

LC2 Specification

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1 Introduction

1.1 Notes

The words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" are used in accordance to RFC2119.

1.2 Understanding the document

1.3 Editing the document

The document contains a number of JSON or GeoJSON listings representing content of Lightweight Urban Computation Interchange (Luci) actions. In the listings we use the following coloring scheme:

- Key names are shown in black (e.g. `action`);
- Reserved keywords, such as value types are shown in blue (e.g. `string`);
- Fixed strings constants are shown in red (e.g. `"create_scenario"`);
- Additional structural keywords are shown in grey (e.g. `OPT` means the key-value pair is optional, `XOR` before several key-value pairs means exactly one alternative).
- Comments are in purple, separated by double slash (e.g. `// comment`)

If there is a missing reserved keyword, you can add it into tex file annotation (`keywords` or `ndkeywords` lists in `lstdefinlanguage` command).

2 Service API

Luci is primarily intended to connect machines in a LAN. Luci works as a TCP server, and all remote services and clients are TCP clients. In the beginning, a service registers itself in Luci, and then Luci sends run requests to the service from time to time. The service on the other hand keeps Luci updated of its current status.

2.1 Registering a Service

For registering a service in Luci, a set of three parameters **must** be implemented into the service and connect to Luci using the built-in service `RemoteRegister` (Appendix A.7).

The three required fields are

- `serviceName`: The service name as a string
- `description`: The service description as a string
- `exampleCall`: An example call to the service as json encoded string

If a service accepts input arguments or outputs data, two additional parameters **can** be provided:

- `input`: A json-schema that specifies the service input
- `output`: A json-schema that specifies the service output

2.2 Run and Cancel

When a client sends a message in the form

```
1 {  
2   run: string // the service name  
3 }
```

to Luci, Luci simply forwards this message to the service. The service returns with a message containing in its run id:

```
1 {  
2   newCallID: integer // the newly generated callID  
3 }
```

If a client requests to stop the execution of a certain service call, he sends the following message which is subsequently forwarded to and handled by the service.

```
1 {  
2   cancel: integer // the callID  
3 }
```

2.3 Result, Error and Progress

Without any notification of Luci, the service is responsible of keeping Luci updated of the service's current status. The result is returned when the service is finished and is formatted in the following way:

```
1 {  
2   result: json, // the result as specified in the output field upon service  
           registration  
3   callID: integer,
```

```

4  serviceName: string,
5  taskID: integer // (0 if the service has been run not as a task but has been
    called "directly")
6  }

```

From time to time, the service might want to keep Luci updated of it's progress. The client is only notified of progress if the percentage equals 0 meaning that a service started.

```

1  {
2    progress: json, // some progress message
3    callID: integer,
4    serviceName: string,
5    taskID: integer,
6    percentage: integer
7  }

```

Finally, if an error occurred, the service will provide an error message to Luci:

```

1  {
2    error: string
3  }

```

2.4 Attachments

Luci messages can contain binary data. It is attached to messages as byte arrays. Every message must contain a JSON "header", attachments are optional. The UTF8 encoded JSON header is human-readable; a complete luci message consists of a json string and a thin binary wrapper around the json header plus a binary attachments part.

Usually binary attachments should be referenced in a header using a special attachment description. Here is a convention for JSON format of such description:

```

1  {
2    format: string, // e.g. "binary" or "4-byte float array"
3    attachment: {
4      length: number, // length of attachments in bytes
5      checksum: string, // MD5 checksum
6      position: integer // starting at 1; 0 = undefined position
7    }
8    OPT name: string,
9    ANY key: string
10 }

```

Attachments can be referenced multiple times in a JSON header. Attachments - if they need to be forwarded to only one service - are forwarded directly to remote services, i.e. Luci will not wait until the whole attachment is being transferred to Luci before sending it to a remote service.

2.5 Geometry

Similar to attachments a JSON header can also contain JSON encoded geometry like GeoJSON. Since there are several JSON based geometry formats (e.g. TopoJSON) a JSONGeometry object must follow this structure:

```

1  {
2    format: string, // e.g. "binary" or "4-byte float array"
3    geometry: json, // format specific
4    OPT name: string,

```

```

5  OPT crs: string, // reference system
6  OPT attributeMap: json,
7  }

