

EIP 777: ERC-777 Token Standard

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Abstract

This standard defines a new way to interact with a token contract while remaining backward compatible with ERC20.

It defines advanced features to interact with tokens. Namely, operators to send tokens on behalf of another address—contract or regular account—and send/receive hooks to offer token holders more control over their tokens.

It takes advantage of [ERC1820](#) to find out whether and where to notify contracts and regular addresses when they receive tokens as well as to allow compatibility with already-deployed contracts.

Motivation

This standard tries to improve upon the widely used ERC20 token standard. The main advantages of this standard are:

- *Uses the same philosophy as [Ether](#) in that tokens are sent with `send(dest, value, data)`.*
- *Both contracts and regular addresses can control and reject which token they send by registering a `tokensToSend` hook. (Rejection is done by reverting in the hook function.)*
- *Both contracts and regular addresses can control and reject which token they receive by registering a `tokensReceived` hook. (Rejection is done by reverting in the hook function.)*
- *The `tokensReceived` hook allows to send tokens to a contract and notify it in a single transaction, unlike ERC20 which requires a double call (`approve/transferFrom`) to achieve this.*

- *The holder can “authorize” and “revoke” operators which can send tokens on their behalf. These operators are intended to be verified contracts such as an exchange, a cheque processor or an automatic charging system.*
- *Every token transaction contains data and operatorData bytes fields to be used freely to pass data from the holder and the operator, respectively.*

It is backward compatible with wallets that do not contain the tokensReceived hook function by deploying a proxy contract implementing the tokensReceived hook for the wallet.

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