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## Abstract:

The Open Data Protocol (OData) enables the creation of REST-based data services, which allow resources, identified using Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) and defined in an Entity Data Model (EDM), to be published and edited by Web clients using simple HTTP messages. This document defines the core semantics and facilities of the protocol.

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Changes from earlier Versions

## 1.2 Glossary

### 1.2.1 Definitions of terms

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### 1.2.2 Acronyms and abbreviations

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#### [RFC2119]

Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, DOI 10.17487/RFC2119, March 1997 <http://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc2119>.

#### [RFC8174]

Leiba, B., "Ambiguity of Uppercase vs Lowercase in RFC 2119 Key Words", BCP 14, RFC 8174, DOI 10.17487/RFC8174, May 2017 <http://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc8174>.

### A.2 Informative References

#### [RFC3552]

Rescorla, E. and B. Korver, "Guidelines for Writing RFC Text on Security Considerations", BCP 72, RFC 3552, DOI 10.17487/RFC3552, July 2003 <https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfc3552>.



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