Endeca® Latitude

Data Ingest API Guide

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Preface

Endeca® Latitude applications guide people to better decisions by combining the ease of search with the analytic power of business intelligence. Users get self-service access to the data they need without needing to specify in advance the queries or views they need. At the same time, the user experience is data driven, continuously revealing the salient relationships in the underlying data for them to explore.

The heart of Endeca's technology is the MDEX Engine.™ The MDEX Engine is a hybrid between an analytical database and a search engine that makes possible a new kind of Agile BI. It provides guided exploration, search, and analysis on any kind of information: structured or unstructured, inside the firm or from external sources.

Endeca Latitude includes data integration and content enrichment tools to load both structured and unstructured data. It also includes Latitude Studio, a set of tools to configure user experience features including search, analytics, and visualizations. This enables IT to partner with the business to gather requirements and rapidly iterate a solution.

About this guide

This guide describes the Endeca Data Ingest Web service, which enables records to be loaded into the MDEX Engine from an ETL tool such as the Latitude Data Integrator or Informatica PowerCenter.

The guide assumes that you are familiar with Endeca concepts and Endeca application development, as well as the specifics of your ETL tool.

Who should use this guide

This guide is intended for developers who are responsible for using ETL utilities to load source data into the MDEX Engine.

Conventions used in this guide

This guide uses the following typographical conventions:

Code examples, inline references to code elements, file names, and user input are set in `monospace` font. In the case of long lines of code, or when inline monospace text occurs at the end of a line, the following symbol is used to show that the content continues on to the next line: ¬

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This chapter provides an introductory overview to the Endeca Data Ingest Web service and its API.

Overview of the Data Ingest Web Service

The Endeca Data Ingest Web Service loads data into a running MDEX Engine and can also update existing records.

The Data Ingest Web Service therefore allows you to use a data integration platform to load data into an Endeca application. One such platform is the Latitude Data Integrator; another is the third-party Informatica PowerCenter product.

The Data Ingest Web Service is declared in `ingest.wsdl`.

The Data Ingest Web Service performs these data-related tasks:

- Add new records to a running MDEX Engine. The service accepts batches of records to add. The number of records in each batch is set by the client program. The records can be added to an empty MDEX Engine (this operation is called an initial load) or to one that already has records.
- Add managed attribute values to a running MDEX Engine. If the managed values belong to a managed attribute that is not currently in the MDEX Engine, the service will also create the managed attribute.
- Modify existing records in a running MDEX Engine. You can add or remove standard attribute values and managed values from Endeca records.
- Delete records or record data from a running MDEX Engine.

These tasks are performed via the two operations in the service:

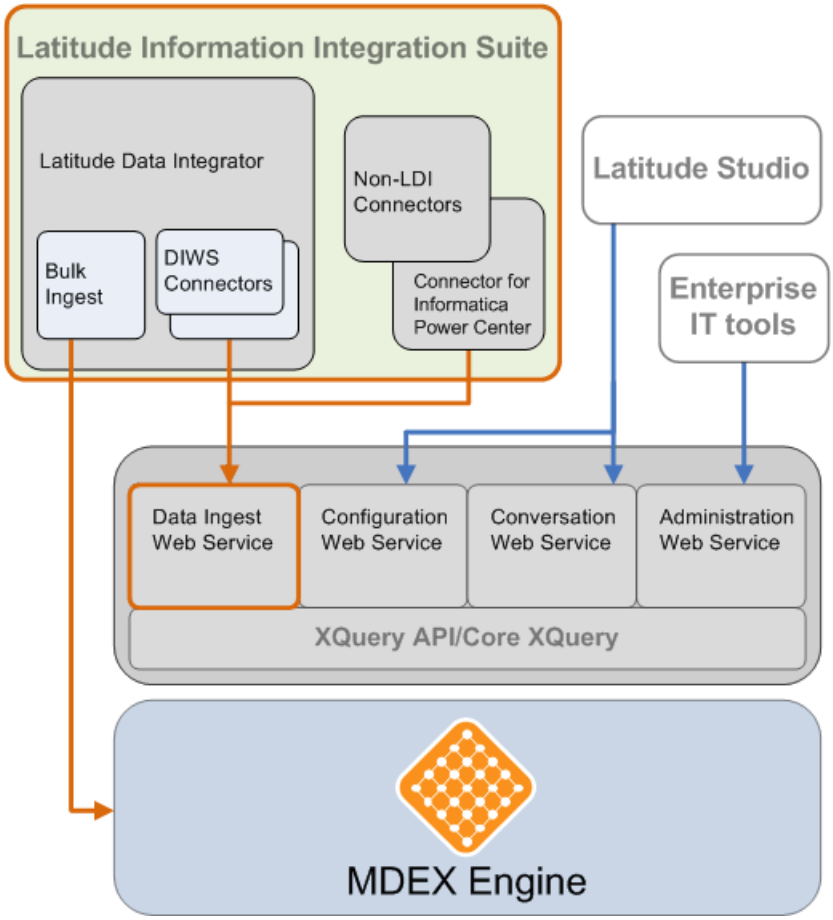
- The `ingestRecords` operation adds, modifies, and deletes records (including removing managed value assignments).
- The `ingestDimensionValues` operation adds and updates managed values.

The Data Ingest Web Service is able to modify a record multiple times in a single transaction (any combination of create, add assignments, delete assignments, and delete record).

The service returns a response indicating the number of records, standard attributes, or managed attribute values that were added or removed as a result of the request. In addition, error messages are returned via a fault mechanism.

The data is sent by an ETL client (such as the Latitude Data Integrator or an Informatica PowerCenter data integration platform) via a program that is running on the client. Typically, the program is written using stubs generated from the Data Ingest WSDL and calls from the ETL tool's SDK.

The following diagram shows how the Data Ingest Web Service fits into the larger picture of packaged Web services that serve the MDEX Engine:



Latitude Data Integrator

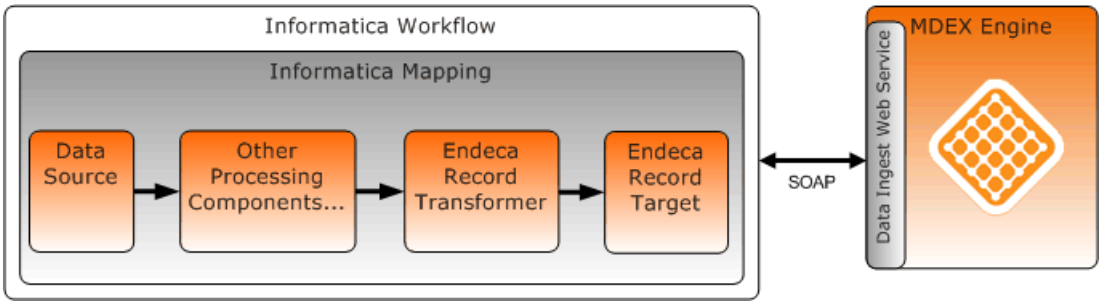
Latitude Data Integrator (LDI) is a high-performance data integration platform that lets you extract source records from a variety of source types (from flat files to databases) and send those records to either the Data Ingest Web Service or the Bulk Load Interface, both of which in turn load the records into the MDEX Engine.

