HIT or 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.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentId</td>
<td>If supplied, the results are limited to those pertaining directly to this Assignment ID.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RetrieveActions</td>
<td>Retrieves a list of the actions taken executing the Review Policies and their outcomes. T or F.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxResults</td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RetrieveResults</td>
<td>Retrieves a list of the results computed by the Review Policies. T or F.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NextToken</td>
<td>Pagination token</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxResults</td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Response Elements**

A successful request operation has a ListReviewPolicyResultsForHITResponse element in the response. The ListReviewPolicyResultsForHITResponse element contains the name of the Review Policy applied as well as the AssignmentReviewReport element and the HITReviewReport element.
ListWorkerBlocks

Description

The ListWorkerBlocks operation retrieves a list of Workers who are blocked from working on your HITs.

Request Syntax

```
{
    "NextToken": String,
    "MaxResults": Integer
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NextToken</td>
<td>Pagination token</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxResults</td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns a paginated list of Workers that have been blocked along with the reason for the block.

Example

The following example shows how to use the ListWorkerBlocks operation:

Sample Request

The following example lists all Worker blocks.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{
  WorkerBlocks:[{WorkerId, Reason}],
  NumResults:3
}
ListWorkersWithQualificationType

Description

The ListWorkersWithQualificationType operation returns all of the Workers with a given Qualification type.

Request Syntax

```
{
  "QualificationTypeId": String,
  "Status": String,
  "NextToken": String,
  "MaxResults": Integer,
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the QualificationType. Type: String</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Status</td>
<td>The status of the Qualifications to return. Granted</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Revoked</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NextToken</td>
<td>Pagination token</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxResults</td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request returns a paginated list of Qualifications that have been granted to Workers.

Example

The following example shows how to use the ListWorkersWithQualificationType operation:

Sample Request

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

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
```
Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
{
  NextToken: <PaginationToken>,
  NumResults: 10,
  Qualifications: [Qualification (p. 134)]
}
```
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. The NotifyWorkers operation will send a notification email to a Worker only if you have previously approved or rejected work from the Worker.

Request Syntax

```json
{
  "Subject": String,
  "MessageText": String,
  "WorkerIds": Array of Strings
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Subject</td>
<td>The subject line of the email message to send. Can include up to 200 characters.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MessageText</td>
<td>The text of the email message to send. Can include up to 4,096 characters.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WorkerIds</td>
<td>An array of WorkerIds to notify. You can notify up to 100 Workers at a time.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the NotifyWorkers operation returns with no errors and an empty body.
RejectAssignment

Description

The RejectAssignment operation rejects the results of a completed assignment.

You must include a 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.

Note

To maintain the consistency of the assignments for HITs in a batch, if a HIT is created through the Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester website, you must use the Requester website UI to approve or reject the work.

If you want to be able to approve or reject work through the API, you can use a HITLayout (p. 86) when calling CreateHIT (p. 12) to utilize an existing template from the Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester website.

Request Syntax

```json
{
  "AssignmentId": String,
  "RequesterFeedback": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentId</td>
<td>The ID of the assignment. This parameter must correspond to a HIT created by the Requester. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RequesterFeedback</td>
<td>A message for the Worker, which the Worker can see in the Status section of the web site. Type: String Constraints: Can be up to 1024 characters (including multi-byte characters). The RequesterFeedback parameter cannot contain ASCII characters 0-8, 11,12, or 14-31. If these characters are present, the operation throws an InvalidParameterValue error.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the RejectAssignment operation returns with no errors and an empty body.
Example

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

Sample Request

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

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
{
  AssignmentId: "123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE456RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE"
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
```
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 Syntax

```
{
  "QualificationRequestId": String,
  "Reason": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationRequestId</td>
<td>The ID of the Qualification request, as returned by the ListQualificationRequests operation.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reason</td>
<td>A text message explaining why the request was rejected, to be shown to the Worker who made the request.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the RejectQualificationRequest operation returns with no errors and an empty body.

Example

The following example shows how to use the RejectQualificationRequest operation:

Sample Request

The following example rejects a specified Qualification request.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>
```
Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>
```
SendBonus

Description

The SendBonus 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 SendBonus 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. This operation may also fail if the Worker in question has not completed an Assignment for you in the last six months.

Request Syntax

```
{
  "WorkerId": String,
  "AssignmentId": String,
  "BonusAmount": String,
  "Reason": String,
  "UniqueRequestToken": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WorkerId</td>
<td>The ID of the Worker being paid the bonus.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentId</td>
<td>The ID of the assignment for which this bonus is paid.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BonusAmount</td>
<td>The bonus is specified as a US Dollar amount.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reason</td>
<td>A message that explains the reason for the bonus payment. The Worker receiving the bonus can see this message.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UniqueRequestToken</td>
<td>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 issues.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Response Elements

A successful request for the `SendBonus` operation returns with no errors and an empty body.
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 notifications without setting up notifications for a real HIT type and trying to trigger them using the website. When you call this operation, the service sends the test notification immediately.

Request Syntax

```json
{
    "Notification": Notification data structure,
    "TestEventType": An EventType element of the Notification data structure,
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Notification (p. 174)</td>
<td>The notification specification to test. This value is identical to the value you would provide to the UpdateNotificationSettings operation when you establish the notification specification for a HIT type. Type: Notification data structure</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TestEventType</td>
<td>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 EventType element of the Notification data structure</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the SendTestEventNotification operation returns with no errors and an empty body.
UpdateExpirationForHIT

Description

The UpdateExpirationForHIT operation allows you to extend the expiration time of a HIT beyond its current expiration or expire a HIT immediately. You cannot shorten the expiration time so that you're not affecting Workers who have accepted your HIT.

To expire a HIT immediately, provide the value 0 or set ExpireAt to a time in the past.

Request Syntax

```
{
  "HITId": String,
  "ExpireAt": Timestamp
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITId</td>
<td>The HIT to update.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ExpireAt</td>
<td>The date and time at which you want the HIT to expire</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Timestamp</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the UpdateExpirationForHIT operation returns with no errors and an empty body.
UpdateHITReviewStatus

Description

The UpdateHITReviewStatus operation toggles 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.

For example, when processing assignments from Workers if you do not want to make an immediate decision about approving or rejecting assignments, you can use this operation to set the status of the HIT to Reviewing. To retrieve a list of HITs in reviewing status, add "Status": "Reviewing" to your request parameters in the ListReviewableHITs (p. 56) Operation.

Request Syntax

```json
{
  "HITId": String,
  "Revert": Boolean
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITId</td>
<td>The HIT to update. Type: String</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Revert</td>
<td>Specifies whether to update the HIT Status from Reviewing to Reviewable. Type: Boolean Default: false; the operation promotes the HIT from Reviewable to Reviewing.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the UpdateHITReviewStatus operation returns with no errors and an empty body.
UpdateHITTypeOfHIT

Description

The UpdateHITTypeOfHIT 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.

Request Syntax

```json
{
  "HITId": String,
  "HITTypeId": String
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITId</td>
<td>The HIT to update.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the new HIT type.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response Elements

A successful request for the UpdateHITTypeOfHIT operation returns with no errors and an empty body.
**UpdateNotificationSettings**

**Description**

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

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

You can call the `UpdateNotificationSettings` 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 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 `UpdateNotificationSettings`.

**Request Syntax**

```json
{
  "HITTypeId": String,
  "Notification": Notification (p. 174) data structure,
  "Active": Boolean
}
```

**Request Parameters**

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITTypeId</td>
<td>The HITTypeId whose notification specification is being updated.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notification</td>
<td>The notification specification for the HIT type.</td>
<td>Conditional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Notification (p. 174) data structure</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Active</td>
<td>Specifies whether notifications are sent for HITs of this HIT type, according to the notification specification. You must specify either the Notification parameter or the Active parameter for the call to SetHITTypeNotification to succeed.</td>
<td>Conditional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Response Elements

A successful request for the `UpdateNotificationSettings` operation returns with no errors and an empty body.
UpdateQualificationType

Description

The UpdateQualificationType operation modifies the attributes of an existing Qualification type, which is represented by a QualificationType data structure. Only the owner of a Qualification type can modify its attributes.

Most attributes of a Qualification type can be changed after the type has been created. However, the Name and Keywords fields cannot be modified. The RetryDelayInSeconds parameter can be modified or added to change the delay or to enable retries, but RetryDelayInSeconds cannot be used to disable retries.

You can use this operation to update the test for 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.

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 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.

Request Syntax

```
{
  "QualificationTypeId": String,
  "RetryDelayInSeconds": Integer,
  "QualificationTypeStatus": String,
  "Description": String,
  "Test": String,
  "AnswerKey": String,
  "TestDurationInSeconds": Integer,
  "AutoGranted": Boolean,
  "AutoGrantedValue": Integer
}
```

Request Parameters

The request accepts the following data in JSON format:
### Request Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the Qualification type to update.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RetryDelayInSeconds</td>
<td>The amount of time, in seconds, that Workers must wait after requesting a Qualification of the specified Qualification type before they can retry the Qualification request. It is not possible to disable retries for a Qualification type after it has been created with retries enabled. If you want to disable retries, you must dispose of the existing retry-enabled Qualification type using DisposeQualificationType and then create a new Qualification type with retries disabled using CreateQualificationType.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeStatus</td>
<td>The new status of the Qualification type - Active</td>
<td>Inactive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>The new description of the Qualification type.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test</td>
<td>The questions for the Qualification test a Worker must answer correctly to obtain a Qualification of this type. If this parameter is specified, TestDurationInSeconds must also be specified.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: Must not be longer than 65535 bytes. Must be a QuestionForm data structure. This parameter cannot be specified if AutoGranted is true.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None. If not specified, the Worker may request the Qualification without answering any questions.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AnswerKey</td>
<td>The answers to the Qualification test specified in the Test parameter, in the form of an AnswerKey data structure.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: Must not be longer than 65535 bytes.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None. If not specified, you must process Qualification requests manually.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TestDurationInSeconds</td>
<td>The number of seconds the Worker has to complete the Qualification test, starting from the time the Worker requests the Qualification. This is required if the Test parameter is specified.</td>
<td>Conditional</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Response Elements

A successful request returns a QualificationType (p. 146) data structure.

Example

The following example shows how to use the UpdateQualificationType operation:

Sample Request

The following example changes the QualificationTypeStatus of a Qualification type.

