COPECART IPN DOCUMENTATION

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Executive Summary

IPN stands for "Instant Payment Notification" and allows Vendor to connect his billing system, membership system, email marketing software, or other third-party software with CopeCart.

The vendor's system will be notified through an automated HTTP request about payments, chargebacks, and refunds, in order to give the vendor the possibility to maintain the customer's order data in their own database and keep track of payments, chargebacks, and refunds.

This IPN documentation is meant to be a guideline and reference for developers, system administrators, and everyone who wants to connect a system or software to CopeCart.

Clarification of the used terms

| Term | Description |
|----------------|---|
| buyer | The buyer is the person who orders the product of a vendor. |
| vendor | The vendor is the product owner who uses CopeCart to sell the product online |
| order | If a buyer buys one or more products using one order form, this is one order. Also if the buyer buys some upsell products after the initial sale, these are items of the same order and are called "order items". An order can consist of one initial sale and up to a few upsells. |
| order id | There is one order id for each order (e.g. M6B5zL7i). Each order id is unique and is not used for any other order. |
| product id | Each product has a unique product id (e.g. 2df15941). Each order of the same product has the same product id (e.g. 2df15941). |
| transaction | A transaction could be a payment (one-time payment, installment payment, or subscription), a refund, or a chargeback. At CopeCart, we process one transaction for each order item. (Buyer buys the initial product and one upsell product. Then there are two payments and two transactions.) |
| transaction id | There is a transaction id for each transaction. |

UTF-8 encoding only

We only support UTF-8 encoding. All data that we provide is in UTF-8. We also only accept data in UTF-8.

IPN Call

The IPN Call is the instant payment notification (IPN) that CopeCart sends to your server. For each transaction, there is one IPN Call. If a buyer buys two products, there will be two IPN calls (one IPN Call for each payment of the two products). The IPN message is delivered by HTTP POST in the request body. The data comes in JSON format.

There are a few headers provided with a request:

The IPN message can be verified using a corresponding secret key which is set in IPN settings in the CopeCart of the vendor.

In order to verify an IPN message you need to use data from the 'X-Copecart-Signature' header and compare it with the result of the HMAC hash of message data and a secret key.

Ruby

More information for the PHP function you will find here: https://www.php.net/manual/en/function.hash-hmac.php

Here you can download an example script for a demonstration of the basic CopeCart IPN message protocol flow:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n-ouN82fLRD1sp6YhrAF2FW5tCAjli5m/edit

IPN Events

For each paid, failed, or cancellation payment and other conditions one IPN event is sent. Each IPN sends one of these event notification types:

| Event | Description |
|-----------------------------|---|
| payment.made | The buyer makes a successful payment. |
| payment.trial | A payment that is charged from the buyer not when the order is confirmed but when the product trial period ends. |
| payment.failed | A payment failed. The reason may be, that the payment failed (after some try) because the bank account is not chargeable or the rebilling was canceled by the buyer's |
| payment.pending | A payment has not yet been processed. |
| payment.refunded | The vendor or CopeCart has initiated a refund, which has been successfully processed. |
| payment.charged_back | The credit card company or bank of the buyer processed a chargeback. |
| payment.recurring.cancelled | The buyer has requested a cancellation of his rebilling purchase (abonnement or payment installments). This event is sent immediately. As soon as the next payment is due, but not completed (because of the cancellation), a payment failed event is sent. |
| payment.recurring.upcoming | This event is sent with the second and next payments for recurring payments (payment installments or subscriptions). |

