Open Digital Asset Protocol
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Abstract

   This memo describes the Open Digital Asset Protocol (ODAP). ODAP is
   an asset transfer protocol that operates between two gateway devices.
   The protocol includes a description of virtual or digital assets held
   on distributed ledgers in an open and interoperable format, a session
   negotiation part and message passing flows between gateways
   connecting disparate distributed ledger technologies (DLTs).

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1. Introduction

   There is a lack of interoperability between individual blockchains,
   but also a general difficulty building open DLT networks. Extant
   networks are custom built and relatively closed, usually limited to
   networks of a single DLT type.

   This memo proposes at DLT-agnostic protocol in order to allow the
   creation of business applications that use and modify multiple DLTs,
   through a single programmatic interface.

   The target DLTs can be of any type, operated by different owners and
   managed using different DLT interoperability and management platforms
   that implement ODAP interfaces.

   These platforms may act as gateways or relays for the application to
   interact with the hosted DLTs. They are referred to herein as DLT
   Gateways.

   When correctly implemented and deployed, the protocol should provide
   the basis for solutions involving asset migration between two DLT
   systems, as well as use-cases when one side is non-DLT system (e.g.
   legacy system).

   This memo focuses on the core aspects of the ODAP protocol, with the
   understanding that profiles of this core protocol would need to be
   utilized for implementations that target specific use-cases and
   employing different technologies to implement their DLT network.

The mechanisms used by client applications to interact with a sender gateway is out of scope for this specification and will be specified elsewhere.

2. Conventions used in this document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

In this document, these words will appear with that interpretation only when in ALL CAPS. Lower case uses of these words are not to be interpreted as carrying significance described in RFC 2119.

3. Terminology

The following are some terminology used in the current document. Further terminology can be found in [Arch].

Client application: This is the application employed by a user to interact with a gateway node.

Gateway: The node of the DLT system functionally capable of acting as a gateway in an asset transfer.

Sender gateway: The gateway that initiates a unidirectional asset transfer.

Transfer client: An alternate name for the sender gateway (protocol level).

Recipient gateway: The gateway that is the recipient side of a unidirectional asset transfer.

Transfer server: An alternate name for the recipient gateway (protocol level).

DLT resources: The various interior protocols, data structures and cryptographic constructs that are a core part of a DLT system.

Off-DLT resources: The various resources that are outside a DLT system, and are not part of the operations of the DLT system.

Role: As in the classic client-server roles. In the gateway-to-gateway interaction, one gateway will take the role of the client while the other takes the role of the server, depending on the type of interaction flow.

Claim: An assertion made by an Entity [JWT].

Claim Type: Syntax used for representing a Claim Value [JWT].

DLT Claim: An assertion made by a Gateway regarding the status or
condition of resources (e.g. asset, public keys, etc.) accessible to
that gateway within its DLT system.

4. The Open Digital Asset Protocol

4.1. Overview

The Open Digital Asset Protocol (ODAP) is a gateway-to-gateway
protocol used by a sender gateway with a recipient gateway to perform
a unidirectional transfer of a virtual asset [Arch].

The protocol defines a number of API endpoints, resources and
identifier definitions, and message flows corresponding to the asset
transfer between the two gateways.

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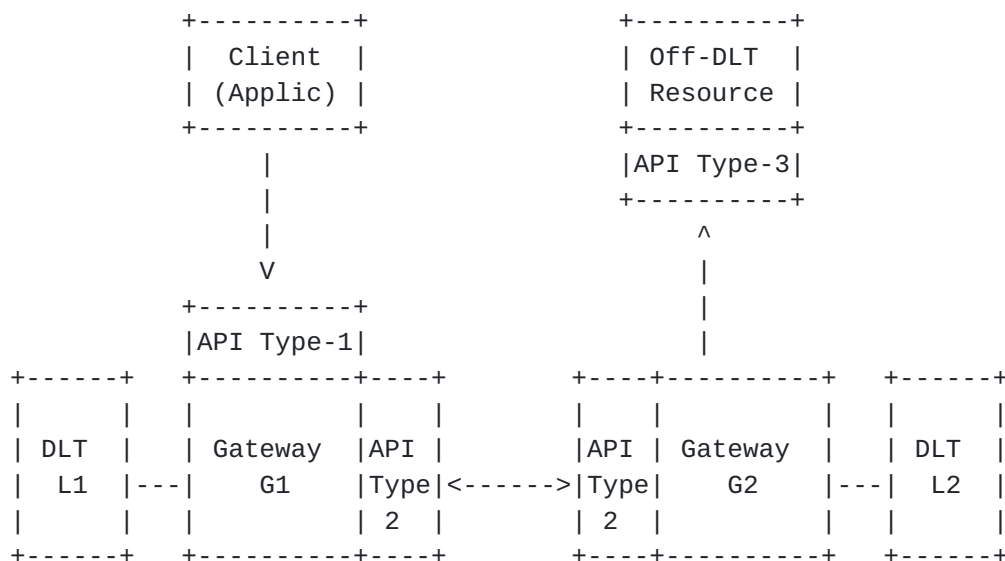
Figure 1

