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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 across more than one of those standards. These common practices are documented in the OGC API - Common suite of standards. API-Common standards serve as reusable building-blocks. Developers of OGC standards will use these building-blocks in the construction of OGC Web API Standards. The result is a modular suite of coherent API standards which can be adapted by a system designer for the unique requirements of their system.

The OGC API - Common - Part 1: Core Standard defines the resources and access mechanisms which are useful for a client seeking to understand the offerings and capabilities of an API. These resources and their access mechanisms are described in Table 1.

*Table 1. Common Core Resources*

| Resource | URI | HTTP Method | Document Reference |
|---|---|---|---|
| Landing page | `/` | GET | API Landing Page |
| API definition | `/api` | GET | API Definition |
| Conformance declaration | `/conformance` | GET | Declaration of Conformance Classes |

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# Chapter 2. Scope

This standard addresses Discovery operations directed against the API itself. It identifies the hosted resources, defines conformance classes, and provides both human and machine readable documentation of the API design. The requirements specified in this standard should be applicable to any Web API implementation.

This standard provides the first stop for clients seeking to understand and use a new Web API. Use of this standard is strongly recommended for and new implementation of OGC Web API stadards. However, in keeping with the OGC's principle of modular API standards, use of this standard is not required of OGC conformant Web API implementations.

# 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.

This standard addresses one Standardization Target; Web APIs

OGC API - Common - Part 1: Core provides a common foundation for OGC Web 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 should be included or referenced in the Abstract Test Suite in each standard that implements conformance classes defined in this standard.

This standard identifies four conformance classes. The conformance classes implemented by an OGC API are advertised through the `/conformance` resource 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.

## 3.1. Core Requirements Class

The *Core Requirements Class* provides a minimal useful service interface for an OGC Web API. The requirements specified in this requirements class are recommended for all OGC Web APIs.

The Core requirements class is specified in (Chapter 8) **Requirements Class Core**.

## 3.2. Encoding Requirements Classes

The *Core* requirements class does not mandate a specific encoding or format for representations of resources. However, both *HTML* and *JSON* are commonly used encodings for spatial data on the web. The *HTML* and *JSON* requirements classes specify the encoding of resource representations using:

- HTML
- JSON

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

The Encoding Requirements Classes are specified in (Chapter 9) **Encoding Requirements Classes**.

## 3.3. OpenAPI 3.0 Requirements Class

The *API-Common - core* Standard 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.

The OpenAPI 3.0 Requirements Class is specified in (Chapter 10) **OpenAPI 3.0 Requirements Class**.

# 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.


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# 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.

- **Landing Page**
  This is the root resource of an API. It serves as the root node of the API Resource tree and provides the information needed to navigate all of the resources exposed through the API.

- **Representation**
  the current or intended state of a resource encoded for exchange between components. (based on Fielding 2000)

- **Resource**

  1. Any information that can be named. (Fielding 2000)
  2. The intended conceptual target of a hypertext reference. (Fielding 2000)

- **Resource Type**
  the definition of a type of resource. Resource types are re-usable components which are independent of where the resource resides in the API.

- **Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)**
  an identifier consisting of a sequence of characters matching the syntax rule named <URI>. (IETF RFC 3986)

- **Uniform Resource Locator (URL)**
  the subset of URIs that, in addition to identifying a resource, provide a means of locating the resource by describing its primary access mechanism (e.g., its network "location"). (IETF RFC 3986)

- **Web API**
  API using an architectural style that is founded on the technologies of the Web. (W3C Data on the Web Best Practices)

# Chapter 6. Conventions

## 6.1. Web API Fundamentals

The following concepts are critical to understanding OGC Web API standards.

1. The purpose of a Web API is to provide a uniform interface to resources.
2. Resources are uniquely identified using Uniform Resource Identifiers (URI).
3. A user manipulates a resource through representations of that resource.
4. A representation is the current or intended state of a resource encoded for exchange between components.
5. The format used to encode a representation is negotiated between the components participating in the exchange.
6. Representations are exchanged between components using the HTTP protocol and the operations (GET, PUT, etc.) that HTTP supports.

## 6.2. Identifiers

The Architecture of the World Wide Web establishes the URI as the single global identification system for the Web. Therefore, URIs or URI Templates are used in OGC Web API standards to identify key entities in those standards.

In accordance with OGC policy, only the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) form of URIs is used.

The normative provisions in this draft standard are denoted by the URI `http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0`. All Requirements, Conformance Modules, and Conformance Classes that appear in this document are denoted by partial URIs that are relative to this base.

Resources described in this document are denoted by partial URIs that are relative to the `root` node of the API. This node serves as the head of the resource tree exposed through an API. In OpenAPI, the root node is identified by the `url` field of the Server Object. In this document the tag `{root}` designates the root node of a URI.

The partial URIs used to identify Resources in this document are refered to as the resource `path`. The purpose of a resource `path` is to identify the referenced resource within the context of this standard. Implementors are encouraged to use these partial URIs in their implementations, thereby providing a common look and feel to OGC APIs.

This standard defines Resources which may appear in more than one place in the API. These Resource Types are identified by name rather than by URI.

**Summary for Developers:**

RFC 3986 defines a URI in Backus-Naur Form (BNF) as follows:

*Backus-Naur Definition of URI*

```
    URI = scheme ":" hier-part [ "?" query ] [ "#" fragment ]

        hier-part     = "//" authority path-abempty
                        / path-absolute
                        / path-rootless
                        / path-empty

        authority     = [ userinfo "@" ] host [ ":" port ]

        path-abempty  = *( "/" segment )

        path-absolute = "/" [ segment-nz *( "/" segment ) ]

        path-rootless = segment-nz *( "/" segment )

        path-empty    = 0<pchar>
```

The following rules should be used when interpreting the BNF for use with this standard:

- `scheme` is assumed to be `HTTP` or `HTTPS`
- `authority` is provided by the API developer
- `{root}` designates the `scheme`, `authority`, and `path` to the root node of the API implementation.
- only the `path-absolute` and `path-rootless` patterns are used
- parameters passed as part of an operation are encoded in the `query`.
- parameters passed in HTTP headers or as cookies are out of scope for this Standard.

The following example shows a URI categorised according to RFC 3986 and OGC Web API standards.

*Example URI and Components*

```
URI     foo://example.com:8042/myapi/mydata/?name=roads#centerline
        \__/ \______________/\____________/ \_________/ \________/
          |          |            |            |           |
3986    scheme     authority     path         query      fragment
        \_____________________________/\_____/\__________/
                      |                 |        |
OGC                {root}              path   parameters
```

This document does not restrict the lexical space of URIs used in the API beyond the requirements of the HTTP and URI Syntax IETF RFCs. If URIs include reserved characters that are delimiters in the URI subcomponent, these have to be percent-encoded. See Clause 2 of RFC 3986 for details.

| | |
|---|---|
| **NOTE** | OGC Web API standards may include a community-defined identifier as part of a URI (ex. image id or feature id). Definition of the format of those identifiers is out of scope for these standards. Implementors should take care that these identifiers are properly encoded (see RFC 3986) in the URIs for all hosted resources. |

Additional information on this topic is provided in the OGC API - Common Users Guide.

## 6.3. Links

OGC Web API Standards use RFC 8288 (Web Linking) to express relationships between resources. Resource representations defined in these standards commonly include an "links" element. A "links" element is an array of individual hyperlink elements. These "links" elements provide a convention for associating related resources.

The individual hyperlink elements that make up a "links" element are defined using the following Hyperlink Schema.

```
{
    "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
    "title": "Link Schema",
    "description": "Schema for external references",
    "type": "object",
    "required": [
        "href",
        "rel"
        ],
    "properties": {
        "href": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "Supplies the URI to a remote resource(or resource
fragment).",
            "example": "http://data.example.com/buildings/123"
            },
        "rel": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "The type or semantics of the relation.",
            "example": "alternate"
            },
        "type": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "A hint indicating what the media type of the result of
dereferencing the link should be.",
            "example": "application/geo+json"
            },
        "hreflang": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "A hint indicating what the language of the result of
dereferencing the link should be.",
            "example": "en"
            },
        "title": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "Used to label the destination of a link such that it can
be used as a human-readable identifier.",
            "example": "Trierer Strasse 70, 53115 Bonn"
            },
        "length": {
            "type": "integer"
            }
        }
    }
```

In addition, links should be passed in the response using HTTP link headers. These links are accessible to the client without a need to process the resource.

| Recommendation 1 | /rec/core/link-header |
|---|---|
| A | Links included in the payload of a response SHOULD also be included as `Link` headers in the HTTP response according to RFC 8288, Clause 3. |
| B | This recommendation does not apply when 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. |

## 6.4. Link relations

Link relation types identify the semantics a link. For example, a link with the relation type "service-meta" indicates that the current link context has service metadata at the link target.

