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i. Abstract

The OGC has started a focused effort to extend their service standards into the Resource Oriented Architecture world. As part of this effort, this standard defines an Application Programming Interface (API) for tiled data and map tiles. The API described in this standard builds on the Web Map Tile Service (WMTS) OGC standard. WMTS provides scalable, high performance services for web based distribution of cartographic maps. WMTS, in turn, complements earlier efforts to develop services for the web based distribution of cartographic maps. In particular, it compliments the OGC Web Map Service (WMS). WMS focuses on rendering custom maps and is an ideal solution for dynamic data or custom styled maps (combined with the OGC Style Layer Descriptor (SLD) standard). WMTS trades the flexibility of custom map rendering for the scalability possible by serving of static data (base maps) where the bounding box and scales have been constrained to discrete tiles. Note that an API version of WMS is also under development. Whereas WMTS focused on map tiles, the OGC API - Tiles standard has been designed to support any form of tiled data. For example, the API can support map tiles, vector tiles, tiled gridded coverages and other tiled data.

ii. Keywords

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

ogcdoc, OGC document, tiling, WMTS, map tiles, vector tiles, tiled feature data

iii. Preface

This document defines the OGC API - Tiles standard. An API conforming to this standard can serve tiles of spatially referenced data or maps with predefined content, extent, and resolution. Suggested additions, changes and comments on this standard are welcome and encouraged. Such suggestions may be submitted using the online change request form on OGC web site: http://portal.opengeospatial.org/public_ogc/change_request.php

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Chapter 1. Scope

This International Standard specifies how to access tiled data and map tiles in a manner independent of the underlying data store through [OpenAPI](<https://www.openapis.org/>[<https://www.openapis.org/>]). This standard specifies discovery and query operations.

1.1. Current scope:

- Discovery operations allow the API to be interrogated to determine its capabilities and retrieve information (metadata) about this distribution of tiled data and map tiles. This includes the API definition as well as metadata about the data collections provided through the API and the Tile Matrix Sets (also referred to as TileMatrixSets) supported by this service.
- Retrieval of tiles
- Query about a point in a map or a tile
- Retrieval of multiple tiles in a single request

Chapter 2. Conformance

This standard defines **TBD** requirements / conformance classes.

The standardization targets of all conformance classes are "web services".

The main requirements class is:

- **Core.**

The *Core* specifies requirements that all applications and services claiming compliance to the OGC API - Tiles standard have to implement.

TBD requirements classes depend on the *Core* and <enter their purpose here>:

Capture additional requirements classes here

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

In order to conform to this OGC® interface standard, a software implementation shall choose to implement: * Any one of the conformance levels specified in Annex A (normative). * Any one of the Distributed Computing Platform profiles specified in Annexes TBD through TBD (normative).

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

Chapter 3. 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.

OGC: OGC 19-072, OGC API Common Specification https://github.com/opengeospatial/oapi_common (in the process of elaboration)

OGC: OGC 17-083r2, OGC Two Dimensional Tile Matrix Set Standard (2019)

In addition, this standard is deeply inspired in concepts defined in the following documents. This standard offers an alternative interface to fulfill similar tasks included in these references.

OGC and ISO: OGC 06-042 1.3.0 OpenGIS Web Map Service (WMS) Implementation Specification

OGC: OGC 07-057, OpenGIS® Web Map Tile Service Implementation Standard (2010)

OGC: OGC 13-082, OGC® Web Map Tile Service (WMTS) Simple Profile (2016)

Chapter 4. Terms and Definitions

This document uses the terms defined in Sub-clause 5.3 of [OGC Web Services Common](https://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=38867) [https://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=38867] (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.

This document also uses terms defined in Sub-clause "Terms and Definitions" of OGC API - Common, Part 1: core.

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

4.1. geospatial resource

web resource that consists in a set of geospatial data (e.g. a collection)

4.2. geospatial representation

web resource that represents an aspect or data model (e.g. feature items, tiles, metadata, schemas,...) of a more generic geospatial resource (e.g. a collection)

NOTE

Do not confuse this with a web resource representation. While resource representations share the same path and are selected by format negotiation, geospatial representations use different paths. Commonly a geospatial representations is a child path of a geospatial resource

4.3. map tile

tile that contains information in a gridded form. Commonly the values of the grid represent colors of each cell in the grid for immediate pictorial representation on rendering devices, but can also be coverage subsets.

NOTE

From OGC 17-083r2: OGC Two Dimensional Tile Matrix Set

NOTE

Map tiles are generated in combination with the OGC API - Maps. This tiles are sometimes referred as *raster tiles*

4.4. tile

geometric shape with known properties that may or may not be the result of a tiling (tessellation) process. A tile consists of a single connected "piece" without "holes" or "lines" (topological disc).

NOTE

From OGC 19-014r1: Core Tiling Conceptual and Logical Models for 2D Euclidean Space

small rectangular representation of geographic data, often part of a set of such elements, covering a tiling scheme and sharing similar information content and graphical styling. A tile can be uniquely defined in a tile matrix by one integer index in each dimension. Tiles are mainly used for fast transfer (particularly in the web) and easy display at the resolution of a rendering device. Tiles can be grid based pictorial representations, coverage subsets, or feature based representations (e.g., vector tiles).

NOTE

From OGC 17-083r2: OGC Two Dimensional Tile Matrix Set

4.5. tile matrix

grid tile set scheme defining how space is partitioned into a set of regular conterminous tiles at a fixed scale giving tile scheme to each tile.

NOTE

From OGC 17-083r2: OGC Two Dimensional Tile Matrix Set but modified.

NOTE

For the purposes of this document a tile matrix is restricted to a tessellation of the space that resembles a matrix in a 2D space characterized by a matrix width (columns) and a matrix height (rows).

4.6. tile matrix set

tile set scheme composed by collection of tile matrices defined at different scales covering approximately the same area and having a common coordinate reference system.

NOTE

From OGC 17-083r2: OGC Two Dimensional Tile Matrix Set but modified.

4.7. tile scheme

scheme that defines the unique properties of each individual tile in a tile set. These properties include a unique identifier for each tile, the tile origin, and the extent of the tile.

NOTE

From OGC 19-014r1: Core Tiling Conceptual and Logical Models for 2D Euclidean Space

4.8. tile set

set of tiles - a collection of subsets of the space being partitioned.

NOTE

From OGC 19-014r1: Core Tiling Conceptual and Logical Models for 2D Euclidean Space

NOTE

For the purposes of this document, a tile set is a series of actual tiles contain data and following a common tile set scheme.

4.9. tile set scheme

scheme that defines how space is partitioned into individual tiled units. A tiling scheme defines the spatial reference system, the geometric properties of a tile, which space a uniquely identified tile occupies, and reversely, which unique identifier corresponds to a space satisfying the geometric properties to be a tile.

NOTE

From OGC 19-014r1: Core Tiling Conceptual and Logical Models for 2D Euclidean Space

NOTE

A tile set scheme can be defined on top of a CRS as well as other spatial reference systems such as DGGS and other organizations including irregular ones. In this document, only tile set schemes based on CRSs are supported.

4.10. vector tile

tile that contains vector information that has been simplified at the tile scale resolution and clipped by the tile boundaries.

NOTE

From OGC 17-083r2: OGC Two Dimensional Tile Matrix Set but modified.

4.11. Web API

API using an architectural style that is founded on the technologies of the Web [source: OGC API - Features - Part 1: Core]

NOTE

See [Best Practice 24: Use Web Standards as the foundation of APIs](#) [<https://www.w3.org/TR/dwbp/#APIHttpVerbs>] (W3C Data on the Web Best Practices) for more detail.

Chapter 5. Conventions

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

5.1. Identifiers

The normative provisions in this standard are denoted by the URI

<http://www.opengis.net/spec/{standard}/{m.n}>

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

Chapter 6. Overview

6.1. Evolution from OGC Web Services

OGC Web Service (OWS) standards have historically implemented a Remote-Procedure-Call-over-HTTP architectural style using Extensible Markup Language (XML) for payloads. This was the state-of-the-art when some of the initial versions of OGC Web Services were originally designed in the late 1990s and early 2000s. This architectural style has now a competing RESTful API style that is proposed as an alternative to RPC pattern. A RESTful API style is resource-oriented instead of service-oriented. The Web Map Tile Service 1.0 already defines a resource oriented architectural style but it lack an API defintion. This OGC API - Tiles standard specifies an API that follows this Web architecture and in particular the W3C/OGC best practices for sharing Spatial Data on the Web as well as the W3C best practices for sharing Data on the Web.

