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Introduction

Adaptive user interfaces change their presentation and behaviour according to the specific context of use, including the user's needs and preferences, their devices and environmental parameters. Such changes are to be considered at development time. At runtime, the user interface can take all aspects of the context of use into consideration.

Changes at runtime often require that some custom-tailored user interface resources be prepared in advance. Examples include captions and audio description for videos, alternate text for images, a simplified version of an online banking app, a sign language video explaining how to take HDR photos on an online camera guide, and a help item in easy language for a tax report software. Such user interface resources will often be made available by third parties, for example human factors experts, user groups and individual users. They will upload and describe these resources on resource services from which adaptive user interface implementations can discover and retrieve them at runtime.

To make this process work, two aspects need standardization: First, user interface resources should be clearly and unambiguously described so that they can be discovered at runtime. Second, resource services hosting these user interface resources should be discoverable and have a clearly described interface for querying and retrieving user interface resources.

This document addresses both aspects in a flexible way. It specifies syntax and semantics for a RESTful resource service interface while not restricting the clients in using whatever vocabulary and terms they choose for the description of user interface resources. Since HTTP is used as the most common REST implementation, this document defines a light-weight protocol that can be used on virtually all user interface platforms, including web browsers, mobile apps and software agents.

NOTE Though this document is part of the Universal Remote Console (URC) framework, it can be used independently from the other URC technologies. In particular, a user interface implementation can benefit from a user interface resource service without being connected to a URC target and without employing the user interface socket approach.

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1 Scope

This document defines a RESTful protocol for the provision and delivery of resources that are related to user interface adaptation based on context of use.

This document addresses requirements and recommendations for the following services:

- user-context service;
- task-context service;
- equipment-context service;
- environment-context service;
- resource service;
- resource-description service;
- matching service (for finding appropriate resources based on specific contexts and other match criteria).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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IETF RFC 2046¹⁾, *Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) Part Two: Media Types*

IETF RFC 3986²⁾, *Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax*

IETF RFC 7159³⁾, *The JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Data Interchange Format*

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