



ZIP Code Lookup & Address Verification Component

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NetZipCode for .NET allows you to quickly and easily build ZIP Code lookup, address verification plus address correction and parsing into your custom applications. The delivery address is checked for proper Postal Service format and standardized if necessary. Spelling corrections are made and the address is split into USPS standard components.

NetZipCode for .NET not only returns a standardized and corrected address but, also provides the following additional information about each address:

- ZIP + 4 Add-On
- Congressional District
- County Name
- Delivery Point Bar Code
- Time Zone Including Daylight Savings Time Flag

A battery of diagnostic flags is returned with each address letting you know exactly what strategy was used in order to achieve a match.

Benefits

- Save \$\$\$ on Postage - Verify Addresses Before You Ship or Mail
- Catch Data-Input Errors Eliminating Undeliverable Addresses
- Save Keying Time; City/State is Returned from 5-Digit ZIP Code
- Unlimited Use - No Escalating Charges
- FREE Quarterly Database Updates for a Full Year

Features

- Addresses are Standardized to USPS Recommended Abbreviations
- No Automatic Database Expiration After 60 Days
- Proper Case Conversion for More Attractive Data Presentation
- Attractive USPS Database Subscription Pricing
- Designed for Use with All .NET Compatible Programming Languages

NetZipCode for .NET follows the US Postal Service “one component failure rule” to find a correct address match. This rule permits an address match if no more than one address component mismatch exists, where a “component” is defined as a predirectional, street name, street suffix, or a postdirectional.

Consider the following address: 100 E MAIN ST N

This address has all four components. If one component can be added, changed, or deleted to achieve a unique match, NetZipCode will correct the address and return the ZIP+4. Under current USPS address matching rules, if more than one component is incorrect, no match is allowed. If adding, changing or deleting a component results in multiple matches, no match can be returned. The priority is to add a suffix first, before adding a directional. If there is no match, change or delete the suffix. Finally, change or delete a directional.

If there is no exact address match within the city, NetZipCode applies the “one component failure rule” within the input ZIP Code. If there is still no match, then NetZipCode applies the “one component failure rule” to all addresses within the postal finance number. If there is still no match, the address is rejected.

Example

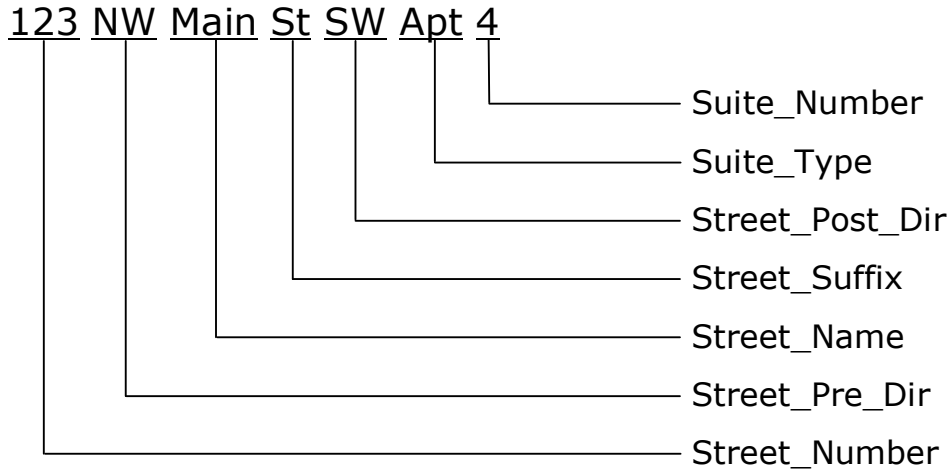
Input Address: 4950 INTNL
32819

Output Address: 4950 International Dr
Orlando, FL 32819-9415
County: Orange
Time Zone: EST

Results:

- Street name corrected
- Missing street suffix added
- City/state names added
- ZIP+4 “add-on” added
- County name and time zone identified

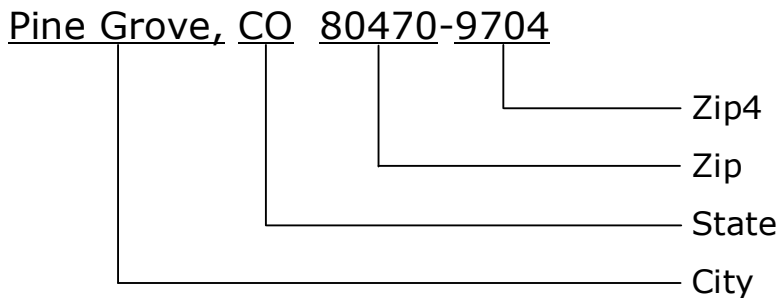
Street Address



Box Address



City/State/Zip



Address_In

Syntax: Address_In = String

Description:

Set this property to the address string to be processed.