This document provides de necessary elements to incorporate tile support to an API implementation. These elements can be incorporated in an API based on the OGC API - Features Part 1, core or can be incorporated in an API implementation based on the OGC API – Common Part 1, core. Both specifies a kernel of an API approach to services that follows current resource-oriented architecture practices in the OGC. The OGC API - Common standard provides the foundation upon which implementations of the OGC APIs can be built. The OGC API - common can be combined with this standard and other resource-specific OGC API standards to build and OGC API implementation. However, this standard is done in a way that can extend OGC API - Common but does not make OGC API - Common mandatory. This way This standard it can be reused as a building block in other frameworks.

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

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

This approach intends to support two types of client developers:

- Those that have never heard about OGC. Developers should be able to create a client using the API definition without the need to adopt a specific OGC approach (they no longer need to read how to implement a GetCapabilities, allowing them to focus on the geospatial aspects).
- Those that want to write a "generic" client that can access OGC APIs. In other words, they are not specific for a particular API.

As a result of following a RESTful approach, OGC API implementations are not backwards compatible with OWS implementations per se. However, a design goal is to define OGC APIs in a way that an OGC API interface can be mapped to an OWS implementation (where appropriate). OGC APIs are intended to be simpler and more modern, but still an evolution from the previous versions and their implementations making the transition easy (e.g. by initially implementing facades in front of the current OWS services).

This document provides simple examples throughout the document. The examples are based on a dataset that contains buildings and the API provides access to the datasets via a single feature collection ("buildings") and two encodings: JSON and Hypertext Markup Language (HTML).

6.2. Tiles and maps

WMS and WMTS share the concept of a map and the capability to create and distribute maps at a limited resolution and size. In WMS the number of rows and columns can be selected by the user within limits and in WMTS the number of rows and columns of the response is predefined in the tile matrix.

With time, the concept of a tile, initially used for *map tiles* has been generalized to other data models such as feature data (some vendors use the expression *vector tiles*) and even to coverage data or processes that can be parallelized dividing the space in tiles. This draft specification presents an approach to tiles that can be applied to almost every resource type that returns geospatial data representations. If applied in conjunction with the OGC API - Features standard and on top of a feature collection, the expected result is tiled feature data. If applied in conjunction with the OGC API - Maps standard and on top of a collection that is transformed into a map by applying a style, the result should be map tiles (usually in PNG or JPEG format).

This document is part of a series of OGC API - Tiles "parts" that use the core and extensions model. This document includes the "core" and the "root" extension. It is foreseen that future parts will specify other extensions such as how to defined tile matrix sets, how to get tiles from more than one geospatial resource, how to get information of a point in a tile and how to get multiple tiles in a single request. The OGC API Maps is required only to the extent to allow for map tiles to be created on top of a map created by selecting a geospatial data resource with style (or multiple geospatial data resource with styles). An additional extension will deal with time, elevation and other dimensions.

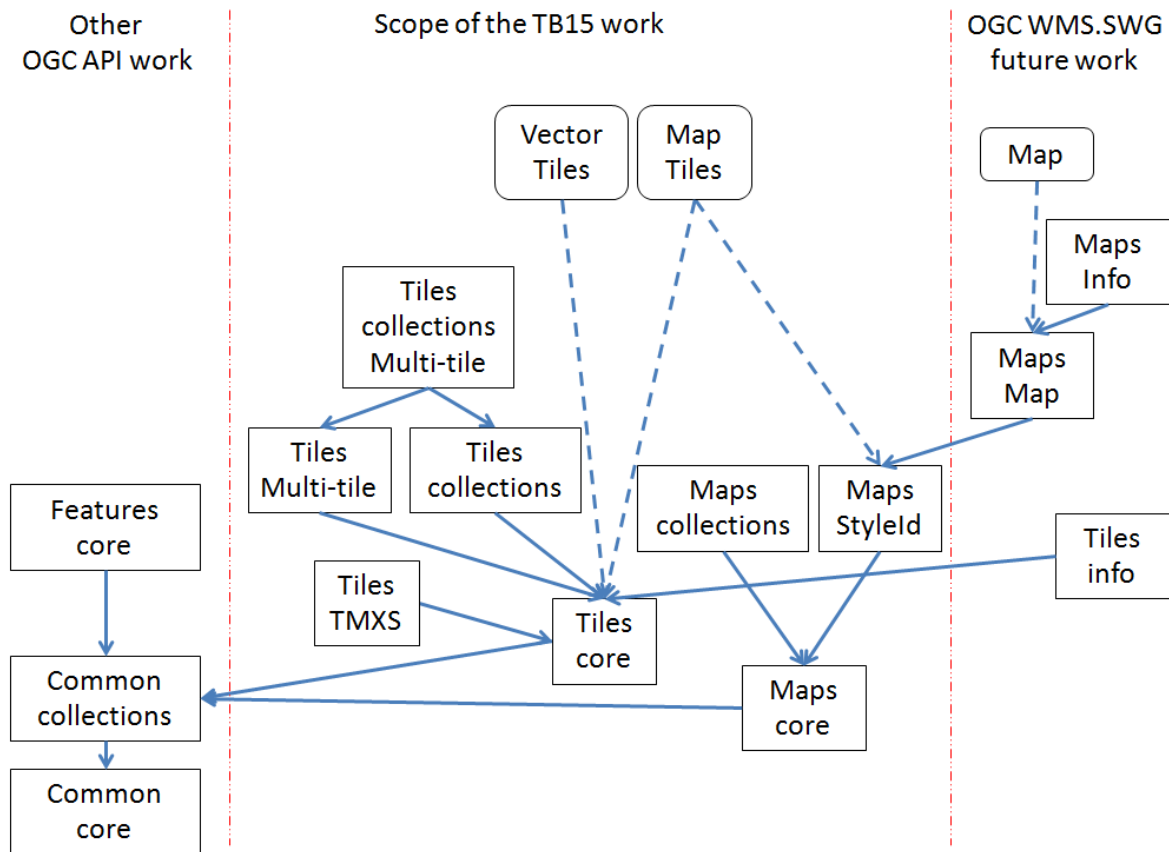


Figure 1. Modular approach in the Maps and Tiles draft specification

6.3. How to approach an OGC API

There are two ways to approach an OGC API.

- Read the landing page, look for links, follow them and discover new links until the desired resource is found
- Read an API definition document that will specify a list of paths and path templates to resources.

For the first approach, many resources in the API include links with rel properties to know the reason for this relation. The following figure illustrates these links.