Link relation types are expressed using the "rel" property from the Hyperlink Schema.

The "rel" property is populated using values from the IANA Link Relations Registry wherever possible. Additional values are registered with the OGC Link Relation Registry. Additional relation type values can be used if neither of these registers suffice.

The link relationships used in API-Common Core are described in Table 2. Additional relation types may be used if the implementation warrants it.

*Table 2. Link Relations*

| Link Relation | Purpose |
|---|---|
| `alternate` | Refers to a substitute for this context [IANA].<br>Refers to a representation of the current resource which is encoded using another media type (the media type is specified in the `type` link attribute). |
| `http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/conformance` | Refers to a resource that identifies the specifications that the link's context conforms to. [OGC] |
| `describedby` | Refers to a resource providing information about the link's context.[IANA]<br>Links to external resources which further describe the subject resource |
| `license` | Refers to a license associated with this context. [IANA] |
| `self` | Conveys an identifier for the link's context. [IANA]<br>A link to another representation of this resource. |
| `service-desc` | Identifies service description for the context that is primarily intended for consumption by machines. [IANA]<br>API definitions are considered service descriptions. |

| Link Relation | Purpose |
|---|---|
| `service-doc` | Identifies service documentation for the context that is primarily intended for human consumption. [IANA] |
| `service-meta` | Identifies general metadata for the context that is primarily intended for consumption by machines. [IANA] |

Additional information on the use of link relationships is provided in the OGC API - Common Users Guide.

## 6.5. Use of HTTPS

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

OGC Web API standards do not prohibit the use of any valid HTTP option. However, implementors should be aware that optional capabilities which are not in common use could be an impediment to interoperability.

## 6.6. API definition

### 6.6.1. General remarks

This OGC 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, and so on that are specific to the API or the software tool used to implement the API.

So that developers can more easily learn how to use the API, good documentation is essential for every 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. OpenAPI is one way to provide that machine readable documentation.

### 6.6.2. Role of OpenAPI

This standard uses OpenAPI 3.0 fragments in its' 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 standard includes a conformance class for API definitions that follow the OpenAPI specification 3.0. Alternative API definition languages are also allowed. Conformance classes for additional API definition languages will be added as the OGC API landscape continues to evolve.

### 6.6.3. 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 is 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 OGC 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.

### 6.6.4. Reusable OpenAPI components

Reusable components for OpenAPI definitions for an OGC API are referenced from this document. They are available from the OGC Schemas Registry at http://schemas.opengis.net/ogcapi/common/part1/1.0.

# Chapter 7. Overview

The OGC API - Common - Part 1: Core Standard defines the resources and access mechanisms which are useful for a client seeking to understand the offerings and capabilities of an API. These resources and their access mechanisms are described in Table 3.

*Table 3. Common Core Resources*

| Resource | URI | HTTP Method | Document Reference |
|---|---|---|---|
| Landing page | `/` | GET | API Landing Page |
| API definition | `/api` | GET | API Definition |
| Conformance declaration | `/conformance` | GET | Declaration of Conformance Classes |

## 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, technology has evolved. New Resource-Oriented APIs provide an alternative to Service-Oriented Web Services. New OGC Web API standards are under development to provide API alternatives to the OWS standards.

The OGC API - Common suite of standards specify common modules for defining OGC Web API standards that follow the current Web architecture. In particular, the recommendations as defined in 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.

## 7.2. 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. The approach specified in this standard 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 likelihood that they will integrate at run-time is greatly enhanced.

The OGC Modular Web API approach has several facets:

- A common `core` which is recommended for all OGC Web API implementations. This OGC API - Common - Part 1: Core Standard provides the information needed by a client to understand and use an OGC Web API.
- Clear separation between common requirements and more resource specific capabilities. The OGC API - Common suite of standards specify the *common* requirements that may be relevant to almost anyone who wants to build an API for spatial resources. Resource-specific requirements are addressed in resource-specific OGC standards.

- 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 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, this server 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 current or future OGC Web API standards.

A more detailed discussion of modular APIs can be found in the OGC API - Common Users Guide.

## 7.3. Using APIs

OGC API Standards are expected to support two different approaches that clients may use when accessing a conformant API.

In the first approach, clients are implemented with knowledge about the 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 Standards.

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 Standards. In this case the developer will study and use the API definition - typically an OpenAPI document - to understand the API and implement the 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.

# Chapter 8. Requirement Class "Core"

| Requirements Class | |
|---|---|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/req/core | |
| Target type | Web API |

The Core Requirements Class of the API-Common Core Standard describes how `core` resources are accessed through an OGC conformant Web API. The requirements that make up this requirements class are grouped into two categories. General requirements are those requirements which are applicable regardless of the resource being accessed. Resource requirements are the requirements which define the `core` resources and their applicable constraints.

## 8.1. General Requirements

The following requirements and recommentations are applicable to all OGC Web APIs.

### 8.1.1. 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 1 | /req/core/http |
|---|---|
| A | OGC Web APIs SHALL conform to HTTP 1.1. |
| B | If the API supports HTTPS, then the API SHALL also conform to HTTP over TLS. |

### 8.1.2. 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. |
| `302` | The target resource was found but resides temporarily under a different URI. A 302 response is not evidence that the operation has been successfully completed. |
| `303` | The server is redirecting the user agent to a different resource. A 303 response is not evidence that the operation has been successfully completed. |
| `304` | An entity tag was provided in the request and the resource has not changed since the previous request. |

| Status code | Description |
|---|---|
| 307 | The target resource resides temporarily under a different URI and the user agent MUST NOT change the request method if it performs an automatic redirection to that URI. |
| 308 | Indicates that the target resource has been assigned a new permanent URI and any future references to this resource ought to use one of the enclosed URIs. |
| 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. |
| 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 authorized 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. |

The return status codes described in Table 4 do not cover all possible conditions.

| **Permission 1** | **/per/core/additional-status-codes** |
|---|---|
| A | Servers MAY implement additional capabilities provided by the HTTP protocol. Therefore, they MAY return status codes in addition to those listed in Table 4. |

When a server encounters an error in the processing of a request, it may wish to include information in addition to the status code in the response. Since Web API interactions are often machine-to-machine, a machine-readable report would be prefered. IETF RFC 7807 addresses this need by providing "Problem Details" response schemas for both JSON and XML.

| **Recommendation 2** | **/rec/core/problem-details** |
|---|---|
| An OGC Web API should include a "Problem Details" report in any error response in accordance with IETF RFC 7807. | |

### 8.1.3. Query parameters

| Requirement 2 | /req/core/query-param-unknown |
|---|---|
| A | The server SHALL respond with a response with the status code `400`, if the request URI includes a query parameter that is not specified in the API definition. |

| Requirement 3 | /req/core/query-param-invalid |
|---|---|
| A | The server SHALL respond with a response with the status code `400`, if the request URI includes a query parameter that has an invalid value. |

The criteria for a parameter to be "specified" in the API definition depends on the API definition language used, the complexity of the resources exposed, and the abilty of the API server to tolerate errors.

A service implementer should endeavour to provide as much detail in the server's API definition as the API definition language allows. However, there is no requirement for it to list every endpoint for which there is a non-404 behaviour, for it to list every possible query parameter that might affect the behaviour of an endpoint, or for it to list every possible value that each query parameter might accept.

| Permission 2 | /per/core/query-param-specified |
|---|---|
| A | The specification of a query parameter in the API definition MAY encompass a range of parameter names. Any query parameter which falls within the specified range can be considered "specified" in the API definition.<br><br>Examples of a parameter range include:<br><br>• A regular expression which defines the valid parameter names,<br>• A URL Template segment which defines the valid parameter names,<br>• An indication that all parameter names are accepted (no parameter validation). |

| | |
|---|---|
| B | The API definition language chosen may not be capable of expressing the desired range of values. In that case the server SHOULD provide:<br>• A definition of the parameter range which best expresses the intended use of that parameter,<br>• Additional human readable text documenting the actual range of validity. |

| **Permission 3** | **/per/core/query-param-tolerance** |
|---|---|
| A | Servers MAY display tolerance for requests with incorrect query parameters. These acts of tolerance include:<br>• accept alternate capitalizations, spellings, and/or aliases of parameters,<br>• ignore unknown/unrecognized parameters,<br>• return a response with a status code of 30x redirecting the client to a more correct version of the request. |
| B | Servers should not be excessively tolerant. The response a client receives from the server should be a reasonable response for the request submitted. |

### 8.1.4. 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 7232).

| **Recommendation 3** | **/rec/core/etag** |
|---|---|
| A | The service SHOULD support entity tags and the associated headers as specified by HTTP/1.1. |

### 8.1.5. Support for Cross-Origin Requests

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

| **Recommendation 4** | **/rec/core/cross-origin** |
|---|---|

| | |
|---|---|
| A | If the server is intended to be accessed from a 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)

### 8.1.6. String Internationalization

If the server supports representing resources in multiple languages, the usual HTTP content negotiation mechanisms apply. The client states its language preferences in the `Accept-Language` header of a request and the server responds with responses that have linguistic text in the language that best matches the requested languages and the capabilities of the server.

| **Recommendation 5** | **/rec/core/string-i18n** |
|---|---|
| A | For encodings that support string internationalization, the server SHOULD include information about the language for each string value that includes linguistic text. |

For example, if JSON-LD is used as an encoding, the built-in capabilities to annotate a string with its language should be used.