```

3 Low-Level Networking

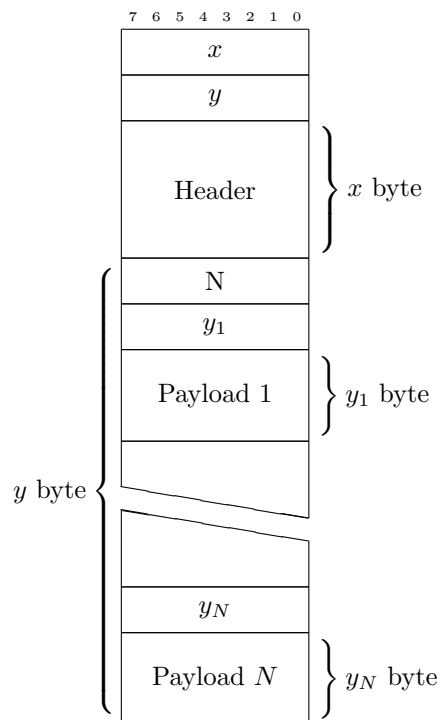


Figure 1: LC2 Message

4 Scenario Services

Luci uses GeoJSON format to represent scenario geometry. The format declares geometry information syntax, but does not declare consistent naming and geometry type mappings for Luci scenario entities, such as buildings, roads, etc. This document aims at providing guidelines on usage of Luci scenarios in Luci clients and services.

A note on jsonGeometry data type The word `geometry` in Luci specification has two different meanings. On the one hand it is a name of the key that occurs from time to time in Luci actions. On the other hand it is a name of a pre-defined data type that represents scenario geometry in JSON format. To resolve this ambiguity, in current document we use word `geometry` to represent the name of the key, and `jsonGeometry` to represent the data type. This differentiation does not introduce any changes to the existing JSON messages.

4.1 Luci scenario actions

To send geometry to Luci, we wrap it in the structure that is shown in listing 1. Special type `jsonGeometry` wraps various types of geometry processed by Luci. It allows to enclose arbitrary number of custom-named geometries (keys `KEY_NAME_N`) inline (GeoJSON) or in separate files (as binary attachments).

```
1 {
2   /* key name is an arbitrary string.
3    * The convention is to name it by filename of a file,
4    * or arbitraryname.geojson in case of GeoJSON geometry */
5   KEY_NAME_1 :
6     XOR { // "in-line" geometry
7       format      : string // "GeoJSON", later add also TopoJSON, CurveJSON, ...
8       geometry    : object // GeoJSON FeatureCollection
9       OPT crs     : string // name of a crs
10      OPT attributeMap : { // mapping between Luci and foreign types
11        LUCI_ATTRIBUTE_NAME : FOREIGN_ATTRIBUTE_NAME,
12        ...
13      }
14    }
15    XOR { // "streaminfo" - attachment description
16      format      : string // shp | shx | dbf | any other file format?
17      streaminfo  : {
18        checksum   : string // MD5 sum of an attached binary data
19        length     : long  // length of the attached binary data
20        order      : long  // number of attachment (starts with 1)
21      }
22      OPT crs      : string // name of a crs
23      OPT attributeMap : { // mapping between Luci and foreign types
24        LUCI_ATTRIBUTE_NAME : FOREIGN_ATTRIBUTE_NAME,
25        ...
26      }
27    },
28    KEY_NAME_2 : ...,
29    ...
30 }
```

Listing 1: structure of `jsonGeometry` data type

The type of object `geometry` is GeoJSON `FeatureCollection` – the format that is described in GeoJSON specification¹.

¹<http://geojson.org/geojson-spec.html>

According to `spec/LuciSpecification.pdf`, Luci provides three operations to work with scenarios: `create_scenario`, `update_scenario`, and `get_scenario`. This document covers only GeoJSON geometry manipulation; in this format individual entities are represented as **Feature** objects in **FeatureCollection**. Each **Feature** has a property `geomID:long` that is given either by a client, or by Luci (in case if client application does not specify property `geomID`).

Creating a scenario is done via `create_scenario` action shown in listing 2. The action allows to specify a location (`projection`) and a geometry to put inside the new scenario.

```

1 {
2   action      : "create_scenario", // constant, represents the action
3   name        : string, // name of the scenario
4   OPT projection : {
5     XOR crs      : string, // name of a crs
6     XOR bbox     : [ [number, number] // top-left coords [lat, long]
7                   , [number, number]], // bottom-right coords [lat, long]
8   },
9   OPT geometry  : jsonGeometry, // wrapper around various geometry types
10  OPT switchLatLon : boolean // switch lat-long to long-lat in geometry
11 }

```

Listing 2: JSON action structure for creating a scenario in Luci

Listing 3 shows the action to update scenario geometry. The action allows to change the name and the bounding box, as well as the geometry inside.

```

1 {
2   action      : "update_scenario", // constant, represents the action
3   ScID        : long, // ID of the scenario in Luci
4   OPT name     : string, // set a new name for the scenario
5   OPT bbox     : [ [number, number] // top-left coords [lat, long]
6                 , [number, number]], // bottom-right coords [lat, long]
7   OPT geometry : jsonGeometry // wrapper around various geometry types
8   OPT switchLatLon : boolean // switch lat-long to long-lat in geometry
9 }

```

Listing 3: JSON action structure for updating a scenario in Luci

- In order to add an entity to the scenario, one adds **Feature** into **FeatureCollection** (geometry object).
- In order to modify an existing entity, one must specify its property `geomID` (if given `geomID` does not exist, the entity is added to the scenario, otherwise it is edited).
- In order to delete a number of entities from the scenario, one adds an empty **Feature** into **FeatureCollection** that has a property `deleted_geomIDs:[long]` – array of `geomID` for deletion.

