



ADQL 2.1
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Removed REGION

Removed 'Geometry in the SELECT clause'

“Geometry values ... may be listed in the SELECT clause, in which case they must be converted into a text form.”

```
SELECT circle(ra, dec, 1.0) FROM ...
```

```
"CIRCLE(25.4, -20.0, 1.0)"
```

```
"CIRCLE(19.1, -15.5, 1.0)"
```

```
"CIRCLE(12.0, -14.8, 1.0)"
```





Coordsys param deprecated in all of the geom functions.

`box('ICRS', point, point)` \Rightarrow `box(point, point)`
`circle('ICRS', point, radius)` \Rightarrow `circle(point, radius)`

Need to update the examples in all our other documents.

ObsCore:

```
SELECT * FROM ivoa.ObSCORE WHERE  
CONTAINS(POINT('ICRS',16.0,40.0),s_region)=1
```

TAP:

```
POINT('ICRS', t.ra, t.dec)
```





Expanded the data types from single table into separate sub-sections.

VOTable			ADQL
datatype	arraysize	xtype	type
boolean	1	-	BOOLEAN
short	1	-	SMALLINT
int	1	-	INTEGER
long	1	-	BIGINT
float	1	-	REAL
double	1	-	DOUBLE
(numeric)	> 1	-	implementation defined
char	1	-	CHAR(1)
char	n	-	CHAR(n)
char	n*	-	VARCHAR(n)
unsignedByte	n	-	BINARY(n)
unsignedByte	n*	-	VARBINARY(n)
unsignedByte	n, *, n*	adql:BLOB	BLOB
char	n, *, n*	adql:CLOB	CLOB
char	n, *, n*	adql:TIMESTAMP	TIMESTAMP
char	n, *, n*	adql:POINT	POINT
char	n, *, n*	adql:REGION	REGION

- Logical types
 - Boolean
- Numeric types
 - Numeric primitives
 - INTERVAL
- Date and time
 - TIMESTAMP
- Character types
 - Character primitives
 - CLOB
- Binary types
 - BLOB
- Geometric types
 - POINT
 - CIRCLE
 - POLYGON

Updated to match
the changes in
DALI.





TIMESTAMP

Changed from character based string into a date time value.

"The ADQL string concatenation operator || should be applicable to all columns resulting from VOTable char-typed columns."

As a string:

`TIMESTAMP('2015-01-01')` **!=** `TIMESTAMP('2015-01-01T00:00:00')`

As a time:

`TIMESTAMP('2015-01-01')` **==** `TIMESTAMP('2015-01-01T00:00:00')`





INTERVAL

Defined in DALI, not defined in ADQL.

Do we want an INTERVAL in ADQL ?

Do we want to be able to do this :

```
WHERE ra BETWEEN <interval>
```





TIMEINTERVAL

DALI defines INTERVAL serialization as array an array of <numeric>:

```
<FIELD datatype="int", arraysize="2", xtype="interval">
```

DALI defines TIMESTAMP serialization as an array of char:

```
<FIELD datatype="char", arraysize="*", xtype="timestamp">
```

How do we represent an interval of time ?





TIMEINTERVAL

Propose a new xtype of `timeinterval`, serialized as a 2d array of strings.

```
<FIELD datatype="char", arraysize="2x*", xtype="timeinterval">
```

```
"1970-01-01T00:00:00.000Z" "2017-08-16T17:12:54.621Z"
```

Enabling us to do this :

```
WHERE t_min BETWEEN <time-interval>
```





Consistency between documents is an issue
First impressions matter

New joiners are presented with a huge pile of documents.
Things like data types in examples are inconsistent.
Adding errata makes it worse.

I spent several days
tracking the links
between data types
in our specifications.

New joiner would give
up after a day.

Propose a small team to review data types and examples
across a set of documents.

e.g. VOTable, DALI, TAP and ADQL

Only fixing data types and examples.
Creating new minor versions, not eratta.





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VODataService
TAPType

Duplicates the
DAL/ADQL
types

BOOLEAN
SMALLINT
INTEGER
BIGINT
REAL
DOUBLE
TIMESTAMP
CHAR
VARCHAR
BINARY
VARBINARY
POINT
REGION
CLOB
BLOB

Not just changes to the
VODataService specification.

TAPType appears in
examples in several
specifications.

VODataService
extendedType

looks like it is equivalent to

VOTable
xtype

.. but we never actually say so





New WD available after this meeting.

No new changes planned, send to PR asap.

Start working on PEG grammar for 3.x

