

# OGC SensorThings API Part 2 – Tasking Core

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# Abstract

The OGC SensorThings API [OGC 15-078r6] provides an open, geospatial-enabled and unified way to interconnect the Internet of Things (IoT) devices, data, and applications over the Web. At a high level, the OGC SensorThings API provides two main functions and each function is handled by the Sensing part or the Tasking part. The Sensing part provides a standard way to manage and retrieve observations and metadata from heterogeneous IoT sensor systems. The Tasking part provides a standard way for parameterizing - also called tasking - of taskable IoT devices, such as individual sensors and actuators, composite consumer / commercial / industrial / smart cities *in-situ* platforms, mobile and wearable devices, or even unmanned systems platforms such as drones, satellites, connected and autonomous vehicles, etc. This document specifies core of the SensorThings Tasking part.

# Keywords

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

ogcdoc, OGC document, ogc documents, iot, internet of things, sensor things, sensors, swe, sensor webs, sensor web enablement, sensor networks

# Preface

The OGC SensorThings API is an open standard. This means that anyone can implement the standard on a non-discriminatory, royalty free basis. The standard is also platform independent. Although SensorThings is a new standard, the requirements build on a rich set of proven-working and widely-adopted open standards, such as Web protocols and the OGC Sensor Web Enablement (SWE) standards, including the ISO/OGC Observation and Measurement data model [OGC 10-004r3 and ISO 19156:2011]. As a result, the OGC SensorThings API is extensible and can be applied to not only simple but also complex use cases.

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# Chapter 1. Scope

The OGC SensorThings API provides an open standard-based and geospatial-enabled framework to interconnect the Internet of Things devices, data, and applications over the Web. The Tasking part provides a standard way for parameterizing - also called tasking - of task-able IoT devices, such as individual sensors and actuators, composite consumer / commercial / industrial / smart cities in-situ platforms, mobile and wearable devices, or even unmanned systems platforms such as drones, satellites, connected and autonomous vehicles, etc. This document is the core of the SensorThings Tasking part. This document follows the CRUD functions, semantics and also query options from OGC SensorThings API part 1: Sensing.

# Chapter 2. Conformance

Conformance with this standard shall be checked using all the relevant tests specified in Annex A (normative) of this document. All requirements-classes and conformance-classes described in this document are owned by the standard(s) identified.

The following table list the requirements classes defined by this standard.

## NOTE

The text in the *Requirements* column in the following table is the path fragment that, when appended to the URI: [http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot\\_tasking/1.0/](http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/), provides the URI that can be used to unambiguously identify the requirement and the conformance class.

Requirements class id	Requirements	Description
req/tasking-capability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>req/<a href="#">tasking-capability/properties</a></li><li>req/<a href="#">tasking-capability/relations</a></li></ul>	<a href="#">TakingCapability</a> entity
req/task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>req/<a href="#">task/properties</a></li><li>req/<a href="#">task/relations</a></li></ul>	<a href="#">Task</a> entity
req/actuator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>req/<a href="#">actuator/properties</a></li><li>req/<a href="#">actuator/relations</a></li></ul>	<a href="#">Actuator</a> entity
req/create-tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>req/<a href="#">create-tasks/task-creation</a></li></ul>	creating <a href="#">Task</a> entity
req/create-tasks-via-mqtt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>req/<a href="#">create-tasks-via-mqtt/tasks-creation</a></li></ul>	creating <a href="#">Tasks</a> through MQTT
req/receive-updates-via-mqtt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>req/<a href="#">receive-updates-via-mqtt/receive-updates</a></li></ul>	Receiving <a href="#">Tasks</a> updates through MQTT



# 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.

- OGC 08-094r1, OGC SWE Common Data Model Encoding Standard.
- OGC 15-078r6, OGC SensorThings API — Part 1: Sensing.
- OGC 17-011r2, JSON Encoding Rules SWE Common / SensorML.
- OASIS MQTT Version 3.1.1
- ISO 8601:2004 Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange - Representation of dates and times.
- OGC 10-004r3 and ISO 19156:2011(E), OGC Abstract Specification Topic 20: Geographic information — Observations and Measurements
- OASIS OData Version 4.0 Part 1: Protocol Plus Errata 02
- OASIS OData Version 4.0 Part 2: URL Conventions Plus Errata 02
- OASIS OData JSON Format Version 4.0 Plus Errata 02
- OASIS OData ABNF Construction Rules Errata 02
- RFC 2616, Hypertext Transfer Protocol — HTTP/1.1

# Chapter 4. Terms and Definitions

This document uses the terms defined in Sub-clause 5.3 of [OGC 06-121r8], 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. Actuator

A type of transducer that converts a signal to some real-world action or phenomenon. [OGC 12-000]

## 4.2. Collection

Sets of Resources, which can be retrieved in whole or in part. [[RFC5023](#)]

## 4.3. Entity

Entities are instances of entity types. [OASIS OData Version 4.0 Part 1: Protocol Plus Errata 02]

*Note: Thing, Actuator, Task are some example entity types of the OGC SensorThings API.*

