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## ABSTRACT

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The OGC SensorThings API 1.1 Extension: STAplus 1.0 Standard specifies a backwards-compatible extension to the OGC SensorThings API Part 1: Sensing Version 1.1 (STA) Standard data model.

The motivation for specifying this STAplus extension is based on requirements from the Citizen Science community.

The dominant use for the OGC SensorThings API (STA) data model (and API) can be coined with the use case “single authority provides sensor readings to consumers”. However, in Citizen Science there are many contributors (citizens) that – together – create the big “picture” with their observations.

The STAplus extension is designed to support a model in which observations are owned by (different) users that may express the license for re-use. This part of the contribution is called the ownership concept. In addition to the ownership and license abilities, the extension supports expressing explicit relations between observations and creating group(s) of observations to containerize observations that belong together. Relations can be created among any individual observations or observations of a group to support performant Linked Data extraction and semantic queries, for example expressed in SPARQL.

The STAplus extension is believed to be an important contribution towards the realization of the FAIR principles as STAplus strengthens the “I” (Interoperability) through a common data model and API as well as the “R” (Re-usability) by allowing expressing standards-based queries that may consider licensing conditions which is relevant for reuse of other users’ observations.

The STAplus Data Model and Business Logic also enriches existing deployments as the extension can be seamlessly added and thereby offer new capabilities to create and manage the “big picture” with multi-user capabilities.

The key work for crafting this OGC Standard was undertaken in the Co-designed Citizen Observatories Services for the EOS-Cloud (Cos4Cloud) project, which received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under grant agreement number 863463. Testing of this extension was done with data from the Framework biodiversity project, which received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under grant agreement number 862731.



## KEYWORDS

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The following are keywords to be used by search engines and document catalogues.

ogcdoc, OGC document, API, SensorThings, STAplus





## PREFACE

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STAplus – SensorThings API extension PLUS – defines a SensorThings data model extension to improve FAIR principles when exchanging sensor data including licensing and ownership information.

The STAplus extension is fully backwards compatible to the existing OGC OGC SensorThings API Part 1: Sensing Version 1.1 and thereby offers existing deployments to easily upgrade to STAplus. Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. The Open Geospatial Consortium shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

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# IV

## SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

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A STApplus service implementation that supports the Create, Update or Delete of STApplus entities should also implement authentication and a “fit-for-purpose” business logic that enforces the required access conditions to ensure ownership of all entities, including SensorThings core entities.

The Business Logic makes the full power of STApplus useful! For example, sealed (closed) Groups – aka a set of observations that may include relations – could be used for interdisciplinary research by simply exchanging the group’s URL. But, it is essential to trust such a group which requires a verifiable group author and the business logic to support integrity of such a closed group.

As each business logic flow may be different from service to service deployment, the operator of the service should describe the business logic and make it available to developers that intend to use the STApplus deployment. The specification of a conformance class `Business Logic`, reflecting the semantics of the logic in a standardized fashion, is out of scope for this Standard but could be defined in an extension to STApplus.

Without an appropriate business logic, enforcing ownership and ensuring integrity in a multi-user scenario, it is possible that “junk” or “spam” is associated to a party without their knowledge. In such a multi-user CRUD access scenario, it would also be possible to “steal” an entire `Datastream` entity by simply updating the associated `Party` entity. Further, observations could be modified or even deleted without the creating user’s approval. While not specific to STApplus, these Business Logic considerations and concerns are identical for any deployed SensorThings API service.

The STApplus data model does not support to record provenance. If the business logic allows the update or even deletion of entities, there is no history of who did what and when. The data served from a service implementation is a snapshot in time which may cause pagination to produce unexpected results.

For implementations of the Create, Update and Delete conformance class it is paramount to check all user uploads for malicious code. Typical SQL injection checks are mandatory but also JavaScript code injection must be tackled. For example, it is likely that the value of an observation will be displayed on some HTML page. To prevent malicious code or virus injection, similar to cross-site-scripting attacks, pattern checking on any uploaded data should be accomplished.



## SUBMITTING ORGANIZATIONS

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- Secure Dimensions
- CREAM
- Fraunhofer Gesellschaft

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# SCOPE

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## SCOPE

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OGC STAplus provides an open standard-based and backwards-compatible data model extension to SensorThings API v1.1 by introducing ownership and licensing. Additional features such as grouping and relations can be used for enriching the re-use and linking of sensor data with semantical concepts to improve the FAIR principles.



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# CONFORMANCE

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All requirements-classes and conformance-classes described in this document are owned by the standard(s) identified.

## 2.1. Introduction

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The STAplus 1.0 standard defines an extension to the OGC SensorThings API Part 1: Sensing Version 1.1 Standard by adding additional entities via the Data Model. Access to the STAplus entities via HTTP is defined in the Read, Update and Delete Requirements Classes. The use of MQTT for STAplus entities is defined in the MQTT<sup>1</sup> Requirements Class. A default storage-CRS is defined via the Default-CRS Requirements Class and additional geometry encodings are defined in the Geometry FG and Geometry WKT Requirements Class. The Authentication Requirements Class supports the unique identification of acting users. The Business Requirements Class supports the textual description of the implemented business logic.

## 2.2. STAplus 1.0 Conformance Classes

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This OGC Standard defines one mandatory and several optional conformance classes.

Conformance with this Standard shall be checked using all the relevant tests specified in Annex A (normative) of this document. The framework, concepts, and methodology for testing, and the criteria to be achieved to claim conformance are specified in the OGC Compliance Testing Policies and Procedures and the OGC Compliance Testing web site.

In order to conform to this OGC® interface standard, a software implementation shall choose to implement:

- The one mandatory conformance class.
- Any one of the optional conformance classes.
- Pass all applicable tests as defined in Annex A (normative)

In order to conform to this OGC® Standard, a software implementation SHALL implement the mandatory conformance class specified:

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<sup>1</sup>MQTT is an OASIS standard messaging protocol for the Internet of Things (IoT).

- **Core** (mandatory): This Conformance Class incorporates the capabilities to support the Read of STAplus entities via HTTP. It also includes the Storage-CRS Requirements Class to ensure interoperability with geometry encodings in the feature and location properties.
- **Create** (optional): This Conformance Class supports to create STAplus entities via HTTP.
- **Update** (optional): This Conformance Class supports to update STAplus entities via HTTP.
- **Delete** (optional): This Conformance Class supports to delete STAplus entities via HTTP.
- **Authentication** (optional): This Conformance Class supports user authentication and their unique identification.
- **Geometry-FG** (optional): This Conformance Class supports the alternative geometry encoding for the feature and location properties based on Features and their Geometries.
- **Geometry-WKT** (optional): This Conformance Class supports the alternative geometry encoding for the feature and location properties based on Well Known Text (WKT) as defined in Geographic information - Simple features access - Part 1: Common architecture.
- **MQTT Subscribe** (optional): This Conformance Class supports a client to receive STAplus entity changes via MQTT.
- **Business Logic** (optional): This Conformance Class supports that the implementation business logic is described in English text to help developers understand the details of CRUD access.

## 2.2.1. Conformance Class Core

The Core Conformance Class is defined as follows:

CONFORMANCE CLASS 1: CORE	
IDENTIFIER	/conf/core
REQUIREMENTS CLASS	Requirements class 1: /req-class/entity-control-information Requirements class 2: /req-class/party Requirements class 3: /req-class/license Requirements class 4: /req-class/group Requirements class 5: /req-class/relation Requirements class 6: /req-class/project Requirements class 7: /req-class/read Requirements class 14: /req-class/storage-crs
TARGET TYPE	Implementation
CONFORMANCE TESTS	Conformance test A.1: /conf/core/common-control-information Conformance test A.2: /conf/core/entities



## CONFORMANCE CLASS 1: CORE

Conformance test A.3: /conf/core/read  
Conformance test A.4: /conf/core/storage-crs/crs-definition  
Conformance test A.5: /conf/core/storage-crs/axis-order  
Conformance test A.6: /conf/core/storage-crs/media-type  
Conformance test A.7: /conf/core/storage-crs/processing

### 2.2.2. Conformance Class Create

The Create Conformance Class is defined as follows:

## CONFORMANCE CLASS 2: UPDATE

IDENTIFIER	/conf/create
REQUIREMENTS CLASS	Requirements class 8: /req-class/create
PREREQUISITE	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
TARGET TYPE	Implementation
CONFORMANCE TEST	Conformance test A.8: /conf/create/http

### 2.2.3. Conformance Class Update

The Update Conformance Class is defined as follows:

## CONFORMANCE CLASS 3: UPDATE

IDENTIFIER	/conf/update
REQUIREMENTS CLASS	Requirements class 9: /req-class/update
PREREQUISITE	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
TARGET TYPE	Implementation
CONFORMANCE TESTS	Conformance test A.9: /conf/update/put Conformance test A.10: /conf/update/patch

## 2.2.4. Conformance Class Delete

The Delete Conformance Class is defined as follows:

CONFORMANCE CLASS 4: DELETE	
IDENTIFIER	/conf/delete
REQUIREMENTS CLASS	Requirements class 10: /req-class/delete
PREREQUISITE	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
TARGET TYPE	Implementation
CONFORMANCE TEST	Conformance test A.11: /conf/delete/entity

## 2.2.5. Conformance Class Authentication

The Authentication Conformance Class is defined as follows:

CONFORMANCE CLASS 5: AUTHENTICATION	
IDENTIFIER	/conf/authentication
REQUIREMENTS CLASS	Requirements class 13: /req-class/authentication
PREREQUISITE	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
TARGET TYPE	Implementation
CONFORMANCE TESTS	Conformance test A.12: /conf/authentication/id Conformance test A.13: /conf/authentication/anon-personal-data-crud Conformance test A.14: /conf/authentication/own-personal-data-crud Conformance test A.15: /conf/authentication/other-personal-data-crud

## 2.2.6. Conformance Class Geometry FG

The Geometry FG Conformance Class is defined as follows:

## CONFORMANCE CLASS 6: GEOMETRY FG

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-fg
REQUIREMENTS CLASS	Requirements class 15: /req-class/geometry-fg
PREREQUISITE	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
TARGET TYPE	Implementation
CONFORMANCE TESTS	Conformance test A.18: /conf/geometry-fg//media-type Conformance test A.19: /conf/geometry-fg/default-crs Conformance test A.20: /conf/geometry-fg/supported-crs Conformance test A.21: /conf/geometry-fg/crs-error Conformance test A.22: /conf/geometry-fg/processing Conformance test A.23: /conf/geometry-fg/out