The records are loaded into the MDEX Engine via one of the four Endeca-developed Latitude connectors that communicate with the Data Ingest Web Service or a fifth Latitude connector that uses the MDEX Engine's Bulk Load Interface.

For details on LDI, see the *Latitude Data Integrator Guide*.

Informatica PowerCenter connector

The following diagram shows the high-level architecture of an Endeca-Informatica integrated application that uses the MDEX Engine Connector for Informatica PowerCenter:



The source data is managed by the Informatica PowerCenter platform. The Informatica ETL workflow contains an Endeca Record Transformer, which is a custom transformation that receives source data, pivots the source data, and disassembles the source data into single-assignment records. It also includes an Endeca Record Target, which is a custom target that reassembles single-assignment records into complete Endeca records and sends them to the Data Ingest Web Service which loads the complete records into an MDEX Engine.

Data Ingest API

The Endeca Data Ingest API is a framework that provides ETL developers with a flexible mechanism to load records from an ETL data source to a running MDEX Engine. Because it is defined by WSDL documents, the Data Ingest API is language-agnostic. That is, it can be used with any programming language that has Web services support. Thus, the API lets developers choose their favorite development environment (Java, Visual Studio .NET, etc.) on which to write their components.

The *MDEX Engine API Reference* is the documentation generated from the WSDL and XSD files that describe a Web service. This reference provides API-level information about Web services that are packaged with the MDEX Engine. The *MDEX Engine API Reference* is located in the `doc` directory of the MDEX Engine installation.

Data Ingest logging

The Data Ingest Web Service writes its output to the Dgraph logs.

By default, each SOAP request for the Data Ingest Web Service is written to the Dgraph request log.

The Ingest SOAP response provides fault and summary information. If Dgraph verbose logging is turned on (via the Dgraph `-v` flag), this information, as well as the entire SOAP request, is written to the Dgraph standard-out log. The Dgraph stdout/stderr log is created with the Dgraph `--out` flag.

Generating client stubs

To create a client application that consumes the Data Ingest Web Service, you need the Web service's WSDL file to generate client stubs.

A WSDL file specifies value types, exceptions, and available methods in a Web service in a programmatic fashion. Typically, a client developer uses a tool that parses the WSDL file and generates client-side stubs (also called proxy classes) and value types. These generated files include all the code necessary to serialize and deserialize SOAP messages and make the SOAP layer transparent to the client developer. The Data Ingest WSDL files can be used with any language that has Web services support.

Tools that generate client stub code from the WSDLs that have been tested are the following:

- Apache CXF 2.2 or later.
- Apache Axis2 1.5.1 or later.
- Web Services Description Language Tool (wsdl.exe), available as part of the Microsoft .NET Framework SDK.

For details on using a WSDL code-generation utility, refer to the utility's documentation.

Keep in mind that the exact syntax of a class member depends on the output of the WSDL tool that you are using. Therefore, check the client stub classes that are generated by your WSDL tool for the exact syntax of the class members.

Note: If you are using the Endeca Integration for PowerCenter connector, you do not need to generate client stubs because the client connector is ready for use out-of-the-box. Generating client stubs is required for customers who are building their own client programs for data ingesting.

Obtaining the WSDL from the deployed service

The Data Ingest Web Service has a unique URL associated with it. If you append **?wsdl** to the service endpoint URL, the service will automatically generate a service description for the deployed service and return it as XML in your browser, as in this example URL:

```
http://localhost:5555/ws/ingest?wsdl
```

You can also use this URL in your WSDL tool to generate the stubs, as in this Apache Axis2 example:

```
wsdl2java -uri http://localhost:5555/ws/ingest?wsdl -d xmlbeans -s -p
com.endeca.dataingest.axis2.addrecords
```

You can insert the `wsdl2java` command in a batch or shell script, or in a build file.

Note: If the MDEX Engine is running over HTTPS, the **?wsdl** operation will return an incorrect URL. The work-around is to manually specify the service endpoint URL in your client.

Chapter 2

Prerequisite Information

This chapter provides overview information you need to know before using the Data Ingest Web Service.

Data ingest namespaces

This topic describes the two namespaces used for data ingest operations.

XML namespaces provide a method for qualifying element and attribute names used in Extensible Markup Language documents by associating them with namespaces identified by URI references. The two namespaces used for data ingest are for the Data Ingest Web Service and the MDEX Web Service.

Data Ingest Web Service namespace

The namespace for the Data Ingest Web Service (DIWS) is:

```
http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010
```

The `xmlns` attribute specifies this namespace for a DIWS prefix for a document, as in this example:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
   xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
   ...
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      ...
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

After this declaration, all DIWS elements will use the same prefix, which will be associated with the same namespace. In the example, the prefix **ingest** is defined for all DIWS elements, such as the `ingest:addAssignments` element.

You can use a prefix of your own choosing, but it must be bound to the DIWS namespace listed above. In this guide, the prefix **ingest** will be used in the examples.

mdex namespace

The namespace for `mdex` elements is:

```
http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09
```

The important `mdex` elements used in data ingesting are `mdex:record` for Endeca records and the nine property types, such as the `mdex:string` property type.

You must also use the `xmlns` attribute to set the mdex namespace in your XML documents:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <WineID>683</WineID>
         <Price type="mdex:double">29.99</Price>
         <NumInStock type="mdex:int">68</NumInStock>
         <Description type="mdex:string">Peach flavors</Description>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

MDEX property types

This topic describes the format of the Endeca property types supported by the MDEX Engine and the Data Ingest Web Service.

The following table lists the property types that are used by the MDEX Engine to create standard attributes:

MDEX property name	Property type
`mdex:string`	Represents XML-valid character strings.
`mdex:int`	Represents a 32-bit signed integer.
`mdex:long`	Represents a 64-bit signed integer.
`mdex:double`	Represents a floating point.
`mdex:boolean`	Represents a Boolean.
`mdex:time`	Represents the time of day to a resolution of milliseconds.
`mdex:dateTime`	Represents the date and time to a resolution of milliseconds since the epoch (January 1, 1970).
`mdex:duration`	Represents a length of time with a resolution of milliseconds.
`mdex:geocode`	Represents latitude and longitude pairs.

The type for properties is specified in the `type` attribute. The default type of created standard attributes is `mdex:string` if not otherwise specified. Assignments for an existing standard attribute that specify a type different from that of the associated standard attribute will succeed or fail as per the underlying `put-record` functionality.

