

OGC API - Records - Part 1

Core

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Chapter 1. Scope

This document specifies the behaviour of Web APIs that provide discovery capabilities to the existence of resources (data, services, styles, processes, etc.) in a manner which is independent of the underlying repository. This standard defines discovery and search operations.

Discovery operations enable clients to interrogate the API to determine its capabilities and retrieve information about this distribution of the dataset, including the API definition and metadata about the record collections provided by the API.

Search operations enable clients to interrogate the API with mass-market / search engine style parameters to facilitate further lowering the barrier to finding the existence of spatial resources on the Web.

Chapter 2. Conformance

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

The one Standardization Target for this standard is Web APIs.

OGC API - Common provides a common foundation for OGC API standards. Therefore, this standard should be viewed as an extension to API - Common. Conformance to this standard requires demonstrated conformance to the applicable Conformance Classes of API - Common.

This standard identifies eleven (11) Conformance Classes. The Conformance Classes implemented by an API are advertised through the `/conformance` path on the landing page. Each Conformance Class has an associated Requirements Class. The Requirements Classes define the functional requirements which will be tested through the associated Conformance Class.

The Requirements Classes for OGC API - Records are:

- **Core**
- **FullTextQuery**
- **OpenSearchQuery**
- **ComplexQueryParameters**
- **ComplexQueryResource**
- **ClassificationQuery**
- **Transaction**
- **JSON-Record**
- **XML-Record**
- **HTML-Record**
- **OpenAPI 3.0**

The *Core* Requirements Class is the minimal useful service interface for an OGC Records API. The requirements specified in this Requirements Class are mandatory for all implementations of API - Records.

The *FullTextQuery* Requirements Class defines the requirements needed to perform a full text search query.

The *OpenSearchQuery* Requirements Class defines the requirements needed to perform an OpenSearch query.

The *ComplexQueryParameters* Requirements Class defines the requirements to use complex query predicates as HTTP query parameters.

The *ComplexQueryResource* Requirements Class defines the requirements needed to search the

catalogue using complex predicates.

The *ClassificationQuery* Requirements Class defines the requirements needed to perform a taxonomy search on the catalogue.

The *Transaction* Requirements Class defines the requirements needed to add, modify and remove records from the catalogue.

The *JSON-Record* Requirements Class defines the requirements for a JSON representation of a standard catalogue record.

The *XML-Record* Requirements Class defines the requirements for an XML representation of a standard catalogue record.

The *HTML-Record* Requirements Class defines the requirements for an HTML representation of a standard catalogue record.

The *OpenAPI 3.0* Requirements Class addresses the use of the OpenAPI 3.0 standard to document and communicate the API Definition.

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.

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Chapter 4. Terms and Definitions

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

4.1. Conformance Module; Conformance Test Module

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

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

4.2. Conformance Class; Conformance Test Class

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

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

4.3. dataset

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

4.4. Distribution

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

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

4.5. Executable Test Suite (ETS)

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

4.6. Recommendation

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

4.7. Requirement

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

4.8. Requirements Class

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

4.9. Requirements Module

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

4.10. Standardization Target

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

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

Chapter 5. Conventions

The following conventions will be used in this 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/ogcapi-records-1/1.0>

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

5.2. Examples

Most of the examples provided in this standard are encoded in JSON. JSON was chosen because it is widely understood by implementers and easy to include in a text document. This convention should NOT be interpreted as a requirement that JSON must be used. Implementors are free to use any format they desire as long as there is a Conformance Class for that format and the API advertises its support for that Conformance Class.

5.3. Schema

JSON Schema is used throughout this standard to define the structure of resources. These schema are typically represented using YAML encoding. This convention is for the ease of the user. It does not prohibit the use of another schema language or encoding. Nor does it indicate that JSON schema is required. Implementations should use a schema language and encoding appropriate for the format of the resource.

5.4. UML Notation

Diagrams using the Unified Modeling Language (UML) adhere to the following conventions:

- UML elements having a package name of “GML” are those defined in the UML model of GML 3.2.1
- UML elements having a package name of “SWE Common” are those defined in the UML model of SWE Common 2.0
- UML elements not qualified with a package name, or with “CIS”, are those defined in this standard.

