

Virtual Observatory tools and services

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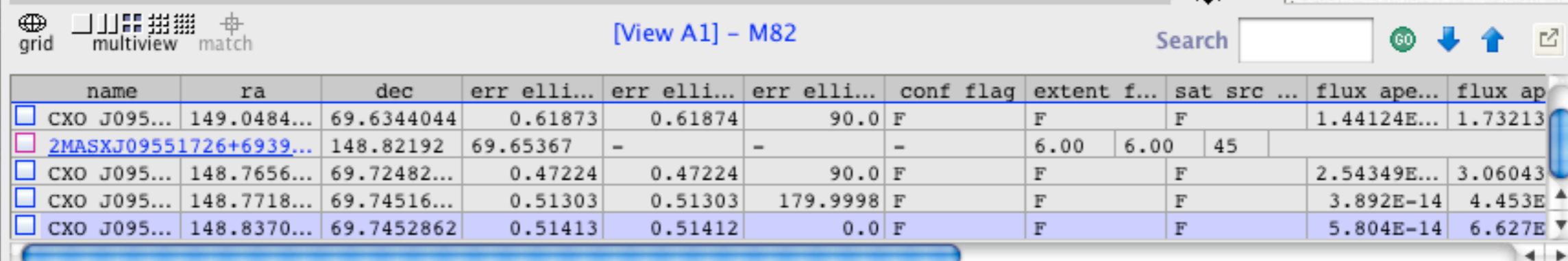
VO tools offer a variety of functionalities:

- data discovery / data mining
- cross correlation
- spectra visualisation
- catalogue/table manipulation
- image handling
- plotting

SAMP: a messaging protocol allowing various tools to communicate with each other

Data Discovery	Spectral Analysis	Data visualisation and handling	SED building and fitting	Cross-correlation	Footprints
Aladin	SPLAT	TOPCAT/STILTS	VOSED	TOPCAT/STILTS	<i>NVO Footprint</i>
VO Desktop	VOSpec	Aladin	VOSA	Aladin	Aladin
<i>Datascope</i>	Specview	VOPlot	<i>easy-z*</i>	<i>Open SkyQuery</i>	VirGO*
Octet	<i>NVO Spectrum</i>	<i>VisIVO</i>	GOSSIP*	VODesktop	
NED	[EURO-3D]	VOCat	<i>NVO Filter</i>		
<i>VoEventNet</i>		<i>Montage</i>	VOSpec		
ASPID		<i>VOSat</i>			
VirGO*		DS9*			
<i>SkyView</i>		<i>Mirage*</i>			

*existing tool, adapted to “speak” SAMP



The screenshot shows the 'VO discovery tool' interface. On the left is a sidebar with a list of 'Image servers': Aladin images, SkyView, Sloan, MAST, CADC, DSS..., VLA..., and Others... Each server has a small icon next to its name. The 'Others...' folder is currently selected. On the right is a configuration panel for the selected server. It has a title bar with 'Server selector' and three buttons: 'Others', 'File', and 'all VO'. Below the buttons, the 'Target' is set to 'NGC1068' and the 'Radius' is set to '3''. There are three checked checkboxes under the 'Servers' label: 'Images', 'Catalogs', and 'Spectra'. Below these is a tree view showing a folder icon with a '+' sign and the text 'Simbad database'. At the bottom of the configuration panel is a 'Server status' window. It has a title bar with 'Server status' and three window control buttons. The status is 'CADC'. Below this, there is a table of information:

Description	: Canadian Astronomical Data
Type	: Image
More info	: http://www.cadc.hia.nrc.gc.ca
Last query	: http://www.cadc-ccda.hia-ih
Status	: Ok
Identifier	: CADC

Below the table, there is a paragraph of text: 'The Canadian Virtual Observatory (CVO) provides archives (decompose mosaic images into single region-of-interest when it is smaller than FITS files.'

