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Chapter 1. Introduction

i. Abstract

The OGC has extended their suite of standards to include Resource Oriented Architectures and Web APIs. In the course of developing these standards, some practices proved to be common accross all OGC API standards. The purpose of this standard is to document those practices. It also serves as a common foundation upon which all OGC APIs will be built. As such, this OGC API Common standard serves as the "OWS Common" standard for OGC Resource Oriented APIs.

An OGC API provides a lighweight interface to access one or more resources. The resources addressed by OGC APIs fall into three categories; Foundation Resources, Spatial Resources, and Information Resources. These Resource Catagories are described in section 8, Requirement Class Core.

The API-Common standard defines resources and access paths that are supported by all OGC APIs. These are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Overview of Resources

Resource	Path	HTTP Method	Document Reference
Landing page	`/`	GET	API Landing Page
API definition	`/api`	GET	API Definition
Conformance classes	`/conformance`	GET	Declaration of Conformance Classes
Collections metadata	`/collections`	GET	Collections Metadata

The resources identified in Table 1 primarily support Discovery operations. Discovery operations allow clients the interrogate the API to determine its capabilities and retrieve information (metadata) about this distribution of the resource. This includes the API definition of the server(s) as well as metadata about the resources provided by those servers.

This standard also defines common Query operations for OGC APIs. Query operations allow resources or values extracted from those resources to be retrieved from the underlying data store. The information to be returned is based upon selection criteria (query string) provided by the client. This standard only defines simple query parameters which should be applicable to all resource types. Other OGC API standards may define additional query capabilities specific to their resource type.

ii. Keywords

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

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iii. Preface

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Chapter 2. Scope

This specification identifies resources, captures compliance classes, and specifies requirements which are applicable to all OGC API standards. It should be included as a normative reference by all such standards.

This specification addresses two fundamental operations; discovery and query.

Discovery operations allow the API to be interrogated to determine its capabilities and retrieve information (metadata) about this distribution of a resource. This includes the API definition of the server as well as metadata about the spatial resources provided by the server.

Query operations allow spatial resources to be retrieved from the underlying data store based upon simple selection criteria, defined by the client.

Chapter 3. Conformance

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

The one Standardization Target for this standard is Web APIs.

OGC API-Common provides a common foundation for OGC API standards. It is anticipated that this standard will only be implemented through inclusion in other standards. Therefore, all the relevant abstract tests in Annex A shall be included or referenced in the Abstract Test Suite in each separate standard that normatively references this standard.

This standard identifies five conformance classes. The conformance classes implemented by an API are advertised through the /conformance path on the landing page. Each conformance class is defined by one requirements class. The tests in Annex A are organized by Requirements Class. So an implementation of the *Core* conformance class must pass all tests specified in Annex A for the *Core* requirements class.

The requirements classes for OGC API-Common are:

- Core

The *Core Requirements Class* is the minimal useful service interface for an OGC API. The requirements specified in this requirements class are mandatory for all OGC APIs

Additional capabilities such as support for transactions, complex data structures, and rich queries are specified in additional OGC API standards and in OGC managed API extensions. Those standards and extensions build on the API-Common foundation to provide the full functionality required of the API implementation.

- Collections

The *Collections Requirements Class* extends the *Core* to enable fine-grained access to spatial resources. This requirements class is mandatory for all OGC APIs which expose spatial resources.

The structure and organziation of a collection of spatial resources is very much dependent on the nature of that resource and the expected access patterns. This is information which cannot be specified in a common manner. The *Collections Requirements Class* specifies the requirements necessary to discover and understand that structure and organization. Requirements governing the resource collections themselves are specified in the resource-specific OGC API standards.

- HTML
- GeoJSON

Neither the nor *Core* nor *Collections* requirements class mandate a specific encoding or format for representing resources. The *HTML* and *GeoJSON* requirements classes specify representations for these resources in commonly used encodings for spatial data on the web.

Neither of these encodings are mandatory. An implementation of the *API-Common* standard may decide to implement another encoding instead of, or in addition to, these two.

- OpenAPI 3.0

The *API-Common* does not mandate any encoding or format for the formal definition of the API. The prefered option is the OpenAPI 3.0 specification. The *OpenAPI 3.0* requirements class has been specified for APIs implementing OpenAPI 3.0.

Chapter 4. References

The following normative documents contain provisions that, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this document. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies.

- Open API Initiative: **OpenAPI Specification 3.0.2**, https://github.com/OAI/OpenAPI-Specification/blob/master/versions/3.0.2.md
- Fielding, R., Gettys, J., Mogul, J., Frystyk, H., Masinter, L., Leach, P., Berners-Lee, T.: **IETF RFC 2616, HTTP/1.1**, http://tools.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2616.txt
- Rescorla, E.: **IETF RFC 2818, HTTP Over TLS**, http://tools.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2818.txt
- Klyne, G., Newman, C.: **IETF RFC 3339, Date and Time on the Internet: Timestamps**, http://tools.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3339.txt
- Berners-Lee, T., Fielding, R., Masinter, L: **IETF RFC 3896, Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax**, http://tools.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3896.txt
- Butler, H., Daly, M., Doyle, A., Gillies, S., Hagen, S., Schaub, T.: **IETF RFC 7946, The GeoJSON Format**, https://tools.ietf.org/rfc/rfc7946.txt
- Nottingham, M.: **IETF RFC 8288, Web Linking**, http://tools.ietf.org/rfc/rfc8288.txt
- W3C: **HTML5, W3C Recommendation**, http://www.w3.org/TR/html5/
- **Schema.org**: http://schema.org/docs/schemas.html

Chapter 5. Terms and Definitions

This document uses the terms defined in Sub-clause 5.3 of OGC Web Services Common (OGC 06-121r9), 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.

5.1. Conformance Module; Conformance Test Module

set of related tests, all within a single conformance test class (OGC 08-131)

```
NOTE: When no ambiguity is possible, the word `test` may be omitted. i.e. conformance
test module is the same as conformance module. Conformance modules may be nested in a
hierarchical way.
```

5.2. Conformance Class; Conformance Test Class

set of conformance test modules that must be applied to receive a single certificate of conformance (OGC 08-131)

```
NOTE: When no ambiguity is possible, the word _test_ may be left out, so conformance
test class maybe called a conformance class.
```

5.3. dataset

collection of data, published or curated by a single agent, and available for access or download in one or more formats (DCAT)

5.4. Distribution

represents an accessible form of a **dataset** (DCAT)

EXAMPLE: a downloadable file, an RSS feed or a web service that provides the data.

5.5. Executable Test Suite (ETS)

A set of code (e.g. Java and CTL) that provides runtime tests for the assertions defined by the ATS. Test data required to do the tests are part of the ETS (OGC 08-134)

5.6. Recommendation

expression in the content of a document conveying that among several possibilities one is recommended as particularly suitable, without mentioning or excluding others, or that a certain course of action is preferred but not necessarily required, or that (in the negative form) a certain possibility or course of action is deprecated but not prohibited (OGC 08-131)

5.7. Requirement

expression in the content of a document conveying criteria to be fulfilled if compliance with the document is to be claimed and from which no deviation is permitted (OGC 08-131)

5.8. Requirements Class

aggregate of all requirement modules that must all be satisfied to satisfy a conformance test class (OGC 08-131)

5.9. Requirements Module

aggregate of requirements and recommendations of a specification against a single standardization target type (OGC 08-131)

5.10. Standardization Target

entity to which some requirements of a standard apply (OGC 08-131)

```
NOTE: The standardization target is the entity which may receive a certificate of
conformance for a requirements class.
```

Chapter 6. Conventions

6.1. Identifiers

The normative provisions in this draft standard are denoted by the URI `http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common/1.0`.

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

6.2. Link relations

To express relationships between resources, RFC 8288 (Web Linking) and registered link relation types are used.

6.3. Use of HTTPS

For simplicity, this document in general only refers to the HTTP protocol. This is not meant to exclude the use of HTTPS and simply is a shorthand notation for "HTTP or HTTPS". In fact, most servers are expected to use HTTPS, not HTTP.

6.4. API definition

6.4.1. General remarks

Good documentation is essential for every API so that developers can more easily learn how to use the API. In the best case, documentation would be available both in HTML for human consumption and in a machine readable format that can be processed by software for run-time binding.

This standard specifies requirements and recommendations for APIs that share spatial resources and want to follow a standard way of doing so. In general, APIs will go beyond the requirements and recommendations stated in this standard. They will support additional operations, parameters, etc. that are specific to the API or the software tool used to implement the API.