Errors from incorrect property values

You must ensure that you specify the appropriate value type for each MDEX property type. For example, attempting to assign a double value (such as 19.99) to an `mdex:int` property will return an `ingestFault` indication a parsing error:

```
<detail>
  <ingest:ingestFault xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010">
```

```
    <ingest:errorDetail>Error applying updates: Unable to parse
      property value "19.99" for property "NumInStock" with
      type "mdex:int" on record WineID:569
    </ingest:errorDetail>
  </ingest:ingestFault>
</detail>
```

The "Unable to parse property value" error should be returned for any mismatched property value, including using an incorrect case for Boolean values (for example, specifying "FALSE" instead of "false").

string property

`mdex:string` properties represent character strings.

An `mdex:string` property represents variable-length character strings. The characters should conform to the specification for valid XML characters, as described in the W3C XML document at this URL: *http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml/#charsets*

Keep in mind that `mdex:string` is the default property data type. That is, if you do not explicitly specify the property type when creating a standard attribute, then `mdex:string` will be used as the MDEX property type.

Example of ingesting string properties

This example shows how to use string property types for record assignments:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <WineID>568</WineID>
         <Description type="mdex:string">Peach flavors.</Description>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

numeric properties

The MDEX Engine supports three numeric properties.

The three numeric properties are:

- `mdex:int`
- `mdex:long`
- `mdex:double`

int properties

An `mdex:int` property represents a 32-bit signed integer. It has a minimum value of -2147483648 and a maximum value of 2147483647 (inclusive).

long properties

An `mdex:long` property represents a 64-bit signed integer. It has a minimum value of -9223372036854775808 and a maximum value of 9223372036854775807 (inclusive).

double properties

An `mdex:double` property represents a floating point value. Values can be specified in a decimal-point format (such as 20.0) or in a scientific notation format using "e" or "E" (such as 2.0E1).

Example of ingesting numeric properties

This example shows how to use the numeric property types for record assignments:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <WineID>504</WineID>
         <Price type="mdex:double">19.99</Price>
         <NumInStock type="mdex:int">45</NumInStock>
         <TotalSold type="mdex:long">92233720</TotalSold>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

geocode property

`mdex:geocode` properties represent latitude and longitude pairs.

`mdex:geocode` properties use the format:

```
latvalue lonvalue
```

where each is a double-precision floating-point value:

- *latvalue* is the latitude of the location in whole and fractional degrees. Positive values indicate north latitude and negative values indicate south latitude.
- *lonvalue* is the longitude of the location in whole and fractional degrees. Positive values indicate east longitude, and negative values indicate west longitude.

The latitude and longitude numbers may be separated by arbitrary white space or tab characters. Values are always re-serialized with a single space character regardless of the form of the parsed string.

For example, the following request updates Record 778 with a Location geocode property:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <WineID>778</WineID>
         <Location type="mdex:geocode">42.365615 -71.075647</Location>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

The value of the geocode property specifies a location at 42.365615 north latitude, 71.075647 west longitude.

boolean property

`mdex:boolean` property values are useful for tracking true/false conditions.

The valid Boolean values for the `mdex:boolean` property type are:

- `true` or `1` (i.e., `1` is a synonym for `true`)
- `false` or `0` (i.e., `0` is a synonym for `false`)

Note that `true` and `false` are case sensitive and must be specified in lower case.

For example, the following request updates Record 492 with two Boolean properties:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <WineID>492</WineID>
         <isInStock type="mdex:boolean">true</isInStock>
         <isActive type="mdex:boolean">1</isActive>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

In the example, both properties (isInStock and isActive) are set to true.

dateTime property

`mdex:dateTime` properties represents a single point in time.

An `mdex:dateTime` property represents the year, month, day, hour, minute, and seconds of a time point, with the optional specification of fractional seconds. You can specify a datetime value as either a universal (UTC) date time or as a local time plus a UTC timezone offset. Note that specifying just a local time is not supported.

format for universal datetime

The `mdex:dateTime` format for a UTC date time is:

```
yyyy '-' mm '-' dd 'T' hh ':' mm ':' ss {'.' s+} Z
```

where:

- *yyyy* represents a four-digit year. The year value may not be negative, which means that specifying a year prior to 1 BCE is not supported. Year 0000 is not a valid year.
- The first *mm* is a two-digit numeral that represents the month. Numerals representing the first nine months must have a leading zero, such as 07 for July.
- *dd* is a two-digit numeral that represents the day of the month, such as 03 for the third day of the month or 30 for the thirtieth day.
- T is a literal separator indicating that time-of-day follows.
- *hh* is a two-digit numeral that represents the hour. Note that specifying 24 is not permitted (to represent 24, use all zeros for the time portion).
- The second *mm* is a two-digit numeral that represents the minute.

- *ss* is a two-digit numeral that represents the whole seconds.
- *'.' s+* is optional and, if present, represents the fractional seconds. The internal representation is only precise to the millisecond, which means that a specification of four or more digits is truncated to three digits.
- Z (added to the time without a space) is a literal indicator that this date time is Coordinated Universal Time (UTC, sometimes called Greenwich Mean Time). Z is the zone designator for the zero UTC offset.

Note that a hyphen ('-') is the separator between parts of the date portion, a colon (':') is the separator between parts of the time-of-day portion, and a period ('.') is the separator for fractional seconds.

For example, to indicate noon on November 18, 2010 in New York City, you would specify:

```
2010-11-18T17:00:00Z
```

format for local time plus UTC offset

Alternatively, you can specify the value for an `mdex:dateTime` property as a local time plus a UTC offset. The format for this representation is:

```
yyyy '-' mm '-' dd 'T' hh ':' mm ':' ss {'.' s+} zzzzzz
```

The meanings of the date and time portions are the same as the universal datetime format. *zzzzzz* represents the timezone. Timezones are durations of hours and minutes. Timezones may be specified as positive or negative durations.

The format for a timezone is:

```
('+' | '-') hh ':' mm
```

where:

- *hh* is a two-digit numeral (with leading zeros as required) that represents the hours. The value for *hh* cannot be greater than 14.
- *mm* is a two-digit numeral that represents the minutes. The value for *mm* cannot be greater than 59. However, if *hh* is 14, then *mm* must be 00.
- '+' indicates a non-negative duration.
- '-' indicates a non-positive duration.

For example, to indicate noon on November 18, 2010 in New York City, you would specify:

```
2010-11-18T12:00:00+05:00
```

Note that this time represented in this example is the same as the "2010-11-18T17:00:00Z" time in the universal datetime format.

Example of ingesting dateTime properties

The following request updates Record 506 with two dateTime properties:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <WineID>506</WineID>
         <dT1 type="mdex:dateTime">2010-11-18T17:00:00Z</dT1>
         <dT2 type="mdex:dateTime">2010-11-18T12:00:00+05:00</dT2>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

The dateTime1 property uses the universal datetime format while the dateTime2 property specifies the datetime as a local time plus a UTC offset.

time property

`mdex:time` properties represent an instant of time that recurs every day.

