

# source



## Deprecated

The documentation of this API method is deprecated.

## Description

The method `source` returns the initial XML metadata of an item for a given item-ID. The format can be one of the accepted [input data formats](#) (e.g. MARCXML, METS/MODS, LIDO, Dublin Core). This method provides response data only as `application/xml` because the DDB only accept XML-based metadata from its contributing institutions. It is a read-only service and must be accessed with a HTTP-GET-request.

```
GET /items/<PathParameters>/source?<QueryParameters> HTTP/1.1
```

## Request Header

Name	Value(s)	Required	Repeatable	Default value	Description
<b>Accept</b>	application/xml */*	yes	no	application/xml	Specifies the format of the accepted data. Every request needs to be sent with a valid Accept Header defining the requested response format. Otherwise the response to the request will be a 406 - Not acceptable status code. If the request accepts every kind of data (Accept: */*) XML will be returned.
<b>Host</b>	api.deutsche-digitale-bibliothek.de	yes	no	-	The host is mandatory.

## Parameters

### Path

Parameter	Value(s)	Required	Repeatable	Default value	Description
<b>identifier</b>	<item-ID>	yes	no	-	The ID of the requested item.

## Authorization

This method needs no API key for authentication (Who are you?) or authorization (What you are authorized to do?).

This method is offered over HTTP and HTTP Secure.

## Errors

Code	Text	Description
403	Forbidden	Item is not available via API (items can be blacklisted because of copyright issues)
404	Not Found	Either the item does not exist or has no data.
406	Not Acceptable	The Request Header is not acceptable. Please see section <a href="#">Request Header</a> .
500	Server Error	Something went terribly wrong. An error message will provide a meaningful description.

## Samples

### Request 1

```
GET /items/OAXO2AGT7YH35YYHN3YKBJMEI77W3FF/source?oauth_consumer_key=abcdefgh12345678
HTTP/1.1
Host: api.deutsche-digitale-bibliothek.de
Accept: application/xml
```

### Response

### Request 2

```
GET /items/OAXO2AGT7YH35YYHN3YKBJMEI77W3FF/source HTTP/1.1
Host: api.deutsche-digitale-bibliothek.de
Accept: */*
Authorization: OAuth oauth_consumer_key="abcdefgh12345678"
```

### Response