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## International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA) Newcomers Introduction

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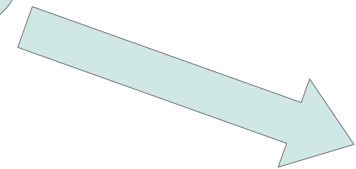
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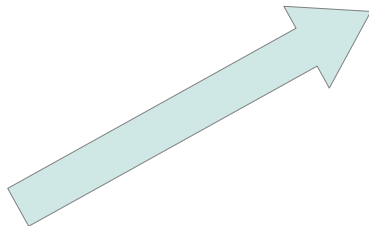
Science based interest groups



Science priorities committee

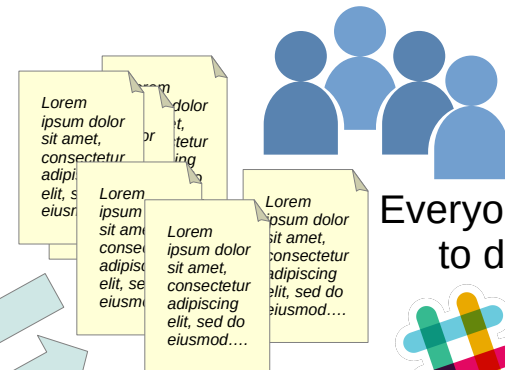


Scientists from IVOA members and major astronomy projects

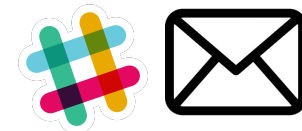


IVOA working groups

Working group discussions



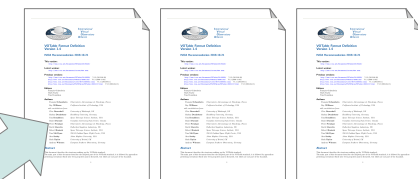
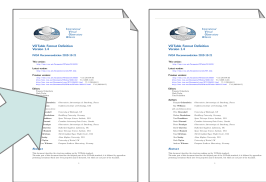
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Request For Comment (RFC) document



IVOA recommendation



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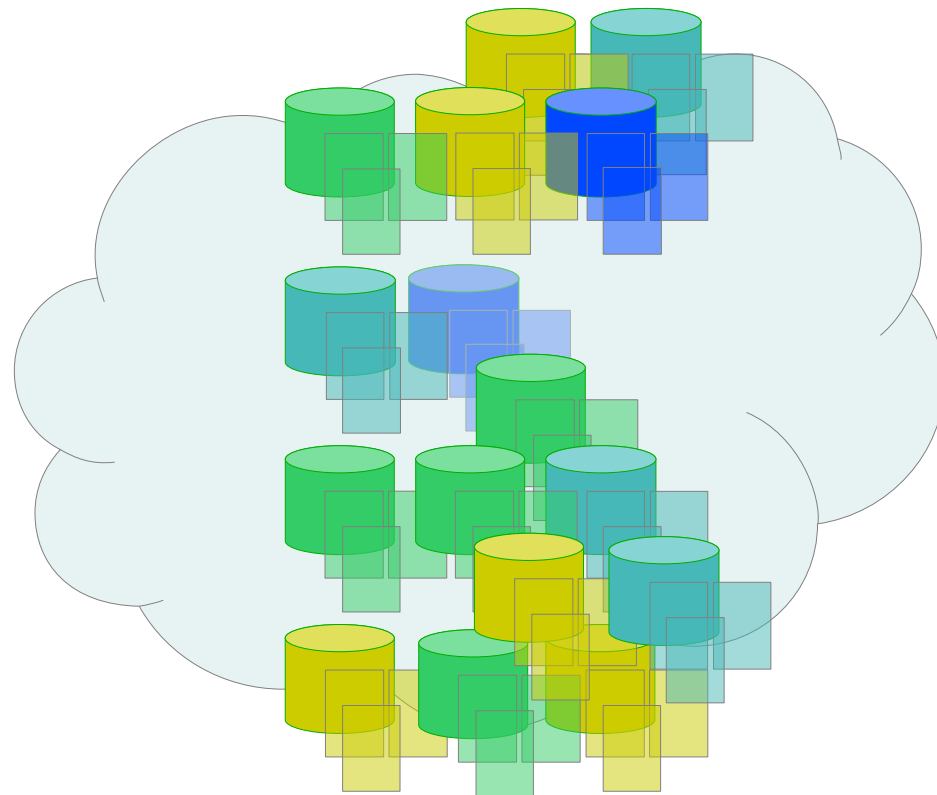
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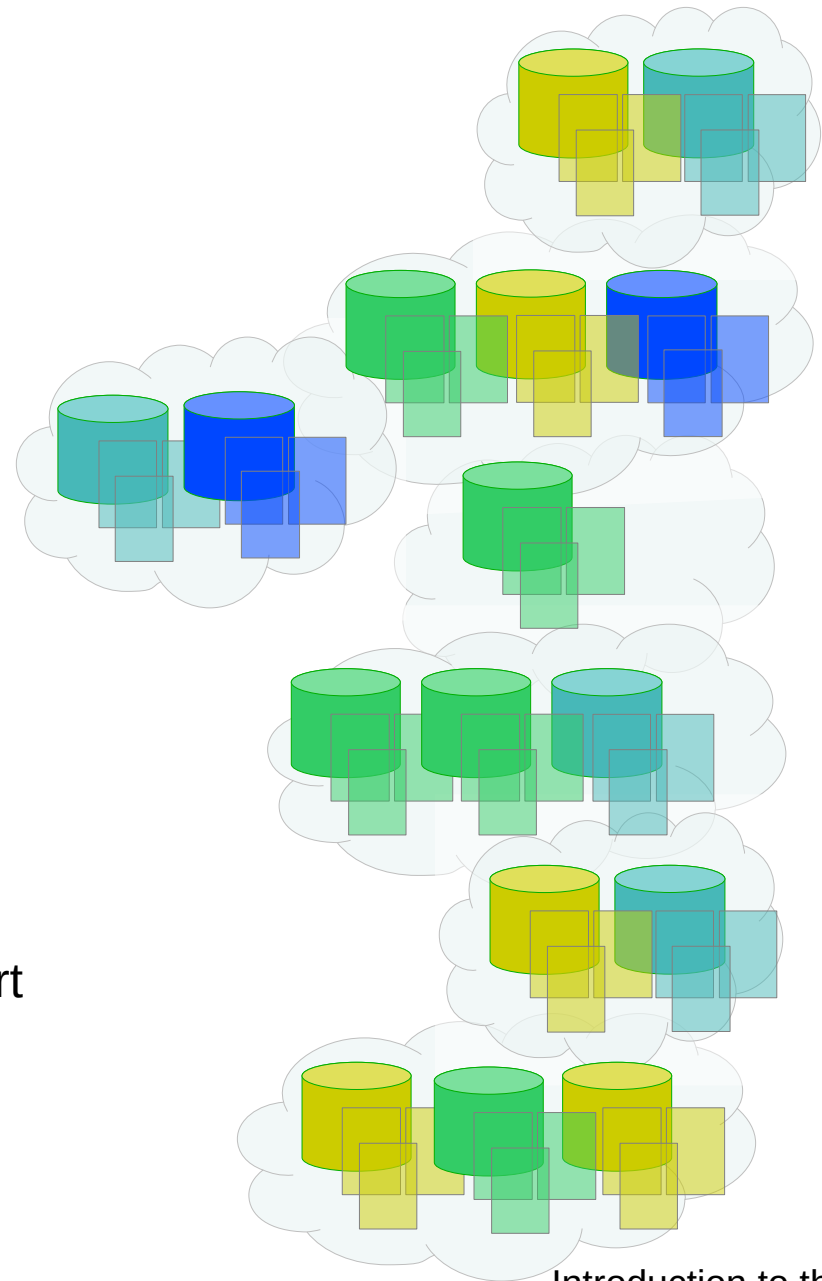
## The Virtual Observatory