## 4.4. Entity sets

Entity sets are named collections of entities (e.g. Tasks is an entity set containing Task entities). An entity's key uniquely identifies the entity within an entity set. Entity sets provide entry points into an OGC SensorThings API service. [OASIS OData Version 4.0 Part 1: Protocol Plus Errata 02]

## 4.5. (Internet of) Thing

A thing is an object of the physical world (physical things) or the information world (virtual things) that is capable of being identified and integrated into communication networks. [ITU-T Y.2060]

## 4.6. Measurement

A set of operations having the object of determining the value of a quantity [OGC 10-004r3 / ISO 19156:2011]

## 4.7. Observation

Act of measuring or otherwise determining the value of a property [OGC 10-004r3 / ISO 19156:2011]

## 4.8. Observation Result

Estimate of the value of a property determined through a known observation procedure [OGC 10-004r3 / ISO 19156:2011]

## 4.9. Resource

A network-accessible data object or service identified by an URI, as defined in [RFC 2616]

## 4.10. REST

The Representational State Transfer (REST) style is an abstraction of the architectural elements within a distributed hypermedia system. REST focuses on the roles of components, the constraints upon their interaction with other components, and their interpretation of significant data elements. It encompasses the fundamental constraints upon components, connectors, and data that define the basis of the Web architecture, and thus the essence of its behavior as a network-based application. An API that conforms to the REST architectural principles/constraints is called a RESTful API. [OGC 15-078r6]

## 4.11. Sensor

An entity capable of observing a phenomenon and returning an observed value. Type of observation procedure that provides the estimated value of an observed property at its output. [OGC 12-000]

# Chapter 5. 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 specification are denoted by the URI

```
http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/
```

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

# Chapter 6. Symbols (and abbreviated terms)

## **API**

Application Programming Interface

## **CAV**

Connected and Autonomous Vehicles

## **CS-W**

Catalog Service Web

## **CRUD**

Create, Read, Update, and Delete

## **GML**

Geography Markup Language

## **HTML**

HyperText Markup Language

## **HTTP**

Hypertext Transfer Protocol

## **IoT**

Internet of Things

## **ISO**

International Organization for Standardization

## **JSON**

JavaScript Object Notation

## **MQTT**

Message Queuing Telemetry Transport

## **OData**

the Open Data Protocol

## **OGC**

Open Geospatial Consortium

## **OWS**

OGC Web Services

## **O&M**

Observations and Measurements

**REST**

REpresentational State Transfer

**SensorML**

Sensor Model Language

**SOS**

Sensor Observation Service

**SPS**

Sensor Planning Service

**STA**

SensorThings API

**SWE**

Sensor Web Enablement

**UML**

Unified Modeling Language

**UxS**

Unmanned Systems (aerial, underwater, and other unmanned vehicle platforms)

**WoT**

Web of Things

**XML**

eXtensible Markup Language

# Chapter 7. The SensorThings API Tasking Entities

**TaskingCapability**, **Actuator**, and **Task** are the main entities for Tasking core. These entities SHALL be listed in the response to a GET request to the root URL as described Sensing part. In case the server implementation only has Tasking part, the index SHALL contain **Things**, **TaskingCapabilities**, **Tasks**, and **Actuators**.

## 7.1. The Tasking Entities

The SensorThings API Tasking core's Entities are depicted in [Figure 1](#).

