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The Open Data Protocol (OData) for representing and interacting with structured content is comprised of a set of specifications. The core specification for the protocol is in OData Version 4.0 Part 1: Protocol; this document extends the former by defining representations for OData requests and responses using a JSON format.

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# 1 Introduction

The OData protocol is comprised of a set of specifications for representing and interacting with structured content. The core specification for the protocol is in [\[OData-Protocol\]](#); this document is an extension of the core protocol. This document defines representations for the OData requests and responses using the JavaScript Object Notation (JSON), see [\[RFC7159\]](#).

An OData JSON payload may represent:

- a [single primitive value](#)
- a [collection of primitive values](#)
- a [single complex type value](#)
- a [collection of complex type values](#)
- a [single entity](#) or [entity reference](#)
- a [collection of entities](#) or [entity references](#)
- a [collection of changes](#)
- a [service document](#) describing the top-level resources exposed by the service
- an [error](#).

## 1.1 Terminology

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