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Create a customer | Stripe API Reference

Parameters

- * An arbitrary string that you can attach to a customer object. It is displayed alongside the customer in the dashboard.
- * Customer's email address. It's displayed alongside the customer in your dashboard and can be useful for searching and tracking. This may be up to `_512 characters_`.
- * Set of [key-value pairs](<https://docs.stripe.com/api/metadata>) that you can attach to an object. This can be useful for storing additional information about the object in a structured format. Individual keys can be unset by posting an empty value to them. All keys can be unset by posting an empty value to ``metadata``.
- * The customer's full name or business name.
- * The ID of the PaymentMethod to attach to the customer.
- * The customer's phone number.
- * The customer's shipping information. Appears on invoices emailed to this customer.

More parameters

- * #####
`next_invoice_sequenceinteger`
- * #####
`preferred_localesarray of strings`
- * #####
`tax_id_dataarray of objects`

Returns

Returns the Customer object after successful customer creation. Raises

[an error](#errors) if create parameters are invalid (for example, specifying an invalid coupon or an invalid source).

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```
curl https://api.stripe.com/v1/customers \  
  -u "sk_test_zzPhAh8...I4JDtzTNnhGlsk_test_zzPhAh8sZkhmI4JDtzTNnhGl:" \  
 \  
  -d name="Jenny Rosen" \  
  --data-urlencode email="jennyrosen@example.com" \  
  ...
```

...

```
{  
  "id": "cus_NffrFeUfNV2Hib",  
  "object": "customer",  
  "address": null,  
  "balance": 0,  
  "created": 1680893993,  
  "currency": null,  
  "default_source": null,  
  "delinquent": false,  
  "description": null,  
  "discount": null,  
  "email": "jennyrosen@example.com",  
  "invoice_prefix": "0759376C",  
  "invoice_settings": {  
    "custom_fields": null,  
    "default_payment_method": null,  
    "footer": null,  
    "rendering_options": null  
  },  
  "livemode": false,  
  "metadata": {},  
  "name": "Jenny Rosen",  
  "next_invoice_sequence": 1,  
  "phone": null,  
  "preferred_locales": [],  
  "shipping": null,  
  "tax_exempt": "none",  
  "test_clock": null  
}
```

Updates the specified customer by setting the values of the parameters passed. Any parameters not provided will be left unchanged. For example, if you pass the ****source**** parameter, that becomes the

customer's active source (e.g., a card) to be used for all charges in the future. When you update a customer to a new valid card source by passing the `**source**` parameter: for each of the customer's current subscriptions, if the subscription bills automatically and is in the ``past_due`` state, then the latest open invoice for the subscription with automatic collection enabled will be retried. This retry will not count as an automatic retry, and will not affect the next regularly scheduled payment for the invoice. Changing the `**default_source**` for a customer will not trigger this behavior.

This request accepts mostly the same arguments as the customer creation call.

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- * The customer's full name or business name.
- * The customer's phone number.
- * The customer's shipping information. Appears on invoices emailed to this customer.

More parameters

- * #####
next_invoice_sequenceinteger
- * #####
preferred_localesarray of strings

Returns

Returns the customer object if the update succeeded. Raises [an error]

(#errors) if update parameters are invalid (e.g. specifying an invalid coupon or an invalid source).

...

```
curl https://api.stripe.com/v1/customers/cus_NffrFeUfNV2Hib \  
  -u "sk_test_zzPhAh8...I4JDtzTNnhGlsk_test_zzPhAh8sZkhmI4JDtzTNnhGl:" \  
  -d "metadata[order_id]"=6735  
...
```

...