The link object based on RFC 8288 (Web Linking) includes a `hreflang` attribute that can be used to state the language of the referenced resource. This can be used to include links to the same data in, for example, English or French. Just like with multiple encodings, a server that wants to use language-specific links will have to support a mechanism to mint language-specific URIs for resources in order to express links to, for example, the same resource in another language. Again, this document does not mandate any particular approach how such a capability is supported by the server.

### 8.1.7. Resource Encodings

A Web API provides access to resources through representations of those resources. One property of a representation is the format used to encode it for transfer. Components negotiate which encoding format to use through the content negotiation process defined in IETF RFC 7231.

Additional content negotiation techniques are allowed, but support is not required of implementations conformant to this Standard.

While this standard does not specify any mandatory encoding, the following encodings are recommended:

HTML encoding recommendation:

| **Recommendation 6** | **/rec/core/html** |
|---|---|
| A | To support browsing an API with a web browser and to enable search engines to crawl and index the dataset, implementations SHOULD consider supporting an HTML encoding. |

JSON encoding recommndation:

| **Recommendation 7** | **/rec/core/json** |
|---|---|
| A | To support processing of an API with a web applet, implementations SHOULD consider supporting a JSON encoding. |

Requirement `/req/core/http` implies that the encoding of a server 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 server 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 server.

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") URIs in the browser address bar, can study the API definition.

Two common approaches are to use:

- 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.

### 8.1.8. Parameter Encoding

The following sections provide the requirements and guidelines for encoding parameters for use in an OGC Web API request.

OGC Web API requests are issued using a Uniform Resource Identifier (URI). The URI syntax is defined in IETF RFC 3986. Rules for building URI Templates can be found in IETF RFC 6570.

The Backus-Naur Form (BNF) definition of a URI is provided in Annex F.

### Capitalization

IETF RFC 3986 sections 6.2.2.1 and 2.1 provide the requirements for capitalization in URIs.

| **Requirement 4** | **/req/core/query-param-capitalization** |
|---|---|
| A | Parameter names and values SHALL be case sensitive. |
| B | IF a parameter name or value includes a precent encoded (escaped) character,<br>THEN<br>the upper case hexadecimal digits ("A" through "F") of that percent encoded character SHALL be equivalent to the lower case digits "a" through "f" respectively. |

In order to minimize capitalization issues for implementors of OGC Web API standards:

| **Recommendation 8** | **/rec/core/query-param-capitalization** |
|---|---|
| A | Query parameter names SHOULD be in kebab case. (lower case with dash "-" delimiters) |
| B | Query parameter values are usually reflective of the internal structure of the target resource. Unless otherwise specified, these values SHOULD be in Kebab case. |

A Web API may allow filtering on properties of the target resource. In that case, the parameter name would be the name of the resource property. These names are defined by the standards and specifications defining the resource and cannot be constrained by this standard.

### Parameter Value Lists

Parameters may pass more than one value. These lists of parameter values may be passed in two ways.

1. Repeated name:value pairs where the parameter name is repeated for each value in the list
2. A parameter name followed by a delimited list of values.

The folowing requirements define how to encode a delimited list (case 2) of parameter values. They do not apply if replication (case 1) is uses.

| **Requirement 5** | **/req/core/query-param-list-delimiter** |
|---|---|
| A | Parameters values containing lists SHOULD specify the delimiter to be used in the API definition. |

| | |
|---|---|
| B | The default list item delimiter SHALL be the comma (","). |

| **Requirement 6** | **/req/core/query-param-list-escape** |
|---|---|
| A | Any list item values which include a space or comma SHALL escape the space or comma character using the URL encoding rules from IETF RFC 3986 |

| **Requirement 7** | **/req/core/query-param-list-empty** |
|---|---|
| A | All empty entries SHALL be represented by the empty string (""). |

Thus, two successive commas indicates an empty item, as does a leading comma or a trailing comma. An empty list ("") can either be interpreted as a list containing no items or as a list containing a single empty item, depending on the context.

#### Numeric and Boolean Values

Geospatial is a mathematical discipline. The clear and accurate exchange of mathematical values is essential. The encoding rules in this section standarize the encoding of numeric and boolean primitives when included in a URL. These rules are based on the computer science basic data types identified by Kernighan and Ritchie.

Boolean values conform to the following requirement.

| **Requirement 8** | **/req/core/query-param-value-boolean** |
|---|---|
| A | Boolean values shall be represented by the lowercase strings "true" and "false", representing Boolean true and false respectively. |

Integer values conform to the following requirement.

| **Requirement 9** | **/req/core/query-param-value-integer** |
|---|---|
| A | Integer values SHALL be represented by a finite-length sequence of decimal digits with an optional leading negative "-" sign. Positive values are assumed is the leading sign is omitted. |

Real numbers can be represented using either the decimal or double (exponential) format. The decimal format is typically used except for very large or small values.

Decimal values conform to the following requirement.

| Requirement 10 | /req/core/query-param-value-decimal |
|---|---|
| A | Decimal values SHALL be represented by a finite-length sequence of decimal digits separated by a period as a decimal indicator.<br>• An optional leading negative sign ("-") is allowed.<br>• If the sign is omitted, positive ("+") is assumed.<br>• Leading and trailing zeroes are optional.<br>• If the fractional part is zero, the period and following zero(es) can be omitted. |

Double values conform to the following requirement.

| Requirement 11 | /req/core/query-param-value-double |
|---|---|
| A | Double values SHALL be represented by a mantissa followed, optionally, by the character "e", followed by an exponent. |
| B | The exponent SHALL be an integer. |
| C | The mantissa SHALL be a decimal number. |
| D | The representations for exponent and mantissa SHALL follow the lexical rules for integer and decimal. |
| E | If the "e" and the following exponent are omitted, an exponent value of 0 SHALL be assumed. |

Special values conform to the following requirement.

| Requirement 12 | /req/core/query-param-value-special |
|---|---|
| A | The special values positive and negative infinity and not-a-number SHALL be represented using the strings `inf`, `-inf` and `nan`, respectively. |

## 8.2. Resource Requirements

The `core` resources are introduced in Table 5. The requirements and recommendations applicable to these resources are provided in this sections below.

*Table 5. Common Core Resources*

| URI Path | Description |
|---|---|
| "/" | the landing page |
| "/api" | the API Definition document for this API |
| "/conformance" | the conformance information for this API |

### 8.2.1. API landing page

A Web API has a single landing page on the `{root}` node.

The purpose of the landing page is to provide clients with a starting point for using the API. Any resource exposed through an API can be accessed by following paths or links starting from the landing page.

The landing page includes three metadata elements; title, description, and attribution. These three elements describe the API as a whole. Clients can expect to encounter metadata which is more resource-specific as they follow links and paths from the landing page.

While the three metadata elements are defined as text strings, the attribution element is special. Specifically, it can contain markup text. Markup allows a text string to import images and format text. The capabilities are only limited by the markup language used. See the example landing page for an example of the use of markup in the attribution element.

**Operation**

| **Requirement 13** | **/req/core/root-op** |
|---|---|
| A | The server SHALL support the HTTP GET operation on the URI `{root}/`. |
| B | The response to the HTTP GET request issued in `A` SHALL satisfy requirement /req/core/root-success. |

**Response**

| **Requirement 14** | **/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:<br>• `/api` (relation type 'service-desc' or 'service-doc')<br>• `/conformance` (relation type 'http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/conformance') |

The landing page returned by this operation is based on the following JSON schema.

*landingPage.json*

```
{
"$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
"title": "Landing Page Schema",
"description": "JSON schema for the OGC API - Common landing page",
"type": "object",
"required": [
    "links"
    ],
"properties": {
    "title": {
        "title": "The title of the API.",
        "description": "While a title is not required, implementors are strongly
advised to include one.",
        "type": "string"
        },
    "description": {
        "description": "A textual description of the API",
        "type": "string"
        },
    "attribution" : {
        "type" : "string",
        "title" : "attribution for the API",
        "description" : "The `attribution` should be short and intended for
presentation to a user, for example, in a corner of a map. Parts of the text can be
links to other resources if additional information is needed. The string can include
HTML markup."
        },
    "links": {
        "description": "Links to the resources exposed through this API.",
        "type": "array",
        "items": {"$href": "link.json"}
        }
    },
    "additionalProperties": true
}
```

It is recommended that OGC Web APIs provide a set of Service Metadata which identifies the service and provides information about the service provider.

| **Recommendation 9** | **/rec/core/service-metadata** |
|---|---|
| A Web API SHOULD provide service metadata. | |
| A | A Web API service SHOULD provide one or more service metadata resources accessible by an HTTP GET operation. |

| | |
|---|---|
| B | The landing page for a Web API service SHOULD provide links to the service metadata resources using the relation type `service-meta`. |
| C | A successful execution of the operation SHOULD be reported as a response with an HTTP status code `200`. |

Additional information about Service Metadata can be found in the OAPI-Common Users Guide.

