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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 multiple OGC Web API standards. These common practices are documented in the OGC API - Common suite of standards. OGC API - Common standards serve as reusable building-blocks. Standards developers 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.

Spatial data is rarely considered as a single entity. [Feature Collections](#), [Coverages](#), [Data Sets](#), they are all aggregations of [Spatial](#) or [Temporal](#) Things. It stands to reason that an OGC Web API would also expose its' holdings as aggregates of spatial resources.

The purpose of the OGC API - Common - Part 2: Collections Standard (API-Collections) is to provide a common connection between the API landing page and resource-specific details. That connection includes metadata which describes the collections of hosted resources, common parameters for selecting subsets of those collections, and URI templates for identifying the above.

This common connection is sufficient to start the client down the path to resource discovery. Developers of OGC Web API standards extend these first steps with details specific to the resources they intend to expose.

ii. Keywords

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

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Chapter 2. Scope

The OGC API - Common suite of standards provides a set of modular API standards which can be used to build resource and mission-specific Web API standards. The OGC API - Common - Part 2: Collections Standard (API-Collections) is one of those modules.

API-Collections describes discovery and query operations for resources which are typically packaged into sets or collections of related resources. Operations are defined for both the **collection** resource and for the individual member resources (**items**) that make up the collection. Operations are also defined for the **collections** resource. **Collections** is a collection of collections. It serves as a single access point for the collections hosted by an API.

API-Collections does not specify the nature of the resources that make up a collection nor of the collection itself. Rather, it provides a basic capability which should be applicable to any resource type. Additional OGC Web API standards extend this foundation to define resource-specific capabilities.

Chapter 3. Conformance

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

The one Standardization Target for this standard is Web APIs.

API-Collections defines an API module intended for re-use by other 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 shall be included or referenced in the Abstract Test Suite for each separate standard that normatively references this standard.

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

The requirements classes for API-Collections are:

- [Collections](#)

The *Collections Requirements Class* extends the API-Common *Core* to enable discovery and query access to [collections](#) of [spatial resources](#).

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

- [Encodings](#)
 - [HTML](#)
 - [GeoJSON](#)

The *Collections* requirements class does not mandate a specific encoding or format for representing resources. The *HTML* and *GeoJSON* requirements classes specify representations for these resources in commonly used encodings for spatial data on the web.

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

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.

- ISO 8601-1:2019, **Date and time - Representations for information interchange - Part 1: Basic rules**
- ISO 19107:2019, **Geographic information — Spatial Schema**
- ISO 19108:2002/Cor 1:2006, **Geographic information — Temporal schema**
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- Klyne, G., Newman, C.: **IETF RFC 3339, Date and Time on the Internet: Timestamps**, <http://tools.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3339.txt>
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- W3C: **HTML5, W3C Recommendation**, <http://www.w3.org/TR/html5/>
- **Schema.org**: <http://schema.org/docs/schemas.html>

Chapter 5. Terms and Definitions

This document uses the terms defined in Sub-clause 5 of [OGC API - Common - Part 1: Core](#) (OGC 19-072), 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.

- **Collection**

A body of resources that belong or are used together. An aggregate, set, or group of related resources. (OGC 20-024)

- **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. This term and those associated to it are included here for consistency with ISO 19105.
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- **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 a conformance test class may be called a conformance class .
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- **Coverage**

feature that acts as a function to return values from its range for any direct position within its spatiotemporal domain, as defined in OGC Abstract Topic 6 ([OGC 09-146r6](#))

- **Dataset**

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

- **Distribution**

specific representation of a [dataset](#). ([DCAT](#))

EXAMPLE: a downloadable file, an RSS feed or an API.

- **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](#))

- **Extent**

The area covered by something. Within this document, we always imply spatial extent; e.g. size or shape that may be expressed using coordinates. ([W3C/OGC Spatial Data on the Web Best](#)

Practice)

- **Feature**

abstraction of real world phenomena (ISO 19101-1:2014)

NOTE:	More details about the term feature may be found in the W3C/OGC Spatial Data on the Web Best Practice in the section Spatial Things, Features and Geometry .
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- **Feature Collection**

a set of **Features** from a **dataset**

- **Foundation Resources**

resources which are provided by every OGC API to help clients to understand the offerings and capabilities of that API. (OGC 19-072)

- **Geometry**

An ordered set of n -dimensional points in a given coordinate reference system. ([W3C/OGC Spatial Data on the Web Best Practice](#))

- **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)

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)
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- **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)

- **Resource**

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- **Resource Category**

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- **Spatial Resource**

the [resources](#) which we usually think of as Geospatial Data. A [Spatial Thing](#). (OGC 19-072)

- **Spatial Thing**
anything with spatial extent, (i.e. size, shape, or position) and is a combination of the real-world phenomenon and its abstraction. ([W3C/OGC Spatial Data on the Web Best Practice](#))
- **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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- **Temporal Coordinate System**
temporal reference system based on an interval scale on which distance is measured as a multiple of a single unit of time. ([ISO 19108](#))
- **Temporal Position**
location relative to a temporal reference system ([ISO 19108](#))
- **Temporal Reference System**
reference system against which time is measured ([ISO 19108](#))
- **Temporal Resource**
the [resources](#) which we usually think of as time and date focused data. A [Temporal Thing](#). ([OGC 19-072](#))
- **Temporal Thing**
Anything with temporal extent, i.e. duration. e.g. the taking of a photograph, a scheduled meeting, a GPS time-stamped track-point. ([W3C Basic Geo](#))
- **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

All conventions described in the [OGC API - Common Part 1: Core Standard](#) are also applicable to this API-Common Part 2: Collections Standard except where modified in the following section.

