

VO-DML 1.0 status

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Description

"... defines a standard modeling language, or metamodel, for expressing data models in the ivoa."

"This specification has three main goals:
1. Provide a set of formal rules for data modeling...
2. Provide a standard, machine-readable representation for IVOA Data Models
3. Define portable Data Model references for pointing to Data Models and the elements they define. "

Timeline

2016, May: deemed ready for PR
2016, Sep.: ready for RFC start
2016, Oct-Nov: RFC period
2017, Jan-Feb: held for additional input from implementations (caom2/timeseries)
2017, Apr: request to add registry of DMs text
2017, May: final updates ready for review/approval (expected this week)



Recent work has raised questions:

- Allow aggregation?
- Allow multiple composition of Object?
- Extract 'ivoa' base types description

** IF future modeling work identifies a real need for these features, we can address in a 1.1 version.

Package

+ Standard

- VO-DM Standard document itself
- Implementations (compliant models)
 - DatasetMetadata
 - NDCube
 - STC2: Coords, Meas, Trans
 - ivoa base types model
 - Sample test model

+ Validators

- Xslt based schema and schematron validator (GL)
- CADC VO-DML validator (PD)

Package (cont.)

+ Tools

- VO-URP, used same formalized approach with SimDM
- UML Translators, xmi to vo-dml/xml
 - Modelio, MagicDraw, Umodel
- HTML Generator, vo-dml to html
- Jovial DSL, for expressing models and generating instances (OL)
- DSL, for creating/editing models (PH)

+ Help

- Beginner's Guide
- Modelio specific how-to guide for detailed instructions

List is growing!

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