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Binary or text documents may be considered attachments to other resources. This specification describes a minimal way to manage attachments related to web resources using LDP-Containers and Non-RDF Source [LDP].

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Appendix A. Change History

1. Introduction

This section is non-normative.

Various tools handle the association and creation of related resources in conceptually similar ways, but often differ in details

on how it is accomplished. The Linked Data Platform (LDP) already defines a model by which it is possible to relate resources to another, even if they are not RDF-based. This specification defines the method to create associated attachments to a given resource and understand if that resource supports the attaching of attachments.

As an example of how to create an attachment, simply HTTP POST the attachment content to the attachment container for the resource. The request should have a content-Type header describing the attachment's media type. The optional slug header is used to give the attachment a name.

```
EXAMPLE 1

POST /bugs/2314/attachments HTTP/1.1
Slug: design
Content-Type: application/vnd.oasis.opendocument.text
Content-Length: 18124
[binary content]
```

The response contains a Link to the new attachment in the <u>Location</u> header. This server has also included a Link to the <u>oslc:AttachmentDescriptor</u> for the attachment in the HTTP response, which contains metadata about the attachment.

The following sections detail how to leverage LDP to accomplish the ways in which to discovery, get, create, update or delete attachments and associate with a web resource.

1.1 Terminology

Terminology uses and extends the terminology and capabilities of OSLC Core Overview [OSLCCore3], W3C Linked Data Platform [LDP], W3C's Architecture of the World Wide Web [WEBARCH], Hyper-text Transfer Protocol [HTTP11].

Attachment

A LDP-NR whose lifecycle is coupled with the attaching resource.

Attachment Container

A LDPC that contains Attachments for a resource.

Attachment Descriptor

A LDP-RS that contains additional data about an Attachment.

1.2 References

1.2.1 Normative references

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1.3 Typographical Conventions and Use of RFC Terms

As well as sections marked as non-normative, all authoring guidelines, diagrams, examples, and notes in this specification are non-normative. Everything else in this specification is normative.

The key words must, must not, required, should, should not, recommended, may, and optional in this specification are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

The namespace for OSLC Core is http://open-services.net/ns/core#.

Sample resource representations are provided in text/turtle format [turtle].

Commonly used namespace prefixes:

2. Motivation

This section is non-normative.

Most users of lifecycle tools have the need to easily create attachments across a variety of integrated tools and associate them to some lifecycle resource in context to some scenario. Some specific scenarios where this touches cross tool integration:

- Running application scanning: automatically creating a defect or task to track a problem, attaching a log file that outlines the details of the problem.
- Publishing build results: as part of an automated software build, publish successful build artifacts to an asset management repository
- . Mockups of app design: share screenshots and designs to a given user story (requirement)

3. Basic Concepts

This section is non-normative.

Attachments are added to a resource via a simple POST request to the appropriate LDP-Container resource. The entity body becomes the content of the attachment resource. The attachment may automatically be associated with the resource via some membership relationship, which may use the <code>oslc:attachment</code> membership predicate. Statements are also automatically added to the <code>oslc:AttachmentDescriptor</code> resource. The property values are assigned by the server or can be determined from standard headers of the POST. The following table maps the HTTP request headers from the POST request to create the attachment resource, to what can be used to derive the initial values in the indicated <code>oslc:AttachmentDescriptor</code> resource:

Slug	dcterms:title
Content-Type	dcterms:format
Content-Length	oslc:attachmentSize

4. Working with Attachments

This section is non-normative.

The following examples illustrate how a client can work with attachments.

4.1 Find the Attachments for a Resource

Clients get the attachments for a resource by:

- 1. Finding the attachment container for a resource using an HTTP OPTIONS method and Link header
- 2. Getting the container for the list of attachments

Each resource that supports attachments has an attachment container, which is an LDP container. Clients discover the attachment container through an HTTP Link header. A client can use GET or HEAD to get the Link header, but OPTIONS is often more efficient because the server does not have to calculate the ETag or content length of the response. LDP resources must support HTTP OPTIONS, and responses to all HTTP requests for resources that support attachments must have the Link header.

```
EXAMPLE 3

OPTIONS /bugs/2314 HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
```

The response contains a Link to the attachment container with Link relation https://open-services.net/ng/gore#attachmentContainer. Note that other Link headers are in the response. In fact LDP reconstructions are in the response of the container of the containe

services.net/ns/core#AttachmentContainer. Note that other Link headers are in the response. In fact, LDP requires additional Link headers, which is why the response has a Link with relation type and target URI http://www.w3.org/ns/ldp#Resource.