6.1. Identifiers

The normative provisions in this draft standard are denoted by the URI <http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-2/1.0>.

All [Requirements](#), [Conformance Modules](#), and [Conformance Classes](#) that appear in this document are denoted by partial URIs that are relative to this base.

6.2. Link relations

[RFC 8288 \(Web Linking\)](#) is used to express relationships between resources. Link relation types from the [IANA Link Relations Registry](#) are used wherever possible. Additional link relation types are registered with the [OGC Naming Authority](#).

The following link-relations are used by this OGC Standard.

- **alternate**: Refers to a substitute for this context. [IANA]
- **collection**: The target IRI points to a resource which represents the collection resource for the context IRI. [IANA]
- **conformance**: Refers to a resource that identifies the specifications that the link's context conforms to. [OGC]
- **data**: Indicates that the link's context is a distribution of a dataset that is an API and refers to the root resource of the dataset in an API. [OGC]
- **describedBy**: Refers to a resource providing information about the link's context. [IANA]
- **item**: The target IRI points to a resource that is a member of the collection represented by the context IRI. [IANA]
- **items**: Refers to a resource that is comprised of members of the collection represented by the link's context. [OGC]
- **license**: Refers to a license associated with this context. [IANA]
- **self**: Conveys an identifier for the link's context. [IANA]
- **service-desc**: Identifies service description for the context that is primarily intended for consumption by machines. [IANA]
 - API definitions are considered service descriptions.
- **service-doc**: Identifies service documentation for the context that is primarily intended for human consumption. [IANA]

6.3. Geometry

6.3.1. Spatial Geometry

Standardized concepts for spatial characteristics are needed in order to share geographic information between applications. Concepts for shape (geometry) are key. These concepts are standardized in [ISO 19107](#).

The spatial geometry used in the OGC API - Common Standards is documented in the [GML Simple Features Profile](#) Standard. This Profile defines a subset of the ISO 19107 geometry which is aligned with the OGC [Simple Features for SQL](#) Standard. That geometry includes: Point, Curve (LineString), Surface (Polygon), MultiPoint, MultiCurve, and MultiSurface.

6.3.2. Temporal Geometry

Standardized concepts are also needed for temporal characteristics. The temporal geometry used in the API-Common Standards is defined in [ISO 19108](#). Only a subset of this geometry is used. Specifically:

- TM_Instant - a point representing position in time
- TM_Period - a one dimensional geometric primitive representing an extent in time and bounded by two different temporal positions (TM_Instant)

6.4. Coordinate Reference Systems

As discussed in Chapter 9 of the [W3C/OGC Spatial Data on the Web Best Practices document](#), the ability to express and share location in a consistent way is one of the most fundamental aspects of publishing geographic data. To do so, it is important to be clear about the coordinate reference system (CRS) within which the coordinates are expressed.

This OGC API - Common Collections standard does not mandate the use of a specific coordinate reference system. However, if no CRS is specified, the following default coordinate reference systems apply for spatial geometries.

- CRS84 - WGS 84 longitude and latitude without height
- CRS84h - WGS 84 longitude and latitude with ellipsoidal height

Temporal geometry is measured relative to an underlying temporal coordinate reference system (TRS). This OGC API - Common - Part 2: Collections Standard does not mandate a specific temporal coordinate reference system, but uses the Gregorian calendar and all dates or timestamps discussed in this document are in the Gregorian calendar and conform to [RFC 3339](#). In data, other temporal coordinate reference systems may be used where appropriate.

[ISO 19111](#) provides the conceptual model for Coordinate Reference Systems.

6.5. API definition

6.5.1. General remarks

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.

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.

6.5.2. Role of OpenAPI

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

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

In this document, fragments of OpenAPI definitions are shown in YAML. This is because YAML is easier to format than JSON and is typically used by OpenAPI editors.

6.5.3. 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.

6.5.4. Reusable OpenAPI components

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

CAUTION

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

Chapter 7. Overview

This API-Common Collections Standard provides a common connection between the API landing page and resource-specific specifications or standards.

7.1. Resources

An OGC API provides a lightweight interface to access one or more resources. The resources addressed by OGC APIs fall into three categories; Foundation Resources, Spatial Resources, and Information Resources. While the focus of this Standard is on Spatial Resources, it may be used for Information Resources as well.

Foundation Resources are those resources which are provided by every OGC API to help clients understand the offerings and capabilities of that API. Those resources are defined in OGC API - Common - Part 1: Core Standard. Other OGC API standards re-use these resources and, where necessary, extend them to address their unique requirements.

Spatial Resources are the resources which we usually think of as Geospatial Data. They include Features, Coverages, and Images. This OGC API - Common - Part 2: Collections Standard defines the basic patterns for accessing Spatial Resources. Additional OGC API Standards have been developed which extend API-Common Collections for specific Spatial Resource types.

Information Resources are non-spatial resources which support the operation of an API or the access and use of Spatial Resources. These resources are typically not the subject of an OGC API standard. Rather, they are a supporting element of a broader OGC API standard.

