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## **Purpose**

Depending on the number of entities uploaded in a given request and the validation and processing required for a given entity type, it is often easy to exceed the best practice request-size or request-time limits for REST endpoints. In order to address this ASO has created an asynchronous entity import API workflow. This document will detail how to use the ASO endpoints that implement this asynchronous workflow.

#### Workflow

The asynchronous import workflow can be used to upload various entities including rates and bids, and proceeds as follows:

#### 1. Client Initiates Import Process

- a. Client initiates asynchronous import process by calling EES endpoint GET Upload URL
  - i. An uploadUrl and a statusUrl are returned in the endpoint response along with url expiration details
    - The uploadUrl is a customer specific AWS pre-signed PUT URL used to upload entity data (in JSON format) to a
      private S3 bucket where it is stored encrypted (AES-256) before it is picked up and processed by ASO
    - 2. The statusUrl is an ASO endpoint used to poll the status of the import process
- 2. Client Uploads Import File
  - a. Client uploads entities in JSON format to the uploadUrl received in step 1.i where it is stored encrypted, and queued to await processing
- 3. Asynchronous work (non-client step)
  - a. The import JSON file is retrieved from the queue, validated, and processed
  - b. When processing has completed a new AWS pre-signed URL is generated to a private S3 bucket where a JSON result file with the detailed results of the import process is uploaded for retrieval by the client
- 4. Client Polls Status

- a. Client polls the statusUrl (GET Async Status endpoint) received in step 1.i and waits for the status to change to completed
  - i. When the GET Async Status endpoint returns a status of completed the response will also contain a resultUrl a presigned GET URL (generated in step 3b) pointing to the JSON result file containing all relevant information describing the success or failure for each of the entities sent in the step 2 upload
- 5. Client Downloads Result File
  - a. Client downloads the result file using resultUrl received in step 4.i
- 6. Client Processes Result File
  - a. Client processes result file noting successes and failures for each entity imported
    - i. If any entities were identified to have failed the import process they should be fixed, and then resent in a new entity import process (starting over with step 1)

#### **Details**

In the following section we will take a closer look at each of the endpoints/requests involved in the asynchronous entity import process.

#### **GET Upload URL**

To initiate the asynchronous entity import process a client will first call the ASO endpoint **GET Upload URL**. For complete documentation of this endpoint, see **GET Entity Upload URL**.

#### Request

GET /event/{event-id}/user/{user-id}/entity/{entity}/uploadUrl

#### **Headers**

Authorization	Bearer <aso-bearer-access-token></aso-bearer-access-token>			
X-API-Key	<aso-customer-api-key></aso-customer-api-key>			
Accept	application/vnd.sciquest.com.ees+json			

#### **URL Parameters**

event-id	ASO entity ID			
user-id	ASO user ID			
entity	ASO entity - one of [rate, bid			

#### Response

FleId	Туре	Description
uploadUrl	string	Pre-signed URL used to upload entity import file
uploadUrlExpiresInSeconds	number	Seconds remaining before uploadUrl expires
statusUrl	string	URL for polling status of async entity import process
statusUrlExpiresInSeconds	number	Seconds remaining before statusUrl expires

#### 200 OK

#### **GET Upload URL**

```
{
    "uploadUrl": "https://s3.amazonaws.com/us-east-1.aso.devcurr.api.async-uploads-import
//59_22244_devcurr_rate_0daef4fa-21aa-4575-8462-e57fb286dce8?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Date=20230510T172850Z&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=content-type%3Bhost&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-
Credential=AKIAXROTDM7T32UWEPUQ%2F20230510%2Fus-east-1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-
Signature=7d8a19e16233c21bc03705b65a8888b7722efee0b03f4b81cb42610b7d27c229",
    "uploadUrlExpiresInSeconds": 300,
    "statusUrlExpiresInSeconds": 300,
    "statusUrl": "https://ees.aso-demo-api.va.jaggaer.com/asyncStatus
/MTY4MzczOTczMDM3NjoyMjI0NDo1MDowZGF1ZjRmYS0yMWFhLTQ1NzUtODQ2Mi11NTdmYjI4NmRjZTg6dXBsb2Fk",
    "statusUrlExpiresInSeconds": 1800
}
```

#### Pre-Signed PUT Entity Upload URL (uploadUrl)

The uploadUrl returned in the GET Upload URL endpoint response is an AWS pre-signed PUT request that requires a custom Accept header and a JSON entity import file to be sent in the request.

