

# Service Catalog API

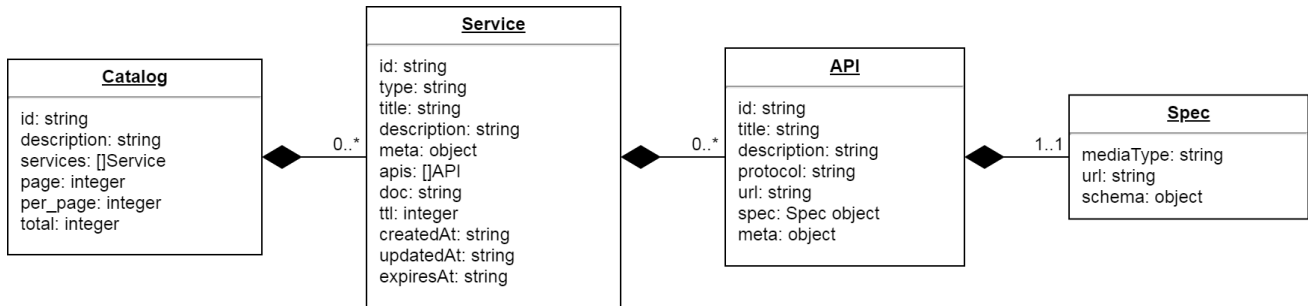
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## Overview

Service Catalog provides a REST API for service discovery described below:

The following diagram shows the data model of Service Catalog:



The attributes are described below:

Catalog object consists of:

- id: unique id of the catalog
- description: a friendly name or description of the service
- services: an array of Service objects
- page: the current page in catalog
- per\_page: number of items in each page
- total: total number of registered services

Service object consists of:

- id: unique id of service
- name: [RFC6339](#) service name (e.g. `_bms_tcp`)
- description: friendly name or description of a service
- meta: a hash-map for optional meta-information
- apis: a map of API names and URLs
- docs: an array of Doc objects describing service documentations
- ttl: time after which the service should be removed from the catalog, unless if it is updated within the timeframe.
- created: [RFC3339](#) time of service creation
- updated: [RFC3339](#) time in which the service was lastly updated
- expires: [RFC3339](#) time in which the service expires and is removed from the catalog (only if TTL is set)

Doc object consists of:

- description: description of the external document
- apis: an array listing APIs documented in this documentation
- url: URL to the external document
- type: the MIME type of the document (e.g. `plain/text` for wikis, `application/openapi+json;version=2.0` for OpenAPI specs v2.0)

## MQTT API

Service catalog also supports MQTT for service registration and de-registration.

Service registration is similar to PUT method of REST API. Here, a service uses a pre-configured topic (via [config file](#)) for publishing the message.

The will message of the registered service is used to de-register it from the catalog whenever the service disconnects.

For more information on configuration of MQTT topics for service registration and de-registration and examples, see the [Configuration](#) page.

Announcement over MQTT:

Service Catalog announces the service registration status via MQTT using retain messages.

The message topics follow following patterns:

`<topicPrefix >/< RFC6339 service name>/<service_id>/alive` : (Retained message) The body contains service description of alive service

<topicPrefix >/< [RFC6339](#) service name>/<service\_id>/dead : (Not retained message) The body contains service description of the 'dead' service

The retained messages are removed whenever service de-registers.

topicPrefix can be configured via [config](#) file.

## Versioning

API version is based on [semver](#). The version is included as a parameter to the MIME type of all HTTP responses:

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application/json;version=X.X.X
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