### 2.2.7. Conformance Class Geometry WKT

The Geometry WKT Conformance Class is defined as follows:

## CONFORMANCE CLASS 7: GEOEMTRY WKT

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-wkt
REQUIREMENTS CLASS	Requirements class 16: /req-class/geometry-wkt
PREREQUISITE	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
TARGET TYPE	Implementation
CONFORMANCE TESTS	Conformance test A.24: /conf/geometry-wkt/media-type Conformance test A.25: /conf/geometry-wkt/crs-definition Conformance test A.26: /conf/geometry-wkt/default-crs Conformance test A.27: /conf/geometry-wkt/supported-crs Conformance test A.28: /conf/geometry-wkt/crs-error Conformance test A.29: /conf/geometry-wkt/value Conformance test A.30: /conf/geometry-wkt/processing Conformance test A.31: /conf/geometry-wkt/out

### 2.2.8. Conformance Class MQTT Subscribe

The MQTT Subscribe Conformance Class is defined as follows:

## CONFORMANCE CLASS 8: MQTT SUBSCRIBE

IDENTIFIER	/conf/mqtt-subscribe
REQUIREMENTS CLASS	Requirements class 11: /req-class/mqtt-subscribe
PREREQUISITE	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
TARGET TYPE	Implementation
CONFORMANCE TEST	Conformance test A.32: /conf/mqtt-subscribe/definition

### 2.2.9. Conformance Class Business Logic

The Business Logic Conformance Class is defined as follows:

## CONFORMANCE CLASS 9: BUSINESS LOGIC

IDENTIFIER	/conf/business-logic
REQUIREMENTS CLASS	Requirements class 12: /req-class/business-logic
PREREQUISITE	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
TARGET TYPE	Implementation
CONFORMANCE TESTS	Conformance test A.16: /conf/business-logic/definition Conformance test A.17: /conf/business-logic/location



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# NORMATIVE REFERENCES

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*OGC SensorThings API Part 1: Sensing Version 1.1* (2020)

*The GeoJSON Format*, IETF (2016)

*Geographic information – Simple features access – Part 1: Common architecture*, ISO, 2004, [https://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact\\_id=25355](https://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=25355)



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# TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

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## TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

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This document uses the terms defined in [OGC Policy Directive 49](#), which is based on the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, Rules for the structure and drafting of International Standards. In particular, the word “shall” (not “must”) is the verb form used to indicate a requirement to be strictly followed to conform to this document and OGC documents do not use the equivalent phrases in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This document also uses terms defined in the OGC Standard for Modular specifications ([OGC 08-131r3](#)), also known as the ‘ModSpec’. The definitions of terms such as standard, specification, requirement, and conformance test are provided in the ModSpec.

For the purposes of this document, the following additional terms and definitions apply.

This document uses the terms defined in Sub-clause 5.3 of [OGC06-121r9], which is based on the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, Rules for the structure and drafting of International Standards. In particular, the word “shall” (not “must”) is the verb form used to indicate a requirement to be strictly followed to conform to this standard.

For the purposes of this document, the following additional terms and definitions apply.

### 4.1. Party

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The entity in the data model that represents a user. A party can be associated to other entities of the data model to express ownership.

### 4.2. License

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The entity in the data model that represents a well-defined license. Associating a license with a `Multi/Datastream` entity expresses re-use conditions for all observations associated with that `Multi/Datastream` entity.

### 4.3. Group

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The entity in the data model that allows creation a collection of observations for a particular purpose.



## 4.4. Relation

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The entity in the data model that allows expressing relationships between two observations or an observation and an external object.

## 4.5. Project

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The entity in the data model that allows merging `Multi/Datastream` entities together that are required to achieve the objective represented by the project.

## 4.6. Ownership

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The `Party` entity in the data model allows expressing the right of possession over entity instances. This is the requirement to operate STApplus with multi-user CRUD access.

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# CONVENTIONS

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This Clause provides details and examples for any conventions used in the document. Examples of conventions are symbols, abbreviations, use of XML schema, or special notes regarding how to read the document.

## 5.1. Identifiers

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The normative provisions in this standard are denoted by the URI

<http://www.opengis.net/doc/is/sensorthings/1.1/staplus/1.0>

All requirements and conformance tests that appear in this document are denoted by partial URIs which are appended to this base.

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# INTRODUCTION

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## INTRODUCTION

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The STAplus 1.0 Standard defines an extension to the OGC SensorThings API named STAplus. This extension originally started with motivations and requirements from the Citizen Science community. However, the STAplus extension has wider applicability than just Citizen Science.

STAplus is a 100% backwards compatible extension to the STA V1.1 data model and as such can be added to existing STA deployments.

In addition to the data model extension, this Standard defines different concepts that support operating an implementation in a multi-user CRUD deployment.

### 6.1. Concept of Ownership

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In Citizen Science, users participate in projects or campaigns, offered by different Citizen Science portals. These portals, typically operated by different entities, have one feature in common: Contributions, uploaded by users are associated with the user and the ownership does not change. There is an explicit relationship between the observation (contribution) and the user. Expressed as ownership, users can undertake certain actions on their resources.

With the SensorThings API (STA), observations are linked to a data stream that is linked to a sensor which belongs to a thing. The data model does not provide a class that supports explicitly linking a user (party) to an observation. This limits the use of the STA data model (and API) to a simple use case: One operator can create data objects and all other users have read-only access. This limits the options for applications to interact with the API.

Even though the STA v1.1 data model offers the generic use of “properties”, expressing ownership (user association) buried in properties is not wise. This also makes compliance with the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) difficult for applications using STA. This is because it is unclear if properties store personal data and therefore fall under GDPR. This decreases interoperability tremendously as an application developer would need to know which attribute expresses ownership. Also, querying observations based on unstructured properties is extremely complex and difficult.

Therefore, the STAplus extension defines the class Party for expressing the association from a (Multi)Datastream to a user. All observations, generated by a Datastream instance belong to the associated party.

### 6.2. Improving F A I R

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In general, there are many aspects when it comes to ensure reusability of (existing) data. Not only in the context of Citizen Science, one fundamental aspect is the licensing aspect. Very many

users contribute to Citizen Science with the motivation to do meaningful things for the common good. At the same time, users like to be credited when it comes to re-use of their contribution(s). Therefore, most contributions in Citizen Science are freely accessible (open access) but the re-use is not simply “open”. In order to get credited, users might associate a license like CC-BY (Creative Commons Attribution License). Even though the data is still freely accessible, there is a condition that must be followed as expressed in the license.

## 6.3. Creating Observation Bags

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When contributing to Citizen Science, the actual observation is often a set or bag of individual observations that belong together – in other words belong to the same observation event. For example, a camera trap event consists of a picture, a textual observation expanding the likelihood of species prediction and sensor readings for environmental context (temperature, humidity, luminance, air pressure, GPS location). All of these (individual) observations were created at the same time/location and could therefore be grouped.

Another use case for applying grouping to existing observations is to create a package of observations for the purpose of building the fundamentals for research or to be used in workflows. For researching and later evaluation of a particular phenomenon, the same bag (or set) of observations can be exchanged via the grouping concept.

Also, over time a user community might link other observations and even provide cross links to other databases such as the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)<sup>2</sup>. These can be semantically tagged with the `Relation` entity which is described later in this document.

The STApplus extension defines a flexible grouping concept by adding the `Group` entity to the STA data model.

## 6.4. Expressing Relations

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For Citizen Science expressing relations between observations explicitly to support search based on these relations is important. The SensorThings data model does not support to express relationships.

Therefore, the STApplus extension introduces the `Relation` entity that supports creating generic “from – to” relations. The “to” can point to another observation or to an external object. This allows the generic expression of meaning, leveraging existing semantic concepts that exist elsewhere, for example Dublin or Darwin Core. This helps to reason how observations are related even if they were not observed in a same observation event, but instead were linked later to a particular community process (as linking to other databases).

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.gbif.org/>

The use of Relations as defined in STAplus can be applied to already existing SensorThings deployments to enrich the data towards semantics.

## 6.5. Data Model Extension

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The STAplus data model extension allows expressing the following additional characteristics:

- **People:** The `Party` entity supports linking a user to a `Datastream` or `Group`
- **License:** The `License` entity supports expressing reuse conditions by linking a `License` to a `Datastream` and / or to a `Group`. A `License` on a `Datastream` has the result that all `Observation` entities of that `Datastream` (as well as entities of the `Thing`, `Sensor` and `ObservedProperty`) have the associated license. A `License` on a `Group` gives the bag or set of `Observations` (represented by the `Group`) a license for reuse. Note that still the license for each `Observation` must still be followed.
- **Union:** The `Group` entity supports packaging individual `Observations` as a bag or set either as deep copy or via linking
- **Semantics:** The `Relation` entity supports expressing relationships between `Observation` entities using the “from-to” type. It is also possible to create relations between `Observation` entities and external objects using the URI scheme. This allows in particular to express a relation to any entity of the database (via their external URI). `Relation` entities can exist on its own or be included into a `Group` to enrich a bag or set of `Observation` entities.
- **Project:** The `Project` entity is a container of `Datastream` and `MultiDatastream` entities that supports organizing a campaign or project and to provides metadata as well as legal information such as terms of use and a privacy statement, in case it is relevant.

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# STAPLUS ENTITY TYPE REQUIREMENTS

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# STAPLUS ENTITY TYPE REQUIREMENTS

Party, License, Group, Relation and Project are the STApplus entity types. The implemented entities SHALL be listed in the response to a GET request to the root URL as described in Sensing part.

An implementation SHALL implement all STApplus entities (with read access) as defined in the Core conformance class.