7.2. Collections

Spatial data is rarely considered as a single entity. [Feature Collections](#), [Coverages](#), [Data Sets](#), they are all aggregations of [Spatial](#) or [Temporal](#) Things. It stands to reason that an OGC Web API would also expose its' holdings as aggregates of spatial/temporal resources.

The purpose of the OGC API - Common - Part 2: Collections Standard is to provide a common connection between the API landing page and resource-specific details. That connection includes metadata which describes the hosted resources, common parameters for selecting subsets of the hosted resources, and URI templates for identifying the above.

A contentious issue is the term used to describe an aggregation of resources. The term should be consistent with its' colloquial use, should indicate that the members of the aggregation are somehow associated, and it should be independent of any resource type.

Merriam Websters Dictionary provides a few relevant definitions :

- Collection: "An accumulation of objects gathered for study, comparison, or exhibition or as a hobby."
- Aggregate: (a synonym to collection) "A mass or body of units or parts somewhat loosely associated with one another."

- Set: "A number of things of the same kind that belong or are used together."

Based on these definitions, the term **collection** will be used in this standard to indicate an aggregation of resources. **For purposes of this standard**, a collection is defined as follows:

- **Collection**: A body of resources that belong or are used together. An aggregate, set, or group of related resources.

OGC Web API standards should extend this definition to address the specific properties of the resources they describe.

Chapter 8. Requirements Class "Collections"

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-2/1.0/req/collections	
Target type	Web API
Dependency	Requirements Class "OAPI Core"
Dependency	ISO 19107
Dependency	GML Simple Features Profile
Dependency	Simple Features for SQL
Dependency	ISO 19108
Dependency	ISO 19111
Dependency	ISO 19108
Dependency	ISO 8601

This Requirements Class describes the resources and operations used to discover and query resource collections exposed through an OGC Web API. It does not include any requirements about how the resources are aggregated into collections. That detail is reserved for resource-specific OGC Web API standards.

The three resources defined in this Requirements Class are summarized in [Table 1](#). Detailed requirements for each of these resources are provided in the [Resource Requirements](#) section.

Table 1. Collection Resources

Path Fragment	Name	Description
/collections	Collections Metadata	Information which describes the set of supported Collections
/collections/{collectionId}	Collection Information	Information about a specific Collection
/collections/{collectionId}/items	Collection Resource	The resources in a specific Collection

This Requirements Class also describes the operations which can be performed on these resources. Requirements for these operations are included with their associated resource descriptions in the [Resource Requirements](#) section. Three parameters are also defined for use in these operations. These parameters are defined in the [Parameter Requirements](#) section. A summary of the parameters is provided in [Table 2](#).

Table 2. Parameter Summary

Parameter Name	Target	Description
Bounding Box	Extent	Selects resources which have an Extent element that intersects the bounding box
Date-Time	Extent	Selects resources which have an Extent element that intersects the specified time period
Limit	The result set	Limits the number of resources which can be returned in one response

Finally, requirements which have general applicability are provided in the [General Requirements](#) section.

8.1. Resource Requirements

This section expresses the requirements for resources and operations used to discover and query resource collections.

8.1.1. Collections Metadata

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

Operation

Requirement 1	/req/collections/rc-md-op
A	The API SHALL support the HTTP GET operation at the path /collections .

Parameters

The following query parameters can be used with this operation:

- [Bounding Box](#)
- [Date Time](#)
- [Limit](#)

Response

Requirement 2	/req/collections/rc-md-success
A	A successful execution of the operation SHALL be reported as a response with a HTTP status code 200 .

B	The content of that response SHALL be based upon the JSON schema collections.json .
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The collections metadata returned by this operation is based on the [collections.json](#) JSON schema. Examples of collections metadata are provided in [Collections Metadata Examples](#).

collections.json

```
{
  "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
  "title": "Collections Schema",
  "description": "This schema defines the metadata resource returned from
/collections.",
  "type": "object",
  "required": [
    "links",
    "collections"
  ],
  "properties": {
    "links": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {"$href": "link.json"}
    },
    "timeStamp": {
      "type": "string",
      "format": "date-time"
    },
    "numberMatched": {
      "type": "integer",
      "min": "0"
    },
    "numberReturned": {
      "type": "integer",
      "min": "0"
    },
    "collections": {
      "type": "array",
      "items": {"$href": "collectionInfo.json"}
    }
  }
}
```

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

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

Requirement 3	/req/collections/rc-md-links
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A	<p>A 200-response SHALL include the following links in the links property of the response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A link to this response document (relation: self), • A link to the response document in every other media type supported by the API (relation: alternate).
B	All links SHALL include the rel and type link parameters.

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

Recommendation 1	/rec/collections/rc-md-descriptions
A	If external schemas or descriptions exist that provide additional information about the structure or semantics for the resource, a 200 -response SHOULD include links to each of those resources in the links property of the response (relation: describedBy).
B	The type link parameter SHOULD be provided for each link. This applies to resources that describe to the whole dataset.

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

Requirement 4	/req/collections/rc-md-items
A	For each spatial resource collection accessible through this API, metadata describing that collection SHALL be provided in the collections property of the Collections Metadata.
B	This metadata shall be based on the same schema as the Collection Information resource.

The **timeStamp** of when the response was generated

Requirement 5	/req/collections/rc-timeStamp
A	If a property timeStamp is included in the response, the value SHALL be set to the time stamp when the response was generated.