6.4.2. Role of OpenAPI

This document uses OpenAPI 3.0 fragments as examples and to formally state requirements. Using OpenAPI 3.0 is not required for implementing an OGC API. Other API definition languages may be used along with, or instead of OpenAPI. However, any API definition language used should have an associated conformance class advertised through the /conformance path.

This approach is used to avoid lock-in to a specific approach to defining an API. This standard includes a conformance class for API definitions that follow the OpenAPI specification 3.0. Conformance classes for additional API definition languages will be added as the API landscape continues to evolve.

In this document, fragments of OpenAPI definitions are shown in YAML since YAML is easier to

format than JSON and is typically used in OpenAPI editors.

6.4.3. References to OpenAPI components in normative statements

Some normative statements (requirements, recommendations and permissions) use a phrase that a component in the API definition of the server must be "based upon" a schema or parameter component in the OGC schema repository.

In this case, the following changes to the pre-defined OpenAPI component are permitted:

- If the server supports an XML encoding, `xml` properties may be added to the relevant OpenAPI schema components.
- The range of values of a parameter or property may be extended (additional values) or constrained (if a subset of all possible values are applicable to the server). An example for a constrained range of values is to explicitly specify the supported values of a string parameter or property using an enum.
- Additional properties may be added to the schema definition of a Response Object.
- Informative text may be changed or added, like comments or description properties.

For API definitions that do not conform to the OpenAPI Specification 3.0 the normative statement should be interpreted in the context of the API definition language used.

6.4.4. Paths in OpenAPI definitions

All paths in an OpenAPI definition are relative to the base URL of a server. Unlike Web Services, an API is decoupled from the server(s). Some ramifications of this are:

- An API may be hosted (replicated) on more than one server.
- Parts of an API may be distributed across multiple servers.

Example 1. URL of the OpenAPI definition

If the OpenAPI Server Object looks like this:

```
servers:
  - url: https://dev.example.org/
    description: Development server
  - url: https://data.example.org/
    description: Production server
```

The path "/mypath" in the OpenAPI definition of the API would be the URL `https://data.example.org/mypath` for the production server.

6.4.5. Reusable OpenAPI components

Reusable components for OpenAPI definitions for a OGC API are referenced from this document.

CAUTION	During the development phase, these components use a base URL of "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/opengeospatial/oapi_common/master/", but eventually they are expected to be available under the base URL "http://schemas.opengis.net/ogcapi_common/1.0/openapi/".

Chapter 7. Overview

7.1. Evolution from OGC Web Services

OGC Web Service (OWS) standards implement a Remote-Procedure-Call-over-HTTP architectural style using XML for payloads. This was the state-of-the-art when OGC Web Services (OWS) were originally designed in the late 1990s. However, times have changed. New Resource-Oriented APIs have begun to replace Service-Oriented Web Services. And new OGC API standards are under development to provide API alternatives to the OWS standards.

OGC API (OAPI) Common specifies the common kernel of this API approach to services that follows the current Web architecture. In particular, the W3C/OGC best practices for sharing Spatial Data on the Web as well as the W3C best practices for sharing Data on the Web.

Beside the general alignment with the architecture of the Web (e.g., consistency with HTTP/HTTPS, hypermedia controls), another goal for OGC API standards is modularization. This goal has several facets:

- Clear separation between common core requirements and more resource specific capabilities. This document specifies the core or *common* requirements that are relevant for almost everyone who wants to build a spatial API. Additional capabilities that several communities are using today will be specified as extensions to the Common API.
- Technologies that change more frequently are decoupled and specified in separate modules ("conformance classes" in OGC terminology). This enables, for example, the use/re-use of new encodings for spatial data or API descriptions.
- Modularization is not just about a single "service". OGC APIs will provide building blocks that can be reused in APIs in general. In other words, a server supporting the OGC-Feature API should not be seen as a standalone service. Rather it should be viewed as a collection of API building blocks which together implement API-Feature capabilities. A corollary of this is that it should be possible to implement an API that simultaneously conforms to conformance classes from the Feature, Coverage, and other OGC Web API standards.

Implementations of OGC API Common are intended to support two different approaches for how clients can use the API.

In the first approach, clients are implemented with knowledge about this standard and its resource types. The clients navigate the resources based on this knowledge and based on the responses provided by the API. The API definition may be used to determine details, e.g., on filter parameters, but this may not be necessary depending on the needs of the client. These are clients that are in general able to use multiple APIs as long as they implement OGC API Common.

The other approach targets developers that are not familiar with the OGC API standards, but want to interact with spatial data provided by an API that happens to implement OGC API Common. In this case the developer will study and use the API definition, typically an OpenAPI document, to understand the API and implement client code to interact with the API. This assumes familiarity with the API definition language and the related tooling, but it should not be necessary to study the OGC API standards.

7.2. Encodings

NOTE	Arguably this requires a conformance class for every possible encoding. Do we really want a conformance class for GeoTIFF? or NITF?, or Protobuf? Should this requirement be limited to those resources defined in this standard?

This standard does not mandate any encoding or format. But it does provide extensions for encodings which are commonly used in OGC APIs. In addition to HTML as the standard encoding for Web content, rules for commonly used encodings for spatial data on the web are provided (GeoJSON).

None of these encodings is mandatory. An implementation of the *Core* requirements class does not have to support any of them. It may instead implement an entirely different set of encodings.

Support for HTML is recommended. HTML is the core language of the World Wide Web. An API that supports HTML will support browsing the spatial resources with a web browser and will also enable search engines to crawl and index those resources.

GeoJSON is a commonly used format that is simple to understand and well supported by tools and software libraries. Since most Web developers are comfortable with using a JSON-based format, GeoJSON is recommended for APIs which expose feature data **and** where GeoJSON is capable of supporting the intended use.

Some examples of cases that are out-of-scope for GeoJSON are:

- When solids are used for geometries (e.g. in a 3D city model),
- Geometries that include non-linear curve interpolations that cannot be simplified (e.g., use of arcs in authoritative geometries),
- Geometries that have to be represented in a coordinate reference system that is not based on WGS 84 longitude/latitude (e.g. an authoritative national reference system),
- Features that have more than one geometric property.

The recommendations for using HTML and GeoJSON reflect the importance of HTML and the current popularity of JSON-based data formats. As the practices in the Web community evolve, these recommendations will likely be updated in future versions of this standard to provide guidance on using other encodings.

This part of the OAPI standard does not provide any guidance on other encodings. The supported encodings, or more precisely the media types of the supported encodings, can be determined from the API definition. The desired encoding is selected using HTTP content negotiation.

For example, if the server supports GeoJSON Text Sequences an encoding that is based on JSON text sequences and GeoJSON to support streaming by making the data incrementally parseable, the media type `application/geo+json-seq` would be used.

Chapter 8. Requirement Class "Core"

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common/1.0/req/core	
Target type	Web API
Dependency	RFC 2616 (HTTP/1.1)
Dependency	RFC 2818 (HTTP over TLS)
Dependency	RFC 8288 (Web Linking)

8.1. Overview

8.1.1. Resources

An OGC API provides a lighweight interface to access one or more resources. The resources addressed by OGC APIs fall into three categories; Foundation Resources, Spatial Resources, and Information Resources.

Foundation Resources are those resources which are common across all OGC APIs. Those resources are defined in this OGC API-Common standard. Other OGC API standards re-use these resources and, where necessary, extend them to address their unique requirements.

Spatial Resources are the resources which we usually think of as Geospatial Data. They include Features, Coverages, and Images. This Standard defines basic patterns for accessing Spatial Resources. Additional OGC API Standards have been developed to address specific API requirements for each Spatial Resource type.

Information Resources are non-spatial resources which support the operation of the API or the access and use of the Spatial Resources.

8.1.2. Modular APIs

A goal of OGC API standards is to provide rapid and easy access to spatial resources. To meet this goal, the needs of both the resource provider and the resource consumer must be considered. Our approach is to provide a modular framework of API components. This framework provides a consistent "look and feel" across all OGC APIs. When API servers and clients are built from the same set of modules, the likelyhood that they will integrate at run-time is greatly enhanced.

A more detailed discussion of modular APIs can be found in the API-Common Best Practices document.

8.1.3. Navigation

OGC APIs are designed to support two access patterns; Hypermedia Access, and Direct Access. OGC APIs support both access patterns through the use of API Definition documents, standardized paths, and standardized hypermedia schemas.

Hypermedia Access

Hypermedia Access is the use of hypermedia links to navigate from one resource to another. This pattern is typical of the Web Browser environment. A resource consumer (typically a human) starts from a landing page, selects a link on that page, then moves on to the referenced resource.

Navigation of hyperlinks is facilitated if the hyperlink includes information about the resource type at the link destination. Therefore, OGC APIs use a set of common link relationships. These link relationships are described in Table 2.