#### Request

PUT

#### Headers

Accept	application/vnd.sciquest.com.ees+json
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#### **Payload**

JSON file containing entities to import.

Payloads are entity-specific and currently only rate entities are supported. Following are the rate entity import model details.

Rate					
Field	Description	Туре	Parent	Required	Notes
rateCode	Unique code to identify rate	string	root	yes	Max length 75
supplierId	ASO supplier ID	number	root	yes	
itemId	ASO item ID	number	root	yes	
alternate	Alternate indicator	number	root	yes	Initial rate must be 0; subsequent rates cannot exceed maxalternates configured in event
rateCurrency	Rate currency code	string	root	yes	Three character currency code string
contractId	Contract ID	string	root	no	
contractName	Contract name	string	root	no	
rateEffectiveD ate	Date rate takes effect	number	root	no	Epoch time in millis (13 digits)
rateExpiration Date	Date rate expires	number	root	no	Epoch time in millis (13 digits)
rateDesignation	Identifies a rate's intended use	one of [ Primary, Secon dary]	root	no	Can only choose one of the available values
attributes	List of rate attributes	list	root	no	
id	ASO attribute ID	string	attributes	yes	
value	Attribute value	string	attributes	yes	

#### Example

The following example will resemble most event rate imports.

#### Sample Rate Import JSON

```
[
 {
    "rateCode": "rate-630",
    "supplierId": 6,
   "itemId": 3,
   "alternate": 0,
    "rateCurrency": "USD",
    "contractId": "c630",
    "contractName": "Rate-C630",
    "rateEffectiveDate": 1663992000000,
    "rateExpirationDate": 1695528000000,
    "rateDesignation": "Primary",
    "attributes": [
     {
        "id": "17",
        "value": "630.00"
        "id": "42",
        "value": "Pittsburgh"
        "id": "43",
        "value": "Helsinki"
   ]
 },
    "rateCode": "rate-640",
    "supplierId": 6,
    "itemId": 4,
    "alternate": 0,
    "rateCurrency": "USD",
    "contractId": "c640",
    "contractName": "Rate-C640",
    "rateEffectiveDate": 1663992000000,
    "rateExpirationDate": 1695528000000,
    "rateDesignation": "Primary",
    "attributes": [
        "id": "17",
        "value": "640.00"
      },
        "id": "42",
        "value": "Dublin"
        "id": "43",
       "value": "Stockholm"
   1
 }
]
```

The only thing that will change from entity to entity and event to event when defining the JSON for an import is the entity's attributes section. In our example above we are submitting values for three different attributes – attributes 17, 42, and 43. In order to determine exactly what attributes are available and required for a specific event and entity, use the ASO **GET Attributes by Type** endpoint.

#### Response

#### 200 OK

Successful upload of the import file using the pre-signed uploadUrl results in a 200 OK.

#### 403 Forbidden

A connection to the pre-signed uploadurl after the URL has expired – indicated by the uploadurlExpiresInSeconds field – will result in a 403 Forbidden.

### GET Async Status (statusUrl)

The statusUrl returned in the GET Upload URL endpoint response is an ASO GET Async Status endpoint that is used to poll for the status of the asynchronous import process. For full documentation see GET Async Status.

#### Request

/asyncStatus/{encoded-async-pid}

#### Headers

Authorization	Bearer <aso-bearer-access-token></aso-bearer-access-token>			
X-API-Key	<aso-customer-api-key></aso-customer-api-key>			
Accept	application/vnd.sciquest.com.ees+json			

#### **URL Parameters**

encoded-async-pid
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#### Response

Fleld	Туре	Description	Notes
status	enum('initialized','processing','completed','failed','ca ncelled')	Async process status	
resultUrl	string	Pre-signed URL used to download results file	This field only visible when status is completed
resultUrlExpiresInSec onds	number	Seconds remaining before resultUrl expires	This field only visible when status is completed

#### **Examples**

#### 200 OK

```
{
    "status": "initialized"
}
```

The initialized status will be returned until an import file is uploaded and begins processing.

#### 200 OK

```
{
    "status": "processing"
}
```

The processing status indicates that the asynchronous import is in process and polling (if desired) should continue.

