

# Provenance information management



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# FAIR principles for data sharing

<https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles>

## FINDABLE

Unique identifiers and metadata are used to allow data to be located quickly and efficiently



## ACCESSIBLE

Data is open, free and universally available for research discovery efforts



## INTER-OPERABLE

A common programming language is used to allow use in a broad range of applications



## REUSABLE

All data is clearly described and outlines associated data-use standards



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## Findable

- F1. (Meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent **identifier**
- F2. Data are described with **rich metadata**
- F3. **Metadata** clearly and explicitly include the **identifier** of the data they describe
- F4. (Meta)data are **registered** or **indexed** in a searchable resource

## Accessible

- A1. (Meta)data are retrievable by their **identifier** using a **standardised** communications **protocol**
  - A1.1. The **protocol** is open, free, and universally implementable
  - A1.2. The **protocol** allows for an authentication and authorisation procedure, where necessary
- A2. **Metadata** are accessible, even when the data are no longer available

## Interoperable

- I1. (Meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable **language** for knowledge representation.
- I2. (Meta)data use **vocabularies** that follow FAIR principles
- I3. (Meta)data include **qualified references** to other (meta)data

## Reusable (+ Reproducible?)

- R1. (Meta)data are **richly** described with a **plurality** of **accurate** and **relevant** attributes
  - R1.1. (Meta)data are released with a **clear** and accessible data usage **license**
  - R1.2. (Meta)data are associated with detailed **provenance**
  - R1.3. (Meta)data meet domain-relevant community **standards**

# International Virtual Observatory Alliance



## IVOA Documents

<http://www.ivoa.net/documents/ProvenanceDM/>

## IVOA Provenance Data Model Version 1.0

IVOA Recommendation 11 April 2020

### Interest/Working Group:

<http://www.ivoa.net/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/IvoaDataModel>

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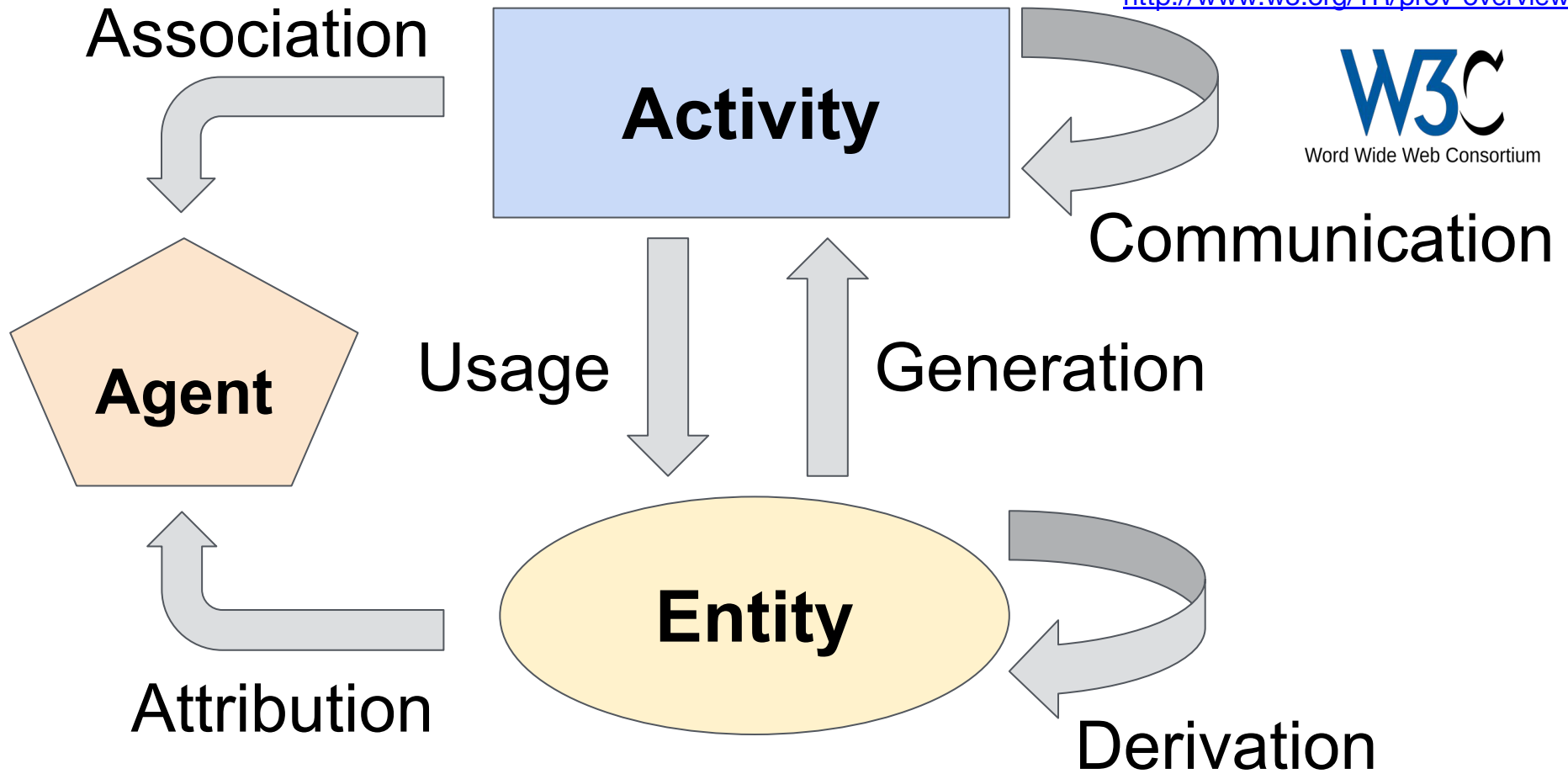
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# Why recording structured provenance?

