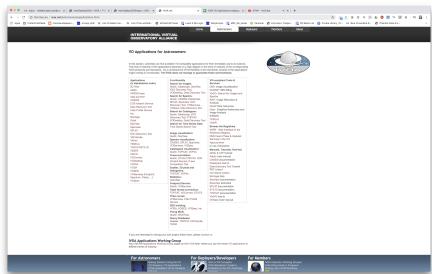
Maintenance of externally-facing IVOA resources

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VO Applications for Astronomers

http://www.ivoa.net/astronomers/applications.html



Why the review

- We received reports that existing VO-powered applications were missing from the page
- Broken links were also discovered among the apps currently linked from the page

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 - ...runs in a browser (with caveats)
 - ...working (with caveats)

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 - downloaded and installed successfully...
 - ...but their functionalities seem to be broken

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Moving forward

- One time, IVOA-wide call for new apps/services that might have been missed
- More structured procedure for updates to the webpage:
 - Regular, bi-annual solicitation for new apps/services (and revision of webpage/links/apps status), before each InterOp

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Visible

- Request that linked app webpages backlink the IVOA Apps webpage
 - → Even redirecting only a small fraction of visitors from the webpages of the most successful tools/services can revitalize the webpage
 - ightarrow Favoring an organic growth of the whole community of VO applications