#### 200 OK

```
{
   "status": "completed",
   "resultUrl": "https://s3.amazonaws.com/us-east-1.aso.devcurr.api.async-uploads-result/259_22244_b6e5e4fb-d37b-
47db-ae8f-a37bef7e0bf3?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Date=2023051lT145312Z&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-
Amz-Expires=600&X-Amz-Credential=AKIAXROTDM7T32UWEPUQ%2F2023051l%2Fus-east-1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-
Signature=f86a039f050ce703c7843474663d529a47ce2832f6d51f066389d8a389c8ddf6",
   "resultUrlExpiresInSeconds": 596
}
```

The completed status indicates that the asynchronous import process has completed and the resulturl is a pre-signed GET URL that allows the client to download the waiting result file.

#### 403 Forbidden

Attempt to connect after the URL has expired – indicated by the statusUrlExpiresInSeconds field returned in the initial GET Upload URL request – will result in a 403 Forbidden response.

#### Pre-Signed GET Result URL (resultUrl)

The resultural returned in the GET Async Status endpoint response is an AWS pre-signed GET request that gives access to the asynchronous import process result file.

#### Request

GET

#### Response

#### 200 OK

Connection to the pre-signed URL will return 200 OK and a stream of the expected results file.

#### 403 Forbidden

A connection to the pre-signed resultUrl after the URL has expired – indicated by the resultUrlExpiresInSeconds field – will result in a 403 Forbidden.

#### Result File

The result file downloaded from resultur1 will be in JSON form and follows the established standard of existing ASO POST/PATCH/PUT REST API responses. The basic form of the JSON result is the following:

# Result JSON

#### **Status Codes**

Status Code	Key	Description
ALL status codes in this table contain this key	{entity}Code	Entity-specific code used to identity the entity – key labels [ rateCode, bidCode ]
MISSING_REQUIRED_FIELD		The referenced entity is missing a required field
	field	Name of the missing/required field
ALREADY_EXISTS		Entity already exists in this event

	itemId	Item ID
	supplierId	
	alternate	
ENTITY_NOT_FOUND		Entity referenced in key could not be found
	supplierId or itemId	ID of entity that could not be found
FOR_FIRST_RATE_0_ALTERNATE_REQUIRED		The initial rate for a given supplier/item combination must be alternate 0.
	field	Value will always be set to 'alternate'
EXCEEDED_MAX_ALTERNATES		
	maxAlternates	
ALTERNATE_OUT_OF_RANGE		
	field	Value will always be set to 'alternate'
EXCEEDED_CHARACTER_LIMIT		The referenced entity contains a value that exceeds a field's established character limit
	field	Name of the field that exceeded the character limit
	value	Number of characters attempted
	limit	Character limit of the field
ALL ATTR_ERR_* status codes in this table al so contain this key	id	Attribute ID
ATTR_ERR_INVALID		The referenced entity contains an invalid attribute definition
ATTR_ERR_UNKNOWN		The referenced entity contains an unknown attribute ID
ATTR_ERR_REQUIRED_MISSING		The referenced entity is missing a required attribute
ATTR_ERR_REQUIRED_NULL		The referenced entity is passing NULL for a required attribute
ATTR_ERR_NUMERICAL_HIGH_RANGE		The referenced entity contains an attribute value that exceeds the attributes configured highValue
	value	Supplied value
	highValue	Attribute configured highValue ceiling
ATTR_ERR_NUMERICAL_LOW_RANGE		The referenced entity contains an attribute value that falls below the attributes configured lowValue.
	value	Supplied value
	lowValue	Attribute configured lowValue floor
ATTR_ERR_NUMERICAL_PRECISION		The referenced entity contains an attribute value that does not match the attribute's configured fractionalPrecision
	value	Supplied value
	actualPrecisi on	Precision of the value supplied in entity-body
	expectedPreci sion	Attribute configured fractionalPrecision
ATTR_ERR_NUMERICAL_FORMAT		The referenced entity contains an attribute value that does not fit the appropriate numerical format
	value	Supplied value
ATTR_ERR_DATE_TIME_FORMAT		The referenced entity contains an attribute value that does not fit the appropriate date format
	value	Supplied value
	format	Expected format

ATTR_ERR_BOOLEAN_NOT_FOUND		The referenced entity contains an attribute value that does not fit the appropriate boolean format
	value	Supplied value
	expected	Expected values
ATTR_ERR_CURRENCY_NOT_FOUND		The referenced entity contains an attribute value that does not fit the appropriate currency code format
	value	Supplied value
ATTR_ERR_SELECT_ONE_NOT_FOUND		The referenced entity contains an attribute value that does match a valid normalized string value
	value	Supplied value

#### **Examples**

Following are result file examples.

