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DS3 Cycle 2 progress report



Cycle 2 topics

- VO WS Basic Profile
- Workflow
 - JLOW
- VizieR SkyNode
- Mediation tools
- (Added item): Aladin/ACR





VO WS Basic Profile

Reminder :

- Recommendation about how to implement Web Services in the frame of IVOA
 - Takes into account existing documents (http://www.ws-i.org/, ...)
 - Includes IVOA existing work (Support Interfaces, ...)
- Presentations at Pune, Kyoto and Madrid Interop
- Minor changes since Kyoto
- 1.0 release depends on Support interfaces progress
- Support interfaces implemented at CDS since October 2005
- **...**





VO WS Basic Profile (2)

Milestones :

- Document available at IVOA
 - http://www.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/IvoaGridAndWebServices/VO-WS-Basic-Profile-0.22.pdf (30/09/05)
 - Checked with the Basic Profile tools

WS-I checking tools (cannot be integrated in a global test process, very restrictive license)

Own checking tools (support interfaces implementation checking, etc.), could be used in the Registry process (is a service compliant with the IVOA basic rules ?, ...)

OV France

- Web Services meeting, 1-2 February 2006
 - http://www.france-ov.org/twiki/bin/view/ASOVFrance/WebServices2006
- People interested in using Basic Profile





Workflow

- Workflow user friendly graphic representation tools
 - JLOW Java Libraries fOr Workflow
 - Sources and documentation available at :
 - http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/devcorner.gml
 - Application in AÏDA (MDA project ...)
- Use cases
 - Working group at CDS
 - Report available at DS3 end
 - **Workflow working group of OV France :**
 - http://www.france-ov.org/twiki/bin/view/GROUPEStravail/Workflow
 - First meeting 10 November 2005
 - 2006 plan : define scientific workflow use cases and use existing tools as demonstrators

Workflow (2): design and engine sides

- JLOW has been developed during the Cycle 1
 - Client side based on JGraph (http://www.jgraph.com/)
 Workflow representation is stored in GXL (XML => can be mapped to other formats)
 - Server side

Very light Workflow engine but enough for applications like AÏDA (see further)

Collaboration with ESSI (Sophia Antipolis, IT laboratory) people started in December 2005

Interest for INAF?

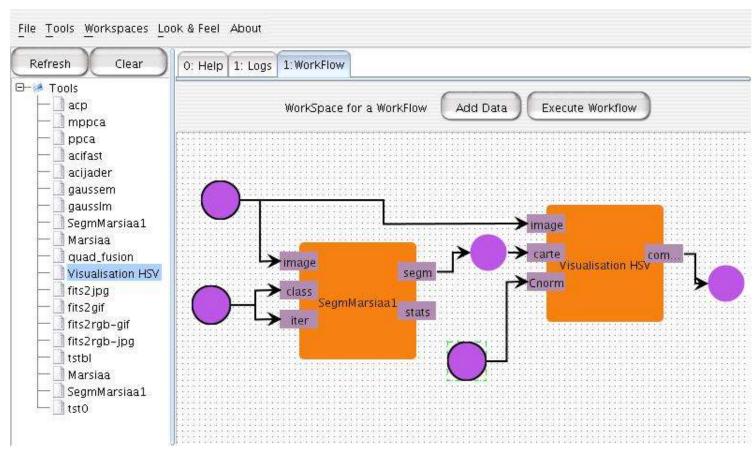
- ESSI is developing a middleware to access Grid5000 and EGEE
- First use test in AÏDA architecture done beginning of February
- ESSI is interested by light Workflow design tools like JLOW





Workflow (3): JLOW in AÏDA

Example of use in AÏDA (Astronomical Image processIng Architecture)

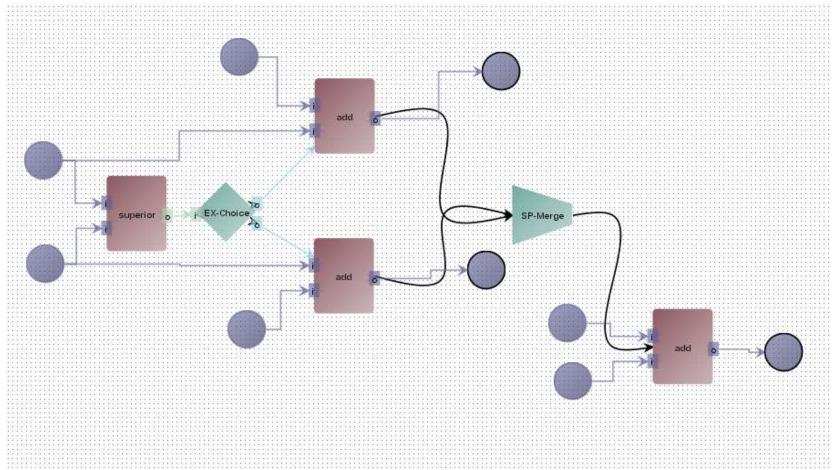


* AÏDA is developed in the frame of MDA (3 years) project (French ministry funds) ending mid 2006





Workflow (4): other example



Another examples during the demo...





Workflow (5): AÏDA aims

- Workflow Use cases in the image processing domain
- Used to preserve expertise from trainees, PhD students, ... (software modules in an image processing workflow)
- Lessons learnt are used at VOTech benefits





VizieR - SkyNode

- Reminder
 - 2 ways to access VizieR
 - Main access through cgi
 - Simple access through soap (cf. CDS Developer's corner)
 - VizieR is not a relational database!
 - VizieR uses relational database for metadata and binary storage (very large catalogs) with dedicated access programs for the data
- Very large collection of catalogues, a test case for VOQL/ADQL
 - > 5000 catalogues
 - "Passage à l'échelle" for SkyNode





VizieR - SkyNode (2)

- Two catalogues, Tycho2 and USNO-B1, have been implemented in December with the ESA "SkyNode Kit" (many thanks to Aurélien, Inaki and Pedro)
- Other catalogues are now available: 2MASS, IRAS, UCAC2, All-Sky Compiled Catalogue..., DENIS3, MSX and GOODS
- Criteria : most accessed or not available otherwise
- In progress...
 - See DS3 Cycle 3 proposals





Mediation tools

- Report available at
 - http://wiki.eurovotech.org/bin/view/VOTech/DS3Plan02





(Added item) Aladin/ACR

As a follow-up of the study of Aladin usage of ACR API (see

http://wiki.eurovotech.org/bin/view/VOTech/UsageOfAcrApilnAladin
), we have integrated those developments in an up-to-date prototype version of Aladin

- Allows to:
 - Access to MySpace
 - Query the registry
 - Launch a CEA application from Aladin
- Access through Java Web Start :

http://aladin.u-strasbg.fr/java/Aladin-proto.jnlp





Conclusion

- VO WS Basic Profile and VizieR SkyNode works must be discussed at the next Interop meeting
 - Proposals to submit to the VOQL WG
- Workflow work is evolving at different levels : CDS, OV France, ESSI collaboration
 - Collaboration with other VOTech teams ?