An `mdex:time` property represents the hour and minutes of an instance of time, with the optional specification of fractional seconds. A timezone is not allowed as part of the time representation.

The `mdex:time` format is:

```
hh ':' mm ':' ss {'.' s+}
```

where:

- *hh* is a two-digit numeral that represents the hour. Use a leading zero for a single-digit hour, such as 04.
- The second *mm* is a two-digit numeral that represents the minute.
- *ss* is a two-digit numeral that represents the whole seconds.
- *'.' s+* is optional and, if present, represents the fractional seconds. The internal representation is only precise to the millisecond, which means that a specification of four or more digits is truncated to three digits.

A colon (':') is the separator between hours, minutes, and whole seconds, while a period ('.') is the separator for fractional seconds.

Be sure to use a leading zero for single-digit hours, minutes, and whole seconds.

Example of ingesting time properties

The following request updates Record 624 with two time properties:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <WineID>624</WineID>
         <time1 type="mdex:time">13:25:43.261</time1>
         <time2 type="mdex:time">09:14:52</time2>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

Note that the time2 property uses a leading zero (i.e., "09") to specify the hour. Omitting the leading zero will cause the operation to fail, with a fault similar to this example:

```
<faultstring>Error applying updates: Unable to parse property
value "9:14:52" for property "time2" with type "mdex:time" on
record WineID:624</faultstring>
```

duration property

`mdex:duration` properties represent a duration of time.

An `mdex:duration` property represents a duration of the days, hours, and minutes of an instance of time. A timezone is not allowed as part of the time representation.

The `mdex:duration` format is:

```
'P' {d 'D'} 'T' {h 'H'} {m 'M'} {s {'.' s+} 'S'}
```

where:

- `P` is a mandatory literal that indicates that this is a period of time.
- For the `d'D'` parameter, *d* specifies the number of days while the literal `D` indicates that this is the days field.
- `T` is a literal date/time separator that must be present if (and only if) any time fields are specified.
- For the `h'H'` parameter, *h* specifies the number of hours while the literal `H` indicates that this is the hours field.
- For the `m'M'` parameter, *m* specifies the number of minutes while the literal `M` indicates that this is the minutes field.
- For the `s'S'` parameter, *s* specifies the number of whole seconds while the literal `S` indicates that this is the seconds field. *'.'* `s+` is optional and, if present, represents the fractional seconds (the internal representation is only precise to the millisecond, which means that a specification of four or more digits is truncated to three digits).

Note that all time durations are optional, but at least one must be present. An optional preceding minus sign ('-') is allowed to indicate a negative duration.

duration format examples

This example specifies a duration of 429 days, 1 hour, 2 minutes, and 3 seconds:

```
P429DT1H2M3S
```

This example specifies a duration of 429 days:

```
P429D
```

This example specifies a duration of 429 days, 2 minutes, and 3.25 seconds:

```
P429DT2M3.25S
```

This example specifies a 1 hour and 2 minutes:

```
PT1H2M
```

This example specifies a negative duration of 429 days and 3 seconds:

```
-P429DT3S
```

Example of ingesting duration properties

The following request updates Record 344 with five duration properties:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <WineID>344</WineID>
         <duration1 type="mdex:duration">P429DT1H2M3S</duration1>
         <duration2 type="mdex:duration">P429D</duration2>
         <duration3 type="mdex:duration">P429DT2M3.25S</duration3>
         <duration4 type="mdex:duration">PT1H2M</duration4>
         <duration5 type="mdex:duration">-P429DT3S</duration5>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

Note that the duration5 property has a negative duration value.

Default values for new Endeca attributes

New standard attributes and managed attributes created during an ingest are given a set of default values.

During any data ingest operation, if a non-existent standard attribute is specified for a record, the specified standard attribute is automatically created by the Data Ingest Web Service. Likewise, non-existent managed attributes specified for a record are also automatically created. Note that you cannot disable this automatic creation of properties.

Default values for standard attributes

The PDR for a standard attribute that is automatically created will use the system default settings, which (unless they have been changed by the data developer) are:

PDR property	Default setting
`mdex-property_Key`	Set to the standard attribute name specified in the request.
`mdex-property_Type`	Set to the MDEX property type specified in the request. If no property type was specified, defaults to an `mdex:string` type.
`mdex-property_IsPropertyValueSearchable`	`true` (the standard attribute will be enabled for value search)
`mdex-property_IsSingleAssign`	`false` (a record may have multiple value assignments for the standard attribute)
`mdex-property_IsTextSearchable`	`false` (the standard attribute will be disabled for record search)
`mdex-property_IsUnique`	`false` (more than one record may have the same value of this standard attribute)
`mdex-property_TextSearchAllowsWildcards`	`false` (wildcard search is disabled for this standard attribute)
`system-navigation_Select`	`single` (allows selecting only one refinement from this standard attribute)
`system-navigation_ShowRecordCounts`	`true` (record counts will be shown for a refinement)
`system-navigation_Sorting`	`record-count` (refinements are sorted in descending order, by the number of records available for each refinement)

Default values for managed attributes

A managed attribute that is automatically created will have both a PDR and a DDR created by the Data Ingest Web Service. The default values for the PDR are the same as listed in the table above, except that `mdex-property_IsPropertyValueSearchable` will be `false` (i.e., the managed attribute will be disabled for value search).

The DDR will use the system default settings, which (unless they have been changed by the data developer) are:

DDR property	Default setting
`mdex-dimension_Key`	Set to the managed attribute name specified in the request.
`mdex-dimension_EnableRefinements`	`true` (refinements will be displayed)
`mdex-dimension_IsDimensionSearchHierarchical`	`false` (hierarchical search is disabled during value searches)
`mdex-dimension_IsRecordSearchHierarchical`	`false` (hierarchical search is disabled during record searches)

NCName format for Endeca attributes

The names of Endeca standard attributes and managed attributes must be in an NCName format.

The NCName format is defined in the W3C document Namespaces in XML 1.0 (Second Edition), located at this URL: *http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml-names/#NT-NCName*

As defined in the W3C document, an NCName must start with either a letter or an underscore (but keep in mind that the W3C definition of Letter includes many non-Latin characters). If the name has more than one character, it must be followed by any combination of letters, digits, periods, dashes, underscores, combining characters, and extenders. (See the W3C document for definitions of combining characters and extenders.) The NCName cannot have colons or white space.

After creating the Endeca attribute, you can use the `mdex-property_DisplayName` property on the PDR to specify a display name. The display name, which can use a non-NCName format, is intended to serve as an easy-to-understand name for the Endeca attribute when it is displayed in the application's front end (such as in the Latitude Studio's Results Table component).

Troubleshooting connection timeouts

You can use the Dgraph `--net-timeout` flag to help prevent timeout issues during data ingest operations.

