SKUA – persisting and sharing annotations

(with a little bit of semantics)

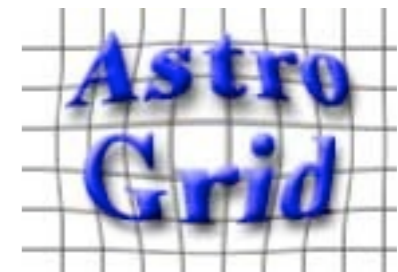Norman Gray

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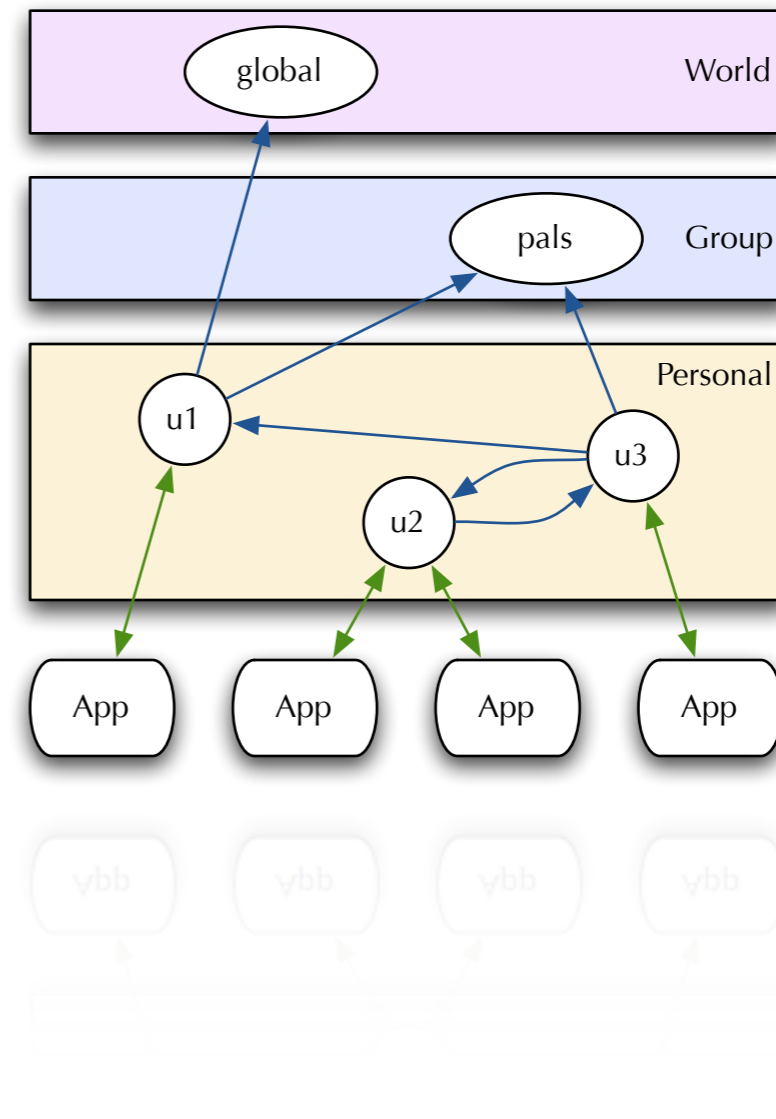IVOA Interop Strasbourg, 2009 May 28