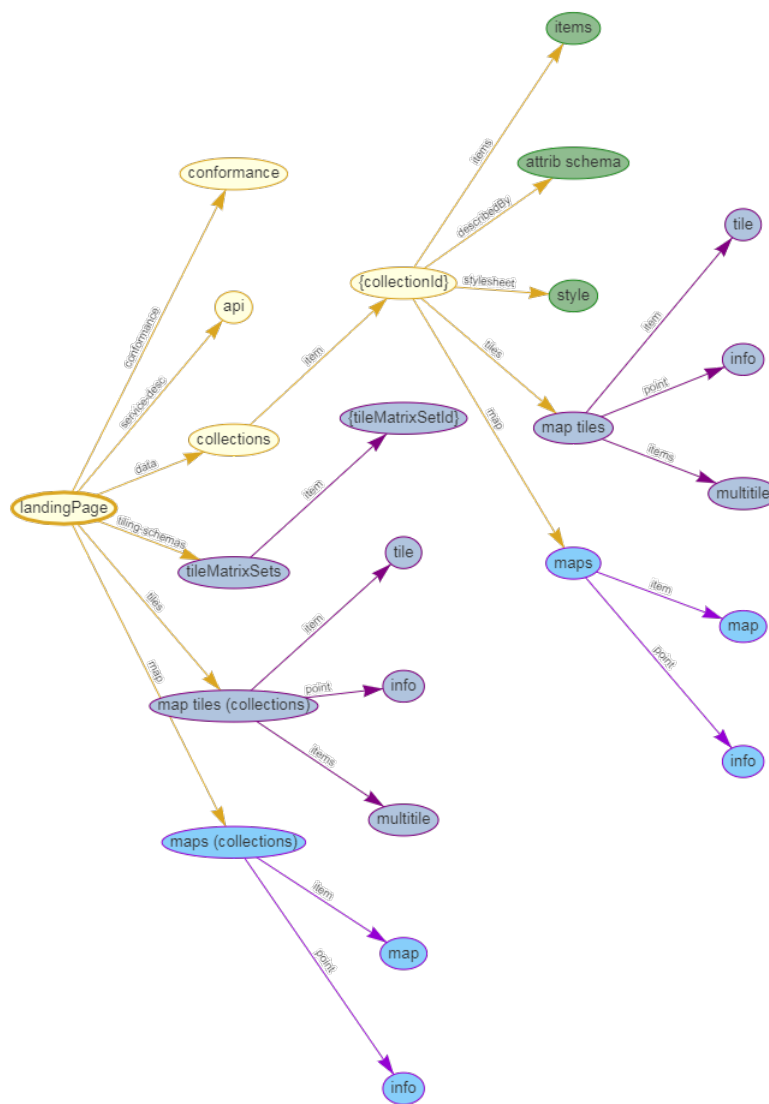


Figure 2. Resources and relations to them via links

For the second approach, we provide some examples of paths templates that an OpenAPI definition documents commonly enumerate. The paths and path templates can be used to get the necessary resources directly.

Resource name	Common path
Landing page ⁴	/
Conformance declaration ⁴	/conformance
Collections	/collections
Collection	/collections/{collectionId}
Tiling Schemas	/tileMatrixSets
Tiling Schema	/tileMatrixSets/{tileMatrixSetId}
Tiles	
Vector Tiles description	/collections/{collectionId}/tiles

Resource name	Common path
Vector Tiles description in one tile matrix set ²	/collections/{collectionId}/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}
Vector Tile	/collections/{collectionId}/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}/{tileMatrix}/{tileRow}/{tileCol}
Vector Tiles description (geospatial resources ¹)	/tiles
Vector Tile	/collections/{collectionId}/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}/{tileMatrix}/{tileRow}/{tileCol}
Vector tile (geospatial resources ¹)	/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}/{tileMatrix}/{tileRow}/{tileCol}
Maps	
Maps description ³	/collections/{collectionId}/map
Maps description (geospatial resources ¹) ³	/map
Map tiles	
Map tiles description	/collections/{collectionId}/map/tiles
Map tiles description in one tile matrix set ²	/collections/{collectionId}/map/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}
Map tiles description (geospatial resources ¹)	/map/tiles
Map tiles description (geospatial resources ¹) in one tile matrix set ²	/map/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}
Map tile	/collections/{collectionId}/map/{styleId}/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}/{tileMatrix}/{tileRow}/{tileCol}
Map tile (geospatial resources ¹)	/map/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}/{tileMatrix}/{tileRow}/{tileCol}

Table 1. Overview of resources and common direct links that can be used to define an OGC API and can be described in an Open API document

¹: The expression "geospatial resources" means "from more than one geospatial resource or collection" ²: Specified in an annex of this document, providing support for the "TileJSON" format. ³: Specified in the OGC API - Maps Part1, core ⁴: Specified in the OGC API - Common Part1, core

NOTE

Despite the fact that the previous list of path and path templates are used in many implementations of the OGC API - Tiles, the use of these exact paths are not required by this document and others are possible if correctly described in both approaches.

Chapter 7. Requirement Class "Tiles core"

7.1. Overview

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/req/core	
Target type	Web API
Dependency	RFC 2616 (HTTP/1.1)
Dependency	RFC 2818 (HTTP over TLS)
Dependency	RFC 3339 (Date and Time on the Internet: Timestamps)
Dependency	RFC 8288 (Web Linking)
Dependency	http://www.opengis.net/spec/tilematrixset/1.0/req/tilematrixset2d
Dependency	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/req/core
Dependency	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/req/collections

This is a building block for the an OGC API that is able to provide geospatial data resources. When applying the building block to a geospatial data resource, it becomes available as tiles. The server can select which resources are available as tiles and will advertise which resources are available as tiles.

This building block does not specify how to get an API definition, the conformance class list or the geospatial data resources lists. The standard assumes that the first two are defined by an API specification (e.g. OGC API Common) and the later by an OGC API for geospatial data resource (e.g. OGC API - Features).

The core of the OGC API - Tiles core draft specification does not mandate the inclusion of an explicit definition of any TileMatrixSet. This draft specification assumes that clients and services know about the eight TileMatrixSets defined in OGC 17-083r2 annex D (or compatible future update of it) and there is no need to define new TileMatrixSets. An extension to the core provides the capability to include definitions of flexible TileMatrixSets that are explicitly defined.

This draft specification assumes that data is organized into one or more geospatial data resources (e.g. the "collections" in [OGC API - Features - Part 1: Core](#) [<http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-features-1/1.0>]). Geospatial data resources are referenced using URIs.

This document does not specify any requirements for the type of geospatial data resource that should be supported. Provided that the geospatial data resources can be organized into tiles, they can be supported regardless of whether they are features, coverages, a resource that does not represent data per-se (e.g. an annotation) and so forth. The resource path replaces the concept of layer in WMS and WMTS. In this core tiles can be generated from only one geospatial data resource (tiles that are generated as a combination of geospatial data resources will be defined as an extension).

Accessing the geospatial data resource content (other than as tiles) or its descriptions is out of the scope of this draft specification. If a description of the geospatial data resource exists and it has a mechanism to add links to it, this specification will indicate the need to add a link to the tile representation description.

The tile representation description will include metadata about tiles as well as links to other resources including at least one with a template to get individual tiles.

7.2. General

Recommendation 6	/rec/tiles/core/api-common
A	An implementation this standard should consider to implement the requirements specified in the http://www.opengis.net/spec/OAPI_Common/1.0/req/core and http://www.opengis.net/spec/OAPI_Common/1.0/req/collections Requirements Classes of the OGC API-Common version 1.0 Standard.

This building block stays flexible and does not require implementation OGC API - Common, allowing for other API architectures outside the OGC API framework to adopt it. However, a server under the OGC APIs is expected to implement OGC API - Common. If so, in practice, this means that the landing page and the conformance page follow OGC API - Common core and collections requirement classes when used. Temporarily, it is also possible to combine this building block with [OGC API - Features - Part 1: Core, version 1.0](http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-features-1/1.0) [http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-features-1/1.0] that is not tied to OGC API - Common.

7.3. Declaration of conformance classes

To support "generic" clients that want to access multiple OGC API standards and extensions - and not "just" a specific API / server, the API has to declare the requirements classes it implements and conforms to.

7.3.1. Response

The conformance page mainly consists of a list of links.

Requirement 23	/req/tiles/core/conformance-success
A	If the API has a mechanism to advertise conformance classes, the API SHALL advertise the tiles core conformance class with a link to http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/conf/core .

If the server declares also conformity to OGC API - Common or to **OGC API - Features - Part 1: Core, version 1.0** [<http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-features-1/1.0>], then it has to consider the OGC API - Common requirements for declaring conformance, i.e. the use of a the conformance page. In the JSON format the conformance page is an array of links following the link schema defined in the OGC API - Common or in **OGC API - Features - Part 1: Core, version 1.0** [<http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-features-1/1.0>]. Below is an example fragment of a conformance information page of an API conformant to OGC API - Common and OGC API - Tiles.

Example 1. Conformance Information Page fragment

```
{
  "conformsTo": [
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/conf/core",
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/conf/collections",
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/conf/core"
  ]
}
```

7.4. geospatial data resources

This draft specification does not specify how geospatial data resources are exposed in the API and if they can be retrieved as geospatial data (e.g. feature items). For example **OGC API - Features - Part 1: Core, version 1.0** [<http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-features-1/1.0>] includes the definition of collections and each collection is available in the `/collections/{collectionId}` path. OGC API - Common will provide a similar mechanism. Other paths in the API could also give access to geospatial data resources.