```plaintext
POST / HTTP/1.1
Host: mturk-requester.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
X-Amz-Date: <Date>

{
    QualificationTypeId: "789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
    QualificationTypeStatus: "Inactive"
}
```

Sample Response

The following is an example response:

```plaintext
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
x-amzn-RequestId: <RequestId>
Content-Type: application/x-amz-json-1.1
Content-Length: <PayloadSizeBytes>
Date: <Date>

{
    QualificationTypeId: "789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
    Name: "EnglishWritingAbility",
}
```
Description:"The ability to write and edit in text in English",
QualificationTypeStatus:"Inactive"}
Question and Answer Data

Topics

- Crowd HTML Elements (p. 82)
- Using XML Parameter Values (p. 85)
- HITLayout (p. 86)
- HTMLQuestion (p. 88)
- ExternalQuestion (p. 92)
- QuestionForm (p. 97)
- QuestionFormAnswers (p. 113)
- Formatted Content: XHTML (p. 115)
- AnswerKey (p. 119)
- Data Structure Schema Locations (p. 122)

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.
Crowd HTML Elements

Topics
- Description (p. 82)
- Use Cases (p. 82)
- Examples (p. 82)
- Element Reference (p. 84)
- Related Documents (p. 84)

Description

Crowd HTML Elements extend the capabilities of the ExternalQuestion (p. 92) and HTMLQuestion (p. 88). They are web components that provide a number of task widgets and design elements that can be tailored to the question being asked.

Use Cases

Crowd HTML Elements are web components, a web standard that abstracts HTML markup, CSS, and JavaScript functionality into an HTML tag or set of tags. If you'd like to see how that works, try the <crowd-bounding-box> example below. The element provides a bounding box widget which can be customized with different instructions, labels, and headers.

Other types of questions that can be customized include: semantic segmentation, image classification, text classification, utterance collection, and more.

Examples

To quickly try one of the examples below, open a text editor on your local machine, copy an example from this page, paste it into the text editor, and then save the file with whatever name you want and a .html extension. Open the file in a browser and the example should work. You can try customizing it further or adding other Crowd HTML Elements by exploring the element reference.

Crowd HTML Essential Elements

Every use of Crowd HTML Elements requires two things:

- The Crowd HTML Elements loader, which is a <script> element that should be placed before your form.

  <script src="https://assets.crowd.aws/crowd-html-elements.js"></script>

- Opening and closing <crowd-form> tags. Put your form's content between the tags. The benefit to these is that they set up the specifications for your form and the "submit" button. You write less code and need to remember fewer specific things.

Crowd HTML Bounding Box

Try this bounding box example. Copy it, paste it, and run it in a browser as instructed above.

Example

  <script src="https://assets.crowd.aws/crowd-html-elements.js"></script>
<crowd-form>
  <crowd-bounding-box
    name="annotatedResult"
    labels=["Basketball player", 'Referee']
    src="https://s3.amazonaws.com/cv-demo-images/basketball-outdoor.jpg"
    header="Draw boxes around each basketball player and referee in this image"
  >
    <full-instructions header="Bounding Box Instructions" >
      <p>Use the bounding box tool to draw boxes around the requested target of interest:</p>
      <ol>
        <li>Draw a rectangle using your mouse over each instance of the target.</li>
        <li>Make sure the box does not cut into the target, leave a 2 - 3 pixel margin</li>
        <li>When targets are overlapping, draw a box around each object, include all contiguous parts of the target in the box. Do not include parts that are completely overlapped by another object.</li>
        <li>Do not include parts of the target that cannot be seen, even though you think you can interpolate the whole shape of the target.</li>
        <li>Avoid shadows, they’re not considered as a part of the target.</li>
        <li>If the target goes off the screen, label up to the edge of the image.</li>
      </ol>
    </full-instructions>
  </crowd-bounding-box>
</crowd-form>

Pay attention to the attributes and regions of the `<crowd-bounding-box>` element. It requires the `header`, `labels`, `name`, and `src` attributes. It also requires the `<full-instructions>` and `<short-instructions>` regions, though what is put in them is up to you.

The sample will also display the form output when you press the "submit" button, so you can see the format of the output you will receive.

**Crowd HTML Sentiment Analysis**

Try this sentiment analysis example. Copy it, paste it, and run it in a browser as instructed above.

**Example**

<script src="https://assets.crowd.aws/crowd-html-elements.js"></script>

<crowd-form>
  <crowd-classifier
    name="sentiment"
    categories=["Positive", 'Negative', 'Neutral', 'N/A']
    header="What sentiment does this text convey?"
  >
    <classification-target>
      Everything is wonderful.
    </classification-target>

    <full-instructions header="Sentiment Analysis Instructions">
      <p><strong>Positive</strong> sentiments include: joy, excitement, delight</p>
      <p><strong>Negative</strong> sentiments include: anger, sarcasm, anxiety</p>
      <p><strong>Neutral</strong>: neither positive or negative, such as stating a fact</p>
    </full-instructions>
</crowd-form>
<p><strong>N/A</strong>: when the text cannot be understood</p>

When the sentiment is mixed, such as both joy and sadness, use your judgment to choose the stronger emotion.</p>

When the sentiment is mixed, such as both joy and sadness, use your judgment to choose the stronger emotion.

Choose the primary sentiment that is expressed by the text.

This shares some characteristics with other elements, like the bounding box above. For example, they both require a name, a header, and instructions. One thing that's notably different is the <code>classification-target</code> region. That has simple text in it, but it can contain just about any HTML: a video clip, an audio clip, an animation, anything that can be represented in a browser and simply classified.

**Element Reference**

The Custom HTML Element Reference provides a list of all supported custom elements, their requirements, attributes, and sample outputs (where appropriate).

**Related Documents**

- HTMLQuestion (p. 88)
- ExternalQuestion (p. 92)
- Element Reference
Using XML Parameter Values

The HTMLQuestion (p.), ExternalQuestion (p.), QuestionForm (p.), QuestionFormAnswers (p.), and AnswerKey (p.) 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

Data must be URL encoded to appear as a single parameter value in the request. 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 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 HTMLQuestion, ExternalQuestion, 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 Schema Locations (p.).
HITLayout

Topics
- Description (p. 86)
- Obtaining a Layout ID (p. 86)
- Using a HITLayout (p. 86)
- Guidelines for Using HITLayouts (p. 87)

Description
A HITLayout is a reusable Amazon Mechanical Turk project template used to provide Human Intelligence Task (HIT) question data for CreateHIT. You can create a HITLayout template by creating a Mechanical Turk project on the Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester website. For more information about creating a project, see How to Create a Project in the Requester UI Guide.

Obtaining a Layout ID
A Layout ID is assigned to each Mechanical Turk project you create on the Requester website. You use the Layout ID as the value for HITLayoutId when calling CreateHIT to identify the HITLayout project template to use. Mechanical Turk projects can contain parameter placeholders in the format `${parameter_name}`. The names for the parameter placeholders used in a HITLayout project template are listed as Parameters along with the Layout ID on the Requester website.

To view the Layout ID and the Parameters used in your HITLayout project template
1. Go to the Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester website. Or for the Requester Sandbox site, go to the Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester Sandbox website.
2. Click Create, and then click New Batch with an Existing Project.
3. Click the Project Name of an existing project to view Layout ID and Parameters.

Using a HITLayout
You can use the HITLayout form of a HIT by calling CreateHIT with a HITLayoutId and a list of HITLayoutParameter (p. 133) structures. The project parameter placeholders are replaced with values from the HITLayoutParameter (p. 133) structures when you call CreateHIT to create a HIT. You need one structure for each of the parameter values you want substituted. The parameter names that you pass to CreateHIT must match the parameter names used in the HITLayout project template created on the Requester website. The parameter values cannot be changed after the HIT has been created.
Guidelines for Using HITLayouts

- After a HIT is created, the HIT behaves like an HTMLQuestion HIT, which gives you the option to use HTML and JavaScript features in your HIT design, including Asynchronous JavaScript and XML (AJAX) callbacks.
- Parameter substitution allows you to replace a short parameter name with long strings of text. You will receive errors if the resulting document is longer than permitted by the Question parameter of CreateHIT.
- The HITLayout is used to create an HTMLQuestion document. HITLayoutParameter values with reserved characters or invalid HTML markup may result in an invalid HTMLQuestion document. For more information, see HTMLQuestion (p. 88).
**HTMLQuestion**

**Topics**
- Description (p. 88)
- The HTMLQuestion Data Structure (p. 89)
- Example (p. 89)
- Using Crowd HTML Elements (p. 90)
- Preview Mode (p. 91)
- The Form Action (p. 91)
- The Answer Data (p. 91)
- Guidelines For Using HTML Questions (p. 91)

**Description**

The **HTMLQuestion** data structure defines one or more questions for a HIT using HTML. The **HTMLQuestion** data structure is similar to both the **QuestionForm** and **ExternalQuestion** data structures.

The **QuestionForm** data structure defines, using a special XML language, how Amazon Mechanical Turk displays HIT questions and collects the answers. The **ExternalQuestion** data structure defines, using HTML, questions you host on your own "external" website. If you want to define your questions using HTML forms without having to host a website, you can use the **HTMLQuestion** data structure.

A **HTMLQuestion** HIT is like a cross between a **QuestionForm** HIT and an **ExternalQuestion** HIT, for instance:

- Like a **QuestionForm** HIT, you do not need to run a website or run any other infrastructure to have your HIT display on Mechanical Turk. You define your question when you call **CreateHIT** and then collect worker answers later, after they have been submitted.
- Like an **ExternalQuestion** HIT, you can define your HIT in HTML. Your HTML code must contain a form for the Worker to fill out and submit, which is displayed in a frame in the Worker's web browser. The Worker submits results using your form, and your form submits the results back to Amazon Mechanical Turk. Worker answers are processed by Mechanical Turk in the same way as **ExternalQuestion** HITs. If you choose, you can collect or process the results before submitting to Mechanical Turk.

The worker interaction and presentation options available for **HTMLQuestion** are similar to **ExternalQuestion**. **HTMLQuestions** differ from **ExternalQuestions** primarily in how they are created.

As with the other question data structures, an **HTMLQuestion** is a string value that consists of XML data. This data must conform to the **HTMLQuestion** schema. See Data Structure Schema Locations (p. 122) 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. 85).

**Note**

You can only use an **HTMLQuestion** as the question of a HIT. You cannot use an **HTMLQuestion** with a Qualification test.

The **HTMLQuestion** data structure is used as a parameter value for the following operation:

- **CreateHIT**

The **HTMLQuestion** data structure is a value in a **HIT** (p. 128) data structure.
All elements in an HTMLQuestion belong to a namespace whose name is identical to the URL of the HTMLQuestion schema document for the version of the API you are using.

The HTMLQuestion Data Structure

The HTMLQuestion data structure has a root element of HTMLQuestion.

The HTMLQuestion element contains the following elements:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HTMLContent</td>
<td>The HTML code of your web form, to be displayed in a frame in the Worker's web browser. The HTML must validate against the HTML5 specification. HTML5 is backwards-compatible with a variety of recent HTML document specifications. For more information, see <a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/html5-diff/">http://www.w3.org/TR/html5-diff/</a>. For help in ensuring that your HTML validates, see <a href="http://validator.w3.org">http://validator.w3.org</a>. Type: String Default: None Amazon Mechanical Turk appends the following parameters to this URL: assignmentId, hitId, turkSubmitTo, and workerId. For more information about these appended parameters, see the sections following this table.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FrameHeight</td>
<td>The height of the frame, in pixels. If you set the value to 0, your HIT will automatically resize to fit within the Worker's browser window. Type: Integer Default: None</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

The following is an example of a complete HTMLQuestion 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. For more information, see Using XML Parameter Values (p. 85).