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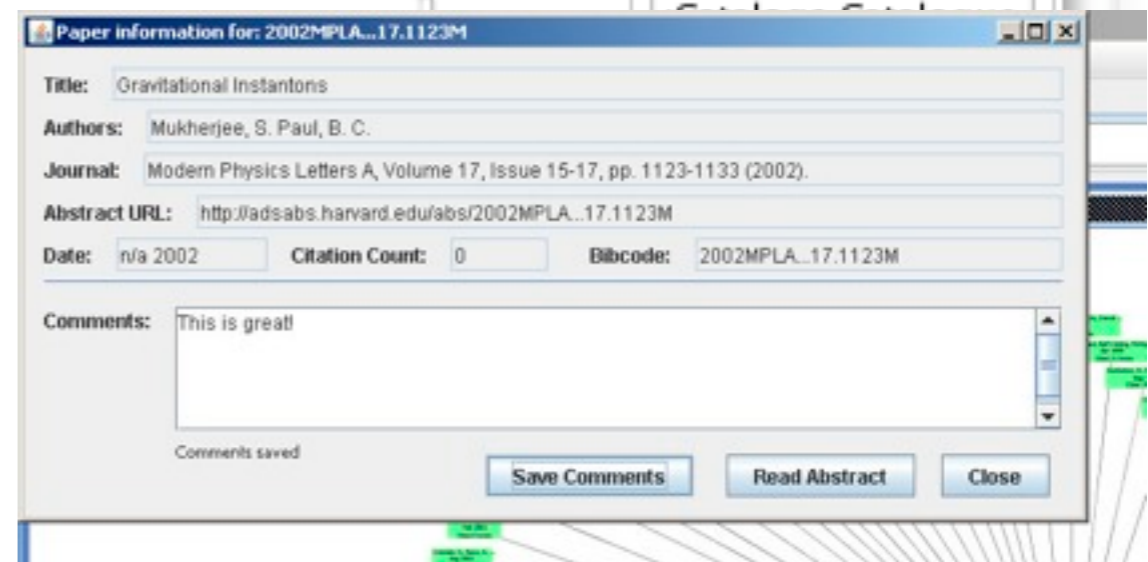Storing and sharing annotations, with lightweight semantics.
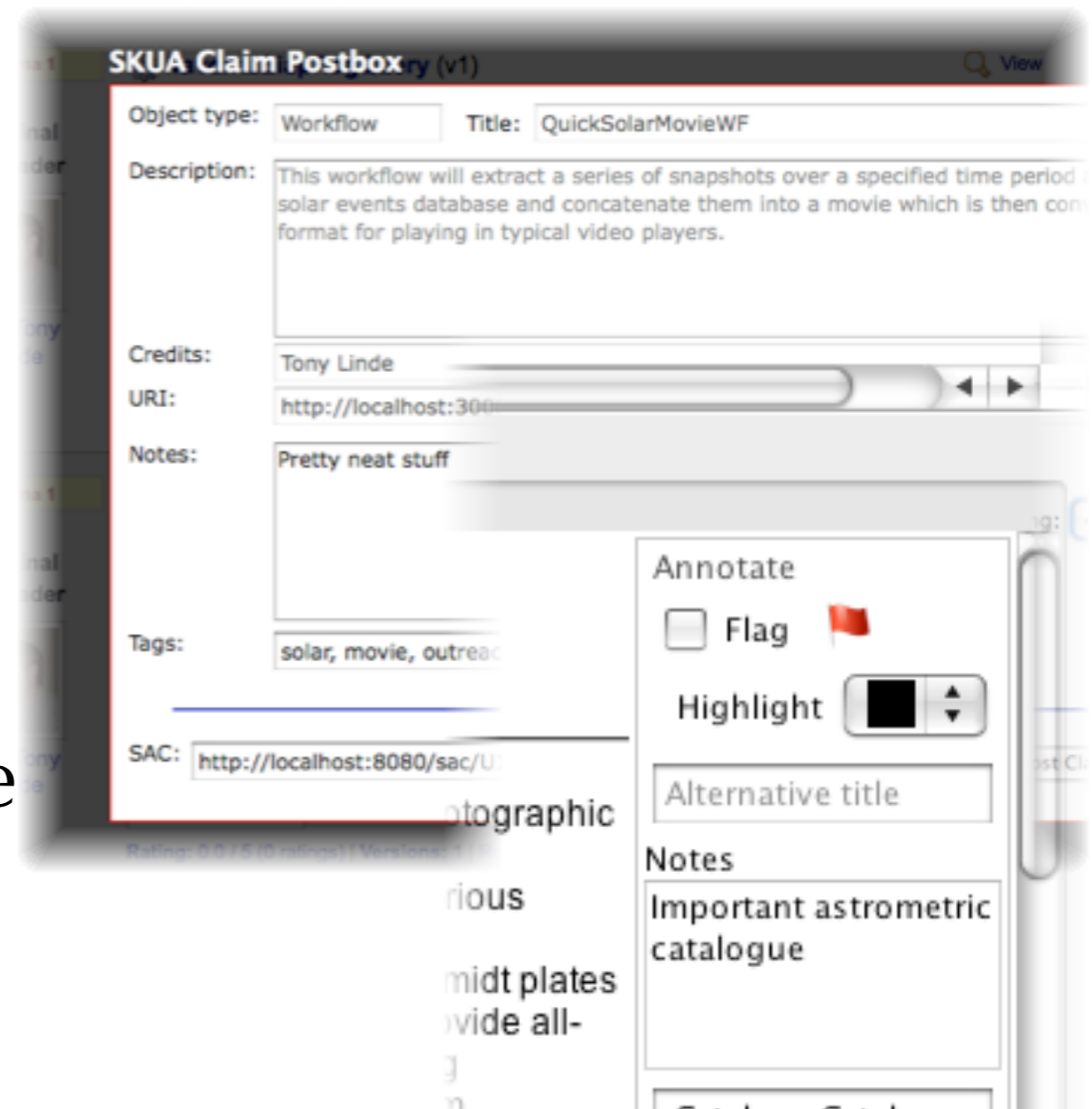
Simple interface – REST +queries: it's easy to retrofit semantics.