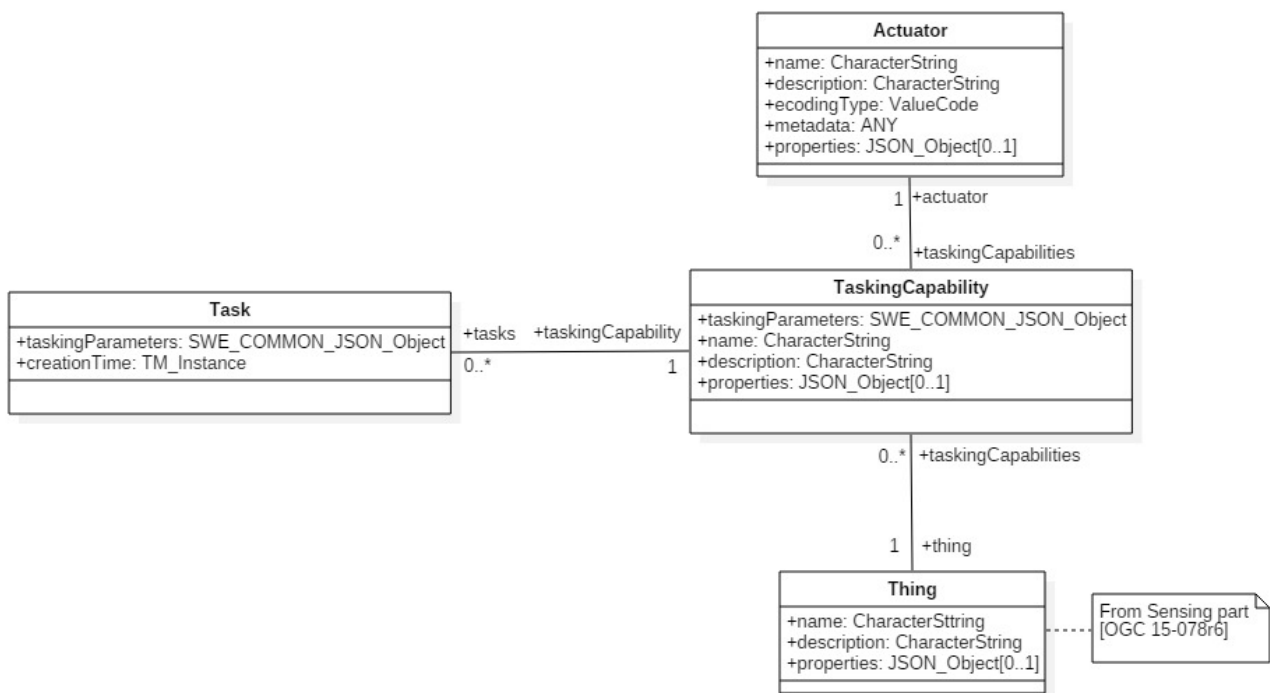


Figure 1. Tasking Entities

In this section, the properties for each entity types and the direct relation to the other entity types are explained. In addition, for each entity type we show an example of the associated JSON encoding.

### 7.1.1. Thing

This entity is from Sensing part. We add the information here to make this documentation complete in case a server is only implementing the Tasking core. Please note that if the server is implementing both Sensing and Tasking parts, the direct relationship for Thing entity is the combination of the relationship defined in this document with the relationships defined in the Sensing part. The OGC SensorThings API follows the ITU-T definition, *i.e.*, with regard to the Internet of Things, a thing is an object of the physical world (physical things) or the information world (virtual things) that is capable of being identified and integrated into communication networks [ITU-T Y.2060].

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/thing	
Target Type	Web Service
Dependency	http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_sensing/1.0/req/thing
Requirement	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/thing/properties">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/thing/properties</a> <i>Each <b>Thing</b> entity SHALL have the mandatory properties and MAY have the optional properties listed in <a href="#">Table 1</a>.</i>
Requirement	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/thing/relations">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/thing/relations</a> <i>Each <b>Thing</b> entity SHALL have the direct relation between a <b>Thing</b> entity and other entity types listed in <a href="#">Table 2</a>.</i>

Table 1. Properties of a **Thing** entity

Name	Definition	Data type	Multiplicity and use
name	A property provides a label for <b>Thing</b> entity, commonly a descriptive name.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
description	This is a short description of the corresponding <b>Thing</b> entity.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
properties	A JSON Object containing user-annotated properties as key-value pairs.	JSON Object	Zero-to-one

Table 2. Direct relation between a **Thing** entity and other entity types

Entity type	Relation	Description
TaskingCapabilities	One mandatory to many optional	A <b>Thing</b> MAY have zero-to-many <b>TaskingCapabilities</b> .



Example 1 an example of a **Thing** entity implementing the Tasking core

```
{
  "@iot.id": 1,
  "@iot.selfLink": "http://example.org/v1.0/Things(1)",
  "TaskingCapabilities@iot.navigationLink": "Things(1)/TaskingCapabilities",
  "name": "LinkitSmart with LED",
  "description": "LinkitSmart device with the LED that can be turned on/off and the
  color can be changed."
}
```

### 7.1.2. TaskingCapability

The **TaskingCapability** entity contains information about the capabilities of the taskable device. It contains all the parameters that can be used for controlling the device. SWE Common JSON encoding rules [OGC17-011r2] are used to define these parameters for **TaskingCapability**.

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/tasking-capability	
Target Type	Web Service
Dependency	http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_sensing/1.0/req/entity-control-information/common-control-information
Dependency	http://www.opengis.net/doc/BP/SWE-JSON/1.0/req
Dependency	http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/SWE/2.0
Requirement	<p>http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/tasking-capability/properties</p> <p><i>Each <b>TaskingCapability</b> entity SHALL have the mandatory properties and MAY have the optional properties listed in Table 3.</i></p>
Requirement	<p>http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/tasking-capability/relations</p> <p><i>Each <b>TaskingCapability</b> entity SHALL have the direct relation between a <b>TaskingCapability</b> entity and other entity types listed in Table 4.</i></p>

Table 3. Properties of a **TaskingCapability** entity

Name	Definition	Data type	Multiplicity and use
name	A property provides a label for the entity, commonly a descriptive name.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
description	This is a short description of the corresponding entity.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
taskingParameters	The <b>taskingParameters</b> property describes optional and mandatory tasking parameters. Clients use the definition to provide corresponding tasking parameter values. To ensure common understanding between client and server, a common exchange protocol is used to express both descriptions and tasking parameter values.  SensorThings uses the JSON encoding defined in OGC 17-011r2 to define <b>taskingParameters</b> .	SWE Common JSON Object	One (mandatory)
properties	A JSON Object containing user-annotated properties as key-value pairs.	JSON Object	Zero-to-one

Table 4. Direct relation between a **TaskingCapability** entity and other entity types

Entity type	Relation	Description
Task	One mandatory to many optional	A <b>TaskingCapability</b> has zero-to-many <b>Tasks</b> . A <b>Task</b> has one-and-only-one <b>TaskingCapability</b> .
Thing	Many optional to one mandatory	A <b>TaskingCapability</b> has one-and-only-one <b>Thing</b> . A <b>Thing</b> has zero-to-many <b>TaskingCapabilities</b> .
Actuator	Many optional to one mandatory	A <b>TaskingCapability</b> has one-and-only-one <b>Actuator</b> . An <b>Actuator</b> has zero-to-many <b>TaskingCapabilities</b> .