```xml
<HTMLQuestion xmlns="[the HTMLQuestion schema URL]">  
  <HTMLContent><![CDATA[
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <meta http-equiv='Content-Type' content='text/html; charset=UTF-8'/>
    <script type='text/javascript' src='https://s3.amazonaws.com/mturk-public/externalHIT_v1.js'></script>
  </head>
  <body>
    <form name='mturk_form' method='post' id='mturk_form' action='https://www.mturk.com/mturk/externalSubmit'>
      <input type='hidden' value='' name='assignmentId' id='assignmentId'/>
    </form>
  </body>
</html>]]></CDATA[
</HTMLQuestion>
```
Using Crowd HTML Elements

The HTML Question supports Crowd HTML Elements (p. 82). Based on HTML web components, they encapsulate HTML, CSS, and JavaScript functionality behind a single HTML element. For example, the `<crowd-form>` element sets up your form for you, setting the correct submission endpoint and inserting a submit button at the end. Other elements provide question widgets or design elements you can customize to create more tailored HIT structures.

Try this sample sentiment analysis form.

Example

```xml
  <HTMLContent><![CDATA[
    <body>
      <script src="https://assets.crowd.aws/crowd-html-elements.js"></script>
      <crowd-form>
        <crowd-classifier
          name="sentiment"
          categories="['Positive', 'Negative', 'Neutral', 'N/A']"
          header="What sentiment does this text convey?"
        >
          <classification-target>
            Everything is wonderful.
          </classification-target>
          <full-instructions header="Sentiment Analysis Instructions">
            <p><strong>Positive</strong> sentiment include: joy, excitement, delight</p>
            <p><strong>Negative</strong> sentiment include: anger, sarcasm, anxiety</p>
            <p><strong>Neutral</strong>: neither positive or negative, such as stating a fact</p>
            <p><strong>N/A</strong>: when the text cannot be understood</p>
            <p>When the sentiment is mixed, such as both joy and sadness, use your judgment to choose the stronger emotion.</p>
          </full-instructions>
          <short-instructions>
            Choose the primary sentiment that is expressed by the text.
          </short-instructions>
        </crowd-classifier>
      </crowd-form>
    </body>
  ]]></HTMLContent>
</HTMLQuestion>
```
Between the `<classification-target>` opening and closing tags, you can put any HTML that could be rendered and classified. For example, you could use an audio clip or a video clip.

For more details, read the Crowd HTML Elements (p. 82) article or view the Element Reference to see the different elements that are available.

**Preview Mode**

The question defined by `HTMLQuestion` displays when a Worker previews the HIT on the Amazon Mechanical Turk website, before the Worker clicks the **Accept HIT** button. When the HIT is being previewed, the URL has a special value for the `assignmentId`: `ASSIGNMENT_ID_NOT_AVAILABLE`. This is the same mechanism used for `ExternalQuestion` HITs.

When a Worker previews a HIT, your HTML should show the Worker everything they will need to do to complete the HIT, so they 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 to check the `assignmentId` parameter, and change the display of the form if the HIT is being previewed (`assignmentId=ASSIGNMENT_ID_NOT_AVAILABLE`).

**The Form Action**

For information about form actions for `HTMLQuestion`, see "The Form Action" in `ExternalQuestion` (p. 92).

**The Answer Data**

For information about answer data for `HTMLQuestion`, see "The Answer Data" in `ExternalQuestion` (p. 92).

**Guidelines For Using HTML Questions**

**Tip**

Your HTML code can do many things inside the browser 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 clicks. If a `HTMLQuestion` 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 `HTMLQuestion` HITs that are not functioning properly.

**Note**

Your HIT will be rendered inside an IFRAME that has certain limitations. The IFRAME operates in HTML5 "sandbox" mode that has extra restrictions on the content that can appear in the frame. This limits your ability to execute certain code and to use technologies such as Adobe Flash. To ensure your HITs work as expected, we recommend you test them first in the Requester Sandbox.

**Tip**

All `HTMLQuestion` HITs are served from the same domain, regardless of requester. Bear this in mind if you choose to set cookies from JavaScript in your HTML.
ExternalQuestion

Description

Instead of providing a QuestionForm data structure (p. 97) that tells Amazon Mechanical Turk how to display your questions and collect answers, you can host the questions on your own website using an "external" question.

A HIT with an external question displays a web page from your website 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 website to display the form gives your website control over how the question appears and how answers are collected.

To use an external question with a HIT, you provide an ExternalQuestion data structure as the value of the Question parameter when calling the CreateHIT operation. 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 Data Structure Schema Locations (p. 122) 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. 85).

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

The ExternalQuestion data structure has a root element of ExternalQuestion.

The ExternalQuestion element contains the following elements:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ExternalURL</td>
<td>The URL of your web form, to be displayed in a frame in the Worker's web browser. This URL must use the HTTPS protocol. Type: URL Default: None Amazon Mechanical Turk appends the following parameters to this URL: assignmentId, hitId, turkSubmitTo, and workerId. For more information</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FrameHeight</td>
<td>The height of the frame, in pixels. If you set the value to 0, your HIT will automatically resize to fit within the Worker's browser window. Type: Integer Default: None</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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. For more information about escaping XML characters, see Using XML Parameter Values (p. 85). See Data Structure Schema Locations (p. 122) for the location of this schema.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<ExternalQuestion xmlns="[the ExternalQuestion schema URL]">
  <FrameHeight>0</FrameHeight>
</ExternalQuestion>
```

**The External Form**

When a Worker attempts to complete a HIT with an external question, the external website 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 the following parameters appended: assignmentId, hitId, turkSubmitTo, and workerId. 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 (&).

**Note**

The URL you use for the ExternalURL must use the HTTPS protocol.

For example, consider an ExternalURL of:

```
https://tictactoe.amazon.com/gamesurvey.cgi?gameid=01523
```

With this ExternalURL, the full URL used for the page in the frame could be as follows:

```
https://tictactoe.amazon.com/gamesurvey.cgi?gameid=01523&assignmentId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE456RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE&hitId=123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE
```
Preview Mode

Your external question will be displayed when a Worker previews the HIT on the Amazon Mechanical Turk website, 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_NOTAVAILABLE.

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 of 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 website must post the result data back to Amazon Mechanical Turk using the following URL:

https://www.mturk.com/mturk/externalSubmit

Or, if you are using the Amazon Mechanical Turk sandbox, you should post the result data back to Mechanical Turk using the following sandbox URL:

https://workersandbox.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, hitId, turkSubmitTo, and workerId 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 must submit data to that URL using the "POST" method. 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 is preceded by a question mark (?), and is delimited by ampersands (&). For example:

https://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:
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 "POST" as the "method."

Using Crowd HTML Elements

The External Question supports Crowd HTML Elements (p. 82). Based on HTML web components, they encapsulate HTML, CSS, and JavaScript functionality behind a single HTML element. For example, the `<crowd-form>` element sets up your form for you, setting the correct submission endpoint and inserting a submit button at the end. Other elements provide question widgets or design elements you can customize to create more tailored HIT structures.

Requirements

There are three requirements for using Crowd HTML elements:

- You must place the elements between the `<crowd-form>` opening and closing elements. As noted above, these also invisibly set up a `<form>` element and place a "submit" button at the bottom.
- Place the Crowd HTML Elements loader script before the opening `<crowd-form>` element.
- Store the HTML file in an S3 bucket, make the file publicly accessible, and reference it in the `<ExternalURL>` element of your XML.

Try this sample sentiment analysis form.

Example

```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<script src="https://assets.crowd.aws/crowd-html-elements.js"></script>
<crowd-form>
  <crowd-classifier
      name="sentiment"
      categories="["Positive", "Negative", "Neutral", "N/A"]"
      header="What sentiment does this text convey?"
    >
    <classification-target>
      Everything is wonderful.
    </classification-target>
    <full-instructions header="Sentiment Analysis Instructions">
      <p><strong>Positive</strong> sentiment include: joy, excitement, delight</p>
      <p><strong>Negative</strong> sentiment include: anger, sarcasm, anxiety</p>
      <p><strong>Neutral</strong>: neither positive or negative, such as stating a fact</p>
      <p><strong>N/A</strong>: when the text cannot be understood</p>
      <p>When the sentiment is mixed, such as both joy and sadness, use your judgment to choose the stronger emotion.</p>
    </full-instructions>
</crowd-form>
</body>
</html>
```
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 Assignment.

When you retrieve the results using ListAssignmentsForHIT, the field data submitted by your form will appear in the Answer of the Assignment (p. 124) 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. 113) 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 website 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 of data, accessible via public HTTPS URLs. You can host your external questions as web pages in Amazon S3, and not have to run your own server. When you use an S3-hosted layout, you need to add a ContentType header and set the ACL to public read, as shown in the following Python SDK PutObject call:

```python
s3_client.put_object(
    ACL='public-read',
    Body=HTML layout,
    Bucket=S3 bucket name,
    Key=Object name,
    ContentType="text/html"
)
```

Your website 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.

**Note**
Your HIT will be rendered inside an IFRAME that has certain limitations. The IFRAME operates in HTML5 "sandbox" mode that has extra restrictions on the content that can appear in the frame. This limits your ability to execute certain code and to use technologies such as Adobe Flash. To ensure your HITs work as expected, we recommend you test them first in the Requester Sandbox.

Finally, please remember that external questions must meet the Amazon Mechanical Turk Participation Agreement, and 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 website 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.

### QuestionForm

**Topics**
- Description (p. 97)
- QuestionForm Structure (p. 98)
- Content Structure (p. 99)
- Answer Specification (p. 104)
- Example (p. 111)

**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 Schema Locations (p. 122) 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. 92).

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

- CreateHIT and CreateHITWithHITType
- CreateQualificationType
- UpdateQualificationType

For more information about using XML data as a parameter or return value, see Using XML Parameter Values (p. 85).
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.

```xml
<QuestionForm xmlns="[the QuestionForm schema URL]">
  <Overview>
    [...]
  </Overview>
  <Question>
    [...]
  </Question>
  <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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QuestionIdentifier</td>
<td>An identifier for the question. This identifier is used to associate the Worker's answers with the question in the answer data.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DisplayName</td>
<td>A name for the question, displayed as a prominent heading.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IsRequired</td>
<td>Specifies whether the Worker must provide an answer for this question to successfully submit the form.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: false</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid Values: true</td>
<td>false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QuestionContent</td>
<td>The instructions and data specific to this question, such as the text of the question. It can contain any kind</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Name | Description | Required
--- | --- | ---
| of informational content, as described in the Content Structure section below. | Type: Content structure | Required
| Default: None | | |

AnswerSpecification | A structure that describes the field type and possible values for the answer to this question, as described in the Answer Specification section below. This element controls how the form field is rendered and specifies which values are valid answers for this question. | Yes
| Type: An answer specification structure | |
| Default: None | |
| Valid Values: FreeTextAnswer | SelectionAnswer | FileUploadAnswer |

For example:

```xml
<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 (Deprecated)
- 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.

```xml
<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.