Table 2. Link Relations

Link Relation	Purpose
`alternate`	links to this resource in another media type (the media type is specified in the `type` link attribute)
`conformance`	links to conformance information
`data`	links to an information resource
`describedBy`	links to external resources which further describe the subject resource
`items`	links to each individual resource which is included in a collection resource
`self`	links to this resource,
`service-desc`	links to the API Definition
`service-doc`	an alternative to `service-desc`

OGC API hyperlinks are defined using the following Hyperlink Schema.

Hyperlink Schema

```
{
    "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
    "title": "Link Schema",
    "description": "Schema for external references",
    "type": "object",
    "required": [
        "href"
        ],
    "properties": {
        "href": {
            "type": "string"
            },
        "rel": {
            "type": "string"
            },
        "hreflang": {
            "type": "string"
            },
        "title": {
            "type": "string"
            }
        }
    }
```

Direct Access

Direct Access requires that the resource consumer possesses knowlege of the path to the resouce prior to attempting access. Typically this knowlege comes from the use of standard paths, receiving the path from another entity, or by processing an API definition resource. Direct access is particularly applicable to software analytics where there is no human in the loop.

Direct access is facilitated by the use of standard URL paths. The requirements in this Requirements Class are organized around these standard paths.

8.2. Foundation Resources

Foundation resources are those resources which are provided by every OGC API.

The standard paths defined in this Standard for Foundation Resources are:

1. "/" - the landing page
2. "/api" - the API Definition document for this API
3. "/conformance" - the conformance information for this API

8.2.1. API landing page

Each OGC API has a single `LandingPage` (path `/`).

The purpose of the landing page is to provide users with the basic information they need to use this API as well as links to the resources exposed through the API.

Operation

Requirement 1	**/req/core/root-op**
A	The server SHALL support the HTTP GET operation at the path `/`.

Response

Requirement 2	**/req/core/root-success**
A	A successful execution of the operation SHALL be reported as a response with an HTTP status code `200`.
B	The content of that response SHALL be based upon the schema landingPage.json and include links to the following resources: • the API definition (relation type 'service-desc' or 'service-doc') • `/conformance` (relation type 'conformance') • one or more information resources (relation type 'data')

In addition to the required resources, links to additional resources may be included in the Landing Page.

The landing page returned by this operation is based on the following Landing Page Schema. Examples of OGC landing pages are provided in Example Landing Pages.

Landing Page Schema

```
{
"$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
"title": "Landing Page Schema",
"description": "JSON schema for the OGC API-Common landing page",
"type": "object",
"required": [
    "links"
    ],
"properties": {
    "title": {
        "description": "The title of the API",
        "type": "string"
        },
    "description": {
        "description": "A textual description of the API",
        "type": "string"
        },
    "links": {
        "description": "Links to the resources exposed through this API.",
        "type": "array",
        "items": {"$href": "link.json"}
        }
    },
    "patternProperties": {
        "^x-": {}
    },
    "additionalProperties": true
}
```

Error Situations

See HTTP Status Codes for general guidance.

8.2.2. API Definition

Every API is expected to provide a definition that describes capabilities provided by the API. This document can be used by developers to understand the API, by software clients to connect to the server, and by development tools to support the implementation of servers and clients.

Operation

Requirement 3	**/req/core/api-definition-op**
A	The URIs of all API definitions referenced from the landing page SHALL support the HTTP GET method.

Response

Requirement 4	/req/core/api-definition-success
A	A GET request to the URI of an API definition linked from the landing page (link relations `service-desc` or `service-doc`) with an `Accept` header with the value of the link property `type` SHALL return a document consistent with the requested media type.

Recommendation 1	/rec/core/api-definition-oas
A	If the API definition document uses the OpenAPI Specification 3.0, the document SHOULD conform to the OpenAPI Specification 3.0 requirements class.

If multiple API definition formats are supported, use content negotiation to select the desired representation.

Error Situations

See HTTP Status Codes for general guidance.

8.2.3. Declaration of Conformance Classes

To support "generic" clients that want to accessing OGC APIs in general - and not "just" a specific API / server, the API has to declare the conformance classes it implements and conforms to.

Operation

Requirement 5	/req/core/conformance-op
A	The API SHALL support the HTTP GET operation at the path `/conformance`.

Response

Requirement 6	/req/core/conformance-success
A	A successful execution of the operation SHALL be reported as a response with a HTTP status code `200`.
B	The content of that response SHALL be based upon the OpenAPI 3.0 schema confClasses.json and list all OGC API conformance classes that the API conforms to.

The conformance resource returned by this operation is based on the following Conformance Schema. Examples of OGC conformance resources are provided in Conformance Examples.

Conformance Schema

```
{
"$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
"title": "Conformance Classes Schema",
"description": "This schema defines the resource returned from the /Conformance path",
"type": "object",
"required": [
    "conformsTo"
    ],
"properties": {
    "conformsTo": {
        "type": "array",
        "description": "ConformsTo is an array of URLs.  Each URL should correspond to
a defined OGC Conformance class.  Unrecognized URLs should be ignored",
        "items": {
            "type": "string",
            "example": "http://www.opengis.net/spec/OAPI_Common/1.0/req/core"
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Error situations

See HTTP Status Codes for general guidance.

8.3. Spatial Resources

There is no requirement that every OGC API support Spatial Resources. Therefore, Spatial Resources are addressed in a separate `Collections` Requirement Class. This class is described in the Collections section.

8.4. Information Resources

Information Resources are non-spatial resources which support the operation of the API or the access and use of the Spatial Resources. These resources are usually specific to a spatial resource type and will be defined in the appropriate API standards.

Information Resources can exposed using two path templates:

- /collections/{collectionId}/{resourceType}
- /{resourceType}

Where

{collectionId} = a unique identifier for a Spatial Resource collection.

{resourceType} = a text string identifying the Information Resource type.

Information Resources associated with a specific collection should be accessed through the `/collections` path. Those which are not associated with a specific collection should use the `/{resourceType}` template.

The OGC API-Common standard does not define any Information Resource types. However Table 3 provides a maping of the know Information Resource types to the standard where they are defined.

Table 3. Information Resource Types

Resource Type	API Standard
TBD	TBD

8.5. General Requirements

The following general requirements and recomendations apply to all OGC APIs.

8.5.1. HTTP 1.1

The standards used for Web APIs are built on the HTTP protocol. Therefore, conformance with HTTP or a closely related protocol is required.

Requirement 7	**/req/core/http**
A	The API SHALL conform to HTTP 1.1.
B	If the API supports HTTPS, then the API SHALL also conform to HTTP over TLS.

8.5.2. HTTP Status Codes

Table 4 lists the main HTTP status codes that clients should be prepared to receive. This includes support for specific security schemes or URI redirection. In addition, other error situations may occur in the transport layer outside of the server.

Table 4. Typical HTTP status codes

Status code	Description
`200`	A successful request.
`304`	An entity tag was provided in the request and the resource has not been changed since the previous request.
`400`	The server cannot or will not process the request due to an apparent client error. For example, a query parameter had an incorrect value.

Status code	Description
401	The request requires user authentication. The response includes a `WWW-Authenticate` header field containing a challenge applicable to the requested resource.
403	The server understood the request, but is refusing to fulfill it. While status code `401` indicates missing or bad authentication, status code `403` indicates that authentication is not the issue, but the client is not authorised to perform the requested operation on the resource.
404	The requested resource does not exist on the server. For example, a path parameter had an incorrect value.
405	The request method is not supported. For example, a POST request was submitted, but the resource only supports GET requests.
406	Content negotiation failed. For example, the `Accept` header submitted in the request did not support any of the media types supported by the server for the requested resource.
500	An internal error occurred in the server.

More specific guidance is provided for each resource, where applicable.

Permission 1	**/per/core/additional-status-codes**
A	Servers MAY support other capabilities of the HTTP protocol and, therefore, MAY return other status codes than those listed in Table 4, too.

8.5.3. Web Caching

Entity tags are a mechanism for web cache validation and for supporting conditional requests to reduce network traffic. Entity tags are specified by HTTP/1.1 (RFC 2616).

Recommendation 2	**/rec/core/etag**
A	The service SHOULD support entity tags and the associated headers as specified by HTTP/1.1.

8.5.4. Support for Cross-Origin Requests

Access to data from a HTML page is by default prohibited for security reasons, if the data is located on another host than the webpage ("same-origin policy"). A typical example is a web-application accessing feature data from multiple distributed datasets.

Recommendation 3	**/rec/core/cross-origin**

A	If the server is intended to be accessed from the browser, cross-origin requests SHOULD be supported. Note that support can also be added in a proxy layer on top of the server.

Two common mechanisms to support cross-origin requests are:

- Cross-origin resource sharing (CORS)
- JSONP (JSON with padding)

8.5.5. Encodings

While the OAPI Common standard does not specify any mandatory encoding, the following encodings are recommended. See Clause 7 (Overview) for a discussion of this issue.

HTML encoding recomendation:

Recommendation 4	**/rec/core/html**
A	To support browsing a API with a web browser and to enable search engines to crawl and index the dataset, implementations SHOULD consider to support an HTML encoding.

GeoJSON encoding recomendation:

Recommendation 5	**/rec/core/geojson**
A	If the resource can be represented for the intended use in GeoJSON, implementations SHOULD consider to support GeoJSON as an encoding.

Requirement `/req/core/http` implies that the encoding of a response is determined using content negotiation as specified by the HTTP RFC.

The section Media Types includes guidance on media types for encodings that are specified in this document.

Note that any API that supports multiple encodings will have to support a mechanism to mint encoding-specific URIs for resources in order to express links, for example, to alternate representations of the same resource. This document does not mandate any particular approach how this is supported by the API.

As clients simply need to dereference the URI of the link, the implementation details and the mechanism how the encoding is included in the URI of the link are not important. Developers interested in the approach of a particular implementation, for example, to manipulate ("hack") in the browser address bar, can study the API definition.

NOTE

Two common approaches are:

- an additional path for each encoding of each resource (this can be expressed, for example, using format specific suffixes like ".html");
- an additional query parameter (for example, "accept" or "f") that overrides the Accept header of the HTTP request.

8.5.6. Link Headers

Recommendation 6	**/rec/core/link-header**
A	Links included in payload of responses SHOULD also be included as `Link` headers in the HTTP response according to RFC 8288, Clause 3.
B	This recommendation does not apply, if there are a large number of links included in a response or a link is not known when the HTTP headers of the response are created.

Chapter 9. Requirement Class "Collections"

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common/1.0/req/collections	
Target type	Web API
Dependency	Requirements Class "OAPI Core"
Dependency	RFC 3339 (Date and Time on the Internet: Timestamps)

9.1. Overview

Spatial Resources are the resources which we usually think of as Geospatial Data. They include Features, Coverages, and Images. This Conformance Class defines basic patterns for accessing Spatial Resources. Additional OGC API Standards have been developed to address specific API requirements for each Spatial Resource type.

OGC APIs are designed to support two access patterns; Hypermedia Access, and Direct Access. OGC APIs support both access patterns through the use of API Definition documents, standardized paths, and standardized hypermedia schemas.

Hypermedia Access was described in the Navigation section of Clause 8. For Spatial Resources, hypermedia navigation is enabled through the links included in each schema defined by this Reqirement Class.

Direct access is the use of know URL paths to access a resource directly. The requirements in this Requirement Class are organized around the standard paths for Spatial Data.

9.2. Spatial Resources

Detailed requirements for each Spatial Resource type are dealt with in the resource-specific API standards. However, this API Common standard has the responsiblity to see that all OGC API standards work together by:

1. Providing specifications for the description of each collection (/collections/{collectionId}), and the list of collections (/collections)
2. Providing a consistent framework for serving spatial data from the OGC API, regardless of the type. Consistent means that #1 works exactly the same (potentially with type-specific additional properties) and that the different types of data can all be collections on the same OGC API end-point.
3. Providing a tie point for other OGC API modules to connect to and reference (processes inputs & outputs, cataloging, searching and filtering collections, detailed metadata, tiles, styles, clipping and intersecting bounding boxes in common) Just by virtue of understanding that /collections/{collectionId} points to a spatial **data layer**.

Spatial Resources are exposed using the path template.