The STApplus entities are depicted in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

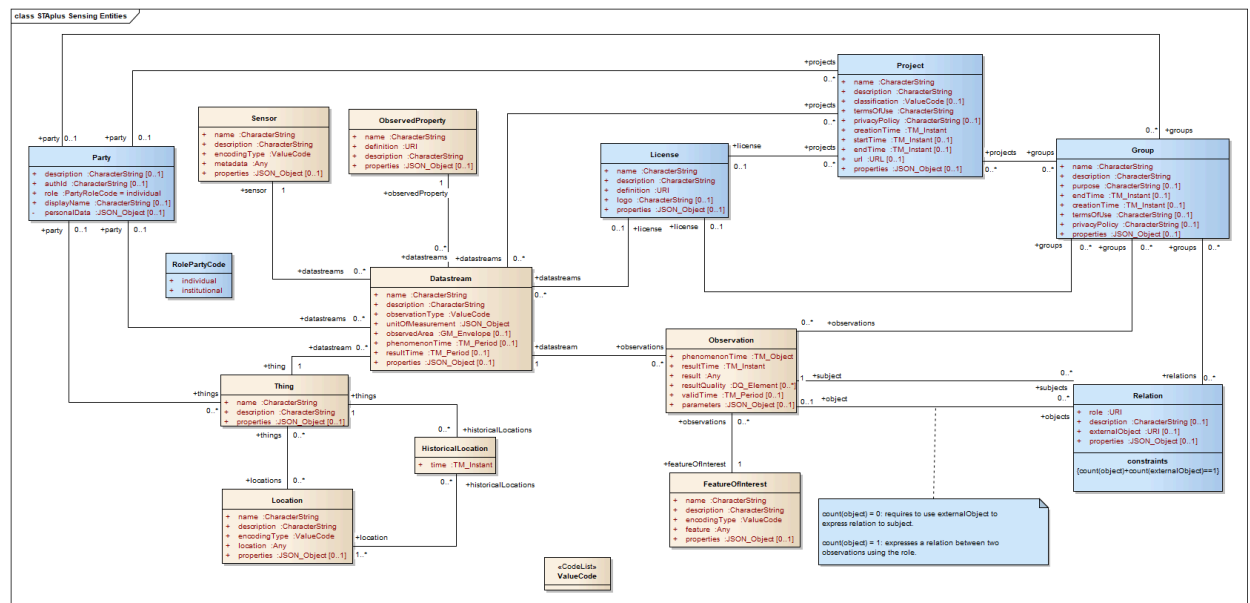


Figure 1 – STApplus Entities (Datastream)

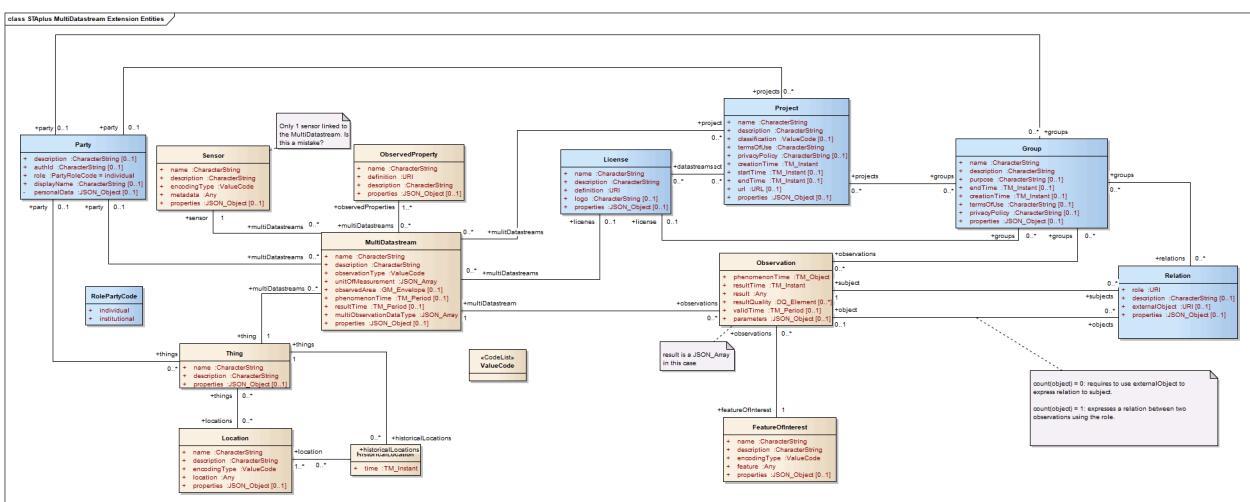


Figure 2 – STApplus Entities (MultiDatastream)

In this section, the properties for each entity type and the direct relation to the other entity types are explained.

## 7.1. Requirements Class Entity Control Information

**NOTE**In STA control information is represented as annotations whose names start with `iot` followed by a dot ( `.` ). Annotations are name/value pairs that have a dot ( `.` ) as part of the name.

When annotating a name/value pair for which the value is represented as a JSON object, each annotation is placed within the object and represented as a single name/value pair. In STA, the name always starts with the “at” sign (`@`), followed by the namespace `iot`, followed by a dot (`.`), followed by the name of the term (e.g., “`@iot.id`”:1).

When annotating a name/value pair for which the value is represented as a JSON array or primitive value, each annotation that applies to this name/value pair is placed next to the annotated name/value pair and represented as a single name/value pair. The name is the same as the name of the name/value pair being annotated, followed by the “at” sign (`@`), followed by the namespace `iot`, followed by a dot (`.`), followed by the name of the term. (e.g., “`Locations@iot.navigationLink`”: “`http://example.org/v1.1/Things(1)/Locations`”)

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 1: ENTITY CONTROL INFORMATION

IDENTIFIER	<code>/req-class/entity-control-information</code>
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
CONFORMANCE CLASS	Conformance class 1: <code>/conf/core</code>
PREREQUISITE	OGC SensorThings API Part 1: Sensing Version 1.1
NORMATIVE STATEMENT	Requirement 1: <code>/req/common-control-information</code>

### REQUIREMENT 1

IDENTIFIER	<code>/req/common-control-information</code>
INCLUDED IN	Requirements class 1: <code>/req-class/entity-control-information</code>
STATEMENT	Each entity SHALL have the following common control information listed in Table 1.

**Table 1** – Common control information

NAME	DEFINITION	DATA TYPE	MULTIPLICITY AND USE
id	id is the system-generated identifier of an entity that is unique among the entities of the same entity type in a SensorThings API service instance.	Any	One (mandatory)
selfLink	selfLink is the absolute URL of an entity that is unique among all other entities.	URL	One (mandatory)
navigationLink	navigationLink is the relative or absolute URL that retrieves content of related entities.	URL	One-to-many (mandatory)

## 7.2. Requirements Class Party

The Party entity can be used to represent acting users and to model ownership. One example for ownership is that a satellite Thing is owned by a space agency. This ownership may entitle the space agency to be the only party that can update the thing's location. Other parties can then mount their sensor on the satellite and provide Datastream or MultiDatastream instances to upload observations. Via the association to the Datastream resp. MultiDatastream their ownership of the observations is guaranteed. By associating a license to the (multi)datastream, they could also define re-use conditions.

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 2: PARTY

IDENTIFIER	/req-class/party
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
PREREQUISITE	Requirements class 1: /req-class/entity-control-information
NORMATIVE STATEMENTS	Requirement 2: /req/party/properties Requirement 3: /req/party/relations

### REQUIREMENT 2

IDENTIFIER	/req/party/properties
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## REQUIREMENT 2

<b>INCLUDED IN</b>	Requirements class 2: /req-class/party
<b>STATEMENT</b>	Each Party entity SHALL have the mandatory properties and MAY have the optional properties listed in Table 2.

**Table 2** – Properties of a Party entity

NAME	DEFINITION	DATA TYPE	MULTIPLICITY AND USE
role	This is the role of the party	CharacterString ['individual', 'institutional']	One (mandatory)
description	This is a short description of the party	CharacterString	One (optional)
displayName	A property commonly used for saluting the party	CharacterString	One (optional)
authId	A system wide unique property (e.g. REMOTE_USER or SUB from authentication) to identify the party	CharacterString	One (optional)
personalData	A property to store personal data of the party	JSON Object	One (optional)

## REQUIREMENT 3

<b>IDENTIFIER</b>	/req/party/relations
<b>INCLUDED IN</b>	Requirements class 2: /req-class/party
<b>STATEMENT</b>	Each Party entity MAY have direct relations to other entity types listed in Table 3.

**NOTE**The `personalData` property has private visibility. An implementation must ensure GDPR compliance when allowing CRUD access.

**Table 3** – Direct relation between a Party entity and other entity types

ENTITY TYPE	RELATION	DESCRIPTION
Datastream	One optional to many optional	A Party MAY have zero-to-many Datastreams.
MultiDatastream	One optional to many optional	A Party MAY have zero-to-many MultiDatastreams.

ENTITY TYPE	RELATION	DESCRIPTION
Thing	One optional to many optional	A Party MAY have zero-to-many Things.
Group	One optional to many optional	A Party MAY have zero-to-many Groups.
Project	One optional to many optional	A Party MAY have zero-to-many Projects.

## 7.3. Requirements Class License

The License entity can be used to associate a re-use condition to observations via a Datastream or MultiDatastream. It can also be used to express re-use conditions for a group (a set of observations).

REQUIREMENTS CLASS 3: LICENSE	
IDENTIFIER	/req-class/license
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
PREREQUISITE	Requirements class 1: /req-class/entity-control-information
NORMATIVE STATEMENTS	Requirement 4: /req/license/properties Requirement 5: /req/license/relations

REQUIREMENT 4	
IDENTIFIER	/req/license/properties
INCLUDED IN	Requirements class 3: /req-class/license
STATEMENT	Each License entity SHALL have the mandatory properties and MAY have the optional properties listed in Table 4.

**Table 4** – Properties of a License entity

NAME	DEFINITION	DATA TYPE	MULTIPLICITY AND USE
name	A property provides a label for License entity, commonly a descriptive name.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
description	This is a short description of the corresponding License entity.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
definition	This is a URI referencing the License entity.	URI	One (mandatory)
logo	This is the data URI encoding of the logo for the License entity.	CharacterString	One (optional)
properties	The SensorThings API definition applies	JSON Object	One (optional)

**REQUIREMENT 5**

**IDENTIFIER** /req/license/relations

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 3: /req-class/license

**STATEMENT** Each License entity MAY have direct relations to other entity types listed in Table 5.

**Table 5** – Direct relation between a License entity and other entity types

ENTITY TYPE	RELATION	DESCRIPTION
Datastream	One optional to many optional	A License MAY have zero-to-many Datastreams.
MultiDatastream	One optional to many optional	A License MAY have zero-to-many MultiDatastreams.
Project	One optional to many optional	A License MAY have zero-to-many Projects.
Group	One optional to many optional	A License MAY have zero-to-many Groups.