As you can see in the case of a successful import, the newly created ID of the entity will be returned along with the 'code' that was supplied at the time of import. In most cases the client will be importing multiple entities in a single import file, and so the result file must reflect a result for each entity imported.

Of course not every entity will be successfully processed. Often, and especially when many are being imported in a single file, entities may fail validation. If this occurs you will see the reasons for these failures in the result file.

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Here we can see a rate was attempted to be imported for an item with ID 3 but that item has not been found in the associated event, so an appropriate status code is returned noting the item ID as well as the rate 'code' so that the client can attempt to amend the rate and re-import.

```
Failure: Multi Entity
{
  "statuses": {
    "ENTITY_NOT_FOUND": [
        "itemId": "3",
        "rateCode": "rate-630"
    ],
    "ALREADY_EXISTS": [
      {
        "itemId": "4",
        "supplierId": "6",
        "alternate": "0",
        "rateCode": "rate-460"
     }
    ],
    "ATTR_ERR_REQUIRED_MISSING": [
        "id": "42",
        "rateCode": "rate-140"
        "id": "43",
        "rateCode": "rate-140"
```

In the above result file, there are several issues being reported:

- 1. rate-630 was imported for item 3, but that item does not exist (ENTITY\_NOT\_FOUND)
- 2. rate-460 was imported by supplier 6 on item 4 as alternate 0, but that combination has already had a rate accepted for it (ALREADY\_EXISTS)
- 3. rate-140 was missing values for two required attribute 42, and attribute 43 (ATTR\_ERR\_REQUIRED\_MISSING)

#### **Mixed: Multi Entity**

```
{
  "statuses": {
    "SUCCESS": [
      {
        "rateId": "7",
        "rateCode": "rate-710"
        "rateId": "8",
        "rateCode": "rate-720"
        "rateId": "9",
        "rateCode": "rate-730"
      {
        "rateId": "10",
       "rateCode": "rate-731"
    ],
    "ATTR_ERR_LOCATION_NOT_FOUND": [
      {
       "id": "42",
        "value": "Mars",
        "rateCode": "rate-661"
        "id": "43",
        "value": "Jupiter",
        "rateCode": "rate-661"
      }
    ],
    "ALREADY_EXISTS": [
      {
        "itemId": "5",
        "supplierId": "6",
        "alternate": "0",
        "rateCode": "rate-560"
    1
 }
}
```

Finally, the most likely result you will see is a mixed result file with many successfully processed rates along with a few failures that may need to be corrected and re-imported.

#### In Practice

The following section will walk-through an example Rate upload with the asynchronous entity import process using simple curl statements.

#### Initiate the Asynchronous Rate Import Process

Out initial step is to call the GET Upload URL endpoint, this initiates the asynchronous import process and returns two URLs that we use in our next steps:

```
Call: GET Upload URL

$ curl -X GET \
> -H 'Authorization: Bearer 9db78c6c-882f-403d-9857-f5518c1b3dfe' \
> -H 'Accept: application/vnd.sciquest.com.ees+json' \
> "https://ees.aso-demo-api.va.jaggaer.com/event/22195/user/155375/entity/rate/uploadUrl"
```

Response:

#### **GET Upload URL Reponse**

```
{
   "uploadUrl": "https://s3.amazonaws.com/us-east-1.aso.devcurr.api.async-uploads-import
/259_22195_devcurr_rate_f4ffdflb-0a76-49bf-ac00-0307373d7f4b?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Date=20230512T140921Z&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=content-type%3Bhost&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-Credential=AKIAXROTDM7T32UWEPUQ%2F20230512%2Fus-east-1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Signature=fd31b01589966bbla2b4ldcalaa9886dcc5abceb76d917cfb2acacdbd734313e",
   "uploadUrlExpiresInSeconds": 300,
   "statusUrl": "https://ees.aso-demo-api.va.jaggaer.com/asyncStatus
/MTY4MzkwMTE5MDQ2NDoyMjE5NTo2OToxNDZiNjE4ZC03MTBkLTQ0MzUtOWIwYi04M2I2Njg0NTJkMDI6dXBsb2Fk",
   "statusUrlExpiresInSeconds": 1800
}
```