Listing 4 shows the action to get scenario geometry. The action allows to specify the format of the data to (Luci does transformation), and get the geometry from the scenario at given time.

```

1 {
2   action      : "get_scenario", // constant, represents the action
3   XOR scenarioname : string // name of the scenario in Luci
4   XOR ScID       : long, // ID of the scenario in Luci
5   OPT format_request : string, // maybe we will change this later to "format"
6   OPT crs          : string,
7   OPT geomIDs       : [long], // select a subset of scenario objects
8   OPT timerange     : { // time is a number - timestamp in unix format
9     XOR until      : long,
10    XOR from        : long,
11    XOR between     : [long, long],
12    XOR exactly     : long,

```



```

13     OPT all      : boolean // include all versions (not only the last)
14   }
15 }

```

Listing 4: JSON action structure for getting a scenario from Luci

4.2 Scenario GeoJSON geometry

Although GeoJSON specification provides all necessary geometry primitives, we need a more structured convention to define one-to-one mapping between the geometry and scenario entities. Luci does not generate an error for an input that does not follow it – the convention only describes what kind of data structures services and clients should expect.

Section 4.2.1 describes the rules assumed by Luci when communicating with all services and clients. Section 4.2.2 describes the rules assumed by most applications, but not checked in Luci. Section 4.2.3 describes the application-specific rules. Any service or client provider (Luci user) may introduce a rule that is used in their application. The providers are encouraged to add these rules into section 4.2.3. By an agreement in our team some of the rules go up from section 4.2.3 to section 4.2.2. In case of wide usage they might be enforced in Luci, thus moving one step up to section 4.2.1.

4.2.1 Standardized Rules

Object **geometry** in listing 1 is assumed to be of type **FeatureCollection**. Every entity is represented as a **Feature** inside that collection, and has a property **geomID:long** that is given by a client or Luci (if the client omits the property).

4.2.2 Conventional Rules

Some services require 3D objects, others use only 2D footprints. To distinguish these two types of geometry, we agreed on using **Feature** property **layer**.

- Object (e.g. Building) – a 3D geometry, represented as **Feature** with **geometry** field of type **Polygon** or **MultiPolygon**. To be processed correctly by Luci services, the object requires property **layer:"buildings"**.
- Footprint – a 2D geometry, represented as **Feature** with **geometry** field of type **Polygon** or **MultiPolygon**. To be processed correctly by Luci services, the footprint requires property **layer:"footprints"**.

4.2.3 Per-application Rules

Web geometry modeler The application distinguishes dynamic and static geometry: dynamic geometry can be edited, static geometry is only used for evaluation and visualization. Thus, I propose an optional property **static:boolean**. Absence of a property implies **static:false**.

5 QUA-Compliance

To make a service compliant for use in the QUA-Kit, a service is subject to additional constraints that are described here.

5.1 QUA-View-Compliance

5.1.1 Registering

```
1 {
2   run : "RemoteRegister",
3   description : "I am a random service", // obligatory
4   serviceName : "RandomQUA",
5   qua-view-compliant : true, // obligatory
6   inputs : {
7     geomID : number, // obligatory for all modes except "new"
8     mode : string, // obligatory
9     points : attachment,
10    some other input : number,
11    some 4th input : number
12  }
13  constraint : {
14    some other input : {
15      min : 42,
16      max : 100,
17      integer : true
18    }
19  }
20  "exampleCall" : {
21    {
22      run : RandomQUA,
23      inputs : {
24        ScID : 123,
25        mode : "points",
26        points : {
27          format : "float32 array",
28          attachment {
29            length : 100,
30            position : 1
31          }
32        }
33        some other input : 42,
34        some 4th input : 13.37
35      }
36    }
37  }
38 }
```

Listing 5: Registering a QUA-compliant service

Metadata When registering a service, the attribute `description` of the `RemoteRegister` service becomes obligatory. Furthermore, the boolean field `qua-view-compliant` must be provided and set to `True` at root-level.