The **numberMatched** property of the Collections Metadata

Requirement 6	/req/collections/rc-numberMatched
A	If a property numberMatched is included in the response, the value SHALL be identical to the number of hosted collections that meet the selection parameters provided by the client. Selection parameters include bbox , datetime or additional filter parameters.
B	A server MAY omit this information in a response, if the information about the number of matching resources is not known or difficult to compute.

The **numberReturned** property of the Collections Metadata

Requirement 7	/req/collections/rc-numberReturned
A	If a property numberReturned is included in the response, the value SHALL be identical to the number of items in the collections array in the Collections Metadata document.
B	A server MAY omit this information in a response, if the information about the number of resources in the response is not known or difficult to compute.

The Collections Metadata should describe all of the collections accessible through the API. However, in some cases that is impractical. As long as they provide a way to retrieve the remaining metadata as well, developers have an option to only return a subset.

Permission 1	/per/collections/rc-md-items
A	To support servers with many collections, servers MAY limit the number of items included in the collections property.

Error situations

See [\[http-status-codes\]](#) for general guidance.

8.1.2. Collection Information

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

Operation

Requirement 8	/req/collections/src-md-op
A	The API SHALL support the HTTP GET operation at the path <code>/collections/{collectionId}</code> .
B	The parameter <code>collectionId</code> is each <code>id</code> property in the resource collections response (JSONPath: <code>\$.collections[*].id</code>).

Parameters

No parameters have been standardized for this operation.

Response

Requirement 9	/req/collections/src-md-success
A	A successful execution of the operation SHALL be reported as a response with a HTTP status code <code>200</code> .
B	The content of that response SHALL be based upon the JSON schema <code>collectionInfo.json</code> .
C	The content of that response SHALL be consistent with the content for this resource collection in the <code>/collections</code> response. That is, the values for <code>id</code> , <code>title</code> , <code>description</code> and <code>extent</code> SHALL be identical.

Collection Information is based on the [Collection Information Schema](#). Examples of Collection Information are provided in [Collection Information Examples](#).

Collection Information Schema

```
{
  "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
  "title": "Collection Information Schema",
  "description": "This schema defines metadata resource returned from
/collections/{collectionId}.",
  "type": "object",
  "required": [
    "id",
    "links"
  ],
  "properties": {
    "id": {
      "description": "identifier of the collection used, for example, in URIs",
```

```

        "type": "string"
      },
      "title": {
        "description": "human readable title of the collection",
        "type": "string"
      },
      "description": {
        "description": "a description of the members of the collection",
        "type": "string"
      },
      "links": {
        "type": "array",
        "items": {"$href": "link.json"}
      },
      "extent": {"$href": "extent.json"},
      "itemType": {
        "description": "indicator about the type of the items in the collection if
the collection has an accessible /collection/{collectionId}/items endpoint",
        "type": "string",
        "default": "unknown"
      },
      "crs": {
        "description": "the list of coordinate reference systems supported by the
API; the first item is the default coordinate reference system",
        "type": "array",
        "items": {
          "type": "string"
        },
        "default": [
          "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84"
        ],
        "example": [
          "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84",
          "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4326"
        ]
      }
    }
  }
}

```

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

Recommendation 2	/rec/collections/rc-md-item-type
A	If a resource at the path <code>/collection/{collectionId}/items</code> is supported by the API and is accessible, then the <code>itemType</code> key SHOULD be included in the collection object to indicate the type of the items (e.g. <code>feature</code> or <code>record</code>).

To support hypermedia navigation, the `links` property must be populated with sufficient hyperlinks

to navigate through the whole dataset.

Requirement 10	/req/collections/rc-md-items-links
A	<p>200-response SHALL include the following links in the links property of the response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A link to this response document (relation: self),• A link to the response document in every other media type supported by the API (relation: alternate).
B	The links property of the response SHALL include an item for each supported encoding of that collection with a link to the collection resource (relation: items).
B	All links SHALL include the rel and type properties.

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

Recommendation 3	/rec/collections/rc-md-items-descriptions
A	If external schemas or descriptions exist that provide additional information about the structure or semantics of the collection, a 200-response SHOULD include links to each of those resources in the links property of the response (relation: describedBy).
B	The type link parameter SHOULD be provided for each link.

Additional requirements and recommendations apply to the **extent** property of the Collection Information.

Requirement 11	/req/collections/rc-md-extent
A	For each spatial resource collection, the extent property, if provided, SHALL provide bounding boxes that include all spatial geometries and time intervals that include all temporal geometries in this collection. The temporal extent may use null values to indicate an open time interval.
B	If a spatial resource has multiple properties with spatial or temporal information, it is the decision of the API implementation whether only a single spatial or temporal geometry property is used to determine the extent or all relevant geometries.

Recommendation 4	/rec/collections/rc-md-extent-single
A	While the spatial and temporal extents support multiple bounding boxes (bbox array) and time intervals (interval array) for advanced use cases, implementations SHOULD provide only a single bounding box or time interval unless the use of multiple values is important for the use of the dataset and agents using the API are known to be support multiple bounding boxes or time intervals.

Permission 2	/per/collections/rc-md-extent-extensions
A	The Core only specifies requirements for spatial and temporal extents. However, the extent object MAY be extended with additional members to represent other extents, such as thermal or pressure ranges.
B	<p>The Core only supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial extents in CRS84 or CRS84h and • Temporal extents in the Gregorian calendar <p>These are the only <i>enum</i> values in extent.yaml).</p>
C	Extensions to the Core MAY add additional reference systems to the extent object.