4.2. ODAP Model

Following the gateway interoperability architecture [Arch], the model
for ODAP is shown in Figure 1.

The Client (application) interacts with its local gateway (G1) over
an interface (API Type-1) in order to provide instructions directly

or indirectly to the gateway with regards to actions related
resources located in the local DLT system (L1) and resources located
in remote DLT system (L2).

Gateways interact with each other over a gateway interface (API Type-
2). A given gateway may be required to access resources that are not
located in DLT system L1 or DLT system L2. Access to these types of
resources are performed over an Off-DLT interface (API Type-3).

4.3. Types of APIs

The following are the types of APIs in ODAP:

o Gateway APIs for client (API Type-1): This the REST APIs that
   permit a Client (application) to interact with a local gateway,
   and issue instructions for actions pertaining to resources
   accessible to the gateway in the local DLT system.

o Gateway APIs for peer gateways (API Type-2): This is the REST APIs
   employed by two (2) peer gateways in performing unidirectional
   asset transfers.

o APIs for validation of off-DLT resources (API Type-3): This is the
   REST APIs made available by a resource server (resource owner) at
   which a gateway can access Off-DLT resources.

The use of these APIs is dependent on the mode of access and the type
of flow in question.

4.4. Types of Flows

The ODAP protocol defines the following three (3) flows:

o Transfer Initiation flow: This flow deals with the asset profile
   verification, asset ownership evidence verification and identities
   verification.

o Lock-Evidence flow: This flow deals with the conveyance of
   evidence regarding the lock (escrow) status of an asset by one
   gateway, and the verification of the evidence by the other
   gateway.

o Commitment Establishment flow: This flow deals with the asset
   transfer and commitment establishment between two gateways on
   behalf of their DLT systems.

These flow will be discussed below.

[4.5](#). Resources and Identifiers

o (a) Resource addressing for DLTs, using the URL syntax.

o (b) Client identification based on the URN format. These are for
   identifying clients (developers and applications) who access these
   resources, and which in some use-cases require access
   authorization.

o (c) Protocol message family for negotiating authentication,
   authorisation, and parameters for confidential channel
   establishment.

o (d) Resource discovery mechanism for developers and applications
   to discover DLT-based resources hosted at a DLT gateway. The
   gateway response is subject to the level of access granted to that
   developer or application.

[5](#). ODAP Message Format, identifiers and Descriptors

[5.1](#). Overview

This section describes (i) the phases of the ODAP protocol; (ii) the
format of ODAP messages; (iii) the format for resource descriptors;
(iv) a method for gateways to implement access controls; (iv)
protocol for negotiating security capabilities; (v) discovery and
accessing resources and provisions for backward compatibility with
existing systems.

[5.2](#). ODAP Message Format

ODAP messages are exchanged between applications (clients) and DLT
gateways (servers). They consist of protocol negotiation and
functional messages.

Messages are JSON format, with protocol specific mandatory fields,
support for arbitrary authentication and authorization schemes and
support for a free format field for plaintext or encrypted payloads
directed at the DLT gateway or an underlying DLT.

JSON format message, mandatory fields are shown below:

o Version: ODAP protocol Version (major, minor).

o Session ID: unique identifier (UUIDv2) representing a session

o Sequence Number: monotonically increasing counter that uniquely
   represents a message from a session.

o ODAP Phase: The current ODAP phase.

o Resource URL: Location of Resource to be accessed.

o Developer URN: Assertion of developer / application identity.

o Action/Response: GET/POST and arguments (or Response Code)

o Credential Profile: Specify type of auth (e.g. SAML, OAuth,
   X.509)

o Credential Block: Credential token, certificate, string

o Payload Profile: Asset Profile provenance and capabilities

o Application Profile: Vendor or Application specific profile

o Payload: Payload for POST, responses, and native DLT txns. The
   payload is specific to the current ODAP phase.

o Payload Hash: hash of the current message payload.

o Message signature: Gateway EDCSA signature over the message

Other relevant attributes may exists that need to be captured for
logging purposes. See [ODAP-2PC].