Moreover, the optional field `constraints` is introduced and takes the form as seen in Listing 5. For each input, a field in the constraints can be provided that specifies the domain of this input field further. Each constraint is either a list of values corresponding to an input field's type, or, for numeric values, a range. If no constraint is given for an input field, the input field's domain is considered unrestricted and every value of it's type is valid. There must be a constraint for

string-inputs. There is a maximum of one constraint per input field allowed. If more than one constraint exists for a given input field, the service is considered broken and must be rejected.

The example above specifies three inputs for a service. The first input argument is either `foo` or `bar`. The second one takes any whole number in the interval $[0,100]$. The third one can be any number since no constraint has been specified.

Note that a range constraint does not necessarily contain all three arguments min, max and integer.

Inputs While services originally can have arbitrary inputs, in QUA-compliant services, two input fields become obligatory: `mode` and `ScID`. The mode is how the service should operate, normally it operates on a `scenario`, `objects` or `points` level; or creates a new scenario in the mode `new`.

The scenario-id specifies the scenario which should be analyzed by the service. If the mode is either `objects` or `points`, a binary attachment must be included in the service call:

- **points:** Points are serialized to a binary file of `float32` values wherein three consecutive values correspond to one three dimensional vector.

Outputs The output of a qua-compliant service depends on the mode it operates in. The header is therefore appended with the field `mode` which corresponds to the given input mode. The additional fields are defined as follows:

- **scenario:** The fields `unit` : `string` and `value` : `number` have to be added at root-level to the output header.
- **objects:** The field `unit` : `string` is added at root level to the output header. Furthermore an attachment named `values` is added that consists of a numeric array in which the service results for all objects are stored in input-order.
- **points:** The field `unit` : `string` is added at root level to the output header. Furthermore an attachment named `values` is added that consists of a numeric array in which the service results for all points are stored in input-order.
- **new:** The header is appended at root-level with the following fields:

```
1 {
2   scenario_id : long, // the id of the newly created scenario
3   timestamp_accessed : long, // the timestamp at which the scenario was
   accessed if the ScID-field was set in the input
4   timestamp_modified : long // the timestamp at which the new scenario was
   stored
5 }
```

An example output is given in Listing 6.

```
1 {
2   result : {
3     unit : "metre",
4     mode : "scenario",
5     value : 15.0
6   },
7   callID : 213,
8   duration : 10.2,
9   taskID : 1,
10  serviceName : "RandomQUA "
```

Listing 6: A qua-compliant service output

A Built-In Services

A.1 AttachmentJSON

Returns the json specification of attachments and json geometry objects.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 AttachmentJSON
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR progress:**

```
1 json
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {  
2   attachment: attachment,  
3   jsongeometry: jsongeometry  
4 }
```

A.2 Download

Downloads a file from a given URL and stores it in Luci's attachment folder as `<md5 checksum>.<format>`;

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 Download
```

- **url:** the URL to be used

```
1 string
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR progress:**

```
1 json
```

- **XOR result:**

```

1 {
2   checksum: string// the checksum in hexadecimal representation,
3   format: string// equals the string typically put as a file ending,
4   length: number// the length of the attachments as number of bytes
5 }

```

A.3 Exists

Tests whether a service with the given serviceName or a task with given taskID exists.

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 Exists
```

- XOR instanceID:

```
1 number
```

- XOR serviceName: the name of the service to be tested

```
1 string
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```

1 {
2   exists: boolean
3 }

```

A.4 FilterServices

Filters services according to a) its keys at a given recursion level, b) its types at a given recursion level or c) a given json template with values equal to 'null' meaning only keys are compared.

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 FilterServices
```

- XOR jsonMatch:

```
1 json
```

- XOR keys:

```

1 [
2   string
3 ]

```

- XOR types:

```

1 [
2   string
3 ]

```

- OPT rcrLevel:

```

1 number

```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```

1 string

```

- XOR progress:

```

1 json

```

- XOR result:

```

1 {
2   serviceList: [
3     string
4   ]
5 }

```

A.5 GetStartupTime

Returns the startup of time of Luci.

Inputs:

- run:

```

1 GetStartupTime

```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```

1 string

```

- XOR progress:

```

1 json

```

- XOR result:

```

1 {
2   startupTime: number// in milliseconds since 1.1.1970
3 }

```

A.6 RemoteDeregister

Deregisters a client from a service registration. This will cancel any running service call, cancel all subscriptions of this client and, if the service to be deregistered is the last remaining of its kind, its serviceName will be removed from the list of available services.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 RemoteDeregister
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {
2   deregisteredName: string// Intended to inform listeners about the service
   name that was deregistered,
3   id: number// int, the id that was deregistered,
4   nodeIP: string// Intended to inform listeners about the IP of the machine
   that deregistered the service,
5   remainsAvailable: boolean// boolean to indicate whether other services
   with the samename remain available (true) or whether the service is
   being deleted from the listof available services (false)
6 }
```

A.7 RemoteRegister

Registers a client as a service.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 RemoteRegister
```