Examples of OGC landing pages are provided in Example Landing Pages.

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

#### Error Situations

See HTTP Status Codes for general guidance.

### 8.2.2. API Definition

Every API should provide an API Definition resource which describes capabilities provided by that API. This resource 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 15** | **/req/core/api-definition-op** |
|---|---|
| A | The server SHALL support the HTTP GET operation on all links from the landing page which have the relation type `service-desc`. |
| B | The server SHALL support the HTTP GET operation on all links from the landing page which have the relation type `service-doc`. |
| C | The responses to all HTTP GET requests issued in `A` and `B` SHALL satisfy requirement /req/core/api-definition-success. |

| **Recommendation 10** | **/rec/core/api-definition-op** |
|---|---|
| A | The server SHOULD support the HTTP GET operation on the URI `{root}/api`. |
| B | The response to the HTTP GET request issued in `A` SHOULD satisfy requirement /req/core/api-definition-success. |

**Response**

| Requirement 16 | /req/core/api-definition-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 an API Definition document. |
| C | The API Definition document SHALL shall be consistent with the media type identified through HTTP content negotiation. |
| NOTE: | The `-f` parameter MAY be used to satisfy this requirement. |

| Recommendation 11 | /rec/core/api-definition-oas |
|---|---|
| A | If the API definition document uses the OpenAPI Specification 3.0, THEN<br>The document SHOULD conform to the OpenAPI Specification 3.0 requirements class. |

**Error Situations**

See HTTP Status Codes for general guidance.

## 8.2.3. Declaration of Conformance Classes

The OGC Web API Standards define a collection of modules which can be assembled into a Web API. The first question a client will ask when accessing one of these APIs is "what are you?" In other words, what modules were used to create you? Since implementors have a choice on which modules to use, there is no simple answer. The best that can be done is to provide a list of the modules implemented, a declaration of the Conformance Classes.

The list of Conformance Classes is key to understanding and using an OGC Web API. So it is important that they are easy to access. A simple GET using an easily constructed URL is all that should be required. Therefore, the path to the Conformance Declaration is fixed.

Ease of access is also supported by the structure of the Conformance Declaration resource. It is a simple list of URIs. This is a structure that requires almost no parsing and little interpretation. Designed to be accessible to even the simplest client.

**Operation**

| Requirement 17 | /req/core/conformance-op |
|---|---|

| | |
|---|---|
| A | The server SHALL support the HTTP GET operation on the URI `{root}/conformance`. |
| B | The server SHALL support the HTTP GET operation on all links from the landing page which have the relation type `http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/conformance`. |
| C | The responses to all HTTP GET requests issued in `A` and `B` SHALL satisfy requirement /req/core/conformance-success. |

**Response**

| **Requirement 18** | **/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 schema confClasses.json and list all OGC API conformance classes that the API conforms to. |

The Conformance Declaration resource returned by this operation is based on the following Conformance Declaration Schema.

Examples of OGC Conformance Declarations are provided in Conformance Examples.

*Conformance Declaration Schema*

```
{
"$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
"title": "Conformance Declaration 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/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/conf/core"
            }
        }
    }
}
```

**Error situations**

See HTTP Status Codes for general guidance.

# Chapter 9. Encoding Requirements Classes

## 9.1. Overview

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

- HTML
- JSON

Neither of these encodings are mandatory and an implementation of the Core requirements class may implement some, all, or none of them.

## 9.2. Requirement Class "HTML"

Geographic information that is only accessible in formats such as GeoJSON or GML have two issues:

- The data is not discoverable using Web crawlers and search engines,
- 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, this publication should be done in a way that enables users and search engines to discover and access all of the data.

This is discussed in detail in the W3C/OGC SDW Best Practice. Therefore, the OGC API - Common Standard recommends supporting HTML as an encoding.

| **Requirements Class** | |
|---|---|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/req/html | |
| Target type | Web API |
| Dependency | Requirements Class "OAPI Core" |
| Dependency | HTML5 |
| Dependency | Schema.org |

| **Requirement 19** | **/req/html/definition** |
|---|---|
| A | Every `200`-response of an operation of the API SHALL support the media type `text/html`. |

| **Requirement 20** | **/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:<br>• All information identified in the schemas of the Response Object in the HTML `<body/>`, and<br>• All links in HTML `<a/>` elements in the HTML `<body/>`. |

| **Recommendation 12** | **/rec/html/schema-org** |
|---|---|
| A | A `200`-response with the media type `text/html`, SHOULD include Schema.org annotations. |

## 9.3. Requirement Class "JSON"

JSON is a text syntax that facilitates structured data interchange between programming languages. It commonly used for Web-based software-to-software interchanges. Most Web developers are comfortable with using a JSON-based format, so supporting JSON is recommended for machine-to-machine interactions.

| **Requirements Class** | |
|---|---|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/req/json | |
| Target type | Web API |
| Dependency | Requirements Class "OAPI Core" |
| Dependency | IETF RFC 8259: The JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Data Interchange Format |
| Dependency | JSON Schema |

| **Requirement 21** | **/req/json/definition** |
|---|---|
| A | `200`-responses of the server SHALL support the `application/json` media type. |

| **Requirement 22** | **/req/json/content** |
|---|---|
| A | Every `200`-response with the media type `application/json` SHALL include, or link to, a payload encoded according to the JSON Interchange Format |

| | |
|---|---|
| B | The schema of all responses with the media type `application/json` SHALL conform with the JSON Schema specified for that resource. |

| **Recommendation 13** | **/rec/json/problem-details** |
|---|---|
| An OGC Web API which is returning an RFC 7807 "Problem Details" report in JSON should set the `Content-Type` header to "application/problem+json" and structure the report using the JSON Schema here. | |

An example JSON Schema for the landing page is available at landingPage.json.

An example JSON Problem Details report is available at ExceptionExample.json.

# Chapter 10. OpenAPI 3.0 Requirements Class

## 10.1. Basic requirements

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

| **Requirements Class** | |
|---|---|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/req/oas30 | |
| Target type | Web API |
| Dependency | Requirements Class "OAPI Core" |
| Dependency | OpenAPI Specification 3.0.2 |

| **Requirement 23** | **/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. |

| **Requirement 24** | **/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 25** | **/req/oas30/oas-impl** |
|---|---|
| A | The API SHALL implement all capabilities specified in the OpenAPI definition. |

## 10.2. Complete definition

| **Requirement 26** | **/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 APIs that, for example, are access-controlled (see Security), support web cache validation, support 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.

## 10.3. Exceptions

| **Requirement 27** | **/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 1. An exception response object definition*

```
description: An error occurred.
content:
  application/json:
    schema:
      $ref:
http://schemas.opengis.net/ogcapi/common/part1/1.0/openapi/schemas/exception.yaml
  text/html:
    schema:
      type: string
```

## 10.4. Security

OpenAPI uses two constructs to describe the security features of an API; Security Requirements and Security Schemes. Security Requirements are packaged in an array. Only one of the Security Requirements in the array must be met in-order to authorize a request. Security Requirements are associated with one or more Security Schemes. Each Security Scheme describes a security control (ex. HTTP authentication). All of the security schemes associated with a Security Requirement must be satisfied in order for that Security Requirement to be met.

Security Requirements can be defined on following levels:

- Root - applicable to the whole API unless overriden
- Operation - only applicable to this operation. Overrides any requirements defined at the Root level.

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.

| **Requirement 28** | **/req/oas30/security** |
|---|---|
| A | If the operations of the API are access-controlled, the security scheme(s) and requirements SHALL be documented in the OpenAPI definition. |

## 10.5. Service Metadata

OGC Web Services provide a set of metadata which identifies the service and provides information about the service provider. It would be useful if OGC Web APIs provide the same information. A `service-meta` link is provided on the Landing Page for this purpose.

| **Recommendation 14** | **/rec/oas30/service-metadata** |
|---|---|
| An OGC Web API SHOULD expose service metadata. | |
| A | That Service Metadata SHOULD provide identifying metadata about both the service and the provider of that service. |
| B | Service Metadata SHOULD be encoded in the OpenAPI `Info` object. |
| C | To simplify access, the Service Metadata SHOULD be available as a separate resource from the Service Definition. |

An example of a populated OpenAPI `Info` object is provided in the Service Metadata Examples section.

