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ABSTRACT

This specification defines building blocks which can be used as part of a Web API to retrieve geospatial data for a specific area, time and resolution of interest, based on a specific Discrete Global Grid System (DGGS) and indexing scheme, as defined in [OGC Abstract Topic 21](#), as well to query the list of DGGS zones from which data is available and/or matching a specify query (in combination with other building blocks defining queries, such as a filter defined using the [OGC Common Query Language \(CQL2\)](#)).



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

ogcdoc, OGC document, API, openapi, html, ogcapi



PREFACE

NOTE OGC API standards define modular API building blocks to spatially enable Web APIs in a consistent way. The OpenAPI specification is used to define the API building blocks.

OGC API – Discrete Global Grid Systems provides API building blocks to retrieve data and query zones based on Discrete Global Grid Systems (DGGS) concepts defined in [OGC Abstract Topic 21](#). Additional parts for *OGC API – Discrete Global Grid Systems* may be defined in the future to provide additional capabilities.

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CONFORMANCE

This standard defines XXXX.

Requirements for N standardization target types are considered:

- AAAA
- BBBB

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.



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TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

This document uses the terms defined in OGC Policy Directive 49, 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 document and OGC documents do not use the equivalent phrases in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This document also uses terms defined in the OGC Standard for Modular specifications (OGC 08-131r3), also known as the ‘ModSpec’. The definitions of terms such as standard, specification, requirement, and conformance test are provided in the ModSpec.

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

This document uses the terms defined in Sub-clause 5.3 of [OGC06-121r9], which is based on the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, Rules for the structure and drafting of International Standards. In particular, the word “shall” (not “must”) is the verb form used to indicate a requirement to be strictly followed to conform to this standard.

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

4.1. example term

term used for exemplary purposes

Note 1 to entry: An example note.

Example Here’s an example of an example term.

[SOURCE: ISO 19101-1:2014]



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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.



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DGGS — CORE CONFORMANCE CLASS

Paragraph

6.1. Clauses not containing normative material sub-clause 1

Paragraph

6.2. Clauses not containing normative material sub-clause 2



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DGGS — DATA RETRIEVAL CONFORMANCE CLASSES

DGGS – DATA RETRIEVAL CONFORMANCE CLASSES

7.1. Requirement Class DGGS – Data Retrieval

The Data Retrieval conformance class allows to retrieve data from a specific Discrete Global Grid System (DGGS) in a particular indexing scheme from either an individual zone, or a list of zones referenced by ID. It describes an HTTP GET operation, as well as its response. The selected DGGS is listed as available and described in the Core conformance class, and conforms to OGC Topic 21. The conformance makes use of URI templates for a variable representing the Zone ID. The data retrieved from a Web API using this conformance class can either be for a particular collection of geospatial data, for a dataset as a whole, or in connection with *OGC API – Processes – Part 3: Workflows & Chaining*, the output of a processing workflow.

REQUIREMENTS CLASS 1

TARGET TYPE	DGGS Data Retrieval
PREREQUISITE	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/req/core
LABEL	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-dggs-1/0.0/req/data-retrieval

7.1.1. Retrieve data from single zone

The following requirements describe how a client can retrieve data from a single DGGS zone at the resource path `.../dggs/{dggsId}/zones/{zoneId}/data`.

7.1.1.1. Operation

REQUIREMENT 1

LABEL	<code>/req/data-retrieval/single-zone-data-op</code>
STATEMENT	For retrieving data for a single DGGS zone:

REQUIREMENT 1

A	The Implementation SHALL support an HTTP GET operation at a resource path ending with .../dggs/{dggsId}/zones/{zoneId}/data.
B	The Implementation SHALL provide a templated link to this resource path using the link relation type http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/dggs-zone-data .

7.1.1.2. Response

REQUIREMENT 2

LABEL /req/data-retrieval/single-zone-data-response

STATEMENT For the response to a query retrieving data for a single DGGS zone:

A	The response of the HTTP GET operation SHALL have a status code of 200.
B	The content of the response SHALL be a data packet corresponding precisely to the area covered by the DGGS zone.
C	The content of the response SHALL be a data packet whose resolution / scale correspond to that zone's hierarchy level. This would usually imply more than a single value being returned for each zone request. The data packet would include values for descendent zones at x levels deeper than the requested zone's level, where x may be defined by the indexing scheme or data packet encoding, or otherwise be specified. e.g., requesting data for a level 10 zones might be returning individual values for each level 18 zones contained within that level 10 zone for which data is being requested.
D	The selection of an encoding for the response SHALL be consistent with HTTP content negotiation.