NOTE

The concept of geospatial data resource path substitutes the concept of "layer" in WMTS 1.0 but it is intended to give a better integration between data visualization and data access.

7.5. Tiles description

A tile description contains the necessary metadata to enable a client application to formulate a tile request from a single geospatial data resource.

7.5.1. Tiles description path

Requirement 24	/req/tiles/core/sct-op
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A	Every geospatial data resource available as tiles SHALL support an path URL and a HTTP GET operation to retrieve the description of the tiles the API implementation can provide
B	The URI shall be composed by two parts: the initial part is the URI of the geospatial data resource that can be represented as tiles and the final part follows the pattern <code>/tiles</code>

This standard does not specify the need for any additional query parameter in the GET request.

7.5.2. Tiles description Link

Requirement 25	<code>/req/tiles/core/tc-tile-desc-links</code>
A	If the API has a mechanism for their geospatial data resources to expose links to geospatial representations (e.g. feature items), the API SHALL include a <code>link</code> with the <code>href</code> pointing to a the description of the tiles that presents a tile representation of this geospatial data resource and with <code>rel: "tiles"</code> .

For example, an implementation of the [OGC API - Features - Part 1: Core](http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-features-1/1.0) [http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-features-1/1.0] returns a list of links that include geospatial representations for each geospatial data resource in the `/collections/{collectionId}` path. OGC API - Common is expected to provide a similar mechanism. In the JSON response, the array `links` is the place for adding a resource reference to the 'tiles' description.

Example 2. Fragment of a collection with a links array with one item of the array pointing to a tiles description.

```
"id": "buildings",
"title": "Buildings in the city of Bonn",
"description": "This collection contains buildings",
"attribution": "OpenStreetMap",
"extent": {
  ...
}
"links": [
  ...
  {
    "href": "http://data.example.com/collections/buildings/tiles",
    "rel": "tiles",
    "type": "application/json",
  }
]
```

7.5.3. Response

A successful GET response to a tiles description resource will respond with a data structure with the specific information necessary to build a complete GET request to the tiles representing the geospatial data resource. In this core draft specification, the response is only required to inform about from which tile matrix sets the tiles can be retrieved and the URL template for retrieving the tiles.

Requirement 26	/req/tiles/core/sct-tmxslink
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A	<p>If the tiles are available in a tile matrix set different from WebMercatorQuad, the content of the response to a successful execution to a tiles description SHALL contain a property called <i>tileMatrixSetLinks</i> with a list of <i>tileMatrixSetLink</i> objects following a data model defined in the clause 7.3 of OGC 17-083r2. In the core specification <i>tileMatrixSetLink</i> is only used for referencing the supported TileMatrixSets for the tiles, limiting it to the following schema (expressed as an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> tileMatrixSetLink-set: description: This list of tileMatrixSetLink objects, as defined in OGC 17-083r2 supported by this collectionId. type: array items: \$ref: '#/components/schemas/tileMatrixSetLink-entry' tileMatrixSetLink-entry: type: object required: - tileMatrixSet properties: tileMatrixSet: type: string example: 'WebMercatorQuad' tileMatrixSetURI: type: string format: uri example: 'http://www.opengis.net/def/tilematrixset/OGC/1.0 /WebMercatorQuad' </pre>
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Recommendation 7	/rec/tiles/core/sct-tmxslink
A	<p>This core requirements class does not provide any mechanism to define TileMatrixSets so if this mechanism is not provided in an extension, the tileMatrixSetURI SHOULD point to one of the 8 URIs defined in the OGC 17-083r2 Annex D [http://docs.openeospatial.org/is/17-083r2/17-083r2.html#61].</p>

B	The server SHOULD do a effort to provide to the client a way to get full description of the TileMatrixSet. Even if the TileMatrixSet is not directly defined by the API, when a full definition of the TileMatrixSet is available as a resolvable URL, a resolvable URL SHOULD be used as the value of the tileMatrixSetURI.
C	This standard recommends the use of the TileMatrixSets defined in Annex D [http://docs.opengeospatial.org/is/17-083r2/17-083r2.html#61] of OGC 17-083r2. In the case of variable-width tiles, the standard recommends the use of the TileMatrixSets defined in Annex H [http://docs.opengeospatial.org/is/17-083r2/17-083r2.html#104] of OGC 17-083r2.

TileMatrixSetLink is mandatory as part of the response of a ‘tiles’ description. Clients or servers are not required to support a specific default TileMatrixSet. The [Example of a tiles metadata response](#) shows how a TileMatrixSet can be referenced.

Resolvable URLs for the 8 URIs defined in the OGC 17-083r2 Annex D are available in the OGC schemas repository in XML, JSON and RDF formats. For example, JSON descriptions can be found here: <http://schemas.opengis.net/tms/1.0/json/examples/>

Requirement 27	/req/tiles/core/sct-tile-examples
A	The content of the response to a successful execution of a tile description SHALL include at least a link to a tile URI template (rel: item).
B	These links SHALL provide a URL template with the fragment /tiles followed by a a URI template that makes use of the following URL template variables {tileMatrixSetId}, {tileMatrix}, {tileRow}, {tileCol} (the variable {tileMatrixSetId} can be omitted if only one tile matrix set available in the server) (the variable {tileMatrix} can be omitted in the rare case that there is only one tile matrix set and it only defined one tile matrix). Once the variables are substituted by their respective valid values, a URL to a tile is obtained.
C	There SHALL be a link to a tile URI template for each file format that the server supports (the format is indicated in the 'type' attribute of the link)

D	A property templated SHALL be part of the link properties to indicate that the link needs to be processed to substitute the templated variables with valid values before being used as a URL to a tile.
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- NOTE** | The geospatial data resource URL is expected to be the first part of the URL template (presented by the '...' in the previous note) but this standard does not mandate this.
- NOTE** | see recommendation `rec_tiles_core_tc-op` below

Example 3. Example of a tiles metadata response

```
{
  "tileMatrixSetLinks": [
    {
      "tileMatrixSet": "WorldMercatorWGS84Quad",
      "tileMatrixSetURI":
"http://schemas.opengis.net/tms/1.0/json/examples/WorldMercatorWGS84Quad.json"
    }
  ],
  ...
  "links": [
    ...
    {
      "href":
"http://data.example.com/collections/buildings/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}/{tileMatrix}/{tileRow}/{tileCol}.png",
      "templated": true,
      "rel": "item",
      "type": "image/png",
    }
    ...
  ]
}
```

- NOTE** | The use of "templated" is inspired by the JSON Hypertext Application Language (HAL), <https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-kelly-json-hal-08>

The following table explains the meaning of the URI template variables.

URL template variable	Meaning	Possible values
TileMatrixSetId	tile matrix set identifier	One of the identifiers included in Annex D of OGC 17-083r2 or an identifier defined by extensions of this core
TileMatrix	tile matrix identifier	Identifier of the tile matrix (representing a zoom level, a.k.a. a scale) listed in the TileMatrixSet definition
TileRow	row index of tile matrix	A non-negative integer between 0 and the MatrixHeight – 1. If there is a TileMatrixSetLimits the value is limited between MinTileRow and MaxTileRow
TileCol	column index of tile matrix	A non-negative integer between 0 and the MatrixWidth – 1. If there is a TileMatrixSetLimits the value is limited between MinTileCol and MaxTileCol

Table 2. URI template variables for tiles and valid values

7.6. A tile from a geospatial data resource

A tile resource is a geospatial representation of a fragment of a geospatial data resource that is spatially constrained at the boundaries of the selected tile in a tile matrix set.

7.6.1. Tile path and link

As described before a tile path is obtained by extracting a tile URL templated from one of the links with **rel: item** in tiles description document and substituting the templated variables of with valid values.

7.6.2. Operation

Requirement 28	/req/tiles/core/tc-op
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A	A tile that contains available data SHALL be available as a HTTP GET request to a URI that will be composed by two parts: The first part is the URI of a geospatial data resource that can be represented as tiles, followed by the word 'tiles', followed by the a URL template that makes use of the following URI template variables {tileMatrixSetId}, {tileMatrix}, {tileRow}, {tileCol} (the variable {tileMatrixSetId} can be omitted if only one tile matrix set available in the server) (the variable {tileMatrix} can be omitted in the rare case that there is only one tile matrix set and it only defined one tile matrix). Once the variables are substituted by their respective valid values, a URL to a tile is obtained.
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Typical geospatial data resources that can be retrieved as tiles are: features (in **OGC API - Features - Part 1: Core** [<http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-features-1/1.0>] represented by /collections/{collectionId}), or full maps (specified in the OGC API Maps).