Error situations

See [\[http-status-codes\]](#) for general guidance.

If the parameter **collectionId** does not exist on the server, the status code of the response will be **404** (see [\[status-codes\]](#)).

8.1.3. Collection Resource

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

Operation

Requirement 12	/req/collections/rc-op
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A	<p>For every resource collection identified in the resource collections response (path <code>/collections</code>), the API SHALL support the HTTP GET operation at the path <code>/collections/{collectionId}/items</code>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parameter <code>collectionId</code> is each <code>id</code> property in the resource collections response (JSONPath: <code>\$.collections[*].id</code>).
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Parameters

The following query parameters can be used with this operation:

- [Bounding Box](#)
- [Date Time](#)
- [Limit](#)

Note:	Since the type of resource which makes up the collection is not defined, the behavior of these parameters must be tailored to the structure and information content of specific resource types. That tailoring will take place in resource-specific OGC API standards.
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Response

Requirement 13	<code>/req/collections/rc-response</code>
A	A successful execution of the operation SHALL be reported as a response with a HTTP status code <code>200</code> .
B	The response SHALL only include resources selected by the request.

Error situations

See [\[http-status-codes\]](#) for general guidance.

8.2. Parameter Requirements

Query parameters are used in URLs to limit the resources which are returned on a GET request. The OGC API - Common - Part 2: Collections Standard defines three query parameters for use in OGC API standards:

- `bbox`: Bounding Box
- `datetime`: Date and Time
- `limit`: Response resource count limit

Use of these query parameters with any specific operation is optional. Developers of API-Collections servers should include supported parameters in the API definition as describe in [API-Core](#).

OGC API servers are subject to the following requirements when handling query parameters.

- If a parameter **is** included in the API definition:

Requirement 14	/req/core/query-param-known
A	If a query parameter is specified in the API definition, then the server SHALL meet the requirements specified for that parameter.

- If a parameter **is not** included in the API definition:

Requirement 15	/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.

- Query parameters will be validated:

Requirement 16	/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.

8.2.1. Parameter bbox

Requirement 17	/req/collections/rc-bbox-definition
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A	<p>The bbox parameter SHALL possess the following characteristics (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: bbox in: query required: false schema: type: array minItems: 4 maxItems: 6 items: type: number style: form explode: false </pre>
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Requirement 18	/req/collections/rc-bbox-response
A	If the bbox parameter is provided by the client, only resources that have a spatial geometry that intersects the bounding box SHALL be part of the result set.
B	If a resource has multiple spatial geometry properties, it is the decision of the server whether only a single spatial geometry property is used to determine the extent or all relevant geometries.
C	The bbox parameter SHALL also match all resources in the collection that are not associated with a spatial geometry.
D	<p>The bounding box is provided as four or six numbers, depending on whether the coordinate reference system includes a vertical axis (height or depth):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower left corner, coordinate axis 1 • Lower left corner, coordinate axis 2 • Lower left corner, coordinate axis 3 (optional) • Upper right corner, coordinate axis 1 • Upper right corner, coordinate axis 2 • Upper right corner, coordinate axis 3 (optional)

E	The values for the CRS axis 1 and 2 SHALL be interpreted as WGS84 longitude/latitude (http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84) unless a different coordinate reference system is specified in a parameter <code>bbox-crs</code> .
F	The coordinate values SHALL be within the extent specified for the coordinate reference system.

"Intersects" means that a coordinate that is part of the spatial geometry of the resource falls within the rectangular area specified in the parameter `bbox`. This includes the boundaries of the geometries. For curves the boundary includes the start and end position. For surfaces the boundary includes the outer and inner rings.

In case of a degenerated bounding box, the resulting geometry is used. For example, if the lower left corner is the same as the upper right corner, all resources match where the geometry intersects with this point.

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

For WGS 84 longitude/latitude the bounding box is in most cases the sequence of minimum longitude, minimum latitude, maximum longitude and maximum latitude. However, in cases where the box spans the anti-meridian (180th meridian) the first value (west-most box edge) is larger than the third value (east-most box edge).

Example 1. The bounding box of the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone

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

Note that the server will return an error if a latitude value of 160.0 is used.

If the vertical axis is included, the third and the sixth number are the bottom and the top of the 3-dimensional bounding box.

A template for the definition of the parameter in YAML according to OpenAPI 3.0 is available at [bbox.yaml](#).

8.2.2. Parameter datetime

Requirement 19	/req/collections/rc-time-definition
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A	<p>The datetime parameter SHALL have the following characteristics (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: datetime in: query required: false schema: type: string style: form explode: false </pre>
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Requirement 20	/req/collections/rc-time-response
A	If the datetime parameter is provided, only resources that have a temporal geometry that intersects the temporal information in the datetime parameter SHALL be part of the result set.
B	If a resourcee has multiple temporal properties, the API implementor decides whether only a single temporal property is used to determine the extent or all relevant temporal properties.
C	The datetime parameter SHALL match all resources in the collection that are not associated with a temporal geometry.
D	<p>The temporal information is either a date-time or a time interval. The parameter value SHALL conform to the following syntax (using ABNF):</p> <pre> interval-closed = date-time "/" date-time interval-open-start = "../" date-time interval-open-end = date-time "/.." interval = interval-closed / interval-open-start / interval-open-end datetime = date-time / interval </pre>
E	The syntax of date-time is specified by RFC 3339, 5.6 .
F	Open ranges in time intervals at the start or end SHALL be supported using a double-dot (..).