Example 2 an example of a **TaskCapability** entity

```
{
  "@iot.id": 1,
  "@iot.selfLink": "http://example.org/v1.0/TaskingCapabilities(1)",
  "Thing@iot.navigationLink": "TaskingCapabilities(1)/Thing",
  "Actuator@iot.navigationLink": "TaskingCapabilities(1)/Actuator",
  "Tasks@iot.navigationLink": "TaskingCapabilities(1)/Tasks",
  "name": "Control Light",
  "description": "Turn the light on and off, as well as specifying light color. ",
  "taskingParameters": {
    "type": "DataRecord",
    "field": [
      {
        "name": "status",
        "label": "On/Off status",
        "description": "Specifies turning the light On or Off",
        "type": "Category",
        "constraint": {
          "type": "AllowedTokens",
          "value": [
            "on", "off"
          ]
        }
      },
      {
        "name": "color",
        "label": "Light Color",
        "description": "Specifies the light color in RGB HEX format. Example:
#FF11A0",
        "type": "Text",
        "constraint": {
          "type": "AllowedTokens",
          "pattern": "^#([A-Fa-f0-9]{6}|[A-Fa-f0-9]{3})$"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

### 7.1.3. Task

**Task** entity contains the parameter detail of the control action that should be run on the task-able device.

#### Requirements Class

[http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot\\_tasking/1.0/req/task](http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/task)

Requirements Class	
Target Type	Web Service
Dependency	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_sensing/1.0/req/entity-control-information/common-control-information">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_sensing/1.0/req/entity-control-information/common-control-information</a>
Dependency	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/doc/BP/SWE-JSON/1.0/req">http://www.opengis.net/doc/BP/SWE-JSON/1.0/req</a>
Dependency	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/SWE/2.0">http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/SWE/2.0</a>
Requirement	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/task/properties">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/task/properties</a>  <i>Each Task entity SHALL have the mandatory properties and MAY have the optional properties listed in Table 5.</i>
Requirement	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/task/relations">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/task/relations</a>  <i>Each Task entity SHALL have the direct relation between a Task entity and other entity types listed in Table 6.</i>

Table 5. Properties of a Task entity

Name	Definition	Data type	Multiplicity and use
taskingParameters	<p>The <b>taskingParameters</b> property describes values for optional and mandatory tasking parameters. Clients use the definition to provide corresponding tasking parameter values. To ensure common understanding between client and server, a common exchange protocol is used to express both descriptions and tasking parameter values.</p> <p>SensorThings uses the JSON encoding for SWE Common data block defined in OGC 08-094r1 to define <b>taskingParameters</b>. <b>taskingParameters</b> is a SWE Common data block and MUST have key-value pairs in a JSON object. Key MUST be the name described in <b>TaskingCapability</b>'s <b>taskingParameters</b> and value MUST be the value of that parameter for this Task.</p>	SWE Common JSON Object	One (mandatory)
creationTime	The time when the Task is created. This time SHALL only be added automatically by the service.	TM_Instant (ISO-8601 Time String)	One (mandatory)

Table 6. Direct relation between a **Task** entity and other entity types

Entity type	Relation	Description
TaskingCapability	Many optional to one mandatory	A <b>Task</b> has one-and-only-one <b>TaskingCapability</b> . A <b>TaskingCapability</b> has zero-to-many <b>Tasks</b> .

Example 3 an example of a **Task** entity