Further, in any class where an attribute name or association role name is identical to a name in some superclass the local definition overrides the superclass definition.

5.5. Namespace Prefix Conventions

UML diagrams and XML code fragments adhere to the namespace conventions shown in [Table 1](#). The namespace prefixes used in this document are not normative and are merely chosen for convenience. The namespaces to which the prefixes correspond are normative, however.

Table 1. Namespace mapping conventions

| UML prefix | GML prefix | Namespace URL | Description |
|------------|------------|---|-------------|
| GML | gml | http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2 | GML 3.2.1 |
| GML33 | gml33 | http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.3 | GML 3.3 |

Chapter 6. Overview

6.1. General

The OGC API family of standards enable access to resources using the HTTP protocol and its' associated operations (GET, PUT, POST, etc.). OGC API - Common defines a set of features which are applicable to all OGC APIs. Other OGC standards extend API - Common with features specific to a resource type. This OGC API - Records standard defines an API with two goals:

1. Provide modern API patterns and encodings to facilitate further lowering the barrier to finding the existence of spatial resources on the Web.
2. Provide functionality comparable to that of the [OGC Catalogue Service \(CSW\) standard](#).

Resources exposed through an OGC API may be accessed through a Universal Resource Identifier (URI). URIs are composed of three sections:

- Service Offering: The service endpoint (subsequently referred to as Base URI or {root})
- Access Paths: Unique paths to Resources
- Query: Parameters to adjust the representation of a Resource or Resources like encoding format or subsetting

Some resources are also accessible through links on previously accessed resources. Unique relation types are used for each resource.

[Table 2](#) summarizes the access paths and relation types defined in this standard.

Table 2. Record API Paths

| Path Template | Relation | Resource |
|--|---|---|
| Common | | |
| {root}/ | none | Landing page |
| {root}/api | service-desc or service-doc | API Description (optional) |
| {root}/conformance | conformance | Conformance Classes |
| {root}/collections | data | Metadata describing the spatial collections available from this API. |
| {root}/collections/{collectionid} | | Metadata describing the collection which has the unique identifier {collectionid} |
| Records | | |
| {root}/collections/{collectionid}/items | items | Search results based on querying the service for records satisfying 0..n query parameters. |
| {root}/collections/{collectionid}/items/{recordid} | item | Record of metadata which has the unique identifier {recordid} . |

Where:

- {root} = Base URI for the API server
- {collectionid} = an identifier for a specific collection
- {recordid} = an identifier for a specific record within a collection

6.2. Record Schema

6.3. API Behavior Model

The Record API is designed to be compatible but not conformant with the OGC Catalogue Service for the Web (CSW). This allows API - Record and CSW implementations to co-exist in a single processing environment.

NOTE Replace the following with a discussion of CSW and API - Record

[OGC Catalogue Service standard version 3](#) provides an abstract core model of metadata (data about data) describing a number of different information types (data, services, styles, processes, etc.) on which the classic operations GetCapabilities, DescribeRecord, GetRecords, and GetRecordById can be explained naturally. This model consists of a 1..n catalogue collections residing in a CSW backend repository. It holds service metadata describing service qualities (identification, contact, operations, filtering capabilities, etc.). At its heart, a catalogue may provide discovery services to any number of metadata repositories. The core catalogue model is based on an extension of Dublin Core (CSW Record). Application profiles can be developed to target specific metadata information models (such as ISO 19115/19139, etc.).

Discussion has shown that the API model also assumes underlying service and object descriptions, so a convergence seems possible. In any case, it will be advantageous to have a similar "mental model" of the server store organization on hand to explain the various functionalities introduced below.

6.4. Dependencies

The OGC API - Records standard is an extension of the OGC API - Common standard. Therefore, an implementation of OGC API - Records must first satisfy the appropriate Requirements Classes from API - Common. [Table 3](#) Identifies the OGC API - Common Requirements Classes which are applicable to each section of this Standard. Instructions on when and how to apply these Requirements Classes are provided in each section.