IPN Parameters

With each IPN request, we send a set of these parameters:

| Parameter | Туре | Description | Example |
|----------------------|---------|---|-------------------|
| affiliate | String | Affiliate Nickname | maxmustermann |
| buyer_address | String | Buyer address | Teststraße 3 |
| buyer_city | String | Buyer city | Berlin |
| buyer_company_name | String | Buyer company name (If the buyer is a company) | Mueller Inc |
| buyer_country | String | Buyer country | Deutschland |
| buyer_country_code | String | Buyer country code | DE |
| buyer_email | String | Buyer email address | maxmueller@gmx.de |
| buyer_firstname | String | Buyer first name | Max |
| buyer_id | String | Buyer unique id | b929ca1e498bbd68 |
| buyer_lastname | String | Buyer last name | Mueller |
| buyer_phone_number | String | Buyer phone number | 0176123456 |
| buyer_vat_number | String | Buyer VAT number | DE315024481 |
| buyer_zipcode | String | Buyer postal code | 10115 |
| category_name | String | Name of category for the product. For example: - Size - Color - Location, etc | Location |
| category_option_name | String | Chosen category value, for example: - Red - XV - Berlin | Berlin |
| earned_amount | Decimal | Vendor net income per line item in the order | 55.0 |
| first_payment | Decimal | First payment amount | 119.0 |

| Parameter | Туре | Description | Example |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---|------------|
| frequency | String | Recurring cycle frequency | monthly |
| | | One of - daily - weekly - biweekly - monthly - quarterly - half_yearly - yearly | |
| is_cancelled_for | Date iso8601 | If given, the order is canceled for this date. The access to the product should be stopped on this day | 2023-06-30 |
| is_upsell | Boolean | Indicates whether it is an upsell or normal order. | false |
| is_addon | Boolean | Type of product in the scope of order | false |
| | | One of: - true - false True - value will be available in the scope of recurring payments for the add-on product. | |
| next_payment_at | Date iso8601 | Next payment date (recurring payments only) | 2023-05-01 |
| next_payments | Decimal | Next payments amount (recurring payments only) | 100.99 |
| order_date | Date iso8601 | Order date | 2023-02-28 |
| order_id | String | Order unique id | 7clYUvQl |
| order_time | String | Order time | 17:00 |
| order_source_identifier | String | Identifies where the order was made from. | null |
| | | One of: - null (checkout page) - shopping_cart (shopping cart) - phone_offer (phone offer) | |

| Parameter | Туре | Description | Example |
|----------------|--------|---|------------------|
| payment_method | String | Payment method selected for this order by buyer | credit_card |
| | | One of: - credit_card - sepa - sofort - paypal - invoice - test (for the vendor only) | |
| payment_plan | String | Type of payment plan. | one_time_payment |
| | | One of: one_time_payment breakdown_payment (installment) abonnement (subscription) | |
| payment_status | String | Payment status | paid |
| | | One of: - paid - pending - trial - failed - upcoming - successed_refunded - failed_refunded - chargeback_succeeded - chargeback_failed - failed_as_chargeback - test_paid - test_trial - test_successed_refunded | |
| product_id | String | Uniq id of the product | 2df15941 |
| product_name | String | Name of the product | Product 1 |
| product_type | String | Type of the product. | digital |
| | | One of: - digital - electronic_book - event - physical - printed_book - services | |

| Parameter | Туре | Description | Example |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| quantity | Integer | Quantity of ordered products | 3 |
| rate_number | Integer | For single payments this value is 1. | 1 |
| | | For payment installments and subscriptions only: Number of payments (e.g. 1 for the first payment, 2 for the second, etc). | |
| shipping_price | Decimal | Shipping cost | 9.99 |
| tags | Array[String] | Array of product tags | ["tag_1", "tag_2", "tag_3"] |
| test_payment | Boolean | Type of payment | false |
| | | One of: - true - false | |
| total_number_of_payments | Integer | Total number of payments including first payment | 3 |
| transaction_amount | Decimal | Transaction gross amount | 300.25 |
| transaction_earned_amount | Decimal | Transaction earned net amount | 255.25 |
| transaction_currency | String | Transaction currency code | EUR |
| transaction_date | DateTime iso8601 | Date of the transaction (e.g. of the payment). Is often the same as order_date, but may be different (e.g. for payment installments) | 2023-03-17T20:40:07+01:00 |
| transaction_id | String | Unique id of the transaction | 53703f91bb7ab490 |
| transaction_processed_at | DateTime iso8601 | Date and time when the transaction was processed | 2023-03-17T20:40:07+01:00 |
| transaction_type | String | Type of transaction | sale |
| | | One of: - sale - refund - chargeback | |