```xml
<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.

```xml
<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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MimeType</td>
<td>Specifies the type of the data.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: <strong>MimeType</strong> element</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Child Elements:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• A required string that specifies the type of the data.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The possible values are image, audio, or video.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• An optional string that specifies the format of the item,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>such as gif</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DataURL</td>
<td>The data itself specified with a <strong>DataURL</strong> element that contains a valid HTTP URL.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: <strong>DataURL</strong> element</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AltText</td>
<td>The text that should appear if the data cannot be rendered in the browser.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Application (Deprecated)

Important
Beginning Tuesday, December 12th 2017 the QuestionForm data structure will no longer support the Application element. Instead, we recommend using the HTMLQuestion (p. 88) or ExternalQuestion (p. 92) data structures for including interactive content for Workers.

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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AppletPath</td>
<td>The URL path to the directory that contains Java classes for the applet.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: URL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AppletFilename</td>
<td>The name of the class file that contains the applet code, which is located in the path specified by AppletPath.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>The width of the bounding box for the applet.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The **Flash** element includes the elements described in the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FlashMovieURL</td>
<td>The URL of the Flash movie file.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: URL</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Width</td>
<td>The width of the bounding box for the Flash movie.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Height</td>
<td>The height of the bounding box for the Flash movie.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ApplicationParameter</td>
<td>The parameters for the Flash movie.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: ApplicationParameter</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Child Elements:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• A required string that specifies the name of the parameter</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• A required string that specifies the value of the parameter</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

```xml
<Application>
</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>

**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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>EmbeddedMimeType</strong></td>
<td>Specifies the type of the data.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: <code>EmbeddedMimeType</code> element</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Child Elements:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• A required string that specifies the type of the data.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The possible values are <code>image</code>, <code>audio</code>, or <code>video</code>.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• An optional string that specifies the format of the item, such as <code>gif</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DataURL</strong></td>
<td>The data itself specified by a <code>DataURL</code> element that contains a valid HTTP URL</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: <code>DataURL</code> element</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>AltText</strong></td>
<td>The text that should appear if the data cannot be rendered in the browser.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Width</strong></td>
<td>The width of the bounding box for the object.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Height</strong></td>
<td>The height of the bounding box for the object.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ApplicationParameter</strong></td>
<td>The parameters for the <code>EmbeddedBinary</code> object.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Name | Description | Required
--- | --- | ---
Type: ApplicationParameter | | 
Default: None | | 
Child elements: | | 
• A required string that specifies the name of the parameter | | 
• A required string that specifies the value of the parameter | | 

```xml
<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. 115).

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:

```xml
<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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Constraints</td>
<td>Describes the constraints on the allowed values for the text field. This element is described in the next table.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Constraints element</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DefaultText</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: An empty value</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NumberOfLinesSuggestion</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: 1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>IsNumeric</td>
<td>Specifies that the value entered must be numeric.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: empty element</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Attributes:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• An optional integer that specifies the minimum value allowed</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• An optional integer that specifies the maximum value allowed</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Length</td>
<td>Specifies the length range of the answer.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Answer Format Regex

Specifies that JavaScript validates the answer string against a given pattern.

**Note**

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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AnswerFormatRegex</td>
<td>Specifies that JavaScript validates the answer string against a given pattern.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Type: empty element

Default: None

Attributes:
- A required string that specifies the regular expression that JavaScript uses to validate against the Workers' entered values
- 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."
- An optional string with the value `i` which specifies that case is ignored when matching characters

The `Constraints` element can contain multiple `AnswerFormatRegex` elements. All `AnswerFormatRegex` constraints must be satisfied before the Worker can submit the HIT.

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:

```xml
<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:

```xml
<FreeTextAnswer>
</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 minOccurs="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*|\d{2}\-?)\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]\d{2}(0|-)[01]\d\-\d{2}$" 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>
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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MinSelectionCount</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxSelectionCount</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>StyleSuggestion</td>
<td>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. Type: String Default: None Valid Values: • Can be used if MaxSelectionCount is 1, because it restricts the user to selecting either zero or one item from the list • Allows multiple selections, but can be restricted by using the MaxSelectionCount element • Allows multiple selections, but can be restricted by using the MaxSelectionCount element • Can be used if MaxSelectionCount is 1, because it restricts the user to selecting either zero or one item from the list • Allows multiple selections, but can be restricted by using the MaxSelectionCount element • Allows multiple selections, but can be restricted by using the MaxSelectionCount element</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SelectionIdentifier</td>
<td>A unique alphanumeric string that is in the answer data if this selection is chosen.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Text</td>
<td>Contains the content of the selected item.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FormattedContent</td>
<td>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. 115).</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Binary</td>
<td>Contains the content of the selected item.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Answer Specification

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Type: Binary</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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 (Deprecated)

**Important**

Beginning Tuesday, December 12th 2017 the Answer Specification structure will no longer support the `FileUploadAnswer` element to be used for the QuestionForm data structure. Instead, we recommend that Requesters who want to create HITs asking Workers to upload files use Amazon S3.

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>
```
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. 85) for more information.)

```xml
<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>
        </Selections>
      </SelectionAnswer>
    </AnswerSpecification>
  </Question>
</QuestionForm>
```
<SelectionIdentifier>unsure</SelectionIdentifier>
<Text>It could go either way</Text>
</Selection>
<Selection>
  <SelectionIdentifier>likely</SelectionIdentifier>
  <Text>Likely</Text>
</Selection>
</Selections>
</SelectionAnswer>
</AnswerSpecification>
</Question>
</QuestionForm>
QuestionFormAnswers

Topics

- Description (p. 113)
- The Structure of Answers (p. 113)
- Example (p. 114)

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 Schema Locations (p. 122) for the location of this schema. For more information about using XML data as parameter or return value, see Using XML Parameter Values (p. 85).

**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

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. 97) 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 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.

```xml
<QuestionFormAnswers xmlns="[the QuestionFormAnswers schema URL]">
  <Answer>
    <QuestionIdentifier>nextmove</QuestionIdentifier>
    <FreeText>C3</FreeText>
  </Answer>
  <Answer>
    <QuestionIdentifier>likelytowin</QuestionIdentifier>
    <SelectionIdentifier>notlikely</SelectionIdentifier>
  </Answer>
</QuestionFormAnswers>
```

When using Crowd HTML Elements (p. 82) in your form, they will output JSON formatted data in the `<FreeText>` field. For example, the output for a crowd-bounding-box with three boxes on the image would contain a text string similar to the one below.

```json
{  
  'annotatedResult':  
  {  
    'boundingBoxes':  
    [  
      {  
        'height': 902,  
        'label': 'human',  
        'left': 53,  
        'top': 174,  
        'width': 619  
      },  
      {  
        'height': 936,  
        'label': 'human',  
        'left': 734,  
        'top': 73,  
        'width': 684  
      },  
      {  
        'height': 686,  
        'label': 'human',  
        'left': 1174,  
        'top': 121,  
        'width': 556  
      }  
    ],  
    'inputImageProperties':  
    {  
      'height': 1080,  
      'width': 1920  
    }  
  }  
}
```
Formated Content: XHTML

Topics

- Using Formatted Content (p. 116)
- Supported XHTML Tags (p. 116)
- How XHTML Formatted Content Is Validated (p. 118)

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. 97). 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 align="center">1</td>
    <td align="center">2</td>
    <td align="center">3</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td align="right">A</td>
    <td align="center">X</td>
    <td align="center">&nbsp;</td>
    <td align="center">O</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td align="right">B</td>
    <td align="center">&nbsp;</td>
    <td align="center">O</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">X</td>
  </tr>
</table>]]></FormattedContent>
```
For more information about describing the contents of a HIT or Qualification test, see the QuestionForm data structure (p. 97).

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 <span> 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 <b> and <i> tags as follows:

```xml
<b><i>This text appears bold italic.</i></b>
```

But the following would not be valid, because the closing </b> tag appears before the closing </i> tag:

```xml
<b><i>These tags don't nest properly!</i></b>
```

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 (<img>) 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.


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 <br>.
- The alt attribute is required for <area> and <img> tags.
- <img> tags also require a src attribute.
- <map> tags require a name attribute.

The following table lists the supported tags and attributes:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tag</th>
<th>Attributes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>a</td>
<td>accesskey charset coords href hreflang name rel rev shape tabindex target type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>area</td>
<td>alt coords href nohref shape target</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>big</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>blockquote</td>
<td>cite</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>br</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>center</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cite</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>code</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>col</td>
<td>align char charoff span valign width</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>colgroup</td>
<td>align char charoff span valign width</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dd</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>del</td>
<td>cite datetime</td>
</tr>
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<td>color face size</td>
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<td>h1</td>
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<td>h2</td>
<td>align</td>
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<td>h3</td>
<td>align</td>
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<tr>
<td>h4</td>
<td>align</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tag</td>
<td>Attributes</td>
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<td>h5</td>
<td>align</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>h6</td>
<td>align</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hr</td>
<td>align noshade size width</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>i</td>
<td>align</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>img</td>
<td>align alt border height hspace ismap longdesc src usemap vspace width</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ins</td>
<td>cite datetime</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>li</td>
<td>type value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>map</td>
<td>name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ol</td>
<td>compact start type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>p</td>
<td>align</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pre</td>
<td>width</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>q</td>
<td>cite</td>
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<tr>
<td>small</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>strong</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>sub</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>sup</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>table</td>
<td>align bgcolor border cellpadding cellspacing frame rules summary width</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tbody</td>
<td>align char charoff valign</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>td</td>
<td>abbr align axis bgcolor char charoff colspan headers height nowrap rowspan scope valign width</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tfoot</td>
<td>align char charoff valign</td>
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<td>align bgcolor char charoff valign</td>
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<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ul</td>
<td>compact type</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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 Data Structure Schema Locations (p. 122).

You do not need to specify the namespace of the XHTML tags in your formatted content. This is assumed automatically during validation.

### AnswerKey

**Topics**
- Description (p. 119)
- The Structure of an Answer Key (p. 120)
- Example (p. 121)

### 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. 122) for the location of this schema. For more information about using XML data as parameter or return value, see Using XML Parameter Values (p. 85).

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

All elements in an 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.
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.

Example

The following is an example of a complete AnswerKey data structure. Remember that to pass this structure in as a parameter to an operation, XML characters must be escaped as character entities. For more information, see Using XML Parameter Values (p. 85).

```xml
<AnswerKey xmlns="[the AnswerKey schema URL]">
  <Question>
    <QuestionIdentifier>nextmove</QuestionIdentifier>
    <AnswerOption>
      <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>
```
Data Structure Schema Locations

The Amazon Mechanical Turk uses several XML data structures to help you define your tasks flexibly. These data structures are specified using schemas that are versioned. This allows MTurk to add new versions of task types while preserving backwards compatibility.

When constructing an XML object for any of these structures, you must declare a namespace that matches the target namespace for the schema for the structure. The namespace is defined using the URL to the schema definition. For example, here is how to declare your namespace when constructing an HTMLQuestion:

```xml
<HTMLQuestion
HTMLQuestion.xsd">
[...]
</HTMLQuestion>
```

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.

