



Apatar Open Source Data Integration Improves the Quality of Customer Data with Strikelron US Address Verification

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Apatar's new data quality service allows users to instantly validate and enhance any US address before it enters CRM/ERP systems, databases, flat files, and RSS feeds, all without coding.

PR9.NET April 03, 2008 - Chicopee, MA - Apatar, Inc., the leading provider of open source software tools for the data integration market, announced the official release of its new Strikelron US Address Verification connector for the Apatar Open Source Data Integration toolset. Using Strikelron's US Address Verification Web service, the new feature relies on United States Postal Service-certified technology to verify, correct, and enhance any address in the United States with live data. It cleans customer data before it gets into CRM/ERP systems, databases, flat files, and RSS feeds by correcting extracted addresses, adding ZIP+4 data, specifying congressional districts, carrier routes, etc.

Improving customer data quality without coding

According to Aberdeen Group, 52 percent of organizations consider the "verification of data accuracy or completeness" to be one of the biggest customer data management challenges. Apatar is the first company to release open source tools for non-technical staff and customers to access the application data they need to make their work efforts more efficient. With Apatar's visual toolset, your average users can perform even complex data integration without having to write a single line of a code. The new data quality connector was created as a result of a partnership agreement with Strikelron, Inc., the worldwide leader of Web services commercialization through the Strikelron Web Services Marketplace™, signed in November 2007.

The Strikelron US Address Verification connector closely inspects each address to ensure its validity and, using sophisticated matching and data synchronization technology, updates incorrect addresses according to the postal standards. On top of that, it inspects house numbers, street directions, street names, street types, apartment numbers, and P.O. boxes to ensure the accuracy of each value. Strikelron's Web service processes and returns a valid quality dataset with all possible mistakes (misspellings, wrong street type extensions, city and state names) eliminated. Using Strikelron's US Address Verification Web service, Apatar allows users to increase productivity, improve sales strategies, and take customer service to a new level by providing faster transaction processing and higher accuracy. This solution can be used to verify both a single address and a large set of addresses in batch mode.

Apatar Open Source Data Integration features and benefits:

- Improve data quality
- Reduce integration and maintenance costs, shorten implementation time
- No coding! Visual job designer and mapping enable non-developers to design and perform transformations
- The ability to create, publish, share, and re-use data transformations and output to RSS feeds by monitoring keywords and URLs for both internal and external systems
- Connectivity to Oracle, MS SQL, MySQL, Sybase, Microsoft Access, PostgreSQL, InstantDB, BorlandJDataStore, Csv, Qed, HSQL, Compiere ERP, SalesForce.Com, SugarCRM, GoldMine, Microsoft Excel, XML, RSS, ATOM, FTP, POP3, LDAP, WebDav, Autodesk Buzzsaw, any JDBC data sources, Amazon S3, and Flickr
- Job scheduler and synchronization
- Platform-independent, runs from Windows, Linux; 100% Java- based

Strikelron US Address Verification features and benefits:

- Applicable with a single address or as a batch process
 - Validates and corrects addresses and adds ZIP+4 data
 - Appends carrier routes
 - Standardizes city and state names
 - Gives location latitude and longitude
 - Provides means to validate any shipment's address before it is sent to avoid costly returns and late delivery
- Related links

Strikelron US Address Verification user guide: <http://www.apatarforge.org/wiki/display/DQS/Strikelron+US+Address+Verification>

Pre-created DataMap: <http://www.apatarforge.org/remository/apatar-data-mashup-contest/us-address-verification.html>

Pricing

Apatar Open Source is available for free download at www.apatar.com. Commercial support and maintenance subscription packages start at \$1,900 per year. Strikelron Email Verification and US Address Verification Web services are available for subscription from Strikelron.

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About Apatar, Inc.

Apatar is the leading provider of open source software tools for the data integration market. With powerful Extract, Transform, and Load (ETL) capabilities, Apatar enables its users to easily link information between databases (such as MySQL, Microsoft SQL, Oracle), applications (Salesforce.com, SugarCRM), and the top Web 2.0 destinations (Flickr, Amazon S3). Apatar provides support, training, and consulting services for its integration solutions. Headquartered in Western Massachusetts, Apatar operates a development center in Minsk, Belarus. Apatar is currently used by 3000 organizations and individuals worldwide. For more on Apatar, please visit www.apatar.com and www.apatarforge.org. More information is available at Apatar's Online Press Room, found at <http://www.apatar.com/newsroom/>.

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