| Parameter | Туре | Description | Example |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| buyer_subscribed_for_newsletter | Boolean | Shows whether a customer has subscribed for the newsletter, or not. | true |
| | | One of: - true - false | |
| line_item_amount | Decimal | Total amount paid for all the purchased items of one product type. | 148.75 |
| line_item_vat_amount | Decimal | Total VAT amount calculated for all the purchased items of one product type. | 48.75 |
| event_type | String | IPN event type | payment.made |
| | | One of: | |
| | | payment.made payment.trial payment.failed payment.pending payment.refunded payment.charged_back payment.recurring.cancelled payment.recurring.upcoming | |
| transaction_amount_per_product | Array[Objects] | Transaction amount breakdown per product | <pre>{ amount: 10.0, vat_amount: 2.0, slug: '1qw8qq', is_addon: true, name: 'product 1', internal_name: 'internal' } </pre> |
| transaction_vat_amount | Decimal | Transaction vat amount | 19.0 |
| product_internal_name | String | Product internal name | Product internal 1 |
| subscription_state | String | Subscription state | in_progress |
| cancelation_reason | String | Reason of cancelled subscription | vendor_cancelation |
| cash_flow_at | DateTime iso8601 | Timestamp when CopeCart receive money from payment providers | 2023-03-17T20:40:07+01: 00 |
| metadata | String | The vendor-provided data | Produkt_ID |

Parameters based on IPN Event

| Included in | Parameter |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Each IPN request | order_id |
| | order_date |
| | order_time |
| | order_source_identifier |
| | category_name |
| | category_option_name |
| | earned_amount |
| | quantity |
| | total_number_of_payments |
| | payment_plan |
| | payment_status |
| | payment_method |
| | is_cancelled_for |
| | is_upsell |
| | is_addon |
| | product_id |
| | product_name |
| | product_type |
| | buyer_id |
| | buyer_firstname |
| | buyer_lastname |
| | buyer_email |
| | buyer_phone_number |

buyer_country

Included in.. Parameter

buyer_country_code

buyer_address

buyer_city

buyer_company_name

buyer_zipcode

buyer_vat_number

affiliate

shipping_price

event_type

cash_flow_at

recurring payment events only first_payment

next_payments

next_payment_at

frequency

regular payment events only transaction_date

transaction_id

transaction_amount

transaction_currency

transaction_type

rate_number

test_payment

payment.recurring.cancelled subscription_state

cancelation_reason

Privacy settings - Data for fulfilling the contract

On product creation data privacy settings are available. In these settings, a vendor can choose which data he requires for fulfilling the contract and these are sent via IPN.

The chosen fields become required on the checkout page for the selected product.

E-Mail-Marketing integrations:

Upon creation of IPN integration for E-Mail-Marketing software vendor will have two options to choose: "Contract fulfillment" and "Newsletter"

If "Contract fulfillment" is chosen - all data selected as required on the product page will be sent to the corresponding IPN.

If "Newsletter" is chosen and the buyer during checkout will check the newsletter checkbox - all data selected as required on the product page will be sent to the corresponding IPN.

If "Newsletter" is chosen and the buyer during checkout will **not** check the newsletter checkbox - no data will be sent to the corresponding IPN.

IPN failures

IPN call is considered a success if the CopeCart receives a response status "OK" (upper case, without quotes) from the server it sends IPN to.

If an IPN call fails, the CopeCart will retry to send 10 times over the next 3 hours.

Further information & Help

If you have questions about the integration of your system via the Instant Payment Notification or if you need further information or help, don't hesitate to contact us at: support@copecart.com