The MDEX Engine has a default request timeout of 30 seconds. This setting determines the maximum number of seconds that the MDEX Engine waits for the client to download data from queries across the network. The client can be an end user sending a query to the MDEX Engine or, for data ingest operations, an ETL client program that is loading records into the engine.

If the client opens a connection with the MDEX Engine, the engine will wait (for the length of the timeout period) for the receipt of client data on that socket. If the client does not send data within the timeout limit, then the MDEX Engine will drop the connection and log an HTTP 408 error in the Dgraph log.

For ingest operations, this timeout limit may pose problems if you have a DIWS client that takes longer to send data. If the timeout limit is exceeded, the ingest request fails (because the MDEX Engine closes the connection) and the record batch is not loaded into the MDEX Engine.

If you continually see HTTP 408 errors in the logs, first verify that your ETL client is working properly. For example, make sure that the program is not spending an unusual amount of time in an operation that would cause it to exceed the timeout limit.

If you believe that the ETL client is executing as expected but needs a longer request timeout period, then you can try increasing the MDEX Engine's request timeout setting. Use the Dgraph `--net-timeout` flag to set the request timeout to a number that works for the ETL client. You will probably have to experiment with several settings to find the one that is optimal for your needs.

Chapter 3

Adding New Records

This chapter describes how to initially load records into the MDEX Engine, as well as how to ingest additional new records and managed values.

About primary-key attributes

A primary key is required in order to add, delete, or modify an Endeca record.

Each Endeca record is uniquely identified by a unique record identifier, which is a combination of a unique standard attribute and a value that appears only on that record (that is, no other record in the data set has the same key-value pair that is on this record). This unique standard attribute is called a primary-key attribute. The primary-key attribute and a value assigned to a record becomes the primary key of the record. Every Endeca record must have a primary key.

The primary-key attribute type can be any of the supported MDEX property types. The name of the primary-key attribute must be in an NCName format.

Typically, you would use the `mdex:string` or `mdex:int` types for the primary-key attribute. When you use the `primaryKey` element to create the primary-key attribute, the resulting MDEX property type will be whatever type is specified by the record's primary key (which is in the `addAssignments` element). Note that the primary-key attribute is created only if it is assigned to a record.

The PDR (Property Description Record) for the primary-key attribute must have these two properties set:

- `mdex-property_IsUnique` must be set to `true`. This means that a value may be assigned to at most one record.
- `mdex-property_IsSingleAssign` must be set to `true`. This means that this standard attribute may be assigned at most once for a record.

For example, assume that the name of a primary-key attribute is `partID`. The value **partID=P123** can be assigned to only one record in the data set and is the primary key for that record. No other record can have this key-value pair. As a result, this primary key uniquely identifies this record in the data set.

Note: Keep in mind that multiple primary key attributes can exist in the MDEX Engine's data set. Each record must have one (and only one) primary key. That is, the primary key is a single-assign attribute. The Data Ingest Web Service will throw an error if you attempt to add a second primary-key attribute to a record that already has a primary key.

Using the primaryKey element

When adding a record, the primary-key attribute (that will be assigned on the record) must already exist in the MDEX Engine or (if it does not exist) must be specified in the add-records request with the `primaryKey` element. This example shows the `primaryKeys` section of a request:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:primaryKeys>
      <ingest:primaryKey name="partID"/>
   </ingest:primaryKeys>
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <partID type="mdex:string">P123</partID>
         <modelNum type="mdex:int">2562</modelNum>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

The example creates one primary-key attribute (**partID**), which is used to create a record whose primary key is **partID=P123**.

Default values for primary-key attributes

If you specify a non-existent attribute as the primary key, the standard attribute is automatically created by the Data Ingest Web Service. The PDR for the attribute will use the system default settings, which (unless they have been changed by the data developer) are:

PDR property	Default setting
`mdex-property_Key`	Set to the name specified in the request.
`mdex-property_Type`	Set to the MDEX property type specified in the request. If no property type was specified, defaults to an `mdex:string` type.
`mdex-property_IsPropertyValueSearchable`	`true` (the attribute will be enabled for value search)
`mdex-property_IsSingleAssign`	`true` (a record may have at most one value for the attribute)
`mdex-property_IsTextSearchable`	`false` (the attribute will be disabled for record search)
`mdex-property_IsUnique`	`true` (a value may be assigned to at most one record)
`mdex-property_TextSearchAllowsWildcards`	`false` (wildcard search is disabled for this attribute)
`system-navigation_Select`	`single` (allows selecting only one refinement from this attribute)
`system-navigation_ShowRecordCounts`	`true` (record counts will be shown for a refinement)
`system-navigation_Sorting`	`record-count` (refinements are sorted in descending order, by the number of records available for each refinement)

Adding new records

The `addAssignments` element of the `ingestRecords` operation allows you to add new records to the MDEX Engine.

The records to be added are considered totally additive. That is, if a record with the same primary key already exists in the MDEX Engine, the key-value pair list of the added record will be merged into the existing record. If attribute values with the same name already exist, then the added key-value pairs will be additional values for the same attribute (multi-assign).

Note: The `addAssignments` element is also used to extend (update) existing records. This usage is described in the following chapter.

ingestRecords request

An add-records request uses the `ingestRecords` operation with the `addAssignments` element. The record to be added must have a primary-key assignment. It can have other key-value pair assignments as needed.

The basic request format is:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <primaryKeyProp>primaryKeyValue</primaryKeyProp>
         <!-- List of other property assignments -->
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

For example, this request adds one record (with the primary key P123) to the MDEX Engine.

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <partID>P123</partID>
         <color type="mdex:string">red</color>
         <price type="mdex:double">19.99</price>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

The primary key of the record is the **partID** primary-key attribute (which in this case must already exist in the MDEX Engine). The request also creates the **color** and **price** attributes, which previously did not exist in the MDEX Engine.

Success response

An `ingestRecordsResponse` for a successful add-records request looks like this example:

```
<ingest:ingestRecordsResponse
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010">
   <ingest:numPropertiesCreated>2</ingest:numPropertiesCreated>
   <ingest:numRecordsAffected>1</ingest:numRecordsAffected>
   <ingest:numRecordsDeleted>0</ingest:numRecordsDeleted>
</ingest:ingestRecordsResponse>
```

The sample response shows that one record was created and that two attributes (the **color** and **price** attributes) were also created. The **partID** attribute was not created because it already existed in the MDEX Engine.

Failure response

On failure, a SOAP fault is returned. The `ingestFault` and `errorDetail` elements should contain the error that caused the failure.

For example, assume that one of the record assignments contained a mismatched attribute element that looked like this:

```
<partNum type="mdex:int">24869</price>
```

The `errorDetail` element would return an error similar to this:

```
'request' cannot be parsed as XML.
Reason: Unable to fetch resource:Expected end of tag 'partNum'
```

In this example, the reason for the error is that the `</partNum>` ending tag was not found (because `</price>` was mistakenly used instead).