Table 3. Mapping API - Records Sections to API - Common Requirements Classes

| API - Record Section | API - Common Requirements Class |
|--|---|
| API Landing Page | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/core |
| API Definition | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/core |
| Declaration of Conformance Classes | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/core |

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Collections | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/collections |
| OpenAPI 3.0 | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/oas30 |
| JSON | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/geojson |
| HTML | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/html |

Chapter 7. Requirements Class "Core"

7.1. Overview

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

The **Core** Requirements Class defines the requirements for locating, understanding, and accessing Record resources. The **Core** Requirements Class is presented in five sections:

1. **API Platform**: a set of common capabilities
2. **Collection Access**: operations for accessing collections of **Records**
3. **Records Access**: operations for accessing **Record** resources
4. **Parameters**: parameters for use in the API - Records operations.
5. **General**: general principles for use with this standard.

7.2. Dependencies

The OGC API - Records standard is an extension of the OGC API - Common standard. Therefore, an implementation of API - Records must first satisfy the appropriate Requirements Classes from API - Common.

| Requirement 1 | /req/core/api-common |
|--|---|
| The API implementation SHALL demonstrate conformance with the following Requirements Classes of the OGC API - Common version 1.0 Standard. | |
| A | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/core |
| B | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/collections |

7.3. Platform

API - Common defines a set of common capabilities which are applicable to any OGC Web API. Those capabilities provide the platform upon which resource-specific APIs can be built. This section describes those capabilities and any modifications needed to better support Record resources.

7.3.1. API landing page

The landing page provides links to start exploration of the resources offered by an API. Its most

important component is a list of links. OGC API - Common already requires some common links. Those links are sufficient for this standard.

Table 4. Dependencies

http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/core

7.3.1.1. Operation

The **Landing Page** operation is defined in the **Core** conformance class of API - Common. No modifications are needed to support **Record** resources. The **Core** conformance class specifies only one way of performing this operation:

1. Issue a **GET** request on the **{root}/** path

Support for **GET** on the **{root}/** path is required by API - Common.

7.3.1.2. Response

A successful response to the **Landing Page** operation is defined in API - Common. The schema for this resource is provided in **Landing Page Response Schema**.

Landing Page Response Schema

```
type: object
required:
  - links
properties:
  title:
    description: The title of the API
    type: string
  description:
    description: A textual description of the API
    type: string
  links:
    description: Links to the resources exposed through this API.
    type: array
    items:
      $ref: link.yaml
```

The following JSON fragment is an example of a response to an OGC API - Records Landing Page operation.

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

7.3.1.3. Error situations

The requirements for handling unsuccessful requests are provided in [HTTP Response](#). General guidance on HTTP status codes and how they should be handled is provided in [HTTP status codes](#).

7.3.2. API definition

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

Table 5. Dependencies

http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/core

7.3.2.1. Operation

This operation is defined in the **Core** conformance class of API - Common. No modifications are needed to support **Records** resources. The **Core** conformance class describes two ways of performing this operation:

1. Issue a **GET** request on the **{root}/api** path
2. Follow the **service-desc** or **service-doc** link on the landing page

Only the link is required by API - Common.

7.3.2.2. Response

A successful response to the API Definition request is a resource which documents the design of the API. API - Common leaves the selection of format for the API Definition response to the API implementor. However, the options are limited to those which have been defined in the API - Common standard. At this time OpenAPI 3.0 is the only option provided.

7.3.2.3. Error situations

The requirements for handling unsuccessful requests are provided in [HTTP Response](#). General guidance on HTTP status codes and how they should be handled is provided in [HTTP status codes](#).

7.3.3. 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 conformance classes it claims to have implemented.

Table 6. Dependencies

| |
|---|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/core |
|---|

7.3.3.1. Operation

This operation is defined in the **Core** conformance class of API - Common. No modifications are needed to support **Records** resources. The **Core** conformance class describes two ways of performing this operation:

1. Issue a **GET** request on the **{root}/conformance** path
2. Follow the **conformance** link on the landing page

Both techniques are required by API - Common.

7.3.3.2. Response

A successful response to the Conformance operation is a list of URLs. Each URL identifies an OGC Conformance Class for which this API claims conformance. The schema for this resource is defined in API - Common and provided for reference in [Conformance Response Schema](#).

| Requirement 2 | /req/core/conformance |
|--|---|
| The list of Conformance Classes advertised by the API SHALL include: | |
| A | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/conf/core |
| B | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/conf/collections |
| C | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/conf/core |

```
type: object
required:
  - conformsTo
properties:
  conformsTo:
    type: array
    items:
      type: string
      example: "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/conf/core"
```

The following JSON fragment is an example of a response to an OGC API - Records conformance operation.

