




CDP Disclosure API 2026

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Disclosure API 2026

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Introduction

This API information session has been devised based on the **questions received from you, the participants of this year's API program**. It is intended to provide technical answers and guidance to technical teams to enable them to have a successful disclosure experience via the API.

By the end of this session, you should:

- ▣ understand what the Disclosure API is and how it can help you in 2026
- ▣ understand the high-level steps required to access a discloser's response data via the API
- ▣ have a detailed understanding of what can and cannot be done using the API

Note – we have some new and returning partners on this session, so we won't assume any prior knowledge



What's changed
for 2026?

Improvements delivered for the 2026 cycle

▣ For the 2026 Disclosure API, we have so far been able to correct the following known issues:

- In the Corporate questionnaire, Supply Chain questions which include a “**requesting member**” column will now be populated in the GET /questions response.
 - *Note: the option list here is dependent on the status of requests sent to each discloser and is therefore expected to change throughout the cycle.*
- It is now possible to “un-select” options in a discloser’s response via the API.
 - To unselect/clear **all options** for a select based question, a null content response can be sent.

• E.g.

```
{  
  "id": "17e2ad15-0270-449f-bb6e-c536f310d338",  
  "updateResponseInput": {  
    "content": null,  
    "status": "UNANSWERED",  
  }  
}
```

Expected Enhancements: Medium-term

Conditionality and question status improvements

We are reviewing how the backend processes conditionality and statuses to allow the API to accept a broader range of response patterns. This means partners will not have to handle conditionally relevant questions/datapoints. All responses would be accepted without throwing errors, and statuses will not need to be sent and will be reconciled on our side.

Allowing for the removal of attachments via the API

Similarly for attachments, we aim to introduce API support for attachment removal.

Stripping HTML from matrix/cell question responses

We plan to automatically strip HTML and other rich-text artifacts from matrix/cell responses to improve readability and prevent malformed content downstream.

More comprehensive error reporting

Instead of returning only the first error encountered, we're planning for the API to return a more complete list of all identified errors with more appropriate error status codes to help partners diagnose issues more quickly.

Please note that none of these changes are expected to cause breaking changes with integrations.

Expected Enhancements: Long-term

Audit logging of updates via API

We intend to implement internal logging when responses are provided or updated specifically via the API to improve traceability for CDP internally initially, and to eventually be exposed in the UI of the disclosure platform.

Offer full questionnaire extract via API

Our plan is to offer a representation of the full questionnaire via the API in addition to the tailored/filtered version per organisation, to better assist partners in mapping CDP's questionnaire to their internal systems.

Future Plans:

Retrieve previous cycle response data programmatically

We plan to allow partners to fetch response data from previous cycles via the API, making historical comparisons and workflow continuity easier.