```
{  
  "id": "cus_NffrFeUfNV2Hib",  
  "object": "customer",  
  "address": null,  
  "balance": 0,  
  "created": 1680893993,  
  "currency": null,  
  "default_source": null,  
  "delinquent": false,  
  "description": null,  
  "discount": null,  
  "email": "jennyrosen@example.com",  
  "invoice_prefix": "0759376C",  
  "invoice_settings": {  
    "custom_fields": null,  
    "default_payment_method": null,  
    "footer": null,  
    "rendering_options": null  
  },  
  "livemode": false,  
  "metadata": {  
    "order_id": "6735"  
  },  
  "name": "Jenny Rosen",  
  "next_invoice_sequence": 1,  
  "phone": null,  
  "preferred_locales": [],  
  "shipping": null,  
  "tax_exempt": "none",  
  "test_clock": null  
}
```

Retrieves a Customer object.

Parameters

No parameters.

Returns

Returns the Customer object for a valid identifier. If it's for a deleted Customer, a subset of the customer's information is returned, including a `deleted` property that's set to true.

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```
curl https://api.stripe.com/v1/customers/cus_NffrFeUfNV2Hib \
-u "sk_test_zzPhAh8...I4JDtzTNnhGlsk_test_zzPhAh8sZkhmI4JDtzTNnhGl:"
```

...

```
{
  "id": "cus_NffrFeUfNV2Hib",
  "object": "customer",
  "address": null,
  "balance": 0,
  "created": 1680893993,
  "currency": null,
  "default_source": null,
  "delinquent": false,
  "description": null,
  "discount": null,
  "email": "jennyrosen@example.com",
  "invoice_prefix": "0759376C",
  "invoice_settings": {
    "custom_fields": null,
    "default_payment_method": null,
    "footer": null,
    "rendering_options": null
  },
  "livemode": false,
  "metadata": {},
  "name": "Jenny Rosen",
  "next_invoice_sequence": 1,
  "phone": null,
  "preferred_locales": [],
  "shipping": null,
  "tax_exempt": "none",
  "test_clock": null
}
```

Returns a list of your customers. The customers are returned sorted by creation date, with the most recent customers appearing first.

Parameters

* A case-sensitive filter on the list based on the customer's `email` field. The value must be a string.

More parameters

Returns

A dictionary with a `data` property that contains an array of up to `limit` customers, starting after customer `starting_after`. Passing an optional `email` will result in filtering to customers with only that exact email address. Each entry in the array is a separate customer object. If no more customers are available, the resulting array will be empty.

...

```
curl -G https://api.stripe.com/v1/customers \  
  -u "sk_test_zzPhAh8...I4JDtzTNnhGlsk_test_zzPhAh8sZkhmI4JDtzTNnhGl:" \  
 \  
  -d limit=3  
...
```

...

```
{  
  "object": "list",  
  "url": "/v1/customers",  
  "has_more": false,  
  "data": [  
    {  
      "id": "cus_NffrFeUfNV2Hib",  
      "object": "customer",  
      "address": null,  
      "balance": 0,  
      "created": 1680893993,  
      "currency": null,  
      "default_source": null,  
      "delinquent": false,  
      "description": null,  
      "discount": null,  
      "email": "jennyrosen@example.com",  
      "invoice_prefix": "0759376C",
```

```

    "invoice_settings": {
      "custom_fields": null,
      "default_payment_method": null,
      "footer": null,
      "rendering_options": null
    },
    "livemode": false,
    "metadata": {},
    "name": "Jenny Rosen",
    "next_invoice_sequence": 1,
    "phone": null,
    "preferred_locales": [],
    "shipping": null,
    "tax_exempt": "none",
    "test_clock": null
  }
  {...}
  {...}
],
}
...

```

Permanently deletes a customer. It cannot be undone. Also immediately cancels any active subscriptions on the customer.

Parameters

No parameters.

Returns

Returns an object with a deleted parameter on success. If the customer ID does not exist, this call raises [an error](#errors).

Unlike other objects, deleted customers can still be retrieved through the API in order to be able to track their history. Deleting customers removes all credit card details and prevents any further operations to be performed (such as adding a new subscription).

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```

curl -X DELETE https://api.stripe.com/v1/customers/cus_NffrFeUfNV2Hib
\
-u "sk_test_zzPhAh8...I4JDtzTNnhGlsk_test_zzPhAh8sZkhmI4JDtzTNnhGl:"
...

```

...

```
{
  "id": "cus_NffrFeUfNV2Hib",
  "object": "customer",
  "deleted": true
},...
```