Problem Details for HTTP APIs (RFC 7807bis)

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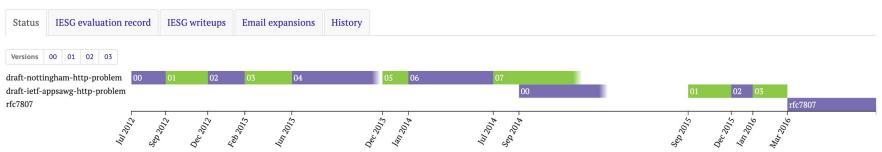
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History of RFC 7807

- First I-D Jul 2012, 12 drafts
- RFC since March 2016
- Authors: Mark Nottingham, Erik Wilde

RFC 7807bis: Motivation

I-D: https://github.com/ietf-wg-httpapi/rfc7807bis/blob/main/draft-ietf-httpapi-rfc7807bis.md

Authors: Mark Nottingham, Erik Wilde, Sanjay Dalal

- Multiple problem instances
  - The most common use case with 400 class of errors in HTTP APIs. Encountered by most new consumers of an HTTP API
  - Also applicable in cases where batch (of something) is submitted to a service using HTTP API
  - However, RFC 7807 recommends an "extension" for the use case. This limits the adoption and creates a proliferation of proprietary schemas for error responses in HTTP APIs.
  - Hurts developer experience and increases support cost.

- The type of the member `type` needs more clarification (see issues)

Issues needing resolution

- #15, 14, 13, 11 'type' related issues - Tim Perry
- #12 Problem Details Object for Warning - Sanjay Dalal
- #10 JSON-LD context (in appendix) Asbjørn Ulsberg
- #8 JSON schema for Problem Details Object (in appendix) - Sanjay Dalal
- #6 Multiple problems - Sanjay Dalal

Issues: https://github.com/ietf-wg-httpapi/rfc7807bis/issues

New I-D for repository?

- #7 Repository of common problem types - Graham Cox
  - Invalid Request
  - Invalid value { Email address, Phone number, Country code, Currency code, Enumerated values...} (with reference to a standard)
  - Optimistic lock failure (e.g. the If-Match header on a PUT request has the wrong value)

Mark Nottingham's suggestions

1. Create an IANA registry of problem types, much as for link relations.
2. Create a publicly-coordinated informal repository (eg, in a wiki).

Thanks!

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