- **Make data FAIR** (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable)
  - <https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles/>
  - “rich” metadata, following standard data model, protocols and formats
  - “detailed provenance”
- **Quality / Reliability / Trustworthiness** of the products
- **Reproducibility requirement** in projects
  - Be able to rerun each activity (maybe testing and improving each step)
  - Not necessary to keep every intermediate file that is easily reproducible (possible gain on disk space and costs)
- **Debugging**
  - Not necessary to restart from scratch: locate in the provenance tree the faulty parts or the products to be discarded

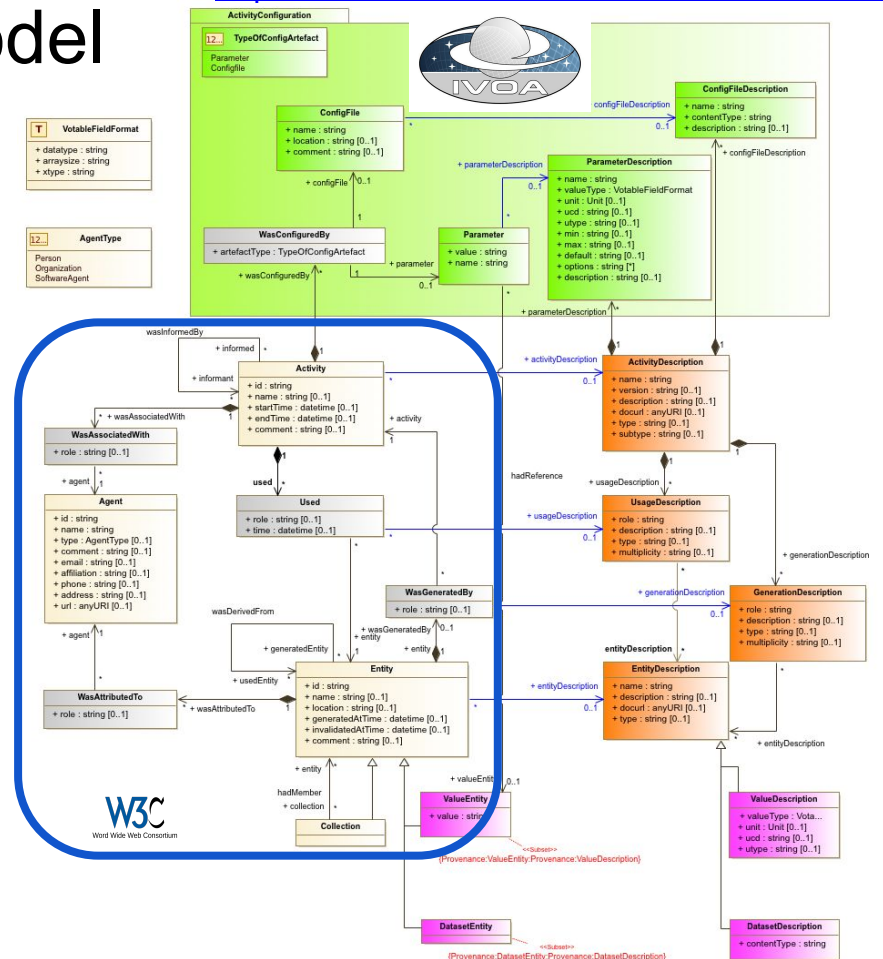
→ **We often realize too late that there are missing elements or links in the provenance. The capture of the provenance should be as detailed as possible and as naive as possible (simply record what happens).**