```
/collections/{collectionId}/items
```

The resources returned from each node in this template are described in Table 5.

Table 5. Spatial Resource Paths

Path Template	Resource
/collections	Metadata describing the spatial collections available from this API.
/collections/{collectionId}	Metadata describing the collection with the unique identifier `{collectionId}`
/collections/{collectionId}/items	The spatial collection resource identified by the `{collectionId}` parameter.

9.2.1. Collections Metadata

OGC APIs typically organize their Spatial Resources into collections. Information about those collections is accessed through the /collections path.

Operation

Requirement 8	**/req/collections/rc-md-op**
A	The API SHALL support the HTTP GET operation at the path `/collections`.

Response

Requirement 9	**/req/collections/rc-md-success**
A	A successful execution of the operation SHALL be reported as a response with a HTTP status code `200`.
B	The content of that response SHALL be based upon the JSON schema collections.json.

The collections metadata returned by this operation is based on the Collections Metadata Schema. Examples of collections metadata are provided in Collections Metadata Examples.

Collections Metadata Schema

```
{
    "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
    "title": "Collections Schema",
    "description": "This schema defines the metadata resource returned from
/collections.",
    "type": "object",
    "required": [
        "links",
        "collections"
        ],
    "properties": {
        "links": {
            "type": "array",
            "items": {"$href": "link.json"}
            },
        "collections": {
            "type": "array",
            "items": {"$href": "collectionInfo.json"}
            }
        }
    }
```

This schema is further constrained by the following requirements and recomendations.

To support hypermedia navigation, the `links` property must be populated with sufficient hyperlinks to navigate through the whole dataset.

Requirement 10	**/req/collections/rc-md-links**
A	A `200`-response SHALL include the following links in the `links` property of the response: • a link to this response document (relation: `self`), • a link to the response document in every other media type supported by the API (relation: `alternate`).
B	All links SHALL include the `rel` and `type` link parameters.

Additional information may be available to assist in understanding and using this dataset. Links to those resources should be provided as well.

Recomendation 7	**/rec/collections/rc-md-descriptions**

A	If external schemas or descriptions exist that provide additional information about the structure or semantics for the resource, a `200`-response SHOULD include links to each of those resources in the `links` property of the response (relation: `describedBy`).
B	The `type` link parameter SHOULD be provided for each link. This applies to resources that describe to the whole dataset.

The `collections` property of the Collections Metadata provides a description of each collection. These descriptions are based on the Collection Information Schema. This schema is described in detail in the Collection Information section of this Standard. The following requirements and recommendations govern the use of Collection Information in the Collections Metadata.

Requirement 11	**/req/collections/rc-md-items**
A	For each spatial resource collection accessible through this API, metadata describing that collection SHALL be provided in the `collections` property of the Collections Metadata.
B	This metadata shall be based on the same schema as the Collection Information resource.

While it is prefered that the Collections Metadata describe all of the collections accessible through the API, in some cases that is impractical. Developers have an option to only return a subset, as long as they provide a way to retrieve the remaining metadata as well.

Permission 2	**/per/collections/rc-md-items**
A	To support servers with many collections, servers MAY limit the number of items included in the `collections` property.

Error situations

See HTTP Status Codes for general guidance.

9.2.2. Collection Information

Each resource collection is described by a set of metadata. That metadata is accessed directly using the `/collections/{collectionId}` path or as an entry in the `collections` property of the Collections Metadata resource.

Operation

Requirement 12	**/req/collections/src-md-op**

A	The API SHALL support the HTTP GET operation at the path `/collections/{collectionId}`.
B	The parameter `collectionId` is each `id` property in the resource collections response (JSONPath: `$.collections[*].id`).

Response

Requirement 13	**/req/collections/src-md-success**
A	A successful execution of the operation SHALL be reported as a response with a HTTP status code `200`.
B	The content of that response SHALL be based upon the JSON schema collectionInfo.json.
C	The content of that response SHALL be consistent with the content for this resource collection in the `/collections` response. That is, the values for `id`, `title`, `description` and `extent` SHALL be identical.

Collection Information is based on the Collection Information Schema. Examples of Collection Information are provided in Collection Information Examples.

Collection Information Schema

