

Media Type Representation



Rule: A consistent form should be used to represent media type formats

- **application/wrml; format=URI; schema=URI**

application/wrml;

format="http://api.formats.wrml.org/application/json";

schema="http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/Format"

application/wrml;

format="http://api.formats.wrml.org/application/json"

schema="http://api.schemas.wrml.org/soccer/Player";

application/wrml;

format="http://foo.bar.baz/uberformat";

schema="http://foo.bar.baz/uberschema";

Format

- When represented using JSON, a Format has the following consistent structure:

```
{
  "mediaType" : Text <constrained by media type syntax>,
  "links" : {
    "home" : Link <form constrained by the Link schema>,
    "rfc" : Link <form constrained by the Link schema>
  },
  "serialize" : {
    "links" : {
      <Set of Link schema-constrained forms>
    }
  },
  "deserialize" : {
    "links" : {
      <Set of Link schema-constrained forms>
    }
  }
}
```

Format Examples

- Below is an example of an HTTP request and response for the JSON format document's representation

```
# Request
GET / application / json HTTP / 1.1
Host: api.formats.wrml.org

# Response
HTTP / 1.1 200 OK
Content - Type: application / wrml;
format = "http://api.formats.wrml.org/application/json";
schema = "http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/Format"

{
  "mediaType" : "application/json",
  "links" : {
    "self" : {
      "href" : "http://api.formats.wrml.org/application/json",
      "rel" : "http://api.relations.wrml.org/common/self"
    },
    "home" : {
      "href" : "http://www.json.org",
      "rel" : "http://api.relations.wrml.org/common/home"
    }
  }
  ...
}
```

```
# Request
GET /students/morgan?fields=(firstName, birthDate) HTTP / 1.1
Host: api.college.restapi.org

# Response
HTTP / 1.1 200 OK
Content - Type: application / wrml;
format = "http://api.formats.wrml.org/application/json";
schema = "http://api.schemas.wrml.org/college/Student";
fields = "<firstName, birthDate>"
{
  "mediaType" : "application/json",
  "firstName": "Morgan",
  "birthDate": "1992-07-31".
  "favoriteClass": {
    "id" : "japn-301",
    "name" : "Third-Year Japanese",
    "links": {
      "self" : {
        "href" : "http://api.college.restapi.org/classes/japn-301",
        "rel" : "http://api.relations.wrml.org/common/self"
      }
    }
  }
  ...
}
```

Rule: A consistent form should be used to represent media type schemas

- Schemas provide contractual resource type definitions, which are a crucial component of the interface that binds a REST API and its clients together
- A representational form, or just form for short, consists of the fields and links as detailed by the “blueprints” of its associated schema document
- When represented using JSON, a Schema has the following consistent form

```
{
  "name" : Text <constrained to be mixed uppercase>, ❶
  "version" : Integer, ❷
  "extends" : Array <constrained to contain (schema) URI text elements>, ❸
  "fields" : { ❹
    <Set of Field schema-constrained forms>
  },
  "stateFacts" : Array <constrained to contain mixed uppercase text elements>, ❺
  "linkFormulas" : { ❻
    <Set of LinkFormula schema-constrained forms>
  },
  "description" : Text ❼
}
```

Field Representation

Each field's value may be one of the following types:

- Boolean
- Choise(similat to enum)
- DateTime
- Double
- Integer
- List
- Schema
- Text
- Null

```
application/wrml; ❶  
format="http://api.formats.wrml.org/application/json";  
schema="http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/Field" ❷
```

```
{  
  "type" : Text <constrained to be one of the primitive field types>, ❶  
  "defaultValue" : <a type-specific value>, ❷  
  "readOnly" : Boolean, ❸  
  "required" : Boolean, ❹  
  "hidden" : Boolean, ❺  
  "constraints" : Array <constrained to contain (constraint) URI text elements>, ❻  
  "description" : Text ❼  
}
```

Constraint Representation

- A schema field's constraints value lists the URIs of the constraints that are applied to a form's associated field value

```
{  
  "name" : Text, ❶  
  "validate" : { ❷  
    "links" : {  
      <Set of Link schema-constrained forms>  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Link Formula Representation

- A schema link formula equates the availability of a state-sensitive link in a response message body's form with a Boolean expression that uses the schema's state facts as operands