Apps

❧ Spacebook stores its state in SKUA. ❧ VOExplorer can store and retrieve annotations using SKUA, and an in-development version can query these.
❧ PaperScope will shortly be able to store comments using SKUA.

'bookmark this resource'

'paper X is rubbish'

'I think object X is a quasar'

voexplorer

VOExplorer already has an annotation interface, which saves to a local file

… and can now save to a SKUA node

… and read from your own and your friends' SKUA nodes

Annotate

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Notes

Important astrometric catalogue

aakeys:Ephemerides

```
@base <http://blah/my-sac>.
@prefix s: <http://myskua.org/claimtypes/1.0/>.
@prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>.
@prefix aa: <http://www.ivoa.net/rdf/Vocabularies/AAkeys>.
<#b1>
  a s:bookmark;
  s:ref [
    a s:resource;
    s:url <ivo://fs.usno/cat/usnob>;
    dc:title "USNO-B";
    s:extended "The USNO-B catalogue"
  ];
  s:tag "catalogues";
  s:subject aa:Ephemerides;
  s:time "2009-05-21T18:11:58Z".
```

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<rdf:RDF xmlns:aa="http://www.ivoa.net/rdf/Vocabularies/AAkeys"
         xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/"
         xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
         xmlns:s="http://myskua.org/claimtypes/1.0/"
         xml:base="urn:example.org">
  <s:bookmark rdf:about="http://blah/my-sac#b1">
    <s:ref>
      <s:resource>
        <s:extended>The USNO-B catalogue</s:extended>
        <s:url rdf:resource="ivo://fs.usno/cat/usnob"/>
        <dc:title>USNO-B</dc:title>
      </s:resource>
    </s:ref>
    <s:subject
      rdf:resource="http://www.ivoa.net/rdf/Vocabularies/AAkeysEphemerides"/>
    <s:tag>catalogues</s:tag>
    <s:time>2009-05-21T18:11:58Z</s:time>
  </s:bookmark>
</rdf:RDF>
```

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query using vocabulary relations

SPARQL query:

```
prefix skua: <http://myskua.org/claimtypes/1.0#>
prefix aa: <http://www.ivoa.net/rdf/Vocabularies/AAkeys#>
prefix skos: <http://www.w3.org/2008/05/skos#>

SELECT ?uri ?kw
WHERE {
  ?claim skua:ref [ skua:uri ?uri ].
  ?claim skua:keyword ?kw.
  ?kw skos:broader aa:AstrometryAndCelestialMechanics.
}
```

Response:

```
% curl --data-binary @get-astrometry.rq \
    -H content-type:application/sparql-query -H accept:text/csv \
    http://localhost:8080/qsac/sac/desktop-sac
uri,kw
ivo://fs.usno/cat/usnob,http://www.ivoa.net/rdf/Vocabularies/AAkeys#Ephemerides
%
```

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You don't have to have drunk the SemWeb kool-aid to fill in a string template for some Turtle assertions

Nor do you have to know lots of theory to use a SPARQL template

And every scripting language can do HTTP

- Version 0.4 available from `http://skua.googlecode.com`

- Documentation is at `http://myskua.org/doc/qsac/`

- Persistence and delegation are available now

- Authentication and authorization are coming soon

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