```
{
  "@iot.id": 2,
  "@iot.selfLink": "http://example.org/v1.0/Tasks(1)",
  "TaskingCapability@iot.navigationLink": "Tasks(2)/TaskingCapability",
  "creationTime": "2017-01-01T00:00:00.000Z",
  "taskingParameters": {
    "status": "on",
    "color": "#FF0000"
  }
}
```

#### 7.1.4. Actuator

An Actuator is a device that can be controlled/tasked. The **Actuator** entity contains information and metadata about taskable actuator. Each **TaskingCapability** has one **Actuator** and defines the parameters that can be set/tasked for the **Actuator**.

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/actuator	
Target Type	Web Service
Dependency	http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_sensing/1.0/req/entity-control-information/common-control-information
Requirement	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/actuator/properties">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/actuator/properties</a> <i>Each <b>Actuator</b> entity SHALL have the mandatory properties and MAY have the optional properties listed in <a href="#">Table 7</a>.</i>
Requirement	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/actuator/relations">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/actuator/relations</a> <i>Each <b>Actuator</b> entity SHALL have the direct relation between a <b>Actuator</b> entity and other entity types listed in <a href="#">Table 8</a>.</i>

Table 7. Properties of a **Actuator** entity

Name	Definition	Data type	Multiplicity and use
name	A property provides a label for the entity, commonly a descriptive name.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
description	The description of the Actuator entity.	CharacterString	One (mandatory)
encodingType	The encoding type of the <b>metadata</b> property. Its value is one of the ValueCode enumeration (see Table 9 for the available ValueCode).	Any (depending on the value of the <b>encodingType</b> )	One (mandatory)
metadata	The detailed description of the Actuator. The metadata type is defined by <b>encodingType</b> .	Any (depending on the value of the <b>encodingType</b> )	One (mandatory)
properties	A JSON Object containing user-annotated properties as key-value pairs.	JSON Object	Zero-to-one

Table 8. Direct relation between a **Actuator** entity and other entity types

Entity type	Relation	Description
TaskingCapabilities	One mandatory to many optional	An <b>Actuator</b> has zero-to-many <b>TaskingCapabilities</b> . A <b>TaskingCapability</b> has one-and-only-one <b>Actuator</b> .

Table 9. List of some code values used for identifying types for the **encodingType** of the **Actuator** entity

Actuator <b>encodingType</b>	ValueCode Value
PDF	application/pdf
SensorML	http://www.opengis.net/doc/IS/SensorML/2.0

The **Actuator encodingType** allows clients to know how to interpret **metadata**'s value(s). Currently, the SensorThings API defines two common **Actuator metadata encodingTypes**. Most sensor manufacturers provide their sensor datasheets in a PDF format. As a result, PDF is a **Sensor encodingType** supported by SensorThings API. The second **Sensor encodingType** is SensorML.

Example 4 an example of a **Actuator** entity

```
{
  "@iot.id": 3,
  "@iot.selfLink": "http://example.org/v1.0/Actuators(3)",
  "TaskingCapabilities@iot.navigationLink": "Actuators(3)/TaskingCapabilities",
  "name": "Linkit Smart 7688 Duo Board with LED",
  "description": "Linkit Smart 7688 Duo Board that has an LED which can be tasked as
on/off with different color.",
  "encodingType": "application/pdf",
  "metadata": "http://example.org/linkit_7688.pdf"
}
```

# Chapter 8. SensorThings Tasking Create

The SensorThings API Tasking part SHALL support creating **Task** entities. The server checks the **taskingParameters** to be compliant to the corresponding **TaskingCapability**. If the **taskingParameters** are correct, the **Task** will be created. This specification contains only the core functionalities for Tasking part. All other entities than **Task**, including **TaskingCapabilities**, **Actuators**, and **Things** are pre-provisioned to the Server and the client can only create **Tasks**.

Requirements Class	
http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/create-tasks	
Target Type	Web Service
Dependency	<a href="http://docs.oasis-open.org/odata/odata/v4.0/errata02/os/complete/part1-protocol/odata-v4.0-errata02-os-part1-protocol-complete.html#_Toc406398326">http://docs.oasis-open.org/odata/odata/v4.0/errata02/os/complete/part1-protocol/odata-v4.0-errata02-os-part1-protocol-complete.html#_Toc406398326</a>
Requirement	<p><a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/create-tasks/task-creation">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/create-tasks/task-creation</a></p> <p><i>To create a <b>Task</b> in a collection, the client SHALL send a HTTP POST request to <b>Task</b> collection's URL. The POST body SHALL contain a single valid <b>Task</b> representation.</i></p> <p><i>When clients create <b>Tasks</b> in a SensorThings service, they SHALL follow the integrity constraints listed in <a href="#">Table 10</a>.</i></p> <p><i>When a SensorThings service receives a create <b>Task</b> request, the service SHALL set the <b>createdTime</b> property of the entity to current server time.</i></p> <p><i>SensorThings API services SHALL support linking new <b>Task</b> entities to existing entities upon creation. To create a new <b>Task</b> with links to existing entities, the client SHALL include the unique identifiers of the related entities associated with the corresponding navigation properties in the request body.</i></p>

Table 10. Integrity constraints when creating a **Task** entity

Scenario	Integrity Constraints
Create a <b>Task</b> entity	SHALL link to a <b>TaskingCapability</b> entity

## 8.1. Link to existing entities when creating a Task entity

Each **Task** has one **TaskingCapability**. There are two approaches to create a **Task**. (1) The corresponding **TaskingCapability** is specified in the request with its **@iot.id**; and (2) The



corresponding **TaskingCapability** is specified in the POST URL, i.e., `/v1.0/TaskingCapabilities({id})/Tasks`.

### HTTP Method

POST

### URI Pattern

SERVICE\_ROOT\_URI/Tasks

### Header

Content-Type: application/json

### Message Body

A single valid **Task** entity representation.

**Example 5: create a **Task** entity, which links to an existing **TaskingCapability** entity (whose id is 1).**

```
POST /v1.0/Tasks HTTP/1.1

Host: example.org/
Content-Type: application/json

{
  "taskingParameters": {
    "status": "on",
    "color": "#FF0000"
  },
  "TaskingCapability": {
    "@iot.id": 1
  }
}
```

### HTTP Method

POST

### URI Pattern

SERVICE\_ROOT\_URI/TaskingCapabilities({id})/Tasks

### Header

Content-Type: application/json

### Message Body

A single valid **Task** entity representation.

**Example 6: create a **Task** entity, which links to an existing **TaskingCapability** entity (whose id is 1) by specifying **TaskingCapability** id in URL.**