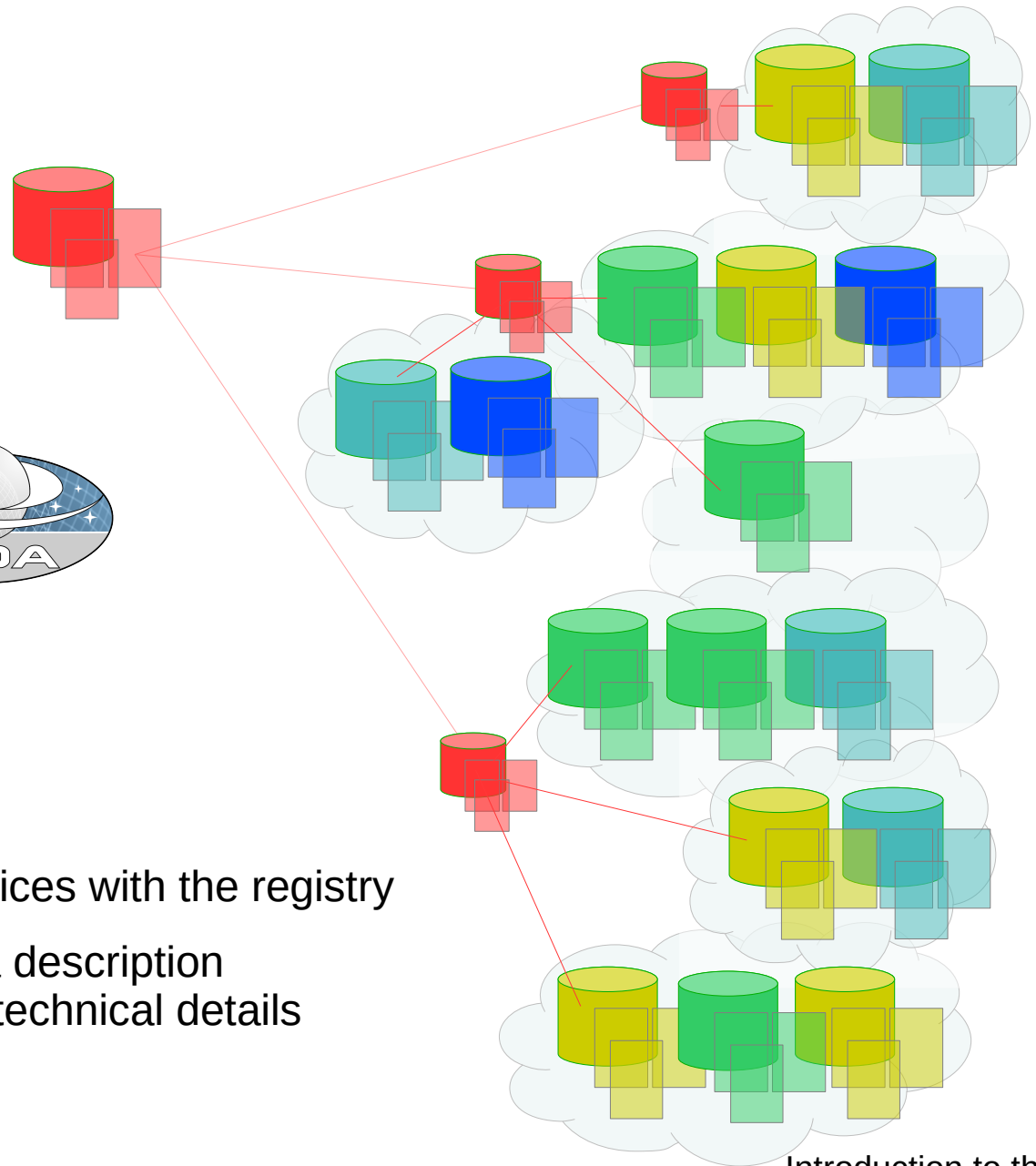
Data from all over the world .... in the cloud





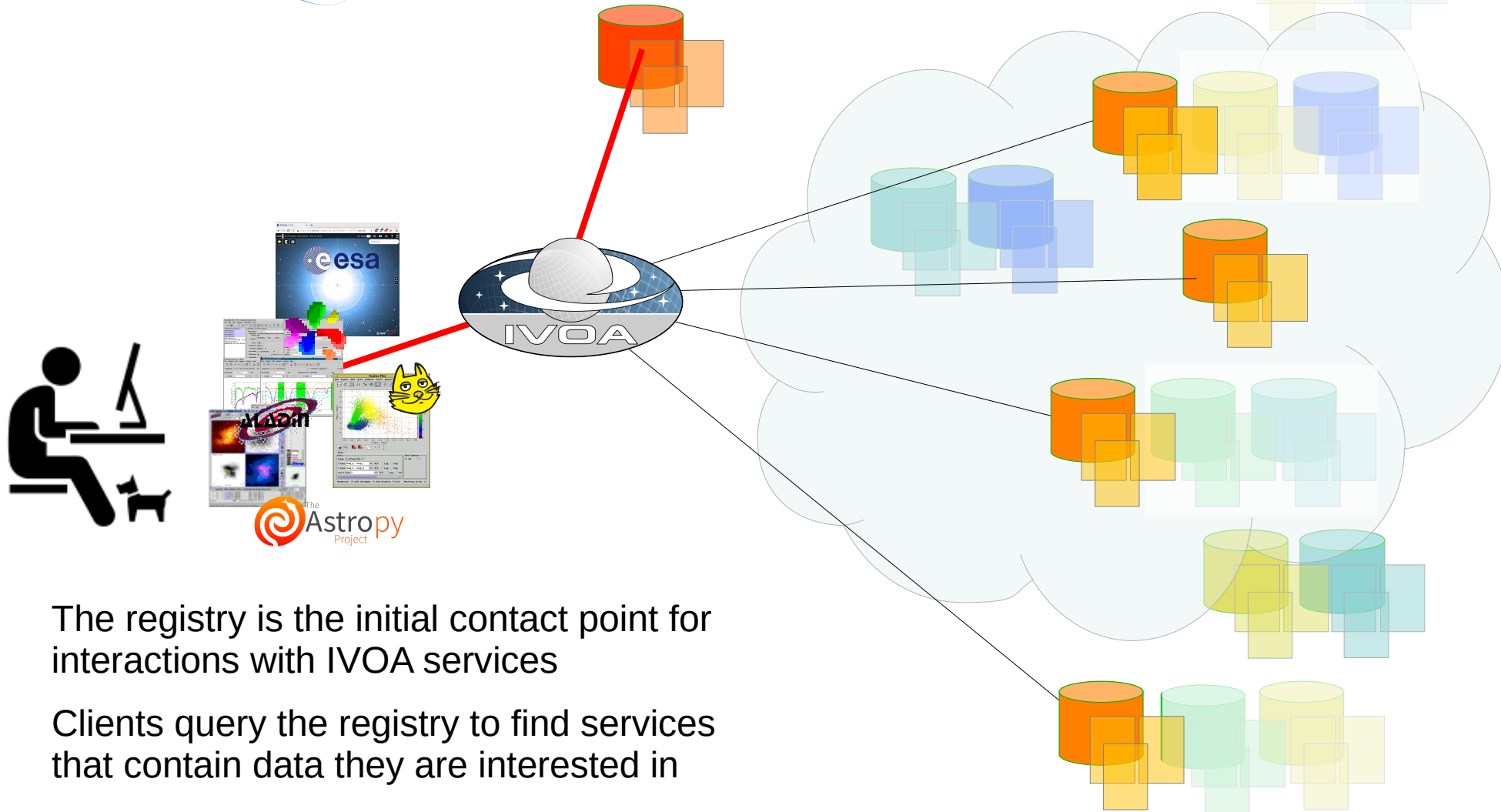
Lots of individual services each playing their part  
But ... how do you know where everything is ?