Recommendation 8	/rec/tiles/core/tc-op
A	A tiles implementation should consider to use the tiles URI template variables in the following common order and form: {tileMatrixSetId}/{tileMatrix}/{tileRow}/{tileCol}
B	A tiles implementation should consider to specify the variables {tileMatrixSetId} and {tileMatrix} even if there is only one valid value for them.

NOTE

Clients should not assume the common order of URI template variable and should extract them from the examples in the "links" section or from the API description path templates.

7.6.3. Parameter tileMatrixSetId

Requirement 29	/req/tiles/core/tc-tilematrixsetid-definition
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A	<p>The operation SHALL support a parameter <code>tileMatrixSetId</code> with the following characteristics (shown as OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: tileMatrixSetId in: path description: Identifier of a specific tiling scheme. It can be one of those specified in Annex D.1 of the OGC 17-083r2 standard or one defined in this service. required: true schema: type: string example: WebMercatorQuad </pre>
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The core of the OGC API -Tiles standard provides a mechanism to select and retrieve a tile in a TileMatrixSet. If the service does not advertise any other TileMatrixSet (this core does not describe any mechanism to do that, but an extension will do it) the TileMatrixSet identifiers possible are limited to the ones specified in the Annex D.1 of the OGC 17-083r2 standard.

7.6.4. Parameter `tileMatrix`

Requirement 30	/req/tiles/core/tc-tilematrix-definition
A	<p>The operation SHALL support a parameter <code>tileMatrix</code> with the following characteristics (shown as OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: tileMatrix in: path description: Identifier selecting one of the scales defined in the TileMatrixSet and representing the scaleDenominator the tile. required: true schema: type: string example: '11' </pre>

7.6.5. Parameter tileRow

Requirement 31	/req/tiles/core/tc-tilerow-definition
A	<p>The operation SHALL support a parameter tileRow with the following characteristics (shown as OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre>name: tileRow in: path description: Row index of the tile on the selected TileMatrix. It cannot exceed the MatrixWidth-1 for the selected TileMatrix required: true schema: type: integer minimum: 0 example: '827'</pre>

7.6.6. Parameter tileCol

Requirement 32	/req/tiles/core/tc-tilecol-definition
A	<p>The operation SHALL support a parameter tileCol with the following characteristics (shown as OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre>name: tileCol in: path description: Column index of the tile on the selected TileMatrix. It cannot exceed the MatrixHeight-1 for the selected TileMatrix. required: true schema: type: integer minimum: 0 example: 1231</pre>

7.6.7. Response

A successful response to a tile GET operation will be consistent with the media type of resource requested. This draft specification does not impose any media type or file format. For example:

- For features the media type may be GeoJSON or Mapbox Vector Tiles;
- For coverages the response may be a GeoTIFF;
- For maps the response may be a JPEG or a PNG.

Requirement 33	/req/tiles/core/tc-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 consistent with the format requested and represent elements inside or intersecting with the spatial extent of the geographical area of the tile identified by TileMatrixSet, TileMatrix, TileRow and TileCol.

Permission 4	/per/tiles/core/tc-core-tile-encoding
A	This draft specification does not impose any media type on the encoding of a response containing tiled feature data. For features the media type MAY be GeoJSON, Mapbox vector tiles or other format.
B	This draft specification does not impose any media type on the encoding of a response containing tiled coverage data. For coverages it MAY be a GeoTIFF or other format.
C	This draft specification does not impose any media type on the encoding of a map tile response. For maps it MAY be a JPEG, PNG or other format.

Normally, the content partially outside the tile bounding box will be clipped at the extent of the bounding box. This can be done efficiently when tiles are in raster format (e.g. map tiles). However, tiles containing features in vector format may not clip features that are partially outside to ensure continuity of features for performance.

Recommendation 9	/rec/tiles/core/tc-success-scale
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A	The content of that response should be simplified to comply with the scale denominator represented by the TileMatrix identified. Full resolution geographical elements are only expected for the lower values of scale denominators.
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To enable search engines to easily discover the content offered by an implementation of OGC API - Tiles, as well as to enable web browsers to easily display the content offered by the APIs, this specification allows for responses to operations to be encoded in HTML.

Permission 5	/per/tiles/core/tc-core-html
A	Every 200-response of an operation of the server MAY support the media type <code>text/html</code> .

7.6.8. Error conditions

A general summary of the HTTP status codes can be found in [OGC API - Features - Part 1: Core, version 1.0](http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-features-1/1.0) [http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/ogcapi-features-1/1.0] as well as in OGC API - Common.

If the parameter value `tileMatrixSetId` is not available by the server for this resource or the parameters values `tileMatrix`, `tileRow`, `tileCol` are out-of-range, of the tile is not provided due to lack of data in the area, the status code of the response will be `404`.

Chapter 8. Requirement Class "Tiles root"

8.1. Overview

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

In previous clauses tiles are produced from one, and only one geospatial data resource available in this API. This scenario is achieved by concatenating the tile path to the geospatial data resource.

This OGC API requirements class is an extension of the core requirements class that defines how to create tiles that combine one or more geospatial data resources in any way that is decided in the client side. This is achieved by having the tile path available at the root of the service.

It has been argued that this approach is too flexible. In an API that has several geospatial data resources, the number of potential combinations of geospatial data resources may be too big to be efficiently handle. If the implementers see a potential performance issue, they may not choose to declare conformity to this requirements class.

8.2. General

This building block stays flexible and does not require implementation of OGC API - Common, allowing for other API architectures outside the OGC API framework to adopt it. However, a server under the OGC APIs is expected to implement OGC API - Common. If so, in practice, this means that the landing page and the conformance page follow OGC API - Common - Part 1: Core.

8.3. API landing page

The landing page provides links to start exploring the resources offered by the API. It mainly consists of a list of links to root resources. This standard extension requires a new link in the landing page for getting a description of the URL that allows for retrieving tiles of one or more resources.

8.3.1. Response

Requirement 34	/req/tiles/root/root-success
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A	If the API has mechanism to expose root resources (e.g. a landing page), the API SHALL advertise a URI to retrieve tile definitions defined by this service as links to the descriptions paths with rel: tiles .
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In the landing page, in JSON format, the links follow the link schema defined in the OGC API - Common or in OGC API - Features v1. Below you can find an example fragment of the response to an OGC API - Tiles landing page showing the link to root tiles.

Example 4. API Landing Page fragment that advertises the path to get tiles for more than one collection

```
{
  links: [
    ...,
    {
      "href": "http://data.example.org/tiles",
      "rel": "tiles",
      "type": "application/json",
      "title": "Link to information on map tiles combining more than
one collection",
    }
  ]
}
```

8.4. Declaration of conformance classes

8.4.1. Response

The conformance page mainly consists of a list of links.

Requirement 35	/req/tiles/root/conformance-success
A	If the API has a mechanism to advertise conformance classes, the API SHALL advertise the capability of generating tiles from multiple collections adding the conformance class for this capability as a link to http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/conf/root .

On the conformance page (typically in JSON format) the links follow the link schema defined in the OGC API – Common draft specification. The following is an example fragment from the

response to an OGC API - Tiles conformance information page showing the support for *tiles from more than one collection*

Example 5. Conformance Information Page fragment

```
{
  "conformsTo": [
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/conf/core",
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/conf/collections",
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/conf/core"
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/conf/root"
  ]
}
```

8.5. Root tiles description

The response to the tiles description operation contains the necessary information to later formulate a tile request of tiles from more than one collection.

8.5.1. Operation

Requirement 36	/req/tiles/root/ts-op
A	The server SHALL support an operation to retrieve the description of the root tiles available as a HTTP GET request to a URI that is composed by two parts: the first part is the URI of a resource that can be represented as tiles (e.g. /map or simply /) and the second part follows the pattern /tiles.

The request of this operation has no parameters.