- **description:**

```
1 string
```

- **exampleCall:** Mandatory json object that shows an example call. Since OPT/XOR/ANY modifiers are only allowed in in & output specifications and not in calls, an example call shows very clearly how a call could look like.

```
1 json
```

- **serviceName:** mandatory string that identifies the service

```
1 string
```

- **OPT id:** Optional int to be used to identify a remote service. E.g. for viewer services it might be important to be able to identify remote service instances. If the id is taken already an error will be thrown / registration aborted.


```
1 number
```

- **OPT inputs:** Optional json object holding the input description to be included by 'ServiceInfo' / the API

```
1 json
```

- **OPT outputs:** Optional json object holding the output description to be included by 'ServiceInfo' / the API

```
1 json
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {
2   id: number// The int given as input or an int generated by Luci,
3   nodeIP: string// The IP of the client that was registered as a service (
4     intended to inform listeners),
5   registeredName: string// Intended to inform listeners about the service
6     name that was registered
7 }
```

A.8 ServiceControl

Used to remotely administrate installed services on a selected machine or on all machines having a 'ServiceControl' remote service running.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 ServiceControl
```

- **XOR info:** get filtered information about either selected machines (nodes) or about selected serviceNames on all machines or full information about all machines in case this value is 'null'

```
1 {
2   \null\: error,
3   {XOR nodes: {
4     OPT threadPool: boolean,
5     XOR nodes: [
6       string
7     ],
8     XOR serviceNames: [
9       string
10    ]
11  }
12 }
```

- **XOR install:** install files on either selected machines (nodes) or on all machines (services)

```

1 {
2   XOR nodes: {
3     ANY IP: [
4       attachment
5     ]
6   },
7   XOR services: [
8     attachment
9   ]
10 }

```

- **XOR remove:** remove services identified by their name (serviceName) either on selected machines (nodes) or on all machines (services)

```

1 {
2   XOR nodes: {
3     ANY IP: [
4       string
5     ]
6   },
7   XOR services: [
8     string
9   ]
10 }

```

- **XOR start:** startup a given number of services either globally or on selected machines (nodes)

```

1 {
2   XOR nodes: {
3     ANY IP: {
4       ANY serviceName: {
5         \number\,: error,
6         {ANY id: {
7           ANY id: string
8         }
9       }
10    }
11  },
12  XOR services: {
13    ANY serviceName: number
14  }
15 }

```

- **XOR stop:** stop a given amount of services either globally or on specified machines (nodes).

```

1 {
2   XOR nodes: {
3     ANY IP: {
4       ANY serviceName: number
5     }
6   },
7   XOR services: {
8     ANY serviceName: number
9   }
10 }

```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```

1 string

```

- **XOR result:**

```

1 {
2   OPT errors: list// 'TODO' in case at least one of the items to install/
   remove/start/stop produced an error this list contains one error
   string per item,
3   XOR info: {
4     OPT quickPool: {
5       avgWaitingTime: number,
6       maxPoolSize: number,
7       numCalls: number,
8       poolSize: number,
9       waitingInQueue: number
10    },
11    OPT slowPool: {
12      avgWaitingTime: number,
13      maxPoolSize: number,
14      numCalls: number,
15      poolSize: number,
16      waitingInQueue: number
17    },
18    XOR nodes: {
19      ANY ip: {
20        OPT installedServices: {
21          ANY serviceName: {
22            exec: string// to be run in console,
23            numRequestedCPUCores: number// 0 = using all available cores
24          }
25        },
26        OPT system: {
27          CPU: {
28            archNumBits: number// int; 32 or 64,
29            endian: string// 'big' or 'little',
30            numCores: number
31          },
32          name: string,
33          osname: string,
34          osversion: string
35        },
36        services: {
37          busy: {
38            ANY serviceName: number
39          },
40          idle: {
41            ANY serviceName: number
42          },
43          running: {
44            ANY serviceName: number
45          }
46        }
47      }
48    },
49    XOR services: {
50      ANY serviceName: {
51        OPT available: number// not busy,
52        OPT nodes: list// list of IPv4,
53        OPT running: number,
54        avgDuration: number// in milliseconds,
55        numCalls: number// how many times this service has been called
   already
56      }
57    },
58    remoteSummary: {
59      busy: number,
60      idle: number

```

```

61     }
62 },
63 XOR installed: {
64     ANY IP: [
65         string
66     ]
67 },
68 XOR removed: {
69     ANY IP: [
70         string
71     ]
72 },
73 XOR started: {
74     ANY IP: {
75         ANY serviceName: number
76     }
77 },
78 XOR stopped: {
79     ANY IP: {
80         ANY serviceName: number
81     }
82 }
83 }

