Data2Dome

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"Industry standards"

- IMERSA AFDI/IPS Dome Standard Adoption: Typically 4k/30 FPS jpg sequences, 5.1 WAV audio
- Astronomy Visualization Metadata (AVM) standard
- Data2Dome standard





Why we need to change the way we present news and data

- Astronomy is a dynamic discipline. New press releases, images, videos and data are being published every day.
- But, this flow of exciting new content is typically not integrated in our products: new data is typically presented days or even weeks later — and often not at all
- 3. As a result, the planetarium and other centres of astronomy competence, lags behind blogs, newspapers, TV and other media.
- 4. AVM and Data2Dome (D2D) project aims at streamlining the flow of content from research institutions to planetariums, offering audiences a unique opportunity to access the latest data from space in near real time

What is necessary?

- 1. Data aggregation in one database
- 2. Instant access to content world-wide
- 3. A way to alert the users
- 4. Good visual overviews for users
- 5. Good data: Historical events, sky events, images, videos, show sequences
- 6. Gathering the community around one set of tools and standards like IMERSA AFDI/IPS Dome Standard, Data2Dome and the Astronomy Visualisation Metadata
- 7. Liberal licensing: Creative Commons Attribution.

Data2Dome Philosophy

Data2Dome relies on:

- standardisation of formats and process
- consolidation of data or metadata in online databases
- a combination of staff curation of assets as well as crowd-curation
- a ranking system on the side of the vendors
- distribution via the Internet.

Data2Dome Vision

Every morning, planetarium presenters around the world will be able to access a menu that will allow them to select interesting news and fresh datasets — news, sky event data, historical event data and more (see the use cases below) — and mark up the full datasets and metadata for download, for possible inclusion in show segments during the day.

Some of these items may be under embargo and will only be shown when they are public. In some sense the presenter can be seen as an "Astronomical Weatherman" being able to report on fresh events almost as they take place.

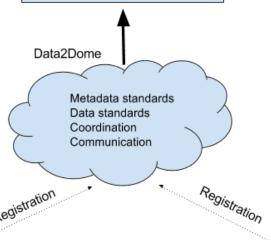
Data2Dome Data

- Descriptive metadata as support for the presenter: concise, well-written descriptions of the content; credits; license; embargo date; links to more information etc. for the planetarium lecturer. The Astronomy Visualization Metadata Standard has been chosen for this.
- Flat videos
- Flat images, including planetary maps, images of sky objects, all-sky panoramas/fulldome images
- Fulldome videos
- Audio, including interview clips, sounds, music
- 3D objects
- Show sequences, including presentation metadata

Implementation

Planetariums

Live science with one click Great, relevant highres visuals Searchable assets



Content Provider

Planetarium Vendor

Database Metadata Data (high-res assets) Curation JSON feed

Metadata

Data

Synchronisation of metadata (JSON)
Archiving and Search
Ranking of best content
Download of Data On Demand
Drag & Drop presentation of data on
dome
Presentation of metadata to presenter

Digistar 6

 Data2Dome is integrated in Digistar 6 from Evans & Sutherland with 20,000+ images and 5000+ videos.