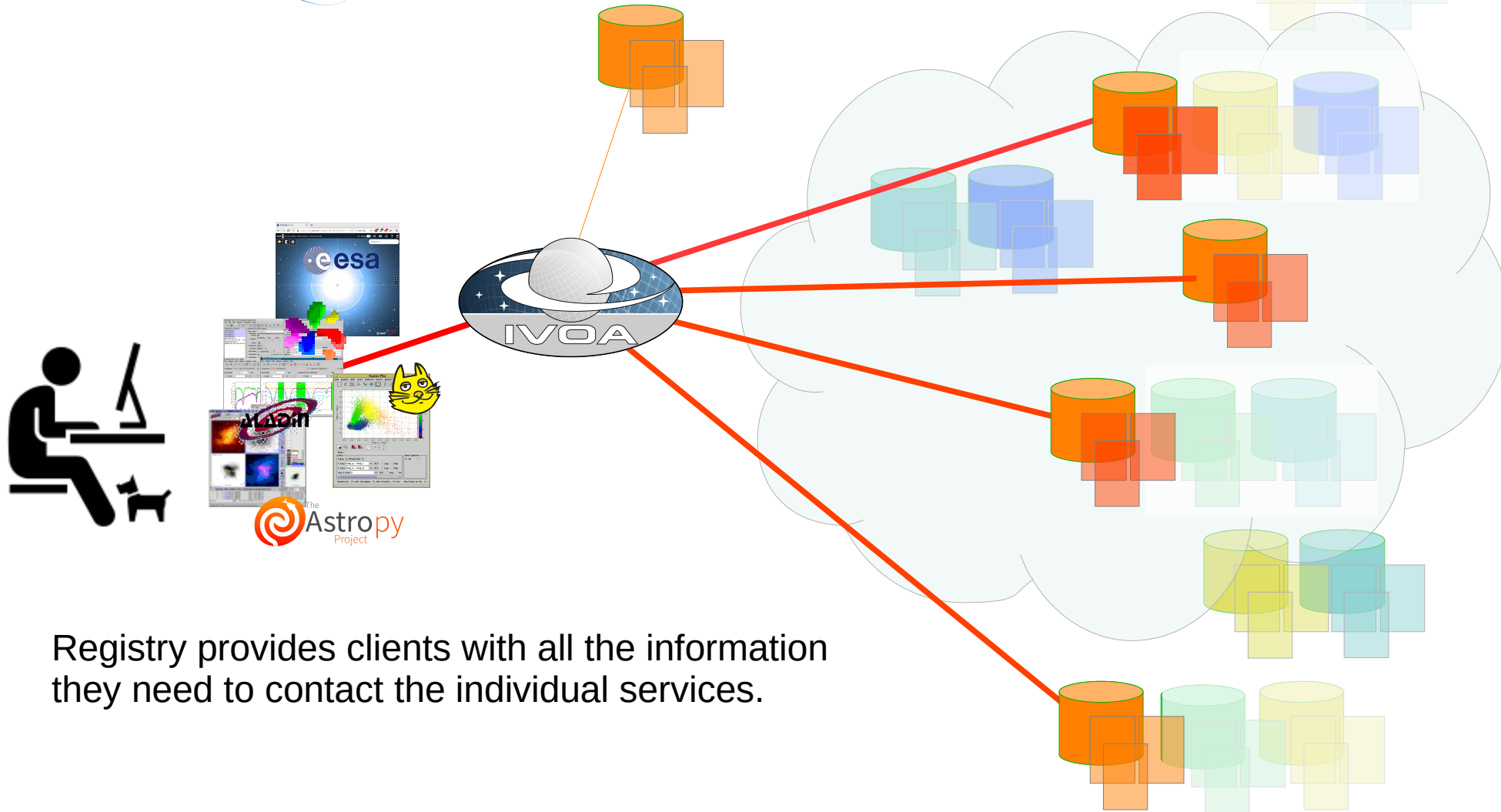
Data providers register their services with the registry

Registration metadata includes a description of the data they provide and the technical details of how to connect



The registry is the initial contact point for interactions with IVOA services

Clients query the registry to find services that contain data they are interested in



Registry provides clients with all the information they need to contact the individual services.





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# Simple Cone Search

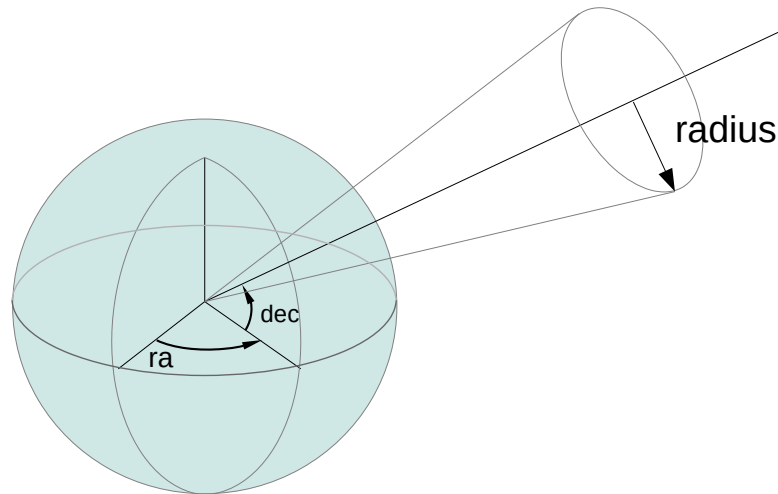
One of the earliest services defined by the IVOA