```

A.9 ServiceHistory

Returns the history of a requested service as in number of calls and availableworkers either since startup time or during the requested period

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 ServiceHistory
```

- serviceName:

```
1 string
```

- OPT period: in seconds

```
1 number
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```

1 {
2   calls: {
3     { callID: {
4       callID: number,
5       idleTime: number,

```

```

6      readingTime: number,
7      runningTime: number,
8      timestamp: number,
9      writingTime: number
10   }
11 },
12 workers: {
13   { allWorkers: {
14     allWorkers: number,
15     idleWorkers: number,
16     timestamp: number
17   }
18 }
19 }

```

A.10 ServiceInfo

Returns all known information on selected services such as a short description like this one, in- and output description and an example call.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 ServiceInfo
```

- **OPT inclDescr:** indicates whether descriptions such as this one should be included in the result

```
1 boolean
```

- **OPT serviceNames:** Optional list of selected service names for which information should be returned. If no such list is given, the result will show the structure of general json structures such as 'attachment', 'jsongeometry'

```
1 list
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR result:**

```

1 {
2   ANY serviceName: {
3     OPT numNodes: number,
4     example: json,
5     inputs: json,
6     outputs: json
7   }
8 }

```

A.11 ServiceList

Get a list of all loaded and registered services as a list of service names.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 ServiceList
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR progress:**

```
1 json
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {
2   installed: list,
3   serviceNames: list
4 }
```

A.12 task.Create

Create a task. A task corresponds to a node in the workflow diagram.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 task.Create
```

- **parentID:** the taskID of the workflow in which this task is being created

```
1 number
```

- **position:** x/y from top left

```
1 {
2   x: number ,
3   y: number
4 }
```

- **serviceName:**

```
1 string
```

- **OPT inputs:** if omitted example values will be inserted

```
1 json
```

- **OPT listensToDone:** a list of taskIDs to which this task generally listens (=not listens to specific outputs)

```
1 list
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {
2   name: string,
3   taskID: number
4 }
```

A.13 task.Get

Returns infos about a task (requesting a taskID) or returns a list if ids representing the same service

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 task.Get
```

- XOR serviceName: requests a list of taskID representing the same service

```
1 string
```

- XOR taskID: requests infos about a specific task

```
1 number
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {
2   XOR task: {
3     OPT elements: list// if the task is a workflow this list contains all
4       children,
5     OPT services: list// if the task is a workflow this list contains all
6       services that need to started up (if any are set),
7     inputSchema: json// the current input values,
8     inputs: json// the inputs with subscriptions being represented as {'
9       taskID':'number','key':'string (the name of the output key of the
10      task referenced by taskID)'}},
11     listensToDone: list// a list of taskIDs the task is listening to
12       generally (=not to specific outputs),
13     name: string// can be different from service name,
14     parentID: number// the taskID of a workflow to which this task belongs;
15       0 = no parent ID / root workflow,
16     position: json// {'x':'number','y':'number'},
17     taskID: number
18   },
19   XOR taskIDs: list
20 }
```

A.14 task.Remove

Remove tasks.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 task.Remove
```

- **XOR serviceName:** removes all tasks representing the service with this name

```
1 string
```

- **XOR taskIDs:** a list of taskIDs to be removed

```
1 list
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {  
2   taskIDs: list  
3 }
```

A.15 task.Revert

Reverts a task to the last saved state.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 task.Revert
```

- **taskID:**

```
1 number
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR result:** refer to [ja href='#task.get'](#task.get) `task.Get` for descriptions.


```

1 {
2   OPT elements: list,
3   OPT services: list,
4   inputSchema: json,
5   inputs: json,
6   listensToDone: list,
7   name: string,
8   parentID: number,
9   position: json,
10  taskID: number
11 }

```

A.16 task.SubscribeTo

Subscribes the current client to a taskID or any call to a service indicated by serviceName

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 task.SubscribeTo
```

- **XOR serviceName:** if a client subscribes to a service, it gets a notification upon any output created by a service with that name (technically: the client subscribes to the service factory rather than to a specific service)

```
1 string
```

- **XOR taskIDs:** a list of taskIDs to which the client should be subscribed

```
1 list
```

- **OPT inclResults:** specifies whether the client that subscribes only get a notification (false) or all the results produced by a service (true)

```
1 boolean
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR progress:**

```
1 json
```

- **XOR result:**

```

1 {
2   success: boolean
3 }

```

A.17 task.UnsubscribeFrom

Unsubscribe from a service or a list of taskIDs.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 task.UnsubscribeFrom
```

- **XOR serviceName:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR taskIDs:**

```
1 list
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR progress:**

```
1 json
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {
2   success: boolean
3 }
```