Now the client requests the attachment container to see the attachments for this resource. It's a good practice to include an HTTP Prefer header to explicitly ask the server for the LDP containment triples.

```
EXAMPLE 5

GET /bugs/2314/attachments HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Accept: text/turtle
Prefer: return=representation; include="http://www.w3.org/ns/ldp#PreferContainment"
```

The response is an LDP container for the attachments. It can be any LDP container such as an ldp:BasicContainer. This example uses an ldp:BasicContainer. The attachment container only contains attachments for a single resource.

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Clients can look at the ldp:contains property on the container for the attachments.

4.2 Get the Attachment Content

Once clients have the attachment URI, they can get the attachment by simply making an HTTP GET request to the attachment URI

A slug header can be included by a server in the response to a GET on an attachment resource. If a client wishes to store the content as a file, this value provides a hint as to the file name to use (subject, of course, to any file system restrictions). In the absence of an slug header, the client may use the last segment of the resource's URI as a hint, or just choose an arbitrary file name

```
EXAMPLE 7

GET /bugs/2314/attachments/1 HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
```

The response body is the attachment content. Servers should set the response **content-Type** to describe the media type of the attachment. The response may have a **content-Disposition** header with a filename parameter, although this isn't required. This example also contains a Link with relation **describedby**, which links to the **oslc:AttachmentDescriptor** for the attachment.

4.3 Create an Attachment

To create an attachment, POST the attachment content to the attachment container for the resource. The request should have a **Content-Type** header describing the attachment's media type and subtype as specified in <u>Media Types</u>. The optional **slug** header is used to give the attachment a name. The **Content-Length** header is used to initialize the attachment size.

A client can set a slug header in the attachment-creating POST to specify a hint for a name for the resource as part of that single request. This can be important as some systems require a name at the time the attachment is created. Different systems may have different requirements for valid attachment names, so the value of the slug header should be interpreted as a hint in this context. If the given name can not be used as specified, it is transformed into a valid name. If that is not possible or the header is not specified, an arbitrary value is assigned. Failure due to an invalid name is undesirable because of the potentially large size of an attachment resource.

The client can provide the attachment size in the Content-Length header and this can be used to initialize the oslc:AttachmentDescriptor oslc:attachmentSize property. The server may compute a different attachment size than that provided by the client if the client specified value is incorrect or not provided.

```
POST /bugs/2314/attachments HTTP/1.1
Slug: design
Content-Type: application/vnd.oasis.opendocument.text
Content-Length: 18124
[binary content]
```

The response contains a Link to the new attachment in the <u>Location</u> header. This server has also included a Link to the <u>oslc:AttachmentDescriptor</u> for the attachment in the HTTP response, which contains metadata about the attachment.

When a server successfully creates an attachment resource, it responds with an HTTP status code of 201 (created) with the URI of the newly created attachment resource in the HTTP response <u>Location</u> header. Additionally, if the server created an associated <u>oslc:AttachmentDescriptor</u> resource, the URI for this resource should be listed in the HTTP response <u>Link</u> header [RFC5988] with <u>rel="describedby"</u> [LDP].

Properties for the AttachmentDescriptor that are not readOnly, such as its title and description, can be updated using the usual

4.4 Update an Attachment

To update an attachment, PUT the attachment content to the attachment resource.

```
EXAMPLE 11

PUT /bugs/2314/attachments/3 HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/vnd.oasis.opendocument.text
Content-Length: 19377

[binary content]
```

The server typically responds with a 204 No Content status if the request succeeds. It also updates an associated attachment metadata in the <code>oslc:AttachmentDescriptor</code> in the <code>describedby</code> link. For example, the client could have included a <code>slug</code> header on the update request in order to rename the attachment.

```
EXAMPLE 12

HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
Link: <a href="http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/meta/3">http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/meta/3</a>; rel="describedby"; anchor="http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/3", <a href="http://www.w3.org/ns/ldp#Resource">http://www.w3.org/ns/ldp#Resource</a>; rel="type"
Content-Length: 0
```

