# **Constrained Application Protocol**

(RFC 6690, draft-ietf-core-coap-18, draft-ietf-core-block-12, draft-ietf-core-observe-08)

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					
Ver  T   TKL	Code	1	Message ID	Ī	
Token (if any, Tk	L bytes) .				
Options (if any)					
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Payload (i	f any)			

Ver: Version, T: Type, TKL: Token Length

# **Method types**

	Туре		Name	
 	0 1 2 3	 	CONfirmable   NON-confirmable   ACKnowledgement   ReSeT	

### Method codes

Code   Name	
0.01   GET     0.02   POST     0.03   PUT     0.04   DELETE	

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

# **Response codes**

++	
Code	Description
++	
2.01 (65)	Created
2.02 (66)	Deleted
2.03 (67)	Valid
2.04 (68)	Changed
2.05 (69)	Content
4.00 (128)	Bad Request
4.01 (129)	Unauthorized
4.02 (130)	Bad Option
4.03 (131)	Forbidden
4.04 (132)	Not Found
4.05 (133)	Method Not Allowed
4.06 (134)	Not Acceptable
4.12 (140)	
4.13 (141)	Request Entity Too Large
4.15 (143)	Unsupported Content-Format
5.00 (160)	
5.01 (161)	Not Implemented
5.02 (162)	Bad Gateway
5.03 (163)	
5.04 (164)	Gateway Timeout
5.05 (165)	Proxying Not Supported
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## **Options**

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į	No.	С	U	N	R	Name	Format	Length	Default
	NO.     1   3   4   5   7   8   11   12   14   15   17	x x x	X	N 	R   +	Name  If-Match Uri-Host ETag If-None-Match Uri-Poth Location-Path Uri-Path Content-Format Max-Age Uri-Query Accept	opaque string opaque empty uint string string uint uint string uint uint	Length	Default (none) (see below) (none) (see below) (none) (see below) (none) (none) (none) (none) (none) (none)
	20				×	Location-Query Proxy-Uri	string	0-255	(none)
	39	x	X	-   -   x		Proxy-Ori Proxy-Scheme Size1	string string uint	1-1034   1-255   0-4	(none)   (none)   (none)
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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/xmc   42   application/exi   47   application/json   50

#### **URI schemes**

```
coap-URI = "coap:" "//" host [ ":" port ] path-abempty [ "?" query ]
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```

## **Transmission parameters**

<b>4</b>	<del></del>
name	default value
ACK_TIMEOUT ACK_RANDOM_FACTOR ANX_RETRANSMIT NSTART DEFAULT_LEISURE PROBING_RATE	2 seconds   1.5   4   1   5 seconds   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:

#### ABNF:

```
/ ( "sz" "=" cardinal )
/ ( link-extension ) )
link-extension = ( parmname [ '=" ( ptoken / quoted-string ) ] )
/ ( ext-name-star "=" ext-value )
ext-name-star = parmname "*"; reserved for RFC-2231-profiled
                                       ; extensions. Whitespace NOT
                                       ; allowed in between.
                    = 1*ptokenchar
ptoken
                   = 1*ptoxenchar
= "!" / "#" / "$" / "%" / "&" / "'" / "("
/ ")" / "*" / "+" / "-" / "." / "/" / DIGIT
/ ":" / "?" / "=" / ">" / "?" / "@" / ALPHA
/ "]" / "]" / "/" / "" / "" / "" / "" | "
ptokenchar
media-type
                    = type-name "/" subtype-name
                    = DQUOTE media-type DQUOTE
auoted-mt
relation-types = relation-type
                   / DQUOTE relation-type *( 1*SP relation-type ) DQUOTE
relation-type = reg-rel-type / ext-rel-type
reg-rel-type = LOALPHA *( LOALPHA / DIGIT / "." / "-" )
ext-rel-type = URI
                   = "0" / ( %x31-39 *DIGIT )
cardinal
LOALPHA = %x61-7A ; a-z
quoted-string = <defined in [RFC2616]>
                    = <defined in [RFC3986]>
URI-Reference = <defined in [RFC3986]>
                    = <defined in [RFC4288]>
type-name
subtype-name
                    = <defined in [RFC4288]>
MediaDesc
                    = <defined in [W3C.HTML.4.01]>
                    = <defined in [RFC5646]>
Language-Tag
                    = <defined in [RFC5987]>
                    = <defined in [RFC5987]>
```

#### **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   -   27   x   x   -	-   Block2	uint	(none)     (none)

## **Observe**

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

+++++   No.	Name	Format	Length	Default
6     x   -	Observe	uint	0-3 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/rfc7252
Block: http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-core-block-17
Observe: http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-core-observe-16
```