```
POST /v1.0/TaskingCapabilities(1)/Tasks HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: example.org/
```

```
Content-Type: application/json
```

```
{  
  "taskingParameters": {  
    "status": "on",  
    "color": "#FF0000"  
  }  
}
```

# Chapter 9. SensorThings Tasking MQTT Extension

In addition to support HTTP protocol, a SensorThings service MAY support the Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT) protocol<sup>[1]</sup> to enhance the SensorThings service publish and subscribe capabilities. This section describes the SensorThings MQTT extension.

## 9.1. Create a SensorThings Task with MQTT Publish

Requirements Class	
<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/create-tasks-via-mqtt">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/create-tasks-via-mqtt</a>	
Target Type	Web Service
Dependency	<a href="http://docs.oasis-open.org/mqtt/mqtt/v3.1.1/mqtt-v3.1.1.html">http://docs.oasis-open.org/mqtt/mqtt/v3.1.1/mqtt-v3.1.1.html</a>
Requirement	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/create-tasks-via-mqtt/tasks-creation">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/create-tasks-via-mqtt/tasks-creation</a>  <i>In order to allow clients to create Tasks with MQTT Publish, a service SHALL support the creation of Tasks with MQTT as defined in Section 9.1.</i>

The SensorThings MQTT extension provides the capability of creating Task entity using MQTT protocol. To create a Task entity in MQTT, the client sends a MQTT Publish request to the SensorThings service and the MQTT topic is the Tasks resource path. The MQTT application message contains a single valid Task entity representation. Figure 2 contains the sequence diagram for creating Task using MQTT publish as well as MQTT sending notifications for Task creation.

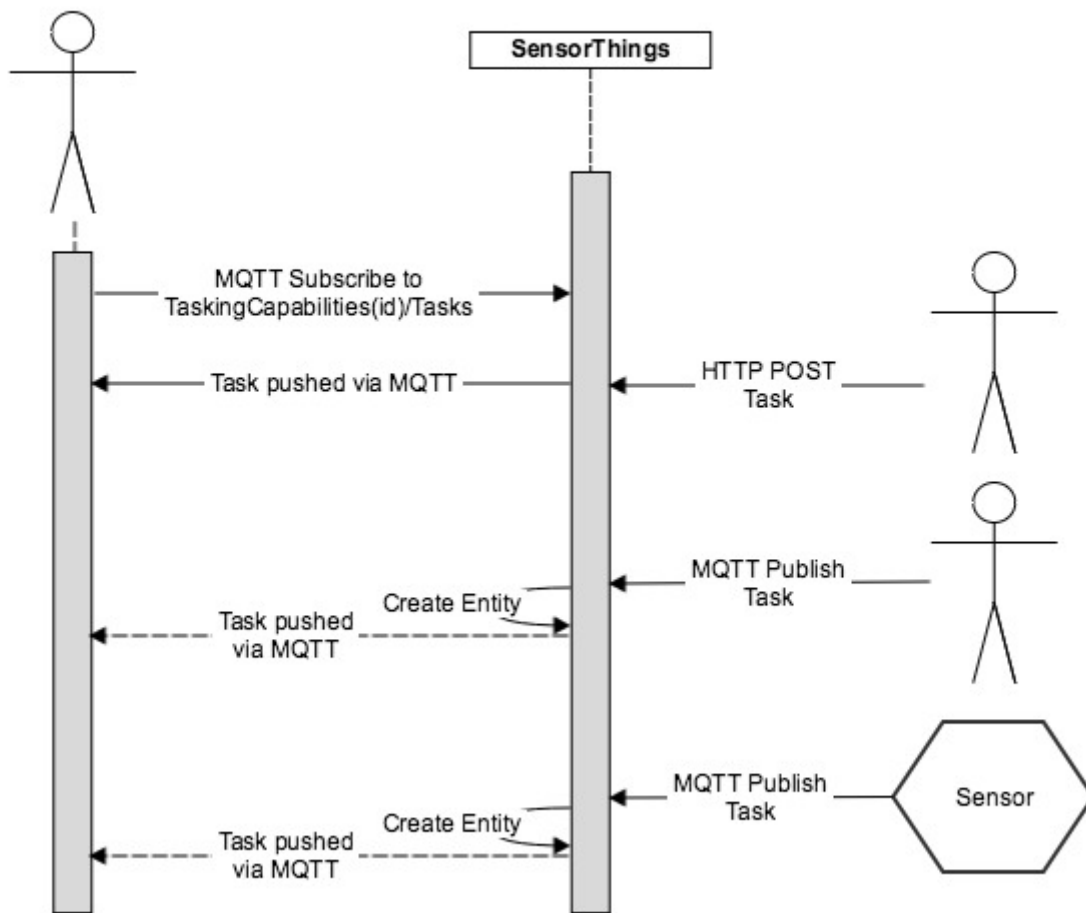


Figure 2. Creating **Tasks** using MQTT publish, and receive notifications for **Tasks** with MQTT

If the MQTT topic for the **Task** is a **navigationLink** from **TaskingCapability**, the new **Task** entity is automatically linked to that **TaskingCapability** respectively. Similar to creating **Tasks** with **HTTP POST**, creating **Tasks** with **MQTT Publish** follows the integrity constraints for creating **Task** as listed in [Table 10](#).

### 9.1.1. Link to existing entities when creating a Task entity

To link to existing entities when creating a **Task** entity with MQTT, the conditions specified in [Chapter 8](#) are applied.

## 9.2. Receive updates with MQTT Subscribe

Requirements Class	
<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/receive-updates-via-mqtt">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/receive-updates-via-mqtt</a>	
Target Type	Web Service
Dependency	<a href="http://docs.oasis-open.org/mqtt/mqtt/v3.1.1/mqtt-v3.1.1.html">http://docs.oasis-open.org/mqtt/mqtt/v3.1.1/mqtt-v3.1.1.html</a>

## Requirements Class

Requirement	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/receive-updates-via-mqtt/receive-updates">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/receive-updates-via-mqtt/receive-updates</a>  <i>To allow clients to receive notifications for the updates of SensorThings tasking entities with MQTT, a service SHALL support the receiving updates with MQTT Subscribe as defined in <a href="#">Section 9.2</a>.</i>
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To receive notifications from a SensorThings service when some tasking entities are updated, a client can send a MQTT Subscribe request to the SensorThings service. The SensorThings API defines the following MQTT subscription use cases.

