

# cbor

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# CBOR WG Meeting — Interim

Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 15:00–16:00 UTC

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— CBORbis –08, remaining issues

# CBORbis status

Still at -07 (waiting for more merges)

Recently merged:

- 112 → 114 → 119: non-well-formed examples
- 115: build deterministic on preferred
- 116: remove "strict mode"
- 117: defaults for JSON to CBOR conversion
- 118: (tag validity, 24 and 36)

5 PRs open now.

4 Mostly trivial:

- 124: reference RFC 8618 analysis
- 125: markdown cleanup tag 4/5 (close 120)
- 128: advice on small keys (close 68)
- 129: define "encoded data item" (close 64)

## 1 Non-trivial:

- 127 Grand overhaul of tag language and related text about validity
  - terms: some more cleanup (missed in 109), "tag content", "basic validity" vs. "tag validity"

Mostly get rid of "optional tagging" as a concept

Explicitly talk about inadmissible content values

Discuss semantic equivalence of tags as map keys

Could add some discussion of semantic validity (86)

# Work remaining: Clear way forward

Mostly Editorial Issues:

- 122: combine 5.3, 5.8
  - move most of 5.8 to 5.3, reduce redundancy
  - do not discuss deterministic encoding here
- Possibly move rest of 5.8 to security considerations?
- "CBOR firewalls"???

## Work remaining: Discuss

- 121: binary MIME

We have Tag 257 for binary MIME already

Can tag 36 stay as is?

Should we mention tag 257?

- 67: More about handling unknown tags/simples?

- 63: More rules about handling identical map keys?

# Technical Issues

- 94: Signaling NaNs
  - sNaN: Stepchild, not used much in IEEE 754
    - Avoid setting up traps for ourselves
    - Enable use of all of IEEE 754 if desired (sNaNs, payloads)
      - Default to **one** qNaN only
- 92: Tags that care about their relative order
  - Explain that these are special use