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Abstract

[RFC 5785](#) defines a path prefix, `"/.well-known/"`, that can be used by well-known URIs, specifically for the `"http"` and `"https"` URI schemes. The present memo formally updates [RFC 6455](#), which defines the URI schemes defined for the WebSocket Protocol, to extend the use of these well-known URIs to those URI schemes.

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[1.](#) Introduction

[RFC5785] defines a path prefix, `"/.well-known"`, that can be used by well-known URIs, as well as an IANA registry for URI suffixes to be used with this path prefix for forming well-known URIs.

In [RFC5785], this mechanism is specifically defined for the `"http"` and `"https"` URI schemes (now defined in [RFC7230]). Other URI schemes such as `"coap"` and `"coaps"` [RFC7252] have since picked up this mechanism, sharing the registry of URI suffixes with that for HTTP(S).

[RFC6455], which defines the URI schemes defined for the WebSocket Protocol, `"ws"` and `"wss"`, does not define the use of well-known URIs for these URI schemes.

The present memo formally updates [RFC6455], to extend the use of [RFC5785] well-known URIs to the URI schemes `"ws"` and `"wss"`.

Well-known URIs for `"ws"` and `"wss"` share the registry for URI suffixes established by [RFC5785]; no change is necessitated by the present memo in the registry or its IANA considerations.

[2.](#) IANA considerations

This memo does not require any IANA actions.

[3.](#) Security considerations

The Security Considerations of [RFC5785] apply and need to be considered for all well-known URIs.

It has always been possible to form `"ws"` and `"wss"` URIs in such a way that they map to well-known HTTP(S) URIs when using the procedure in

[Section 4 of \[RFC6455\]](#), so no new security considerations about this are created by now formally making the well-known URI mechanism available for "ws" and "wss", as well.

However, with well-known URIs becoming available for the WebSocket protocol, applications that want to define well-known URI suffixes specifically for WebSocket use also need to consider whether the resources becoming available under the equivalent HTTP(S) URI formed by [Section 4 of \[RFC6455\]](#) pose any information disclosure or other security considerations.

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