Release Notes

[Soleo Local Search API 2.1]

**Introducing an improved Soleo Local Search API.**

**Version 2.1 of the Soleo Local Search API introduces a new endpoint that supports a search for nearby businesses. Based on user supplied geocodes, the closest 25 businesses from the Soleo Local Search database are returned.**

**In addition, business listings now support hyperlinks to third party data. Links can be followed to obtain more information about a business, such as a restaurant menu, or to complete a call to action, such as making an appointment with the business.**

**Further improvements and bug fixes have been included in Version 2.1, based on user feedback from API Developers.**

## Compatibility

 Version 2.1 of the Soleo Local Search API offers backward compatibility to users of the previous version (2.0 and 1.2) of the API.

## Dependencies

 No external dependencies

## New Features for Soleo Local Search API 2.1

### Near Here Query

The **nearhere** endpoint has been added to the API. This endpoint allows a user to search using a latitude and longitude as input and get in return the 25 geographically closest business listings. Searches return organic (non-sponsored) listings only.

###  Access to Third Party Data

Business listings now support links to third party data. These links can be followed to complete a call to action, for example making an appointment or ordering online, or to obtain additional business details, for example a restaurant menu. The actual link and a text based description of the link are enclosed in a third party data wrapper. Each listing may have one or more sets of third party data links/descriptions.

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## Enhancements for Soleo Local Search API 2.1

###  Support for embedded locality specification within the Free Form Query

With version 2.1 of the API, parsing of the FreeformQuery parameter has been enhanced to support an embedded location as part of the search string. For example, a search string of “pancakes near: Decatur GA” will be interpreted as a FreeformQuery of “pancakes” in the locality Decatur, Georgia. Any other location parameters provided as part of the search request such as latitude, longitude, radius, city, state, or ZIP code will be ignored and the location derived from the FreeformQuery string will be used instead.

To trigger parsing of the location from the FreeformQuery parameter, the string “near:” must be present and followed by some combination of city, state, and ZIP code words.

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## Resolved Issues for Soleo Local Search API 2.1