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VOTable Format Specification

Maturity level: Recommendation

Group	Title	Most stable	In progress	Version history
Арр	Simple Application Messaging Protocol	1.10	RFC	1.10 1.00
	Simple Cone Search	1.03		1.03 1.02 1.01 1.00
DAL	Simple Image Access	1.01		1.01 1.00
	Simple Spectral Access	1.04		1.04 1.03 1.02 1.01 1.01 1.00
DaM	Space-Time Coordinate Metadata for the Virtual Observatory (STC)	1.33		1.33 1.31 1.30 1.21 1.20 1.10 1.00
	Data Model for Astronomical DataSet Characterisation	1.13		1.13 1.12 1.12 1.11 1.10 1.00
	IVOA Spectral Data Model	1.03		1.03 1.02 1.01 1.01 1.00
OWO	IVOA Single-Sign-On Profile: Authentication Mechanisms	1.01	1 1 4 DEC	1.01 1.01 1.00 1.00 1.4 1.4 1.4 1.4 1.0
	VOSpace service specification	1.02 1.01	1.14 RFC RFC	1.14 1.13 1.12 1.11 1.10 1.02 1.02 1.01 1.00 1.00
GWS	IVOA Credential Delegation Protocol IVOA support interfaces	1.00	RFC	1.01 1.01 1.00 1.00
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	IVOA Identifiers	1.12		1.12 1.11 1.10 1.10 1.00
	IVOA Registry Interfaces	1.01	RFC	1.01 1.00
ReR	Resource Metadata for the Virtual Observatory	1.12		1.12 1.12 1.10 1.10 1.01 1.01 1.00 1.00
	VOResource: an XML Encoding Schema for Resource Metadata	1.03		1.03 1.02 1.02 1.01 1.00
	An IVOA standard for Unified Content Descriptors	1.10		1.10 1.10 1.06 1.05 1.03
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	Vocabularies in the Virtual Observatory	1.16	RFC	1.16 1.15 1.13 1.00
SDP	IVOA Document Standards	1.00	1.10 RFC	1.10 1.10 1.00 1.00
VOE	Sky Event Reporting Metadata (VOEvent)	1.11		1.11 1.11 1.10 1.01
VQL	IVOA Astronomical Data Query Language	2.00		2.00 2.00 2.00 1.01 1.00
VQL	IVOA SkyNode Interface	1.01		1.01 1.00

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Proposed Recommendation

Group: Apps Applications WG DAL Data Access Layer WG DaM Data Modeling WG GWS Grid & Web Services WG ReR Resource Registry WG Semantics Semantics WG SDP Standards & Documents Process WG VOE VO Event WG VOT VOTable WG VQL VO Query Language WG n.a. not applicable

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in the IVOA document collection.

2. Working Group reviews the Working Draft. Two reference implementations of any associated software are recommended.

in the RFC. A minimum comment period of 4 weeks must be allowed.

Document promotion process summary

Recommendation and submits it to the Document Coordinator for posting in the IVOA document 4. The Chair of the Working Group issues a formal Request for Comments (RFC) to the e-mail distribution list interop@ivoa.net. The RFC and all comments must be logged on a TWiki page whose URL is given

3. The Chair of the Working Group, with consent of the WG, promotes the document to a Proposed

changes to the document, the status reverts to Working Draft (back to Step 1). 6. If comments are addressed to the satisfaction of the WG Chair and WG members, the WG Chair requests the IVOA Chair to submit it to the Executive Committee for approval.

5. The Working Group Chair responds to comments on the TWiki page. If comments lead to significant

1. Working Group prepares Working Draft (version ≥1.0) and submits to Document Coordinator for posting

7. The Executive Committee is polled by the IVOA Chair to ascertain if there is consensus for promotion to Recommendation. 8. If yes, the IVOA Chair reports on approval to the WG Chair and asks the Document Coordinator to

update the document status to Recommendation. If no, the concerns of the IVOA Executive need to be

resolved and a new poll taken, or if serious revisions are required, the document would revert to Step 1.

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9. The IVOA Executive may propose to the IAU Commission 5 that IVOA Recommendations be endorsed

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