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

Note	ISO 8601-2 distinguishes open start/end timestamps (double-dot) and unknown start/end timestamps (empty string). For queries, an unknown start/end has the same effect as an open start/end.
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Example 2. A date-time

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

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

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

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

Example 3. Intervals

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

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

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

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

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

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

A template for the definition of the parameter in YAML according to OpenAPI 3.0 is available at [datetime.yaml](#).

8.2.3. Parameter limit

The `limit` parameter limits the number of resources that can be returned in a single response.

Requirement 21	<code>/req/collections/rc-limit-definition</code>
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A	<p>The operation SHALL support a parameter limit with the following characteristics (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: limit in: query required: false schema: type: integer minimum: 1 maximum: 10000 default: 10 style: form explode: false </pre>
Note:	The values for minimum , maximum and default are only examples and MAY be changed.

The number of resources returned depends on the server and the value of the **limit** parameter.

- The client can request a limit to the number of resources returned.
- The server may have a default value for the limit, and a maximum limit.
- If the server has any more results available than it returns (the number it returns is less than or equal to the requested/default/maximum limit) then the server will include a link to the next set of results.

Requirement 22	/req/collections/rc-limit-response
A	The response SHALL not contain more resources than specified by the optional limit parameter.
B	If the API definition specifies a maximum value for the limit parameter, the response SHALL not contain more resources than this maximum value.
C	Only items are counted that are on the first level of the collection. Any nested objects contained within the explicitly requested items SHALL not be counted.

The effect of the limit parameter is to divide the response into a number of pages. Each page (except for the last) contains the specified number of entities. The response contains the first **page**. Additional pages can be accessed through hyperlink navigation.

Recommendation 5	/rec/collections/rc-next-1
A	A 200-response SHOULD include a link to the next "page" (relation: next), if more resources have been selected than returned in the response.

Recommendation 6	/rec/collections/rc-next-2
A	Dereferencing a next link SHOULD return additional resources from the set of selected resources that have not yet been returned.

Recommendation 7	/rec/collections/rc-next-3
A	The number of resources in a response to a next link SHOULD follow the same rules as for the response to the original query and again include a next link, if there are more resources in the selection that have not yet been returned.

Providing **prev** links supports navigating back and forth between pages, but depending on the implementation approach it may be too complex to implement.

Permission 3	/per/collections/rc-prev
A	A response to a next link MAY include a prev link to the resource that included the next link.

8.3. General Requirements

The following general requirements and recommendations apply to all OGC APIs which implement the API-Common Collections conformance class.

8.3.1. HTTP status codes

This API standard does not impose any restrictions on which features of the HTTP and HTTPS protocols may be used. API clients should be prepared to handle any legal HTTP or HTTPS status code.

The **Status Codes** listed in [Table 3](#) are of particular relevance to implementors of this standard. Status codes 200, 400, and 404 are called out in API requirements. Therefore, support for these status codes is mandatory for all compliant implementations. The remainder of the status codes in [Table 3](#) are not mandatory, but are important for the implementation of a well functioning API. Support for these status codes is strongly encouraged for both client and server implementations.

Table 3. Typical HTTP status codes

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

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

Permission 4	/per/core/additional-status-codes
A	Servers MAY support other capabilities of the HTTP protocol and, therefore, MAY return status codes in addition to those listed in [status-codes] .

8.3.2. Coordinate Reference Systems (CRS)

As discussed in Chapter 9 of the W3C/OGC Spatial Data on the Web (SDW) [Best Practices document](#), how to express and share the location of resources in a consistent way is one of the most fundamental aspects of publishing geographic data. Therefore, clearly stating the CRS rules for the coordinates is very important.

For the reasons discussed in the SDW Best Practice, OGC APIs use WGS84 longitude and latitude as the default CRS.

Requirement 23	/req/core/crs84
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A	Unless the client explicitly requests a different coordinate reference system, all spatial geometries SHALL be in the CRS84 (WGS 84 longitude/latitude) CRS for geometries without height information and CRS84h (WGS 84 longitude/latitude plus ellipsoidal height) for geometries with height information.
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The implementations compliant with API-Collections are not required to support publishing geometries in CRS other than <http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>. API-Collections also does not specify a capability to request geometries in a different CRS than the native one of the published resource. Such a capability will be specified in other OGC API standards.

Chapter 9. Encoding Requirements Classes

9.1. Overview

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

- [HTML](#)
- [JSON](#)
- [GeoJSON](#)

None of these encodings are mandatory. An implementation of the [Collections](#) requirements class may implement either, both, or none of them.

9.2. Requirement Class "HTML"

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

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

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

This is discussed in detail in [W3C Best Practice](#). This standard therefore [recommends](#) supporting HTML as an encoding.

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-2/1.0/req/html	
Target type	Web API
Dependency	Requirements Class "OAPI Collections"
Dependency	HTML5
Dependency	Schema.org

Requirement 24	/req/html/definition
A	Every 200 -response of an operation of the API SHALL support the media type text/html .