Conformance Information Example

```
{
  "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-common-1/1.0/conf/oas3",

    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/conf/xml",
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/conf/html",
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/conf/json",
    "http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/conf/core"
  ]
}
```

7.3.3.3. Error situations

The requirements for handling unsuccessful requests are provided in [HTTP Response](#). General guidance on HTTP status codes and how they should be handled is provided in [HTTP status codes](#).

7.4. Collection Access

API - Common starts with the assumption that spatial resources are organized into collections. An API will expose one or more collections. The API - Common Collections Conformance Class defines how to organize and provide access to a collection of collections.

This standard extends the API - Common **Collections** conformance class to support collections of records, then extends that class to support **Record** unique capabilities.

7.4.1. Collections

The **Collections** operation returns a set of metadata which describes the collections available from this API.

Table 7. Dependencies

http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/collections

7.4.1.1. Operation

This operation is defined in the **Collections** conformance class of API - Common. No modifications are needed to support **Record** resources. The **Collections** conformance class describes two ways of performing this operation:

1. Issue a **GET** request on **{root}/collections** path
2. Follow the **data** link on the landing page

Support for both the **{root}/collections** path and the **data** link is required by API - Common.

7.4.1.2. Response

A successful response to the **Collections Operation** is a document which includes summary metadata for each collection accessible through the API.

Collections Response Schema

```
type: object
required:
  - links
  - collections
properties:
  links:
    type: array
    items:
      $ref: link.yaml
  collections:
    type: array
    items:
      $ref: collectionInfo.yaml
```

The following JSON fragment is an example of a response to an OGC API - Records Collections operation.

Collections Example

```
{
  "links": [
    {
      "href":
"http://www.pvretano.com/cubewerx/cubeserv/default/wrs/4.0/collections?f=application%2
Fjson",
      "rel": "self",
      "type": "application/json",
      "title": "this document"
    },
  ],
}
```

```

{
  "href":
"http://www.pvretano.com/cubewerx/cubeserv/default/wrs/4.0/collections?f=text%2Fxml",
  "rel": "alternate",
  "type": "text/xml",
  "title": "this document as XML"
},
{
  "href":
"http://www.pvretano.com/cubewerx/cubeserv/default/wrs/4.0/collections?f=text%2Fhtml",
  "rel": "alternate",
  "type": "text/html",
  "title": "this document as HTML"
}
],
"collections": [
{
  "id": "radarsat2cat",
  "type": "catalogue",
  "title": "CubeWerx RADARSAT-2 Catalogue",
  "description": "A sample catalogue of RADARSAT-2 products stored in S3 on AWS.",
  "language": "en",
  "links": [
    {
      "href":
"http://www.pvretano.com/cubewerx/cubeserv/default/csw/4.0/collections/s1tepcat",
      "rel": "collection",
      "title": "Root URL for this record collection. At this endpoint you can
retrieve a description of this catalogue as well as hypermedia controls that allow you
to query the catalogue."
    }
  ]
},
{
  "id": "sentinel1cat",
  "type": "catalogue",
  "title": "CubeWerx Sentinel-1 Catalogue",
  "description": "A sample catalogue of Sentinel-1 products stored in S3 on AWS.",
  "language": "en",
  "links": [
    {
      "href":
"http://www.pvretano.com/cubewerx/cubeserv/default/csw/4.0/collections/sentinel1cat",
      "rel": "collection",
      "title": "Root URL for this record collection. At this endpoint you can
retrieve a description of this catalogue as well as hypermedia controls that allow you
to query the catalogue."
    }
  ]
}
]

```

```
}
```

7.4.1.3. Error situations

The requirements for handling unsuccessful requests are provided in [HTTP Response](#). General guidance on HTTP status codes and how they should be handled is provided in [HTTP status codes](#).

7.4.2. Collection Information

Collection Information is the set of metadata which describes a single collection. An abbreviated copy of this information is returned for each Collection in the `/collections` response.