Check/uncheck the servers concerned by the ALL VO discovery mode				
Select all		Unselect all	Filter: <input type="text"/>	Go
Image servers				
1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Aladin image server (CDS/Strasbourg) – DSS/MAM...	Ok	?	
2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SDSS DR7 images	Ok	?	
3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multimission Archive at STScI (MAST)	Ok	?	
4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canadian Astronomical Data Center (CADC)	Ok	?	
5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hubble press release images	No result	?	
6)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAMA ESO R Atlas – VO-Paris (Fr)	Ok	?	
7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chandra X-Ray Observatory Data Archive	Ok	?	
8)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOAO Science Archive	No result	?	
9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SAI Supernova light curve catalogue	Ok	?	
10)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Observations of neutron stars	Ok	?	
11)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IA2 Italian Center for Astronomical Archive: TNG	Querying.....	?	
12)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VO-Paris MAMA ESO R Atlas	No result	?	
13)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HST-ACS GOODS data within Chandra Deep Field South (CD...	No result	?	
Status report		Querying.....	?	
DC		Library Simple Image Access	Error	
Center (CADC)		No result	?	
ca/cadc/		OA0 ELAIS N1 -- R	No result	
na.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/ivoa/CADC/siapQuery?POS=4		OA0 Extragalactic -- R	No result	
		No result	?	
vides this SIA server access for some CADC		Galactic Survey	No result	
yle extension FITS files , cutout of the		No result	?	
the image, WCS correction of returned		No result	?	
		No result	?	
		oe preview images	Querying.....	
		ncillary VLA Data	No result	
		rvice	Ok	
		ase Image Data Atlas	Ok	
		Ok	?	
		Ok	?	

TOPCAT/STILTS - the table 'wizard'

The screenshot displays the TOPCAT software interface with several windows open:

- Table List:** Shows a list of tables:
 - 1: Lockman_old_sample.dat
 - 2: lh-swire_sdn090.fits
- Current Table Properties:** Shows the label: test.txt
- Load New Table:** A window with various icons for loading data.
- TOPCAT(1): Table Browser:** Displays the Table Browser for 1: Lockman_old_sample.dat. It shows a table with columns: ObjID, RA, Dec, zspec, and a list of flux measurements.
- TOPCAT(1): Table Parameters:** Displays the Table Parameters for 1: Lockman_old_sample.dat. It shows a table with columns: Name, Value, and Description.

Table Browser for 1: Lockman_old_sample.dat

ObjID	RA	Dec	zspec
1	11014.	164.27254	58.07700
2	9802.		
3	10089.		
4	4483.		
5	12259.		
6	20416.		
7	5549.		
8	23266.		
9	29454.		
10	17415.		
11	7801.		
12	20645.		
13	17499.		
14	27261.		
15	38866.		
16	37569.		
17	28959.		
18	39703.		

Table Columns for 1: Lockman_old_sample.dat

Visible	Name	\$ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	Index	\$0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ObjID	\$1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RA	\$2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dec	\$3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	zspec	\$4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_fuv	\$5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_nuv	\$6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_u	\$7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_g	\$8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_r	\$9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_i	\$10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_z	\$11
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_j	\$12
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_h	\$13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_k	\$14
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_irac1	\$15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_irac2	\$16
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	flux_irac3	\$17

Table Parameters for 1: Lockman_old_sample.dat

Name	Value	Description
Name	/Users/ehatzimi/Desktop/Lockman_old_sample.dat	Table name
URL	file:/Users/ehatzimi/Desktop/Lockman_old_sample.dat	URL of original table
Column Count	44	Number of columns
Row Count	165	Number of rows

Table Parameters for 1: Lockman_old_sample.dat

Name:

Class:

Shape:

Units:

Description:

UCD:

Value:

?

X

Match Criteria

Algorithm: Sky

✓ Sky

Max Error: Sky with E

Sky 3D

Exact Valu

1-d Cartes

2-d Cartes

2-d Cartes

3-d Cartes

Table 1

Table: 1: Lockman_o

RA column: RA

Dec column: Dec

Table 2

Table: 2: lh-swire_sd

RA column: RA

Dec column: DEC

Output Rows

Match Select: 1 and 2

1 or 2

✓ All from 1

All from 2

1 not 2

2 not 1

1 xor 2

Locating inte
Eliminating m
Elapsed time
Match succeeded

Go

?