Requirement 25	/req/html/content
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A	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information identified in the schemas of the Response Object in the HTML <body/>, and • All links in HTML <a/> elements in the HTML <body/>.
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Recommendation 8	/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-2/1.0/req/json	
Target type	Web API
Dependency	Requirements Class "OAPI Collections"
Dependency	IETF RFC 8259: The JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Data Interchange Format
Dependency	JSON Schema

Requirement 26	/req/json/definition
A	200 -responses of the server SHALL support the application/json media type.

Requirement 27	/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.

JSON Schema for the Collections Metadata and Collection Information is available at [collections.yaml](#) and [collectionInfo.yaml](#).

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

9.4. Requirement Class "GeoJSON"

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

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-2/1.0/req/geojson	
Target type	Web API
Dependency	Requirements Class "OAPI Collections"
Dependency	GeoJSON

Requirement 28	/req/geojson/definition
A	<p>200-responses of the server SHALL support the following media types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• application/geo+json for resources that include feature content, and• application/json for all other resources.

Requirement 29	/req/geojson/content
A	<p>Every 200-response with the media type application/geo+json SHALL be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A GeoJSON FeatureCollection Object for feature collections, and• A GeoJSON Feature Object for features.
B	<p>The schema of all responses with the media type application/json SHALL conform with the JSON Schema specified for that resource.</p>

NOTE The following schema names are not GeoJSON. They need to be updated.

Templates for the definition of the schemas for the GeoJSON responses in JSON Schema definitions

are available at [collections.yaml](#) and [collectionInfo.yaml](#).

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

Chapter 10. Media Types

JSON media types that would typically be supported by a server that supports JSON are:

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

XML media types that would typically be supported by a server that supports XML are:

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

The typical HTML media type for all "web pages" in a server would be `text/html`.

Chapter 11. Security Considerations

See [OGC API - Common - Part 1: Core](#), Clause 11.

add additional text as needed

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 Programming 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 Collections

Conformance Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-2/1.0/conf/collections	
Target type	Web API
Requirements Class	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-2/1.0/req/collections
Dependency	Conformance Class "OAPI Core"

A.2.1. General Tests

CRS 84

Abstract Test 1	/ats/collections/crs84
Test Purpose	Validate that all spatial geometries provided through the API are in the CRS84 or CRS84h spatial reference system unless otherwise requested by the client.
Requirement	/req/collections/crs84
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Do not specify a coordinate reference system in any request. All spatial data should be in the default coordinate reference system.2. If the retrieved spatial data includes elevations, validate that the data is in the CRS84h reference system.3. If the retrieved spatial data does not include elevations, validate that the data is in the CRS84 reference system.

A.2.2. Feature Collections {root}/collections

Abstract Test 2	/ats/collections/rc-md-op
Test Purpose	Validate that information about the Collections can be retrieved from the expected location.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-op
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issue an HTTP GET request to the URL {root}/collections 2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code 200 3. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /ats/collections/rc-md-success.

Abstract Test 3	/ats/collections_rc-md-success
Test Purpose	Validate that the Collections content complies with the required structure and contents.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-success , /req/collections/crs84
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Validate that all response documents comply with /ats/collections/rc-md-links 2. In case the response includes a "crs" property, validate that the first value is either: "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84" or "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/0/CRS84h" 3. Validate the collections content for all supported media types using the resources and tests identified in Table 4

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

Table 4. Schema and Tests for Collections content

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

A.2.3. Feature Collection {root}/collections/{collectionId}

Abstract Test 4	/ats/collections/src-md-op
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Test Purpose	Validate that the Collection content can be retrieved from the expected location.
Requirement	/req/collections/src-md-op
Test Method	<p>For every Feature Collection described in the Collections content, issue an HTTP GET request to the URL <code>/collections/{collectionId}</code> where <code>{collectionId}</code> is the <code>id</code> property for the collection.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Validate that a Collection was returned with a status code 200 2. Validate the contents of the returned document using test /ats/collections/src-md-success.

Abstract Test 5	/ats/collections/src-md-success
Test Purpose	Validate that the Collection content complies with the required structure and contents.
Requirement	/req/collections/src-md-success
Test Method	Verify that the content of the response is consistent with the content for this Resource Collection in the <code>/collections</code> response. That is, the values for <code>id</code> , <code>title</code> , <code>description</code> and <code>extent</code> are identical.

A.2.4. Features `{root}/collections/{collectionId}/items`

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

Abstract Test 6	/ats/collections/rc-op
Test Purpose	Validate that resources can be identified and extracted from a Collection using query parameters.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-op

Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For every resource collection identified in Collections, issue an HTTP GET request to the URL <code>/collections/{collectionId}/items</code> where <code>{collectionId}</code> is the <code>id</code> property for a Collection described in the Collections content. 2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code 200. <p>Repeat these tests using the following parameter tests:</p> <p>Bounding Box:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parameter /ats/collections/rc-bbox-definition • Response /ats/collections/rc-bbox-response <p>DateTime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parameter /ats/collections/rc-time-definition • Response /ats/collections/rc-time-response <p>Execute requests with combinations of the "bbox" and "datetime" query parameters and verify that only features are returned that match both selection criteria.</p>
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Abstract Test 7	/ats/collections/rc-bbox-definition
Test Purpose	Validate that the bounding box query parameters are constructed correctly.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-bbox-definition

Test Method	<p>Verify that the bbox query parameter complies with the following definition (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: bbox in: query required: false schema: type: array minItems: 4 maxItems: 6 items: type: number style: form explode: false </pre> <p>Use a bounding box with four numbers in all requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower left corner, WGS 84 longitude • Lower left corner, WGS 84 latitude • Upper right corner, WGS 84 longitude • Upper right corner, WGS 84 latitude
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Abstract Test 8	/ats/collections/rc-bbox-response
Test Purpose	Validate that the bounding box query parameters are processed correctly.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-bbox-response
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify that only resources that have a spatial geometry that intersects the bounding box are returned as part of the result set. 2. Verify that the bbox parameter matched all resources in the collection that were not associated with a spatial geometry (this is only applicable for datasets that include resources without a spatial geometry). 3. Verify that the coordinate reference system of the geometries is WGS 84 longitude/latitude ("http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84" or "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/0/CRS84h") since no parameter bbox-crs was specified in the request.