## 7.4. Requirements Class Group

The Group entity can be used to create a bag of observations and/or relations that can be shared and re-used.

REQUIREMENTS CLASS 4: GROUP	
IDENTIFIER	/req-class/group
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
PREREQUISITE	Requirements class 1: /req-class/entity-control-information
NORMATIVE STATEMENTS	Requirement 6: /req/group/properties Requirement 7: /req/group/relations

REQUIREMENT 6	
IDENTIFIER	/req/group/properties
INCLUDED IN	Requirements class 4: /req-class/group
STATEMENT	Each Group entity SHALL have the mandatory properties and MAY have the optional properties listed in Table 6.

**Table 6** – Properties of a Group entity

NAME	DEFINITION	DATA TYPE	MULTIPLICITY AND USE
name	A property provides a label for Group entity, commonly a descriptive name.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
description	This is a short description of the corresponding Group entity.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
purpose	This is a short description of the purpose for the Group entity.	CharacterString	One (optional)
creationTime	This is the starting time of the Group entity. Depending on the business logic, after this time it	TM Instant	One (optional)

NAME	DEFINITION	DATA TYPE	MULTIPLICITY AND USE
	could be possible to add observations or relations to the Group.		
endTime	This is the end time of the Group entity. Depending on the business logic, after this time it is no longer possible to add observations or relations to the Group.	TM Instant	One (optional)
termsOfUse	Express the term of use for the Group entity.	CharacterString	One (optional)
privacyPolicy	Express the term of use for personal data that are contained in the Group entity.	CharacterString	One (optional)
properties	The SensorThings API definition applies	JSON Object	One (optional)

## REQUIREMENT 7

**IDENTIFIER** /req/group/relations

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 4: /req-class/group

**STATEMENT** Each Group entity MAY have direct relations to other entity types listed in Table 7.

**Table 7 – Direct relation between a Group entity and other entity types**

ENTITY TYPE	RELATION	DESCRIPTION
License	One optional to one optional	A Group MAY have zero-to-one License.
Observation	Many optional to many optional	A Group MAY have zero-to-many Observations.
Relation	Many optional to many optional	A Group MAY have zero-to-many Relations.
Party	Many optional to one optional	A Group MAY have zero-to-one Party.
Project	Many optional to many optional	A Group MAY have zero-to-more Project.



## 7.5. Requirements Class Relation

The Relation entity can be used to describe relationships between (1) two observations, or (2) one observation and a resolvable external object identified by a URI.

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 5: GROUP

IDENTIFIER	/req-class/relation
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
PREREQUISITE	Requirements class 1: /req-class/entity-control-information
NORMATIVE STATEMENTS	Requirement 8: /req/relation/properties Requirement 9: /req/relation/relations

### REQUIREMENT 8

IDENTIFIER	/req/relation/properties
INCLUDED IN	Requirements class 5: /req-class/relation
STATEMENT	Each Relation entity SHALL have the mandatory properties and MAY have the optional properties listed in Table 8.

**Table 8** – Properties of a Relation entity

NAME	DEFINITION	DATA TYPE	MULTIPLICITY AND USE
externalObject	This URI references the external object for the Relation entity.	CharacterString	One (optional)
description	This is a short description of the corresponding Relation entity.	CharacterString	One (optional)
role	This URI references the definition of Relation entity.	URI	One (mandatory)

NAME	DEFINITION	DATA TYPE	MULTIPLICITY AND USE
properties	The SensorThings API definition applies	JSON Object	One (optional)

NOTE The subject of a relation entity is always an observation. For expressing the object of a relation, the object relation XOR `externalObject` property must be used.

## REQUIREMENT 9

**IDENTIFIER** `/req/relation/relations`

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 5: `/req-class/relation`

**STATEMENT** Each `Relation` entity MAY have direct relations to other entity types listed in Table 9.

**Table 9** – Direct relation between a `Relation` entity and other entity types

ENTITY TYPE	RELATION	DESCRIPTION
Observation	One mandatory to one optional	A <code>Relation</code> SHALL have one <code>Subject</code> .
Observation	One optional to one optional	A <code>Relation</code> MAY have zero-to-one <code>Object</code> XOR <code>externalObject</code> .
Group	Many optional to many optional	A <code>Relation</code> MAY have zero-to-many <code>Groups</code> .

## 7.6. Requirements Class Project

The `Project` entity can be used to create a container of `Datastream` or `MultiDatastream` entities. A `Project` can have a particular purpose and a managing party.

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 6: PROJECT

**IDENTIFIER** `/req-class/project`

**OBLIGATION** requirement

**TARGET TYPE** Target Type: Web Service

## REQUIREMENTS CLASS 6: PROJECT

**PREREQUISITE** Requirements class 1: /req-class/entity-control-information

**NORMATIVE STATEMENTS** Requirement 10: /req/project/properties  
Requirement 11: /req/project/relations

## REQUIREMENT 10

**IDENTIFIER** /req/project/properties

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 6: /req-class/project

**STATEMENT** Each Project entity SHALL have the mandatory properties and MAY have the optional properties listed in Table 10.

**Table 10** – Properties of a Project entity

NAME	DEFINITION	DATA TYPE	MULTIPLICITY AND USE
name	A property provides a label for Project entity, commonly a descriptive name.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
description	This is a short description of the corresponding Project entity.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
classification	Determines if the data stream(s), multi data stream(s) or group(s) of the Project entity contain sensitive information	ValueCode	One (optional)
description	This is a short description of the corresponding Project entity.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
creationTime	This is the starting time of the Project entity. Depending on the business logic, after this time it could be possible to add observations or relations to the Group.	TM Instant	One (optional)
endTime	This is the end time of the Project entity. Depending on the business logic, after this time it is no longer possible to add observations or relations to the Group.	TM Instant	One (optional)
termsOfUse	Express the term of use for the Project entity.	CharacterString	One (optional)
privacyPolicy	Express the term of use for personal data that are contained in the Project entity.	CharacterString	One (optional)

NAME	DEFINITION	DATA TYPE	MULTIPLICITY AND USE
url	This is the URL for the Project entity that provides additional information that cannot be captured in this entity alone.	URL	One (optional)

## REQUIREMENT 11

**IDENTIFIER** /req/project/relations

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 6: /req-class/project

**STATEMENT** Each Project entity MAY have direct relations to other entity types listed in Table 11.

**Table 11** – Direct relation between a Project entity and other entity types

ENTITY TYPE	RELATION	DESCRIPTION
Datastream	Many optional to many optional	A Project MAY have zero-to-many Datastreams.
MultiDatastream	Many optional to many optional	A Project MAY have zero-to-many MultiDatastreams.
Party	Many optional to one optional	A Project MAY have zero-to-one Party.
Group	Many optional to many optional	A Project MAY have zero-to-many Group.
License	Many optional to one optional	A Project MAY have zero-to-one License.

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# STAPLUS READ, CREATE, UPDATE AND DELETE REQUIREMENTS

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# STAPLUS READ, CREATE, UPDATE AND DELETE REQUIREMENTS

## 8.1. Overview

As many IoT devices are resource-constrained, the SensorThings API adopts the efficient REST web service style. That means the Read, Create, Update, Delete actions can be performed on the STApplus entity types.

## 8.2. Requirements Class Read

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 7: READ

IDENTIFIER	<code>/req-class/read</code>
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
PREREQUISITE	Requirements class 1: <code>/req-class/entity-control-information</code>
NORMATIVE STATEMENT	Requirement 12: <code>/req/read/entity</code>

### REQUIREMENT 12

IDENTIFIER	<code>/req/read/entity</code>
INCLUDED IN	Requirements class 7: <code>/req-class/read</code>
STATEMENT	<p>To read an entity or a collection of entities, the client SHALL send a HTTP GET request to that entity or a collection's URL.</p> <p>If the target URL for the collection is a <code>navigationLink</code>, the entity is automatically linked to the entity or entities represented by the <code>navigationLink</code>.</p> <p>Upon successful completion, the response SHALL contain the representation of the entity or entities.</p>

## 8.3. Requirements Class Create

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 8: CREATE

IDENTIFIER	/req-class/create
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
CONFORMANCE CLASS	Conformance class 2: /conf/create
PREREQUISITE	Requirements class 1: /req-class/entity-control-information
NORMATIVE STATEMENTS	Requirement 13: /req/create/entity Requirement 14: /req/create/link-to-existing-entities Requirement 15: /req/create/deep-insert Requirement 16: /req/create/deep-insert-status-code

### REQUIREMENT 13

IDENTIFIER /req/create/entity

INCLUDED IN Requirements class 8: /req-class/create

STATEMENT

To create an entity in a collection, the client SHALL send a HTTP POST request to that collection's URL. The POST body SHALL contain a single valid entity representation.

If the target URL for the collection is a navigationLink, the new entity is automatically linked to the entity containing the navigationLink.

Upon successful completion, the response SHALL contain a HTTP location header that contains the selfLink of the created entity.

Upon successful completion the service SHALL respond with either 201 Created, or 204 No Content.

Adapted from OData Version 4.01. Part 1: Protocol, §11.4.2 Create an Entity

In addition, the link between entities SHALL be established upon creating an entity. Two use cases SHALL be considered: (1) link to existing entities when creating an entity, and (2) create related entities when creating an entity. The requests for these two use cases are described in the following subsection.

## REQUIREMENT 14

**IDENTIFIER** /req/create/link-to-existing-entities

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 8: /req-class/create

**STATEMENT** A STApplus implementation that supports entity creation SHALL support linking new entities to existing entities upon creation. To create a new entity with links to existing entities in a single request, the client SHALL include the unique identifiers of the related entities associated with the corresponding navigation properties in the request body.

## REQUIREMENT 15

**IDENTIFIER** /req/create/deep-insert

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 8: /req-class/create

**STATEMENT** A request to create an entity that includes related entities, represented using the appropriate inline representation, is referred to as a “deep insert”. A STApplus implementation that supports entity creation SHALL support deep insert.  
If the inline representation contains a value for a computed property (*i.e.*, id), the service SHALL ignore that value when creating the related entity.  
On success, the service SHALL create all entities and relate them. On failure, the service SHALL NOT create any of the entities.  
Adapted from OData Version 4.01. Part 1: Protocol, §11.4.2.2 Create Related Entities When Creating an Entity

## REQUIREMENT 16

**IDENTIFIER** /req/create/deep-insert-status-code

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 8: /req-class/create

**STATEMENT** Upon successfully creating an entity, the service response SHALL contain a Location header that contains the URL of the created entity. Upon successful completion the service SHALL respond with 201 Created. Regarding all the HTTP status code, please refer to the HTTP Status Code section.