5.3. Digital Asset Resource Descriptors

Resources are identified by URL [RFC 1738] as described below:

o The type is new: application/odapres

o The access protocol is ODAP.

Data included in the URL includes the folowing:

5.3.1. Organization Identifier

This Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) or other identifier linking
resource ownership to real world entity. Any scheme for identifying
DLT Gateway owners may be implemented (e.g. LEI directory, closed
user group membership, SWIFT BIC, etc.).

The developer or application MAY validate the identity with the
issuing authority. The identifier is not a trusted identity, but MAY
be relied on where trust has been established between the two parties
(e.g. in a closed user group).

The mechanisms to determine organizations identifiers is out of scope
for the current specification.

[5.3.2](). DLT Gateway / Endpoint ID

FQDN of the ODAP compliant DLT gateway. Required to establish IP
connectivity. This MUST resolve to a valid IP address.

[5.3.3](). DLT Identifier

Specify to gateway behind which the target DLTs operates. This field
is local to the DLT gateway and is used to direct ODAP interactions
to the correct underlying DLT.

For example: "Hyperledger1", "Bitcoin, "EU-supply-chain".

[5.3.4](). Resource

Specifies a resource held on the underlying DLT. This field must be
meaningful to the DLT in question but is otherwise an arbitrary
string. The underlying object it points to may be a DLT address,
block, transaction ID, alias, etc. or a future object type not yet
defined.

[5.3.5](). Examples

odapres://quant/api.gateway1.com/ripple

odapres://quant/api.gateway1.com/bitcoin/xxxxxADDRESSxxxxx

[5.4](). Digital Asset Resource Client Descriptors

Resources are identified by URN as described below:

o The type is new: application/odapclient

The URN format does not imply availability or access protocol.

Data included in the URN includes the folowing:

[5.4.1](). Organization Identifier

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) or other identifier linking resource
ownership to real world entity. Any scheme for identifying DLT
Gateway owners may be implemented (e.g. LEI directory, closed user
group membership, BIC, etc.).

The DLT Gateway MAY validate the identity with the issuing authority.
The identifier is not a trusted identity, but MAY be relied on where
trust has been established between the two parties (e.g. in a closed
user group).

5.4.2. DLT Gateway / Endpoint ID

Multi-DLT applications can operate in a mode whereby the application
connects to its local DLT gateway, which then forwards application
traffic to local DLTs and to remote DLTs via other ODAP gateways.

Where this is the case, this field identifies the "home" gateway for
this application. This may be required to carry out Gateway to
Gateway handshaking and protocol negotiation, or for the server to
look up use case specific data relating to the client.

5.4.3. Organizational Unit

The organization unit within the organization that the client
(application or developer) belongs to. This assertion should be
backed up with authentication via the negotiated protocol.

The purpose of this field is to allow DLT gateways to maintain access
control mapping between applications and resources that are
independent of the authentication and authorization schemes used,
supporting future changes and supporting counterparties that operate
different schemes.

5.4.4. Name

A locally unique (within the OU) identifier, which can identify the
application, project or individual developer responsible for this
client connection. This is the most granular unit of access control,
and DLT Gateways should ensure appropriate identifiers are used for
the needs of the application or use case.

5.4.5. Examples

odapclient:quant/api.overledger.quant.com/research/luke.riley

5.5. Gateway Level Access Control

Gateways can enforce access rules based on standard naming
conventions using novel or existing mechanisms such as AuthZ
protocols using the resource identifiers above, for example:

odapclient://hsbc/api.overledger.hsbc.com/lending/eric.devloper

can READ/WRITE

odapres://quant/api.gateway1.com/bitcoin

AND

odapres://quant/api.gateway1.com/ripple

These rules would allow a client so identified to access resources directly, for example:

odapres://quant/api.gateway1.com/bitcoin/xxxxxADDRESSxxxxx

This example could be an client subscribing to or writing to an address associated with a smart contract as part of its functionality.