**Important**
Beginning Tuesday, December 12th 2017 the QuestionForm (p. 97) structure will no longer support the FileUploadAnswer element and the Application element. The 2017-11-06 version of the QuestionForm schema has been updated to reflect these changes. If you don't use the deprecated elements in your QuestionForm, the 2005-10-01 schema will continue to work.

You can find the schema namespace values for all of the question and answer data structures below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Schema</th>
<th>Latest Version</th>
<th>Schema Namespace</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The Formatted Content: XHTML (p. 115) subset</td>
<td>2006-07-14</td>
<td><a href="http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2006-07-14/FormattedContentXHTMLSubset.xsd">http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2006-07-14/FormattedContentXHTMLSubset.xsd</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The QuestionForm (p. 97) schemas</td>
<td>2017-11-06</td>
<td><a href="http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2017-11-06/QuestionForm.xsd">http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2017-11-06/QuestionForm.xsd</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The QuestionFormAnswers (p. 113) schemas</td>
<td>2005-10-01</td>
<td><a href="http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2005-10-01/QuestionFormAnswers.xsd">http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2005-10-01/QuestionFormAnswers.xsd</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The AnswerKey (p. 119) schemas</td>
<td>2005-10-01</td>
<td><a href="http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/">http://mechanicalturk.amazonaws.com/</a></td>
</tr>
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# Amazon Mechanical Turk API Reference

## Data Structure Schema Locations

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<th>Schema Namespace</th>
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<td></td>
<td><code>AWSMechanicalTurkDataSchemas/2005-10-01/AnswerKey.xsd</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The Amazon Mechanical Turk 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 operations:

- GetAssignment
- ListAssignmentsForHIT

Elements

The Assignment structure can contain the following elements.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentId</td>
<td>A unique identifier for the assignment. Can be up to 255 bytes in length. Type: String Default: None</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WorkerId</td>
<td>The ID of the Worker who accepted the HIT. Can be up to 255 bytes in length. Type: String Default: None</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITId</td>
<td>The ID of the HIT. Can be up to 255 bytes in length.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentStatus</td>
<td>The status of the assignment</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid Values: Submitted</td>
<td>Approved</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AutoApprovalTime</td>
<td>If results have been submitted, AutoApprovalTime 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.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AcceptTime</td>
<td>The date and time the Worker accepted the assignment.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SubmitTime</td>
<td>If the Worker has submitted results, SubmitTime is the date and time the assignment was submitted. This value is omitted from the assignment if the Worker has not yet submitted results.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------------</td>
<td>------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| ApprovalTime       | If the Worker has submitted results and the Requester has approved the results, ApprovalTime is the date and time the Requester 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.  
Note: This value is omitted from the assignment if the Requester has not yet approved the results. | No       |
| RejectionTime      | If the Worker has submitted results and the Requester has rejected the results, RejectionTime 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.  
Note: This value is omitted from the assignment if the Requester has not yet rejected the results. | No       |
| Deadline           | 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       |
| Answer             | The Worker's answers submitted for the HIT contained in a QuestionFormAnswers document, if the Worker provides an answer. If the Worker does not provide any answers, Answer may contain a QuestionFormAnswers document, or Answer may be empty.  
Type: a QuestionFormAnswers (p. 113) data structure  
Default: None | No       |
| RequesterFeedback  | The feedback string included with the call to the ApproveAssignment operation or the RejectAssignment operation, if the Requester approved or rejected the assignment and specified feedback.  
Type: String  
Default: None | No       |
The following example shows an Assignment data structure returned by the `ListAssignmentsForHIT` operation. The `ListAssignmentsForHIT` operation returns zero or more `Assignment` elements for a `Reviewable` HIT.

```json
Assignment:
    AssignmentId: "123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE456RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
    WorkerId:"AZ3456EXAMPLE",
    HITId:"123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
    AssignmentStatus:"Submitted",
    Deadline: "2005-12-01T23:59:59Z",
    AcceptTime: "2005-12-01T12:00:00Z",
    SubmitTime: "2005-12-07T23:59:59Z",
    Answer:
        QuestionFormAnswers:[XML-encoded Answer data]
    }
}
```
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
- GetHIT
- ListReviewableHITs
- ListHITs

Elements

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITId</td>
<td>A unique identifier for the HIT. The CreateHIT operation gives a HIT the HIT ID and the HIT retains that ID forever. Type: String Default: None</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the HIT type of this HIT Type: String Default: None</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITGroupId</td>
<td>The ID of the HIT Group of this HIT Type: String Default: None</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITLayoutId</td>
<td>The ID of the HIT Layout of this HIT Type: String Default: None</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreationTime</td>
<td>The date and time the HIT was created Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2012-01-31T23:59:59Z. Default: None</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Title</td>
<td>The title of the HIT</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>A general description of the HIT</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HitStatus</td>
<td>The status of the HIT and its assignments</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reward</td>
<td>The amount of money the Requester will pay a Worker for successfully completing the HIT.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LifetimeInSeconds</td>
<td>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 MaxAssignments, has not been completed.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentDurationInSeconds</td>
<td>The length of time, in seconds, that a Worker has to complete the HIT after accepting it.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-------------------------</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MaxAssignments</td>
<td>The number of times the HIT can be accepted and completed before the HIT becomes unavailable.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: positive integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: 1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds</td>
<td>The amount of time, in seconds, after the Worker submits an assignment for the HIT that the results are automatically approved by Amazon Mechanical Turk. This is the amount of time the Requester has to reject an assignment submitted by a Worker before the assignment is auto-approved and the Worker is paid.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: positive integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Expiration</td>
<td>The date and time the HIT expires</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2012-01-31T23:59:59Z.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QualificationRequirement</td>
<td>The QualificationRequirement data structure describes a Qualification that 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 in order to preview the HIT, or see the HIT in search results. A HIT can have between zero and ten Qualification requirements.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: a QualificationRequirement data structure.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Question</td>
<td>The data the Worker completing the HIT uses produce the results.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: either a QuestionForm (p. 97) or an ExternalQuestion (p. 92) data structure.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RequesterAnnotation</td>
<td>An arbitrary data field the Requester who created the HIT can use. This field is visible only to the creator of the HIT.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITReviewStatus</td>
<td>Indicates the review status of the HIT.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid Values: NotReviewed</td>
<td>MarkedForReview</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NumberofAssignmentsPending</td>
<td>The number of assignments for this HIT that are being previewed or have been accepted by Workers, but have not yet been submitted, returned, or abandoned.</td>
<td>Conditional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: non-negative integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Conditions: This element is returned only if the HITAssignmentSummary response group is specified.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NumberofAssignmentsAvailable</td>
<td>The number of assignments for this HIT that are available for Workers to accept</td>
<td>Conditional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: non-negative integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Conditions: This element is returned only if the HITAssignmentSummary response group is specified.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NumberofAssignmentsCompleted</td>
<td>The number of assignments for this HIT that have been approved or rejected.</td>
<td>Conditional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: non-negative integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Conditions: This element is returned only if the HITAssignmentSummary response group is specified.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Example

The following example shows a HIT data structure returned by the CreateHIT operation. The CreateHIT operation returns an element named HIT that represents the HIT that was created by the call.

```json
HIT:
    HITId:"123RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
    HITTypeId:"T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE",
    HITTypeId:"2005-06-30T23:59:59",
    HITStatus:"Assignable",
    MaxAssignments:"5",
    AutoApprovalDelayInSeconds:"86400",
    LifetimeInSeconds:"86400",
    AssignmentDurationInSeconds:"300",
    Reward:
        Amount:"25"
        CurrencyCode:"USD"
        FormattedPrice:"$0.25"
    ,
    Title:"Location and Photograph Identification",
    Description:"Select the image that best represents...",
    Keywords:"location, photograph, image, identification, opinion",
    Question:
        QuestionForm:[XML-encoded Question data]
    ,
    QualificationRequirement:
        QualificationTypeId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
        Comparator:"GreaterThan",
        Value:"18"
    ,
    HITReviewStatus:"NotReviewed"
}```
The HITLayoutParameter data structure defines parameter values used with a HITLayout. A HITLayout is a reusable Amazon Mechanical Turk project template used to provide Human Intelligence Task (HIT) question data for CreateHIT. For more information, see HITLayout (p. 86).

The HITLayoutParameter data structure is used in the results of the following operation:

- CreateHIT (p. 12)

**Tip**
The HITLayout (p. 86) is used to create an HTMLQuestion document. HITLayoutParameter values with reserved characters or invalid HTML markup may result in an invalid HTMLQuestion document.

## Elements

The HITLayout data structure has a root element of HITLayoutParameter.

The HITLayoutParameter element contains the following elements:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>The name of the parameter in the HITLayout.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: Parameter names supplied in a HITLayoutParameter structure must be used in the referenced HITLayout.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>The value substituted for the parameter referenced in the HITLayout.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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
- ListQualificationRequests

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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| QualificationTypeId| The ID of the Qualification type for the Qualification. Can be up to 255 bytes in length.  
Type: String  
Default: None | Yes      |
| WorkerId           | The ID of the Worker who possesses the Qualification. Can be up to 255 bytes in length.  
Type: String  
Default: None | Yes      |
| GrantTime          | The date and time the Qualification was associated with the Worker. If the Worker's Qualification was revoked, and then re-associated based on a new Qualification request, GrantTime is the date and time of the last call to the AssociateQualificationWithWorker 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      |
| IntegerValue       | The value (score) of the Qualification, if the Qualification has an integer value.  
Type: Integer  
Default: None | No       |
<p>| LocaleValue        | The value of the Qualification if the Qualification describes a geographical region or location. | No       |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: a [Locale](p. 153) data structure.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Status</td>
<td>The status of the Qualification</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid Values: Granted</td>
<td>Revoked</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Example**

The following example illustrates a Qualification with an integer value.

```json
Qualification:
    QualificationTypeId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
    WorkerId:"AZ3456EXAMPLE",
    IntegerValue:95
```
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:

- ListQualificationRequests

Elements

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationRequestId</td>
<td>The ID of the Qualification request, a unique identifier generated when the request was submitted. Can be up to 255 bytes in length. Type: String Default: None</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the Qualification type the Worker is requesting, as returned by the CreateQualificationType operation. Can be up to 255 bytes in length. Type: String Default: None</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SubjectId</td>
<td>The ID of the Worker requesting the Qualification. This ID corresponds to the WorkerId returned with assignment results when the Worker performs a HIT. Can be up to 255 bytes in length. Type: String Default: None</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test</td>
<td>The contents of the Qualification test that was presented to the Worker, if the type has a test and the Worker has submitted answers. This value is identical to the QuestionForm associated with the Qualification type at the time the Worker requests the Qualification. Type: a QuestionForm (p. 97) data structure Default: None</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Answer</td>
<td>The Worker's answers for the Qualification type's test contained in a QuestionFormAnswers document, if the type has a test and the Worker has submitted answers. If the Worker does not provide any answers, Answer may be empty.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Example

The following example shows a QualificationRequest data structure returned by the ListQualificationRequests operation. This operation returns the requests for Qualifications of a Qualification type to the owner of the type.