Receiving notifications from a SensorThings service follows the requirement [http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot\\_sensing/1.0/req/receive-updates-via-mqtt](http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_sensing/1.0/req/receive-updates-via-mqtt) of the Sensing part, but for entities the is the Tasking part.

When the SensorThings MQTT extension is being used for controlling an Actuator, the actuator (gateway) can subscribe to **Tasks** and whenever it receives a **Task** over MQTT, it can perform it. [Figure 3](#) shows a sequence diagram of this process.

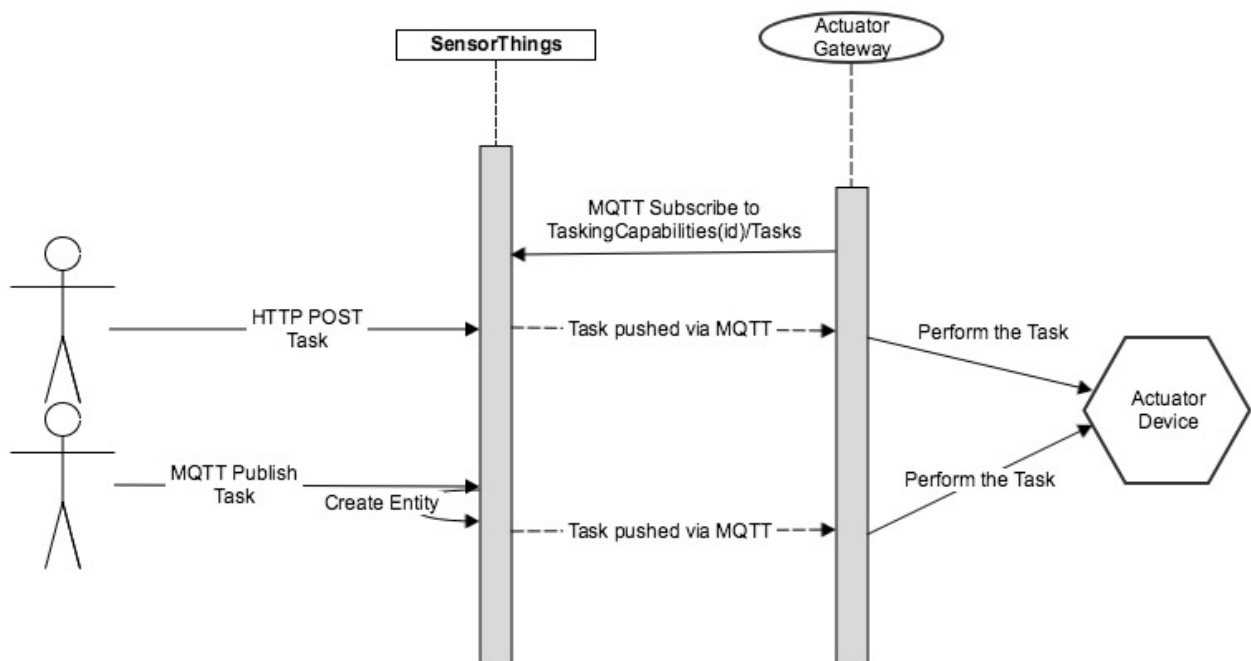


Figure 3. Actuator communication to SensorThings via MQTT

[1]MQTT version 3.1.1 is an OASIS Standard. <http://docs.oasis-open.org/mqtt/mqtt/v3.1.1/os/mqtt-v3.1.1-os.html>

# Annex A: Conformance Class Abstract Test Suite (Normative)

## A.1. SensorThings Tasking Core Tests

<b>A.1.1 Conformance class: SensorThings API TaskingCapability Entity</b>	
<b>Conformance class id:</b> <a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/conf/tasking-capability">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/conf/tasking-capability</a>	
<b>Test: <i>TaskingCapability</i> Entity</b>	
Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. <a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/tasking-capability/properties">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/tasking-capability/properties</a></li><li>4. <a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/tasking-capability/relations">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/tasking-capability/relations</a></li></ol>
Test purpose	Check if each <i>TaskingCapabilitiy</i> entity has the mandatory properties and mandatory relations as defined in this standard.
Test method	<p>Inspect the full JSON object of the <i>TaskingCapability</i> entity sets (<i>i.e.</i>, without <i>\$select</i>) to identify, if each entity has the mandatory properties defined in the corresponding requirement.</p> <p>Inspect the full JSON object of each <i>TaskingCapabilities</i> entity set (<i>i.e.</i>, without using the <i>\$select</i> query option) to identify, if each entity has the mandatory relations (<i>i.e.</i>, <i>@iot.navigationLink</i>) defined in the corresponding requirement.</p>

<b>A.1.2 Conformance class: SensorThings API Task Entity</b>	
<b>Conformance class id:</b> <a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/conf/task">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/conf/task</a>	
<b>Test: <i>Task</i> Entity</b>	
Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. <a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/task/properties">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/task/properties</a></li><li>6. <a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/task/relations">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/task/relations</a></li></ol>
Test purpose	Check if each <i>Task</i> entity has the mandatory properties and mandatory relations as defined in this standard.

#### A.1.2 Conformance class: SensorThings API Task Entity

Test method	<p>Inspect the full JSON object of the <b>Tasks</b> entity sets (<i>i.e.</i>, without <b>\$select</b>) to identify, if each entity has the mandatory properties defined in the corresponding requirement.</p> <p>Inspect the full JSON object of each <b>Tasks</b> entity set (<i>i.e.</i>, without using the <b>\$select</b> query option) to identify, if each entity has the mandatory relations (<i>i.e.</i>, <b>@iot.navigationLink</b>) defined in the corresponding requirement.</p>
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#### A.1.3 Conformance class: SensorThings API Actuator Entity