```
{
    "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
    "title": "Collection Information Schema",
    "description": "This schema defines metadata resource returned from
/collections/{collectionId}.",
    "type": "object",
    "required": [
        "id",
        "links"
        ],
    "properties": {
        "id": {
            "type": "string"
            },
        "title": {
            "type": "string"
            },
        "description": {
            "type": "string"
            },
        "links": {
            "type": "array",
            "items": {"$href": "link.json"}
            },
        "extent": {"$href": "extent.json"},
        "itemType": {
            "type": "string",
            "default": "unknown"
            },
        "crs": {
            "description": "the list of coordinate reference systems supported by the
API; the first item is the default coordinate reference system",
            "type": "array",
            "items": {
                "type": "string"
                },
            "default": [
                "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84"
                ],
            "example": [
                "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84",
                "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4326"
                ]
            }
        }
    }
```

This schema is further constrained by the following requirements and recomendations.

To support hypermedia navigation, the `links` property must be polulated with sufficient hyperlinks to navigate through the whole dataset.

Requirement 14	**/req/collections/rc-md-items-links**
A	`200`-response SHALL include the following links in the `links` property of the response: • a link to this response document (relation: `self`), • a link to the response document in every other media type supported by the API (relation: `alternate`).
B	The `links` property of the response SHALL include an item for each supported encoding of that collection with a link to the collection resource (relation: `items`).
B	All links SHALL include the `rel` and `type` properties.

Additional information may be available to assist in understanding and using this dataset. Links to those resources should be provided as well.

Recomendation 8	**/rec/core/rc-md-items-desciptions**
A	If external schemas or descriptions exist that provide additional information about the structure or semantics of the collection, a `200`-response SHOULD include links to each of those resources in the `links` property of the response (relation: `describedBy`).
B	The `type` link parameter SHOULD be provided for each link.

Additional requirements and recomendations apply to the `extent` propery of the Collection Information.

Requirement 15	**/req/collections/rc-md-extent**
A	For each spatial resource collection, the `extent` property, if provided, SHALL provide bounding boxes that include all spatial geometries and time intervals that include all temporal geometries in this collection. The temporal extent may use `null` values to indicate an open time interval.

B	If a spatial resource has multiple properties with spatial or temporal information, it is the decision of the API implementation whether only a single spatial or temporal geometry property is used to determine the extent or all relevant geometries.

Recommendation 9	**/rec/core/rc-md-extent-single**
A	While the spatial and temporal extents support multiple bounding boxes (`bbox` array) and time intervals (`interval` array) for advanced use cases, implementations SHOULD provide only a single bounding box or time interval unless the use of multiple values is important for the use of the dataset and agents using the API are known to be support multiple bounding boxes or time intervals.

Permission 3	**/per/collections/rc-md-extent-extensions**
A	The Core only specifies requirements for spatial and temporal extents. However, the `extent` object MAY be extended with additional members to represent other extents, for example, thermal or pressure ranges.
B	The Core only supports spatial extents in WGS84 longitude/latitude and temporal extents in the Gregorian calendar (these are the only enum values in extent.yaml).
C	Extensions to the Core MAY add additional reference systems to the `extent` object.

Error situations

See HTTP Status Codes for general guidance.

If the parameter `collectionId` does not exist on the server, the status code of the response will be `404` (see Table 4).

9.2.3. Collection Resource

A collection resource is the content of the collection as opposed to metadata about that collection. This standard defines the general behavior of this operation, but detailed requirements are the purvue of the API standard for that resource type.

Operation

Requirement 16	/req/collections/rc-op
A	For every resource collection identified in the resource collections response (path `/collections`), the API SHALL support the HTTP GET operation at the path `/collections/{collectionId}/items`. • The parameter `collectionId` is each `id` property in the resource collections response (JSONPath: `$.collections[*].id`).

Response

Requirement 17	/req/collections/rc-response
A	A successful execution of the operation SHALL be reported as a response with a HTTP status code `200`.
B	The response SHALL only include resources selected by the request.

Error situations

See HTTP Status Codes for general guidance.

9.3. Information Resources

Information Resources are non-spatial resources which support the operation of the API or the access and use of the Spatial Resources. They are described in the Information Resources section.

Information Resources related to Spatial Resources can exposed using the path template:

- /collections/{collectionId}/{resourceType}

The resources returned from each node in this template are described in Table 6.

Table 6. Information Resource Paths

Path Template	Resource
/collections	The root resource describing the spatial collections available from this API.
/collections/{collectionId}	Identifies a collection with the unique identifier `{collectionId}`
/collections/{collectionId}/{resourceType}	Identifies an Information Resource of type {resourceType} associated with the `{collectionId}` collection.

The OGC API-Common standard does not define any Information Resource types. However Table 3

provides a mapping of the known Information Resource types to the standard where they are defined.

9.4. Parameter Modules

Query parameters are used in URLs to limit the resources which are returned on a GET request. The API Common standard defines two standard parameters for use in OGC API standards.

9.4.1. Parameter bbox

Requirement 18	**/req/collections/rc-bbox-definition**

A	The `bbox` parameter SHALL possess the following characteristics (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):
	`name: bbox`
	`in: query`
	`required: false`
	`schema:`
	`  type: array`
	`  minItems: 4`
	`  maxItems: 6`
	`  items:`
	`  type: number`
	`style: form`
	`explode: false`

Requirement 19	**/req/collections/rc-bbox-response**
A	If the `bbox` parameter is provided, only resources that have a spatial geometry that intersects the bounding box SHALL be part of the result set.
B	If a resource has multiple spatial geometry properties, it is the decision of the server whether only a single spatial geometry property is used to determine the extent or all relevant geometries.
C	The `bbox` parameter SHALL also match all resources in the collection that are not associated with a spatial geometry.

D	The bounding box is provided as four or six numbers, depending on whether the coordinate reference system includes a vertical axis (height or depth): • Lower left corner, coordinate axis 1 • Lower left corner, coordinate axis 2 • Lower left corner, coordinate axis 3 (optional) • Upper right corner, coordinate axis 1 • Upper right corner, coordinate axis 2 • Upper right corner, coordinate axis 3 (optional)
C	The coordinate reference system of the values on axis 1 and 2 SHALL be interpreted as WGS84 longitude/latitude (http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84) unless a different coordinate reference system is specified in a parameter `bbox-crs`.
D	The coordinate values SHALL be within the extent specified for the coordinate reference system.

"Intersects" means that the rectangular area specified in the parameter `bbox` includes a coordinate that is part of the (spatial) geometry of the resource. This includes the boundaries of the geometries (e.g. for curves the start and end position and for surfaces the outer and inner rings).

This standard does not specify requirements for the parameter `bbox-crs`. Those requirements will be specified in a later version of this specification.

For WGS84 longitude/latitude the bounding box is in most cases the sequence of minimum longitude, minimum latitude, maximum longitude and maximum latitude. However, in cases where the box spans the anti-meridian the first value (west-most box edge) is larger than the third value (east-most box edge).

Example 2. The bounding box of the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone

The bounding box of the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone in WGS84 (from 160.6°E to 170°W and from 55.95°S to 25.89°S) would be represented in JSON as `[ 160.6, -55.95, -170, -25.89 ]` and in a query as `bbox=160.6,-55.95,-170,-25.89`.

A template for the definition of the parameter in YAML according to OpenAPI 3.0 is available at bbox.yaml.

9.4.2. Parameter datetime

Requirement 20	**/req/collections/rc-time-definition**

A	The `datetime` parameter SHALL have the following characteristics (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):
	
	`name: datetime`
	`in: query`
	`required: false`
	`schema:`
	`  type: string`
	`style: form`
	`explode: false`

Requirement 21	**/req/collections/rc-time-response**
A	If the `datetime` parameter is provided, only resources that have a temporal geometry that intersects the temporal information in the `datetime` parameter SHALL be part of the result set.
B	If a resourcee has multiple temporal properties, it is the decision of the API whether only a single temporal property is used to determine the extent or all relevant temporal properties.
C	The `datetime` parameter SHALL match all resources in the collection that are not associated with a temporal geometry.

D	The temporal information is either a date-time or a time interval. The parameter value SHALL conform to the following syntax (using ABNF):
	
	`interval-closed = date-time "/" date-time`
	`interval-open-start = "../" date-time`
	`interval-open-end = date-time "/.."`
	`interval = interval-closed / interval-open-start / interval-open-end`
	`datetime = date-time / interval`

E	The syntax of `date-time` is specified by RFC 3339, 5.6.
F	Open ranges in time intervals at the start or end SHALL be supported using a double-dot (`..`).

"Intersects" means that the time (instant or period) specified in the parameter `datetime` includes a timestamp that is part of the temporal geometry of the resource (again, a time instant or period). For time periods this includes the start and end time.

Example 3. A date-time

February 12, 2018, 23:20:52 GMT:

`time=2018-02-12T23%3A20%3A52Z`

For resources with a temporal property that is a timestamp (like `lastUpdate` in the building features), a date-time value would match all resources where the temporal property is identical.

For resources with a temporal property that is a date or a time interval, a date-time value would match all resources where the timestamp is on that day or within the time interval.

Example 4. Intervals

February 12, 2018, 00:00:00 GMT to March 18, 2018, 12:31:12 GMT:

`datetime=2018-02-12T00%3A00%3A00Z%2F2018-03-18T12%3A31%3A12Z`

February 12, 2018, 00:00:00 UTC or later:

`datetime=2018-02-12T00%3A00%3A00Z%2F..`

March 18, 2018, 12:31:12 UTC or earlier:

`datetime=..%2F2018-03-18T12%3A31%3A12Z`

A template for the definition of the parameter in YAML according to OpenAPI 3.0 is available at datetime.yaml.

9.5. General Requirements

The following general requirements and recomendations apply to all OGC APIs which host Spatial Resources.

9.5.1. Coordinate Reference Systems

As discussed in Chapter 9 of the W3C/OGC Spatial Data on the Web Best Practices document, how to express and share the location of resources in a consistent way is one of the most fundamental aspects of publishing geographic data and it is important to be clear about the coordinate reference system that coordinates are in.

For the reasons discussed in the Best Practices, OGC APIs use WGS84 longitude and latitude as the default coordinate reference system.

Requirement 22	**/req/collections/crs84**

A	Unless the client explicitly requests a different coordinate reference system, all spatial geometries SHALL be in the CRS84 (WGS 84 longitude/latitude) coordinate reference system for geometries without height information and CRS84h (WGS 84 longitude/latitude plus ellipsoidal height) for geometries with height information.

The implementations compliant with the Core are not required to support publishing geometries in coordinate reference systems other than http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84. The Core also does not specify a capability to request geometries in a different reference system than the native one of the published resource. Such a capability will be specified in other OGC API standards.

Chapter 10. Requirements classes for encodings

10.1. Overview

This clause specifies two pre-defined requirements classes for encodings to be used by an OGC API implementation. These encodings are commonly used encodings for spatial data on the web:

- HTML
- GeoJSON

Neiter of these encodings are mandatory and an implementation of the Core requirements class may implement either, both, or none of them. Clause 7 (Overview) includes a discussion about recommended encodings.

10.2. Requirement Class "HTML"

Geographic information that is only accessible in formats like GeoJSON or GML has two issues:

- The data is not discoverable using the most common mechanism for discovering information, that is the search engines of the Web,
- The data can not be viewed directly in a browser - additional tools are required to view the data.

Therefore, sharing data on the Web should include publication in HTML. To be consistent with the Web, it should be done in a way that enables users and search engines to access all data.

This is discussed in detail in W3C Best Practice. This standard therefore recommends supporting HTML as an encoding.

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common/1.0/req/html	
Target type	Web API
Dependency	Requirements Class "OAPI Core"
Dependency	HTML5
Dependency	Schema.org

Requirement 23	**/req/html/definition**
A	Every `200`-response of an operation of the API SHALL support the media type `text/html`.

Requirement 24	/req/html/content
A	Every `200`-response of the API with the media type "text/html" SHALL be a HTML 5 document that includes the following information in the HTML body: • all information identified in the schemas of the Response Object in the HTML `<body/>`, and • all links in HTML `<a/>` elements in the HTML `<body/>`.

Recommendation 10	/rec/html/schema-org
A	A `200`-response with the media type `text/html`, SHOULD include Schema.org annotations.

10.3. Requirement Class "GeoJSON"

GeoJSON is a commonly used format that is simple to understand and well supported by tools and software libraries. Since most Web developers are comfortable with using a JSON-based format, supporting GeoJSON is recommended if the resource can be represented in GeoJSON for the intended use.

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common/1.0/req/geojson	
Target type	Web API
Dependency	Requirements Class "OAPI Core"
Dependency	GeoJSON

Requirement 25	/req/geojson/definition
A	`200`-responses of the server SHALL support the following media types: • `application/geo+json` for resources that include feature content, and • `application/json` for all other resources.

Requirement 26	/req/geojson/content

A	Every `200`-response with the media type `application/geo+json` SHALL be • a GeoJSON FeatureCollection Object for feature collections, and • a GeoJSON Feature Object for features.
B	The schema of all responses with the media type `application/json` SHALL conform with the JSON Schema specified for that resource.

NOTE The following schema names are from API-Features and need to be updated.

Templates for the definition of the schemas for the GeoJSON responses in JSON Schema definitions are available at collections.yaml and collectionInfo.yaml.

These are generic schemas that do not include any application schema information about specific resource types or their properties.

Chapter 11. Requirements class "OpenAPI 3.0"

11.1. Basic requirements

APIs conforming to this requirements class document themselves by an OpenAPI Document.

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common/1.0/req/oas30	
Target type	Web API
Dependency	Requirements Class "OAPI Core"
Dependency	OpenAPI Specification 3.0.2

Requirement 27	**/req/oas30/oas-definition-1**
A	An OpenAPI definition in JSON using the media type `application/vnd.oai.openapi+json;version=3.0` and a HTML version of the API definition using the media type `text/html` SHALL be available.

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The OpenAPI media type has not been registered yet with IANA and will likely change. We need to update the media type after registration.

Requirement 28	**/req/oas30/oas-definition-2**
A	The JSON representation SHALL conform to the OpenAPI Specification, version 3.0.

Two example OpenAPI documents are included in Annex B.

Requirement 29	**/req/oas30/oas-impl**
A	The API SHALL implement all capabilities specified in the OpenAPI definition.

11.2. Complete definition

Requirement 30	**/req/oas30/completeness**

A	The OpenAPI definition SHALL specify for each operation all HTTP Status Codes and Response Objects that the API uses in responses.
B	This includes the successful execution of an operation as well as all error situations that originate from the server.

Note that APIs that, for example, are access-controlled (see Security), support web cache validation, CORS or that use HTTP redirection will make use of additional HTTP status codes beyond regular codes such as `200` for successful GET requests and `400`, `404` or `500` for error situations. See HTTP Status Codes.

Clients have to be prepared to receive responses not documented in the OpenAPI definition. For example, additional errors may occur in the transport layer outside of the server.

11.3. Exceptions

Requirement 31	**/req/oas30/exceptions-codes**
A	For error situations that originate from an API server, the API definition SHALL cover all applicable HTTP Status Codes.

Example 5. An exception response object definition

