

# Upgrading the CDS/VizieR publishing registry



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# □ CDS/VizieR publising registry

## Current version:

- Created in 2007 - <ivo://CDS.VizieR/registry>
- OAI endpoint  
<http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/reg-bin/vizier/oai.pl>
- Contains 20,305 Resources (+1200 new/year)
  - Represents a significant fraction of all VO Resources
  - Mostly VizieR catalogues described as vs:CatalogService, with ConeSearch capability if a table contains coordinates

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- Programmed in PERL
  - Uses the VTOAI library (VirginiaTech OAI-PMH2 PERL Implementation)  
<http://dlrl.cc.vt.edu/projects/OAI/software/vtoai/vtoai.html>
- A few hard-coded ressources
  - Registry, Authority, TAP, SIAP, SSAP...
  - Stored as PERL associative arrays
- `<ri:Resource xsi:type="vs:CatalogService">` **dynamically generated** from VizieR metadata when harvested
  - RDBMS : Sybase, then PostgreSQL
  - Additional information from ReadMe ascii files

# □ Problems

- Designed with ~6,500 Resources, now 20,000+
  - Not so problematic with PMH ResumptionToken
- Dynamic generation of Resources
  - Failures in DB access or reading ReadMe files → incomplete records
- System has no memory – no deleted resources
  - Changes in the DB could cause a Resource to disappear
- Hard to maintain/evolve

# □ A brand new version

Make a new publishing registry  
In Python.



Separate :

- Resource factory : XML generation
- Content validation
- OAI-PMH harvesting

# □ Resource Factory

- Generate VOResource .xml files for all Resources at a given date
  - Possible to keep the last N versions
- IVOA .xsd schemas to Python classes with PyXB
  - <https://pypi.org/project/PyXB/>
- Still a few static local resources, stored in XML : Registry, Authority, SIAP...
- Metadata for Vizier catalogues are collected from :
  - ElasticSearch queries
  - API on ReadMe files returning JSON
  - Direct access to PostgreSQL Vizier metadata

# □ Validator

- Identify Factory errors while retrieving metadata
- Check that Resources have been successfully generated, and they are valid
- Check for Resources that might have disappeared (not implemented yet)

# □ Harvesting

- OAI endpoint : simple script, parsing of parameters (verb, metadataPrefix, from, ...)
- Handling of OAI-PMH queries (verbs, ...)
- Uses **pyoai** library  
<https://pypi.org/project/pyoai/>  
+ adaptation to VOResource (namespaces, ...)
- Wrap Resources in OAI envelope



# □ Improvements, upgrades

- Better management of UCDs
- New <relationship>s
- Description of mirrors

```
-<relationship>  
  <relationshipType>IsServedBy</relationshipType>  
  <relatedResource ivo-id="ivo://CDS.VizieR/TAP">TAP VizieR generic service</relatedResource>  
</relationship>  
-<relationship>  
  <relationshipType>IsPreviousVersionOf</relationshipType>  
  <relatedResource ivo-id="ivo://CDS.VizieR/VII/234">VII/234</relatedResource>  
</relationship>
```

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-<capability standardID="ivo://ivoa.net/std/ConeSearch" xsi:type="cs:ConeSearch">  
  -<description>  
    Cone search capability for table J/A+AS/135/133/redcat (DENIS I-band extragalactic catalog)  
  </description>  
  -<interface role="std" xsi:type="vs:ParamHTTP">  
    -<accessURL use="base">  
      http://vizier.unistra.fr/viz-bin/conesearch/J/A+AS/135/133/redcat?  
    </accessURL>  
    -<mirrorURL title="VizieR at IUCAA: Pune, India">  
      https://vizier.iucaa.in/viz-bin/conesearch/J/A+AS/135/133/redcat?  
    </mirrorURL>  
    -<mirrorURL title="VizieR at SAAO: SAAO, South Africa">  
      http://vizieridia.sao.ac.za/viz-bin/conesearch/J/A+AS/135/133/redcat?  
    </mirrorURL>
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- DOIs <dc:identifier>doi:10.26093/cds/vizieer.33100008</dc:identifier>
- Better handling of DublinCore output

# □ Conclusions & Roadmap

- New publishing registry available for testing <https://cds.unistra.fr/registry/beta/>
- Final tests and validation
- Crontab for Factory and Validation reports
- Announcement to the Registry mailing-list
- Use the new OAI service endpoint
  - Update <ivo://CDS.VizieR/registry>
  - Redirect queries from previous to new endpoint
  - Update RofR
- Full registries will have to re-harvest most records