**Conformance class id:** [http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot\\_tasking/1.0/conf/actuator](http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/conf/actuator)

**Test:** **Actuator** Entity

Requirements	<p>7. <a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/actuator/properties">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/actuator/properties</a></p> <p>8. <a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/actuator/relations">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/actuator/relations</a></p>
Test purpose	Check if each <b>Actuator</b> entity has the mandatory properties and mandatory relations as defined in this standard.
Test method	<p>Inspect the full JSON object of the <b>Actuator</b> entity sets (<i>i.e.</i>, without <b>\$select</b>) to identify, if each entity has the mandatory properties defined in the corresponding requirement.</p> <p>Inspect the full JSON object of each <b>Actuator</b> entity set (<i>i.e.</i>, without using the <b>\$select</b> query option) to identify, if each entity has the mandatory relations (<i>i.e.</i>, <b>@iot.navigationLink</b>) defined in the corresponding requirement.</p>

#### A.1.4 Conformance class: SensorThings API Create `Task`

**Conformance class id:** [http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot\\_tasking/1.0/conf/create-entity](http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/conf/create-entity)

**Test:** Create **Task** Entity

##### Dependencies:

- [http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot\\_tasking/1.0/conf/task](http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/conf/task)
- [http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot\\_sensing/1.0/conf/resource-path](http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_sensing/1.0/conf/resource-path)

Requirements	9. <a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/create-tasks/task-creation">http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/create-tasks/task-creation</a>
Test purpose	Check if the service supports the creation of <b>Task</b> as defined in this specification.

#### A.1.4 Conformance class: SensorThings API Create `Task`

Test method	<p>Create a <b>Task</b> entity instance by following the integrity constraints and link to the existing related entities with a single request, check if the <b>Task</b> entity instance is successfully created and the server responds as defined in this specification.</p> <p>Issue a <b>Task</b> entity creation request that does not follow the integrity constraints, check if the service fails the request without creating the <b>Task</b> and responds the appropriate HTTP status code.</p>
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## A.2. SensorThings Tasking MQTT Extension

#### A.2.1 Conformance class: SensorThings API `Task` Creation via MQTT

**Conformance class id:** [http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot\\_tasking/1.0/conf/create-tasks-via-mqtt](http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/conf/create-tasks-via-mqtt)

**Test: SensorThings API **Task** Creation via MQTT**

**Dependencies:**

- [http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot\\_tasking/1.0/conf/task](http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/conf/task)

Requirements	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/create-tasks-via-mqtt/tasks-creation">10. http://www.opengis.net/spec/iot_tasking/1.0/req/create-tasks-via-mqtt/tasks-creation</a>
Test purpose	Check if the service supports the creation of <b>Task</b> entity via MQTT as defined in this standard.
Test method	Create a <b>Task</b> entity instance containing binding information for navigation properties using <b>MQTT Publish</b> , check if the server responds as defined in this standard.



## Annex B: Revision history

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