X

Available Cone Search Services

Registry: http://registry.astrogrid.org/astrogrid-registry/services/RegistryQueryv1_0

Keywords: SDSS quasars

And

Cancel Query

Submit Query

name	title
AR	ROSAT All-Sky Survey and SDSS Sample of X-Ray Emitting Stars
QSO	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Quasar Catalog (5th Data Release)
QSO	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Broad Absorption Line Quasars Catalog: 5th Data
QSO	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Broad Absorption Line Quasars Catalog (3rd Data
QSO	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Quasars Detected by Chandra
KDE	SDSS NBCKDE Catalog of Photometrically Selected Quasar Candidates
QSO	Sloan Digital Sky Survey NBC Quasar Candidate Catalog

AccessURL	Description	Version
http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/...		

Multiple Cone Search Parameters

Cone Search URL: http://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/vo/cone/coneGet.pl?ta

Input Table: 1: Lockman_old_sample.dat

RA column: RA

degrees
(J2000)

Dec column: Dec

degrees
(J2000)

Search Radius column: 1.0

arcsec

Output Mode: New joined table with best matches

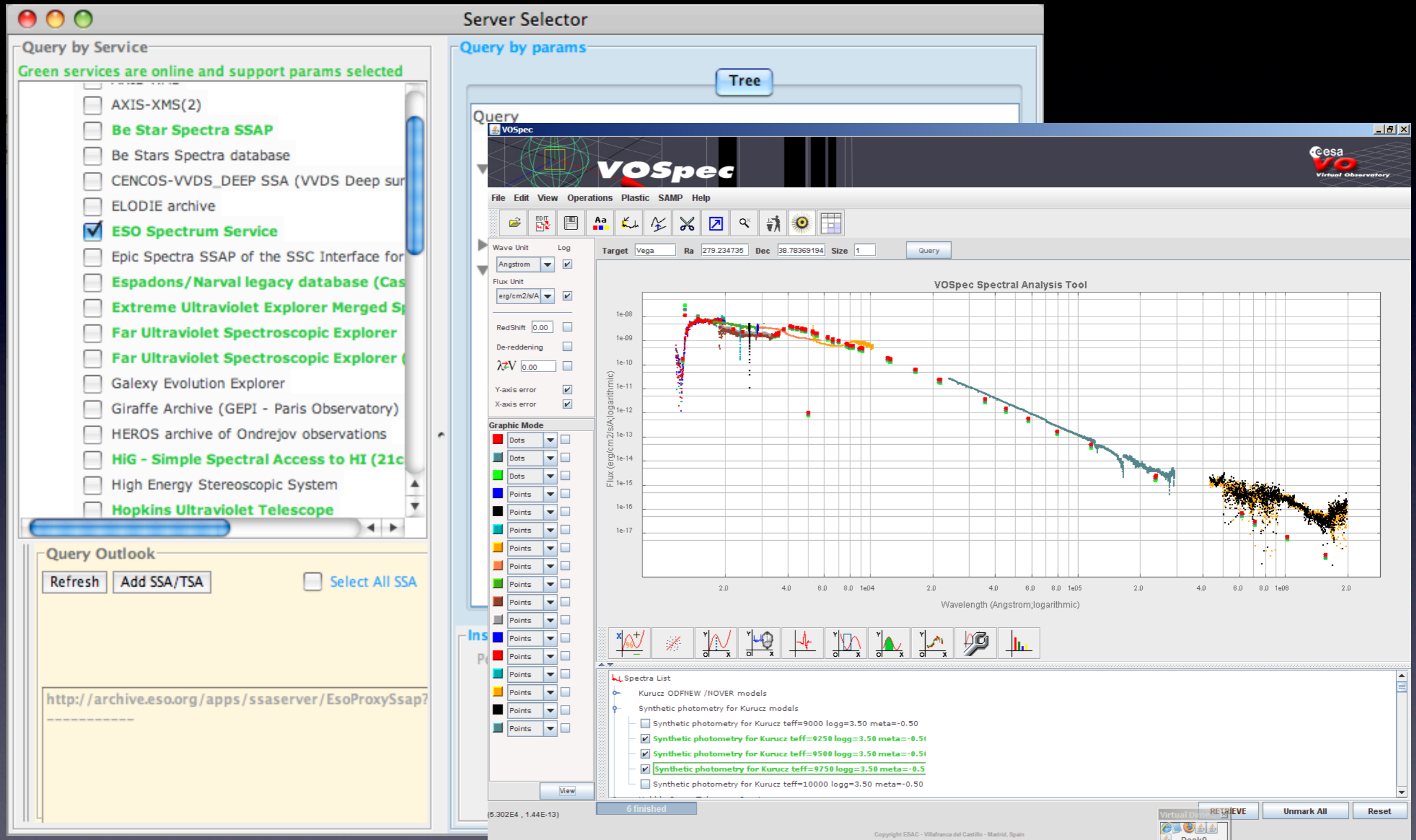
Parallelism: 5
Error Handling: ignore

Go

Stop

- Cone Search
- SIA Query
- SSA Query
- VizieR Catalogue Service
- GAVO Millennium Run Query
- Multicone
- Multiple SIA
- Multiple SSA

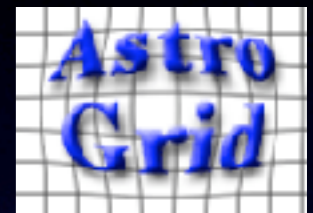
VOSpec, SPLAT, Specview - the spectral analysis tools



SPLAT-VO and Specview offer similar data access and similar analysis functionalities

Scripting

e.g.



```
1 # Import some functions
2 from astrogrid import ConeSearch
3 from astrogrid import sesame
4
5 # Query name resolver and get coordinates
6 s=sesame()
7 coords, ra, dec = s.resolve('M51')
8
9 # We are going to query the NED database
10 cone = ConeSearch("ivo://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/positions")
11
12 # Perform the query
13 vot = cone.execute(ra, dec)
14
15 # Print the result
16 print vot
17
18 # or save it
19 open('result.vot', 'w').w
```

COMPLETE EXAMPLES

The following links provide complete scripts which perform the described action. You can copy paste from the pages or download all the scripts from the tar file linked at the bottom.