State of the data ingest process on failure

The Data Ingest Web Service uses an all-or-nothing insertion strategy for each batch of records. This means that if at least one record in a batch is considered invalid by the MDEX Engine, then all of the records are rejected. For example, if a batch of 1000 records contains 999 valid records and 1 invalid record, then the 999 valid records (and the invalid record) are not loaded into the MDEX Engine.

If the data ingest process is interrupted (for example, by the ETL client or the MDEX Engine crashing), then the current batch (i.e., the batch that was being processed when the interruption occurred) is not loaded into the MDEX Engine. However, all previous valid batches have been loaded into the MDEX Engine. For example, if 5000 batches are to be loaded and an interruption occurs during batch 3500, then batch 3500 is not loaded into the MDEX Engine, but the previous 3499 batches will be present in the MDEX Engine.

Standard attribute assignments and creations

When adding standard attributes, the operation works as follows for the new attribute (i.e., the attribute to be added):

- If the new attribute already exists in the MDEX Engine but with a different type, an error is thrown and the new attribute is not added.
- If the new attribute already exists in the MDEX Engine and is of the same type, no error is thrown and nothing is done.

Standard attribute names must use an NCName format. The standard attribute name is used as the element name for the assignment, in this format:

```
<propertyName type="propertyType">property value</propertyName>
```

For example, assigning a standard attribute named **ItemID** would look like this:

```
<ItemID type="mdex:int">247</ItemID>
```

Standard attributes are created as needed when non-existent attributes are specified for a record. The PDR for the attribute will use the system default settings, which explained in the "Default values for new Endeca attributes" topic in Chapter 2 of this guide. Note that you cannot disable this automatic creation of attributes.

Initial loading of records

The initial load user case assumes that you are loading records into an empty MDEX Engine.

The initial load use case (also called a full index load) makes these assumptions:

- All of your source records will be loaded into the MDEX Engine.
- The MDEX Engine contains no primary-key attributes. Therefore, the initial load operation must create the appropriate primary-key attributes by using the `primaryKey` element in the request.
- The initial data load is performed via one or more invocations of the Data Ingest Web service `ingestRecords` operation specifying one or more `mdex:record` elements.

The request for an initial load should use one or more `primaryKey` elements to create the primary-key attributes. An example of a full request would be:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:primaryKeys>
      <ingest:primaryKey name="partID"/>
      <ingest:primaryKey name="supplierID"/>
   </ingest:primaryKeys>
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <partID type="mdex:string">P123</partID>
         <modelNum type="mdex:int">2562</modelNum>
      </mdex:record>
      <mdex:record>
         <supplierID type="mdex:string">S456</supplierID>
         <location type="mdex:geocode">42.365615 -71.075647</location>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

The request first creates the **partID** and **supplierID** primary-key attributes, and then adds two new records to the MDEX Engine. The primary key of the first record is **partID=P123** while **supplierID=S456** is the primary key of the second record. The request also creates two standard attributes (**modelNum** and **location**) because they do not exist in the MDEX Engine.

To load records into an empty MDEX Engine:

1. Use `mkmdex` to create an instance of the MDEX Engine, and then start the MDEX Engine.

   See the *Latitude Installation Guide* for details.

2. Create an `ingest:ingestRecords` request, similar to the example above, and send the request to the Data Ingest service.

   The request is typically created and managed by a ETL client.

3. After the request is made, check the `ingestRecordsResponse` to determine if the request transaction was successful.

A successful `ingestRecordsResponse` returned from the above sample request should look like this:

```
<ingest:ingestRecordsResponse xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/in¬
gest/2010">
   <ingest:numPropertiesCreated>4</ingest:numPropertiesCreated>
   <ingest:numRecordsAffected>2</ingest:numRecordsAffected>
   <ingest:numRecordsDeleted>0</ingest:numRecordsDeleted>
</ingest:ingestRecordsResponse>
```

Adding records after the initial load

You can add more records to the MDEX Engine any time after the initial loading of records is complete.

Adding more records after the MDEX Engine is up and running with the initially-loaded record set is very similar to the initial-load scenario, which means:

- You use the `ingestRecords` operation with the `addAssignments` element and one or more `mdex:record` elements.
- If you are adding new records with new primary keys, you must use the `primaryKey` element in the request. Otherwise, do not use this element if the new records use an existing primary-key attribute.
- As with an initial load operation, standard attributes are created as needed when non-existent attributes are specified for a new record. The PDR for the standard attribute will use the system default settings.
- If a standard attribute is configured as multi-assign, a record can have multiple assignments of that attribute.
- You can add multiple records with the same request. You can also update other, existing records with the same request.

In addition, the request can contain `deleteRecords` elements to delete records.

New record request

The format of the `ingestRecords` request to add new records is the same as documented in the "Adding new records" topic in this chapter.

For example, this request adds two records to the MDEX Engine data set.

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <partID>P247</partID>
         <color>blue</color>
         <weight>3</weight>
         <price>19.99</price>
      </mdex:record>
      <mdex:record>
         <supplierID>S394</supplierID>
         <company>Acme Inc.</company>
         <phone>1-555-123-4567</phone>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

Note that none of the key-value assignments specify an MDEX property type. This is because all the attributes already exist in the MDEX Engine and therefore do not need to be created. The type of the assignment property value must match the type of the attribute.

Loading managed attribute values

The `ingestDimensionValues` operation allows you to load managed values into the MDEX Engine's data set.

Within the `ingestDimensionValues` structure, the `ingestDimensionValue` element specifies the managed attribute to which each managed value belongs. If the managed attribute does not exist in the MDEX Engine, the service automatically creates the managed attribute. For the default values of the managed attribute's PDR and DDR, see the "Default values for new Endeca attributes topic" in Chapter 2.

You can use the `ingestDimensionValues` operation to load an externally managed taxonomy (EMT) into the MDEX Engine. When loaded, externally managed taxonomies are added as managed attributes and managed values.

ingestDimensionValues request

An `ingestDimensionValues` operation request uses this format:

```
<ingest:ingestDimensionValues
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <!--Zero or more repetitions:-->
   <ingest:dimensionValue dimension="dimName" displayName="dimValName"
         parentSpec="pSpec" spec="dimValId">
      <!--Zero or more repetitions:-->
      <ingest:synonym>synName</ingest:synonym>
      <!--Optional:-->
      <ingest:properties>
         <!--Zero or more repetitions:-->
         <propName type="mdex:string">propValue</propName>
      </ingest:properties>
   </ingest:dimensionValue>
</ingest:ingestDimensionValues>
```

Each `DimensionValue` element defines one managed value. The meanings of the attributes and sub-elements are:

Element/Attribute	Purpose
`dimension`	The name of the managed attribute to which the managed value belongs. The name must use the NCName format.
`displayName`	The name for the managed value.
`parentSpec`	Specifies the parent ID (managed attribute spec) for this managed value, If this is a root managed value, use a forward slash (/) as the ID. If this is a child managed value, specify the unique ID of the parent managed value.
`spec`	A unique string identifier for the managed value. It is the responsibility of the client to provide the identifier for the request.
`synonym`	Optionally defines the name of a synonym. You can add synonyms to a managed value so that users can search for other text strings and still get the same records as a search for the original managed value name. Synonyms can be added to both root and child managed values.
`properties`	Optionally defines a property for a managed value. Managed value properties provide descriptive information about a given managed value and are intended to be used for display purposes by the application.