7.2. Requirement Class DGGS – Multi-Zone Data Retrieval

The Multi-Zone Data Retrieval conformance class allows to retrieve data from a specific Discrete Global Grid System (DGGS) in a particular indexing scheme from a list of zones referenced by ID. It describes an HTTP GET operation, as well as its response. The selected DGGS is listed as available and described in the Core conformance class, and conforms to OGC Topic 21. The conformance makes use of URI templates for a variable representing the Zone ID. The data retrieved from a Web API using this conformance class can either be for a particular collection of geospatial data, for a dataset as a whole, or in connection with *OGC API – Processes – Part 3: Workflows & Chaining*, the output of a processing workflow.

REQUIREMENTS CLASS 2

TARGET TYPE DGGs Multi-Zone Data Retrieval

PREREQUISITE <http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-common-1/1.0/req/core>

LABEL <http://www.opengis.net/spec/ogcapi-dggs-1/0.0/req/multi-zone-data-retrieval>

7.2.1. Retrieve data from multiple zones

The following requirements describe how a client can retrieve data from a single DGGs zone at the resource path `.../dggs/{dggsId}/data?zones={zoneId},...`

7.2.1.1. Operation

REQUIREMENT 3

LABEL `/req/data-retrieval/multi-zone-data-op`

STATEMENT For retrieving data for multiple DGGs zones:

- A** The Implementation SHALL support an HTTP GET operation at a resource path ending with `.../dggs/{dggsId}/zones/data`.
- B** The Implementation SHALL support a `zones` query parameter, consisting of a list of zone IDs in a format consistent with the indexing scheme for the selected DGGs ID.
- C** The Implementation SHALL provide a link to this resource path using the link relation type <http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/dggs-zone-data> and the variable `{zoneID}` in the template URL.

7.2.1.2. Response

REQUIREMENT 4

LABEL `/req/data-retrieval/multi-zone-data-response`

STATEMENT For the response to a query retrieving data for multiple DGGs zones:

- A** The response of the HTTP GET operation SHALL have a status code of 200.

REQUIREMENT 4

B	The content of the response SHALL package data packets corresponding precisely to the area covered by each of the DGGs zones being requested.
C	The content of the response SHALL package data packets whose resolution / scale correspond to those zones' hierarchy levels. This would usually imply more than a single value being returned for each zone returned. The data packet would include values for descendent zones at x levels deeper than the requested zone's level, where x may be defined by the indexing scheme or data packet encoding, or otherwise be specified. e.g., requesting data for a level 10 zones might be returning individual values for each level 18 zones contained within that level 10 zone for which data is being requested.
D	The selection of an encoding for the response SHALL be consistent with HTTP content negotiation.



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DGGS — ZONE QUERY CONFORMANCE CLASS

8.1. Requirement Class DGGS – Zone Query

The Zone Query conformance class allows to request the list of DGGS zones from a specific Discrete Global Grid System (DGGS) in a particular indexing scheme for which there is data available, or matching a particular query (e.g., using a filtering parameter). It describes an HTTP GET operation, as well as its response. The selected DGGS is listed as available and described in the Core conformance class, and conforms to OGC Topic 21. The list of zones from a Web API using this conformance class can either be for a particular collection of geospatial data, for a dataset as a whole, or in connection with *OGC API – Processes – Part 3: Workflows & Chaining*, the output of a processing workflow.

REQUIREMENTS CLASS 3

TARGET TYPE	Implementation Specification
PREREQUISITES	http://www.example.org/req/blah/req/data-retrieval
LABEL	http://www.opengis.net/spec/ABCD/m.n/req/zone-query

8.1.1. Retrieve the list of zones

The following requirements describe how a client can retrieve the list of zones from which data is available at the resource path `.../dggs/{dggsId}/zones`.

8.1.1.1. Operation

REQUIREMENT 5

LABEL	/req/zone-query/list-zones-op
STATEMENT	For retrieving a list of DGGS zones:
A	The Implementation SHALL support an HTTP GET operation at a resource path ending with <code>.../dggs/{dggsId}/zones</code> .

REQUIREMENT 5

- B** The Implementation SHALL provide a link to this resource path using the link relation type <http://www.opengis.net/def/rel/ogc/1.0/dggs-zone-query>.

8.1.1.2. Response

REQUIREMENT 6

LABEL /req/zone-query/zones-list-response

STATEMENT For the response to a query requesting a list of DGGS zones:

- A** The response of the HTTP GET operation SHALL have a status code of 200.
- B** The content of the response SHALL be a list of zones fully covering where data is available (in the case where the resource is associated with a particular dataset), and matching any additional query parameters specified by the client (e.g., a filtering query parameter), without any redundancy.
- C** Unless the zones is a compact list of zones (see `compact-zones` parameter), the zones returned SHALL all be of the same DGGS hierarchy level.
- D** The selection of an encoding for the returned list of zones SHALL be consistent with HTTP content negotiation.
- E** The implementation SHALL support at minimum a JSON encoding (media type `application/json`) where each zone ID is specified as a string within an array of zones assigned to a `zones` property within a JSON object (e.g., { "zones": ["1-E-14", "1-E-15", "1-F-14", "1-F-15", "1-F-16"] }).