## 8.4. Requirements Class Update

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## REQUIREMENTS CLASS 9: UPDATE

IDENTIFIER	/req-class/update
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
CONFORMANCE CLASS	Conformance class 3: /conf/update
PREREQUISITES	Requirements class 1: /req-class/entity-control-information <a href="https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-update-entity">https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-update-entity</a> <a href="https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-update-entity-put">https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-update-entity-put</a> <a href="https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-update-entity-jsonpatch">https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-update-entity-jsonpatch</a>
NORMATIVE STATEMENTS	Requirement 17: /req/update/entity Requirement 18: /req/update/entity-put Requirement 19: /req/update/entity-jsonpatch

## REQUIREMENT 17

IDENTIFIER	/req/update/entity
INCLUDED IN	Requirements class 9: /req-class/update
STATEMENT	To update an entity in a collection a STApplus implementation SHALL follow the requirements as defined in <a href="https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-update-entity">https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-update-entity</a> .

## REQUIREMENT 18

IDENTIFIER	/req/update/entity-put
INCLUDED IN	Requirements class 9: /req-class/update
STATEMENT	A STApplus implementation that supports updates with PUT SHALL follow the requirements as defined in <a href="https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-update-entity">https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-update-entity</a> .

## REQUIREMENT 19

IDENTIFIER	/req/update/entity-jsonpatch
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## REQUIREMENT 19

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 9: /req-class/update

**STATEMENT** A STApplus implementation that supports updates with the JSON PATCH format SHALL follow the requirements as defined in <https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-update-entity-jsonpatch>

## 8.5. Requirements Class Delete

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 10: DELETE

**IDENTIFIER** /req-class/delete

**OBLIGATION** requirement

**TARGET TYPE** Target Type: Web Service

**CONFORMANCE CLASS** Conformance class 4: /conf/delete

**PREREQUISITES** Requirements class 1: /req-class/entity-control-information  
<https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-delete-entity>

**NORMATIVE STATEMENT** Requirement 20: /req/delete/entity

### REQUIREMENT 20

**IDENTIFIER** /req/delete/entity

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 10: /req-class/delete

**STATEMENT** To delete an entity in a collection a STApplus implementation SHALL follow the requirements as defined in <https://docs.ogc.org/is/18-088/18-088.html#req-create-update-delete-delete-entity>.

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# STAPLUS MQTT EXTENSION REQUIREMENTS

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# STAPLUS MQTT EXTENSION REQUIREMENTS

The MQTT capabilities allows that a client to receive changes to STApplus entities via MQTT.

**NOTE**The publishing of observations as defined in OGC SensorThings API Part 1: Sensing Version 1.1 via MQTT does not apply to STApplus entities.

## 9.1. Overview

**NOTE**In the context of MQTT, all STApplus entities as defined in this Standard are equivalent to the STA entities. Therefore, the implementation of MQTT capabilities must be compliant with the SensorThings API Part 1: Sensing v1.1 Standard.

## 9.2. Requirements Class MQTT Subscribe

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 11: MQTT SUBSCRIBE

IDENTIFIER	/req-class/mqtt-subscribe
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
CONFORMANCE CLASS	Conformance class 8: /conf/mqtt-subscribe
PREREQUISITE	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_sensing/1.1/req/receive-updates-via-mqtt">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_sensing/1.1/req/receive-updates-via-mqtt</a>
NORMATIVE STATEMENT	Requirement 21: /req/mqtt-subscribe

### REQUIREMENT 21

IDENTIFIER	/req/mqtt-subscribe
INCLUDED IN	Requirements class 11: /req-class/mqtt-subscribe

## REQUIREMENT 21

**STATEMENT** A STAplus implementation SHALL support the receiving of STAplus entity updates with MQTT Subscribe as defined in [http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot\\_sensing/1.1/req/receive-updates-via-mqtt](http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_sensing/1.1/req/receive-updates-via-mqtt).

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# STAPLUS BUSINESS LOGIC REQUIREMENTS

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## 10.1. Overview

The STApplus extension is defined based on requirements from the Citizen Science community. One major requirement from the Citizen Science community is that an implementation of STApplus can be used by many users simultaneously to create, update and delete observations. To ensure integrity of the entities and to prevent inconsistencies in the data, it is important that an implementation is not only compliant with this Standard but also has functionality that ensures entity consistency.

Even though the business logic can be very complex and most likely depend on many factors, providing a hint to developers and guiding end users of the implementation in case a request results in an unexpected response should be possible.

As a machine readable and understandable description of the implemented business logic is preferred, the idea of the business logic requirements class is to provide a URL where the business logic is defined in English text.

## 10.2. Requirements Class Business Logic

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 12: BUSINESS LOGIC

IDENTIFIER	/req-class/business-logic
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
CONFORMANCE CLASS	Conformance class 9: /conf/business-logic
NORMATIVE STATEMENTS	Requirement 22: /req/business-logic/definition Requirement 23: /req/business-logic/location

## REQUIREMENT 22

**IDENTIFIER** /req/business-logic/definition

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 12: /req-class/business-logic

**STATEMENT** The implementation's business logic SHALL be described in English text.

## REQUIREMENT 23

**IDENTIFIER** /req/business-logic/location

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 12: /req-class/business-logic

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL provide a JSON object in the serverSettings object on the landing page with the name <http://www.opengis.net/doc/is/sensorthings/1.1/staplus/1.0/conf/business-logic> that contains a property href which value is the URL of the HTML page describing the business logic.



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# STAPLUS AUTHENTICATION REQUIREMENTS

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## 11.1. Overview

To regulate access to entities using CRUD operations, implementations may wish to use information from user / client application authentication to make access control decisions.

In addition, some implementations may wish to link the authentication identifier (e.g. REMOTE\_USER) with the Party.authId. Therefore, the STApplus authentication must provide deployment-wide unique user identifiers.

## 11.2. Requirements Class Authentication

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 13: AUTHENTICATION

IDENTIFIER	/req-class/authentication
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
CONFORMANCE CLASS	Conformance class 5: /conf/authentication
PREREQUISITE	Requirements class 2: /req-class/party
NORMATIVE STATEMENTS	Requirement 24: /req/authentication/id Requirement 25: /req/authentication/anon-personal-data-crud Requirement 26: /req/authentication/own-personal-data-r Requirement 27: /req/authentication/own-personal-data-cud Requirement 28: /req/authentication/other-personal-data-r Requirement 29: /req/authentication/other-personal-data-cud

### REQUIREMENT 24

IDENTIFIER	/req/authentication/id
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## REQUIREMENT 24

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 13: /req-class/authentication

**STATEMENT** The STAplus authentication SHALL provide a user identifier permanent for same user but different for each user.

## REQUIREMENT 25

**IDENTIFIER** /req/authentication/anon-personal-data-crud

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 13: /req-class/authentication

**STATEMENT** The STAplus implementation SHALL prevent any anonymous user access (read, create, update, and delete) to personal data stored in Party.personalData.

## REQUIREMENT 26

**IDENTIFIER** /req/authentication/own-personal-data-r

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 13: /req-class/authentication

**STATEMENT** The STAplus implementation SHALL entitle a user to read their own personal data via a HTTP GET request to their own Party entity.

## REQUIREMENT 27

**IDENTIFIER** /req/authentication/own-personal-data-cud

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 13: /req-class/authentication

**STATEMENT** The STAplus implementation SHALL entitle a user to create, update or delete their own personal data via a HTTP POST, PATCH, and DELETE request to their own Party entity.

## REQUIREMENT 28

**IDENTIFIER** /req/authentication/other-personal-data-r

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 13: /req-class/authentication

## REQUIREMENT 28

**STATEMENT** The STApplus implementation SHALL prevent that a user can read personal data of other users via a HTTP GET request to Party entities of other users.

## REQUIREMENT 29

**IDENTIFIER** /req/authentication/other-personal-data-cud

**INCLUDED  
IN** Requirements class 13: /req-class/authentication

**STATEMENT** The STApplus implementation SHALL prevent that a user can create, update or delete personal data of other users via a HTTP POST, PATCH, and DELETE request to Party entities of other users.

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# STAPLUS FEATURE AND LOCATION GEOMETRY ENCODING REQUIREMENTS

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## 12.1. Overview

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The `<Location>` and `<FeatureOfInterest>` entities enable storing data objects with unspecified structure. Both entities potentially store geometry information. The STApplus extension supports multi-user interactions including the creation, updating, reading and deletion of information. For example in Citizen Science, one service endpoint could accept that users can upload data using different applications. These applications might be developed by different parties and serve different purposes, and thus use different geometry structures and coordinate reference systems (CRS) to encode the coordinates of the geometries. This can result in the situation where the interoperability of uploaded geometry in the `<Location>` and `<FeatureOfInterest>` entities might become an issue.

For an implementation of STApplus, this situation becomes complicated when a `$filter` is leveraged that includes spatial conditions such as `ST_Within`. The filter expression does not carry any CRS information. Therefore, how does the implementation “know” how to apply a spatial filter to geometries stored in `feature` and `location` properties uploaded by different applications? Because the SensorThings data model does not define how to store CRS information inside the `feature` and `location`, it only recommends using GeoJSON. However, applying the `$filter` with spatial operators introduces two problems. First, the CRS data would need to be stored in a standardized location inside `feature` and `location` properties. Second, the implementation would need to apply coordinate transformation ‘on the fly’ when processing a spatial filter condition and stored geometries are encoded in different CRS. The first problem causes interoperability issues and the later inevitably causes performance issues.

To get out of this situation, the STApplus Standard defines a default storage-CRS based on WGS84 with axis-order longitude/latitude as defined in GeoJSON. Any uploaded geometry data encoded in the storage-CRS will be stored as-is. Any uploaded geometry data encoded differently will be transformed into the storage-CRS and then stored.

