Relational Registry (RegTAP) 1.0

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Reference Implementation 1	An implementation of this is available on the TAP services at http://dc.g-vo.org/tap, http://voparis-cdpp.obspm.fr/tap, and http://gavo.aip.de/tap (the basic underlying software is identical for those); there is reg.g-vo.org that does DNS-based failover between these.
Reference Implementation 2	Another implementation (out of date with respect to XPath/utypes and some DB fields) is available as a TAP service at http://ia2-vo.oats.inaf.it:8080/registry . Even if not fully compliant, the IA2 team (VObs.it) plans to update it to the REC version and fix some other compliance problems to keep it at least as an independent mirror of the GAVO service. This implementation uses both a programming language (Java) and RDBMS (MySQL) different from the GAVO one.
Reference Implementation 3	Implementations are also being worked on at ESAC and STScI; these were reported on in the Registry sessions of the Heidelberg, Waikoloa, and Madrid interops and should become public fairly soon. In particular, the ESAC implementation has been internally available in ESAC since at least 2014Q1 and has: (a) been validated against the vadlidation suite mentioned above (b) tested / accessed using the TopCAT client.
Reference Implementation 4	On the client side, newer versions of TOPCAT already query against RegTAP. Also WIRR uses RegTAP as a backend.
Implementation Validator	A provisional validation suite as available at http://docs.g-vo.org/regtapval-2014- 06.tar.gz

RegTAP 1.0 has gone through the REC, and has received unanimous approval from the TCG members.

There are various reference implementations available both from the client and server side, as well as an implementation validator.

The TCG recommends the IVOA Exec to approve RegTAP 1.0 as an IVOA Recommendation.