```json
QualificationRequest:
    QualificationRequestId:"789RVYBAZW00EXAMPLE8951RVYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
    QualificationTypeId:"789RVYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
    SubjectId:"AZ3456EXAMPLE",
    Test:{
        QuestionForm:[XML-encoded Question data]
    },
    Answer:{
        QuestionFormAnswers:[XML-encoded Answer data]
    },
    SubmitTime:"2005-12-01T23:59:59Z"
}
QualificationRequirement

Topics

- Description (p. 138)
- Using Custom, System-Assigned, and Master Qualification Types (p. 138)
- Elements (p. 139)
- Qualification Type IDs (p. 142)
- Master Qualification (p. 143)
- Adding Adult Content (p. 143)
- The Locale Qualification (p. 144)
- Example—Using the QualificationRequirement Data Structure (p. 145)
- Example—Using the QualificationRequirement Data Structure for Comparing Multiple Values (p. 145)
- Example—Using the QualificationRequirement Data Structure to Hide HIT from Unqualified Workers (p. 145)

Description

The QualificationRequirement data structure describes a Qualification that 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 in order to preview the HIT, or see the HIT in search results.

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

- CreateHIT
- CreateHITType

The QualificationRequirement data structure is used in the HIT data structure (p. 128).

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 AcceptQualificationRequest 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 AcceptQualificationRequest 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 superior performance while completing thousands of...
HITs across the Mechanical Turk marketplace. You can use the Master and system-assigned Qualification types by using the corresponding Qualification type ID in the QualificationTypeId element of the QualificationRequirement data structure. For a list of the Master and system-assigned IDs, see Qualification Type IDs (p. 142). For more information about using a Master Qualification type, see Master Qualification (p. 143).

## Elements

The QualificationRequirement data structure can contain the following elements.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>The ID of the Qualification type for the requirement. Can be up to 255 bytes in length.</td>
<td>A valid QualificationType ID from a custom Qualification type you created or an ID from the list of Master and system-assigned Qualification Type IDs (p. 142).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comparator</td>
<td>The kind of comparison to make against a Qualification's value. You can compare a Qualification's value:</td>
<td>LessThan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IntegerValues</td>
<td>Array of integer values to compare against the Qualification's value. IntegerValue must not be present if Comparator is Exists or DoesNotExist.</td>
<td>An integer.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LocaleValue</td>
<td>The locale value to compare against the Qualification's value. The local value must be a valid ISO 3166 country code or supports ISO 3166-2 subdivisions.</td>
<td>A Locale (p. 153) data structure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>LocaleValue can only be used with a Worker_Locale QualificationType ID, see Qualification Type IDs (p. 142).</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>LocaleValue can only be used with the EqualTo, NotEqualTo, In, and NotIn comparators.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You must only use a single LocaleValue element when using the EqualTo or NotEqualTo comparators.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>When performing a set comparison by using the In or the NotIn comparator, you can use up to 30 LocaleValue elements in a QualificationRequirement data structure. For an example of a set comparison, see Example —Using the QualificationRequirement Data Structure for Comparing Multiple Values (p. 145).</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------------</td>
<td>-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ActionsGuarded</td>
<td>Setting this attribute prevents Workers whose Qualifications do not meet this requirement from taking the specified action.</td>
<td>Accept</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid arguments are:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• Accept (worker cannot accept the HIT)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• PreviewAndAccept (worker cannot accept or preview the HIT)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• DiscoverPreviewAndAccept (worker cannot accept, preview, or see the HIT in their search results)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>It's possible for you to create a HIT with multiple QualificationRequirements (which can have different values for the ActionGuarded attribute). In this case, the Worker is only permitted to perform an action when they have met all QualificationRequirements guarding the action. The actions in the order of least restrictive to most restrictive is Discover, Preview and Accept. For example, if a Worker meets all QualificationRequirements that are set to DiscoverPreviewAndAccept, but do not meet all requirements that are set with PreviewAndAccept, then the Worker will be able to Discover, i.e. see the HIT in their search result, but will not be able to Preview or Accept the HIT. The default is Accept.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RequiredToPreview</td>
<td>DEPRECATED as of 03/29/2018 - Use the ActionsGuarded field instead.</td>
<td>A Boolean value, true or false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>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 RequiredToPreview is true in order to preview the HIT.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>If a Worker meets all of the requirements where RequiredToPreview 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.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The default is false.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Qualification Type IDs

The following table lists the Master and system-assigned Qualification Type IDs that can be used in the QualificationTypeId element.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>QualificationTypeId</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Masters</td>
<td>Sandbox: 2ARFPLSP75KLA8M8DH1HTEQVJT3SY6 Production: 2F1QJWKUDD8XADTFD2Q0G6UTO95ALH</td>
<td>Masters are Workers who have demonstrated superior performance while completing thousands of HITs across the Mechanical Turk marketplace. Masters maintain this high level of performance to keep this distinction. Set the comparator parameter to &quot;Exists&quot; to require that Workers have this Qualification. Note that for this Qualification type ID, the QualificationTypeId value for the Mechanical Turk Sandbox environment is different than the value for the production environment.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worker_NumberHITsApproved</td>
<td>0000000000000000000040</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worker_Locale</td>
<td>0000000000000000000071</td>
<td>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 (p. 144) section.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worker_Adult</td>
<td>0000000000000000000060</td>
<td>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).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worker_PercentAssignmentsApproved</td>
<td>0000000000000000000000L0</td>
<td>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. 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</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------</td>
<td>---------------------</td>
<td>-------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>less than 100 assignments, the Worker's approval rate in the system is 100%. 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.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Master Qualification**

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

To create a Qualification requirement for Masters, specify:

- A QualificationTypeId of 2F1QWKUDD8XADTFD2Q0G6UTO95ALH
- 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. The ID values to use in the Mechanical Turk Sandbox environment are listed in the Qualification Type IDs (p. 142) table.

**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, 000000000000000000000000.0060.
     - Set comparator parameter to "EqualTo."
     - Set the IntegerValue parameter to 1 (required).
   - 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 ActionsGuarded parameter to PreviewAndAccept.
      - 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 that corresponds to the desired locale

To create a Qualification requirement based on the Worker being in or not in one of several locations,
specify:

- A QualificationTypeId of 00000000000000000071
- A Comparator of In or NotIn
- Multiple LocaleValue values that correspond to the desired locales.

For more information on the format of a LocaleValue element, see Locale data structure (p. 153).

Example

The following example shows a QualificationRequirement specifying Workers located in the state of
Pennsylvania. Workers located in the state of New York (US-NY) or in the country of India (IN) do not
qualify for the HITs with this QualificationRequirement.

```json
QualificationRequirement: {
    QualificationTypeId: "00000000000000000071",
    Comparator: "EqualTo",
    LocaleValues: [
        {
            Country: "US",
            Subdivision: "PA"
        }
    ]
}
```

The following example shows a QualificationRequirement specifying Workers not located in the state of
California. Workers located in the state of New York or in the country of India (IN) will be qualified to do
HITs with this QualificationRequirement.

```json
QualificationRequirement: {
    QualificationTypeId: "00000000000000000071",
    Comparator: "NotEqualTo",
    LocaleValues: [
        {
            Country: "US",
            Subdivision: "CA"
        }
    ]
}
```
Example—Using the QualificationRequirement Data Structure

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:

```
QualificationRequirement:{
  QualificationTypeId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
  Comparator:"GreaterThan",
  IntegerValues:[18]
}
```

Example—Using the QualificationRequirement Data Structure for Comparing Multiple Values

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.

Example Request

The following example shows a QualificationRequirement data structure used in a SOAP request that uses multiple IntegerValue values when performing a set comparison by using the In comparator.

```
QualificationRequirement:{
  QualificationTypeId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
  Comparator:"In",
  IntegerValues:[10, 20, 30]
}
```

Example—Using the QualificationRequirement Data Structure to Hide HIT from Unqualified Workers

The following example of a QualificationRequirement data structure could be passed in to a call to CreateHIT. This will hide the HIT from unqualified Workers (these Workers will not be able to accept, preview, or see the HIT in search results). CreateHIT accepts parameters that describe the HIT being created, including one or more Qualification requirements:

```
QualificationRequirement:{
  QualificationTypeId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
  Comparator:"Exists",
  ActionsGuarded:"DiscoverPreviewAndAccept"
}
```
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
- GetQualificationType
- ListQualificationTypes
- UpdateQualificationType

Elements

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeId</td>
<td>A unique identifier for the Qualification type. A Qualification type is given a Qualification type ID when you call the CreateQualificationType operation, and it retains that ID forever. Can be up to 255 bytes in length.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CreationTime</td>
<td>The date and time the Qualification type was created</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: a dateTime structure in the Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time) time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Description</td>
<td>A long description for the Qualification type.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keywords</td>
<td>One or more words or phrases that describe the Qualification type, separated by commas.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Keywords</td>
<td>Keywords make the type easier to find using a search. Type: String</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QualificationTypeStatus</td>
<td>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. Type: String Valid Values: Active</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Inactive</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RetryDelayInSeconds</td>
<td>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. Type: positive integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None. If not specified, retries are disabled and Workers can request a Qualification only once.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test</td>
<td>The questions for a Qualification test associated with this Qualification type that a user can take to obtain a Qualification of this type. Type: a QuestionForm (p. 97) data structure. Note A Qualification test cannot use an</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ExternalQuestionForm (p. 92) like a HIT can.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: must be specified if AnswerKey is present. A Qualification type cannot have both a specified Test parameter and an AutoGranted value of true.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TestDurationInSeconds</td>
<td>The amount of time, in seconds, given to a Worker to complete the Qualification test, beginning from the time the Worker requests the Qualification. Type: positive integer</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>AnswerKey</td>
<td>The answers to the Qualification test specified in the Test parameter.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: an AnswerKey (p. 119) data structure.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None. If not provided with a test, the Qualification author must process the Qualification request manually.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AutoGranted</td>
<td>Specifies that requests for the Qualification type are granted immediately, without prompting the Worker with a Qualification test.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid Values: true</td>
<td>false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: A Qualification type cannot have both a specified Test parameter and an AutoGranted value of true.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AutoGrantedValue</td>
<td>The Qualification value to use for automatically granted Qualifications, if AutoGranted is true.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: 1</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IsRequestable</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid Values: true</td>
<td>false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Example

The following example shows a QualificationType data structure returned by a call to the ListQualificationTypes operation. The GetQualificationType operation returns a QualificationType element.

```json
QualificationType:
  QualificationTypeId:"789RVWYBAZW00EXAMPLE",
  Name:"EnglishWritingAbility",
  Description:"The ability to write and edit text...",
  Keywords:"English, text, write, edit, language",
  QualificationTypeStatus:"Active",
  RetryDelayInSeconds:86400,
```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>IsRequestable: true</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| }
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. 155).

The following two types of HIT Review Policy data structures are used when calling the CreateHIT (p. 12) operation.

- AssignmentReviewPolicy data structures set the review results and actions at the Assignment level. For more information, see Assignment Review Policies (p. 156).
- HITReviewPolicy data structures set the review results and actions at the HIT-level. For more information, see HIT Review Policies (p. 158).