Version 1.0 adopted as an IVOA recommendation in 2006

RA = 170° (deg)

DEC = 25° (deg)

SR = 30° (deg)



<https://ivoa.net/documents/latest/ConeSearch.html>



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# Unified Content Descriptors (UCD)

Different data providers have a different table structures

Data provider #1

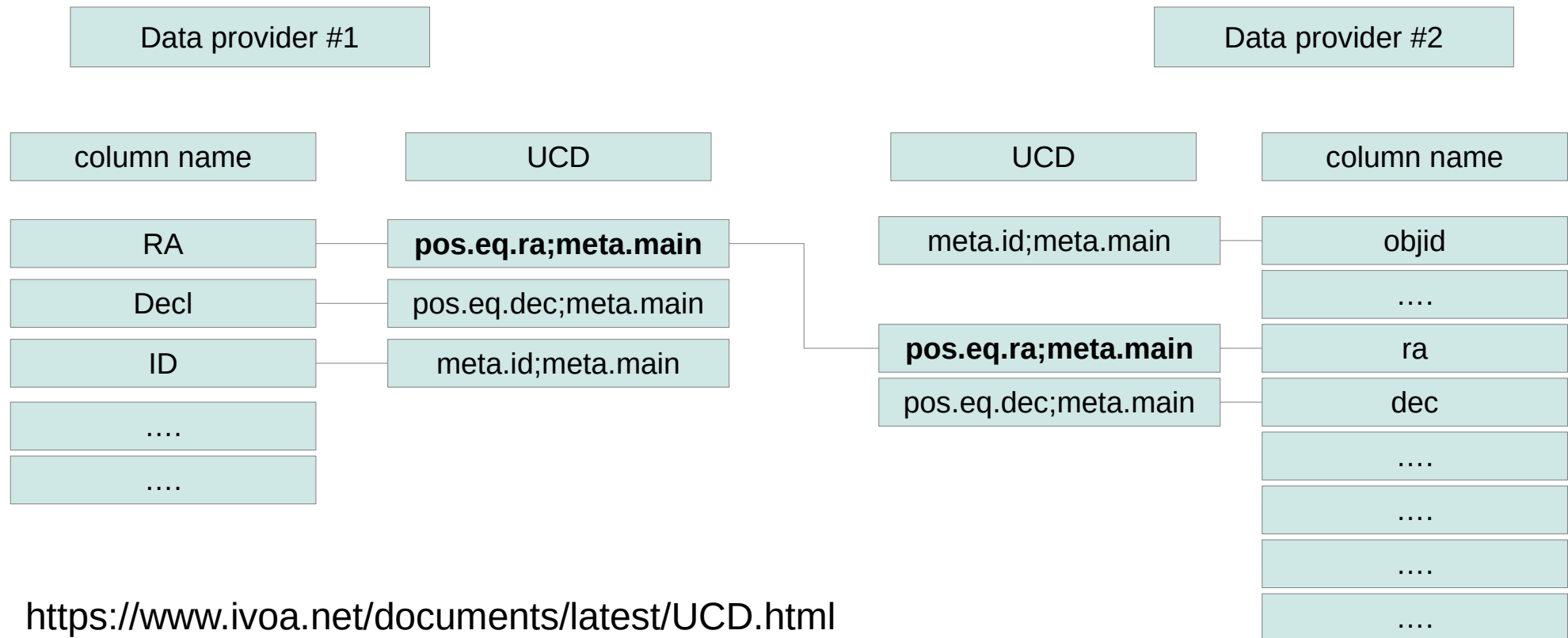
column name
RA
Decl
ID
....
....

Data provider #2

column name
objid
....
ra
dec
....
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# Unified Content Descriptors (UCD)

TAP schema and UCDs enable **clients** to figure out the mapping



<https://www.ivoa.net/documents/latest/UCD.html>



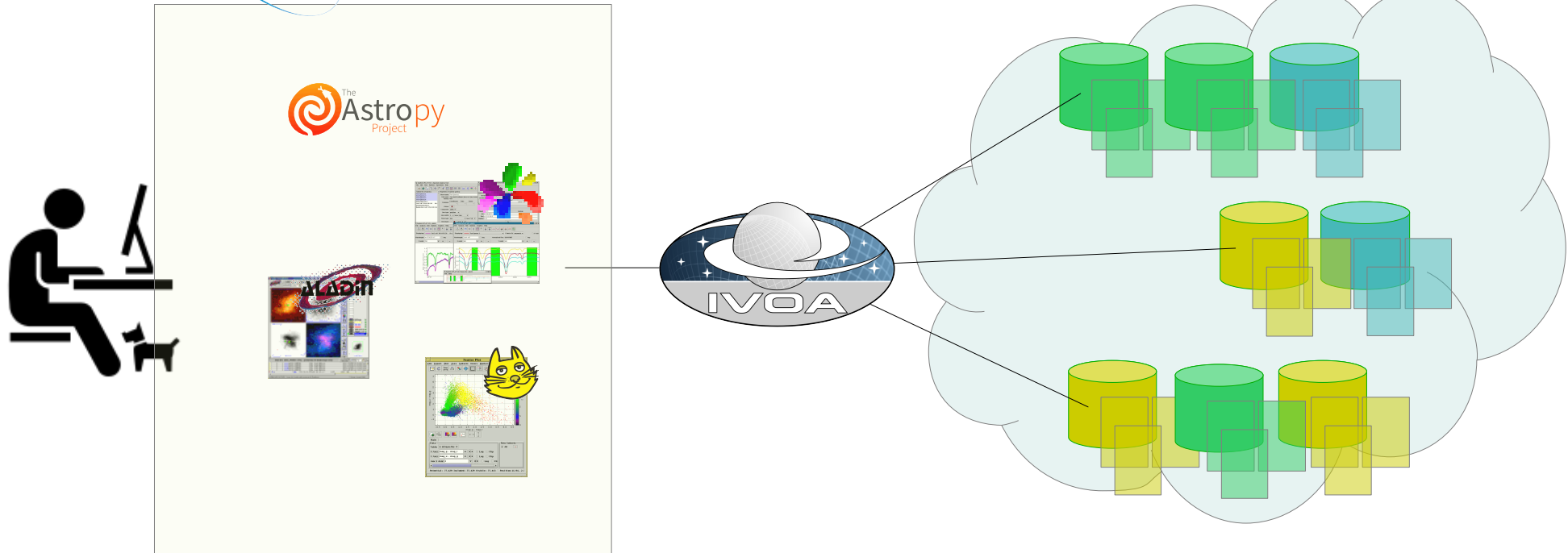
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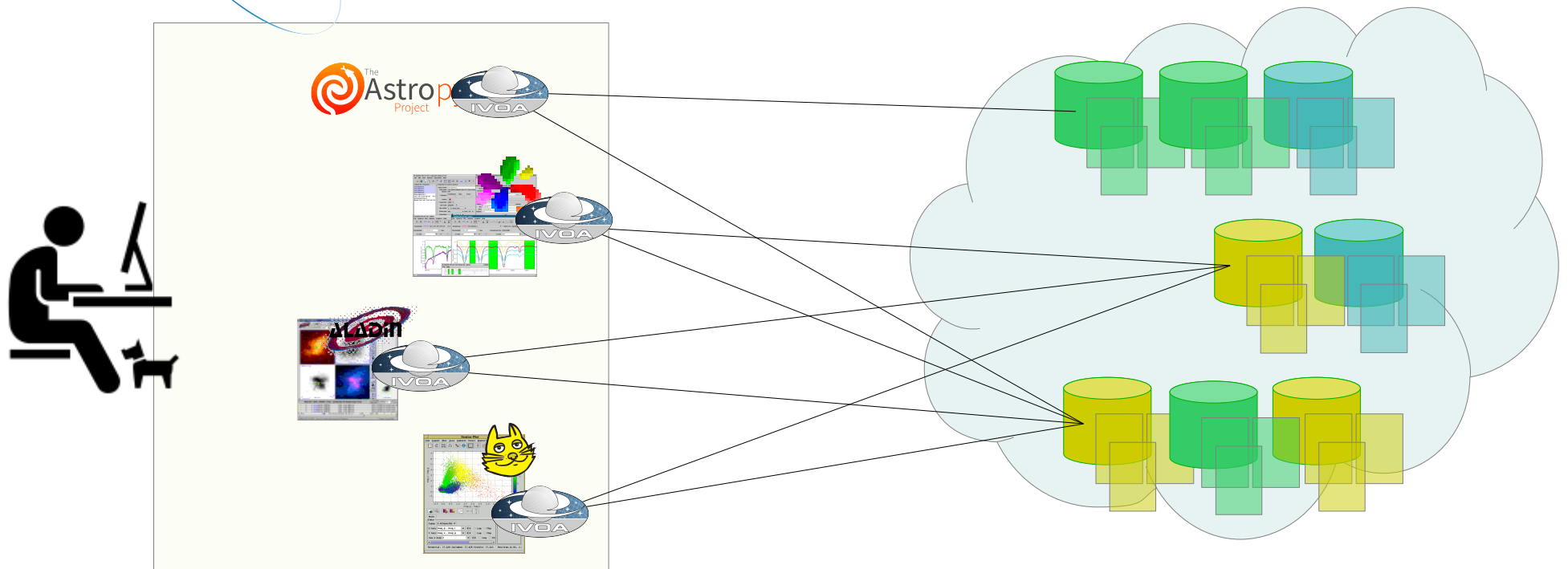