8.5.2. Response

A successful response to a tiles request for a root tiles will return a data structure with a link to get tiles representing the resources and other relevant resources. This requirements class, the response only requires a URL template to retrieve a tile.

Requirement 37	/req/tiles/root/ts-tile-examples
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A	The content of the response to a successful execution SHALL include at least one link to a tile URI template (rel: item).
B	These links SHALL provide a URL template composed by the URL of this resource followed by the variables {tileMatrixSetId}, {tileMatrix}, {tileRow} and {tileCol}. Once the variables are substituted by their respective valid values, a URL to a tile is obtained.
C	There SHALL be a link to a tile URI template for each format that the server supports (the format is indicated in the 'type' attribute of the link)

One common order used in URL templates for tiles is: tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}/{tileMatrix}/{tileRow}/{tileCol}. However, this draft specification allows for other URL template composition.

URL template variable	Meaning	Possible values
TileMatrixSetId	tile matrix set identifier	The identifiers included in Annex D of OGC 17-083r2 or defined by extensions of the core requirements class.
TileMatrix	tile matrix identifier	Identifier of the tile matrix (representing a zoom level, a.k.a. a scale) listed in the TileMatrixSet definition
TileRow	row index of tile matrix	A non-negative integer between 0 and the MatrixHeight – 1. If there is a TileMatrixSetLimits the value is limited between MinTileRow and MaxTileRow
TileCol	column index of tile matrix	A non-negative integer between 0 and the MatrixWidth – 1. If there is a TileMatrixSetLimits the value is limited between MinTileCol and MaxTileCol

Table 3. URI template variables for tiles and possible values

```
links:
[
  {
    "href":
"http://data.example.com/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}/{tileMatrix}/{tileRow}
/{tileCol}",
    "templated": true,
    "rel": "item",
    "type": "image/png",
  }
]
```

In general, the `tileMatrixSetLinks` and the `tileMatrixSetLimits` can be determined by examining this information in the individual geospatial data resource `tiles` of geospatial data resource. In some cases, the server could also include the `tileMatrixSetLinks` data structure as part of the response to this operation. Clients should be prepared to determine if a `tileMatrixSetLinks` data structure is not provided in certain combinations of geospatial data resources by examining the `tileMatrixSet` values and limits from the information in the individual geospatial data resources and calculating the limits as the most restrictive intersection of them.

8.6. Tiles

This operation allows retrieving a single tile that represents information coming from one or more geospatial data resources.

8.6.1. Operation

Requirement 38	/req/tiles/root/tcs-op
A	The server SHALL support a set of HTTP GET operations following a URL template composed by the the root tile resource URL followed by values that substitute the variables {tileMatrixSetId}, {tileMatrix}, {tileRow} and {tileCol}.

One common order used in URL templates for tiles is: `tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}/{tileMatrix}/{tileRow}/{tileCol}`. However, this draft specification allows for other URL template composition.

8.6.2. Parameter tileMatrixSetId

Requirement 39	/req/tiles/root/tcs-tilematrixsetid-definition
A	<p>The operation SHALL support a parameter <code>tileMatrixSetId</code> with the following characteristics (shown as OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre>name: tileMatrixSetId in: path description: Identifier of a specific tiling scheme. It can be one of the specified in Annex D.1 of the OGC 17-083r2 standard or one defined in this service. required: true schema: type: string example: WebMercatorQuad</pre>

8.6.3. Parameter tileMatrix

Requirement 40	/req/tiles/root/tcs-tilematrix-definition
A	<p>The operation SHALL support a parameter <code>tileMatrix</code> with the following characteristics (shown as OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre>name: tileMatrix in: path description: Identifier selecting one of the scales defined in the TileMatrixSet and representing the scaleDenominator the tile. required: true schema: type: string example: '11'</pre>

8.6.4. Parameter tileRow

Requirement 41	/req/tiles/root/tcs-tilerow-definition
A	<p>The operation SHALL support a parameter tileRow with the following characteristics (shown as OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: tileRow in: path description: Row index of the tile on the selected TileMatrix. It cannot exceed the MatrixWidth-1 for the selected TileMatrix required: true schema: type: integer minimum: 0 example: '827' </pre>

8.6.5. Parameter tileCol

Requirement 42	/req/tiles/root/tcs-tilecol-definition
A	<p>The operation SHALL support a parameter tileCol with the following characteristics (shown as OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: tileCol in: path description: Column index of the tile on the selected TileMatrix. It cannot exceed the MatrixHeight-1 for the selected TileMatrix. required: true schema: type: integer minimum: 0 example: 1231 </pre>

8.6.6. Parameter Resources

Requirement 43	/req/tiles/root/tcs-root-definition
A	<p>The operation SHALL support an optional parameter resources with the following characteristics (shown as OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment)</p> <pre> name: resources in: query required: false style: form explode: false schema: type: array items: type: string </pre>
B	The parameter resources SHALL contain a comma-separated list of geospatial resource identifiers (collectionId's) or a comma-separated list of full URLs to geospatial resource identifiers.
C	Only the geospatial resource identifiers that advertise a link with type= tiles in the geospatial resource description SHALL be included.
D	Only geospatial resources that support the same TileMatrixSetId parameter value SHALL be included.

Recommendation 10	/rec/tiles/root/tcs-root-definition
A	If the parameter resources is missing, and when it is possible and sensible, all geospatial data resources supporting the TileMatrixSetId parameter value SHOULD be represented in the tiles.

Permission 6	/per/tiles/root/tcs-root-definition
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A	If the parameter resources is missing and if it is not possible and sensible to represent all geospatial data resources in tiles (e.g. it compromises performance or tiles are become packed with too many elements), the server is allowed to select only the most significant geospatial data resources.
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8.6.7. Response

A successful response to a tile request is consistent with the media type of resource requested. This draft specification does not impose any media type. For example, for features the media type may be GeoJSON or Mapbox Vector Tiles, for coverages it may be a GeoTIFF, and for maps it may be a JPEG or a PNG.

Requirement 44	/req/tiles/root/tcs-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 consistent with the format requested and represent elements inside or intersecting with the spatial extent of the geographical area of the tile identified by TileMatrixSet, TileMatrix, TileRow and TileCol.
C	The content of that response SHALL be simplified to comply with the scale denominator represented by the TileMatrix identified. Full resolution geographical elements will only be provided for the lower values of scale denominators.

8.6.8. Error conditions

If the value of the parameter **tileMatrixSetId** is not available by the server for this resource or the values of the parameters **tileMatrix**, **tileRow**, **tileCol** are out-of-range, the status code of the response is 404.

If the value of the parameter **resources** contains a resource id of URI that does not exist on the API, the status code of the response is 404.

If the value of the parameter **resources** has a wrong format or combines one of more geospatial data resources that are not compatible with the **tileMatrixSetId** value, the status code of the response is 500.

Annex A: Conformance Class Abstract Test Suite (Normative)

NOTE

Ensure that there is a conformance class for each requirements class and a test for each requirement (identified by requirement name and number)

A.1. Conformance Class Core

Conformance Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/conf/core	
Target type	Web API
Requirements class	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/req/core

A.1.1. Declaration of conformance classes

A.1.1.1. Response

Abstract Test 1	/ats/core/conformance-success
Test Purpose	Validate that the Conformance Declaration response complies with the required structure and contents.
Requirement	/req/tiles/core/conformance-success
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Validate the response document against OpenAPI 3.0 schema confClasses.yaml2. Validate that the document includes the conformance class "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/conf/core"3. Validate that the document lists all OGC API conformance classes that the API implements.

A.1.2. Tiles description

A.1.2.1. Tiles description path

Abstract Test 2	/ats/core/sct-op
Test Purpose	Validate that information about the Tiles can be retrieved from the expected location.
Requirement	/req/tiles/core/sct-op
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issue an HTTP GET request to the URL {geospatial resource}/tiles 2. Validate that a document was returned with a status code 200

A.1.2.2. Tiles description Link

Abstract Test 3	/ats/core/tc-tile-desc-links
Test Purpose	Validate that the description of the tiles presents a tile representation of a geospatial resource and with rel: "tiles"
Requirement	/req/tiles/core/tc-tile-desc-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). 3. a link with the href pointing to the description of the tiles that presents a tile representation of this geospatial resource and with relation: tiles.