Table 8. Dependencies

http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/collections

7.4.2.1. Operation

This operation is defined in the `Collections` conformance class of API - Common. No modifications are required to support `Records` resources.

1. Issue a `GET` request on the `{root}/collections/{collectionid}` path

The `{collectionid}` parameter is the unique identifier for a single collection on the API. The list of valid values for `{collectionid}` is provided in the `/collections` response.

Support for the `/collections/{collectionid}` path is required by API - Common.

7.4.2.2. Response

A successful response to the Collection Operation is a set of metadata which describes the collection identified by the `{collectionid}` parameter.

```
type: object
required:
  - id
  - links
properties:
  id:
    type: string
    example: address
  title:
    type: string
    example: address
  description:
    type: string
    example: An address.
  links:
    type: array
    items:
      $ref: link.yaml
    example:
      - href: http://data.example.com/buildings
        rel: item
      - href: http://example.com/concepts/buildings.html
        rel: describedBy
        type: text/html
  extent:
    $ref: extent.yaml
  itemType:
    description: indicator about the type of the items in the collection (the default
value is 'unknown').
    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
```

The following JSON fragment is an example of a response to an OGC API - Records Collection Information operation.

Collection Information Example

```

{
  "id": "sentinel1cat",
  "type": "catalogue",
  "title": "CubeWerx Sentinel-1 Catalogue",
  "description": "A sample catalogue of Sentinel-1 products stored in S3 on AWS.",
  "language": "en",
  "links": [
    {
      "href":
"http://www.pvretano.com/cubewerx/cubeserv/default/csw/4.0/collections/sentinel1cat",
      "rel": "collection",
      "title": "Root URL for this record collection. At this endpoint you can
retrieve a description of this catalogue as well as hypermedia controls that allow you
to query the catalogue."
    }
  ],
  "queryables": [
    {
      "queryable": "id",
      "type": "string"
    },
    {
      "queryable": "type",
      "type": "string"
    },
    {
      "queryable": "cwtime",
      "type": "dateTime"
    },
    {
      "queryable": "description",
      "type": "string"
    },
    {
      "queryable": "productId",
      "type": "string"
    },
    {
      "queryable": "path",
      "type": "string"
    },
    {
      "queryable": "missionId",
      "type": "string"
    },
    {
      "queryable": "mode",
      "type": "string"
    },
    {
      "queryable": "productType",

```

```

    "type": "string"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "resolutionClass",
    "type": "string"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "processingLevel",
    "type": "string"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "productClass",
    "type": "string"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "polarization",
    "type": "string"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "startTime",
    "type": "dateTime"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "stopTime",
    "type": "dateTime"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "absoluteOrbitNumber",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "missionDataTakeId",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "productUniqueIdentifier",
    "type": "integer"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "sciHubIngestion",
    "type": "dateTime"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "sciHubIngestion",
    "type": "dateTime"
  },
  {
    "queryable": "passDirection",
    "type": "string"
  }
]

```

7.4.2.3. Error situations

The requirements for handling unsuccessful requests are provided in [HTTP Response](#). General guidance on HTTP status codes and how they should be handled is provided in [HTTP status codes](#).

7.5. Record Access

In this clause, API - Common is extended to support **Record** resources.

NOTE

The Records specific requirements go here.

7.6. Parameters

The API - Records standard inherits basic query and subsetting parameters from API - Common. This section provides a short description of each parameter and identifies the relevant requirements.

All of the permissions and recommendations in API - Common regarding the these parameters also apply to API - Records implementations.

7.6.1. Parameter bbox

The Bounding Box (bbox) parameter is defined in API - Common. The following requirement governs use of that parameter in a Records API.

| Requirement 3 | /req/core/rec-bbox-parameter |
|---------------|--|
| A | A Records API SHALL support the Bounding Box (bbox) parameter for /collections and /collections/{collectionid} requests. |
| B | Requests which include the Bounding Box parameter SHALL comply with API - Common requirement /req/core/rc-bbox-definition . |
| C | Responses to Bounding Box requests SHALL comply with API - Common requirement /req/core/rc-bbox-response . |

7.6.2. Parameter datetime

The Date-Time (datetime) parameter is defined in API - Common. The following requirement governs use of that parameter in a Records API.