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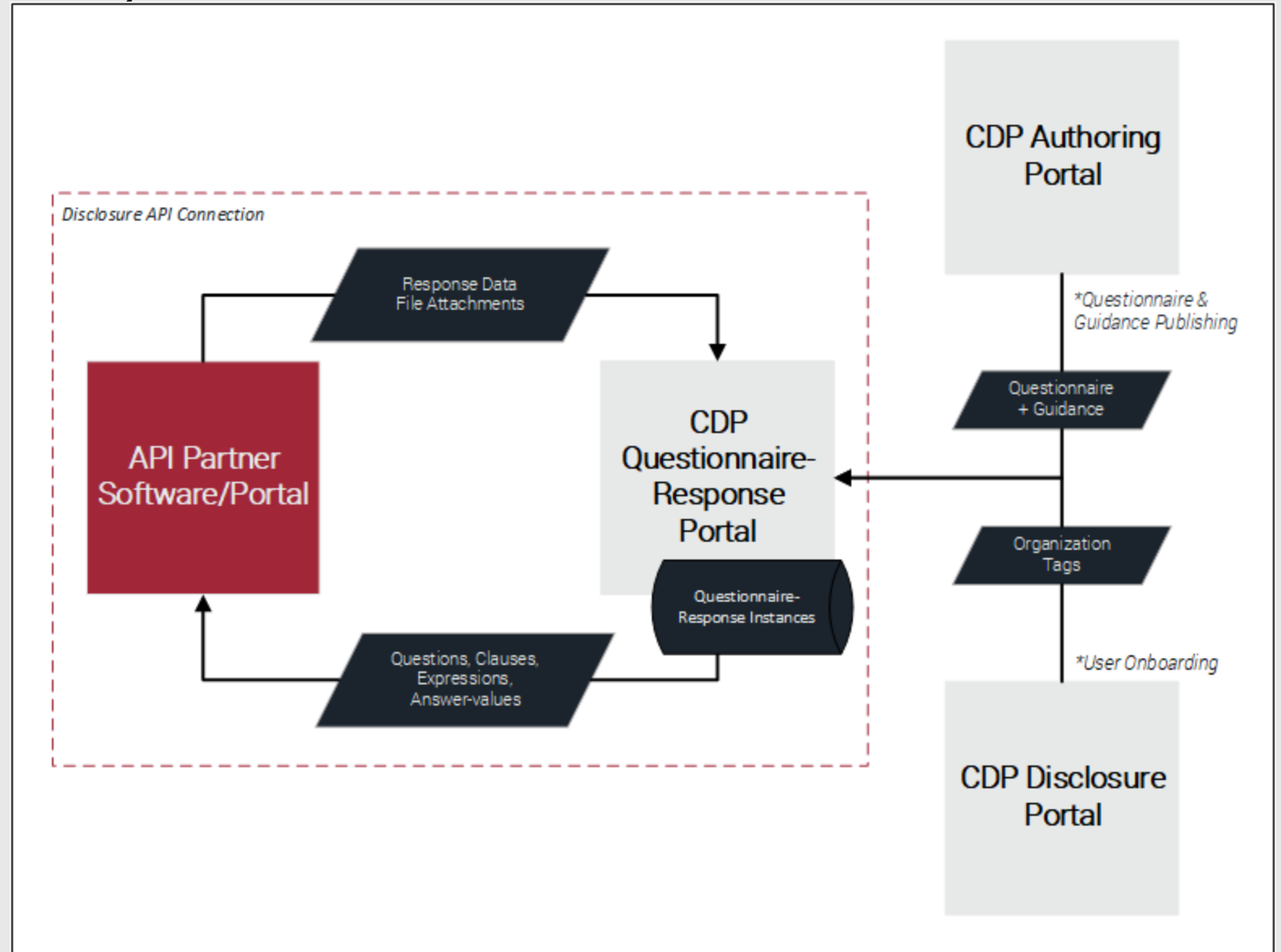
Introduction to the Disclosure API

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CDP Platform Summary

- ❑ The Disclosure API connects to the CDP questionnaire-response portal. The CDP **questionnaire-response portal** pulls together questionnaire data and organizational data, creating a **single questionnaire-response instance record for each organization** that has completed the onboarding for the given disclosure cycle.
- ❑ The CDP authoring portal is a **separate** component of the platform which is where each cycle's questionnaire is developed and finalized.
- ❑ This means everything that is returned by the Disclosure API is **specific to a single organization** and it is not possible to extract a complete list of all the questions in a single API request.



What does the Disclosure API do?

- ▣ The API can only be used in a specific way, as defined by CDP.
- ▣ For 2026, the expected behaviour is that we will allow API Partners to:
 - View a list of disclosers that have granted them permission to access their response
 - Then for a specified individual disclosing organisation:
 - View the **status** of a discloser's response
 - Pull a list of all current **relevant** questions
 - See the questionnaire **logic** and embedded **calculations** used in a question (non-org specific)
 - Retrieve any **existing answers** in response
 - Update answer values **INTO** a response
 - Send file attachments to relevant questions
 - Add and remove rows from matrix questions (*note: only rows added by Disclosers/Partners can be removed*)

What can't the Disclosure API do?

- ▣ Equally, there are known limitations with the Disclosure API which API Partners must be aware of.
- ▣ For 2026, the Disclosure API will not allow API Partners to:
 - Extract a complete questionnaire (e.g. FULL & SME versions) **without** tag matching being applied
 - Access the questionnaire in languages other than English.
 - Retrieve the reporting guidance or scoring methodology associated with a questionnaire
 - Specify a list of questions and/or sectors to extract (the **full** questionnaire is returned every time)
 - Specify a list of questions they wish to extract answers for (**full** response is extracted every time)
 - Remove already added file attachments from a question response.
 - See specific conditional logic for an individual organisation's questionnaire response.