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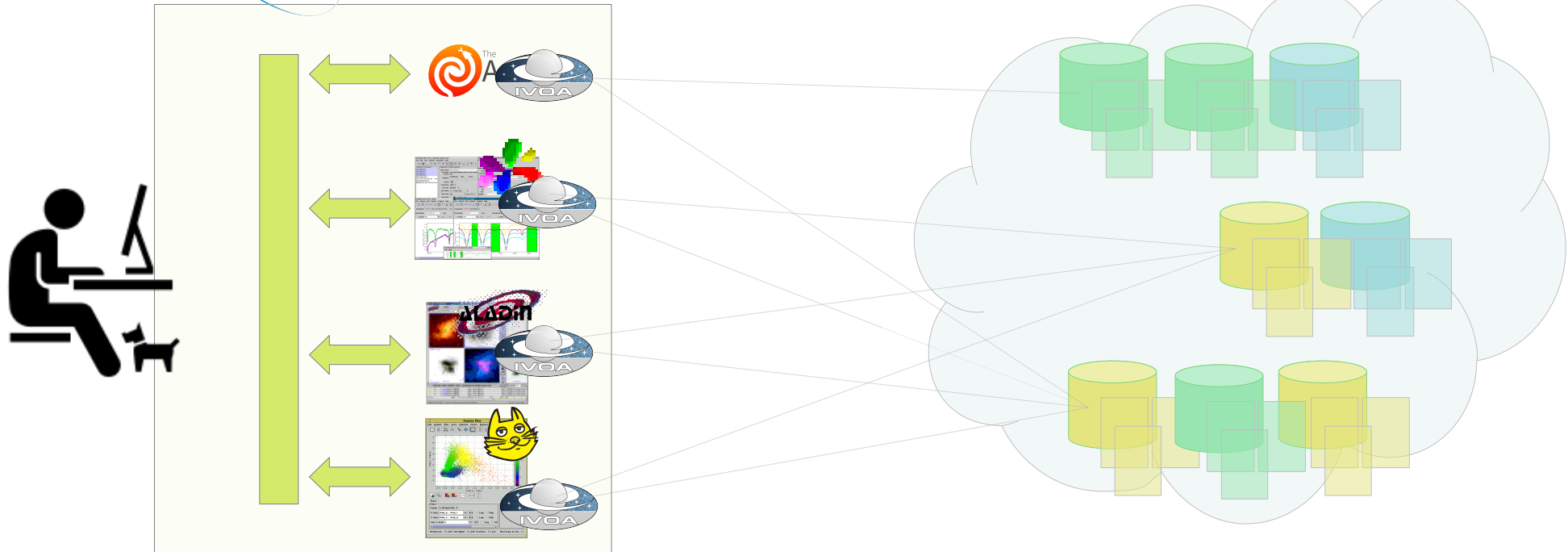
All the data from the cloud .... available on your desktop



All the data from the cloud .... to each desktop app

Each application maintains its own connection to the VO





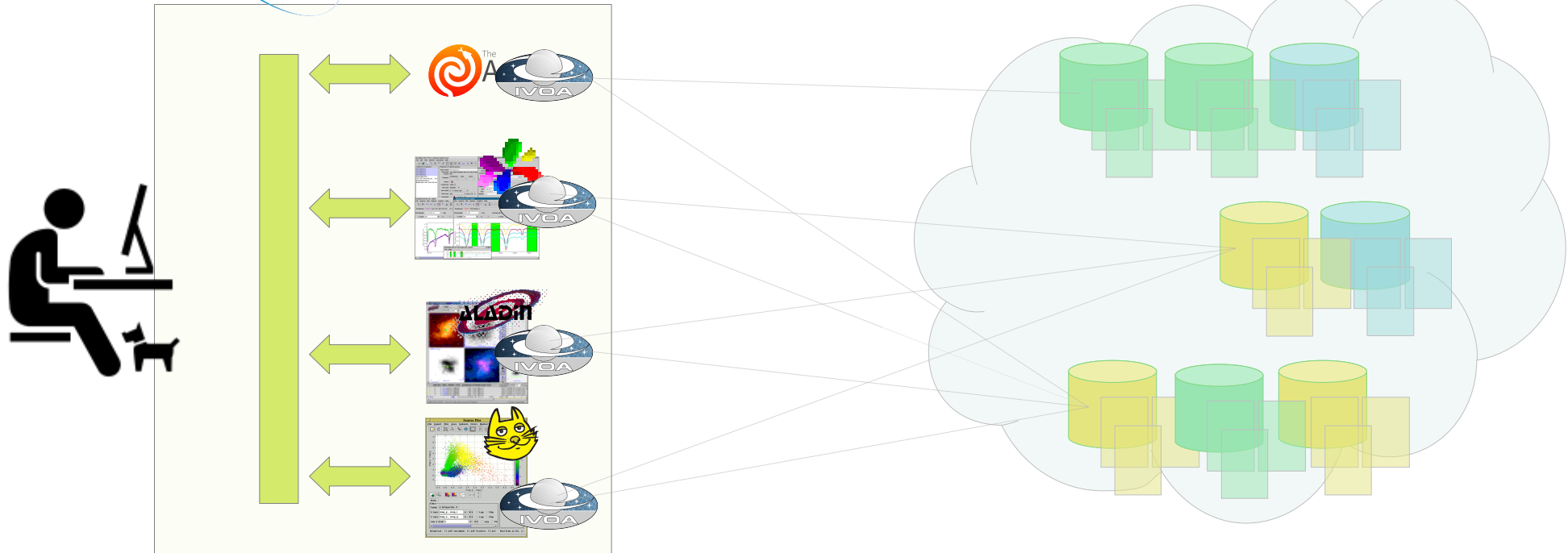
SAMP is a message bus within your local computer