#### Upload the Rate Import File

Using the uploadUrl received in the GET Upload URL response we can now upload our rate import file:

#### Call: Pre-Signed PUT File Upload

```
$ curl -X PUT \
> -H 'Content-Type: application/vnd.sciquest.com.ees+json' \
> -d "@rates-22195-1" \
> 'https://s3.amazonaws.com/us-east-1.aso.devcurr.api.async-uploads-import/259_22195_devcurr_rate_642c1094-
8f51-42de-a32e-b2fef784381f?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Date=20230512T141550Z&X-Amz-
SignedHeaders=content-type%3Bhost&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-Credential=AKIAXROTDM7T32UWEPUQ%2F20230512%2Fus-east-
1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Signature=99bbb96d33f2f4e97ab2e6cc4fd5ae6415b308e049f2c995fbb5a69855f4474b'
```

Contents of rate import file rates-22195-1:

```
rates-22195-1
```

```
[
    "rateCode": "rate-340",
    "supplierId": 3,
    "itemId": 4,
    "alternate": 0,
    "rateCurrency": "USD",
    "contractId": "R340",
    "contractName": "Rate-340",
    "rateEffectiveDate": 1663992000000,
    "rateExpirationDate": 1695528000000,
    "rateDesignation": "Primary",
    "attributes": [
     {
        "id": "17",
        "value": "340.00"
        "id": "41",
        "value": "Pittsburgh"
    ]
 }
]
```

Response:

200 OK

#### Check the Status of the Import Process

Now that the import file has been uploaded, using the statusUrl received in the GET Upload URL response we can check the status of our import process:

# Call: GET Async Status \$ curl -X GET \ > -H 'Authorization: Bearer 9db78c6c-882f-403d-9857-f5518c1b3dfe' \ > -H 'Accept: application/vnd.sciquest.com.ees+json' \ > "https://ees.aso-demo-api.va.jaggaer.com/asyncStatus /MTY4MzkwMTE5MDQ2NDoyMjE5NTo2OToxNDZiNjE4ZC03MTBkLTQ0MzUtOWIwYi04M2I2Njg0NTJkMDI6dXBsb2Fk"

Response:

#### 200 OK

```
GET Async Status Reponse
{
   "status": "initialized"
}
```

We have received an initialized status indicating that the process has not started yet. If we continue polling with the statusUrl we should see the status update:

```
GET Async Status Reponse
{
    "status": "processing"
}
```

After a few more calls to **GET Async Status** (statusUrl) we see that the status has changed to processing. Finally, we will continue polling and look for a completed status:

```
GET Async Status Reponse

{
    "status": "completed",
    "resultUrl": "https://s3.amazonaws.com/us-east-1.aso.devcurr.api.async-uploads-result/259_22195_146b618d-710d-
4435-9b0b-83b668452d02?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Date=20230512T142118Z&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-
Amz-Expires=600&X-Amz-Credential=AKIAXROTDM7T32UWEPUQ%2F20230512%2Fus-east-1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-
Signature=dc0126baf811969820866c4bd80e12620cbc7d5eb1c472732aad4657dab3506e",
    "resultUrlExpiresInSeconds": 583
}
```

With the completed status we also receive a resulturl which is how we will receive the rate import process result file.

#### Download the Result File

With one last call to the resulturl we are able to retrieve the result file for the rate import process:

```
Call: Pre-signed GET Result File

curl -X GET \
   'https://s3.amazonaws.com/us-east-1.aso.devcurr.api.async-uploads-result/259_22195_146b618d-710d-4435-9b0b-83b668452d02?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Date=20230512T142118Z&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-Amz-Expires=600&X-Amz-Credential=AKIAXROTDM7T32UWEPUQ%2F20230512%2Fus-east-1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Signature=dc0126baf811969820866c4bd80e12620cbc7d5eb1c472732aad4657dab3506e'
```

Response:

#### 200 OK

# Summary

That should give you a good start towards working with ASO's asynchronous entity imports. All current ASO API documentation can be found at http://docs. aso.engineering/. Documentation is updated often. If you have any further questions or concerns do not hesitate to get in touch with your ASO Jaggaer contact.