

# Conditional Attributes for Constrained RESTful Environments

draft-ietf-core-conditional-attributes

(<https://github.com/core-wg/conditional-attributes>)

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# Current Status since IETF 115

- Version -06 submitted
- Complete remaining open issue
  - Now completed
- Should we request a review from the IoT Directorate?
  - Early review requested
- More reviews are welcome
  - 2 comments on mailing list

# Reference code moved

- The reference code illustrated logic and server side processing of conditional attributes in Section 3.3
- After discussions in IETF 115, we took a decision to move the reference code away from the main body of the draft
- And then add an Appendix containing explanatory pseudocode that is informative and not normative.

# Early review requested from IOTDIR

## Review request

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<b>Request</b>	<b>Review of</b>	<a href="#">draft-ietf-core-conditional-attributes-05</a>
	<b>Requested revision</b>	05 (document currently at 06)
	<b>Type</b>	Early Review
	<b>Team</b>	Internet of Things Directorate ( <a href="#">iotdir</a> )
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	<b>Completed reviews</b>	
<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Reviewer</b>	<a href="#">Ines Robles</a> ✉
	<b>State</b>	Accepted
	<b>Review</b>	Not completed yet

# WG comments received (1/2)

- [https://mailarchive.ietf.org/arch/msg/core/MPp2CS\\_W696GomNwpAsxww\\_SqaA/](https://mailarchive.ietf.org/arch/msg/core/MPp2CS_W696GomNwpAsxww_SqaA/)
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- <https://mailarchive.ietf.org/arch/msg/core/O8ZTPOAve3xljuZ6HwXR0yKZ8R8>  
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  - “The notification mechanism in RFC7641 is a protocol detail that operates under the hood to provide the functionality of keeping the retrieved resource state in sync with actual resource state. The Conditional Attributes defined by the draft interfere with the generation of notifications, so that this functionality is in its generality no longer given: The client no longer receives a representation of the actual resource state through the notifications.”
- Resolution steps are still open (authors still need to discuss further)
  - Proposal from the reviewer: “Rather than interfering with under what conditions and in what way the server generates notifications, the draft should define how the server updates resource state and how the client can influence this.”

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Thank you!