Applications can use SAMP to send messages to each other

`table.load.votable <http://example.org/.../table.vot>`

`image.load.fits <http://example.org/.../image.fits>`

`coord.pointAt.sky <ra,dec>`



Messages can be sent to specific applications

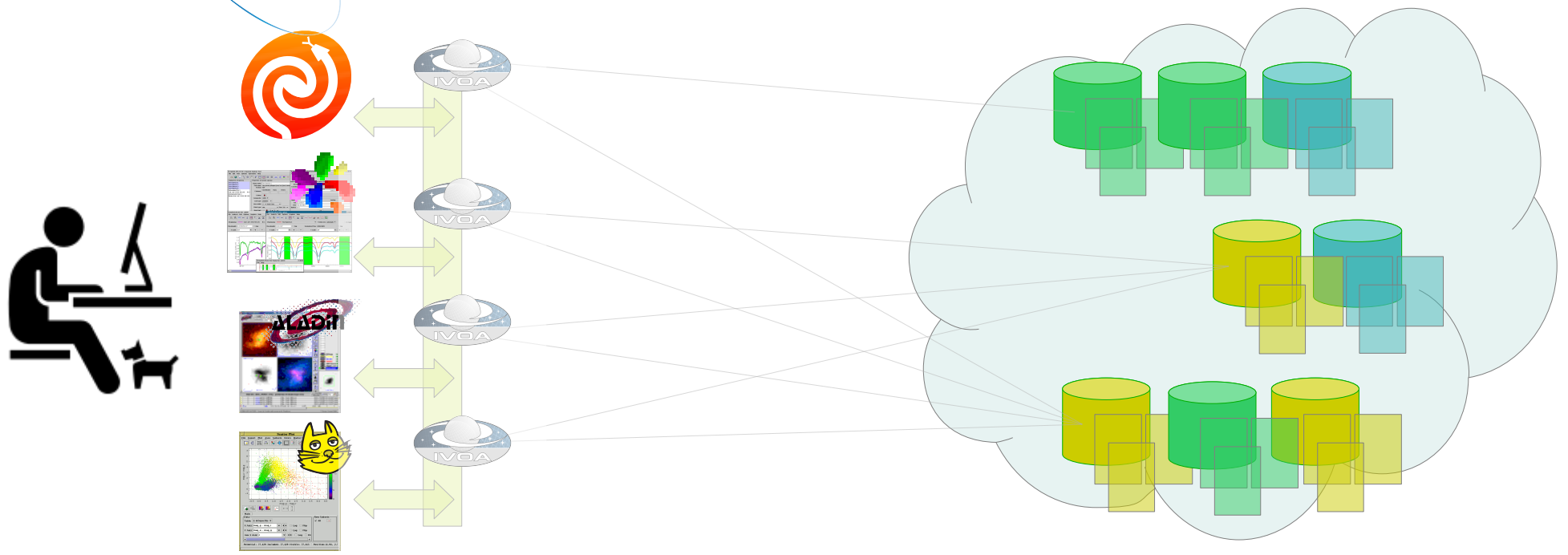
Send to Aladin:

`image.load.fits <http://example.org/.../image.fits>`

Or broadcast to all listeners

Send to all:

`coord.pointAt.sky <ra,dec>`



## The Virtual Observatory

If we have done our job right, all the details disappear

All the data from the cloud appears to be one big dataset accessible through your desktop



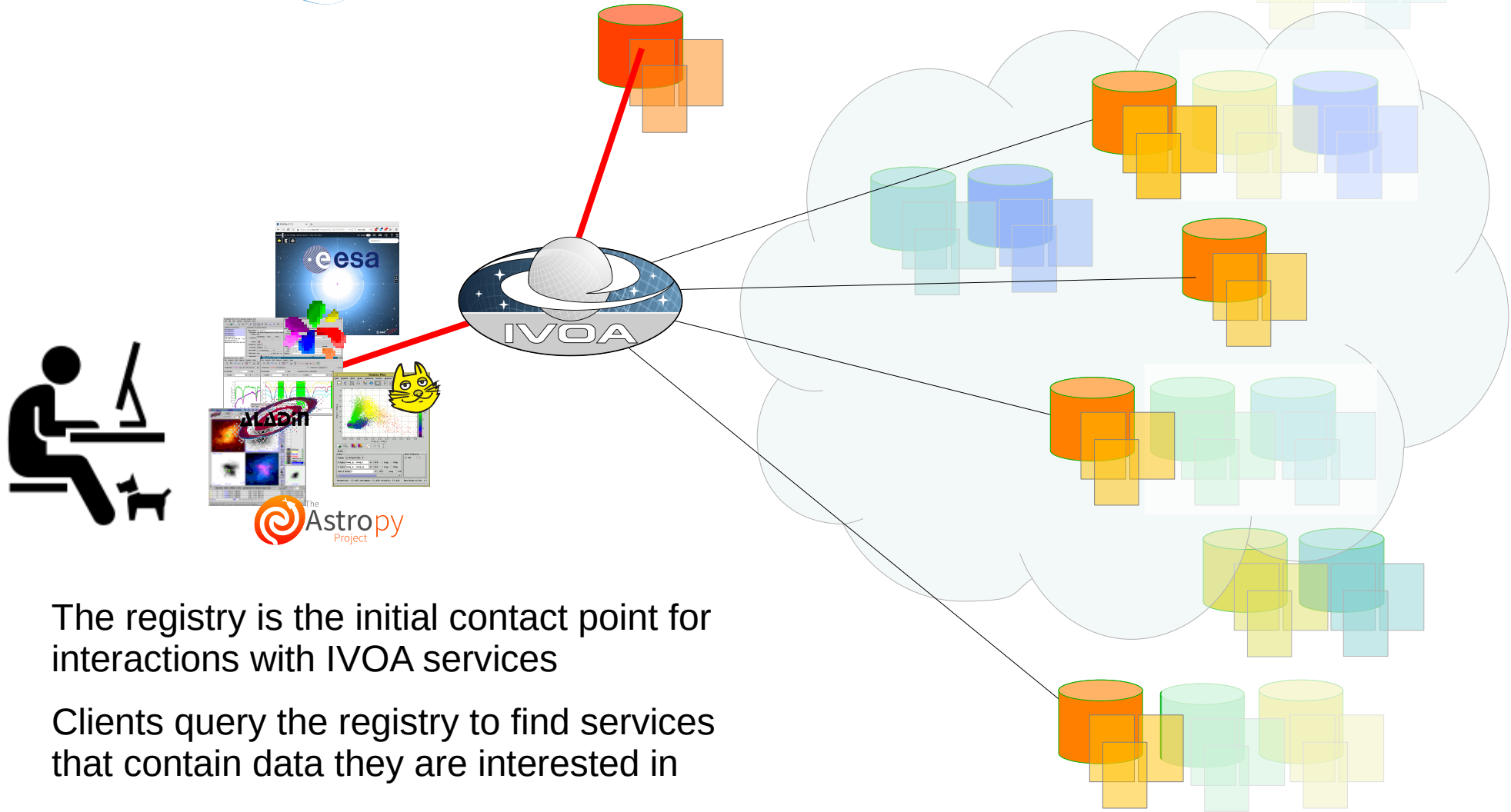
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## Registry Resource Record :