```
description: An error occurred.
content:
  application/json:
    schema:
      $ref:
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/opengeospatial/OAPI/openapi/schemas/exception.ya
ml
  text/html:
    schema:
      type: string
```

11.4. Security

Requirement 32	**/req/oas30/security**
A	For cases, where the operations of the API are access-controlled, the security scheme(s) and requirements SHALL be documented in the OpenAPI definition.

The OpenAPI specification currently supports the following security schemes:

- HTTP authentication,
- an API key (either as a header or as a query parameter),
- OAuth2's common flows (implicit, password, application and access code) as defined in RFC6749, and
- OpenID Connect Discovery.

Chapter 12. Media Types

JSON media types that would typically be used in on OGC API that supports JSON are

- `application/geo+json` for feature collections and features, and
- `application/json` for all other resources.

XML media types that would typically occur in on OGC API that supports XML are

- `application/gml+xml;version=3.2` for any GML 3.2 feature collections and features,
- `application/gml+xml;version=3.2;profile=http://www.opengis.net/def/profile/ogc/2.0/gml-sf0` for GML 3.2 feature collections and features conforming to the GML Simple Feature Level 0 profile,
- `application/gml+xml;version=3.2;profile=http://www.opengis.net/def/profile/ogc/2.0/gml-sf2` for GML 3.2 feature collections and features conforming to the GML Simple Feature Level 2 profile, and
- `application/xml` for all other resources.

The typical HTML media type for all "web pages" in an OGC API would be `text/html`.

The media types for an OpenAPI definition are `vnd.oai.openapi+json;version=3.0` (JSON) and `application/vnd.oai.openapi;version=3.0` (YAML).

NOTE	The OpenAPI media type has not been registered yet with IANA and may change.

Annex A: Abstract Test Suite (Normative)

A.1. Introduction

OGC Web APIs are not a Web Services in the traditional sense. Rather, they define the behavior and content of a set of Resources exposed through a Web Application Programing Interface (Web API). Therefore, an API may expose resources in addition to those defined by the standard. A test engine must be able to traverse the API, identify and validate test points, and ignore resource paths which are not to be tested.

A.2. Conformance Class Core

Conformance Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common/1.0/conf/core	
Target type	Web API
Requirements Class	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common/1.0/req/core

A.2.1. General Tests

HTTP

Abstract Test 1	**/ats/core/http**
Test Purpose	Validate that the resource paths advertised through the API conform with HTTP 1.1 and, where approprate, TLS.
Requirement	/req/core/http
Test Method	1. All compliance tests shall be configured to use the HTTP 1.1 protocol exclusively. 2. For APIs which support HTTPS, all compliance tests shall be configured to use HTTP over TLS (RFC 2818) with their HTTP 1.1 protocol.

A.2.2. Landing Page {root}/

Abstract Test 2	**/ats/core/root-op**
Test Purpose	Validate that a landing page can be retrieved from the expected location.

Requirement	/req/core/root-op
Test Method	1. Issue an HTTP GET request to the URL {root}/ 2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code 200 3. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /ats/core/root-success.

Abstract Test 3	**/ats/core/root-success**
Test Purpose	Validate that the landing page complies with the require structure and contents.
Requirement	/req/core/root-success
Test Method	Validate the landing page for all supported media types using the resources and tests identified in Table 7 For formats that require manual inspection, perform the following: a. Validate that the landing page includes a "service-desc" and/or "service-doc" link to an API Definition b. Validate that the landing page includes a "conformance" link to the conformance class declaration c. Validate that the landing page includes a "data" link to the Feature contents.

The landing page may be retrieved in a number of different formats. The following table identifies the applicable schema document for each format and the test to be used to validate the landing page against that schema. All supported formats should be exercised.

Table 7. Schema and Tests for Landing Pages

Format	**Schema Document**	**Test ID**
HTML	landingPage.json	/ats/html/content
JSON	landingPage.json	/ats/geojson/content

A.2.3. API Definition Path {root}/api (link)

Abstract Test 4	**/ats/core/api-definition-op**
Test Purpose	Validate that the API Definition document can be retrieved from the expected location.

Requirement	/req/core/api-definition-op
Test Purpose	Validate that the API Definition document can be retrieved from the expected location.
Test Method	1. Construct a path for each API Definition link on the landing page 2. Issue a HTTP GET request on each path 3. Validate that a document was returned with a status code 200 4. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /ats/core/api-definition-success.

Abstract Test 5	**/ats/core/api-definition-success**
Test Purpose	Validate that the API Definition complies with the required structure and contents.
Requirement	/req/core/api-definition-success
Test Method	Validate the API Definition document against an appropriate schema document.

A.2.4. Conformance Path {root}/conformance

Abstract Test 6	**/ats/core/conformance-op**
Test Purpose	Validate that a Conformance Declaration can be retrieved from the expected location.
Requirement	/req/core/conformance-op
Test Method	1. Construct a path for each "conformance" link on the landing page as well as for the {root}/conformance path. 2. Issue an HTTP GET request on each path 3. Validate that a document was returned with a status code 200 4. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /ats/core/conformance-success.

Abstract Test 7	**/ats/core/conformance-success**

Test Purpose	Validate that the Conformance Declaration response complies with the required structure and contents.
Requirement	/req/core/conformance-success
Test Method	1. Validate the response document against OpenAPI 3.0 schema confClasses.yaml 2. Validate that the document includes the conformance class "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-features-1/1.0/conf/core" 3. Validate that the document list all OGC API conformance classes that the API implements.

A.3. Conformance Class Collections

Conformance Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common/1.0/conf/collections	
Target type	Web API
Requirements Class	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common/1.0/req/collections
Dependency	Conformance Class "OAPI Core"

A.3.1. General Tests

CRS 84

Abstract Test 8	**/ats/collections/crs84**
Test Purpose	Validate that all spatial geometries provided through the API are in the CRS84 spatial reference system unless otherwise requested by the client.
Requirement	/req/collections/crs84
Test Method	1. Do not specify a coordinate reference system in any request. All spatial data should be in the CRS84 reference system. 2. Validate retrieved spatial data using the CRS84 reference system.

A.3.2. Feature Collections {root}/collections

Abstract Test 9	/ats/collections/rc-md-op
Test Purpose	Validate that information about the Collections can be retrieved from the expected location.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-op
Test Method	1. Issue an HTTP GET request to the URL {root}/collections 2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code 200 3. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /ats/collections/rc-md-success.

Abstract Test 10	/ats/collections_rc-md-success
Test Purpose	Validate that the Collections content complies with the required structure and contents.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-success, /req/collections/crs84
Test Method	1. Validate that all response documents comply with /ats/collections/rc-md-links 2. In case the response includes a "crs" property, validate that the first value is either "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84" or "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/0/CRS84h" 3. Validate the collections content for all supported media types using the resources and tests identified in Table 8

The Collections content may be retrieved in a number of different formats. The following table identifies the applicable schema document for each format and the test to be used to validate the against that schema. All supported formats should be exercised.

Table 8. Schema and Tests for Collections content

Format	Schema Document	Test ID
HTML	collections.json	/ats/html/content
JSON	collections.json	/ats/geojson/content

A.3.3. Feature Collection {root}/collections/{collectionId}

Abstract Test 11	/ats/collections/src-md-op

Test Purpose	Validate that the Collection content can be retrieved from the expected location.
Requirement	/req/collections/src-md-op
Test Method	For every Feature Collection described in the Collections content, issue an HTTP GET request to the URL `/collections/{collectionId}` where `{collectionId}` is the `id` property for the collection. . Validate that a Collection was returned with a status code 200 . Validate the contents of the returned document using test /ats/collections/src-md-success.

Abstract Test 12	**/ats/collections/src-md-success**
Test Purpose	Validate that the Collection content complies with the required structure and contents.
Requirement	/req/collections/src-md-success
Test Method	Verify that the content of the response is consistent with the content for this Resource Collection in the `/collections` response. That is, the values for `id`, `title`, `description` and `extent` are identical.

A.3.4. Features {root}/collections/{collectionId}/items

NOTE This test is too Feature centric. Will need to be greatly reduced in scope.

Abstract Test 13	**/ats/collections/rc-op**
Test Purpose	Validate that resources can be identified and extracted from a Collection using query parameters.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-op

Test Method	1. For every resource collection identified in Collections, issue an HTTP GET request to the URL `/collections/{collectionId}/items` where `{collectionId}` is the `id` property for a Collection described in the Collections content. 2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code 200. Repeat these tests using the following parameter tests: **Bounding Box:** • Parameter /ats/collections/rc-bbox-definition • Response /ats/collections/rc-bbox-response **DateTime:** • Parameter /ats/collections/rc-time-definition • Response /ats/collections/rc-time-response Execute requests with combinations of the "bbox" and "datetime" query parameters and verify that only features are returned that match both selection criteria.