To indicate that the default storage-CRS and GeoJSON geometry encoding is used, the `encodingType` property of the `FeatureOfInterest` and `Location` entity is to be used with the value `application/geo+json`.

In addition, the STApplus extension supports other (commonly used) encodings via the `Geometry Encoding Requirements Class`.

## 12.2. Storage-CRS Requirements Class

This Requirements Class defines the default CRS with axis-order and its media-type.

REQUIREMENTS CLASS 14: STORAGE-CRS	
IDENTIFIER	/req-class/storage-crs
OBLIGATION	requirement
TARGET TYPE	Target Type: Web Service
PREREQUISITE	GeoJSON
NORMATIVE STATEMENTS	Requirement 30: /req/storage-crs/crs-definition Requirement 31: /req/storage-crs/axis-order Requirement 32: /req/storage-crs/media-type Requirement 33: /req/storage-crs/processing

REQUIREMENT 30	
IDENTIFIER	/req/storage-crs/crs-definition
INCLUDED IN	Requirements class 14: /req-class/storage-crs
STATEMENT	The implementation SHALL use the GeoJSON CRS urn:ogc:def:crs:OGC::CRS84 as the storage-CRS.

REQUIREMENT 31	
IDENTIFIER	/req/storage-crs/axis-order
INCLUDED IN	Requirements class 14: /req-class/storage-crs
STATEMENT	The implementation SHALL use the GeoJSON axis-order with the storage-CRS.

## REQUIREMENT 32

**IDENTIFIER** /req/storage-crs/media-type

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 14: /req-class/storage-crs

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL accept the media-type encodingType=application/geo+json to indicate that the structuring of the FeatureOfInterest and Location entities geometry encoding is compliant with the RFC GeoJSON.

## REQUIREMENT 33

**IDENTIFIER** /req/storage-crs/processing

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 14: /req-class/storage-crs

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL enforce the storage-CRS to any geometry data contained in the FeatureOfInterest and Location entity. The implementation SHALL store geometry encoded in the default-CRS without further processing.

## 12.3. Geometry-FG Requirements Class

This Requirements Class defines the use of geometry encoding compliant with the OGC Draft Standard *OGC Features and Geometries JSON – Part 1: Core (Geometry-FG)*<sup>3</sup>

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 15: GEOMETRY-FG

**IDENTIFIER** /req-class/geometry-fg

**OBLIGATION** requirement

**TARGET TYPE** Target Type: Web Service

**CONFORMANCE CLASS** Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg

**PREREQUISITE** OGC Features and Geometries JSON - Part 1: Core

<sup>3</sup>draft OGC Standard at the time of writing: <https://docs.ogc.org/DRAFTS/21-045.html>



## REQUIREMENTS CLASS 15: GEOMETRY-FG

### NORMATIVE STATEMENTS

Requirement 34: /req/geometry-fg/media-type  
Requirement 35: /req/geometry-fg/default-crs  
Requirement 36: /req/geometry-fg/supported-crs  
Requirement 37: /req/geometry-fg/crs-error  
Requirement 38: /req/geometry-fg/processing  
Requirement 39: /req/geometry-fg/out

## REQUIREMENT 34

**IDENTIFIER** /req/geometry-fg/media-type

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 15: /req-class/geometry-fg

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL accept the media-type application/vnd.ogc.fg+json as value to the encodingType property of the FeatureOfInterest and Location entities to indicate that the structuring of the geometry is be compliant with the OGC Draft Standard *OGC Features and Geometries JSON – Part 1: Core*<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> draft OGC Standard at the time of writing: <https://docs.ogc.org/DRAFTS/21-045.html>

## REQUIREMENT 35

**IDENTIFIER** /req/geometry-fg/default-crs

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 15: /req-class/geometry-fg

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL advertise the default CRS on the conformance page.

## REQUIREMENT 36

**IDENTIFIER** /req/geometry-fg/supported-crs

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 15: /req-class/geometry-fg

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL advertise the list of the supported CRS on the conformance page.

## REQUIREMENT 37

**IDENTIFIER** /req/geometry-fg/crs-error

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 15: /req-class/geometry-fg

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL return an error if the geometry data inside feature or location properties is encoded in an unsupported CRS.

## REQUIREMENT 38

**IDENTIFIER** /req/geometry-fg/processing

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 15: /req-class/geometry-fg

**STATEMENT** If necessary, the implementation SHALL apply a CRS transformation to the default-CRS if necessary before further processing or storing the geometry data.

## REQUIREMENT 39

**IDENTIFIER** /req/geometry-fg/out

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 15: /req-class/geometry-fg

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL use the storage-CRS to encode the feature and location geometries in a response.

## 12.4. Geometry WKT Requirements Class

This Requirements Class defines the use of geometry encoding compliant with Well Known Text (WKT).

### REQUIREMENTS CLASS 16: GEOMETRY WKT

**IDENTIFIER** /req-class/geometry-wkt

**OBLIGATION** requirement

## REQUIREMENTS CLASS 16: GEOMETRY WKT

**TARGET TYPE** Target Type: Web Service

**CONFORMANCE CLASS** Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt

**PREREQUISITE** Geographic information - Simple features access - Part 1: Common architecture

**NORMATIVE STATEMENTS**

- Requirement 40: /req/geometry-wkt/media-type
- Requirement 16-2: /req/geometry-wkt/crs-definition
- Requirement 42: /req/geometry-wkt/default-crs
- Requirement 43: /req/geometry-wkt/supported-crs
- Requirement 44: /req/geometry-wkt/crs-error
- Requirement 45: /req/geometry-wkt/value
- Requirement 46: /req/geometry-wkt/processing
- Requirement 47: /req/geometry-wkt/out

## REQUIREMENT 40

**IDENTIFIER** /req/geometry-wkt/media-type

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 16: /req-class/geometry-wkt

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL accept the media-type wkt as value for the encodingType property of the FeatureOfInterest and Location entities.

## REQUIREMENT 41

**IDENTIFIER** /req/geometry-wkt/crs-definition

**STATEMENT** If a non-default CRS is used then either the CRS identifier SHALL be put into a property crs, or the CRS identifier (number) SHALL be put into a property srid of the properties property of the FeatureOfInterest or Location entity.

## REQUIREMENT 42

**IDENTIFIER** /req/geometry-wkt/default-crs

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 16: /req-class/geometry-wkt

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL provide a JSON object in the serverSettings object on the landing page with the name <http://www.opengis.net/doc/is/sensorthings/1.1/staplus/1.0/>

## REQUIREMENT 42

`conf/geometry-wkt` that contains a property `default-crs` whose value represents the default CRS identifier.

## REQUIREMENT 43

**IDENTIFIER** `/req/geometry-wkt/supported-crs`

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 16: `/req-class/geometry-wkt`

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL provide a JSON object in the `serverSettings` object on the landing page with the name `http://www.opengis.net/doc/is/sensorthings/1.1/staplus/1.0/conf/geometry-wkt` that contains a property `supported-crs` of type Array which values represent the supported CRS identifiers.

## REQUIREMENT 44

**IDENTIFIER** `/req/geometry-wkt/crs-error`

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 16: `/req-class/geometry-wkt`

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL return an error if the geometry data inside the `FeatureOfInterest` or `Location` is encoded in an unsupported CRS.

## REQUIREMENT 45

**IDENTIFIER** `/req/geometry-wkt/value`

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 16: `/req-class/geometry-wkt`

**STATEMENT** The WKT encoded geometry SHALL be the value of the `feature` or `location` property (the type `Any` is a String).

## REQUIREMENT 46

**IDENTIFIER** `/req/geometry-wkt/processing`

**INCLUDED IN** Requirements class 16: `/req-class/geometry-wkt`

## REQUIREMENT 46

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL apply CRS transformation to the storage-CRS if necessary before further processing or storing the geometry data.

## REQUIREMENT 47

**IDENTIFIER** /req/geometry-wkt/out

**INCLUDED  
IN** Requirements class 16: /req-class/geometry-wkt

**STATEMENT** The implementation SHALL use the storage-CRS to encode the feature and location geometries in a response.

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# MEDIA TYPES FOR FEATURE OF INTEREST AND LOCATION ENCODING

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This Standard offers support for different structuring of the `FeatureOfInterest` and `Location` entities. To indicate the support for a particular structure, an implementation can use one of the following media-types:

- `application/geo+json`
- `application/vnd.ogc.fg+json`
- `wkt` (there is no standard media type definition for WKT)

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# ANNEX A (NORMATIVE) CONFORMANCE CLASS ABSTRACT TEST SUITE

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This normative section defines the STApplus 1.0 conformance classes tests.

**NOTE A** STApplus compliant implementation must also be compliant with the SensorThings API conformance as defined in OGC #18-088.

## A.1. STApplus Core Conformance Class Tests

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### CONFORMANCE TEST A.1

<b>IDENTIFIER</b>	/conf/core/common-control-information
<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	Conformance class 1: /conf/core Requirement 1: /req/common-control-information
<b>INCLUDED IN</b>	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
<b>TEST PURPOSE</b>	To verify that the common control information as defined in the requirement.
<b>TEST-METHOD-TYPE</b>	Manually Inspect
<b>TEST METHOD</b>	Inspect the full JSON object of the entity sets ( <i>i.e.</i> , without \$select) to identify, if each entity has the common control information defined in the above requirement and the service sends appropriate responses as defined in this Standard.

### CONFORMANCE TEST A.2

<b>IDENTIFIER</b>	/conf/core/entities
<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	Conformance class 1: /conf/core Requirement 2: /req/party/properties

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.2

	Requirement 3: /req/party/relations Requirement 4: /req/license/properties Requirement 5: /req/license/relations Requirement 6: /req/group/properties Requirement 7: /req/group/relations Requirement 8: /req/relation/properties Requirement 9: /req/relation/relations Requirement 10: /req/project/properties Requirement 11: /req/project/relations
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
PREREQUISITE	Conformance test A.1: /conf/core/common-control-information
TEST PURPOSE	Verify that each STAplus entity has the mandatory properties and mandatory relations as defined in this specification.
TEST-METHOD-TYPE	Manually Inspect
TEST METHOD	Evaluate for each STAplus entity:
A	Inspect the full JSON object of the entity sets (i.e., without \$select) to identify, if each entity has the mandatory properties defined in the corresponding requirement.
B	Inspect the full JSON object of each entity set (i.e., without using the \$select query option) to identify, if each entity has the mandatory relations (i.e., @iot.navigationLink) defined in the corresponding requirement.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.3

IDENTIFIER	/conf/core/read
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 1: /conf/core Requirement 12: /req/read/entity
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
PREREQUISITE	Conformance test A.2: /conf/core/entities
TEST PURPOSE	Verify that the implementation supports reading STAplus entities via HTTP GET.
TEST-METHOD-TYPE	Manually Inspect
TEST METHOD	Evaluate that the implementation accepts a Sensor Things API compliant HTTP Get request to the STAplus entities:

### CONFORMANCE TEST A.3

A	Construct a URL to the Party entity and verify the response.
B	Construct a URL to the License entity and verify the response.
C	Construct a URL to the Group entity and verify the response.
D	Construct a URL to the Relation entity and verify the response.
E	Construct a URL to the Project entity and verify the response.