Key Concepts

Tag Matching

- ❑ The CDP Response Portal includes the concept of “tag matching” to control the content which is shown to a specific organization when they access their questionnaire response.
- ❑ Tag matching works by comparing “tags” assigned to the active organization and the tags assigned to questions in the CDP questionnaires.
- ❑ This is also true for questionnaire data extraction via the Disclosure API.
- ❑ If a question is tagged to a sector/theme/project/pathway/organization type/commodity then only organizations with the same tags will see these questions.
- ❑ This replaces large amounts of conditional logic authoring which we had to do in the previous platform.
- ❑ **Note:** tag matching is not applied to the /clauses and /expressions endpoints.

Data sync with the API

▣ Dynamic Loading:

- As mentioned, it is not possible to pull the “entire” CDP questionnaire via the Disclosure API. This is because the questionnaires contain various pathways, which cannot all be selected by a single organization. As such, we recommend you **DO NOT** create a “master” copy of the questionnaire and instead work to ensure dynamic loading of each discloser’s question lists as needed.

▣ Data Sync:

- To ensure that you have an accurate list of each discloser’s questions, it is recommended that you allow your users to sync their question data whenever changes are made by the user in the CDP Portal. Changes made during the questionnaire setup process or due to new requests will often require the question data be refreshed.
 - This is also true for some question data e.g. requesting member option lists
- Also, any changes to the questionnaire made by CDP would also require a re-sync of the questionnaire data for your clients. CDP will communicate these changes to you as needed.

JSON vs. JSON

- ❏ The questionnaires for each cycle exist in two different platforms simultaneously: the authoring portal and the response portal.
- ❏ Due to the “Tag Matching” principal in the response portal, it is not possible to get a list of every single question into a single JSON file via the Disclosure API.
 - E.g. in the corporate questionnaire, technically both the FULL & SME questions all exist in the same questionnaire, but one set is hidden by tag matching.
- ❏ However, often requested by ASPs is a JSON file or a list of every single question, row and option within an entire questionnaire.
- ❏ Currently, the only way to provide this is via the authoring portal, but this comes with some issues.
 - We can also provide a CSV of questions, but this does not contain row or option information.

JSON vs. JSON

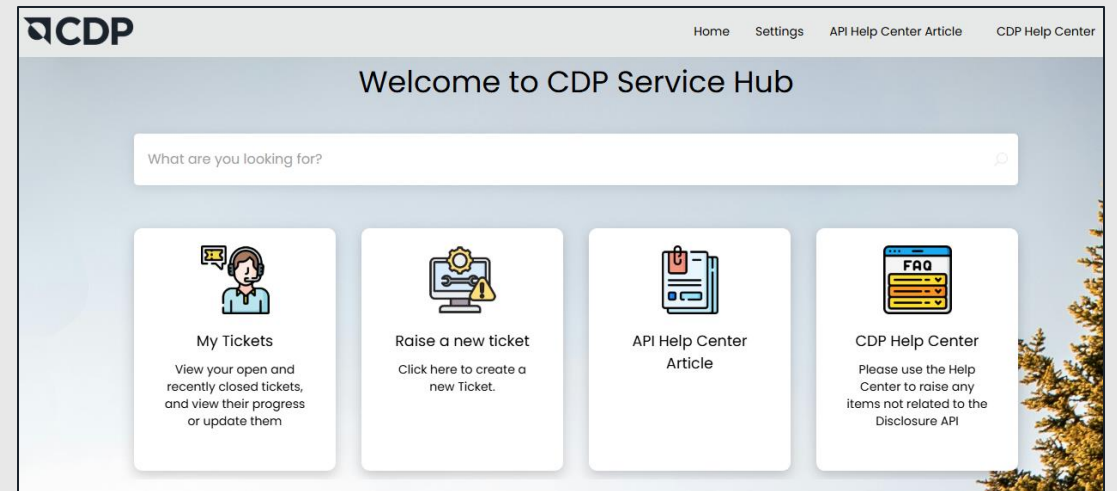
Difference	Field Description	Authoring	Response/API
Structural differences in file format	Questionnaire Info.	Questionnaire is the first "object" which can be expanded.	Questionnaire is not a specified "object", the whole JSON response covers the questionnaire.
	Clauses Info.	The second "object" listed in the JSON.	Provided separately.
	Expressions Info.	The third "object" listed in the JSON.	Provided separately.
Attributes are named differently	Questionnaire Name	"title"	"name"
	Section Name	"name"	"title"
	Question Type	"typeId"	"type"
	Matrix Columns	"childrenQuestions"	"columns"
Missing attributes	Questionnaire Description	"description"	N/A
	Start Date	"startDate"	N/A
	End Date	"endDate"	N/A
	Questionnaire Type	"type"	N/A
	Matrix Type	N/A	"isDynamic"
	Matrix Type	N/A	"isPrepop"