8.1.2. zone-level parameter

The following requirements describe how a client can specify the DGGS hierarchy level at which to retrieve the list of zones.

8.1.2.1. Parameter

REQUIREMENT 7

LABEL /req/zone-query/zone-level-parameter

STATEMENT For specifying a level at which to return a list of DGGS zones:

REQUIREMENT 7

A	The Implementation SHALL support a zone-level query parameter for the zone query operation (resource path ending with <code>.../dggs/{dggsId}/zones</code>).
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8.1.2.2. Response

REQUIREMENT 8

LABEL /req/zone-query/zones-list-response

STATEMENT For the response to querying a list of DGGS zones using zone-level query parameter:

A	If a compact zones list is used (the default), the zones returned in the response SHALL be of the DGGS hierarchy level specified by the zone-level query parameter, or of a lower hierarchy level standing in for a compact representation of multiple zones at the requested hierarchy level.
B	If a compact zones list is not used, the zones returned in the response SHALL be of the DGGS hierarchy level specified by the zone-level query parameter.

8.1.3. compact-zones parameter

By default, implementations return a compact list of zones where children zones fully covering a parent are recursively replaced by the parent zones, allowing to express large areas in a much more compact list of zones. The following requirements describe how a client can disable returning a compact list of zones.

8.1.3.1. Parameter

REQUIREMENT 9

LABEL /req/zone-query/compact-zones-parameter

STATEMENT For specifying whether to return a compact list of zones:

A	The Implementation SHALL support a boolean compact-zones query parameter for the zone query operation (resource path ending with <code>.../dggs/{dggsId}/zones</code>), where a value of <code>true</code> corresponds to the default behavior when the parameter is not specified, and a value of <code>false</code> disables the use of compact-zones in the response.
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8.1.3.2. Response

REQUIREMENT 10

LABEL /req/zone-query/compact-zones-response

STATEMENT For the response to querying a list of DGGS zones using compact-zones query parameter:

- A** When the compact-zones parameter is to false, the zones list response SHALL NOT be a compact list, and SHALL explicitly list every individual zone at the requested or default DGGS hierarchy level.
- B** When the compact-zones parameter is to true (or unspecified), the zones list response SHALL be a compact list, where children zones completely covering the area of a parent zone SHALL be replaced by that parent zone, in a recursive manner all the way to the lowest DGGS hierarchy level.

8.1.4. Paging capability and limit parameter

The following requirements describe how a client can specify a limit to the number of zones to be returned and page through large list of zones as multiple requests and responses.

8.1.4.1. Parameter

REQUIREMENT 11

LABEL /req/zone-query/limit-parameter

STATEMENT For specifying a limit to how many zones should be returned in a zone query:

- A** The Implementation SHALL support a parameter limit integer query parameter, with a minimum value of 1.

8.1.4.2. Response

REQUIREMENT 12

LABEL /req/zone-query/limit-response

STATEMENT For the response to a zone query:

REQUIREMENT 12

A	The response SHALL not contain more zones than specified by the optional <code>limit</code> parameter (if specified).
B	If the API definition specifies a maximum value for the <code>limit</code> parameter, the response SHALL not contain more zones than this maximum value.
C	If the value of the <code>limit</code> parameter is larger than the maximum value, this SHALL NOT result in an error (but instead be replaced by the maximum as the parameter value).
D	If using compact zones, the parent zones SHALL count as a single zone, rather than the number of children zones they stand in for.
E	If an implementation does not return the full list of zones for the request, a link with relation type <code>next</code> SHALL be included in a <code>links</code> array property of the response, which a client can request to resume listing the zones.



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MEDIA TYPES FOR ANY DATA ENCODING(S)

A section describing the MIME-types to be used is mandatory for any standard involving data encodings. If no suitable MIME type exists in <http://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types/index.html> then this section may be used to define a new MIME type for registration with IANA.



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ANNEX A (INFORMATIVE) CONFORMANCE CLASS ABSTRACT TEST SUITE (NORMATIVE)





ANNEX A

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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

REQUIREMENT A.1	
TEST PURPOSE	Verify that...
TEST METHOD	Inspect...

A.1.2. Requirement 2



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ANNEX B (INFORMATIVE) TITLE

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