A.1.2.3. Response

Abstract Test 4	/ats/core/sct-tmxslink
Test Purpose	Verify that the response to a successful execution to a tiles description contains tileMatrixSetLinks
Requirement	/req/tiles/core/sct-tmxslink

Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Validate that the response document contains a property <code>tileMatrixSetLinks</code> 2. Validate the document against the schema using an JSON Schema validator. <div> <pre> tileMatrixSetLink-set: description: This list of tileMatrixSetLink objects, as defined in OGC 17-083r2 supported by this collectionId. type: array items: \$ref: '#/components/schemas/tileMatrixSetLink- entry' tileMatrixSetLink-entry: type: object required: - tileMatrixSet properties: tileMatrixSet: type: string example: 'WebMercatorQuad' tileMatrixSetURI: type: string format: uri example: 'http://www.opengis.net/def/tilematrixset/OGC/1.0 /WebMercatorQuad' </pre> </div>
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Abstract Test 5	/ats/core/sct-tile-examples
Test Purpose	Verify that the response to a successful execution to a tiles description includes the required tile URI templates.
Requirement	/req/tiles/core/sct-tile-examples

Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify that the content of the response to a successful execution of a tile description includes at least a link to a tile URI template (rel: item). 2. Verify that the links provide a URL template with the fragment /tiles followed by the variables {tileMatrixSetId}, {tileMatrix}, {tileRow} and {tileCol}. 3. Verify that there is a link to a tile URI template for each file format that the server supports (the format is indicated in the 'type' attribute of the link). 4. Verify that a property 'templated' is part of the link properties to indicate that the link needs to be processed to substitute the templated variables with valid values before being used as a URL to a tile.
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A.1.3. A tile from a geospatial resource

A.1.3.1. Operation

Abstract Test 6	/ats/core/tc-op
Test Purpose	Validate that a tile can be retrieved from the expected location.
Requirement	/req/tiles/core/tc-op
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issue an HTTP GET request to the URL with pattern /tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}/{tileMatrix}/{tileRow}/{tileCol}. 2. Validate that a content was returned with a status code 200 3. Validate the contents of the returned feature using test /ats/core/tc-success.

A.1.3.2. Parameter tileMatrixSetId

Abstract Test 7	/ats/core/tc-tilematrixsetid-definition
Test Purpose	Validate that the tileMatrixSetId parameters are constructed correctly.

Requirement	/req/tiles/core/tc-tilematrixsetid-definition
Test Method	<p>Verify that the tileMatrixSetId parameter complies with the following definition (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: tileMatrixSetId in: path description: Identifier of a specific tiling scheme. It can be one of those specified in Annex D.1 of the OGC 17-083r2 standard or one defined in this service. required: true schema: type: string example: WebMercatorQuad </pre>

A.1.3.3. Parameter tileMatrix

Abstract Test 8	/ats/core/tc-tilematrix-definition
Test Purpose	Validate that the tileMatrix parameters are constructed correctly.
Requirement	/req/tiles/core/tc-tilematrix-definition

Test Method	<p>Verify that the tileMatrix parameter complies with the following definition (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: tileMatrix in: path description: Identifier selecting one of the scales defined in the TileMatrixSet and representing the scaleDenominator the tile. required: true schema: type: string example: '11' </pre>
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A.1.3.4. Parameter tileRow

Abstract Test 9	/ats/core/tc-tilerow-definition
Test Purpose	Validate that the tileRow parameters are constructed correctly.
Requirement	/req/tiles/core/tc-tilerow-definition
Test Method	<p>Verify that the tileRow parameter complies with the following definition (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: tileRow in: path description: Row index of the tile on the selected TileMatrix. It cannot exceed the MatrixWidth-1 for the selected TileMatrix required: true schema: type: integer minimum: 0 example: '827' </pre>

A.1.3.5. Parameter tileCol

Abstract Test 10	/ats/core/tc-tilecol-definition
Test Purpose	Validate that the tileCol parameters are constructed correctly.
Requirement	/req/tiles/core/tc-tilecol-definition
Test Method	<p>Verify that the tileCol parameter complies with the following definition (using an OpenAPI Specification 3.0 fragment):</p> <pre> name: tileCol in: path description: Column index of the tile on the selected TileMatrix. It cannot exceed the MatrixHeight-1 for the selected TileMatrix. required: true schema: type: integer minimum: 0 example: 1231 </pre>

A.1.3.6. Response

Abstract Test 11	/ats/core/tc-success
Test Purpose	Validate that the response complies with the required format, structure and contents.
Requirement	/req/tiles/core/tc-success
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Validate that a successful execution of the operation is reported with a HTTP status code 200. 2. Validate that the content of that response is consistent with the format requested and represents elements inside or intersecting with the spatial extent of the geographical area of the tile identified by TileMatrixSet, TileMatrix, TileRow and TileCol.

A.2. Conformance Class Root

Conformance Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/conf/root	
Target type	Web API
Requirements class	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/req/root

A.2.1. API landing page

A.2.1.1. Response

Abstract Test 12	/ats/root/root-success
Test Purpose	Validate that the API advertises a URI for retrieving tile definitions defined by the service as links to the descriptions paths with rel: tiles.
Requirement	/req/tiles/root/root-success
Test Method	Verify that the API advertises a URI, as links to the descriptions paths with rel: tiles , for retrieving tile definitions defined by the service.

A.2.2. Declaration of conformance classes

A.2.2.1. Response

Abstract Test 13	/ats/root/conformance-success
Test Purpose	If the API has a mechanism to advertise conformance classes, validate that the API advertises the capability of generating tiles from multiple collections adding the conformance class for this capability
Requirement	/req/tiles/root/conformance-success

Test Method	Validate that the mechanism the API uses for advertising conformance classes includes the URI http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-tiles-1/1.0/conf/root .
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A.2.3. Root tiles description

A.2.3.1. Operation

Abstract Test 14	/ats/root/ts-op
Test Purpose	Validate that the server supports retrieval of descriptions of the root tiles
Requirement	/req/tiles/root/ts-op
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Validate that the first part of the URL is the URI of a resource that can be represented as tiles (e.g. /map or simply /) 2. Validate that the second part of the URL follows the pattern /tiles. 3. Issue an HTTP GET request to the URL provided for retrieving the description of the root tiles 4. Validate that a document was returned with a status code 200

A.2.3.2. Response

Abstract Test 15	/ats/root/ts-tile-examples
Test Purpose	Validate that the response to a tiles request for a root tiles returns a data structure with a link to get tiles representing the resources.
Requirement	/req/tiles/root/ts-tile-examples

Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify that the response includes at least one link labeled with the relation type rel: item 2. Verify that links with rel: item follow a URL template consisting of the variables {tileMatrixSetId}, {tileMatrix}, {tileRow} and {tileCol} 3. If multiple links are provided with the same URL template, verify that they have a different type attribute value (each indicating a different format)
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A.2.4. Tiles

A.2.4.1. Operation

Abstract Test 16	/ats/root/tcs-op
Test Purpose	Validate that tiles can be retrieved using the URL templates provided by the server.
Requirement	/req/tiles/root/tcs-op
Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For every URL template provided by the server, issue an HTTP GET request to the URL, substituting the variables {tileMatrixSetId}, {tileMatrix}, {tileRow} and {tileCol} appropriately. 2. Validate that responses are returned with a status code 200. <p>Repeat the steps above for each format using the values indicated by the type attribute.</p>

A.2.4.2. Parameter tileMatrixSetId

Abstract Test 17	/ats/root/tcs-tilematrixsetid-definition
Test Purpose	Verify that the operation supports a parameter tileMatrixSetId .
Requirement	/req/tiles/root/tcs-tilematrixsetid-definition

Test Method	<p>1. Issue an HTTP GET request with a <code>tileMatrixSetId</code> parameter value constructed following schema the below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <pre> name: tileMatrixSetId in: path description: Identifier of a specific tiling scheme. It can be one of the specified in Annex D.1 of the OGC 17-083r2 standard or one defined in this service. required: true schema: type: string example: WebMercatorQuad </pre> </div> <p>2. Validate that responses are returned with a status code 200.</p>
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A.2.4.3. Parameter tileMatrix