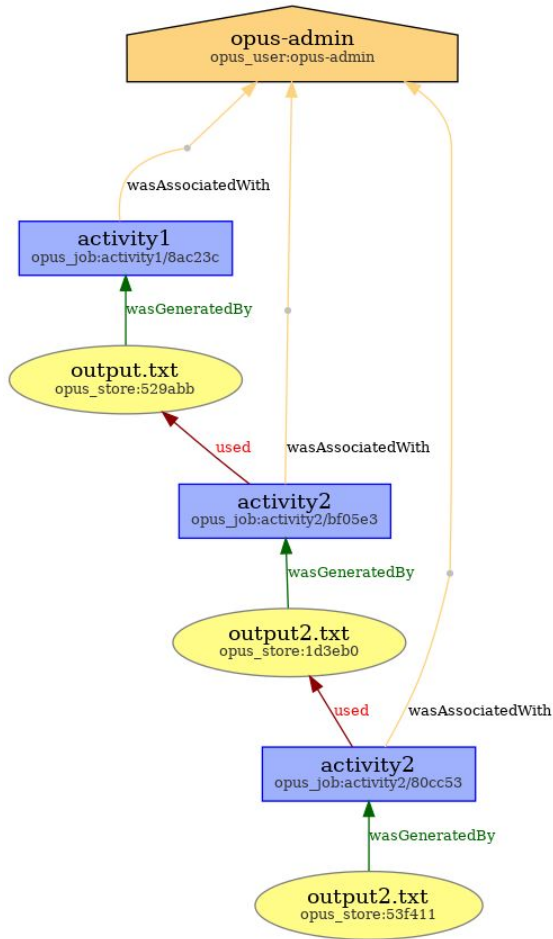
# IVOA Provenance Data Model

Recommendation in April 2020

- Adds “**Description**” classes
- Adds “**Configuration**” classes
- Plugged in with
  - VO data models and concepts (UCD, VOUnit, VOTable...)
  - VO access protocols (ProvTAP, ProvSAP)
- Serializations
  - W3C PROV (XML, JSON, SVG...)
  - VO specific (VOTable)



# Provenance graph



Provenance is :

- a **chain** of activities and entities (used and generated)
- that occurred in the **past**

Using the **core data model**, some goals are achieved:

- **Traceability and Unique identifiers**
- **Contact and Acknowledgement**

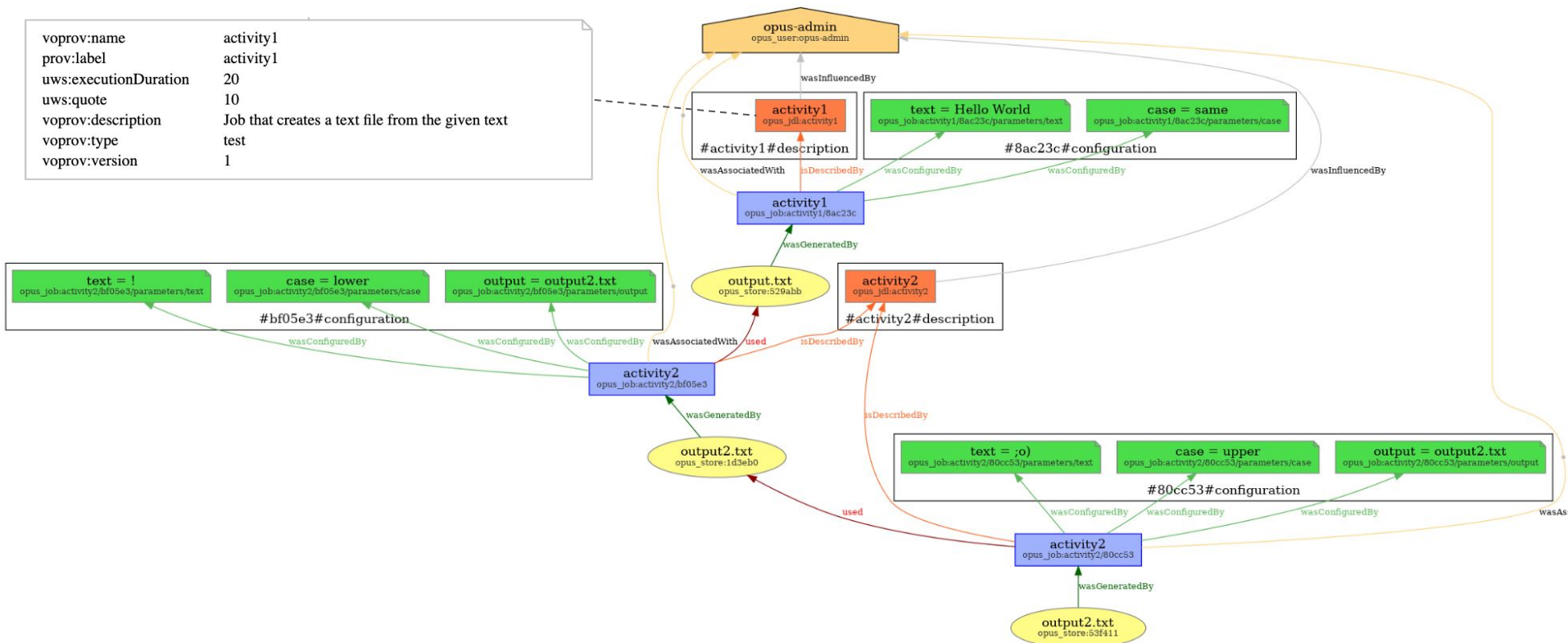
By using the **full IVOA data model**, more questions are answered:

