



QuestionPoint Knowledge Base API

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What is it?



Developer-level access to QuestionPoint Knowledge Base Question and Answer (Q&A) pairs that QuestionPoint libraries saved for future re-use, for FAQ pages, for patron searches. The QuestionPoint Global Knowledge Base is a collection of Q&A pairs contributed by nearly 500 libraries worldwide. Local knowledge bases are built and maintained by single libraries or regional library groups and usually contain information more specific to that group.

Searching by Keyword



- **andk** - all words must appear
- **phk** - search for this phrase
- **ork** - any words
- **notk** - not these words

Example: searching for all questions that match the search term “baseball”

`http://questionpoint.org/crs/servlet/org.oclc.kb.KBSearchWS?&andk=baseball&prelang=3&kbids=1&kbids=13&type=xml`

- Limit to a particular library's or libraries' knowledge base(s)
- Limit to questions asked in a particular language
- Limit to questions asked during a particular data range

Example: searching for recent (within the last week) questions that match the search terms “Scotland” and “language”

<http://questionpoint.org/crs/servlet/org.oclc.kb.KBSearchWS?&sopt=kw&andk=scotland+language&dr=lw&preflang=4&kbids=1&type=xml>

Search Results



<response>

<baseURL>...</baseURL>

<records>

<record>

<id>199380</id>

<question>

**<![CDATA[How many different dialects are there in Scotland?
]]>**

</question>

</record>

</records>

</response>

Requesting a Specific Question



- Specific question can be requested from the API

<http://questionpoint.org/crs/servlet/org.oclc.ask.AskPatronFetchQAWS?qid=44960&type=xml>

Single question record



<response>

<record>

<question><![CDATA[Which National League baseball team has had the longest drought between World Championships?]]></question>

<answer><![CDATA[CHICAGO CUBS. According to shortstop Ernie Banks, the 1906 Cubs set a modern Major League record with 116 victories before being upset by the White Sox in the World Series. But that disappointment was followed by consecutive Series victories over Detroit--a success the franchise never would be able to duplicate. Over the next nine decades, the Cubs failed to bring another Series banner to Chicago. Pennants in 1910, 1918, 1929, 1932, 1935, 1938 and 1945 were followed by fall classic defeats, and East Division titles in 1984 and 1989 were followed by Championship Series losses. The Cubs qualified for the playoffs as the N.L. wild-card after the 1998 campaign, but a Division Series loss to Atlanta continued their record streak of consecutive seasons without winning a World Series.]]></answer>

Single question record cont.



<qkeyword><![CDATA[1186,Sports]]></qkeyword>

<akeyword><![CDATA[1186,Sports]]></akeyword>

<ukeyword><![CDATA[null]]></ukeyword>

<lastUpdate>2004-03-09 09:44:00.0</lastUpdate>

<answerSourcesChecked>Brendan Roberts, ed., Official Major League Baseball Fact Book 2000 Edition (St. Louis, MO: The Sporting News, 2000) p. 412</answerSourcesChecked>

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- **Request questions meeting a specific set of criteria**
- **Loop through the questions returned**
- **Request details for each of those questions**



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Answerbase search results

Search results

You searched for: **children**

Total Number of results: **3**

When did education become compulsory in Scotland and what was the likelihood of working class children being able to attend school in the 19th and early 20th century?

Thanks for your enquiry. Schooling in Scotland did not become compulsory until 1872, when the Education (Scotland) Act was passed. This applied to all children between the ages of 5 and 13.

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Demo App

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Results of your QuestionPoint **all** search for **ipod** (Showing matches from the last year)

1. [what is \(are\) an ipod \(ipods\)? is the word ipod an acronym and if so what does it stand for.](#)
[Answer](#) | [Related Terms](#)
2. [Someone . . . told me that she heard a statistic that went something like this: "Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, an IPOD was sold every 4 minutes." Can you help me verify or correct that statistic, and provide a citation? I want to relate this to...](#)
[Answer](#) | [Related Terms](#)
3. [\[From Chat Transcript\]: What are the lyrics to the song "My Generation" by the Who?](#)
[Answer](#) | [Related Terms](#)
4. [Hi. Looking at your site for downloadable material \(music, audio books, etc.\). It seems that nothing is available for use with MAC computers. Is this true.](#)
[Answer](#) | [Related Terms](#)
5. [I need a reports/news/article on Microsoft Zune advertisement.](#)
[Answer](#) | [Related Terms](#)

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