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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PolicyName</td>
<td>Name of a Review Policy. For policy names and descriptions, see Assignment Review Policies (p. 156) and HIT Review Policies (p. 158). Type: String Constraints: SimplePlurality/2011-09-01 or ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parameter</td>
<td>Name of the parameter from the Review policy. Type: Parameter data structure, for a description see the next section Parameter Elements.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Parameter Elements

The Parameter data structure contains the elements described in the following table.
MapEntry Elements

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Key</td>
<td>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. Can be up to 255 bytes in length.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>The answer to the question specified in the MapEntry Key element. Note: You can provide multiple Value elements, but the Worker must match all values in order for the answer to be scored correctly.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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 CreateHIT request.
```
{
    HITTypeId: "T100CN9P324W00EXAMPLE",
    Question: "URL-encoded question data",
    LifetimeInSeconds: 604800,
    AssignmentReviewPolicy: {
        PolicyName: "ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01",
        Parameters: [
            { Key: "AnswerKey",
              MapEntries: [
                { Key: "QuestionId1", Values: ["B"] },
                { Key: "QuestionId2", Value: ["A"] },
                { Key: "QuestionId3", Value: ["C"] },
                { Key: "QuestionId4", Value: ["A"] }
              ]
            },
            { Key: "ApproveIfKnownAnswerScoreIsAtLeast",
              Values: ["79"]
            },
            { Key: "ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan",
              Values: ["79"]
            },
            { Key: "ExtendMaximumAssignments",
              Values: ["3"]
            }
        ]
    },
    HITReviewPolicy: {
        PolicyName: "SimplePlurality/2011-09-01",
        Parameters: [
            { Key: "QuestionIDs",
              // Add up to 15 questions
              Values: ["questionid1", "questionid2", "questionid3", "questionid4", "questionid5"]
            },
            { Key: "QuestionAgreementThreshold",
              Values: ["100"]
            }
        ]
    }
}
```
Locale

Description

The Locale data structure represents a geographical region or location.

The Locale data structure is used as part of the `QualificationRequirement` (p. 138) data structure when you specify a requirement based on the locale Qualification, and as part of the `Qualification` (p. 134) 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 and `Subdivision` field. Please note that subdivisions or states are only available for the United States of America.

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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Country</strong></td>
<td>The country of the locale.</td>
<td><strong>Yes</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: A valid ISO 3166 country code. For example, the code <code>US</code> refers to the United States of America.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: none</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Subdivision</strong></td>
<td>The state or subdivision of the locale.</td>
<td><strong>No</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: A valid ISO 3166-2 subdivision code. For example, the code CA refers to the state of California</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: none</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example

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

```
LocaleValue:{
  Country:"US"
}
```

Example

The following code sample indicates a locale in the state of California in the United States of America.

```
LocaleValue:{
  Country:"US",
  Subdivision:"CA"
}
```
LocaleValue:
    Country:"US",
    Subdivision:"CA"
}
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 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.
- A HIT-level Review Policy is applied when a HIT becomes reviewable. For more information, see HIT Review Policies.

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.

How Review Policies Work

You specify the Review Policy(s) that you want Mechanical Turk to apply when you call the CreateHIT 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 ListReviewPolicyResultsForHIT 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 and HIT Review Policies.

You can specify one Assignment-level Review Policy and one HIT-level Review Policy when you call CreateHIT using the HIT Review Policy 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 ListAssignmentsForHIT operation and the results of applying the Review Policy are available by using the ListReviewPolicyResultsForHIT 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.

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. 12) 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. 97) and ExternalQuestion (p. 92).

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 ListReviewPolicyResultsForHIT 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. 150) data structure.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AnswerKey</td>
<td>Question IDs and the answers to the questions. Type: MapEntry, see the HIT Review Policy (p. 150) data structure. Default: None</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ApproveIfKnownAnswerScoreIsAtLeast</td>
<td>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)</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ApproveReason</td>
<td>A description provided to the Worker about the reason the assignment was approved. If not specified, the reason is left blank. Type: String</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RejectIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</td>
<td>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).</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RejectReason</td>
<td>A description provided to the Worker about the reason the assignment was rejected. If not specified, the reason is left blank. Type: String</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</td>
<td>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</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
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 ListReviewPolicyResultsForHIT 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.

**Note**
Answers that are longer than 256 characters are not used in the computation of HIT review policies.

## Parameters

The following parameters are specified in the HITReviewPolicy element when calling the CreateHIT operation. You must also specify the PolicyName `SimplePlurality/2011-09-01` as part of the HitReviewPolicy element. For an example, see HIT Review Policy data structure.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>QuestionIds</td>
<td>A comma-separated list of questionIds used to determine agreement.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: none</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QuestionAgreementThreshold</td>
<td>If the Question Agreement Score is greater than this value, the questionId is considered to have an agreed answer.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: none</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DisregardAssignmentIfRejected</td>
<td>Excludes rejected assignments from agreement calculation.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Boolean</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: T or F</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DisregardAssignmentIfKnownAnswerScoreLessThan</td>
<td>Excludes answers from agreement calculation if the KnownAnswerScore is present and less than the provided value.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: none</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ExtendIfHITAgreementScoreIsLessThan</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Integer</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Constraints: 1-100</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ExtendMaximumAssignments</td>
<td>If the ExtendIfHITAgreementScoreIsLessThan is provided, this sets the total maximum number of assignments for the HIT.</td>
<td>Conditional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
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</table>
| ScoreMyKnownAnswers                            | If you use ExtendHIT operation and specify the maximum assignment count greater than this value, ScoreMyKnownAnswers will not extend the HIT.  
  **Note:** If a HIT is created with fewer than 10 assignments, it will not extend to have 10 or more assignments.  
  Type: Integer  
  Constraints: none  
  Conditions: Required if ExtendIfHITAgreementScoreIsLessThan is provided. |          |
| ExtendMinimumTimeInSeconds                     | If the ExtendIfHITAgreementScoreIsLessThan is provided, this sets the additional time that the HIT will be extended by.  
  Type: Integer  
  Constraints: Minimum of 60 (one minute), Maximum of 31536000 (365 days)  
  Conditions: Required if ExtendIfHITAgreementScoreIsLessThan is provided. | Conditional |
| ApproveIfWorkerAgreementScoreIsAtLeast         | If the Worker Agreement Score is not less than this value, approve the Worker's assignment.  
  If omitted, assignment will not be approved or rejected.  
  Type: Integer  
  Constraints: none | No |
| RejectIfWorkerAgreementScoreIsLessThan         | If the Worker Agreement Score is less than this value, reject the Worker's assignment.  
  If omitted, assignment will not be approved or rejected.  
  Type: Integer  
  Constraints: none | No |
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. 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Score</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Question Agreement Score</td>
<td>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 checkboxes); 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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HIT Agreement Score</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worker Agreement Score</td>
<td>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.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>QuestionId</th>
<th>Worker1’s answers</th>
<th>Worker2’s answers</th>
<th>Worker3’s answers</th>
<th>Has Agreed-upon value?</th>
<th>Agreed-upon value</th>
<th>Question Agreement Score</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>coat</td>
<td>sweater</td>
<td>coat</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>coat</td>
<td>66%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>blue</td>
<td>blue</td>
<td>green</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>blue</td>
<td>66%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>large</td>
<td>large</td>
<td>large</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>large</td>
<td>100%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>Furry</td>
<td>fur</td>
<td>furrr</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worker Agreement Score</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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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. 12) 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. 12) 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
<td>PolicyName</td>
<td>ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011/09/01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
<td>AnswerKey</td>
<td>List of questionIDs and answers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
<td>ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
<td>ExtendMaximumAssignments</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

```xml
<CreateHITRequest>
  <HITTypeId>T100CN9F324W00EXAMPLE</HITTypeId>
  <Question><![CDATA block or XML Entity encoded]]></Question>
</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. 12) 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
<td>PolicyName</td>
<td>ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>AnswerKey</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Value</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>ExtendMaximumAssignments</td>
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<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
<td>Answer</td>
<td>List of question IDs and answers.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
<td>ApproveIfKnownAnswerScoreIsAtLeast</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
<td>ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentReviewPolicy</td>
<td>ExtendMaximumAssignments</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITReviewPolicy</td>
<td>PolicyName</td>
<td>SimplePlurality/2011-09-01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITReviewPolicy</td>
<td>QuestionIDs</td>
<td>Your list of 15 question IDs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITReviewPolicy</td>
<td>QuestionAgreementThreshold</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITReviewPolicy</td>
<td>DisregardAssignmentIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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.

```xml
<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>
  </AssignmentReviewPolicy>
</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 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Element</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HITReviewPolicy</td>
<td>PolicyName</td>
<td>SimplePlurality/2011-09-01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITReviewPolicy</td>
<td>QuestionIDs</td>
<td>questionID1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITReviewPolicy</td>
<td>QuestionAgreementThreshold</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HITReviewPolicy</td>
<td>ExtendMinimumTimeInSeconds</td>
<td>3600</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### 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.

```xml
<CreateHITRequest>
  <HITTypeId>T100CM9P324W00EXAMPLE</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>QuestionAgreementThreshold</Key>
      <Value>100</Value>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>ExtendMaximumAssignments</Key>
      <Value>3</Value>
    </Parameter>
    <Parameter>
      <Key>ExtendMinimumTimeInSeconds</Key>
      <Value>3600</Value>
    </Parameter>
  </HITReviewPolicy>
</CreateHITRequest>
```
Managing Notifications

Topics
- Elements of a Notification Message (p. 167)
- Notification Handling Using Amazon SQS (p. 168)
- Notification Handling Using Amazon SNS (p. 171)
- Notification (p. 174)

This section describes how to set up and handle Amazon Mechanical Turk event notification messages. A notification message describes one or more events that happened in regards to a HIT type. For more information, see Elements of a Notification Message (p. 167).

You can configure Amazon Mechanical Turk to notify you whenever certain events occur during the life cycle of a HIT. Mechanical Turk can send you a notification message 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.

Notifications are specified as part of a HIT type. To set up notifications for a HIT type, you call the UpdateNotificationSettings (p. 75) operation with a HIT type ID and a notification specification. For more information about HIT types, see Understanding HIT Types.

A notification specification is defined by a Notification (p. 174) data structure, which describes a HIT event notification for the HIT type. The notification specification is passed as the Notification parameter when calling UpdateNotificationSettings (p. 75).

Amazon Mechanical Turk can send a notification to an Amazon Simple Queue Service (Amazon SQS) queue or to an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) topic.

For more information about setting up and handling notifications, see Creating and Managing Notifications.

For more information on configuring notifications using SQS, see Notification Handling Using Amazon SQS (p. 168).

For more information on configuring notifications using SNS, see Notification Handling Using Amazon SNS (p. 171).

You can test your application's ability to receive notifications using SendTestEventNotification (p. 71).

Elements of a Notification Message

Notification messages contain one or more Event data structures that describe recent activity for HITs of a HIT type.

The Notification API Version

Similar to how a REST request that is 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 must also include a Version parameter. This version string is identical to the version that is included in the notification specification for the HIT type.
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. 174)
- 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.