| Requirement 4 | /req/core/rec-datetime-parameter |
|---------------|---|
| A | A Records API SHALL support the Date-Time (datetime) parameter for /collections and /collections/{collectionid} requests. |
| B | Requests which include the Date-Time parameter SHALL comply with API - Common requirement /req/core/rc-time-definition. |
| C | Responses to Date-Time requests SHALL comply with API - Common requirement /req/core/rc-time-response. |

7.6.3. Parameter Limit

The Limit (limit) parameter is defined in API - Common. The following requirement governs use of that parameter in a Records API.

| Requirement 5 | /req/core/rec-limit-parameter |
|---------------|---|
| A | A Records API SHALL support the Limit (limit) parameter for /collections and /collections/{collectionid} requests. |
| B | Requests which include the Limit parameter SHALL comply with API - Common requirement /req/core/rc-limit-definition. |
| C | Responses to Limit requests SHALL comply with API - Common requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • /req/core/rc-limit-response • /req/core/rc-numberReturned • /req/core/rc-numberMatched |

7.6.4. Parameter q

The Q (q) parameter is a core defined in API - Common. The following requirement governs use of that parameter in a Records API.

| Requirement 6 | /req/core/rec-q-parameter |
|---------------|---|
| A | A Records API SHALL support the Q (q) parameter for /collections/{collectionid}/items requests. |
| B | Requests which include the Q parameter SHALL comply with API - Records requirement /req/core/rc-q-definition. |

| | |
|---|--|
| C | Servers implementing the Q parameter SHOULD interpret the semantic "find all records that contain the specified terms". Implementation is left at the discretion of the server implementation (full text search, SQL LIKE, etc.) |
| D | Responses to Q Limit requests SHALL comply with API - Records requirement /req/core/rc-q-response . |

7.6.5. Combinations of Filter Parameters

Any combination of [bbox](#), [datetime](#), [q](#) and [limit](#) parameters for filtering on Record properties is allowed. Note that the requirements on these parameters imply that only records matching all the predicates are in the result set; i.e., the logical operator between the predicates is 'AND' (exclusive).

7.6.6. Paged Response

One consequence of the Limit parameter is that the full result set is not delivered to the user. However, users frequently want to know how big the result set it and how to access the rest of it. The following requirement add information to the response to address that need.

| Requirement 7 | /req/core/rec-paged-response |
|---------------|--|
| A | <p>Responses to a filtered operation that only return a portion of the full selected resource set SHALL comply with API - Common requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • /req/core/rc-response • /req/core/fc-links • /req/core/fc-rel-type • /req/core/fc-timestamp • /req/core/fc-numberMatched • /req/core/fc-numberReturned |

7.7. General

7.7.1. HTTP Response

Each HTTP request shall result in a response that meets the following requirement.

| Requirement 8 | /req/core/http-response |
|---------------|--|
| A | An HTTP operation SHALL return a response which includes a status code and an optional description elements. |

| | |
|---|--|
| B | If the status code is not equal to 200, then the description element SHALL be populated. |
|---|--|

The YAML schema for these results is provided in [HTTP Response Schema](#).

HTTP Response Schema

```

type: object
required:
  - code
properties:
  code:
    type: string
  description:
    type: string

```

7.7.2. HTTP status codes

The **Status Codes** listed in [Table 4](#) 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 4](#) 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 9. 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 fulfill it. While status code 401 indicates missing or bad authentication, status code 403 indicates that authentication is not the issue, but the client is not authorised to perform the requested operation on the resource. |
| 404 | The requested resource does not exist on the server. For example, a path parameter had an incorrect value. |
| 405 | The request method is not supported. For example, a POST request was submitted, but the resource only supports GET requests. |
| 406 | 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.

The API Description Document describes the HTTP status codes generated by that API. This should not be an exhaustive list of all possible status codes. It is not reasonable to expect an API designer to control the use of HTTP status codes which are not generated by their software. Therefore, it is recommended that the API Description Document limit itself to describing HTTP status codes relevant to the proper operation of the API application logic. Client implementations should be prepared to receive HTTP status codes in addition to those described in the API Description Document.