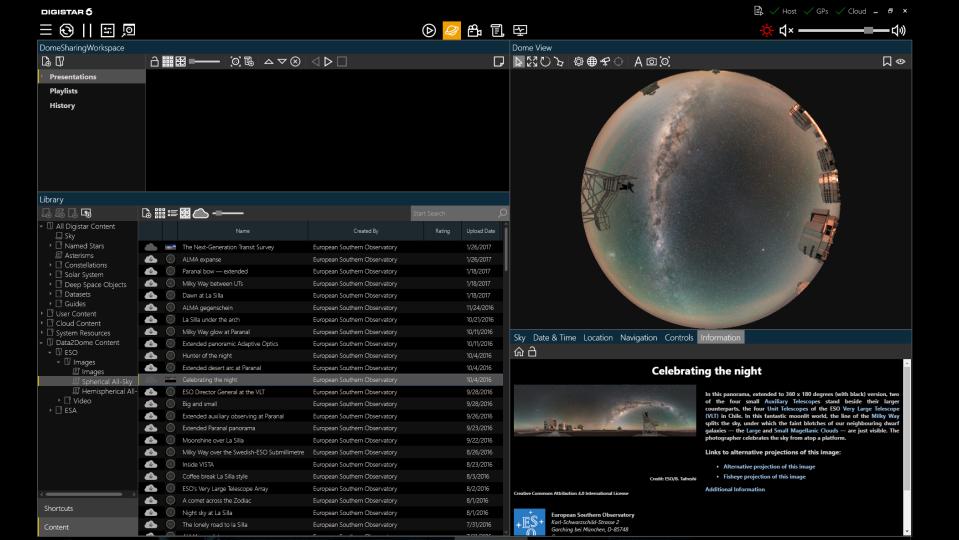


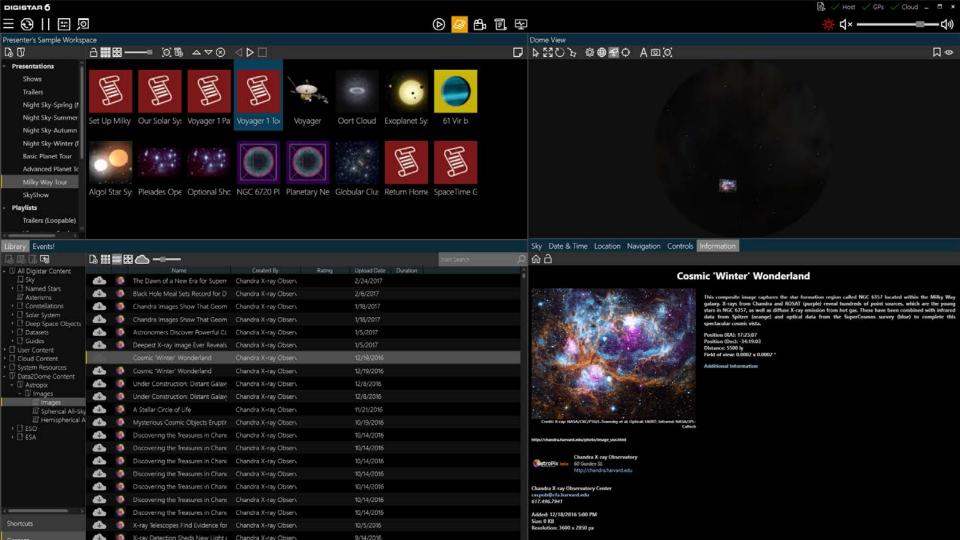
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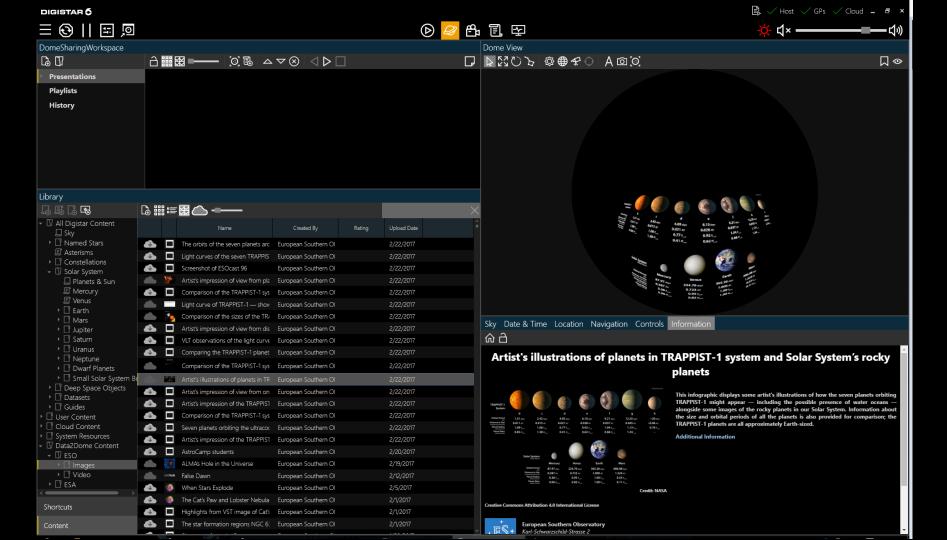
- Data providers so far:
 - 1. ESO (images, videos)
 - 2. Hubble (images, videos)

Via AstroPix (Robert Hurt/IPAC):

- 3. Spitzer
- 4. Chandra
- 5. GALEX
- 6. WISE
- 7. NuSTAR
- 8. Planck
- 9. Herschel
- Also implemented in:
 - SureyyaSoft, Digitalis, Emerald, Sky-Skan Dark Matter, RSA Cosmos







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When Stars Explode



Over 75 million light-years away in the constellation of Virgo (The Virgin) lies NGC 4981 — a spiral galaxy with a rather explosive past.

NGC 4981 was discovered on 17 April 1784 by William Herschel, and subsequently documented in John Dreyer's New General Catalogue. Over a century later, on 23 April 1968, the galaxy once again made it into the records when a Type la supernova — a stellar explosion in a binary star system — occurred within its confines: SN 1968l. SN 1968l, however, was not to be the galaxy's only supernova. Decades later, the core collapse of a massive star led to supernova SN 2007c.

This spectacular shot of NGC 4981 — not showing any of the supernovae explosions; the bright star visible in the image is a foreground star — was captured by FORS, the visible and near-UV FOcal Reducer and low dispersion Spectrograph for ESO's Very Large Telescope (VLT). FORS is the Swiss Army knife of ESO's instruments — it is able to study many different astronomical objects in many different ways, and is responsible for some of the most iconic photos ever captured with the VLT (see eso9948f and eso0202a).

The data to create this image was selected from the ESO archive by Josh Barrington as part of the Hidden Treasures competition.

Position (RA): 197,2034 ° Position (Dec): -6.77698 ° Distance: 75000000 ly Field of view: 0.10327 x 0.08422 °

Additional Information



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