

# CBOR

- CBOR tag: file-magic
- CBOR: packed
- CDDL 2.0

# file - magic

55799(NNNN(data in CBOR item))

55800(NNNN('BOR')),  
(data in CBOR sequence)

ct → NNNN

— 8-Byte prefix  
for CBOR data items

— 12-Byte prefix  
for CBOR sequences

— preallocated tag for  
CBOR content-formats

## **Bug in -06**

Examples cite non-CBOR content-formats!

## **Fix?**

Would need bstr wrap to fit in 55799 (or 55800)  
No longer constant prefix

**Fix!**

55801 (NNNN( 'BOR' )),  
non-CBOR data

Almost, but not entirely **unlike** a CBOR sequence

Requires CBOR decoder to be able to decode one item  
and hand up raw data for rest of input

```
tag, rest_data = CBOR.decode_with_rest(file)
```

(or simply read first 12 bytes and decode that)

## Plan for -07

Put in 55801

Examples:

- Keep non-CBOR content-format, but with 55801
- Add in CBOR content-format with 55799 and 55800

WGLC

# Packed

Needs more independent implementation work!

Main issue: [table building](#)

Also: are the prefix/suffix/shared modes all we need?

(E.g., compare Kris Zyp's [Records](#),  
[draft-bormann-lpwan-cbor-template](#))

## **Packed: components**

- Processing model: in-place reference chasing
- Referencing items:
  - flexible encoding within CBOR basic data model
- Table building
  - Nesting: Push (shift) model

## Plan for Base document

- referrers (tags/simple) for: share, prefix, suffix
- table model (incl. push)
  - extensible for future kinds of referrers (record, template?)
- "basic" table setup tag (push to: share, prefix, suffix)
- Framework for defining more specific setup tags:
  - implicit reference (immutable table via per-application tag)
  - hashed reference (COSE alg, hash) to table in context
    - Needs hash input spec!  
(CBOR deterministic encoding of equivalent table tag)



# CDDDL 2.0

Highest Priority:

- Annotation
- Composition

## Composition

Currently:

- single file = sequence of rules
- first rule (type!) is entry point (i.e., one data item only)

## What do we need?

Ability to build **libraries**

- "export" one or more rules
- import rule from other CDDL spec
- name the library
- name exported/imported rule

**import**

implicit:

```
oid-tagged-data = [RFC9090.oid, bstr]
```

```
; short name needed?  
oid = RFC9090.oid
```

explicit:

- identify library (possibly versioned: semver references)
- manage what names are introduced; potential conflicts

## export

- name the library for export
  - identify rule names actually exported
    - default set; can reach into library as needed
-  Yes, protection violation 

## linkage?

- outside spec (e.g., cli parameters)
- give (overrideable) hint inside spec (URI?)

## namespacing

Give spec writer more control over rule names  
beyond aliasing: `oid = RFC9090.oid`

Make it look like prelude always has been in a  
namespace  
(default import; cf. `using namespace std`)

Graciously handle some namespacing errors  
(might be caused by revisions)

## alternatives

Use the same CDDL spec for alternative applications  
(e.g., JSON vs. CBOR)

Can do manually (RFC 8428 § 11, cddl-control § 4)

Don't keep this on the lexical level (like `#ifdef`)  
Ideally, should enable translation between alternatives!

## automation

Should be able to generate libraries from

- RFCs and I-Ds (legacy and new conventions)
- IANA registries
- Similar non-IETF sources

Trigger automation from a CDDL spec



## **syntax**

- CDDL 1.0 **files** fit right in (and are useful)
- CDDL 1.0 **processors** can do useful things with 2.0 **files**

We can use, via what would be a convention in 1.0:

- otherwise unused rules
- comments
- potentially: controls

# Annotation

1.0 processing model: Kernighan's car (yes/no)  
Somewhat extended with `.feature` now

cddl tool: can **annotate** tree with rule names

No control by spec writer:

- Which rules are important, which are noise?
- Info beyond rule names (except `.feature`)
- Rule names cannot be related to real world

## PSVI: Post-Schema Validation Instance

Use "Validation" process to:

- **augment** data with annotation information
- **transform** (e.g., filling in default values, **construct**)

What is the **data model** for a CBOR/CDDL PSVI?

- Attributes for data items
- Richer types for generic data model? (cf. tags!)

Define JSON/**cbor-diag**/YAML/CBOR representations

## Annotation: MVP

- rulename attributes:
  - select which rules actively annotate
  - associate rulename with some real-world concept (URI?)
- description attributes (from comments etc.)
- spec-writer-defined attributes (say, units)
- CDDL-generated (implicit) tags [unwrap!]

# timelines

implementation needs to closely follow design

EOY 2021 objectives (spec+impl):

- Usable prototype of most of composition
- First elements of annotation

IETF113 objective:

- 2.0 Spec complete (and implemented)
- Decide on any document splits, steps for publication