

# Applications Sessions

- Google Sky - lots of excitement
- Google discussion & interaction with IVOA appears to be a good thing
- several KML layers advertised by data providers
  - collect these on Apps wiki pages (place to find them, also for search indexing)
- Google Sky as a spatial based information aggregator
- Interop with other tools via PLASTIC
- concerns: licensing issues, KML as a standard (translations to IVOA standards?)

## Some highlights

- TOPCAT
- very mature (VO) application
- error bars, transparency, 3D, publication quality plots...
  
- Using the VO from the command line
- opens up possibilities for using scripting methods used by many astronomers
- well documented, good examples

# Simple Applications Messaging Protocol

- Plan for SAMP document unchanged
- T. Boch to lead draft of the architecture section
- Timeline for draft (Feb)