This method allows resource owners to easily grant access to individuals, groups and organizations. Individual gateway implementations may implement access controls, including subsetting and supersetting or applications or resources according to their own requirements.

5.6. Negotiation of Security Protocols and Parameters

5.6.1. TLS Established

TLS 1.2 or higher MUST be implemented to protect gateway communications. TLS 1.3 or higher SHOULD be implemented where both gateways support TLS 1.3 or higher.

5.6.2. Client offers supported credential schemes

Capability negotiation prior to data exchange, follows a scheme similar to the Session Description Protocol [RFC 5939]. Initially the client (application) sends a JSON block containing acceptable credential schemes, e.g. OAuth2.0, SAML in the "Credential Scheme" field of the ODAP message.

5.6.3. Server selects supported credential scheme

The server (DLT Gateway) selects one acceptable credential scheme from the offered schemes, returning the selection in the "Credential Scheme" field of the ODAP message.

If no acceptable credential scheme was offered, an HTPP 511 "Network Authentication Required" error is returned in the Action/Response field of the ODAP message.

5.6.4. Client asserts of proves identity

   The details of the assertion / verification step are specific to the
   chosen credential scheme and are out of scope of this document.

5.6.5. Sequence numbers initialized

   Sequence numbers are used to allow the server to correctly order
   operations from the client, some of which may be asynchronous,
   synchronous, idempotent with duplicate requests handled in different
   ways according to the use case.

   The initial sequence number is proposed by the client (Application)
   after the finalization of credential verification. The server (DLT
   gateway) MUST respond with the same sequence number to indicate
   acceptance.

   The client (application) increments the sequence number with each new
   request. Sequence numbers can be reused for retries in the event of
   a gateway timeout.

5.6.6. Messages can now be exchanged

   Handshaking is complete at this point, and the client (application)
   can send ODAP messages to perform actions of DLT resources, which MAY
   reference the ODAP Payload field.

5.7. Asset Profile Identification

   The client and server must mutually agree as to the asset type or
   profile that is the subject to the current transfer from the client
   and server. The client must provide the server with the asset-
   identification number, or the server may provide the client with the
   asset-identification numbers for the digital asset supported by the
   server.

   Formal specification of asset identification is out of scope of this
   document. Global numbering of digital asset types or profiles is
   expected to be performed by a legally recognized entity.

5.8. Application Profile Negotiation

   Where an application relies on specific extensions for operation,
   these can be represented in an Application Profile.

   For example, a payments application tracks payments through the use
   of a cloud based API and will only interact with Gateways that log
   messages to that API, a resource profile can be established:

Application Name: TRACKER

X-Tracker_URL: https://api.tracker.com/updates

X-Tracking-Policy: Always

As Gateways implement this functionality, they support the TRACKER application profile, and the application is able to expand its reach by periodically polling for the availability of the profile.

This is an intentionally generalized extension mechanism for application or vendor specific functionality.

5.9. Discovery of Digital Asset Interior Resources

Applications located outside the DLT network MUST be able to discover which resources they are authorized to access to the level of individual DLTs. They MAY be able to discover lower level resources.

Resource discovery is handled by the DLT gateway. For instance using a GET request against the gateway URL with no DLT or resource identifier could return a list of URLs available to the requester at DLT level. This list is subject to the access controls above.

DLT Gateways MAY allow applications to discover resources they do not have access to. This should be indicated in the free text field, and gateways SHOULD implement a process for applications to request access.

Formal specification of supported resource discovery methods is out of scope of this document.

5.10. Response Codes

The DLT Gateway MUST respond with return codes indicating the failure or success of each operation. For DLTs with slow consensus mechanism, the Gateway may return codes indicating the operation has been submitted. The application may carry out further operation in future to determine the ultimate status of the operation.

For Non-native transactions, the Gateway is responsible for translating the request into the appropriate native format and ensuring correct signing takes place.

5.11. Backward Compatibility

It is also possible to send a fully formatted native message to the
underlying DLT in the Payload field using the NATIVE_TXN operation,
directed to a resource URL. This allows existing DLT native code to
be ported to ODAP infrastructures with minimal change.

6. Transfer Initiation Flow (Phase 1)

This section describes ODAP initialization phase, where a sender
gateway (transfer client) interacts with a recipient gateway
(transfer server), proposing a session.