When the “Lookup” method is invoked, the Address_In and CSZ_In strings are matched to the USPS National Address Database. If a match is found, the standardized and corrected address is placed into the Address_Out and CSZ_Out properties. In addition, each element of the Address_In and CSZ_In strings is placed into the appropriate address and city/state/zip component property.

CSZ_In

Syntax: CSZ_In = String

Description:

Set this property to the city & state and/or ZIP Code string to be processed.

When the “Lookup” method is invoked, the CSZ_In string is matched to the USPS National Address Database. If a match is found, the standardized and corrected city/state/zip is placed into the CSZ_Out property. In addition, each element of the CSZ_In string is placed into the appropriate city/state/zip component property.

If this property is set to the city and state, the ZIP Code is optional. If set to the 5-digit ZIP Code, the city and state are optional.

Firm_Name_In (optional)

Syntax: Firm_Name_In = String

Description:

Set this property to the Firm or High-rise name string to be processed.

PR_Urb_In (optional)

Syntax: PR_Urb_In = String

Description:

Set this property to the Puerto Rican urbanization string to be processed.

Output_Case

Syntax: Output_Case = "StringLiteral"

Description:

Set this property to "Upper" or "Mixed" to indicate your capitalization preference for the output address and its components. **Default is "Upper"**.

Database_Path

Syntax: Database_Path = String

Description:

Set this property to the full path of the USPS National Address Database files. **Defaults are the NetZipCode installation folder and then the folder of the invoking application. (AppDomain.CurrentDomain.BaseDirectory)**

Static_Key_Name

Syntax: Static_Key_Name = String

Description:

Set this property to the name portion of the static key assignment or blank.

Static_Key

Syntax: Static_Key = String

Description:

Set this property to the key portion of the static key assignment or blank.

Address_Out (read only)

Syntax: String = Address_Out

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property will contain the standardized and corrected address string from the Address_In property including a suite number if present. If no match was found in the USPS database, this property will be blank.

Address_Out_Street (read only)

Syntax: String = Address_Out_Street

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property will contain the street portion of Address_Out.

Address_Out_Suite (read only)

Syntax: String = Address_Out_Suite

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property will contain the suite portion of Address_Out.

Street_Number (read only)

Syntax: String = Street_Number

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the primary address number component of Address_Out commonly referred to as house number, street number or range.

Street_Pre_Dir (read only)

Syntax: String = Street_Pre_Dir

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Predirectional component of Address_Out. Values will be a valid directional (N, NE, S, SE, etc.) or blank.

Street_Name (read only)

Syntax: String = Street_Name

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Street Name component of Address_Out. Value will be alphanumeric.

Street_Suffix (read only)

Syntax: String = Street_Suffix

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Street Suffix component of Address_Out. Values will be a valid suffix (St, Ave, Rd, etc.) or blank.

Street_Post_Dir (read only)

Syntax: String = Street_Post_Dir

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Postdirectional component of Address_Out. Values will be a valid directional (N, NE, S, SE, etc.) or blank.

Suite_Type (read only)

Syntax: String = Suite_Type

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Suite Type component of Address_Out. Values will be only valid suite types (Apt, Suite, Unit, etc.) or blank.

Suite_Number (read only)

Syntax: String = Suite_Number

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Suite Number component of Address_Out. Values will be alphanumeric suite number or blank.

Box_Type (read only)

Syntax: String = Box_Type

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Box Type component of Address_ Out. Values will be only valid box types (PO Box, RR, HC, etc.) or blank.

Box_Type_Number (read only)

Syntax: String = Box_Type_Number

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Box Type Number component of Address_ Out. Values will be alphanumeric box type number or blank.

Box (read only)

Syntax: String = Box

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Box component of Address_ Out. Value will be “Box” or blank.

Box_Number (read only)

Syntax: String = Box_Number

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Box Number component of Address_ Out. Values will be alphanumeric box number or blank.

CSZ_Out (read only)

Syntax: String = CSZ_Out

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property will contain the standardized city/state/zip (last line) from the CSZ_In property.

City (read only)

Syntax: String = City

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the City component of CSZ_Out. See “*Preferred_City_Name*” property.

State (read only)

Syntax: String = State

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the State component of CSZ_Out. Values will be only valid USPS state abbreviations (FL, AZ, CO, etc.) or blank.