## 10.6. Query Parameter Definition

OpenAPI defines query parameters using the `Parameter` object with the `in` property set to "query". The parameter name is a literal value provided by the `name` property. Since the parameter names are literals, each parameter must be described separately.

API-Common requires that all query parameters are specified in the API definition. In the case of a Feature server, this could mean that every property of every feature type must be described in the API definition. a requirement that few implemetor would accept.

OpenAPI provides a capability that allows additional parameters to be specified without explicitly declaring them. That is, parameters that have not been explicitly specified in the API definition for the operation will still be considered "specified" for purposes of validation (see /per/core/query-

param-specified and /per/core/query-param-tolerance.

*OpenAPI schema for additional "free-form" query parameters*

```
in: query
name: freeFormParameters
schema:
  type: object
  additionalProperties: true
style: form
```

Note that the name of the parameter does not matter as the actual query parameters are the names of the object properties. For example, assume that the value of `freeFormParameters` is this object:

```
{
  "my_first_parameter": "some value",
  "my_other_parameter": 42
}
```

In the request URI this would be expressed as `&my_first_parameter=some%20value&my_other_parameter=42`.

## 10.7. Further Information

Additional guidance on using OpenAPI in OGC Web API implementations can be found in the OAPI-Common Users Guide.

# Chapter 11. Media Types

## 11.1. Normal Response Media Types

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

The media type that would typically be used in an OGC Web API for machine-to-machine exchanges would be `application/json`.

## 11.2. OpenAPI Media Types

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. |
|---|---|

## 11.3. Problem Details Media Types

OGC API-Common recommends that implementers use IETF RFC 7807 when constructing the response body for an error condition. The media types for an RFC 7807 Problem Details response body are:

- application/problem+json - for responses in JSON
- application/problem+xml - for responses in XML

# Chapter 12. Security Considerations

The OAPI-Common Core Standard does not specify any specific security controls. However, it was constructed so that security controls can be added without impacting conformance.

See Clause 10, Security Section for a discussion of OpenAPI support for security controls.

# 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-1/1.0/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** | **/conf/core/http** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate that the resources advertised through the API can be accessed using the HTTP 1.1 protocol 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.<br>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. |

#### Query Parameters

| **Abstract Test 2** | **/conf/core/query-param-capitalization** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate that a parameter name is correctly capitalized |
| Requirement | /req/core/query-param-capitalization |

| | |
|---|---|
| Test Method | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Execute that operation using that query parameter capitalized as specified in the API definition<br>2. Validate that the operation returns a reponse with the status code `200`.<br>3. Execute that operation using that query parameter with captialization inverse of that specified in the API definition<br>(Example: "Range" vs. "rANGE")<br>4. Validate that the operation returns a reponse with the status code `400`.<br>DONE<br>DONE |

| **Abstract Test 3** | **/conf/core/query-param-invalid** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate that an error is returned when a query parameter contains a value which is not valid for that parameter. |
| Requirement | /req/core/query-param-invalid |
| Test Method | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Execute that operation using the query parameter with values that do not comply with the advertised constraints on those values.<br>(Example: exceeding minimum or maximum values)<br>2. Validate that the operation returns a reponse with the status code `400`.<br>DONE<br>DONE |

| **Abstract Test 4** | **/conf/core/query-param-unknown** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate that an error is returned when a query parameter is used which has not been specified in the API definition. |
| Requirement | /req/core/query-param-unknown |

| | |
|---|---|
| Test Method | DO FOR ALL operations advertised in the API definition<br>1. Execute that operation using a query parameter which is not specified in the API definition.<br>2. Validate that the operation returns a reponse with the status code `400`.<br>DONE |

| **Abstract Test 5** | **/conf/core/query-param-list-delimiter** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate for every query parameter where the value may be a list:<br>**In the case of a client**: that the correct delimiter is used to delineate items in the list.<br>**In the case of a server**: that the server uses the designated delimiter to parse the items from the list. |
| Requirement | /req/core/query-param-list-delimiter |
| Test Method (Client) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value can be a list<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Identify the list delimiter for this API<br>a. As advertised in the API definition OR<br>b. Use a comma (",") if no delimiter is advertised.<br>2. Generate a set of requests using that parameter and a statistically significant set of valid parameter list values<br>3. Validate that the delimter identified in #1 is used to construct the lists.<br>DONE<br>DONE |
| Test Method (Server) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value can be a list<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and a value which is a delimited list of items<br>2. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value<br>3. Generate a request using that parameter and a value where:<br>a. the value is a delimited list AND<br>b. the delimiter used to construct the list is not valid for this server<br>4. Validate that the server returns a status code `400`<br>DONE<br>DONE |

| **Abstract Test 6** | **/conf/core/query-param-list-empty** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate for every query parameter where the value may be a list:<br>**In the case of a client**: that an empty list value is represented by an empty string ("").<br>**In the case of a server**: that the server interprets an empty string ("") as an empty list. |
| Requirement | /req/core/query-param-list-empty |
| Test Method (Client) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value can be a list<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and an empty list<br>2. Validate that the empty list is represented by an empty string ("")<br>DONE<br>DONE |
| Test Method (Server) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value can be a list<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and an empty string ("") for the parameter value.<br>2. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value as an empty list<br>DONE<br>DONE |

| **Abstract Test 7** | **/conf/core/query-param-list-escape** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate for every query parameter where the value may be a list:<br>**In the case of a client**: that any space or comma characters in the values are properly escaped<br>**In the case of a server**: that all escaped space and comma characters that appear in the values are properly processed. |
| Requirement | /req/core/query-param-list-escape |

| | |
|---|---|
| Test Method (Client) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value can be a list<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a set of requests using that parameter and a statistically significant set of valid parameter values<br>2. Validate that all space and comma characters are properly escaped.<br>DONE<br>DONE |
| Test Method (Server) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value can be a list<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and a value which includes an escaped space or comma<br>2. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value<br>3. Generate a request using that parameter and a value which includes an non-escaped space or comma<br>4. Validate that the server returns a status code `400`<br>DONE<br>DONE |

| **Abstract Test 8** | **/conf/core/query-param-value-boolean** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate for every query parameter where the value is a boolean:<br>**In the case of a client**: that the values are represented either by the string "true" or the string "false".<br>**In the case of a server**: that the server correctly interprets boolean values of "true" and "false". |
| Requirement | /req/core/query-param-value-boolean |
| Test Method (Client) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value is a boolean<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and a value of true<br>2. Validate that the value is represented using the string "true"<br>3. Generate a request using that parameter and a value of false<br>4. Validate that the value is represented using the string "false"<br>DONE<br>DONE |

| | |
|---|---|
| Test Method (Server) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value is a boolean<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and the string "true" for the parameter value<br>2. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value as true boolean value<br>3. Generate a request using that parameter and the string "false" for the parameter value<br>4. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value as false boolean value<br>DONE<br>DONE |

| **Abstract Test 9** | **/conf/core/query-param-value-decimal** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate for every query parameter where the value is an decimal:<br>**In the case of a client**: that the values are represented by numeric strings with:<br>a) an optional leading negative "-" sign character and<br>b) a period to indicate the fractional portion of the value.<br>**In the case of a server**: that the server correctly interprets properly encoded decimal values. |
| Requirement | /req/core/query-param-value-decimal |
| Test Method (Client) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value is a decimal number<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and a positive decimal value with at least two fractional digits<br>2. Validate that the value is represented by a numeric string with no leading sign and at least two digits after the period (".") character<br>3. Generate a request using that parameter and a negative decimal value with at least two fractional digits<br>4. Validate that the value is represented by a numeric string with a leading negative sign ("-") and at least two digits after the period (".") character<br>DONE<br>DONE |

| | |
|---|---|
| Test Method (Server) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value is a decimal number<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and a parameter value which is:<br>a) an unsigned numeric string preceeded by one or more zeros<br>b) contains at least two factional digits followed by one or more zeros<br>2. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value as an unsigned decimal value<br>3. Generate a request using that parameter and a parameter value which is:<br>a) a signed negative numeric string<br>b) contains at least two factional digits followed by one or more zeros<br>4. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value as a signed negative decimal value<br>5. Generate a request using that parameter and a parameter value which:<br>a) is an unsigned numeric string preceeded by one or more zeros<br>b) does not contain non-numereic characters (".")<br>6. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value as an unsigned decimal value with a fractional value of zero<br>DONE<br>DONE |

| **Abstract Test 10** | **/conf/core/query-param-value-double** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate for every query parameter where the value is an double:<br>**In the case of a client**: that the values are represented by a mantissa and an exponent where:<br>a) the exponent is an integer<br>b) the mantissa is a decimal and<br>e) an "e" is used to delineate between the two.<br>**In the case of a server**: that the server correctly interprets properly encoded double values. |
| Requirement | /req/core/query-param-value-double |