The session may be triggered directly or indirectly by a client
application behind the sender gateway. The method employed by an
application to invoke the sender gateway is out of scope for this
specification.

For this phase, several artifacts related to the asset transfer must
be validated: asset profile, asset ownership evidence, identities,
and logging-related operations (log profile, access control profile
[ODAP-2PC]).

In this phase, gateways implement the Transfer Initiation Flows
endpoint.

The flow follows a request-response model. The sender gateway
(transfer client) makes a request (POST) to the Transfer Initiation
endpoint at the recipient gateway (transfer server).

Gateways MUST support the use of the HTTP GET and POST methods
defined in RFC 2616 [RFC2616] for the endpoint.

The transfer clients MAY use the HTTP GET or POST methods to send
messages in this phase to the transfer server. If using the HTTP GET
method, the request parameters maybe serialized using URI Query
String Serialization.

The transfer client and server may be required to sign certain
messages in order to provide standalone proof (for non-repudiation)
independent of the secure channel between the client and server.
This proof maybe required for audit verifications post-event.

Flows occur over TLS secure session that must be established between
the client and server.

6.1. Initialization Request Message

   This message is sent from the sender gateway to the recipient gateway
   This message may be the result of a client application invoking its
   local gateway to request an asset transfer event

   Depending on the transfer proposal, multiple rounds of communications
   between the client application and its sender gateway may occur.
   Similarly, multiple rounds of communication between gateways may
   occur.

   The parameters of this message consists of the following:

   o Version: ODAP protocol Version (major, minor).

   o Developer URN: Assertion of developer / application identity.

   o Credential Profile: Specify type of auth (e.g. SAML, OAuth,
      X.509)

   o Payload Profile: Asset Profile provenance and capabilities

   o Application Profile: Vendor or Application specific profile

   o logging_profile REQUIRED: contains the profile regarding the
      logging procedure. Default is local store.

   o Access_control_profile REQUIRED: the profile regarding the
      confidentiality of the log entries being stored. Default is only
      the gateway that created the logs can access them.

   o Initialization Request Message signature REQUIRED: Gateway EDCSA
      signature over the message

   o Source_gateway_pubkey REQUIRED: the public key of the gateway
      initiating a transfer

   o Source_gateway_dlt_system REQUIRED: the ID of the source DLT

   o Recipient_gateway_pubkey REQUIRED: the public key of the gateway
      involved in a transfer

   o Recipient_gateway_dlt_system REQUIRED: the ID of the recipient
      gatewayinvolved in a transfer

   o Escrow type: faucet, timelock, hashlock, hashtimelock, multi-claim
      PC, destroy/burn (escrowed cross-claim).

o Expiry time: when will the escrow or lock expire

o Multiple claims allowed: true/false

o Multiple cancels allowed: true/false

o Permissions: list of identities (addresses or X.509 certificates)
   that can perform operations on the escrow or lock on the asset in
   the origin DLT network.

o Originator address: along with the source gateway DLT, allows for
   the correct identification of the entity in the origin DLT
   transmitting the asset.

o Beneficiary address: along with the recipient gateway DLT, allows
   for the correct identification of the entity in the destination
   DLT receiving the asset.

o Subsequent calls: details possible escrow actions

o History (optional): provides an history of the escrow, in case it
   has previously been initialized. This includes a list of the
   transactions on that escrow (transaction ID) and which action it
   performed (ActionCategory), the origin and destination, balance,
   current status, and ActionLockSpecificParameters.

The sender gateway makes the following HTTP request using TLS (with
extra line breaks for display purposes only).

Example: TBD.

6.2. Initialization Request Message Response (ACK)

After receiving an Initialization Request Message from the sender
gateway (transfer client), the recipient gateway (transfer server)
must validate the profiles stated in the request message.

This validation could be performed automatically (using a defined set
of rules), or by requiring approval by an application operated by the
beneficiary.

If one of the profiles is erroneous or rejected, the recipient
gateway constructs an Initialization Denied Message, stating what was
rejected, and proposing an alternative (if applicable).

Otherwise, if approved, the recipient gateway constructs a
Initialization Request Message Response.

The purpose of this acknowledgement message is for the recipient gateway to indicate agreement to proceed with the proposed operations, under the proposed profiles.

This message is sent from the recipient gateway to the sender gateway in response to a received Initialization Request from the sender gateway.

The message must be signed by the recipient gateway.