Abstract Test 14	**/ats/collections/rc-bbox-definition**
Test Purpose	Validate that the bounding box query parameters are constructed correctly.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-bbox-definition

Test Method	Verify that the `bbox` query parameter complies with the following definition (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):
	
	`name: bbox`
	`in: query`
	`required: false`
	`schema:`
	`  type: array`
	`  minItems: 4`
	`  maxItems: 6`
	`  items:`
	`  type: number`
	`style: form`
	`explode: false`
	
	Use a bounding box with four numbers in all requests:
	
	• Lower left corner, WGS 84 longitude
	• Lower left corner, WGS 84 latitude
	• Upper right corner, WGS 84 longitude
	• Upper right corner, WGS 84 latitude

Abstract Test 15	**/ats/collections/rc-bbox-response**
Test Purpose	Validate that the bounding box query parameters are processed corrrectly.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-bbox-response
Test Method	1. Verify that only resources that have a spatial geometry that intersects the bounding box are returned as part of the result set. 2. Verify that the `bbox` parameter matched all resources in the collection that were not associated with a spatial geometry (this is only applicable for datasets that include resources without a spatial geometry). 3. Verify that the coordinate reference system of the geometries is WGS 84 longitude/latitude ("http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84" or "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/0/CRS84h") since no parameter `bbox-crs` was specified in the request.

Abstract Test 16	**/ats/collections/rc-time-definition**
Test Purpose	Validate that the dateTime query parameters are constructed correctly.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-time-definition

Test Method	Verify that the `datetime` query parameter complies with the following definition (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):
	`name: datetime`
	`in: query`
	`required: false`
	`schema:`
	`  type: string`
	`style: form`
	`explode: false`

Abstract Test 17	**/ats/collections/rc-time-response**
Test Purpose	Validate that the dataTime query parameters are processed correctly.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-time-response
Test Method	1. Verify that only resources that have a temporal geometry that intersects the temporal information in the `datetime` parameter were included in the result set 2. Verify that all resources in the collection that are not associated with a temporal geometry are included in the result set 3. Validate that the dateime parameter complies with the syntax described in /req/collections/rc-time-response.

Abstract Test 18	**/ats/collections/rc-response**
Test Purpose	Validate that the Resource Collection complies with the require structure and contents.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-response

Test Method	The test method is specific to the resource type returned.

A.3.5. Second Tier Tests

These tests are invoked by other tests.

Extent

Abstract Test 19	**/ats/coollections/rc-md-extent**
Test Purpose	Validate that the `extent` property if it is present
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-extent
Test Method	1. Verify that the `extent` provides bounding boxes that include all spatial geometries 2. Verify that if the `extent` provides time intervals that include all temporal geometries in this collection. 3. A temporal extent of `null` indicates an open time interval.

Items

Abstract Test 20	**/ats/collections/rc-md-items**
Test Purpose	Validate that each collection provided by the server is described in the Collections Metadata.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-items
Test Method	1. Verify that there is an entry in the `collections` array of the Collections Metadata for each feature collection provided by the API. 2. Verify that each collection entry includes an identifier. 3. Verify that each collection entry includes links in accordance with /collections/rc-md-items-links. 4. Verify that if the collection entry includes an extent property, that that property complies with /collections/rc-md-extent 5. Validate each collection entry for all supported media types using the resources and tests identified in Table 9

The collection entries may be encoded in a number of different formats. The following table identifies the applicable schema document for each format and the test to be used to validate the

against that schema. All supported formats should be exercised.

Table 9. Schema and Tests for Collection Entries

Format	Schema Document	Test ID
HTML	collectionInfo.json	/ats/html/content
JSON	collectionInfo.json	/ats/geojson/content

Abstract Test 21	**/ats/collections/rc-md-items-links**
Test Purpose	Validate that each Feature Collection metadata entry in the Collections Metadata document includes all required links.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-items-links
Test Method	1. Verify that each Collection item in the Collections Metadata document includes a `link` property for each supported encoding. 2. Verify that the `links` properties of the collection includes an item for each supported encoding with a link to the features resource (relation: `items`). 3. Verify that all links include the `rel` and `type` link parameters.

Links

Abstract Test 22	**/ats/collections/rc-md-links**
Test Purpose	Validate that the required links are included in the Collections Metadata document.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-links
Test Method	Verify that the response document includes: 1. a link to this response document (relation: `self`), 2. a link to the response document in every other media type supported by the server (relation: `alternate`). Verify that all links include the `rel` and `type` link parameters.

A.4. Conformance Class GeoJSON

Conformance Class

http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common/1.0/conf/geojson	
Target type	Web API
Requirements Class	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common/1.0/req/geojson
Dependency	Conformance Class "OAPI Core"

A.4.1. GeoJSON Definition

Abstract Test 23	**/ats/geojson/definition**
Test Purpose	Verify support for JSON and GeoJSON
Requirement	/req/geojson/definition
Test Method	1. A resource is requested with response media type of `application/geo+json` 2. All `200`-responses SHALL support the following media types: ◦ `application/geo+json` for resources that include feature content, and ◦ `application/json` for all other resources.

A.4.2. GeoJSON Content

Abstract Test 24	**/ats/geojson/content**
Test Purpose	Verify the content of a GeoJSON document given an input document and schema.
Requirement	/req/geojson/content
Test Method	1. Validate that the document is a GeoJSON document. 2. Validate the document against the schema using an JSON Schema validator.

A.5. Conformance Class HTML

Conformance Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common/1.0/conf/html	
Target type	Web API

Requirements Class	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common/1.0/req/html
Dependency	Conformance Class "OAPI Core"

A.5.1. HTML Definition

Abstract Test 25	**/ats/html/definition**
Test Purpose	Verify support for HTML
Requirement	/req/html/definition
Test Method	Verify that every `200`-response of every operation of the API where HTML was requested is of media type `text/html`

A.5.2. HTML Content

Abstract Test 26	**/ats/html/content**
Test Purpose	Verify the content of an HTML document given an input document and schema.
Requirement	/req/html/content
Test Method	1. Validate that the document is an HTML 5 document 2. Manually inspect the document against the schema.

A.6. Conformance Class OpenAPI 3.0

Conformance Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common/1.0/conf/oas3	
Target type	Web API
Requirements Class	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common/1.0/req/oas3
Dependency	Conformance Class "OAPI Core"

Abstract Test 27	**/ats/oas30/completeness**
Test Purpose	Verify the completeness of an OpenAPI document.

Requirement	/req/oas30/completeness
Test Method	Verify that for each operation, the OpenAPI document describes all HTTP Status Codes and Response Objects that the API uses in responses.

Abstract Test 28	**/ats/oas30/exceptions-codes**
Test Purpose	Verify that the OpenAPI document fully describes potential exception codes.
Requirement	/req/oas30/exceptions-codes
Test Method	Verify that for each operation, the OpenAPI document describes all HTTP Status Codes that may be generated.

Abstract Test 29	**/ats/oas30/oas-definition-1**
Test Purpose	Verify that JSON and HTML versions of the OpenAPI document are available.
Requirement	/req/oas30/oas-definition-1
Test Method	1. Verify that an OpenAPI definition in JSON is available using the media type `application/vnd.oai.openapi+json;version=3.0` and link relation `service-desc` 2. Verify that an HTML version of the API definition is available using the media type `text/html` and link relation `service-doc`.

Abstract Test 30	**/ats/oas30/oas-definition-2**
Test Purpose	Verify that the OpenAPI document is valid JSON.
Requirement	/req/oas30/oas-definition-2
Test Method	Verify that the JSON representation conforms to the OpenAPI Specification, version 3.0.

Abstract Test 31	**/ats/oas30/oas-impl**

Test Purpose	Verify that all capabilities specified in the OpenAPI definition are implemented by the API.
Requirement	/req/oas30/oas-impl
Test Method	1. Construct a path from each URL template including all server URL options and all enumerated path parameters. 2. For each path defined in the OpenAPI document, validate that the path performs in accordance with the API definition and the API-Features standard.

Abstract Test 32	**/ats/oas30/security**
Test Purpose	Verify that any authentication protocols implemented by the API are documented in the OpenAPI document.
Requirement	/req/oas30/security
Test Method	1. Identify all authentication protocols supported by the API. 2. Validate that each authentication protocol is described inthe OpenAPI document by a Security Schema Object and its' use specified by a Security Requirement Object.

Annex B: Examples (Informative)

B.1. Example Landing Pages

Example 6. JSON Landing Page