Notification Handling Using Amazon SQS
Your application can use the Amazon Simple Queue Service (Amazon SQS) to handle Mechanical Turk notifications. By using Amazon SQS, your notifications are guaranteed to be delivered at least once. For more information about guaranteed delivery of notifications, see Guaranteed Delivery (p. 170). For more information about, see Amazon SQS.

Creating an SQS Queue
You must create an Amazon SQS queue before using the SQS transport type in notification-related calls. Mechanical Turk does not create an Amazon SQS queue for you. An SQS queue can be created through the Amazon SQS API or by using the AWS Console. For more information, see the Amazon SQS documentation.

Configuring an SQS Queue
Your Amazon SQS queue permissions must be configured to allow a Mechanical Turk system account to call the sqs:SendMessage action on your queue. Whether you use the management console UI or the API to configure permissions, consider the following:

- You must add a permission that enables the Mechanical Turk service principal mturk-requester.amazonaws.com to call SendMessage on your queue.
- Your SendMessage permission must add an action of aws:SecureTransport set to true.
- Limit the permissions you apply to this queue to those that will actually be used.
• You should consider disallowing all other access to your queue from other accounts.

This makes it easy for you to be sure that available messages were sent by Mechanical Turk. If you enable `SendMessage` for other accounts to this queue, or if you plan to send messages to this queue from your AWS account, you should check the sending identity for every message that you receive from the queue. You can do this by requesting the `SenderId` attribute in your call to `ReceiveMessage`. This value will be `AIDAIX04EZE6RHVSXIN4E`. Amazon SQS provides this value as a strong guarantee of the authenticated identity of the sender, so if it matches, you can be sure the message came from Mechanical Turk.

For more information, see the Amazon SQS Developer Guide and Amazon SQS API Reference.

Amazon SQS Policy Document Example

The following example policy document only creates the `SendMessage` permission for the Mechanical Turk account. You can add additional restrictions. For more information about policy documents, see the Amazon SQS Developer Guide.

```json
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Service": "mturk-requester.amazonaws.com"
      },
      "Action": "SQS:SendMessage",
      "Condition": {
        "Bool": {
          "aws:SecureTransport":"true"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Configuring Permissions Using the AWS Console

To configure permissions in the AWS Console:

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon SQS console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/sqs/.
2. Select your queue, and then select Permissions.
3. Click Edit Policy Document.
4. Enter a policy document similar to the example.

Configuring Permissions Using the Amazon SQS API

Call the Amazon SQS `SetQueueAttributes` action with the `Attribute.Name` parameter set to `Policy`. You can call `SetQueueAttributes` with a policy document similar to the example policy document. Do not use the Amazon SQS `AddPermission` action for configuring permissions on this queue. If you
programmatically create a queue and apply a policy document to it, you must ensure the Resource value in the policy document is updated with the correct queue name.

Testing Your Queue

To test your permissions, call the Mechanical Turk SendTestEventNotification (p. 71) operation with a Transport of SQS and your queue URL as the Destination.

Guaranteed Delivery

Using Amazon SQS provides a guaranteed at-least-once delivery of each message. Mechanical Turk ensures that it calls SendMessage at least once for each message. SQS then provides guarantees regarding message persistence and message delivery.

Rarely, the same message may show up twice in the queue. This is an attribute of Amazon SQS's nature as a distributed system.

If you take action on your queue that prevents Mechanical Turk from publishing to it, we cannot guarantee delivery of the messages that would have been sent to your queue. For instance, such actions may include:

- Modifying the permissions on your queue in a way that prevents our account from calling SendMessage successfully.
- Deleting or disabling your queue.

SQS Message Ordering

You should expect that messages may arrive out of order. For information about message ordering behavior, see the SQS documentation.

Multiple SQS Queues

You may use a different queue for each HITType that you configure with notifications.

Mechanical Turk does not provide the ability to route events within a HITType to different queues. For example, you might prefer to have AssignmentSubmitted events for a HITType delivered to a different queue than HITReviewable events for that same HITType. Mechanical Turk will publish both events to the same queue. You can split the events into different queues by running an SQS client that pulls the messages and republishes them to different queues depending on the event type.

SQS Message Payload

The body of each SQS message is a JSON-encoded structure that provides support for multiple events in each message.

The JSON-encoded structure contains the following:

- EventDocVersion: This is the requested version that is passed in the call to UpdateNotificationSettings (p. 75), such as 2014-08-15. For a requested version, Mechanical Turk will not change the structure or definition of the output payload structure in a way that is not backward-compatible.
- EventDocId: A unique identifier for the Mechanical Turk event. In rare cases, you may receive two different SQS messages for the same event, which can be detected by tracking the EventDocId values you have already seen.
• CustomerId: Your Customer Id.
• Events: A list of Event structures, described next.

The Event structure contains the following:
• EventType: A value corresponding to the EventType value in the notification specification data structure.
• EventTimestamp: A dateTime in the Coordinated Universal Time time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z.
• HITTypeId: The HIT type ID for the event.
• HITId: The HIT ID for the event.
• AssignmentId: The assignment ID for the event, if applicable.

Double Delivery

Amazon SQS already provides a MessageId value that enables double-delivery detection in the typical SQS case. However, when receiving messages from Mechanical Turk, we recommend that you use the EventDocId value for double-delivery detection. This will cover an additional scenario in which you may see the same EventDocId in two messages with distinct MessageIds.

Most messages are safe to process twice, since they represent independent one-way state changes. Consider whether detection of repeated messages is important for your application. You may be able to simply process the message and ignore it if it appears to have been applied already.

Notification Handling Using Amazon SNS

Your application can use the Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) to handle Mechanical Turk notifications. For more information about Amazon SNS, see Amazon SNS.

Creating an SNS Topic

You must create an Amazon SNS topic before using the SNS transport type in notification-related calls. Mechanical Turk does not create an Amazon SNS topic for you. An SNS topic can be created through the Amazon SNS API or by using the AWS Console. For more information, see the Amazon SNS documentation.

Configuring an SNS Topic

Your Amazon SNS topic permissions must be configured to allow a Mechanical Turk system account to publish to your topic. Whether you use the management console UI or the API to configure permissions, consider the following:

• You must add a permission that enables the Mechanical Turk service principal mturk-requester.amazonaws.com to Publish to your topic.
• You should ensure that only notifications from your Mechanical Turk account can be published to your topic. This can be done using a StringEquals IAM Policy Condition for the IAM Policy Condition Key aws:SourceAccount in your SNS Topic Policy doc. Set the aws:SourceAccount value equal to the AWS Account Id that is linked to your Mechanical Turk account.

You can determine the AWS Account Id that is linked to your Mechanical Turk account by visiting the Mechanical Turk Developer page.
For more information on the use of IAM Policy Conditions, see the IAM Policy Condition Element documentation.

- Your Publish permission must add an action of `aws:SecureTransport` set to `true`.
- Limit the permissions you apply to this topic to those that will actually be used.
- You should consider disallowing all other access to your topic from other accounts.

This makes it easy for you to be sure that all messages were sent by Mechanical Turk.

For more information, see the Amazon SNS Developer Guide and Amazon SNS API Reference.

### Amazon SNS Policy Document Example

The following example policy document only creates the Publish permission for the Mechanical Turk account. You can add additional restrictions. For more information about policy documents, see the Amazon SNS Developer Guide.

```json
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Service": "mturk-requester.amazonaws.com"
      },
      "Action": "SNS:Publish",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "aws:SourceAccount": "linked-aws-account-id"
        },
        "Bool": {
          "aws:SecureTransport":"true"
        }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

### Configuring Permissions Using the AWS Console

To configure permissions in the AWS Console:

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon SNS console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/sns/.
2. Select your topic, and then select Actions.
3. Click Edit Topic Policy.
4. Enter a policy document similar to the example.

### Configuring Permissions Using the Amazon SNS API

Call the Amazon SNS `SetTopicAttributes` action with the `AttributeName` parameter set to `Policy`. You can call `SetTopicAttributes` with a policy document similar to the example policy document.
Do not use the Amazon SNS AddPermission action for configuring permissions on this topic. If you programmatically create a topic and apply a policy document to it, you must ensure the Resource value in the policy document is updated with the correct topic name.

Testing Your Topic

To test your permissions, call the Mechanical Turk SendTestEventNotification (p. 71) operation with a Transport of SNS and your topic ARN as the Destination.

SNS Message Payload

The body of each SNS message is a JSON-encoded structure that provides support for multiple events in each message.

The JSON-encoded structure contains the following:

- EventDocVersion: This is the requested version that is passed in the call to UpdateNotificationSettings (p. 75), such as 2014-08-15. For a requested version, Mechanical Turk will not change the structure or definition of the output payload structure in a way that is not backward-compatible.
- EventDocId: A unique identifier for the Mechanical Turk event. In rare cases, you may receive two different SNS messages for the same event, which can be detected by tracking the EventDocId values you have already seen.
- CustomerId: Your Customer Id.
- Events: A list of Event structures, described next.

The Event structure contains the following:

- EventType: A value corresponding to the EventType value in the notification specification data structure.
- EventTimestamp: A dateTime in the Coordinated Universal Time time zone, such as 2005-01-31T23:59:59Z.
- HITTypeId: The HIT type ID for the event.
- HITId: The HIT ID for the event.
- AssignmentId: The assignment ID for the event, if applicable.

Double Delivery

When receiving messages from Mechanical Turk, we recommend that you use the EventDocId value for double-delivery detection.

Most messages are safe to process twice, since they represent independent one-way state changes. Consider whether detection of repeated messages is important for your application. You may be able to simply process the message and ignore it if it appears to have been applied already.
Notification

Description

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

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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Destination</td>
<td>The destination for notification messages.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• For Amazon Simple Queue Service (Amazon SQS) notifications (if <strong>Transport</strong> is <strong>SQS</strong>), this is the URL for your Amazon SQS queue. For more information, see Notification Handling Using Amazon SQS (p. 168).</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• For Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) notifications (if <strong>Transport</strong> is <strong>SNS</strong>), this is the ARN for your Amazon SNS topic. For more information, see Notification Handling Using Amazon SNS (p. 171).</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transport</td>
<td>The method Amazon Mechanical Turk uses to send the notification.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid Values: SQS</td>
<td>SNS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Version</td>
<td>The version of the Notification data structure schema to use.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: String</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid Values: 2014-08-15</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Default: None</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EventTypes</td>
<td>The array of one or more events that should cause notifications to be sent. The Ping event is only valid for the <strong>SendTestEventNotification</strong> (p. 71) operation.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Type: Array of Strings</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Valid Values: AssignmentAccepted</td>
<td>AssignmentAbandoned</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----------------------------</td>
<td>--------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AssignmentApproved</td>
<td>HITCreated</td>
<td>HITExtended</td>
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**Example**

In the following example, the notification specification specifies that an event notification message will be published to an SNS topic when a Worker accepts a HIT.

```json
{
  Transport: "SNS",
  Version: "2014-08-15",
  EventTypes:["AssignmentAccepted"]
}
```