Support & Resources

Technical Support

To improve the support offering in 2026, we have created a ticket system for API partners in **Halo**.

- ❏ The Halo system allows you to raise tickets directly with the Application Support Team
- ❏ **Access will be set up by your account manager** – please make sure that your technical teams are the ones added
- ❏ <https://servicedesk.cdp.net/portal/home>
- ❏ When raising a ticket please include:
 - Which environment you are working in
 - Is the ticket related to a specific disclosing organization?
 - What API endpoint are you using? (provide the URL)
 - Are you getting a specific error message?
 - Who else would you like us to add to your ticket?



Please note that the Halo ticketing system is for technical questions for the Disclosure API only.

This team cannot answer general queries about CDP Disclosure.

Documentation

For 2026, all documentation is in the CDP Help Center. This will mean that we have a single source of truth, which is live and easy to update. Any changes made to the API will be updated in this documentation as part of the release process.

What documentation/resources will be available:

▣ Full Technical Specification

- Complete write up of the entire API specification in clear language, explaining user journeys, each endpoint, response structures and required update formats.
- **Link:** <https://help.cdp.net/en-us/knowledgebase/article/KA-01132>

▣ Discloser Onboarding Guide

- Specific guidance for disclosers who wish to connect with an API partner
- **Link:** <https://help.cdp.net/en-us/knowledgebase/article/KA-01148>

Test Environments

In 2026 we will be offering two environments to facilitate API Partner integration work:

- ▣ **Sandbox:** A test environment that each API Partner will be given access to initially to start building their connection with the API.
 - Each partner will get a test disclosure account to use in this environment.
 - Here the 2026 questionnaire is available to start your integration work.
 - API Base URL: <https://api.pre.cdpgreenstar.net/asp/response/>
 - Portal URL: <https://customer-portal-asp.pre.cdpgreenstar.net>

- ▣ **Production:** Final accessible environment once all testing is complete and permission granted.
 - New API Partners will need to complete a small “smoke” test to be allowed to work with real client data.
 - Access will be available within the dates of the cycle only.
 - API Base URL: <https://api.cdp.net/response/>
 - Portal URL: <https://myportal.cdp.net/>

Acceptance Testing Process

For new API partners only

🚩 Sandbox Steps – Test Data

- Software provider requests access to Sandbox environment once all contractual obligations confirmed.
- Software provider added to Sandbox and given access to supporting documentation.
- CDP's Application Support Team validates software provider usage of Sandbox environment to integrate questionnaire & update a test response.
- Application Support Team approves the software provider in Sandbox and gives permission for production access.

🚩 Production Steps – Test & Client Data

- Software provider requests access to Production environment via Azure.
- Production access granted and a new test account created in Production by Application Support Team.
- Additional light testing (Smoke Test) complete by software provider to confirm that their integration still works as expected.
- Application Support Team approves the software provider's Production solution and grants permission for them to proceed with client data.
- Discloser approves software provider access in the CDP Portal and informs chosen software provider.
- Discloser works in software provider's platform/tool to update the response before final review & submission in CDP Portal.