```
{
  "links": [
    { "href": "http://data.example.org/",
      "rel": "self", "type": "application/json", "title": "this document" },
    { "href": "http://data.example.org/api",
      "rel": "service", "type": "application/openapi+json;version=3.0", "title":
"the API definition" },
    { "href": "http://data.example.org/conformance",
      "rel": "conformance", "type": "application/json", "title": "OGC conformance
classes implemented by this API" },
    { "href": "http://data.example.org/collections",
      "rel": "data", "type": "application/json", "title": "Metadata about the
resource collections" }
  ]
}
```

B.2. API Description Examples

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B.3. Conformance Examples

Example 7. Conformance Response

This example response in JSON is for an OGC API Features that supports OpenAPI 3.0 for the API definition and HTML and GeoJSON as encodings for resources.

```
{
  "conformsTo": [
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-features-1/1.0/req/core",
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-features-1/1.0/req/oas30",
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-features-1/1.0/req/html",
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-features-1/1.0/req/geojson"
  ]
}
```

B.4. Collections Metadata Examples

Example 8. Collection metadata response document

This feature collection metadata example response in JSON is for a dataset with a single collection "buildings". It includes links to the collection resource in all formats that are supported by the API (link relation type: "items").

There is a link to the feature collections response itself (link relation type: "self").

Representations of this resource in other formats are referenced using link relation type "alternate".

An additional link is to a GML application schema for the dataset - using:https://www.iana.org/assignments/link-relations/link-relations.xhtml[link relation type] "describedBy".

A bulk download of all the features in the dataset is referenced using link relation type "enclosure"

Finally there are also links to the license information for the building data (using:https://www.iana.org/assignments/link-relations/link-relations.xhtml[link relation type] "license").

Reference system information is not provided as the service provides geometries only in the default system (spatial: WGS 84 longitude/latitude; temporal: Gregorian calendar).

```
{
  "links": [
    { "href": "http://data.example.org/collections.json",
      "rel": "self", "type": "application/json", "title": "this document" },
    { "href": "http://data.example.org/collections.html",
      "rel": "alternate", "type": "text/html", "title": "this document as HTML" },
    { "href": "http://schemas.example.org/1.0/foobar.xsd",
      "rel": "describedBy", "type": "application/xml", "title": "XML schema for
Acme Corporation data" }
  ],
  "collections": [
    {
      "id": "buildings",
      "title": "Buildings",
      "description": "Buildings in the city of Bonn.",
      "extent": {
        "spatial": [ 7.01, 50.63, 7.22, 50.78 ],
        "temporal": [ "2010-02-15T12:34:56Z", "2018-03-18T12:11:00Z" ]
      },
      "links": [
        { "href": "http://data.example.org/collections/buildings/items",
          "rel": "items", "type": "application/geo+json",
          "title": "Buildings" },
        { "href": "http://example.org/concepts/building.html",
          "rel": "describedBy", "type": "text/html",
          "title": "Feature catalogue for buildings" }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

B.5. Collection Information Examples

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Annex C: Revision History

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