**Service capabilities**

TAP, ObsTap, ConeSearch, SIAP, SSAP

**Collection metadata**

Sky coverage (MOC)

Waveband

Infra-red, optical, ultra-violet, xray

**Database catalogs**

**Table and column metadata**



Data providers publish metadata about their services and the data they contain

Client applications can use standard terms to help the user discover the data they need

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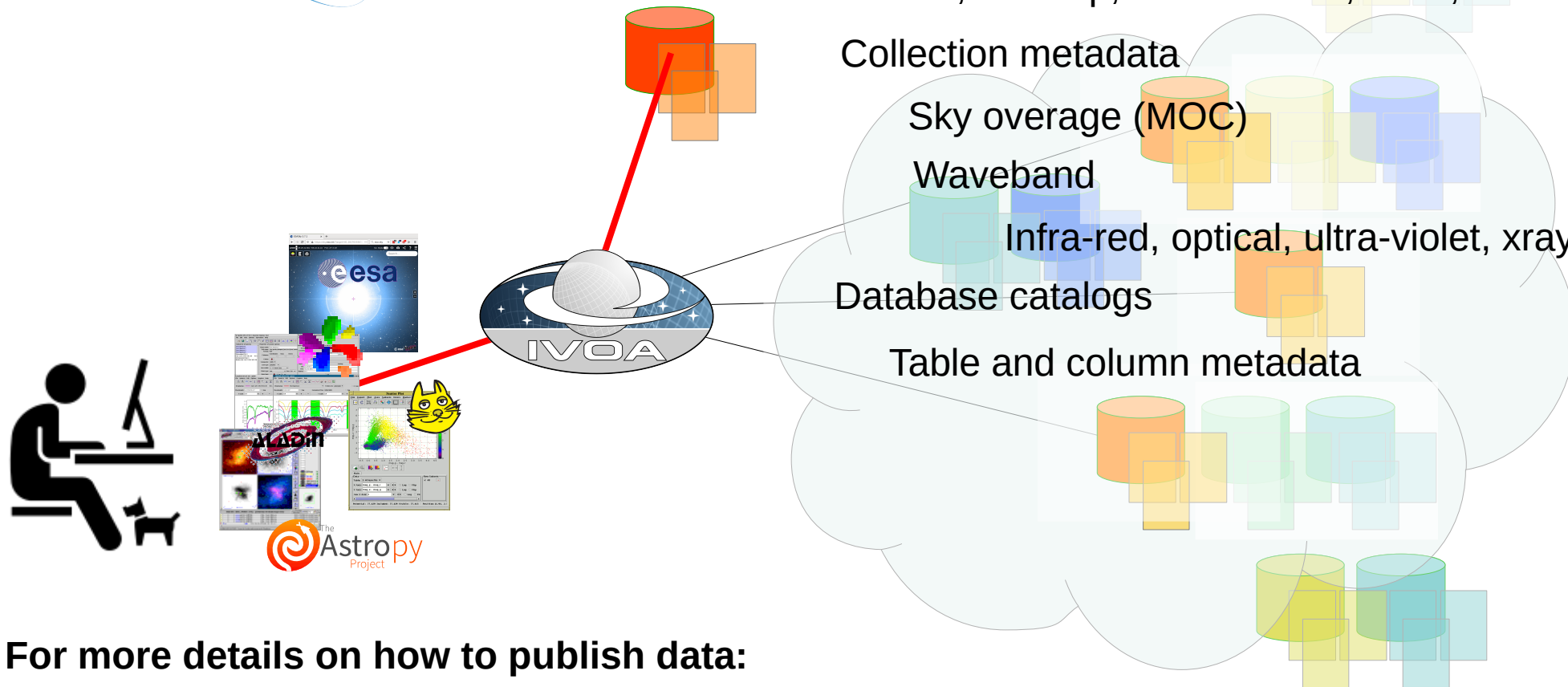
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For more details on how to publish data:

<https://wiki.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/PublishingInTheVO>

The service standards define what metadata is required for each type of service



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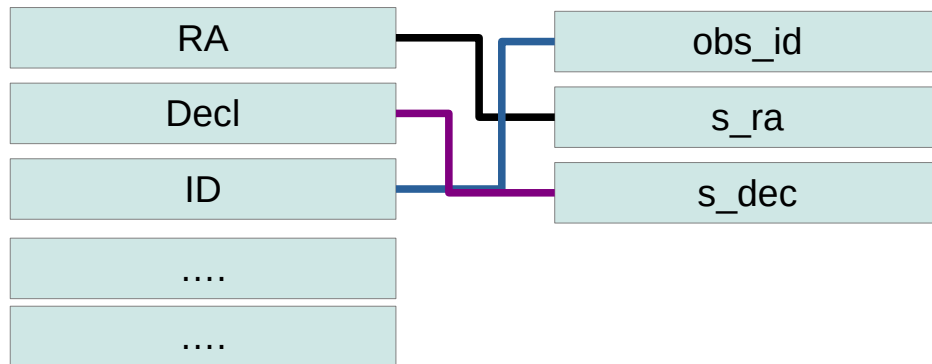


