Vocabularies 2: Towards RFC?



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This briefly introduces some points on https://yopad.eu/p/Vocinvo2

- What do we want?
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What do we want?

- Agreed-upon lists of strings easy on machines (e.g., a TAP service isServiceFor some table, not is-service)
- Hierarchy (e.g., a flatfield is a sort of calibration data).
- "agile", i.e., terms can be made when they're needed.
- As easy to handle as possible.
- Presentable (i.e., humans can figure out meanings and don't have to look at machine-formated stuff).

See http://www.ivoa.net/rdf for what's already there.

VEPs

Vocabulary: http://www.ivoa.net/rdf/datalink/core

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New Term: documentation

Action: Addition

Label: Documentation

Description: Extra information on the item in human-readable text form, ranging from processing logs to weather reports to technical documents on instruments to related publications.

Rationale:

This term was proposed actually by Alberto Micol due to some ESO use cases. For example a text giving some details on observation conditions can be attached to a dataset. Could be also instrument configuration in free text, etc...

Discussion: Semantics took the liberty of modifying term, label and [...]

there probably was and the single "documentation" was sufficient (http://mail.ivoa.net/pipermail/dal/2019-October/008208.html)

Desise

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{ "uri": "http://www.ivoa.net/rdf/datalink/core",
 "flavour": "RDF Property",
 "terms": {
   "this": [
     "the data itself",
     "the primary (as opposed to related) data of the identified resource"
   "progenitor": [
    "Progenitor",
     "data resources that were used to create this dataset...
  ], ...
},
 "deprecated_terms": [],
 "preliminary_terms": ["sibling"],
 "wider terms": {
   "weight": ["auxiliary"],
   "error": ["auxiliary"], ...
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UAT

The Unified Astronomy Thesaurus is used in the VO for VOResource subject ("keywords").

Alas, it doesn't say how.

UAT concepts look like http://astrothesaurus.org/uat/1268 – we probably don't want to have that in VOResource.

1268? Hm. "Plutoids" would be optimal, but using the label would need a norm. And isn't stable.

Experimental IVOA mapping at http://www.ivoa.net/rdf/uat. VOResource keywords would then be like a-dwarf-stars.

Takeup

Before going for RFC, I'd like to see some actual usage. My first ideas:

- Validators: VOResource, VOTable (COOSYS, TIMESYS),
 Datalink
- Datalink Client: "all calibration data".
- ADQL UDF expand_query(voc, term)

The motivation for the last point would be something like select ivoid, res_title from rr.resource natural join rr.res_subject where res_subject in expand_query('uat', 'occultation')