4.5 Remove an Attachment

To remove an attachment, make a DELETE request on the attachment URI. This removes the attachment from the container and deletes the content and attachment metadata from the server.

```
EXAMPLE 13

DELETE /bugs/2314/attachments/3 HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
```

The server typically responds with 204 No Content status if the request was successful.

```
EXAMPLE 14

HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
Content-Length: 0
```

4.6 Include Attachment Information Inline with a Resource

Servers can choose to include the attachment information directly in the HTTP response for a resource although this isn't required. Here is an example defect resource that contains attachments. The attachment container is an ldp:DirectContainer
where the membership resource is the defect itself. The membership predicate is oslc:attachment, although this predicate is not required. The following example shows the results of an HTTP GET on http://example.com/bugs/2314.

```
<http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments>
a ldp:DirectContainer, oslc:AttachmentContainer; ldp:contains <a href="http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/2">http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/2</a>, <a href="http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/1">http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/2</a>, <a href="http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/1">http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/1</a>;
             ldp:hasMemberRelation oslc:attachment;
ldp:membershipResource <http://example.com/bugs/2314> .
<http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/1>
    wdrs:describedBy <http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/meta/1> .
<http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/meta/1>
                                                     catchmentDescriptor ;
oslc:AttachmentDescriptor ;
"53622"^^<http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#integer> ;
"2011-07-18T13:22:30.45-05:00"^^<http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#dateTime> ;
             oslc:attachmentSize
             dcterms:created
             dcterms:creator
dcterms:format
                                                     -nccp://example.com/users/steve> ;
<http://purl.org/NET/mediatypes/image/png> ;
"1" ;
             dcterms:identifier
                                                     "screenshot.png" .
             dcterms:title
<http://example.com/bugs/2314/attachments/meta/2>
                                                     oslc:AttachmentDescriptor;
"9196"^^<http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#int>;
"2011-07-19T15:03:54.00-05:00"^^<http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#dateTime>;
             oslc:attachmentSize
             dcterms:created
dcterms:creator
dcterms:format
                                                    <http://example.com/users/dave>;
<http://purl.org/NET/mediatypes/text/x-diff>;
"2";
             dcterms:identifier
                                                    "fix.patch" .
             dcterms:title
```

5. Implementation Conformance

5.1 General

5.1.1 Servers that support OSLC attachments **MUST** be Linked Data Platform 1.0 conformant servers [LDP].

5.2 Resources with Attachments

- 5.2.1 Each resource that supports attachments **MUST** have at least one **oslc:AttachmentContainer** that holds attachments for that resource.
- 5.2.2 Responses to HTTP requests for resources that support attachments **MUST** contain at least one Link header [RFC5988] where the context URI is the resource URI, the Link relation is http://open-services.net/ns/core#AttachmentContainer, and the target URI is the URI of an oslc:AttachmentContainer resource.

5.3 Attachments

- 5.3.1 An attachment Must be a conformant Linked Data Platform Non-RDF Source (LDP-NR).
- 5.3.2 Successful responses to HTTP GET requests for an attachment URI should include a content-Disposition header [RFC2183] with disposition type attachment and a filename parameter. The filename is often the slug header value used to create the attachment with an appropriate file extension added for the attachment's media type.
- 5.3.3 If an attachment has an associated <code>oslc:AttachmentDescriptor</code>, responses to HTTP requests for the attachment URI <code>must</code> include a Link header [RFC5988] where the context URI is the attachment URI, the Link relation is <code>describedby</code>, and the target URI is the URI of the <code>oslc:AttachmentDescriptor</code>.
- 5.3.4 When servers update an attachment, they **MUST** also update any affected **oslc:**AttachmentDescriptor properties of the associated attachment descriptor.
- 5.3.5 When deleting attachments, servers must also delete any associated oslc:AttachmentDescriptor resources.

5.4 Attachment Containers

- 5.4.1 Each oslc: AttachmentContainer MUST be a conformant Linked Data Platform Container (LDPC).
- 5.4.2 Clients MAY use the HTTP slug request header [RFC5023] to suggest a name when creating an attachment. If present, the slug header SHOULD NOT include a file extension.
- 5.4.3 Servers **SHOULD NOT** reject an HTTP POST request to an **oslc:** AttachmentContainer solely because it does not contain a **slug** header.

