JSON Patch

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Introduction

- HTTP PATCH (RFC 5789)
- No standard JSON-based representations
- Text-based diffs require char-level equivalence
- JSON Patch operates on JSON logical model
- Strong drive to maintain a simple specification
- Current draft: draft-pbryan-json-patch-02
- At least 3 actively maintained implementations:
  - Python, Java, JavaScript

Document structure

- JSON array of modification operations
- Every operation points to specific JSON value
  - draft-pbryan-zyp-json-pointer
- Three operation types: add, remove, replace
- Replace is equivalent to remove and add
- Each operation applied in sequence
- Logically equivalent to textual diff (+ and - ops)

Simple example

```
[
    { "remove": "/a/b/c" },
    { "add": "/a/b/c", "value": "foo" },
    { "replace": "/a/b/c", "value": "bar" }
]
```

Internet Media Type

- Proposing application/json-patch
- Considered application/patch+json, but...
  - application/patch too generic base type
  - +json extension not yet codified in any standard

Proposal

- Manage RFC publication of JSON Patch (and JSON Pointer) specifications in APPSAWG. Rationale:
  - These specifications are too small to justify the formation of a new working group
  - Consensus among respondents on APPS-DISCUSS mailing list was positive
  - There are participants who are willing to review the work

Thanks

- Questions and answers