

**DAL/Registry/GWS
joint session
“Service interface and
metadata”**

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VOSI: progress report

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VOSI 0.3

- Presented at Autumn Interop, 2007
- Covers:
 - Capability metadata
 - Availability
 - SOAP and REST bindings
- Discussed:
 - Refinements to availability
 - G. Rixon to propose new schema
 - Extension to cover table/catalogue metadata
 - No consensus on how to proceed

Capability metadata: example

```
<cap:capabilities [...]>
  <capability standardID="ivo://org.astrogrid/std/Community/accounts">
    <interface xsi:type="vs:ParamHTTP" version="2" role="std">
      <accessURL use="base">https://casx019-zone2.ast.cam.ac.uk:443/community/accounts</accessURL>
    </interface>
  </capability>

  [...]

  <capability standardID="ivo://org.astrogrid/std/VOSI/v0.3#capabilities">
    <interface xsi:type="vs:ParamHTTP">
      <accessURL use="full">http://casx019-zone2.ast.cam.ac.uk/community/VOSI/capabilities</accessURL>
      <queryType>GET</queryType>
      <resultType>application/xml</resultType>
    </interface>
  </capability>

  <capability standardID="ivo://org.astrogrid/std/VOSI/v0.3#availability">
    <interface xsi:type="vs:ParamHTTP">
      <accessURL use="full">http://casx019-zone2.ast.cam.ac.uk/community/VOSI/availability</accessURL>
      <queryType>GET</queryType>
      <resultType>application/xml</resultType>
    </interface>
  </capability>
</cap:capabilities>
```

See <http://casx019-zone2.ast.cam.ac.uk/community/VOSI/capabilities> for full example, unredacted.

VOSI 0.4

- Presented first at this Interop (see GWS wiki)
- Covers:
 - Capabilities
 - Availability (simplified)
- Loose ends:
 - Capabilities for VOSI endpoints?
 - XML schema for capabilities document?
 - Are the SOAP bindings redundant?
 - Should elements be default unqualified in schemata?

Availability: v0.3 example

```
<a:availability [...]>  
  <a:available>true</a:available>  
  <a:upTime>PT360000S</a:upTime>  
  <a:validTo>2008-05-22T20:00:00</a:validTo>  
  <a:contact>  
    <name>Huh? How do I know? I'm a service. Ask the registry.</name>  
  </a:contact>  
</a:availability>
```

Availability: v0.4 example

```
<a:availability [...]>  
  <a:available>true</a:available>  
  <a:upSince>2008-04-20T12:34:00</a:upSince>  
  <a:downAt>2008-05-22T20:00:00</a:downAt>  
  <a:backAt>2008-05-22T20:10:00</a:backAt>  
  <a:note>  
    Service will be down for a few minutes at 20:00 today.  
    Upgrading to FuBar v1.23.  
  </a:note>  
  <a:note>  
    Mail bofh@hades.org if this is a problem.  
  </a:note>  
</a:availability>
```

VOSI tables

- Describes table metadata associated with service
- Returns XML document
 - using elements from VODataService
- Can be transcribed into registration (“CatalogService”)
- See, e.g.
 - <http://casu.ast.cam.ac.uk/ag/iphas-dsa/IDR/vosi/tables>
 - (That example limited to VODataService 1.0 elements)
 - (It's a real, production service!)
 - (This is how AstroGrid DSA/catalogue services work.)

Tables metadata: example

```
<t:table-structure [...]>  
  <catalog>  
    <name>IPHAS IDR</name>  
    <schema>  
      <table>  
        ...  
      </table>  
      <table>  
        ...  
      </table>  
      <function>  
        ...  
      </function>  
      <join>  
        ...  
      </join>  
    </schema>  
  </catalog>  
  
  <function>  
    ...  
  </function>  
  
  <table>  
    ...  
  </table>  
  
</t:table-structure>
```

Implementation report

- AstroGrid implemented VOSI 0.3 + extras:
 - capabilities publishing
 - availability monitoring
 - tables metadata using VODataService 1.0
 - REST binding only
- Capabilities: OK
- Tables endpoint: OK; needs VODataService 1.1
- Availability: only just starting to exploit it.

VOSI 0.5?

- Proposal to this session
- Plan A:
 - Keep capabilities, availability as per VOSI 0.4
 - Add standard for tables metadata
 - Use new VODataService 1.1
- Plan B (if can't agree on tables details)
 - Defer tables until VOSI 1.1
 - Do only capabilities, availability in VOSI 1.0