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## KEYWORDS

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

OGC, GeoSPARQL, 3D



# PREFACE

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# SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

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The following security considerations apply...

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# SCOPE

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## CONFORMANCE

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# NORMATIVE REFERENCES

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There are no normative references in this document.



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# TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

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No terms and definitions are listed in this document.



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# ABSTRACT

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## CONVENTIONS

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# INTRODUCTION

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## INTRODUCTION

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# BENEFICIARIES AND BENEFITS

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## BENEFICIARIES AND BENEFITS

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This section describes the beneficiaries and benefits of representing data, including geospatial data, using semantic and graph technologies. Furthermore, a collection of use cases demonstrate how semantic and graph technologies are used together with spatial data to tackle real world problems.

### 9.1. Beneficiaries

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#### 9.1.1. Beneficiary 1: Someone who benefits

### 9.2. Benefits

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The benefits of semantic and graph technologies are outlined below.

#### 9.2.1. Benefit B1: My benefit



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# CURRENT CAPABILITIES

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## 10.1. GeoSPARQL

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GeoSPARQL is the most common geospatial extension of SPARQL. It was accepted as an OGC standard in 2012 and revised as GeoSPARQL 1.1 in 2024.

According to the standard document, “The OGC GeoSPARQL standard supports representing and querying geospatial data on the Semantic Web. GeoSPARQL defines a vocabulary for representing geospatial data in RDF, and it defines an extension to the SPARQL query language for processing geospatial data”.

### 10.1.1. Requirements addressed

GeoSPARQL addresses the following requirements with regards to 3D.

### 10.1.2. Adoption of GeoSPARQL 1.1



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# REQUIREMENTS FOR GEOSPARQL 3D

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This section provides an overview of feedback received on the current version of the GeoSPARQL standard (version 1.1) regarding 3D usage. This feedback helps to identify some of the barriers to use, and to outline requirements that have not been addressed that may encourage greater uptake.

## 11.1. Proposed extensions for GeoSPARQL 3D

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### 11.1.1. Extension 1: 3D representations

#### 11.1.1.1. GitHub Issue URI

<https://github.com/opengeospatial/ogc-geosparql/issues/583>

#### 11.1.1.2. Category

Semantic improvement

#### 11.1.1.3. Description

GeoSPARQL should include ways to represent 3D data in a knowledge graph.

3D data should be included in common 3D formats and 3D data should be includable as a text literal and a file representation.

Some common formats which could be considered for inclusion are:

- [Polygon File Format \(PLY\)](#)
- [Wavefront OBJ Format \(OBJ\)](#)
- [GLTF Format \(GLTF\)](#)
- [X3D Format](#)

## **11.1.2. Extension 2: Relations of 3D geometries**

### **11.1.2.1. GitHub Issue URI**

<https://github.com/opengeospatial/ogc-geosparql/issues/416>

### **11.1.2.2. Category**

Semantic improvement

### **11.1.2.3. Description**

GeoSPARQL should include ways to represent relations between 3D geometries and relations between 3D geometries and geometries of lower dimensions. The relations should be expressable in property relations and should be queryable using SPARQL extension functions.

## **11.1.3. Extension 3: Appearance of 3D geometries**

### **11.1.3.1. GitHub Issue URI**

<https://github.com/opengeospatial/ogc-geosparql/issues/592>

### **11.1.3.2. Category**

Semantic improvement

### **11.1.3.3. Description**

GeoSPARQL should include ways to represent materials and textures of 3D geometries, so that geometries can be styled accordingly. Materials include:

- Colors of surfaces with light diffusion parameters
- Images as textures, which are associated with surfaces of the 3D object

## 11.1.4. Extension 4: Multi-component 3D geometries

### 11.1.4.1. GitHub Issue URI

<https://github.com/opengeospatial/ogc-geosparql/issues/591>

### 11.1.4.2. Category

Semantic improvement

### 11.1.4.3. Description

GeoSPARQL should include ways to define multi-component 3D geometries, whereas each component expresses its own semantics. For example, parts of a building could have different semantics according to the function of the building components and would be classified as such in an RDF graph.

## 11.1.5. Extension 5: Alignments of GeoSPARQL 3D

### 11.1.5.1. GitHub Issue URI

<https://github.com/opengeospatial/ogc-geosparql/issues/590><https://github.com/opengeospatial/ogc-geosparql/issues/574>

### 11.1.5.2. Category

Semantic improvement

### 11.1.5.3. Description

GeoSPARQL 3D should be aligned to other vocabularies and standard which currently provide 3D support in different knowledge domains. Especially alignments to ifcOWL and the X3D vocabulary would position the GeoSPARQL vocabulary as a link between these different standards.



## 11.1.6. Extension 6: Alignments of Engineering CRS to Geospatial CRS

### 11.1.6.1. GitHub Issue URI

<https://github.com/opengeospatial/ogc-geosparql/issues/586>

### 11.1.6.2. Category

Semantic improvement

### 11.1.6.3. Description

GeoSPARQL 3D should provide the opportunity to align a local coordinate system in which most 3D geometries are defined with a coordinate reference. While this work might only be partially done within the scope of GeoSPARQL itself, GeoSPARQL should be aligned with the emerging Ontology CRS developments of OGC and provide necessary functions or properties to create the link.

## 11.1.7. Extension 7: Geometry Extrusion

### 11.1.7.1. GitHub Issue URI

<https://github.com/opengeospatial/ogc-geosparql/issues/556><https://github.com/opengeospatial/ogc-geosparql/issues/547>

### 11.1.7.2. Category

Semantic improvement

### 11.1.7.3. Description

GeoSPARQL 3D should provide the opportunity to extrude 2D geometries to 3D geometries and vice versa.



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# ANNEX N: N

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# ANNEX O: HISTORY

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