

# VO Days - keeping up a tradition

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# Brief introduction

VO Days are one or two days workshops to introduce students to VO standards, tools and benefits.

Challenge: Researchers do not automatically see why standards and standard conform software matter.

# GA-VO-Days

Coverage:

- Use cases above software tutorials
- Covered tools: ALADIN, TOPCAT (STILTS), SPLAT
- Covered protocols: SCSP, SIA, SAMP, SSAP, TAP
- Data publishing support

Average number of participants: 12 with a range of 2 - 25.

Examples:

[www.g-vo.org/pmwiki/VOWorkshop/VODayMR2016](http://www.g-vo.org/pmwiki/VOWorkshop/VODayMR2016)

[www.g-vo.org/pmwiki/VOWorkshop/VODayCrakow2016](http://www.g-vo.org/pmwiki/VOWorkshop/VODayCrakow2016)

# FDT

- Data Discovery
- Access to specific data (e.g. catalogs, spectra, images)
- High demand of specific use cases (How do I ...)
- Scripting with VO tools

# Lessons learned

- Don't start at 8:30
- Preferable have one tutor per 10-12 students
- Test your tutorials with small audiences
- Coverage matters (general vs. specific)

# Outlook

- Preparation for specific VO Days (Data discovery, Gaia, Cosmology, Radio Astronomy, PyVO etc.)
- Smart Marketing: let's ride the big waves (Gaia, LIGO, ASKAP)