- [Search a catalogue for sources in a number of positions](#)
- [Search a catalogue for sources in a number of positions \(parallel version\)](#)
- [Search for images covering selected objects or areas](#)
- [Cross Match tables \(NED, 2MASS, SDSS, UKIDSS\)](#)
- [Submit an ADQL query to UKIDSS DR1](#)
- [Cross Match two tables returned by ADQL queries \(IPHAS + 2MASS\)](#)
- [Convert between file formats \(eg. VOTABLE to FITS\)](#)
- [Extract objects from images using SExtractor](#)

These and other Python scripts are available as a tar file: [python.tar.gz](#).

- [ColourCutter: Crossmatch catalogue data selected by colour \(FIR to optical\)](#)

<http://www.astrogrid.org/wiki/Help/IntroScripting/AstrogridPython>

but also:

Aladin macros
STILTS

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VO Software

In this section, scientists can find available VO-compatible applications for their immediate use to do science. The level of maturity of the applications depends on a high degree on the level of maturity of the corresponding IVOA protocols and standards, and care must be taken when using them for publications. As a consequence of the flexibility of the standards, several of the applications might overlap in functionality.

Latest Releases: [Datascope v3.2](#) (8 April 2010) [TOPCAT v3.5-2](#) (24 March 2010), [STILTS v2.1-2](#) (24 March 2010), [VODesktop v1.3.2](#) (10 February 2010)

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Application / Version (in alphabetical order)

Aladin v6.011a (January 2010)	
Datascope v3.2 (April 2010)	
Montage	
Octet	
Open SkyQuery	
SkyView	
Specview 2.14.4 (June 2009)	
SPLAT 3.9.0 (May 2009)	
TOPCAT/STILTS 3.5-2/2.1-2 (March 2010/March 2010)	
VisIVO 1.5.7.1 (May 2009)	
VOConvert 1.0 (June 2006)	

Functionality

- Search for Images:**
[Aladin](#), [Datascope](#), [SkyView](#), [VODesktop](#)
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Other VO-compliant tools

- [DS9](#): Image visualisation
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- [VirGO](#): Search for Images and Spectra

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