| | |
|---|---|
| Test Method (Client) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value is a double value<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and a positive numeric value greater than 4,294,967,296 with at least two fractional digits<br>2. Validate that the value is represented by:<br>a. a decimal number,<br>b. followed by the character "e",<br>c. followed by an integer number<br>3. Validate the decimal number using the Test for Decimal Parmeters<br>4. Validate the integer number using the Test for Integer Parmeters<br>5. Validate that encoded value is a correct represented of the numeric value (step 1) represented using scientific notation<br>DONE<br>DONE |
| Test Method (Server) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value is a double value<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and a parameter value which is:<br>a) greater than 4,294,967,296<br>b) contains at least two factional digits followed by one or more zeros<br>2. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value<br>3. Generate a request using that parameter and a parameter value which is:<br>a) less than -4,294,967,296<br>b) contains at least two factional digits followed by one or more zeros<br>4. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value<br>5. Generate a request using that parameter and a parameter value which is:<br>a) Less than 4,294,967,296<br>b) Greater than -4,294,967,295<br>c) Represented as a single decimal number<br>6. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value<br>DONE<br>DONE |

| **Abstract Test 11** | **/conf/core/query-param-value-integer** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate for every query parameter where the value is an integer:<br>**In the case of a client**: that the values are represented by numeric strings with an optional leading negative "-" character.<br>**In the case of a server**: that the server correctly interprets properly encoded integer values. |
| Requirement | /req/core/query-param-value-integer |
| Test Method (Client) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value is an integer<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and a positive integer value<br>2. Validate that the value is represented by a numeric string with no leading sign<br>3. Generate a request using that parameter and a negative integer value<br>4. Validate that the value is represented by a numeric string with a leading negative sign ("-")<br>DONE<br>DONE |
| Test Method (Server) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value is an integer<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and an unsigned numeric string for the parameter value<br>2. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value as an unsigned integer<br>3. Generate a request using that parameter and a negative signed numeric string for the parameter value<br>4. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value as a signed negative integer value<br>DONE<br>DONE |

| **Abstract Test 12** | **/conf/core/query-param-value-special** |
|---|---|

| | |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate for every query parameter where the value is a numeric:<br>**In the case of a client**: that the values for special case numerics are represented as follows:<br>a. Positive infinity is represented by the string "inf"<br>b. Negative infinity is represented by the string "-inf"<br>b. "Not A Number" is represented by the string "-nan"<br>**In the case of a server**: that the server correctly interprets special case values. |
| Requirement | /req/core/query-param-value-special |
| Test Method (Client) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value is a numeric<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and a value of infinity<br>2. Validate that the value is represented using the string "inf"<br>3. Generate a request using that parameter and a value of negative infinity<br>4. Validate that the value is represented using the string "-inf"<br>DONE<br>5. Generate a request using that parameter and the machine representation of Not a Number for the value<br>4. Validate that the value is represented using the string "nan"<br>DONE<br>DONE |
| Test Method (Server) | DO FOR ALL query parameters advertised in the API definition where the parameter value is a numeric<br>DO FOR ALL operations for which that parameter is valid<br>1. Generate a request using that parameter and the string "inf" for the parameter value<br>2. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value as an infinite value<br>3. Generate a request using that parameter and the string "-inf" for the parameter value<br>4. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value as a negative infinite value<br>5. Generate a request using that parameter and the string "nan" for the parameter value<br>6. Validate that the server properly interprets that parameter value as not a number<br>DONE<br>DONE |

### A.2.2. Landing Page {root}/

| **Abstract Test 13** | **/conf/core/root-op** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate that a landing page can be retrieved from the expected location. |
| Requirement | /req/core/root-op<br>/req/core/root-success |
| Test Method | 1. Issue an HTTP GET request to the URL {root}/<br>2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code `200`<br>3. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /conf/core/root-success. |

| **Abstract Test 14** | **/conf/core/root-success** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate that the landing page complies with the required 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 6<br><br>For formats that require manual inspection, perform the following:<br><br>1. Validate that the landing page includes a "service-desc" and/or "service-doc" link to an API Definition<br>2. Validate that the landing page includes a "http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/conformance" link to the conformance class declaration |

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 6. Schema and Tests for Landing Pages*

| **Format** | **Schema Document** | **Test ID** |
|---|---|---|
| HTML | landingPage.json | /conf/html/content |
| JSON | landingPage.json | /conf/json/content |

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

| **Abstract Test 15** | **/conf/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<br>/req/core/api-definition-success |
| Test Purpose | Validate that the API Definition document can be retrieved from the expected location. |
| Test Method | DO FOR EACH `service-desc` and `service-doc` link on the landing page:<br>1. Issue an HTTP GET request for the link<br>2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code `200`<br>3. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /conf/core/api-definition-success.<br>DONE |

| **Abstract Test 16** | **/conf/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 17** | **/conf/core/conformance-op** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Validate that a Conformance Declaration can be retrieved from the expected locations. |
| Requirement | /req/core/conformance-op<br>/req/core/conformance-success |

| | |
|---|---|
| Test Method | DO FOR EACH `http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/conformance` link on the landing page:<br><br>1. Issue an HTTP GET request for the link<br>2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code `200`<br>3. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /conf/core/conformance-success.<br><br>DONE<br>THEN<br><br>1. Issue an HTTP GET request for the `{root}/conformance` path<br>2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code `200`<br>3. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /conf/core/conformance-success.<br><br>ENDIF |

| **Abstract Test 18** | **/conf/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 the schema confClasses.yaml<br>2. Validate that the document includes the conformance class "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/conf/core"<br>3. Validate that the document list all OGC API conformance classes that the API implements. |

# A.3. Conformance Class JSON

| **Conformance Class** | |
|---|---|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/conf/json | |
| Target type | Web API |
| Requirements Class | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/req/json |
| Dependency | Conformance Class "OAPI Core" |

### A.3.1. JSON Definition

| **Abstract Test 19** | **/conf/json/definition** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Verify support for JSON |
| Requirement | /req/json/definition<br>/req/json/content |
| Test Method | DO FOR EACH operation advertised for the API<br>1. Execute the operation specifing `application/json` as the media type<br>2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code `200`<br>3. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /conf/json/content.<br>DONE |

### A.3.2. JSON Content

| **Abstract Test 20** | **/conf/json/content** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Verify the content of a JSON document given an input document and schema. |
| Requirement | /req/json/content |
| Test Method | 1. Validate that the document is a JSON (IETF RFC 8259) document.<br>2. Validate the document against the schema using a JSON Schema validator. |

## A.4. Conformance Class HTML

| **Conformance Class** | |
|---|---|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/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.4.1. HTML Definition

| **Abstract Test 21** | **/conf/html/definition** |
|---|---|
| Test Purpose | Verify support for HTML |
| Requirement | /req/html/definition<br>/req/html/content |
| Test Method | DO FOR EACH operation advertised for the API<br>1. Execute the operation specifing `text/html` as the media type<br>2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code `200`<br>3. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /conf/html/content.<br>DONE |

### A.4.2. HTML Content

| **Abstract Test 22** | **/conf/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<br>2. Manually inspect the document against the schema. |

## A.5. Conformance Class OpenAPI 3.0

| **Conformance Class** | |
|---|---|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/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 23** | **/conf/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 24** | **/conf/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 25** | **/conf/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`<br>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 26** | **/conf/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 27** | **/conf/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 an operation for each OpenAPI `Path` object including all server URL options, HTTP operations and enumerated path parameters.<br>2. Validate that each operation performs in accordance with the API definition. |

| **Abstract Test 28** | **/conf/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.<br>2. Validate that each authentication protocol is described in the 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 2. JSON Landing Page*

This example Landing Page response in JSON is for an implementation of the OGC API-Common Standard that supports:

- HTML
- JSON
- API-Common Part 2 (Geospatial Data)

This example also illustrates the `self` and `alternate` association types.


```
{
  "title": "Example API Landing Page",
  "description": "This is an example of an API landing page in JSON format",
  "attribution": "<a href='www.ign.es' rel=' '>IGN</a> <a href='www.govdata.de/dl-
de/by-2-0'>(c)</a>",
  "links": [
    {
      "rel": "service-desc",
      "type": "application/vnd.oai.openapi+json;version=3.0",
      "title": "API definition for this endpoint as JSON",
      "href": "http://www.example.com/oapi-
c/api?f=application/vnd.oai.openapi+json;version=3.0"
    },
    {
      "rel": "service-doc",
      "type": "text/html",
      "title": "API definition for this endpoint as HTML",
      "href": "http://www.example.com/oapi-c/api?f=text/html"
    },
    {
      "rel": "http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/conformance",
      "type": "application/json",
      "title": "Conformance Declaration as JSON",
      "href": "http://www.example.com/oapi-c/conformance?f=application/json"
    },
    {
      "rel": "http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/conformance",
      "type": "text/html",
      "title": "Conformance Declaration as HTML",
      "href": "http://www.example.com/oapi-c/conformance?f=text/html"
    },
    {
      "rel": "http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/data",
      "type": "application/json",
      "title": "Collections Metadata as JSON",
      "href": "http://www.example.com/oapi-c/collections?f=application/json"
    },
    {
```

```
      "rel": "http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/data",
      "type": "text/html",
      "title": "Collections Metadata as HTML",
      "href": "http://www.example.com/oapi-c/collections?f=text/html"
    },
    {
      "rel": "alternate",
      "type": "text/html",
      "title": "This Document as HTML",
      "href": "http://www.example.com/oapi-c?f=text/html"
    },
    {
      "rel": "self",
      "type": "application/json",
      "title": "This Document",
      "href": "http://www.example.com/oapi-c?f=application/json"
    }
  ]
}
```


# B.2. Conformance Examples

*Example 3. Conformance Response*

This example response in JSON is for an implementation of the OGC API-Common Standard that supports OpenAPI 3.0 for the API definition and HTML and JSON as encodings for resources.