Tips for testing:

1. *The whole process is much simpler with lots of screenshots and/or a demo call to go through your platform and how it makes use of the API.*
2. *If something is not being used, you should make it clear that it won't be part of your integration.*

FAQs

Copy Forward and Questionnaire Setup

Question	Answer
<p>Will CDP allow copy forward from the previous year's response on question AND/OR questionnaire level from the CDP platform? If yes, we would like to advise our users to do the copy forward at the questionnaire level and then use our platform to retrieve the previous year's response via Disclosure API.</p>	<p>By the time the API allows you to connect to a response, the copy forward will have already occurred for that user's response. So, the answer is yes.</p>
<p>Can you provide clarification on how to interpret the "allowCopyForward" values in the GET /questions response?</p>	<p>The "allowCopyForward" field returned in the GET /questions response indicates that the specified question has copy forward enabled and in the response for the current disclosure cycle, values from the previous year will be copied.</p>

Discloser Auth & Onboarding

Question	Answer
Does the CDP org ID work the same as last year, and is it unchanged for organizations that used our API interactions last year or will they need to “enable” it again for 2026?	Organization IDs are persistent across CDP disclosure cycles as long as the organization is not merged. Any connections between disclosers and API partners from 2025 will therefore remain in the 2026 cycle.
What would be the earliest timing at which our service could be connected via the Disclosure API screen on the customer portal?	Connections can be made with disclosers as soon as you pass Phase 2 acceptance testing. However, you will not be able to access their 2026 questionnaire/response until they have completed onboarding in the CDP Portal. This is not possible until the response window opens in June.
Once the connection is established, would it be possible to immediately send API requests to retrieve information related to that customer?	
If a user connected with us as a partner last year, do we need to be re-authorized for 2026?	Connections from 2025 will remain, but you will not be able to access their new response data until onboarding has been completed.
Does a single partner registration grant access to all of an organization's questionnaires?	An organization is only ever attached to a single questionnaire each cycle, and currently access to previous years' responses will be lost as the new cycle/questionnaires are set up in the CDP Portal.
What's the exact workflow for organizations to register us as their partner?	From the Settings page, disclosers can select the “Discloser API” section and select you as a partner. Guidance is here: https://help.cdp.net/en-us/knowledgebase/article/KA-01148
What's the process if a user wants to revoke our platform's access?	Equally, disclosers can remove access on the same page in the Portal at any time with a single click.

Partner Auth

Question	Answer
Is the subscription-key static for an organization/platform or per user?	Sub-keys are individual for each partner, and these will persist unless there is reason to regenerate.
How long do partner authorizations remain valid?	Organization IDs are for a specific organization and shared by all users added to that organization Connections made with a partner will remain until the discloser removes it or the partner leaves the API program.

Rate Limiting

Question	Answer
Is there any rate limiting based on authentication?	Currently no rate limiting is applied to the Disclosure API, although this is something we will monitor. Should we need to change this, it will be communicated in advance of any policy updates.
Are there any rate limits we should be aware of?	

Questionnaire Syncing/Changes

Question	Answer
<p>When should we re-fetch the questionnaire (Questions, Clauses, Expressions)?</p> <p>In the documentation, it mentions when users update something in CDP Portal. Is this the only case?</p>	<p>Due to the "Tag Matching" concept, the question list can change based on user actions in the Portal: new requests, changing onboarding answers, taking requests from a subsidiary. All these actions could change the list of questions they see in the Portal and this is why your integration should allow users to refresh the question lists in your platform.</p> <p>Questions, clauses and expressions can also be updated by CDP if we see an error that needs correcting. These will only be done when necessary and we would communicate any such changes to you, but again, you should be able to handle these changes in your integration.</p>
<p>Should we use the questionnaire version field to deduce that the questionnaire has changed?</p>	<p>This will only update when CDP makes changes and republishes the questionnaire. Your account management team will receive comms on this.</p>
<p>If the tags selection has been changed in the questionnaire by the discloser, would this impact the questionnaire ID & questionnaire version field?</p>	<p>No, this would only change when CDP makes changes in the "Authoring Portal" and republishes those changes to the "Response Portal".</p> <p>Questionnaire IDs will remain the same for each year's questionnaire.</p>

Conditional Logic (clauses)