The parameters of this message consists of the following:

o Session ID: unique identifier (UUIDv2) representing a session.

o Sequence Number: monotonically increasing counter that uniquely represents a message from a session.

o ODAP Phase: The current ODAP phase.

o Hash of the Initialization Request Message REQUIRED: the hash of the proposal.

o Destination: if the recipient gateway calculates the destination address dynamically.

o Timestamp REQUIRED: timestamp referring to when the Initialization Request Message was received.

o Processed Timestamp REQUIRED: timestamp referring to when the Initialization Response Message was constructed.

Example: TBD.

7. Lock-Evidence Verification Flow (Phase 2)

This section describes the conveyance of claims regarding to the status of assets or resources from a sender gateway to a recipient gateway.

In this phase, gateways implement the Lock-Evidence Agreement endpoint.

In the following, the sender gateway takes the role of the transfer-client while the recipient gateway takes the role of the transfer-server.

The flow follows a request-response model. The client makes a request (POST) to the Lock-Evidence Agreement endpoint at the server.

Gateways MUST support the use of the HTTP GET and POST methods
defined in RFC 2616 [RFC2616] for the endpoint.

Clients MAY use the HTTP GET or POST methods to send messages in this
phase to the server. If using the HTTP GET method, the request
parameters maybe serialized using URI Query String Serialization.

The client and server may be required to sign certain messages in
order to provide standalone proof (for non-repudiation) independent
of the secure channel between the client and server. This proof
maybe required for audit verifications post-event.

(NOTE: Flows occur over TLS. Nonces are not shown).

7.1. Transfer Commence Message

This message is sent from the transfer-client (sender gateway) to the
Transfer Request Endpoint at the transfer-server (recipient gateway).
It signals to the server that the client is ready to start the
transfer of the digital asset.

The message must contain claims related to the information from the
previous flow (Phase 1). It must be signed by the client (sender
gateway).

The parameters of this message consists of the following:

o message_type REQUIRED. MUST be the value
   urn:ietf:odap:msgtype:transfer-commence-msg

o originator_pubkey REQUIRED. This is the public key of the asset
   owner (originator) in the origin DLT system.

o beneficiary_pubkey REQUIRED. This is the public key of the
   beneficiary in the destination DLT system.

o sender_dlt_system REQUIRED. This is the identifier of the origin
   DLT system behind the client.

o recipient_dlt_system REQUIRED. This is the identifier of the
   destination DLT system behind the server.

o client_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The client who sent this
   message.

o server_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The server for whom this message
   is intended.

   o hash_asset_profile REQUIRED. This is the hash of the asset
      profile previously agreed upon in Phase 1.

   o asset_unit OPTIONAL. If applicable this is the unit amount of the
      asset being transferred, previously agreed upon.

   o hash_prev_message REQUIRED. The hash of the last message in Phase
      1.

   o client_transfer_number OPTIONAL. This is the transfer
      identification number chosen by the client. This number is
      meaningful only the client.

   o client_signature REQUIRED. The digital signature of the client.

   For example, the client makes the following HTTP request using TLS
   (with extra line breaks for display purposes only):

    POST /token HTTP/1.1
      Host: server.example.com
      Authorization: Basic awHCaGRSa3F0MzpnWDFmQmF0M2ZG
      Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

         {
         "message_type": "urn:ietf:odap:msgtype:transfer-commence-msg",
         "originator_pubkey":"zGy89097hkbfgkjvVbNH",
         "beneficiary_pubkey": "mBGHJjjuijh67yghb",
         "sender_dlt_system": "originDLTsystem",
         "recipient_dlt_system":"recipientDLTsystem",
         "client_identity_pubkey":"fgH654tgeryuryuy",
         "server_identity_pubkey":"dFgdfgdfgt43tetr535teyrfge4t54334",
         "hash_asset_profile":"nbvcwertyhgfdsertyhgf2h3v4bd3v21",
         "asset_unit": "ghytredcfvbhfr",
         "hash_prev_message":"DRvfrb654vgreDerverv654nhRbvder4",
         "client_transfer_number":"ji9876543ewdfgh",
         "client_signature":"fdw34567uyhgfer45"
         }

                               Figure 2

7.2. Transfer Commence Response Message (Ack)

   The purpose of this message is for the transfer server to indicate
   agreement to proceed with the asset transfer.

