

OCCI Machine Interface (HTTP)

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1. Specification

1. The HTTP binding for OCCI provides a machine interface, delivering resources in their native formats:

- The HTTP binding is defined by RFC2616 (HTTP).
- Web Linking [LINK] and Web Categories [CATEGORY] specifications are used for the meta-model.
- Server-side cookies ("Attributes") are used for name-value pairs.
- Collections are transferred as the text/uri-list content type.RFC2483

2. Example

2.1. POST Request

```
POST /compute/123 HTTP/1.1
Host: example.com
Content-Length: 0
Attribute: id="urn:uuid:d0e9f0d0-f62d-4f28-bc90-23b0bd871770"
Category: compute;
    scheme="http://purl.org/occi/kind/";
    label="Compute Resource"
Link: <http://example.com/products/1234>;
    rel="alternate";
    title="Alternate representation"
```

2.2. GET Response

```
Attribute: id="urn:uuid:d0e9f0d0-f62d-4f28-bc90-23b0bd871770"
Attribute: title="Compute Resource #123"
Attribute: summary="A virtual compute resource"
Attribute: updated="2009-12-31T12:59:59Z"
Attribute: compute.cores=2
Attribute: compute.speed=3000
Attribute: compute.memory=2048
ETag: "dad86c61eea237932f"
Category: compute;
    scheme="http://purl.org/occi/kind/";
    label="Compute Resource"
Link: <http://example.com/products/1234>;
    rel="alternate";
    title="Alternate representation"

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<ovf:Envelope xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:ovf="http://schemas.dmtf.org/ovf/1/envelope"
<!-- snip -->
```

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