# Observation Data Model Core Components

ObsCore adds a standard view to the data in each data provider

Data provider #1

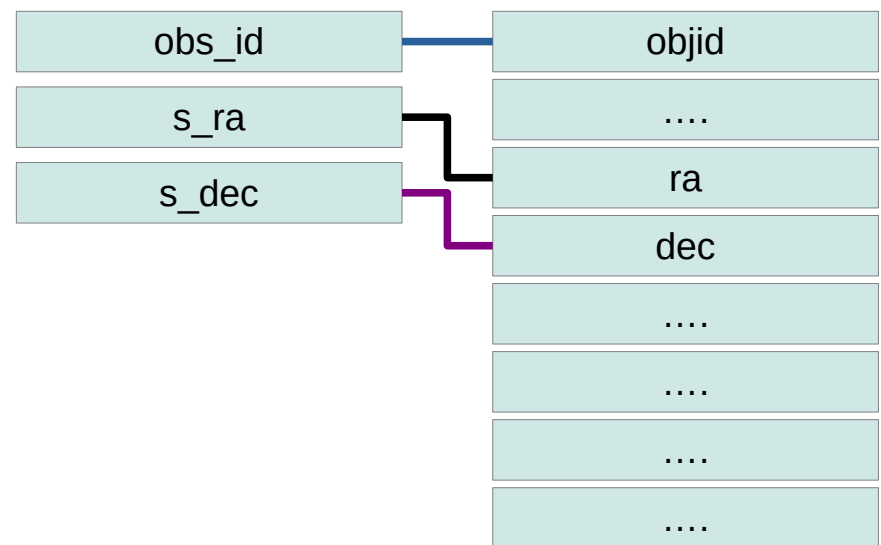
```
CREATE VIEW ivoa.ObsCore ( .... )
```



<https://www.ivoa.net/documents/ObsCore/>

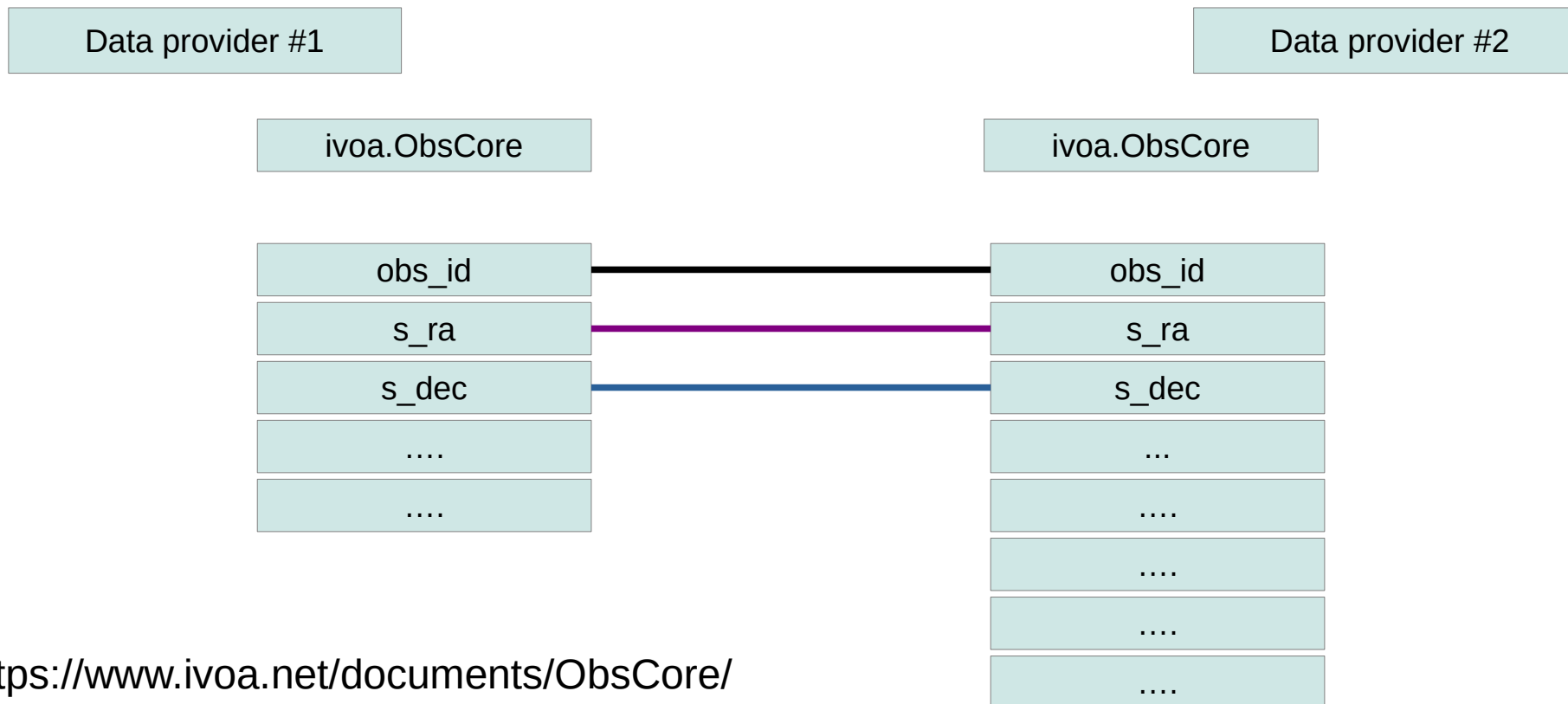
Data provider #2

```
CREATE VIEW ivoa.ObsCore ( .... )
```



# Observation Data Model Core Components

Now the public tables in **both** providers are the same



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# Observation Data Model Core Components

Now, the same query can be applied to **both** services

Data provider #1

Data provider #2

ivoa.ObsCore

ivoa.ObsCore

**SELECT**

**\*** obs\_id

**FROM** ivoa.obscore AS db

**JOIN** TAP\_UPLOAD.It AS mine

**ON** 1=CONTAINS (

POINT('ICRS', db.s\_ra, db.s\_dec),

CIRCLE('ICRS', mine.RA, mine.Decl, mine.Beta)

)

**AND**

db.dataproduct\_type='image'

obs\_id

s\_ra

s\_dec

...

....

....

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Science based interest groups

Scientific use cases

theory  
time-series

Science priorities for the IVOA

Science platforms  
Machine learning

Science priorities committee

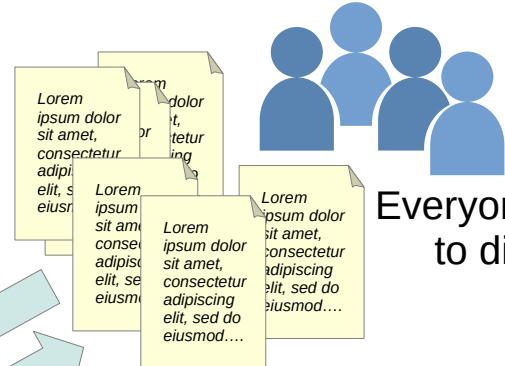
Multi-messenger astronomy



Scientists from IVOA members and major astronomy projects

IVOA working groups  
e.g. DataAccessLayer,  
Applications,  
Semantics

Working group email list



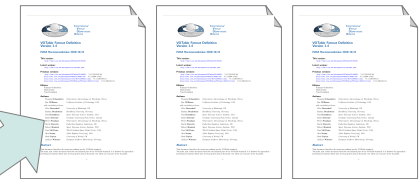
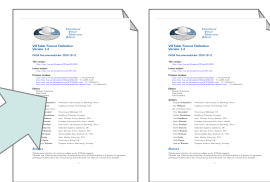
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New standards being developed

- ObjVisSAP    ObsLocTAP
- TIMESYS    Multi-order Coverage (MOC)
- Hierarchical Progressive Surveys (HiPS)

Request For Comment (RFC) document

IVOA recommendation



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