A.18 task.Update

Update a the input values / subscriptions of a task.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 task.Update
```

- **taskID:**

```
1 number
```

- **OPT inputs:** inputs to be changed; subscriptions are represented by 'property':{'taskID':'number','key':'string (output key)'} }

```
1 json
```

- **OPT listensToDone:** a list of taskIDs to which the task should listen generally (=not to a specific output)

```
1 list
```

- **OPT name:** the name of the task (can be different to service name)

```
1 string
```

- **OPT outputs:** if the task to be updated is a workflow that is contained by another workflow (e.g. a group) the workflow can have outputs that might be linked to outputs of some task it contains

```
1 json
```

- **OPT position:**

```
1 {
2   x: number,
3   y: number
4 }
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {
2   OPT unknownKeys: list,
3   taskID: number
4 }
```

A.19 test.Delay

Used to simulate a service with a long calculation time.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 test.Delay
```

- **seconds:**

```
1 number
```

- **ANY inputs:** any inputs are being forwarded

```
1 any
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR progress:**

```
1 json
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {
2   ANY outputs: any
3 }
```

A.20 test.Error

A service that simulates an error being thrown.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 test.Error
```

- **OPT message:** optional error message

```
1 string
```

Outputs:

- **error:**

```
1 string
```

A.21 test.Fibonacci

A service that serves as an (implementation) example.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 test.Fibonacci
```

- **amount:** how many numbers should be calculated

```
1 number
```

- **OPT onlyLast:** return only the last number

```
1 boolean
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR progress:**

```
1 json
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {  
2   fibonacci_sequence: list  
3 }
```

A.22 test.FileEcho

A service to test sending and receiving attachments. Mainly used by connectionlibrary developers.

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 test.FileEcho
```

- ANY filenames:

```
1 attachment
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {  
2   ANY sameFilenames: attachment  
3 }
```

A.23 test.Randomly

Get either an amount of random numbers or create key-value-pairs from a key list.

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 test.Randomly
```

- XOR amount:

```
1 number
```

- XOR keys:

```
1 list
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {  
2   XOR keyValuePair: json,  
3   XOR randomNumbers: list  
4 }
```

A.24 test.Validation

A service to test how type and value constraint validation works. @inputs.key1 normal string @inputs.key2 string values constraint to 'string1' and 'string2' @inputs.key3 number values constraint to 4 ranges @inputs.key4 optional attachment that must be of type 'jpg' @inputs.key5 geojson geometry @inputs.key6 optional attachment that requires types to be one of 'jpg' or 'png' @inputs.key7 optional attachment with predefined required keys

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 test.Validation
```

- key1:

```
1 string
```

- key2:

```
1 {
2   constraints: [
3     string1,
4     string2
5   ],
6   type: string
7 }
```

- key3:

```
1 {
2   constraints: error,
3   type: number
4 }
```

- key5:

```
1 jsongeometry/geojson
```

- OPT key4:

```
1 attachment/jpg
```

- OPT key6:

```
1 {
2   constraints: [
3     jpg,
4     png
5   ],
6   type: attachment
7 }
```

- OPT key7:

```
1 attachment/jpg
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {
2   errorTestStrings: list,
3   passed: boolean
4 }
```

A.25 user.Authenticate

Authenticates a user

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 user.Authenticate
```

- email:

```
1 string
```

- password:

```
1 string
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {
2   success: boolean
3 }
```

A.26 user.Create

Create a user by giving username, email, and sha1 encrypted password represented with hexadecimal

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 user.Create
```

- email:

```
1 string
```

- password:

```
1 string
```

- OPT city:

```
1 string
```

- OPT country:

```
1 string
```

- OPT name:

```
1 string
```

- OPT organization:

```
1 string
```

- OPT street:

```
1 string
```

- OPT surname:

```
1 string
```

- OPT zip:

```
1 number
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {  
2   id: number  
3 }
```

A.27 user.Delete

Deletes a user if it does not own a group or [TODO] own a scenario

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 user.Delete
```

- id:

```
1 number
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {  
2   success: boolean  
3 }
```

A.28 user.List

Get a list of users

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 user.List
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {  
2   groups: {  
3     { id: {  
4       id: number,  
5       owner: number  
6     }  
7   },  
8   users: {  
9     { email: {  
10      email: string,  
11      groupIDs: list,  
12    }  
13  }  
14 }
```

```

12     id: number
13   }
14 }
15 }

```

A.29 user.Logout

resets the connection to an unauthenticated state

Inputs:

- run:

```

1 user.Logout

```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```

1 string

```

- XOR progress:

```

1 json

```

- XOR result:

```

1 {
2   success: boolean
3 }

```

A.30 user.Permission

Allows to restrict given services only to given userIDs/groupIDs.