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


# B.3. API Definition Examples

*Example 4. JSON API Definition*

This is an example of an API Definition response in JSON. It describes an implementation of the OGC API-Common Part 1 - Core Standard.

This example also illustrates:

1. Extended metadata (x-keywords),
2. Multiple Servers,
3. The use of tags to associate external documentation,
4. Responses which reference the appropriate JSON schema

```
{
  "openapi" : "3.0.2",
  "info" : {
    "title" : "A sample API conforming to the draft standard OGC API - Common -
Part 1 - Core",
    "version" : "1.0.0",
    "description" : "This is a sample OpenAPI definition of the OGC API - Common -
Part 1 - Core Standard. This example is a generic OGC API definition that
describes the Common Core of OGC Web APIs. This generic OpenAPI definition does
not provide any details on the hosted content.",
    "contact" : {
      "name" : "Acme Corporation",
      "email" : "info@example.org",
      "url" : "http://example.org/"
    },
    "license" : {
      "name" : "CC-BY 4.0 license",
      "url" : "https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/"
    },
    "x-keywords" : [ "geospatial", "data", "api" ]
  },
  "servers" : [ {
    "url" : "https://data.example.org/",
    "description" : "Production server"
  }, {
    "url" : "https://dev.example.org/",
    "description" : "Development server"
  } ],
  "tags" : [ {
    "name" : "capabilities",
    "description" : "essential characteristics of this API"
  }, {
    "name" : "data",
    "description" : "access to data"
  }, {
    "name" : "server",
    "description" : "Information about the server hosting this API",
```

```
    "externalDocs" : {
      "description" : "information",
      "url" : "https://example.com/sample_api/documentation"
    }
  } ],
  "paths" : {
    "/" : {
      "get" : {
        "description" : "The landing page provides links to the API definition and
the conformance statements for this API.",
        "operationId" : "getLandingPage",
        "parameters" : [ {
          "$ref" : "#/components/parameters/f"
        } ],
        "responses" : {
          "200" : {
            "description" : "successful operation",
            "content" : {
              "application/json" : {
                "schema" : {
                  "$ref" :
"https://github.com/opengeospatial/oapi_common/blob/master/core/openapi/schemas/la
ndingPage.json"
                }
              }
            }
          },
          "400" : {
            "$ref" : "#/components/responses/400"
          },
          "500" : {
            "$ref" : "#/components/responses/500"
          }
        },
        "summary" : "Landing page",
        "tags" : [ "server" ]
      }
    },
    "/api" : {
      "get" : {
        "description" : "This document",
        "operationId" : "getAPIDefinition",
        "parameters" : [ {
          "$ref" : "#/components/parameters/f"
        } ],
        "responses" : {
          "200" : {
            "$ref" : "#/components/responses/200"
          },
          "400" : {
            "$ref" : "#/components/responses/400"
```

```
          },
          "default" : {
            "$ref" : "#/components/responses/400"
          }
        },
        "summary" : "This document",
        "tags" : [ "server" ]
      }
    },
    "/conformance" : {
      "get" : {
        "description" : "A list of all conformance classes that the server
conforms to.",
        "operationId" : "getConformanceClasses",
        "parameters" : [ {
          "$ref" : "#/components/parameters/f"
        } ],
        "responses" : {
          "200" : {
            "description" : "successful operation",
            "content" : {
              "application/json" : {
                "schema" : {
                  "$ref" :
"https://github.com/opengeospatial/oapi_common/blob/master/core/openapi/schemas/co
nfClasses.json"
                }
              }
            }
          },
          "400" : {
            "$ref" : "#/components/responses/400"
          },
          "500" : {
            "$ref" : "#/components/responses/500"
          }
        },
        "summary" : "API conformance definition",
        "tags" : [ "server", "capabilities" ]
      }
    }
  },
  "components" : {
    "parameters" : {
      "f" : {
        "description" : "The optional f parameter indicates the output format
which the server shall provide as part of the response document.  The default
format is JSON.",
        "explode" : false,
        "in" : "query",
        "name" : "f",
```

```
        "required" : false,
        "schema" : {
          "default" : "json",
          "enum" : [ "json", "html" ],
          "type" : "string"
        },
        "style" : "form"
      }
    },
    "responses" : {
      "200" : {
        "description" : "successful operation"
      },
      "400" : {
        "description" : "error response",
        "content" : {
          "application/json" : {
            "schema" : {
              "$ref" :
"https://github.com/opengeospatial/oapi_common/blob/master/core/openapi/schemas/ex
ception.yaml"
            }
          }
        }
      },
      "500" : {
        "description" : "server errors",
        "content" : {
          "application/json" : {
            "schema" : {
              "$ref" :
"https://github.com/opengeospatial/oapi_common/blob/master/core/openapi/schemas/ex
ception.yaml"
            }
          }
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

## B.4. Service Metadata Examples

*Example 5. Service Metadata*

This is an example of how to extend the OpenAPI `info` object to include identifying metadata about both the service and the service provider.

```
{
  "info" : {
    "title" : "My Web API",
    "version" : "1.0.0",
    "description" : "This example shows population of an OpenAPI Info element with
identifying metadata for both the service and the service provider.",
    "contact" : {
      "name" : "Acme Corporation",
      "email" : "info@example.org",
      "url" : "http://example.org/",
      "x-OGC-serviceContact" : {
        "individualName" : "John Smith",
        "positionName" : "System Administrator",
        "role" : "pointOfcontact",
        "hoursOfService" : "24 Hours",
        "contractInstructions" : "None",
        "onlineResource" : "http://example.org/contact",
        "address" : {
          "deliveryPoint" : "123 Any Street",
          "city" : "Boston",
          "administrativeArea" : "MA",
          "postalCode" : "12345",
          "country" : "USA",
          "electronicMailAddress" : "smith.j@example.org"
        },
        "telephone" : {
          "voice" : "+1.123.456.7890",
          "facsimile" : "+1.123.456.7890 "
        }
      }
    },
    "license" : {
      "name" : "CC-BY 4.0 license",
      "url" : "https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/"
    },
    "x-serviceType" : "http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-common-1/1.0",
    "x-serviceTypeVersion" : "1.0",
    "x-profile" : "DGIWG",
    "x-keywords" : [ "geospatial", "data", "api" ],
    "x-fees" : "None",
    "x-accessConstraints" : "None"
  }
}
```

# Annex C: Revision History

| Date | Release | Editor | Primary clauses modified | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2019-10-31 | October 2019 snapshot | C. Heazel | all | Baseline update |
| 2020-04-21 | Public Comments | C. Heazel | all | Separation of Collections from Core plus additional comment adjudications. |
| 2020-07-31 | Cleanup | C. Heazel | all | General clean-up and update. |

# Annex D: Glossary

- **Conformance Test Module**
  set of related tests, all within a single conformance test class (OGC 08-131r3)

| | |
|---|---|
| **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.<br>This term and those associated to it are included here for consistency with ISO 19105. |

- **Conformance Test Class; Conformance Test Level**
  set of conformance test modules that must be applied to receive a single **certificate of conformance**. (OGC 08-131r3)

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

- **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)

- **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 08-131r3)

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|---|---|
| **NOTE:** | "Although using normative language, a recommendation is not a requirement. The usual form replaces the `shall` (imperative or command) of a requirement with a `should` (suggestive or conditional)." (ISO Directives Part 2) |

- **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 08-131r3)

- **Requirements Class**
  aggregate of all requirement modules that must all be satisfied to satisfy a conformance test class (OGC 08-131r3)

- **Requirements Module**
  aggregate of requirements and recommendations of a specification against a single standardization target type (OGC 08-131r3)

- **Standardization Target**
  entity to which some requirements of a standard apply (OGC 08-131r3)

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

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# Annex F: Backus-Naur Forms

## F.1. BNF for URI

The following Augmented Backus-Naur Form (ABNF) is from Appendix A of IETF RFC 3986.