### CONFORMANCE TEST A.4

IDENTIFIER	/conf/core/storage-crs/crs-definition
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 1: /conf/core Requirement 30: /req/storage-crs/crs-definition
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
TEST PURPOSE	Verify that the implementation supports and uses the default CRS.
TEST METHOD	Evaluate that the implementation uses the default CRS.
A	Construct a Location entity that contains a Location property whose geometry is encoded using the default CRS and check that the implementation is processing the geometry accordingly and that the geometry data is stored using the default CRS.
B	Construct a FeatureOfInterest entity that contains a Feature property whose geometry is encoded using the default CRS and check that the implementation is processing the geometry accordingly and that the geometry data is stored using the default CRS.

### CONFORMANCE TEST A.5

IDENTIFIER	/conf/core/storage-crs/axis-order
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 1: /conf/core Requirement 31: /req/storage-crs/axis-order
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 1: /conf/core
TEST PURPOSE	Verify that the implementation supports and uses the default axis-order.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.5

**TEST METHOD** Evaluate that the implementation uses the default axis-order.

**A** Construct a `Location` entity that contains a `location` property whose geometry is encoded using the default axis-order and check that the implementation is processing the geometry accordingly and that the geometry data is stored using the default CRS.

**B** Construct a `FeatureOfInterest` entity that contains a `feature` property whose geometry is encoded using the default axis-order and check that the implementation is processing the geometry accordingly and that the geometry data is stored using the default CRS.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.6

**IDENTIFIER** `/conf/core/storage-crs/media-type`

**REQUIREMENTS** Conformance class 1: `/conf/core`  
Requirement 32: `/req/storage-crs/media-type`

**INCLUDED IN** Conformance class 1: `/conf/core`

**TEST PURPOSE** Verify that the implementation supports and uses the default media-type.

**TEST METHOD** Evaluate that the implementation uses the default media-type.

**A** Construct a `Location` entity that contains a `location` property whose geometry is encoded using the default CRS and axis-order where the `encodingType` property's value is `application/geo+json` and check that the implementation is processing the geometry accordingly and that the geometry data is stored using the default CRS and axis-order.

**B** Construct a `FeatureOfInterest` entity that contains a `feature` property whose geometry is encoded using the default CRS and axis-order where the `encodingType` property's value is `application/geo+json` and check that the implementation is processing the geometry accordingly and that the geometry data is stored using the default CRS and axis-order.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.7

**IDENTIFIER** `/conf/core/storage-crs/processing`

**REQUIREMENTS** Conformance class 1: `/conf/core`  
Requirement 33: `/req/storage-crs/processing`

**INCLUDED IN** Conformance class 1: `/conf/core`

**TEST PURPOSE** Verify that the implementation stores geometry that is encoded in the default CRS and axis-order without processing.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.7

<b>TEST METHOD</b>	Evaluate that the implementation stores geometry that is encoded in the default CRS and axis-order without processing.
<b>A</b>	Construct a Location entity that contains a location property whose geometry is encoded using the default CRS and axis-order where the encodingType property's value is application/geo+json and check that the implementation is stores the geometry data without processing.
<b>B</b>	Construct a FeatureOfInterst entity that contains a feature property whose geometry is encoded using the default CRS and axis-order where the encodingType property's value is application/geo+json and check that the implementation is storing the geometry data without a CRS transformation.

## A.2. STAplus Create Conformance Class Tests

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### CONFORMANCE TEST A.8

<b>IDENTIFIER</b>	/conf/create/http
<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	Conformance class 2: /conf/create Requirement 13: /req/create/entity Requirement 14: /req/create/link-to-existing-entities Requirement 15: /req/create/deep-insert Requirement 16: /req/create/deep-insert-status-code
<b>INCLUDED IN</b>	Conformance class 2: /conf/create
<b>TEST PURPOSE</b>	To verify that the service implementation supports the creation of entities as defined in this Standard.
<b>TEST METHOD</b>	For each STAplus entity:
<b>A</b>	Create an entity instance by following the integrity constraints and creating the related entities with a single request ( <i>i.e.</i> , deep insert), check if the entity instance is successfully created and the implementation responds as defined in this Standard.
<b>B</b>	Create an entity instance and its related entities with a deep insert request that does not conform to the Standard (e.g., missing a mandatory property), check if the service fails the request without creating any entity within the deep insert request and responds the appropriate HTTP status code.
<b>C</b>	Issue an entity creation request that does not follow the integrity constraints with deep insert, check if the service fails the request without creating any entity within the deep insert request and responds the appropriate HTTP status code.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.8

D	Create an entity instance by linking to existing entities with a single request, check if the server responds as defined in this Standard.
E	Create an entity instance that does not follow the integrity constraints by linking to existing entities with a single request, check if the server responds as defined in this specification.

## A.3. STAplus Update Conformance Class Tests

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### CONFORMANCE TEST A.9

IDENTIFIER	/conf/update/put
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 3: /conf/update Requirement 17: /req/update/entity Requirement 18: /req/update/entity-put
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 3: /conf/update
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that the service implementation supports the update of entities as defined in this specification.
TEST METHOD	For each STAplus entity:
A	Send an update request with HTTP PUT and check if the service responds as defined.

### CONFORMANCE TEST A.10

IDENTIFIER	/conf/update/patch
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 3: /conf/update Requirement 17: /req/update/entity Requirement 19: /req/update/entity-jsonpatch
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 3: /conf/update
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that the service implementation supports the update of entities as defined in this Standard.
TEST METHOD	For each STAplus entity:
A	Send an update request with PATCH, check (1) if the properties provided in the payload corresponding to updatable properties replace the value of the corresponding property in the

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.10

entity and (2) if the missing properties of the containing entity or complex property are not directly altered.

B

Send an update request with PATCH that contains related entities as inline content, check if the service fails the request and returns appropriate HTTP status code.

C

Send an update request with PATCH that contains binding information for navigation properties, check if the service updates the navigationLink accordingly.

## A.4. STAplus Delete Conformance Class Tests

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### CONFORMANCE TEST A.11

**IDENTIFIER** /conf/delete/entity

**REQUIREMENTS** Conformance class 4: /conf/delete  
Requirement 20: /req/delete/entity

**INCLUDED IN** Conformance class 4: /conf/delete

**TEST PURPOSE** To verify that the service implementation supports the deletion of entities as defined

**TEST METHOD** For each STAplus entity:

**A** Delete an entity instance, and check if the service responds as defined

## A.5. STAplus Authentication Conformance Class Tests

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### CONFORMANCE TEST A.12

**IDENTIFIER** /conf/authentication/id

**REQUIREMENTS** Conformance class 5: /conf/authentication  
Requirement 24: /req/authentication/id

**INCLUDED IN** Conformance class 5: /conf/authentication

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.12

**TEST PURPOSE** To verify that the user's identifier is permanent and unique.

**TEST METHOD** Verify the following:

**A** Compare the user identifier after repeated login of the same user and verify that the identifier is identical.

**B** Compare the user identifier for different users and verify that the identifiers are different.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.13

**IDENTIFIER** /conf/authentication/anon-personal-data-crud

**REQUIREMENTS** Conformance class 1: /conf/core  
Requirement 25: /req/authentication/anon-personal-data-crud

**INCLUDED IN** Conformance class 5: /conf/authentication

**TEST PURPOSE** To verify that an anonymous user cannot read, create, update or delete personal data stored in any Party.personalData.

**TEST METHOD** For an existing Party entity:

**A** Submit a HTTP GET request to any (all) Party entity(ies) and check that the response does not contain the personalData property.

**B** Submit a HTTP POST, PATCH, and DELETE request to any (all) Party entity(ies) and check that the response is compliant with the business logic.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.14

**IDENTIFIER** /conf/authentication/own-personal-data-crud

**REQUIREMENTS** Conformance class 5: /conf/authentication  
Requirement 26: /req/authentication/own-personal-data-r  
Requirement 27: /req/authentication/own-personal-data-cud

**INCLUDED IN** Conformance class 5: /conf/authentication

**TEST PURPOSE** To verify that a user can read, create, update and delete the own personal data stored in Party.personalData.

**TEST METHOD** Verify that access to the own personal data is possible for an authenticated user by sending HTTP requests with different methods to the Party entity that represents the user:



## CONFORMANCE TEST A.14

A	Have the user authenticate and identify the corresponding Party entity.
B	Construct a HTTP POST request to create a Party entity including personal data and verify that the entity is stored.
C	Construct a HTTP GET request to the corresponding Party entity and verify that the personal data is contained in the response.
D	Construct a HTTP PATCH request to update the personal data of the corresponding `Party` entity. Verify that the update was successful.
E	Construct a HTTP PATCH request to delete the personal data (set values to null) of the corresponding Party entity. Verify that the erasure of the personal data was successful.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.15

IDENTIFIER	/conf/authentication/other-personal-data-crud
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 5: /conf/authentication Requirement 28: /req/authentication/other-personal-data-r Requirement 29: /req/authentication/other-personal-data-cud
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 5: /conf/authentication
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that a user can <b>not</b> read, create, update and delete <b>other user's</b> personal data stored in Party.personalData.
TEST METHOD	Verify that access to other personal data is <b>not</b> possible for an authenticated user by sending HTTP requests with different methods to the Party entity that represents <b>another</b> user:
A	Have the user authenticate and identify a Party entity of another user.
B	Construct a HTTP POST request to create a Party entity including personal data using a partyId value for another user. Verify that the response is compliant with the business logic.
C	Construct a HTTP GET request to Party entity of another user and verify that the response is compliant with the business logic.
D	Construct a HTTP PATCH request to update the personal data of another `Party` entity. Verify that the response is compliant with the business logic.
E	Construct a HTTP PATCH request to delete the personal data (set values to null) of <b>another</b> Party entity. Verify that the response is compliant with the business logic.