This message is sent from the transfer server (recipient gateway) to the transfer client (sender gateway) in response to a Transfer Commence Request from the client.

The message must be signed by the server.

The parameters of this message consists of the following:

o message_type REQUIRED urn:ietf:odap:msgtype:transfer-commenceack-msg

o client_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The client for whom this message is intended.

o server_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The server who sent this message.

o hash_commence_request REQUIRED. The hash of previous message.

o server_transfer_number OPTIONAL. This is the transfer identification number chosen by the server. This number is meaningful only to the server.

o server_signature REQUIRED. The digital signature of the server.

An example of a success response could be as follows:

```
    HTTP/1.1 200 OK
    Content-Type: application/json;charset=UTF-8
    Cache-Control: no-store
    Pragma: no-cache

    {
      "message_type":"urn:ietf:odap:msgtype:transfer-commenceack-msg",
      "client_identity_pubkey":"fgH654tgeryuryuy",
      "server_identity_pubkey":"dFgdfgdfgt43tetr535teyrfge4t54334",
      "hash_commence_request":"DRvfrb654vgreDerverv654nhRbvder4",
      "server_transfer_number":"ji9876543ewdfgh",
      "server_signature":"aaw34567uyhgfer66"
    }
```

                              Figure 3

7.3. Lock Evidence Message

   The purpose of this message is for the transfer client (sender
   gateway) to deliver the relevant asset-lock (or escrow) evidence to
   the server (recipient gateway).

   The format of the evidence is dependent on the DLT fronted by the
   client and is outside the scope of this specification.

   The message must be signed by the client.

   This message is used client (sender gateway) to convey lock/escrow
   evidence to the server (recipient gateway).

   This message is sent from the client to the Evidence Validation
   Endpoint at the server. The server must validate the lock evidence
   claims in this message.

   The message must be signed by the client (sender gateway).

   The parameters of this message consists of the following:

   o message_type REQUIRED urn:ietf:odap:msgtype:lock-evidence-req-msg

   o client_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The client who sent this
      message.

   o server_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The server for whom this message
      is intended.

   o lock_evidence_claim REQUIRED. The lock or escrow evidence (on the
      ledger L1 fronted by the client G1).

   o lock_claim_format OPTIONAL. The format of the evidence.

   o lock_evidence_expiration REQUIRED. The duration of time of lock
      on ledger L1 (after which the lock is released).

   o hash_commence_ack_request REQUIRED. The hash of previous message.

   o client_transfer_number OPTIONAL. This is the transfer
      identification number chosen by the client. This number is
      meaningful only to the client.

   o client_signature REQUIRED. The digital signature of the client.

7.4. Lock Evidence Response Message (Ack)

   The purpose of this message is for the transfer server (recipient
   gateway) to indicate acceptance of the asset-escrow (or lock)
   evidence delivered by the client (sender gateway) in the previous
   message.

   The message must be signed by the server.

   The parameters of this message consists of the following:

   o message_type REQUIRED urn:ietf:odap:msgtype:lock-evidence-ack-msg

   o client_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The client for whom this message
      is intended.

   o server_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The server who sent this
      message.

   o hash_lockevidence_request REQUIRED. The hash of previous message.

   o server_transfer_number OPTIONAL. This is the transfer
      identification number chosen by the server. This number is
      meaningful only to the server.

   o server_signature REQUIRED. The digital signature of the server.

8. Commitment Establishment Flow (Phase 3)

   This section describes the transfer commitment agreement between the
   sender gateway (transfer client) to a recipient gateway (transfer
   server).

   This phase must be completed within the asset-lock duration time
   specificied in the previous lock_evidence_expiration parameter
   (message 7.3).

   In this phase gateways implement the Transfer Commitment endpoint.

   In the following, the sender gateway takes the role of the client
   while the recipient gateway takes the role of the server.

   The flow follows a request-response model. The client makes a
   request (POST) to the Transfer Commitment endpoint at the server.

   Gateways MUST support the use of the HTTP GET and POST methods
   defined in RFC 2616 [RFC2616] for the endpoint.

Clients MAY use the HTTP GET or POST methods to send messages in this
phase to the server. If using the HTTP GET method, the request
parameters maybe serialized using URI Query String Serialization.

The client and server may be required to sign certain messages in
order to provide standalone proof (for non-repudiation) independent
of the secure channel between the client and server. This proof
maybe required for audit verifications post-event.

