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VO services at IRSA

- Simple Image Access Protocol v1 (SIA)
- Simple Cone Search (SCS)
- Table Access Protocol (TAP)
- Publishing Registry

Data Formats

Users can upload

- IPAC Table
- VOTable
- HDF5
- FITS

JSON*

- FITS
 - IPAC Table TSV

CSV

Users can fetch

- HDF5 Text
- VOTable HTML
- JSON*
- JSON5* JSON5*
- A canonical mapping from VOTable to JSON would be nice.

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 - Biggest table is 42 Billion Rows, 48 Columns

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- Largest VO provider in the world by rows or rows*columns?

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 - Users seem fine with that

TAP/async

- Our implementation only supports running jobs immediately.
- The spec does not require services to handle running jobs immediately.
- TOPCAT can not rely on being able to run jobs immediately.
- So TOPCAT can not submit jobs to IRSA, but it can monitor them.
 - Users do care when they can not use TOPCAT

Simple Image Access Traffic



SIA Traffic in 2015

- We got really popular in Montreal, CA in 2016.
- A few new releases, some significant (e.g. NEOWISER Year 2, 2MASS mosaics, PTF)
- Per quarter
 - 300-400 unique IP's
 - ~200 unique subnets
 (e.g. 134.4.xxx.xxx ~ IPAC)

Simple Cone Search Traffic



SCS Traffic in 2015

- Very enthusiastic TOPCAT user from South Africa
- Per quarter
 - 150-300 unique IP's
 - 100-150 unique subnets

TAP/sync Traffic



TAP/sync Traffic in 2015

- Numbers dominated by a single NEOWISE-R scientist doing some special research select mjd, w1mpro_ep w1sigmpro_ep from mini_mep where (cntr_mf = 2264175701351057759)
- Otherwise numbers vary from 300-10,000
- 20-170 different IP's
- 10-70 different subnets

TAP/async Traffic in 2015

- Very little usage
 - 115 completed queries in a year
 - But some of those were HUGE (Germans tiling the sky to search WISE for Planet Nine)
- 21 unique IP's
- 12 unique subnets

VO vs Legacy Image API's



VO vs Legacy Catalog API's



Enthusiastic Users

- With all of this expressive power available, we do run into problems with users who try to write some expensive queries.
- This is not a new problem. We have had enthusiastic users for a long, long time.

Service Limits

- We are still experimenting with how to implement limits.
- In general, we do not try to curb 'abusive' behavior unless it affects other users.
 - One person's abuse is another persons science.
- All of the limits are there because someone caused trouble by going beyond them.
- We still have to manually kill jobs sometimes.

Synchronous Service Time Limits

- SCS jobs with a search radius < 0.01 degrees are run in-process. These queries finish fast enough such that we do not need to put in limits.
- Other synchronous jobs (SIA, SCS, TAP/async) are put into a 5 minute Slurm queue.
- That is about as long as a TCP/IP connection can remain open over the internet without us pinging the user.

Synchronous Service Connection Limits

- A single IP can only have 1000 TCP/IP connections at a time.
- TCP/IP connections hang around for a minute, so if someone is bombarding us with millions of fast cone searches, this will effectively rate limit them to 1000 requests/minute.

No Limits on Query Parameters

- We do not impose any limits on query parameters (e.g. cone search radius)
- There are some catalogs where 180 degree cone searches are reasonable (e.g. IRAS).
- Whether a query finishes quickly depends on some parameters in a non-linear way (e.g. HDF5 is fast, VOTable is slow)

Asynchronous Service Limits

- Three day limit to complete the query.
- Then the user has three more days to fetch the result before it is deleted from our system.
- Results are converted in memory to the format requested by the user. This puts a limit of about 100 GB on the final size of the result.

Registry

- Because we have hundreds of tables, we decided to run our own publishing registry.
- We used an existing implementation (perl script and xml files)
- It has been fairly painful, and we are still working out some details.

Future Plans

- Submit our variant of ADQL with restricted geometry for standardization.
- Submit an update to the UWS spec for running jobs immediately.

Future Plans

- Create a master CAOM table from all of our existing image and spectra metadata tables.
 - This is a first step in implementing ObsCore.
 - It will also make it easier to implement
 SIA v2 and Simple Spectral Access
- Consolidate SIA backends and put in more imagesets

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