```
URI           = scheme ":" hier-part [ "?" query ] [ "#" fragment ]
```

```
hier-part     = "//" authority path-abempty
              / path-absolute
              / path-rootless
              / path-empty
```

```
URI-reference = URI / relative-ref
```

```
absolute-URI  = scheme ":" hier-part [ "?" query ]
```

```
relative-ref  = relative-part [ "?" query ] [ "#" fragment ]
```

```
relative-part = "//" authority path-abempty
                 / path-absolute
                 / path-noscheme
                 / path-empty
```

```
scheme        = ALPHA *( ALPHA / DIGIT / "+" / "-" / "." )
```

```
authority     = [ userinfo "@" ] host [ ":" port ]
userinfo      = *( unreserved / pct-encoded / sub-delims / ":" )
host          = IP-literal / IPv4address / reg-name
port          = *DIGIT
```

```
IP-literal    = "[" ( IPv6address / IPvFuture  ) "]"
```

```
IPvFuture     = "v" 1*HEXDIG "." 1*( unreserved / sub-delims / ":" )
```

```
IPv6address   =                            6( h16 ":" ) ls32
              /                       "::" 5( h16 ":" ) ls32
              / [               h16 ] "::" 4( h16 ":" ) ls32
              / [ *1( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::" 3( h16 ":" ) ls32
              / [ *2( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::" 2( h16 ":" ) ls32
              / [ *3( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::"    h16 ":"   ls32
              / [ *4( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::"              ls32
              / [ *5( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::"              h16
              / [ *6( h16 ":" ) h16 ] "::"
```

```
h16           = 1*4HEXDIG
ls32          = ( h16 ":" h16 ) / IPv4address
IPv4address   = dec-octet "." dec-octet "." dec-octet "."
```

```
dec-octet     = DIGIT                 ; 0-9
              / %x31-39 DIGIT         ; 10-99
              / "1" 2DIGIT            ; 100-199
              / "2" %x30-34 DIGIT     ; 200-249
              / "25" %x30-35          ; 250-255
```

```
reg-name      = *( unreserved / pct-encoded / sub-delims )
```

```
path          = path-abempty    ; begins with "/" or is empty
              / path-absolute   ; begins with "/" but not "//"
              / path-noscheme   ; begins with a non-colon segment
              / path-rootless   ; begins with a segment
              / path-empty      ; zero characters
```

```
path-abempty  = *( "/" segment )
path-absolute = "/" [ segment-nz *( "/" segment ) ]
path-noscheme = segment-nz-nc *( "/" segment )
path-rootless = segment-nz *( "/" segment )
path-empty    = 0<pchar>
```

```
segment       = *pchar
segment-nz    = 1*pchar
segment-nz-nc = 1*( unreserved / pct-encoded / sub-delims / "@" )
              ; non-zero-length segment without any colon ":"
```

```
pchar         = unreserved / pct-encoded / sub-delims / ":" / "@"
```

```
query         = *( pchar / "/" / "?" )
```

```
fragment      = *( pchar / "/" / "?" )
```

```
pct-encoded   = "%" HEXDIG HEXDIG
```

```
unreserved    = ALPHA / DIGIT / "-" / "." / "_" / "~"
reserved      = gen-delims / sub-delims
gen-delims    = ":" / "/" / "?" / "#" / "[" / "]" / "@"
sub-delims    = "!" / "$" / "&" / "'" / "(" / ")"
              / "*" / "+" / "," / ";" / "="
```

# Annex G: OGC Web API Guidelines

The following table discusses how this standard addresses the design principles documented in the OGC Web API Guidelines.

| # | Principle | Discussion |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Don't reinvent** | Great care was taken in the development of this standard to only address capabilities which were not already standardized and to define how the needed capabilites integrate into a single API. |
| 2 | **Keep it simple and intuitive** | OGC Web APIs are developed using a building block approach. Conformance Classes are defined which encompase requirements sufficient to create a usable software module and no more. Complex APIs are constructed by assembling the applicable Conformance Classes. |
| 3 | **Use well-known resource types** | Except where unique to a specific Conformance Class, all resources types are IANA or OGC registered types.<br>OGC Web API standards do not mandate an encoding. The encodings supported by an API are specified by the corresponding encoding Conformance Classes. All encodings used to-date are IANA registered media types. |
| 4 | **Construct consistent URIs** | OGC Web APIs are built from standardized modules using standardized patterns. This modular approach assures that the URIs are consistent across OGC Web APIs.<br>OGC Web API Common defines stylistic conventions for query parameters, query values, identifiers, and path elements used to create OGC Web API URLs. |
| 5 | **Use HTTP methods consistent with RFC 7231** | OGC web APIs are restricted to the HTTP methods defined in IETF RFC 7231. |
| 6 | **Put selection criteria behind the '?'** | Section 6.1 of this Standard defines the conventions to be used when creating URIs for OGC Web API standards. This includes the use of the "?" to deliminate query parameters from the rest of the URI.<br>Note that this does not preclude the use of resource identifiers (ex. collection identifiers) as part of the path. However those can be considered identifying criteria rather than selection criteria. |
| 7 | **Error handling and use of HTTP status codes** | This standard identifies the applicable HTTP status codes and under what conditions they should be returned. Status codes and supporting information are returned in the HTTP response using a reporting structure based on RFC 7807. |
| 8 | **Use explicit list of HTTP status codes** | HTTP Status Codes provides a list of the HTTP status codes that implementors of this standard should be prepared to generate and accept. This list is not exhaustive (see guideline #1). |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 9 | **Use of HTTP header** | OGC API Common does not preclude use of HTTP headers where it is appropriate to do so.<br>Only standard HTTP headers are used.<br>Due to the common use of the HATEOAS pattern in OGC Web APIs, HTTP headers are not always accessible. The use of query parameter overrides is allowed. |
| 10 | **Allow flexible content negotiation** | IETF RFC 7231 content negotiation is avalable on all transactions.<br>Since the HTTP headers are not always accessible, content negotiation may be performed through a query parameter (see #9). |
| 11 | **Pagination** | Of the resources defined in API-Common Core only the conformance resource is "listable". We do not anticipate the conformance resource to grow to any size, so support for pagenation would add complexity will little to no value (violating #2)<br>If an OpenAPI document is used as the API definition, then pagination could become an issue for this resource. The question of how to handle large OpenAPI documents is still an open issue being worked across the Standards Working Groups. |
| 12 | **Processing resources** | Processing resources are not addressed by this Standard. |
| 13 | **Support metadata** | Support for metadata is provided through metadata resource links.<br>Examples include links with the relation type `service-desc`,`service-doc`, `service-meta`, or `data-meta`. |
| 14 | **Consider your security needs** | While not mandated, use of HTTPS vs. HTTP is encouraged throughout this standard.<br>Authenitcation is not precluded by this standard, but in keeping with guideline #1, this standard does not presume to dictate what authentication methods can be used.<br>API-Common - Core only defines GET requests. The security issues associated with CRUD are not applicable to this standard. |
| 15 | **API description** | The API definition is avaliable using the `service-desc` (machine readable) and `service-doc` (human readable) associations from the landing page.<br>OpenAPI is the only API definition type currently supported. |
| 16 | **Use well-known identifiers** | IANA identifiers are used where they are available. Where no IANA identifiers are appropriate, OGC registered identifiers are used.<br>OGC identifiers are only used after they have been reviewed and approved by the OGC Naming Authority. |
| 17 | **Use explicit relations** | All relations in this standard are typed using relation types registered in the IANA or the OGC relation type registers. |
| 18 | **Support W3C cross-origin resource sharing** | This guideline is addressed in Support for Cross-Origin Requests. |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 19 | **Resource encodings** | Conformance classes for both HTML and JSON have been defined. Implementation of both the HTML and JSON Conformance Classes is recommended. |
| 20 | **Good APIs are testable from the beginning** | The Abstract Test Suite (ATS) for this standard is provided in Annex A. The ATS is defined to sufficient level of detail to validate that it is implementable and comprehensive |
| 21 | **Specify whether operations are safe and/or idempotent** | According to IETF RFC 7231 "the GET, HEAD, OPTIONS, and TRACE methods are defined to be safe." and the "PUT, DELETE, and safe request methods are idempotent". All request methods in this standard (GET) are both safe and idempotent. |
| 22 | **Make resources discoverable** | All resouces defined in this standard can be navigated to through resource links and optional standard paths. All resource links are typed using registered relation types. These links are encoded using a standard link structure which includes the media type, language, and title of the resource. |
| 23 | **Make default behavior explicit** | This Standard defines the proper and allowed responses for any valid or invalid request. |