Abstract Test 9	/ats/collections/rc-time-definition
Test Purpose	Validate that the dateTime query parameters are constructed correctly.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-time-definition
Test Method	<p>Verify that the datetime query parameter complies with the following definition (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: datetime in: query required: false schema: type: string style: form explode: false </pre>

Abstract Test 10	/ats/collections/rc-time-response
Test Purpose	Validate that the dataTime query parameters are processed correctly.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-time-response
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify that only resources that have a temporal geometry that intersects the temporal information in the datetime parameter were included in the result set 2. Verify that all resources in the collection that are not associated with a temporal geometry are included in the result set 3. Validate that the datetime parameter complies with the syntax described in /req/collections/rc-time-response.

Abstract Test 11	/ats/collections/rc-response
Test Purpose	Validate that the Resource Collection complies with the require structure and contents.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-response

Test Method	The test method is specific to the resource type returned.
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A.2.5. Second Tier Tests

These tests are invoked by other tests.

Extent

Abstract Test 12	/ats/collections/rc-md-extent
Test Purpose	Validate that the extent property if it is present
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-extent
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify that the extent provides bounding boxes that include all spatial geometries 2. Verify that if the extent provides time intervals that include all temporal geometries in this collection. 3. A temporal extent of null indicates an open time interval.

Items

Abstract Test 13	/ats/collections/rc-md-items
Test Purpose	Validate that each collection provided by the server is described in the Collections Metadata.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-items
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify that there is an entry in the collections array of the Collections Metadata for each feature collection provided by the API. 2. Verify that each collection entry includes an identifier. 3. Verify that each collection entry includes links in accordance with /collections/rc-md-items-links. 4. Verify that if the collection entry includes an extent property, that that property complies with /collections/rc-md-extent 5. Validate each collection entry for all supported media types using the resources and tests identified in Table 5

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

against that schema. All supported formats should be exercised.

Table 5. Schema and Tests for Collection Entries

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

Abstract Test 14	/ats/collections/rc-md-items-links
Test Purpose	Validate that each Feature Collection metadata entry in the Collections Metadata document includes all required links.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-items-links
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Verify that each Collection item in the Collections Metadata document includes a link property for each supported encoding.2. Verify that the links properties of the collection includes an item for each supported encoding with a link to the features resource (relation: items).3. Verify that all links include the rel and type link parameters.

Links

Abstract Test 15	/ats/collections/rc-md-links
Test Purpose	Validate that the required links are included in the Collections Metadata document.
Requirement	/req/collections/rc-md-links
Test Method	<p>Verify that the response document includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a link to this response document (relation: self),2. a link to the response document in every other media type supported by the server (relation: alternate). <p>Verify that all links include the rel and type link parameters.</p>

A.3. Conformance Class GeoJSON

Conformance Class

http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-2/1.0/conf/geojson	
Target type	Web API
Requirements Class	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-2/1.0/req/geojson
Dependency	Conformance Class "OAPI Core"

A.3.1. GeoJSON Definition

Abstract Test 16	/ats/geojson/definition
Test Purpose	Verify support for JSON and GeoJSON
Requirement	/req/geojson/definition
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A resource is requested with response media type of <code>application/geo+json</code> 2. All 200-responses SHALL support the following media types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <code>application/geo+json</code> for resources that include feature content, and ◦ <code>application/json</code> for all other resources.

A.3.2. GeoJSON Content

Abstract Test 17	/ats/geojson/content
Test Purpose	Verify the content of a GeoJSON document given an input document and schema.
Requirement	/req/geojson/content
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Validate that the document is a GeoJSON document. 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-2/1.0/conf/html	
Target type	Web API

Requirements Class	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-2/1.0/req/html
Dependency	Conformance Class "OAPI Core"

A.4.1. HTML Definition

Abstract Test 18	/ats/html/definition
Test Purpose	Verify support for HTML
Requirement	/req/html/definition
Test Method	Verify that every 200 -response of every operation of the API where HTML was requested is of media type text/html

A.4.2. HTML Content

Abstract Test 19	/ats/html/content
Test Purpose	Verify the content of an HTML document given an input document and schema.
Requirement	/req/html/content
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Validate that the document is an HTML 5 document 2. Manually inspect the document against the schema.

Annex B: Examples (Informative)

B.1. Collections Metadata Examples

Example 4. Collection metadata response document

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

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

Representations of this resource in other formats are referenced using [link relation type](#) "alternate".

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

A bulk download of all the features in the dataset is referenced using [link relation type](#) "enclosure"

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

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


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

```

B.2. Collection Information Examples

NOTE | include::examples/tbd.adoc[]

Annex C: Revision History

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