Abstract Test 18	/ats/root/tcs-tilematrix-definition
Test Purpose	Verify that the operation supports a parameter <code>tileMatrix</code> .
Requirement	/req/tiles/root/tcs-tilematrix-definition

Test Method	<p>1. Issue an HTTP GET request with a tileMatrix parameter value constructed following schema the below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <pre> name: tileMatrix in: path description: Identifier selecting one of the scales defined in the TileMatrixSet and representing the scaleDenominator the tile. required: true schema: type: string example: '11' </pre> </div> <p>2. Validate that responses are returned with a status code 200.</p>
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A.2.4.4. Parameter tileRow

Abstract Test 19	/ats/root/tcs-tilerow-definition
Test Purpose	Verify that the operation supports a parameter tileRow .
Requirement	/req/tiles/root/tcs-tilerow-definition

Test Method	<p>1. Issue an HTTP GET request with a tileRow parameter value constructed following schema the below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <pre> name: tileRow in: path description: Row index of the tile on the selected TileMatrix. It cannot exceed the MatrixWidth-1 for the selected TileMatrix required: true schema: type: integer minimum: 0 example: '827' </pre> </div> <p>2. Validate that responses are returned with a status code 200.</p>
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A.2.4.5. Parameter tileCol

Abstract Test 20	/ats/root/tcs-tilecol-definition
Test Purpose	Verify that the operation supports a parameter tileCol .
Requirement	/req/tiles/root/tcs-tilecol-definition

Test Method	<p>1. Issue an HTTP GET request with a tileCol parameter value constructed following schema the below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <pre> name: tileCol in: path description: Column index of the tile on the selected TileMatrix. It cannot exceed the MatrixHeight-1 for the selected TileMatrix. required: true schema: type: integer minimum: 0 example: 1231 </pre> </div> <p>2. Validate that responses are returned with a status code 200.</p>
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A.2.4.6. Parameter Resources

Abstract Test 21	/ats/root/tcs-root-definition
Test Purpose	Verify that the operation optionally supports a parameter resources .
Requirement	/req/tiles/root/tcs-root-definition

Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Validate that the operation returns an HTTP 200 code for a resources parameter constructed following schema the below. <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; background-color: #f9f9f9; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <pre> name: resources in: query required: false style: form explode: false schema: type: array items: type: string </pre> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Verify that resources parameter only contains a comma-separated list of geospatial resource identifiers (collectionId's) or a comma-separated list of full URLs to geospatial resource identifiers. 3. Verify that the geospatial resource identifiers advertise links with type=tiles in the geospatial resource description 4. Verify that the geospatial resource identifiers support the same TileMatrixSetId parameter value
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A.2.4.7. Response

Abstract Test 22	/ats/root/tcs-success
Test Purpose	Verify that the response to a tile request is consistent with the spatial extent and media type of resource requested.
Requirement	/req/tiles/root/tcs-success

Test Method	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verify that the format of the response is as requested. 2. Verify that the spatial extent of the contents of the response are inside or intersecting with the spatial extent of the geographical area of the tile identified by TileMatrixSet, TileMatrix, TileRow and TileCol in the request. 3. Verify that the content of the response complies with the scale denominator represented by the TileMatrix identified. 4. Validate that the response is returned with a status code 200.
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Annex B: Multi-layer Tile Support (Informative)

This draft specification does not impose any limits on the number of data layers that are included in a single tile. The server is therefore allowed to return a tile consisting of multiple data layers, where each individual data layer, or the set of data layers as a whole, may correspond to a collection. Such tiles are referred to as "multi-layer tiles".

Metadata about single or multi-layer tiles may be serialized as JSON, for example using the [Mapbox TileJSON](https://github.com/mapbox/tilejson-spec) [https://github.com/mapbox/tilejson-spec] format. TileJSON conveys information such as the layers found within a tileset, the fields for attribute information, the vector geometry type, the zoom levels as well as a simple URL template for retrieving the tiles themselves. An example TileJSON document is shown in the following section.

B.1. Example TileJSON document

The following TileJSON could be retrieved from a URL such as: https://someserver.ogc.org/tiles/collections/vtp_daraa/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}?f=application%2Fjson

NOTE

The OGC Vector Tiles Pilot Phase 2 (VTP2) initiative successfully proved that the TileJSON documents could be served from a URL such as: https://someserver.ogc.org/tiles/collections/vtp_daraa/tiles/{tileMatrixSetId}/metadata?f=application%2Fjson

```
{
  "name": "vtp_daraa",
  "scheme": "xyz",
  "tiles": [

    "https://someserver.ogc.org/tiles/collections/vtp_daraa/tiles/WebMercatorQuad/{z}/{y}/{x}?f=application%2Fvnd.mapbox-vector-tile"

  ],
  "center": [
    36.56250000000041,
    34.27502568554792,
    6
  ],
  "bounds": [
    35.8995094299316,
    32.4131851196289,
    36.5781326293945,
    33.1460647583008
  ],
  "vector_layers": [
```

```

{
  "id": "AgricultureSrf",
  "fields": {
    "OTH": "string",
    "PVH": "number",
    "TSCL": "number",
    "ZI005_FNA": "string",
    "CDR": "string",
    "...": "..."
  },
  "geometry_type": "polygon"
},
{
  "id": "VegetationSrf",
  "fields": {
    "LZN": "number",
    "OTH": "string",
    "PVH": "number",
    "TRE": "integer",
    "...": "..."
  },
  "geometry_type": "polygon"
},
{
  "id": "MilitarySrf",
  "fields": {
    "OTH": "string",
    "WD3": "number",
    "FRT": "integer",
    "FRT3": "integer",
    "FRT2": "integer",
    "ZI005_FNA": "string",
    "...": "..."
  },
  "geometry_type": "polygon"
},
...
]
}

```

The **draft** schema for TileJSON 3.0.0 is presented below for reference.

```

{
  "name": "TileJSON",
  "type": "object",

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```

"properties": {
  "tilejson": {
    "type": "string",
    "pattern": "\\d+\\.\\.\\d+\\.\\.\\d+\\.\\.w?[\\w\\d]*"
  },
  "tiles": {
    "type": "array",
    "items": {
      "type": "string"
    }
  },
  "vector_layers": {
    "type": "array",
    "items": {
      "type": "object",
      "properties": {
        "id": {
          "type": "string"
        },
        "fields": {
          "type": "object",
          "additionalProperties": { "type": "string" }
        },
        "description": {
          "type": "string"
        },
        "maxzoom": {
          "type": "integer"
        },
        "minzoom": {
          "type": "integer"
        }
      },
      "required": [ "id", "fields" ],
      "additionalProperties": true
    }
  },
  "attribution": {
    "type": "string"
  },
  "bounds": {
    "type": "array",
    "items": {
      "type": "number"
    }
  },
  "center": {

```

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        "type": "array",
        "items": {
            "type": "number"
        }
    },
    "data": {
        "type": "array",
        "items": {
            "type": "string"
        }
    },
    "description": {
        "type": "string"
    },
    "fillzoom": {
        "minimum": 0,
        "maximum": 30,
        "type": "integer"
    },
    "grids": {
        "type": "array",
        "items": {
            "type": "string"
        }
    },
    "legend": {
        "type": "string"
    },
    "maxzoom": {
        "minimum": 0,
        "maximum": 30,
        "type": "integer"
    },
    "minzoom": {
        "minimum": 0,
        "maximum": 30,
        "type": "integer"
    },
    "name": {
        "type": "string"
    },
    "scheme": {
        "type": "string"
    },
    "template": {
        "type": "string"
    },
    },

```

```
    "version": {
      "type": "string",
      "pattern": "\\d+\\.\\d+\\.\\d+\\w?[\\w\\d]*"
    },
    "required": ["tilejson", "tiles", "vector_layers"],
    "additionalProperties": true
  }
```


Annex C: Revision History

Date	Release	Editor	Primary clauses modified	Description
2019-03-21	Template	C. Heazel	all	initial template
2020-04-15	0.0.1	J. Maso	all	Several
2019-04-21	0.0.2	J. Maso	all	Several
2019-05-21	0.0.3	G. Hobona	Annex A	Fixed Conformance Class URI and added abstract tests

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