The following example creates the WineType managed attribute and adds three managed values (Red, White, and Merlot) to it:

```
<ingest:ingestDimensionValues
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
    <ingest:dimensionValue
          dimension="WineType"
          displayName="White"
          parentSpec="/"
          spec="22">
        <ingest:synonym>Blanc</ingest:synonym>
        <ingest:synonym>Weisse</ingest:synonym>
    </ingest:dimensionValue>
    <ingest:dimensionValue
          dimension="WineType"
          displayName="Red"
          parentSpec="/"
          spec="47">
        <ingest:properties>
            <myStrProp type="mdex:string">source:CAS</myStrProp>
        </ingest:properties>
    </ingest:dimensionValue>
    <ingest:dimensionValue
          dimension="WineType"
          displayName="Merlot"
          parentSpec="47"
          spec="35" />
</ingest:ingestDimensionValues>
```

In the example, the Red and White managed values are at the root of the managed attribute, while the Merlot managed value is a child of the Red managed value. Note also that two synonyms were created for the White managed value and a string property (named myStrProp) was created for the Red managed values.

ingestDimensionValuesResponse

An `ingestDimensionValuesResponse` for a successful operation would look like this example:

```
<ingest:ingestDimensionValuesResponse
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010">
   <ingest:numDimensionsCreated>1</ingest:numDimensionsCreated>
   <ingest:numDimensionValuesCreated>3</ingest:numDimensionValuesCreated>
</ingest:ingestDimensionValuesResponse>
```

In the sample response, the `numDimensionsCreated` element shows that one managed attribute was created, while the `numDimensionValuesCreated` element shows that three managed values were created.

Failure response

On failure, a SOAP fault is returned. The `ingest:ingestFault` and `ingest:errorDetail` elements should contain the error that caused the failure.

For example, assume that the following request was made to create the Chablis child managed value:

```
<ingest:ingestDimensionValues>
    <ingest:dimensionValue dimension="WineType" displayName="Chablis"
        parentSpec="58" spec="39" />
</ingest:ingestDimensionValues>
```

The `ingest:errorDetail` element would return an error similar to this:

```
<soapenv:Fault>
   <faultcode>soapenv:Client</faultcode>
  <faultstring>Error applying updates: Dimension value put refers to parent
 spec "58",
       which does not exist in dimension "WineType"
   </faultstring>
   <detail>
      <ingest:ingestFault xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/in¬
gest/2010">
         <ingest:errorDetail>Error applying updates: Dimension value put
refers to
            parent spec "58", which does not exist in dimension "WineType"

         </ingest:errorDetail>
      </ingest:ingestFault>
   </detail>
</soapenv:Fault>
```

In this example, the reason for the error is that the request refers to a non-existent parent managed value (58 in the example).

Chapter 4

Updating Records

This chapter describes how you can incrementally modify the MDEX Engine's data set by updating and deleting records.

About updates

The `ingestRecords` operation lets you incrementally update the data set in the MDEX Engine, including adding additional records.

Using the Data Ingest Web Service, you can perform the following types of incremental updates:

- Add a brand-new record to the data set.
- Update an existing record by adding standard attribute and/or managed values.
- Update an existing record by removing standard attributes and/or managed values.

How updates are applied

The records to be added are considered totally additive. That is, if a record with the same primary key already exists in the MDEX Engine, the key-value pair list of the added record will be merged into the existing record.

If a standard attribute with the same name already exists (but has a different assigned value), then the added attribute will be an additional value for the same attribute (multi-assign). For example, if the existing record has one standard attribute named **color** with a value of "red" and the request adds a **color** standard attribute with a value of "blue", then the resulting record will have two **color** attributes.

Keep in mind, however, that you cannot add a second value to a single-assign attribute. (That is, a standard attribute whose PDR has the `mdex-property_IsSingleAssign` set to `true`. In the **color** example, if **color** were a single-assign attribute and the record already had one **color** assignment, then an attempt to add a second **color** assignment would fail.

When adding standard attributes, the operation works as follows for the new standard attribute (i.e., the standard attribute to be added):

- If the new standard attribute already exists in the MDEX Engine but with a different type, an error is thrown and the new standard attribute is not added.
- If the new standard attribute already exists in the MDEX Engine and is of the same type, no error is thrown and nothing is done.
- If the new standard attribute is a primary-key attribute and a managed attribute already exists with the same name, an error is thrown and the new standard attribute is not added.

Note that updating a record can cause it to change place in the default order. That is, if you have records ordered A, B, C, D, and you update record B, records A, C, and D remain ordered. However, record B may move as a result of the update, which means the resulting order might end up as B,A,C,D or A,C,B,D or another order.

Order of update operations

An `ingestRecords` request can contain all four types of updates. In this case, the order of processing is:

1. `deleteRecords` requests are processed first.
2. `wildcardDeletes` requests are processed second.
3. `deleteAssignments` requests are processed third.
4. `addAssignments` requests are processed last.

If a record is included in the `deleteRecords` element and is also included in one or more of the other elements, then the record is deleted and added again in the same transaction.

If a record attribute or attribute assignment is specified in the `wildcardDeletes` or `deleteAssignments` list and is specified again in the `addAssignments` list, then the attribute assignment is deleted and added again in the same transaction.

If identical records, standard attributes or assignments are specified in any of the elements, the redundant entries are ignored.

Affected records with update operations

The `numRecordsAffected` element in the `ingestRecordsResponse` lists how many records were affected (i.e., modified) by an `ingestRecords` operation.

However, it is possible that an "affected" record may not actually be changed by the operation. Any operation that results in the output record being the same as the input record will mark the record as "affected" but will leave it unchanged. These types of "unaffected" operations are adding an assignment that already exists, deleting an assignment that does not exist, performing a wildcard delete on a record property that has no assignments, and deleting an assignment and then adding the same assignment.

Adding key-value assignments

Endeca records can be updated with new assignments for standard attributes and managed values.

The `ingestRecords` operation, when used with the `addAssignments` element, lets you update existing records in the MDEX Engine by adding standard attribute values and/or managed values. The element can also create a standard or managed attribute if the attribute to be added does not exist. In this case, it is added with the defaults listed in the "Default values for new Endeca attributes" topic in Chapter 2.

