

rfc7807bis

Problem Details for HTTP APIs

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Status

- Issues: <https://github.com/ietf-wg-httpapi/rfc7807bis/issues>
 - Editorial / procedural updates (e.g., #1, #2, #3, #5)
 - Kept XML (#4)
 - Preliminary, non-normative JSON Schema in Appendix A (#8)
 - Confirmed/clarified use of URIs in type/instance (#11, #14)

Multiple Problems

Issue #6

- **Multiple instances of the same problem**
 - Seems like a best practice / problem design issue
 - Add examples and guidance?
- **Multiple problems of different types at the same time**
 - Potentially conflicts with design goals of 7807; can only be one HTTP status code
 - Creating ‘multiple’ problem type (or a whole new response) seems problematic (could dilute power of standards)
 - Recommend “choose one”?

Repository of common types

Issue #7

- Discussion led us to an IANA registry
- See PR #24
- Prefix for IANA-registered types?
 - <https://iana.org/assignments/http-problem-types#>
 - urn:ietf:params:http-problem:

Indication of URI resolvability

Issue #15

- Use case: tool support to make documentation easily discoverable
 - Could be a boolean flag (“yes, the type URI is resolvable)
 - Could be a separate field (“here’s the docs”)
- This can only be a hint; URL still may not be resolvable in real life
- Adding a new standard member is problematic as per 7807
- ???