- 5.4.4 Servers **SHOULD NOT** reject an an HTTP POST request to an **oslc:AttachmentContainer** solely because they cannot use the **slug** value unchanged. Servers **SHOULD** instead modify the **slug** value as needed or assign a different name.
- 5.4.5 In response to a successful HTTP POST request that creates an attachment with an associated oslc:AttachmentDescriptor, the server must include an HTTP Link header in the response where the context URI is the newly-created attachment URI, the link relation is describedby, and the link target is the oslc:AttachmentDescriptor URI.
- 5.4.6 Clients MAY specify an LDP-NR interaction model when POSTing RDF content to an oslc:AttachmentContainer by including an HTTP Link header where the target URI is http://www.w3.org/ns/ldp#NonRDFSource and the link relation is type. In this case, Servers must honor the client's requested interaction model and treat the resource as an LDP-NR.
- 5.4.7 Servers must reject an HTTP DELETE request to an oslc:AttachmentContainer.

5.5 Attachment Descriptors

- 5.5.1 Servers MAY create an associated oslc: AttachmentDescriptor to describe properties of the attachment such as its name, media type, and size.
- 5.5.2 An oslc: AttachmentDescriptor Must have an explicit rdf: type Set to http://open-services.net/ns/core#AttachmentDescriptor in its RDF representations. It may have additional rdf: type values.
- 5.5.3 An oslc: AttachmentDescriptor MUST be a conforming Linked Data Platform RDF Source (LDPR).
- 5.5.4 The dcterms:title of the oslc:AttachmentDescriptor SHOULD be the value of the client-supplied HTTP slug header.
- 5.5.5 Servers **should** use the **content-Type** header value from an attachment creation request to determine the **dcterms:format** property value in the newly-created attachment's **oslc:AttachmentDescriptor**. The **dcterms:format** value **should** be a **PURL** media-type resource.
- 5.5.6 An oslc: AttachmentDescriptor Must conform to the shape defined in 6.1 Resource: AttachmentDescriptor.

6. Resource Constraints

6.1 Resource: AttachmentDescriptor

This document applies the following constraints to the [OSLCCoreVocab] vocabulary terms.

The oslc:AttachmentDescriptor resource type is used to describe the binary resource (or non-RDF Resource) associated with a particular resource. When a client POSTs an attachment content to a server, the server stores the attachment content and assigns a URI just like any other type of resource creation but it may also create an oslc:AttachmentDescriptor resource to contain data about the attachment.

There is no restriction on the content of each attachment resource. For example, it could be a photo of a kitten, an installation manual, a log file, or a source code patch. Since the attachment cannot be expected to contain additional client or server supplied data, a typical set of properties for each attachment is included with the <code>oslc:AttachmentDescriptor</code> resource itself. Thus, the object of each <code>oslc:attachment</code> statement is the binary attachment. Issuing an HTTP HEAD or GET operation on that binary attachment resource URL should produce an HTTP response with a header value of <code>Link: rel='describedBy'</code> to indicate the URL of the <code>oslc:AttachmentDescriptor</code> resource. The properties for the <code>oslc:AttachmentDescriptor</code> resource are indicated in the table below.

- Name: core#AttachmentDescriptor
- Type URI: http://open-services.net/ns/core#AttachmentDescriptor
- Summary: LDP-RS to contain data about a LDP-NR(Attachment)

core#AttachmentDescriptor Properties

Prefixed Name	Occurs	Read-only	Value-type	Representation	Range	Description
dcterms:created	Zero-or-one	true	dateTime	N/A	Unspecified	Timestamp of attachment creation.
dcterms:creator	Zero-or-many	true	AnyResource	Either	Unspecified	Creator or creators of the attachment. Likely a

						foaf:Person, but not necessarily so.
dcterms:description	Zero-or-one	false	XMLLiteral	N/A	Unspecified	Descriptive text about the attachment.
dcterms:format	Zero-or-one	true	unspecified	Either	Unspecified	MIME type of the attachment content. SHOULD be a PURL mediatype resource.
dcterms:identifier	Zero-or-one	true	string	N/A	Unspecified	System- assigned identifier.
dcterms:title	Zero-or-one	false	string	N/A	Unspecified	Client- specified file name or title.
oslc:attachmentSize	Zero-or-one	true	integer	N/A	Unspecified	Size in bytes of the attachment content.

Appendix A. Change History

This section is non-normative.

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01	07/06/2016	Jim Amsden	CSD was approved and published.