

# Constrained Application Protocol

## (draft-ietf-core-coap-12, draft-ietf-core-block-10, draft-ietf-core-observe-07)

The Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) is a specialized web transfer protocol for use with constrained nodes and constrained (e.g., low-power, lossy) networks.

## CoAP Message Format

0	1	2	3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1			
Ver	T	OC	
Code			
Message ID			
Options (if any) ...			
Payload (if any) ...			

Ver: Version, T: Type, OC: Option Count

## Method types

Type	Name
0	Confirmable
1	NON-confirmable
2	ACKnowledgement
3	ReSeT

## Method codes

Code	Name
1	GET
2	POST
3	PUT
4	DELETE

## Response codes

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7							
class	detail						

Class	Detail
2.xx	Success
4.xx	Client Error
5.xx	Server Error

Code	Description
65	2.01 Created
66	2.02 Deleted
67	2.03 Valid
68	2.04 Changed
69	2.05 Content
128	4.00 Bad Request
129	4.01 Unauthorized

130	4.02 Bad Option
131	4.03 Forbidden
132	4.04 Not Found
133	4.05 Method Not Allowed
134	4.06 Not Acceptable
140	4.12 Precondition Failed
141	4.13 Request Entity Too Large
143	4.15 Unsupported Content-Format
160	5.00 Internal Server Error
161	5.01 Not Implemented
162	5.02 Bad Gateway
163	5.03 Service Unavailable
164	5.04 Gateway Timeout
165	5.05 Proxying Not Supported

## Options

No.	C	U	N	R	Name	Format	Length	Default
1	x			x	If-Match	opaque	0-8	(none)
3	x	x			Uri-Host	string	1-255	(see below)
4				x	ETag	opaque	1-8	(none)
5	x				If-None-Match	empty	0	(none)
7	x	x			Uri-Port	uint	0-2	(see below)
8				x	Location-Path	string	0-255	(none)
11	x	x		x	Uri-Path	string	0-255	(none)
12					Content-Format	uint	0-2	(none)
14	x				Max-Age	uint	0-4	60
15	x	x		x	Uri-Query	string	1-255	(none)
16				x	Accept	uint	0-2	(none)
19	x	x			Token	opaque	1-8	(empty)
20	x			x	Location-Query	string	0-255	(none)
35	x	x			Proxy-Uri	string	1-1034	(none)

C=Critical, U=Unsafe, N=No-Cache-Key, R=Repeatable

## Content-Formats

Media type	Id.
text/plain;charset=utf-8	0
application/link-format	40
application/xml	41
application/octet-stream	42
application/exi	47
application/json	50

## URI schemes

coap-URI = "coap:" "/" host [ ":" port ] path-abempty [ "?" query ]\ncoaps-URI = "coaps:" "/" host [ ":" port ] path-abempty [ "?" query ]

## Transmission parameters

name	default value
ACK_TIMEOUT	2 seconds
ACK_RANDOM_FACTOR	1.5
MAX_RETRANSMIT	4
NSTART	1
DEFAULT_LEISURE	5 seconds
PROBING_RATE	1 Byte/second

## Link Format .well-known/core

Link format can be used to describe hosted resources, their attributes, and other relationships between links.

Example:

REQ: GET /.well-known/core

RES: 2.05 Content

```
</sensors>;ct=40;title="Sensor Index",
</sensors/temp>;rt="temperature-c";if="sensor",
</sensors/light>;rt="light-lux";if="sensor",
<http://www.example.com/sensors/t123>;anchor="/sensors/temp";rel="describedby",
</t>;anchor="/sensors/temp";rel="alternate"
```

## Block

In order to transfer larger payloads with CoAP — for instance, for firmware updates — the Block option can be used.

No.	C	U	N	R	Name	Format	Length	Default
23	x	x			Block2	uint	0-3 B	(none)
27	x	x			Block1	uint	0-3 B	(none)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7							
NUM	M	SZX					

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5															
NUM	M	SZX													

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5															
NUM	M	SZX													

## Observe

In order to follow state changes of CoAP resources the Observe option can be used.

No.	C	U	N	R	Name	Format	Length	Default
6	x	x			Observe	empty/uint	0 B/0-2 B	(none)

## References

This cheatsheet is based on and heavily stole from the following documents:

Link-format:

<http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6690>

CoAP:

<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-core-coap-12>

Block:

<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-core-block-10>

Observe:

<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-core-observe-07>

<http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-core-observe-07>