Inputs:

- run:

```

1 user.Permission

```

- OPT add:

```

1 {
2   ANY serviceName: list
3 }

```

- OPT remove:

```

1 {
2   ANY serviceName: list
3 }

```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {  
2   ANY serviceName: list  
3 }
```

A.31 user.Update

Update user information and does sanity checks on some of the properties.

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 user.Update
```

- id:

```
1 number
```

- OPT city:

```
1 string
```

- OPT country:

```
1 string
```

- OPT email:

```
1 string
```

- OPT name:

```
1 string
```

- OPT organization:

```
1 string
```

- OPT password:

```
1 string
```

- OPT street:

```
1 string
```

- OPT surname:

```
1 string
```

- OPT zip:

```
1 number
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {  
2   success: boolean  
3 }
```

A.32 workflow.Create

Create a workflow.

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 workflow.Create
```

- OPT group: a list of taskIDs that should be grouped together into a workflow

```
1 list
```

- OPT name:

```
1 string
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {  
2   elements: list,  
3   inputSchema: json,  
4   inputs: json,  
5   listensToDone: list,  
6   name: string,  
7   parentID: number,  
8   position: json,  
9   services: list,  
10  taskID: number  
11 }
```

A.33 workflow.List

Returns a list of all workflows (not only root workflows).

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 workflow.List
```

- **OPT name:** restrict the list to only one entry, e.g. {'1': 'New Workflow'}

```
1 string
```

Outputs:

- **result:** {'taskID': 'name'}, not a list but a json object; since keys in json cannot be numbers, the taskIDs are converted to string

```
1 {  
2   ANY numberAsString: string  
3 }
```

A.34 workflow.Safe

Saves a workflow to disk (in Luci). Luci uses H2's mvstore to serialize workflows to disk. In the future this would also allow to restore earlier versions of the workflow (no version tree, but linear versions).

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 workflow.Safe
```

- **taskID:**

```
1 number
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {  
2   change: boolean  
3 }
```

A.35 workflow.ServiceGet

Gets the services, the instance ids and corresponding startup args associated with this workflow.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 workflow.ServiceGet
```

- **taskID:** the taskID to indentify the workflow

```
1 number
```

- **OPT ids:** filter the instances to show only the ones with the given ids

```
1 list
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR progress:**

```
1 json
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {
2   ANY IP: {
3     ANY id: {
4       args: string,
5       isAutoID: boolean,
6       serviceName: string
7     }
8   }
9 }
```

A.36 workflow.ServiceRemove

Remove a service instance from a workflow configuration.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 workflow.ServiceRemove
```

- **id:** the instance id

```
1 number
```

- **taskID:**

```
1 number
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {
2   success: boolean
3 }
```

A.37 workflow.ServiceStart

Start up all the services that are configured to run with the given workflow (taskID).

Inputs:

- run:

```
1 workflow.ServiceStart
```

- taskID:

```
1 number
```

- OPT serviceIDs: optionally restrict the instances to be started only to the given IDs.

```
1 list
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR progress:

```
1 json
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {
2   started: {
3     ANY IP: {
4       ANY serviceName: number
5     }
6   }
7 }
```

A.38 workflow.ServiceUpdate

Update a service instance that is coupled to a workflow configuration.

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 workflow.ServiceUpdate
```

- **args:** arguments to be used to start the service with

```
1 string
```

- **id:** the instance id

```
1 number
```

- **ip:** the IPv4 of the machine on which the service should run

```
1 string
```

- **serviceName:** the name of the service to start (using exec parameter from the service installation)

```
1 string
```

- **taskID:**

```
1 number
```

- **OPT isAutoID:**

```
1 boolean
```

Outputs:

- **XOR error:**

```
1 string
```

- **XOR progress:**

```
1 json
```

- **XOR result:**

```
1 {  
2   success: boolean  
3 }
```

A.39 workflow.UpdateIO

Updates in & outputs of a workflow; difference to task.Update: it does not set the values for in & outputs, but actually creates in & outputs dynamically for a workflow, its key, type and default value

Inputs:

- **run:**

```
1 workflow.UpdateIO
```

- **taskID:**

```
1 number
```


- OPT inputs:

```
1 {  
2   ANY keyname: {  
3     default: error,  
4     type: string  
5   }  
6 }
```

- OPT outputs:

```
1 {  
2   ANY keyname: {  
3     default: error,  
4     type: string  
5   }  
6 }
```

Outputs:

- XOR error:

```
1 string
```

- XOR result:

```
1 {  
2   elements: list,  
3   inputSchema: json,  
4   inputs: json,  
5   listensToDone: list,  
6   name: string,  
7   parentID: number,  
8   position: json,  
9   services: list,  
10  taskID: number  
11 }
```