(NOTE: Flows occur over TLS. Nonces are not shown).

8.1. Commit Preparation Message

The purpose of this message is for the client to indicate its
readiness to begin the commitment of the transfer.

The message must be signed by the client.

The parameters of this message consists of the following:

o message_type REQUIRED. It MUST be the value
   urn:ietf:odap:msgtype:commit-prepare-msg

o client_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The client who sent this
   message.

o server_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The server for whom this message
   is intended.

o hash_lockevidence_ack REQUIRED. The hash of previous message.

o client_transfer_number OPTIONAL. This is the transfer
   identification number chosen by the client. This number is
   meaningful only the client.

o client_signature REQUIRED. The digital signature of the client.

8.2. Commit Preparation Response

The purpose of this message is for the server to indicate to the
client its readiness to proceed with the commitment finalization
step.

The message must be signed by the server.

The parameters of this message consists of the following:

o   message_type REQUIRED. It MUST be the value
    urn:ietf:odap:msgtype:commit-prepare-ack-msg

o   client_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The client for whom this message
    is intended.

o   server_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The server who sent this
    message.

o   hash_commitprep REQUIRED. The hash of previous commit preparation
    message.

o   server_transfer_number OPTIONAL. This is the transfer
    identification number chosen by the server. This number is
    meaningful only the server.

o   server_signature REQUIRED. The digital signature of the server.

8.3. Commit Final Message

The purpose of this message is for the client to indicate to the
server that the client (sender gateway) has completed local
extinguishment of the asset on its DLT (L1), and that now on its part
the server (recipient gateway) must re-generated the asset on its DLT
(L2).

The message must contain claims related to the extinguishment of the
asset by the client. It must be signed by the client.

The parameters of this message consists of the following:

o   message_type REQUIRED. It MUST be the value
    urn:ietf:odap:msgtype:commit-final-msg

o   client_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The client who sent this
    message.

o   server_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The server for whom this message
    is intended.

o   commit_final_claim REQUIRED. This is one or more claims signed by
    the client that the asset in question has been extinguished by the
    client in its local DLT.

o   commit_final_claim_format OPTIONAL. This is the format of the
    claim provided by the client in this message.

o   hash_commitprepare_ack REQUIRED. The hash of previous message.

o client_transfer_number OPTIONAL. This is the transfer
   identification number chosen by the client. This number is
   meaningful only the client.

o client_signature REQUIRED. The digital signature of the client.

8.4. Commit Final Response Message

The purpose of this message is for the server to indicate to the
client that it has completed the asset re-generation at its DLTS
(L2).

The message must contain claims related to the re-generated of the
asset by the server. It must be signed by the server.

The parameters of this message consists of the following:

o message_type REQUIRED. It MUST be the value
   urn:ietf:odap:msgtype:commit-final-ack-msg

o client_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The client for whom this message
   is intended..

o server_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The server who sent this
   message.

o commit_acknowledgement_claim REQUIRED. This is one or more claims
   signed by the server that the asset in question has been
   regenerated by the server in its local DLT.

o commit_acknowledgement_claim_format OPTIONAL. This is the format
   of the claim provided by the server in this message.

o hash_commitfinal REQUIRED. The hash of previous commit final
   message.

o server_transfer_number OPTIONAL. This is the transfer
   identification number chosen by the server. This number is
   meaningful only the server.

o server_signature REQUIRED. The digital signature of the server.

8.5. Transfer Complete Message

The purpose of this message is for the client to indicate to the
server that the asset transer has been completed and that no further
messages are to be expected from the client in regards to this
transfer instance.

The message closes the first message of Phase 2 (Transfer Commence Message). It must be signed by the client.

The parameters of this message consists of the following:

o message_type REQUIRED. It MUST be the value
   urn:ietf:odap:msgtype:commit-transfer-complete-msg

o client_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The client who sent this
   message.

o server_identity_pubkey REQUIRED. The server for whom this message
   is intended.

o hash_commit_final_ack REQUIRED. The hash of previous message.

o hash_transfer_commence REQUIRED. The hash of the Transfer
   Commence message at the start of Phase 2 (see section 7.1).

o client_transfer_number OPTIONAL. This is the transfer
   identification number chosen by the client. This number is
   meaningful only the client.

o client_signature REQUIRED. The digital signature of the client..

9. Security Consideration

(TBD)

10. IANA Consideration

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