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

Chapter 8. Media Types

This standard does not mandate any particular encoding or format. However, it does provide extensions for encodings which are commonly used in OGC APIs. These extensions include:

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

Neither of these encodings are mandatory. An implementor of this standard may choose to implement neither of them, selecting different encodings instead.

8.1. HTML Encoding

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

8.2. JSON Encoding

Support for JSON is recommended. JSON is a commonly used format that is simple to understand and well supported by tools and software libraries.

JSON structures documented in this standard are defined using JSON Schema. These schema are available in JSON and YAML formats from <http://schemas.opengis.net/tbd>

8.2.1. GeoJSON

"GeoJSON is a geospatial data interchange format based on JavaScript Object Notation (JSON). It defines several types of JSON objects and the manner in which they are combined to represent data about geographic features, their properties, and their spatial extents. GeoJSON uses a geographic coordinate reference system, World Geodetic System 1984, and units of decimal degrees." [IETF RFC 7946](#)

GeoJSON provides a simple way of representing OGC Features in JSON. Due to its simplicity, however, it is not suitable for all feature data. It is best used for content which has a spatial extent that can be used with the World Geodetic System 1984 Coordinate Reference System.

8.3. Media Types

A description of the MIME-types is mandatory for any OGC standard which involves data encodings. The list of suitable MIME-types for the API - Records standard is provided in [Table 5](#).

Table 10. API - Records MIME Types

| Encoding | MIME Type |
|----------|------------------|
| HTML | text/html |
| JSON | application/json |

| | |
|---------|----------------------|
| GeoJSON | application/geo+json |
|---------|----------------------|

8.4. Default Encodings

The media type used to encode a response to a request shall be determined through the HTTP content negotiation protocol as specified in API - Common. However, content negotiation is not required by the HTTP standard. So default encodings must be established.

| Requirement 9 | /req/core/rec-mediatype-default |
|---------------|---|
| A | IF the JSON Conformance Class is advertised, then the default media type for content SHALL be JSON or GeoJSON. |
| C | IF the JSON Conformance Class is not advertised, then the default media type for content SHALL be HTML. |

Chapter 9. Requirements Class HTML

The following requirements apply to an OGC API - Records implementation when the following conditions apply:

1. The API advertises conformance to the HTML Conformance Class
2. The client negotiates an HTML format

The HTML Requirements Class restricts requirements defined in the **Core** Requirements Class by imposing encoding-specific requirements. At this time, these additional requirements only apply to the HTTP response payloads. The sections below identify the scope of each new requirement and the **Core** requirements which lay within each scope.

| Requirements Class | |
|---|--|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/req/html | |
| Target type | Web API |
| Dependency | Conformance Class "Core" |
| Dependency | API - Common HTML |
| Dependency | HTML5 |
| Dependency | Schema.org |

9.1. Common

This section covers the requirements inherited from the API - Common standard. Its scope includes responses for the following operations:

- **{root}/**: Landing Page
- **{root}/api**: API Description
- **{root}/conformance**: Conformance Classes
- **{root}/collections**: Collections
- **{root}/collections/{collectionid}**: Collection Information

| | |
|---|---|
| Requirement 10 | /req/html/api-common |
| Extends | /req/core/api-common |
| The API SHALL demonstrate conformance with the following Requirements Class of the OGC API - Common version 1.0 Standard. | |
| A | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/html |

It is also necessary to advertise conformance with this Requirements Class.

| | |
|--|---|
| Requirement 11 | /req/html/conformance |
| The list of Conformance Classes advertised by the API SHALL include: | |
| A | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/conf/html |

Chapter 10. Requirements Class JSON

The following requirements apply to an OGC API - Records implementation when the following conditions apply:

1. The API advertises conformance to the JSON Conformance Class
2. The client negotiates a JSON or GeoJSON format

The JSON Requirements Class restricts requirements defined in the **Core** Requirements Class by imposing encoding-specific requirements. At this time, these additional requirements only apply to the HTTP response payloads. The sections below identify the scope of each new requirement and the **Core** requirements which lay within each scope.

| Requirements Class | |
|---|--|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/req/json | |
| Target type | Web API |
| Dependency | Requirements Class "API - Common Core" |
| Dependency | API - Common GeoJSON |
| Dependency | GeoJSON |
| Pre-conditions | 1) The API advertises conformance to the JSON Conformance Class 2) The client negotiates use of the JSON or GeoJSON encoding. |