Zip (read only)

Syntax: String = Zip

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the ZIP Code component of CSZ_Out. Values will be a 5-digit numeric ZIP Code or blank.

Zip4 (read only)

Syntax: String = Zip4

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the 4-digit Zip “add-on” component of CSZ_Out. Values will be a 4-digit numeric ZIP+4 “add-on” code (sector/segment) or blank.

Address_Type (read only)

Syntax: String = Address_Type

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to one of the following:

S	Street	(1 N Main St, 2 US Highway 285, etc.)
A	Suite	(Apt 1, Suite 2, etc.)
P	Post Office Box	(PO Box 1)
R	Rural Route	(RR 1 Box 2)
H	Highway Contract	(HC 1 Box 2)
G	General Delivery	(General Delivery, Gen Del, GD, etc.)
M	Military	(CMR 1 Box 2, etc.)
N	Not a valid address	(Address_Match will also be set to “False”)

Zip_Type (read only)

Syntax: String = Zip_Type

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to one of the following:

P	PO Box Only	(no street addresses in this ZIP Code)
M	Military Zip	(state codes AA, AE or AP)
U	Unique Zip	(assigned to a single business or organization)
S	Standard Zip	(any combination of street addresses and PO Boxes)
N	Not a valid Zip	(CSZ_Match will also be set to “False”)

County (read only)

Syntax: String = County

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the name of the county in which the address resides. Values will be alphanumeric county name or blank.

County_FIPS (read only)

Syntax: String = County_FIPS

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code for the county in which the address resides. Values will be a three-digit numeric string or blank.

State_FIPS (read only)

Syntax: String = State_FIPS

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code for the state in which the address resides. Values will be a two-digit numeric string or blank.

Time_Zone (read only)

Syntax: String = Time_Zone

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the most prevalent time zone within the ZIP Code area. Values will be alphanumeric time zone or blank.

Time_Zone_DST (read only)

Syntax: Time_Zone_DST = True

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to Boolean (True/False) indicating that addresses within the ZIP Code area participate in daylight savings time. Value will be Boolean (True/False).

DPBC (read only)

Syntax: String = DPBC

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the 12-digit Delivery Point Bar Code string for this ZIP Code. Values will be numeric DPBC or blank.

Congressional_District (read only)

Syntax: String = Congressional_District

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the congressional district code for this address. Values will be alphanumeric congressional district or blank.

Firm_Name_Out (read only)

Syntax: String = Firm_Name_Out

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the standardized firm or high-rise building name from the optional Firm_Name_In string. Values will be alphanumeric or blank.

PR_Urb_Out (read only)

Syntax: String = PR_Urb_Out

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to the Puerto Rican Urbanization name from optional the PR_Urb_In string. Values will be alphanumeric or blank.

Address Flags (read only)

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, the following Boolean (True/False) properties are returned indicating the status of the address lookup.

Syntax:

Address_Match = True (CSZ_Match is also set to True)

A match was found in the USPS National Address Database for the Address_In and CSZ_In properties. This condition also sets one or more of the following properties indicating any corrections that were made:

Address_Corrected = True

Street_Number, Street_Pre_Dir, Street_Name, Street_Suffix or Street_Post_Dir components were corrected in order to achieve a match.

Suite_Corrected = True

Suite_Type or Suite_Number components were corrected in order to achieve a match.

POB_Corrected = True

Box_Type component was corrected in order to achieve a match.

PR_Urb_Corrected = True

Puerto Rican urbanization component was corrected in order to achieve a match.

CSZ_Match = True

A match was found in the USPS National Address Database for the CSZ_In property. This condition also sets one or more of the following properties indicating any corrections that were made:

City_Corrected = True

City name component was added or corrected in order to achieve a match.

State_Corrected = True

State component was added or corrected in order to achieve a match.

Zip_Corrected = True

ZIP Code component was added or corrected in order to achieve a match.

Zip4_Corrected = True

ZIP+4 component was added or corrected in order to achieve a match.

Address_Match = False

A unique match could not be found in the USPS National Address Database for the Address_In and CSZ_In properties. This condition also sets one or more of the following properties indicating the reason a unique match could not be found:

Multiple_Match = True

More than one address was matched in the USPS National Address Database.
See “GetFirstMatch” and “GetNextMatch” methods.

Street_Number_Unknown = True

The Street_Number was not in the range for this street in the USPS National Address Database.

Street_Name_Unknown = True

The Street_Name was not matched in the USPS National Address Database.

CSZ_Unknown = True

City State ZIP Code mismatch in the USPS National Address Database.

Insufficient_Address_Data = True

There was not enough data to find a match in the USPS National Address Database.