## A.6. STApplus Business Logic Conformance Class Tests

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### CONFORMANCE TEST A.16

IDENTIFIER	/conf/business-logic/definition
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 9: /conf/business-logic Requirement 22: /req/business-logic/definition
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 9: /conf/business-logic
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that the description of the business logic is human readable and in English.
TEST METHOD	Verify that the HTML page for the business logic is in English language.

### CONFORMANCE TEST A.17

IDENTIFIER	/conf/business-logic/location
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 9: /conf/business-logic Requirement 23: /req/business-logic/location
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 9: /conf/business-logic
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that the business logic is available from the provided URL.
TEST METHOD	On the landing page, find the JSON object with name <a href="http://www.opengis.net/doc/is/sensorthings/1.1/stapplus/1.0/conf/business-logic">http://www.opengis.net/doc/is/sensorthings/1.1/stapplus/1.0/conf/business-logic</a> and follow the link provided in the href property. Verify that the loaded HTML page contains the description of the business logic.

## A.7. STApplus Geometry FG Conformance Class Tests

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### CONFORMANCE TEST A.18

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-fg//media-type
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.18

	Requirement 34: /req/geometry-fg/media-type
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that the implementation accepts media-type for Geometry-FG.
TEST METHOD	Verify that the implementation supports the use of the media-type for Geometry-FG.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.19

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-fg/default-crs
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg Requirement 35: /req/geometry-fg/default-crs
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that the default-CRS is used for processing geometry data from Feature and Location.
TEST METHOD	Verify that the implementation applies the default CRS advertised in the conformance page to the geometry data from Feature and Location.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.20

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-fg/supported-crs
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg Requirement 36: /req/geometry-fg/supported-crs
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that all CRS, advertised as supported in the conformance page are accepted.
TEST METHOD	Verify that the implementation accepts geometry encodings for Feature and Location. For each supported CRS:
A	Construct a geometry and create a Location and FeatureOfInterest entity. Verify that the geometry data is accepted by the implementation.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.21

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-fg/crs-error
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## CONFORMANCE TEST A.21

REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg Requirement 37: /req/geometry-fg/crs-error
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that no additional CRS, as advertised as supported in the conformance page are accepted.
TEST METHOD	Verify that the implementation <b>does not</b> accept geometry encodings for Feature and Location that are not listed as supported. For a CRS <b>not</b> listed as supported:
A	Construct a geometry and create a Location and FeatureOfInterest entity. Verify that the geometry data is <b>rejected</b> by the implementation.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.22

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-fg/processing
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg Requirement 38: /req/geometry-fg/processing
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that a geometry not encoded in the storage-CRS is transformed before storage.
TEST METHOD	Verify that the implementation accepts geometry encodings for Feature and Location that use a supported CRS:
A	Construct a geometry and create a Location and FeatureOfInterest entity. Verify that the geometry data is accepted and transformed to the storage-CRS before processed and stored by the implementation.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.23

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-fg/out
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg Requirement 39: /req/geometry-fg/out
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 6: /conf/geometry-fg
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that a geometry included in a response is encoded in the storage-CRS.
TEST METHOD	Verify that the geometry data for a Feature and Location is using storage-CRS, independent from the geometry CRS used with the creation or updating of the entity.

## A.8. STApplus Geometry WKT Conformance Class Tests

### CONFORMANCE TEST A.24

<b>IDENTIFIER</b>	/conf/geometry-wkt/media-type
<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt Requirement 40: /req/geometry-wkt/media-type
<b>INCLUDED IN</b>	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt
<b>TEST PURPOSE</b>	To verify that the implementation accepts media-type for WKT.
<b>TEST METHOD</b>	Verify that the implementation supports the use of the media-type for WKT.

### CONFORMANCE TEST A.25

<b>IDENTIFIER</b>	/conf/geometry-wkt/crs-definition
<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt Requirement 41: /req/geometry-wkt/crs-definition
<b>INCLUDED IN</b>	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt
<b>TEST PURPOSE</b>	To verify that the implementation accepts CRS definition provided in the associated property.
<b>TEST METHOD</b>	Verify that the implementation supports the use of the CRS property.
<b>A</b>	Construct a WKT geometry in a CRS different from the default-crs.
<b>B</b>	Set the crs property to the CRS identifier.
<b>C</b>	Verify that the implementation processes the geometry honoring the CRS identified by the crs value.
<b>D</b>	Set the srid property to the CRS identifier number.
<b>E</b>	Verify that the implementation processes the geometry honoring the CRS identified by the srid value.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.26

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-wkt/default-crs
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt Requirement 42: /req/geometry-wkt/default-crs
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that the default-CRS is used for processing geometry data from feature and location property.
TEST METHOD	Verify that the implementation defines and applies the default CRS to the geometry data from feature and location property.
A	Find the JSON object in the serverSettings object on the landing page with the name <a href="http://www.opengis.net/doc/is/sensorthings/1.1/staplus/1.0/conf/geometry-wkt">http://www.opengis.net/doc/is/sensorthings/1.1/staplus/1.0/conf/geometry-wkt</a> and check the value of the property default-crs.
B	Verify that the default-crs is applied to a WKT geometry if no crs or srid property is used.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.27

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-wkt/supported-crs
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt Requirement 43: /req/geometry-wkt/supported-crs
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that all supported CRS are accepted.
TEST METHOD	Verify that the implementation accepts geometry encodings for feature and location properties. For each supported CRS:
A	Execute test /conf/geometry-wkt/crs-definition and verify that the implementation processes the geometry correctly.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.28

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-wkt/crs-error
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt Requirement 44: /req/geometry-wkt/crs-error
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.28

<b>TEST PURPOSE</b>	To verify that only supported CRSs are accepted.
<b>TEST METHOD</b>	Verify that the implementation <b>does not</b> accept geometry encodings for feature and location properties that are not listed as supported. For a CRS <b>not</b> listed as supported:
<b>A</b>	Execute test /conf/geometry-wkt/crs-definition and verify that the geometry data is <b>rejected</b> by the implementation.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.29

<b>IDENTIFIER</b>	/conf/geometry-wkt/value
<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt Requirement 45: /req/geometry-wkt/value
<b>INCLUDED IN</b>	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt
<b>TEST PURPOSE</b>	To verify that the geometry value, compliant to WKT is accepted as value for the feature and location property.
<b>TEST METHOD</b>	Verify that the implementation accepts WKT geometry values for feature and location properties.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.30

<b>IDENTIFIER</b>	/conf/geometry-wkt/processing
<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt Requirement 46: /req/geometry-wkt/processing
<b>INCLUDED IN</b>	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt
<b>TEST PURPOSE</b>	To verify that a geometry not encoded in the storage-CRS is transformed before storage.
<b>TEST METHOD</b>	Verify that the implementation accepts geometry encodings for Feature and Location that use a supported CRS:
<b>A</b>	Construct a geometry and create a Location and FeatureOfInterest entity. Verify that the geometry data in the location and feature properties is accepted and transformed to the storage-CRS before processed and stored by the implementation.

## CONFORMANCE TEST A.31

IDENTIFIER	/conf/geometry-wkt/out
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt Requirement 47: /req/geometry-wkt/out
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 7: /conf/geometry-wkt
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that a geometry included in a response is encoded in the storage-CRS.
TEST METHOD	Verify that the geometry data for a feature and location properties is using storage-CRS, independent from the geometry CRS used with the creation or updating of the entity.

## A.9. STApplus MQTT Subscribe Conformance Class Tests

### CONFORMANCE TEST A.32

IDENTIFIER	/conf/mqtt-subscribe/definition
REQUIREMENTS	Conformance class 8: /conf/mqtt-subscribe Requirement 21: /req/mqtt-subscribe
INCLUDED IN	Conformance class 8: /conf/mqtt-subscribe
TEST PURPOSE	To verify that a client can receive notifications for the updates of a STApplus entity set or an individual entity with MQTT.
TEST METHOD	For each STApplus entity:
A	Subscribe to an entity set with MQTT Subscribe. Then create a new entity of the subscribed entity set. Check if a complete JSON representation of the newly created entity through MQTT is received.
B	Subscribe to an entity set with MQTT Subscribe. Then update an existing entity of the subscribed entity set. Check if a complete JSON representation of the updated entity through MQTT is received.
C	part:: Subscribe to an entity's property with MQTT Subscribe. Then update the property with PATCH. Check if the JSON object of the updated property is received.
DESCRIPTION	Subscribe to multiple properties of an entity set with MQTT Subscribe. Then create a new entity of the entity set. Check if a JSON object of the subscribed properties is received. part Subscribe to multiple properties of an entity set with MQTT Subscribe. Then update an existing entity of the entity set with



## CONFORMANCE TEST A.32

PATCH. Check if a JSON object of the subscribed properties is received.



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# ANNEX B (INFORMATIVE) REVISION HISTORY

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Table B.1

DATE	RELEASE	EDITOR	PRIMARY CLAUSES MODIFIED	DESCRIPTION
2022-09-21	0.1	Andreas Matheus	all	Initial version
2022-10-21	0.2	Andreas Matheus	mainly Annex A, B	Updating conformance class structure and abstract test site
2022-11-03	0.3	Andreas Matheus	section Business Logic, Annex A, B	Section added for Business Logic, Control Information and Authentication, Updating conformance class structure and abstract test site to include Business Logic, Adding Requirements and Tests for accessing personal data
2022-12-19	0.4	Andreas Matheus	STApplus Feature and Location Encoding, Annex A, Annex B, Conformance	incorporating requirements for encoding Feature and Location entities reflecting results from SensorThings SWG session on 7 December 2022
2023-01-17	0.5	Andreas Matheus	Mainly normative sections and Annex A, B	Applied OGC NA-Policy using Metanorma annotations, Annex-B merged into Annex-A, Conformance Class definition now in section Conformance
2023-01-20	0.6	Andreas Matheus	All sections	Title adopted to include versions, updated requirements for Business Logic and CRS conformance classes, incorporated proof read from Hylke van der Schaaf



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