```
{  
  "rel" : Text <constrained by URI syntax>, ❶  
  "condition" : Text <constrained to be a state fact-based Boolean expression> ❷  
}
```

Document Schema Representation

- Document is the base form for all resource types.

EXAMPLE

Example

```
# Request
GET /common/Document HTTP/1.1
Host: api.schemas.wrml.org

# Response
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/wrml;
  format="http://api.formats.wrml.org/application/json";
  schema="http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/Document"
{
  "name" : "Document",
  "version" : 1,
  "stateFacts" : ["Docroot", "Identifiable", "ReadOnly"],
  "linkFormulas" : {
    "self" : {
      "rel" : "http://api.relations.wrml.org/common/self",
      "condition" : "Identifiable"
    },

    "metadata" : {
      "rel" : "http://api.relations.wrml.org/common/metadata",
      "condition" : "Identifiable"
    }
  },
  "description" : "A resource archetype used to model a singular concept.",
  "links" : {
    "self" : {
      "href" : "http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/Document",
      "rel" : "http://api.relations.wrml.org/common/self"
    },
    ...
  }
}
```


Container Schema Representation

- Collection models a server managed directory of resources and a Store is a client-managed resource repository

```
# Request
GET /common/Container HTTP/1.1
Host: api.schemas.wrml.org
|
# Response
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/wrml;
  format="http://api.formats.wrml.org/application/json";
  schema="http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/Container"
{
  "name" : "Container",
  "version" : 1,
  "extends" : ["http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/Document"],
  "fields" : { ...
},
  "stateFacts" : [
    "Empty",
    "FirstPage",
    "LastPage",
    "Paginated"
  ],
  "linkFormulas" : {
    "delete" : {
      "rel" : "http://api.relationships.wrml.org/common/delete",
      "condition" : "Identifiable and not Docroot and Empty"
    },
    "next" : {
      "rel" : "http://api.relationships.wrml.org/common/next",
      "condition" : "(Identifiable and not Empty) and (Paginated and not LastPage)"
    },
    "previous" : {
      "rel" : "http://api.relationships.wrml.org/common/previous",
      "condition" : "(Identifiable and not Empty) and (Paginated and not FirstPage)"
    }
  },
  "description" : "A base container of elements."
}
```

Collection Schema Representation

```
# Request
GET /common/Collection HTTP/1.1
Host: api.schemas.wrml.org

# Response
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/wrml;
              format="http://api.formats.wrml.org/application/json";
              schema="http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/Collection"

# NOTE: The description's line break must be omitted in well-formed JSON.
```

```
{
  "name" : "Collection",
  "version" : 1,
  "extends" : ["http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/Container"],
  "linkFormulas" : {
    "create" : {
      "rel" : "http://api.relations.wrml.org/common/create",
      "condition" : "Identifiable and not ReadOnly"
    }
  },
  "description" : "A resource archetype used to model a server-managed
                  directory of resources."
}
```

Store Schema Representation

```
# Request
GET /common/Store HTTP/1.1
Host: api.schemas.wrml.org

# Response
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/wrml;
              format="http://api.formats.wrml.org/application/json";
              schema="http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/Store"

# NOTE: The description's line break must be omitted in well-formed JSON.
```

```
{
  "name" : "Store",
  "version" : 1,
  "extends" : ["http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/Container"],
  "linkFormulas" : {
    "insert" : {
      "rel" : "http://api.relations.wrml.org/common/insert",
      "condition" : "Identifiable and not ReadOnly"
    }
  },
  "description" : "A resource archetype used to model a client-managed
                  resource repository."
}
```

Error Representation

```
{  
  "id": "Update Failed",  
  "description": "Failed to update /users/{id}"  
}
```

```
{  
  "elements": [  
    {  
      "id": "Update Failed",  
      "description": "Failed to update /users/{id}"  
    },  
    {  
      "id": "Does not exist",  
      "description": "The requested resource was not found"  
    },  
    {  
      "id": 401,  
      "description": "Authorization Required"  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

```
application/wrml; ❶  
format="http://api.formats.wrml.org/application/json";  
schema="http://api.schemas.wrml.org/common/ErrorContainer"
```

```
{  
  "elements" : [ ❶  
    { ❷  
      "id" : "Update Failed",  
      "description" : "Failed to update /users/1234"  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

Example self created