CSZ_Match = False (CSZ_Unknown is also set to True)

No match was found in the USPS National Address Database for the CSZ_In property.

No_USPS_Delivery = True

Address was verified, but USPS doesn't deliver to this address.

Preferred_City_Name = True

The City property returned contains the USPS “preferred” city name for the ZIP Code returned in the ZIP property.

Preferred_City_Name is always returned as “True” from the “Lookup” method when a match is found. See “GetFirstCityInZip” and “GetNextCityInZip” methods.

Highrise = True

Address is a high-rise apartment or office building.

Firm = True

Address is a firm. (business)

Return_Code (read only)

Syntax: String = Return_Code

Description:

After invoking the “Lookup” method, this property is set to blank indicating that the method completed successfully. Some common exceptions are listed below. Most exceptions usually occur on the first invocation. *This property should be examined on each return from NetZipCode.*

Common Return Codes:

L00	Evaluation Period Expired
L01	Static Key Validation Failed (see Static_Key property)
L50 – L69	License Validation Failed
Z02 – Z16	Open Failed (see “Database_Path” property)
Z17	DLL Version Does Not Match Database Version
Z18	Invalid “Database_Path” Property

Clear

Syntax: NetZipCode.Clear

Description:

When this method is invoked, all properties are set to null with the exception of `Static_Key`, `Static_Key_Name` and `Database_Path`.

Lookup

Syntax: NetZipCode.Lookup

Description:

When this method is invoked, the `Address_In` and `CSZ_In` properties are compared to the USPS National Address Database. When a match is found, the address is standardized and corrected then placed into the `Address_Out` property. In addition, each standardized element of the `Address_In` property is placed into the appropriate address component property. Next, the Address Flags are set along with the `Address_Quality` property to indicate the status of the address lookup as well as how complete and correct the address is. The `Return_Code` property is also set and should be checked after each invocation of the “Lookup” method. *See “Return_Code” property.*

GetFirstMatch

Syntax: NetZipCode.GetFirstMatch

Description:

This method can only be invoked when the `Multiple_Match` flag is set to `True`. After invoking the “GetFirstMatch” method, the first address from the current group of matching addresses is returned and the `Address_Match` flag is set to `True`.

GetNextMatch

Syntax: NetZipCode.GetNextMatch

Description:

This method can only be invoked *after* the “GetFirstMatch” method has been invoked and when the `Multiple_Match` flag is set to `True`. After invoking the “GetNextMatch” method, the next address from the current group of matching addresses is returned and the `Address_Match` flag is set to `True`. When no more addresses remain, the `Address_Match` property is set to `False`.

GetFirstCityInZip

Syntax: NetZipCode.GetFirstCityInZip

Description:

When this method is invoked, the 5-digit CSZ_In property is compared to the USPS National Address Database. When a match is found, the first city name (alphabetically) in the list of cities within this ZIP Code is returned in the City property and the CSZ_Match property is set to “True”. If this is the USPS “preferred” city name, then the Preferred_City_Name property is also set to “True”. See “*Preferred_City_Name*” property.

GetNextCityInZip

Syntax: NetZipCode.GetNextCityInZip

Description:

This method can only be invoked *after* the “GetFirstCityInZip” method has been invoked and a match was found (CSZ_Match = True). After invoking the “GetNextCityInZip” method, the next city name (alphabetically) in the list of cities within this ZIP Code is returned in the City property and the CSZ_Match property is set to “True”. If this is the USPS “preferred” city name, then the Preferred_City_Name property is also set to “True”. See “*Preferred_City_Name*” property.

If Installation Doesn't Start Automatically:

- Select **Start > Run** from the Task Bar.
- Type CD-ROM drive letter followed by “:\NetZipCode40.msi” and press enter.

In the folder “Program Files\The Software Company\NetZipCode 4.0” you will find a sample program named: VBSample.vbproj. There is also a compiled version called VBSample.exe that you can run to demonstrate NetZipCode.

Deploying Your Applications

Be sure to include the following in your deployment package:

NetZipCode.dll – usually placed in the application folder
z1.dat thru z8.dat – usually placed in the application folder
Unzdll32.dll – usually placed in the Windows\System folder

In addition to the above, there is a small runtime package that is installed into the Global Assembly Cache (GAC) of the target machine. There are two ways to do this:

Include the **MergeModuleRuntimeNET20.msm** with your installation package

- OR -

Execute **StandaloneRuntimeNET20.exe** for each new installation

There's an explanation of each at the following link:

http://www.SoftwareCompany.com/dotnet/dotnet_runtime.htm

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