Question	Answer
How do hidden fields work and are they still used in validation?	Hidden fields are controlled by the "isHidden" field of the answer-value. You can see this in the GET /response response. If this is marked as true then this is ignored for all downstream processes (submission check, scoring, data products).
On the main page, one of the API capabilities is listed as "View conditional logic and calculations: View all conditional logic rules and calculations in a questionnaire (not specific to an organization)." Does this mean regardless of which organization ID we pass to the questionnaire/clauses call, then we will always get the same value which corresponds to the full questionnaire?	Yes, this is correct. You can retrieve and store these once and would only need to update them if and when we publish any changes to the clauses or expressions.
Can you explain what nested conditions are?	By "nested" we mean when a clause contains conditions within conditions. For example: SHOW A WHEN ((B = D OR C = D) AND X = Y). In this case, it would be impossible for you to see the "inner" parenthesis, and it would look like (B = D OR C = D AND X = Y) which would change how the logic functions.
How have conditional logic, clauses, and expressions changed since last year's API?	The functionality and structure for the clause and expressions has not been changed. However, the individual content of the clauses and expressions in the 2026 questionnaires will have changed. You can see these changes in the Changes Tracker provided with the questionnaire JSON/CSV.

Auto-calculations (expressions)

Question	Answer
Can hidden fields break calculations?	If a calculation is shown, then all the dependent questions should be visible as well. If this is not the case, then there may be a questionnaire bug on our side.
Does 'expressions' reference hidden fields?	
How do expressions handle dependencies on hidden or conditional fields?	
How are formulas between fields handled (e.g. $Q3 = Q1 * Q2$)	All formulas are listed in "postfix" notation.
Are calculated fields validated against their own rules, or just their formula?	Calculated fields can also have validationRules applied. Typically, decimal places and numerical ranges (e.g., to ensure a percentage does not go above 100).
If any participating questions for an auto calculated question are changed by a user, how would this impact the auto calculation question? Would CDP expect to always recalculate if the supporting question is updated?	If this is changed in the CDP Portal, then the calculated question would automatically update. In your own platform, you should ensure the same behaviour and then re-send the new value to both the dependency question and the recalculated question. The API will not validate calculated values based on their formulas (e.g., if you send the answer to $1 + 1 = 5$, this would be accepted).

Updating Responses

Question	Answer
Can we batch send response updates, or do we need to send them individually?	Responses can be batched up. But note: if you have a single issue the whole update will be rejected.
Could you provide examples for each field type (e.g., string, numeric, option, other option row matrix, etc.) response and how it can be submitted in the API?	This is included in the technical documentation - Disclosure API: Response - Update a Discloser's response: https://help.cdp.net/en-us/knowledgebase/article/KA-01140
How do we detect if someone has edited in the Portal vs our system? Is the source of an update captured anywhere?	As noted in the technical documentation, unfortunately this is not currently possible.
Given that the source on the Response endpoint is known to be broken, is the suggested way to avoid overwriting CDP Portal-authored answers to check the last updated time? That is, if you see the last updated time is more recent than the last time you PUT a new response onto the API, then you should cancel instead?	Yes, this would be a way in which you can check if your proposed update is the most recent. However, this field sometimes updates based on actions to related questions and does not necessarily mean that the value was updated.
When sending a PUT for Response, are we required to provide a value for "status"?	"Status" should always be updated when answering questions. If you don't do this, it will impact the discloser's view in the response portal and can also lead to questions not being correctly picked up in downstream actions.
Can file attachment be turned on conditionally? Ex. For a question like 2026 (v1.0)	File attachments are only possible on questions with a question type of "ATTACHMENT". The logic may control if this question is shown or hidden, but the question type would not change.

Responses to questions in the webinar chat

Question	Answer
Is there an estimated timeline for the delivery of the medium-term enhancements?	It isn't confirmed but we anticipate during Q3.
Have fixes been applied to any of the known bugs from last year's disclosure cycle or known deficiencies beyond file deletion, de-selection (e.g., text answers with URLs returning errors, and auto-calculated fields not updating automatically, bracketing / nesting in conditional logic)	Only the changes listed are fixed at this time, these are option de-selection and requester member dropdown options. All other previously reported issues are unfortunately not yet resolved (file deletion, text answers containing URLs, nesting in conditional logic).
Is the static JSON and API JSON data consistent aside from schema differences?	If you are able to correctly identify the relevant fields between the two data, and the data is present in both, then the actual content will be the same.

Thank you!

For technical support with the Disclosure API, please contact your Account Manager and or raise a ticket via Halo.