Because the MDEX Engine performs type-checking when adding standard attributes, keep the following in mind:

- When adding a value for a pre-existing standard attribute, make sure that the new value is of the proper type. An error will occur for type mismatches (for example, if you attempt to assign the string "red" to an integer standard attribute).
- When creating and adding a new standard attribute, you should specify the MDEX property type.
- Any standard attribute that is not specifically typed will be treated by default as a string type.

You can assign multiple values from a given standard attribute only if the attribute is configured as a multi-assign standard attribute. That means that the PDR for the standard attribute has the `mdex-property_IsSingleAssign` property set to `true`. If the `addAssignments` list attempts to assign multiple values to a standard attribute that does not accept multiple values, an error is signaled.

Managed values can be added to records even if the managed attribute to which they belong does not exist in the MDEX Engine. In this case, the Data Ingest Web Service automatically creates the managed attribute.

addAssignments request

You use the `addAssignments` element in a request to add key-value pairs to an existing record. The request must specify the primary key of the record to be updated, using this request format:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <primaryKeyProp>keyValue</primaryKeyProp>
         <propToAdd>keyValue</propToAdd>
         <!-- Other property assignments -->
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

For example, this request updates a record (with the primary key P123) with three standard attributes (color, price, and numInStock) and one managed value (the managed value with the managed value spec of 4 in the Style managed attribute):

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:addAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <partID>P123</partID>
         <color>yellow</color>
         <price>18.99</price>
         <numInStock type="mdex:int">10</numInStock>
         <Style>4</Style>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:addAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

Note that the MDEX property type of the numInStock standard attribute is specified, because the standard attribute does not exist and therefore will be created as part of the request. The other standard attributes and the Style managed attribute already exist in the MDEX Engine.

Removing record assignments

Endeca records in a running MDEX Engine can be updated by removing standard attribute and managed value assignments.

The `ingestRecords` operation has two elements that delete assignments from Endeca records:

- `deleteAssignments`
- `wildcardDeletes`

Both elements can delete standard attribute assignments as well as managed value assignments. Note that the standard attributes or managed values are not removed from the MDEX Engine; they are removed only from the specified records.

You can use both elements in the same `ingestRecords` operation. In this case, the `wildcardDeletes` request is processed before the `deleteAssignments` request.

Note: Both elements are case sensitive, including the standard attribute and managed value names and their assignment values.

deleteAssignments request

The `deleteAssignments` element of the `ingestRecords` operation removes individual standard attribute and/or managed value assignments from Endeca records, but does not otherwise affect the record. You can remove one or more assignments in the same request.

The request must specify the primary key of the record to be updated. The `deleteAssignments` request format is:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:deleteAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <primaryKeyProp>keyValue</primaryKeyProp>
         <propName>keyValueToRemove</propName>
         <!-- Other property or dimension value assignments to remove -->
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:deleteAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

To remove an individual assignment, specify the key name (i.e., standard attribute name or managed value name) and its value, as in this example:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:deleteAssignments>
      <mdex:record>
         <partID>P123</partID>
         <color>red</color>
         <color>blue</color>
         <WineType>White</WineType>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:deleteAssignments>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

The example removes two values ("red" and "blue") of the **color** standard attribute assignment and one managed value ("White") from the **WineType** managed value assignment.

A successful `ingestRecordsResponse` returned from the above sample request should look like this:

```
<ingest:ingestRecordsResponse
     xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010">
   <ingest:numPropertiesCreated>0</ingest:numPropertiesCreated>
   <ingest:numRecordsAffected>1</ingest:numRecordsAffected>
   <ingest:numRecordsDeleted>0</ingest:numRecordsDeleted>
</ingest:ingestRecordsResponse>
```

The `numRecordsAffected` element in the response shows that one record was successfully modified.

wildcardDeletes request

The `wildcardDeletes` element of the `ingestRecords` operation removes all assignments from the same standard attribute or managed value at once.

The request must specify the primary key of the record to be updated, using this request format:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:wildcardDeletes>
      <mdex:record>
         <primaryKeyProp>keyValue</primaryKeyProp>
         <propToRemove />
         <!-- Other property or dimension value assignments to remove -->
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:wildcardDeletes>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

Note that unlike the `deleteAssignments` usage, the `wildcardDeletes` element requires that the *propToRemove* specification cannot have an assignment value. Only the name of the standard attribute or managed value can be specified.

To remove all assignments on the record from a specific standard attribute or managed value, use a single tag with the attribute, as in this example that removes all assignments from the **color** standard attribute:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords
      xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010"
      xmlns:mdex="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/XQuery/2009/09">
   <ingest:wildcardDeletes>
      <mdex:record>
         <partID>P123</partID>
         <color/>
         <sizes/>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:wildcardDeletes>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

In the example, if record P123 had six assignments from the **color** standard attribute, then all six assignments would be removed; if it had three assignments from the **sizes** standard attribute, all three would be removed.

If successful, the operation returns the same `ingestRecordsResponse` as a `deleteAssignments` request.

Deleting records

The Data Ingest service lets you delete records from a running MDEX Engine.

You use the `deleteRecords` element in a request to delete a record. The request must specify the primary key of the record to be deleted, using this request format:

```
<ingest:ingestRecords>
   <ingest:deleteRecords>
      <mdex:record>
         <primaryKeyProp>keyValue</primaryKeyProp>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:deleteRecords>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

Multiple records can be deleted in the same request. Each record must be specified within an `mdex:record` element.

To delete a record from the MDEX Engine:

1. Make certain that both the MDEX Engine and the Data Ingest service are running.
2. Create a `deleteRecords` request, similar to the example below that deletes two records, and send the request to the Data Ingest service.

```
<ingest:ingestRecords>
   <ingest:deleteRecords>
      <mdex:record>
         <partID>PK-123</partID>
      </mdex:record>
      <mdex:record>
         <supplierID>SV-789</supplierID>
      </mdex:record>
   </ingest:deleteRecords>
</ingest:ingestRecords>
```

3. After the request is made, check the `ingestRecordsResponse` to determine if the request transaction was successful.

A successful `ingestRecordsResponse` returned from the above sample request should look like this:

```
<ingest:ingestRecordsResponse
     xmlns:ingest="http://www.endeca.com/MDEX/ingest/2010">
   <ingest:numPropertiesCreated>0</ingest:numPropertiesCreated>
   <ingest:numRecordsAffected>0</ingest:numRecordsAffected>
   <ingest:numRecordsDeleted>2</ingest:numRecordsDeleted>
</ingest:ingestRecordsResponse>
```

Note that when specifying an invalid or missing primary key record, the `deleteRecords` operation will not fail, but instead will ignore the record. In this case, the `numRecordsDeleted` element in the response will have a value of 0 (zero) and an entry (similar to the following example) is made in the Dgraph log:

```
Request: - fn:trace(, delete-records.xq: A record with specifier (partID =
 SV-352) does not exist.)
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