10.1. Common

This section covers the requirements inherited from the API - Common standard. Its scope includes responses for the following operations:

- **{root}/**: Landing Page
- **{root}/api**: API Description
- **{root}/conformance**: Conformance Classes
- **{root}/collections**: Collections
- **{root}/collections/{collectionid}**: Collection Information

| | |
|---|---|
| Requirement 12 | /req/json/api-common |
| Extends | /req/core/api-common |
| The API SHALL demonstrate conformance with the following Requirements Class of the OGC API - Common version 1.0 Standard. | |
| A | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/geojson |

It is also necessary to advertise conformance with this Requirements Class.

| | |
|--|---|
| Requirement 13 | /req/json/conformance |
| The list of Conformance Classes advertised by the API SHALL include: | |
| A | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/conf/json |

Chapter 11. Requirements Class XML

The following requirements apply to an OGC API - Records implementation when the following conditions apply:

1. The API advertises conformance to the XML Conformance Class
2. The client negotiates a XML format

The XML Requirements Class restricts requirements defined in the **Core** Requirements Class by imposing encoding-specific requirements. At this time, these additional requirements only apply to the HTTP response payloads. The sections below identify the scope of each new requirement and the **Core** requirements which lay within each scope.

| Requirements Class | |
|---|---|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/req/xml | |
| Target type | Web API |
| Dependency | Requirements Class "API - Common Core" |
| Dependency | API - Common GeoJSON |
| Dependency | Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 (Fifth Edition) |
| Pre-conditions | 1) The API advertises conformance to the XML Conformance Class 2) The client negotiates use of the XML encoding. |

11.1. Common

This section covers the requirements inherited from the API - Common standard. Its scope includes responses for the following operations:

- **{root}/**: Landing Page
- **{root}/api**: API Description
- **{root}/conformance**: Conformance Classes
- **{root}/collections**: Collections
- **{root}/collections/{collectionid}**: Collection Information

| | |
|---|---|
| Requirement 14 | /req/xml/api-common |
| Extends | /req/core/api-common |
| The API SHALL demonstrate conformance with the following Requirements Class of the OGC API - Common version 1.0 Standard. | |
| A | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi_common-1/1.0/req/xml |

It is also necessary to advertise conformance with this Requirements Class.

| | |
|--|---|
| Requirement 15 | /req/xml/conformance |
| The list of Conformance Classes advertised by the API SHALL include: | |
| A | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/conf/xml |

Chapter 12. Requirements class "OpenAPI 3.0"

| Requirements Class | |
|---|---|
| http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records/1.0/req/oas30 | |
| Target type | Web API |
| Dependency | Conformance Class "Core" |
| Dependency | OGC API - Common Standard 1.0 |
| Dependency | OpenAPI Specification 3.0.2 |

The OpenAPI 3.0 Requirements Class is applicable to API - Records as well. So an implementation of API - Records which supports OpenAPI 3.0 as an API Description format must also comply with the API - Common oas30 Conformance Class.

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Requirement 16 | /req/oas30/oas-common |
| Extends | /req/core/api-common |
| A | The API SHALL demonstrate conformance with the following Requirements Class of the OGC API - Common version 1.0 Standard. http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/req/oas30 . |

Implementations must also advertise conformance with this Requirements Class.

| | |
|--|---|
| Requirement 17 | /req/oas30/conformance |
| The list of Conformance Classes advertised by the API SHALL include: | |
| A | http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-records-1/1.0/conf/oas30 |

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 A

A.1.1. Requirement 1

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Test id: | /conf/conf-class-a/req-name-1 |
| Requirement: | /req/req-class-a/req-name-1 |
| Test purpose: | Verify that... |
| Test method: | Inspect... |

A.1.2. Requirement 2

Annex B: Revision History

| Date | Release | Editor | Primary clauses modified | Description |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------------------------|--|
| 2020-01-13 | Template | C. Heazel | all | initial template |
| 2020-04-22 | 1.0-dev | T. Kralidis | all | changes to reflect Records, editorial updates, add Q parameter to clause 7 |

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