- What **happened** during each **activity**?
- How was the **activity tuned** to be executed properly?
- What **kind of content** is in the **entities**?



# Full IVOA Provenance graph

voprov:name	activity1
prov:label	activity1
uws:executionDuration	20
uws:quote	10
voprov:description	Job that creates a text file from the given text
voprov:type	test
voprov:version	1




# W3C serializations: XML and JSON

```
<voprov:document xmlns:prov="http://www.w3.org/ns/prov#" xmlns:
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:vop
xmlns:foaf="http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/" xmlns:uws="http://www.i
xmlns:opus_store="http://localhost/opus_server/store?ID=" xmlns
xmlns:opus_jdl="http://localhost/opus_server/jdl/" xmlns:media-t
xmlns:activity2="http://localhost/opus_server/jdl/activity2/vot
  <voprov:activity voprov:id="opus_job:activity2/80cc53">
    <voprov:startTime xsi:type="xsd:dateTime">2021-05-26T19:43:0
    <voprov:endTime xsi:type="xsd:dateTime">2021-05-26T19:43:15<
    <prov:label>activity2</prov:label>
  </voprov:activity>
  <voprov:isDescribedBy>
    <voprov:described voprov:ref="opus_job:activity2/80cc53"/>
    <voprov:descriptor voprov:ref="opus_jdl:activity2"/>
  </voprov:isDescribedBy>
  <voprov:agent voprov:id="opus_user:opus-admin">
    <prov:label>opus-admin</prov:label>
    <foaf:mbox><mailto:admin@opus.obspm.fr</foaf:mbox>
  </voprov:agent>
  <voprov:wasAssociatedWith>
    <voprov:activity voprov:ref="opus_job:activity2/80cc53"/>
    <voprov:agent voprov:ref="opus_user:opus-admin"/>
    <prov:role>owner</prov:role>
  </voprov:wasAssociatedWith>
  <voprov:entity voprov:id="opus_store:1d3eb0">
    <prov:label>output2.txt</prov:label>
    <prov:location xsi:type="xsd:string">http://localhost/opus_s
    <voprov:content_type>text/plain</voprov:content_type>
    <voprov:result_name>output</voprov:result_name>
  </voprov:entity>
  <voprov:used>
    <voprov:activity voprov:ref="opus_job:activity2/80cc53"/>
    <voprov:entity voprov:ref="opus_store:1d3eb0"/>
    <prov:role>input</prov:role>
  </voprov:used>
  <voprov:entity voprov:id="opus_store:53f411">
    <prov:label>output2.txt</prov:label>
```

```
{
+ prefix: {...},
- activity: {
  - opus_job:activity2/80cc53: {
    voprov:startTime: "2021-05-26T19:43:09",
    voprov:endTime: "2021-05-26T19:43:15",
    prov:label: "activity2"
  },
  - opus_job:activity2/bf05e3: {
    voprov:startTime: "2021-05-26T19:42:15",
    voprov:endTime: "2021-05-26T19:42:21",
    prov:label: "activity2"
  },
  - opus_job:activity1/8ac23c: {
    voprov:startTime: "2021-05-07T19:17:58",
    voprov:endTime: "2021-05-07T19:18:04",
    prov:label: "activity1"
  }
},
+ isDescribedBy: {...},
+ agent: {...},
+ wasAssociatedWith: {...},
- entity: {
  - opus_store:1d3eb0: {
    prov:label: "output2.txt",
    prov:location: "http://localhost/opus_server/store?ID=1d3eb0",
    voprov:content_type: "text/plain",
    voprov:result_name: "output"
  },
  - opus_store:53f411: {
    prov:location: "http://localhost/opus_server/store?ID=53f411",
    voprov:content_type: "text/plain",
    prov:label: "output2.txt",
    voprov:result_name: "output"
  },
  - opus_store:529abb: {
    prov:label: "output.txt",
```

# Serializations

<https://etherpad.in2p3.fr/p/provyaml>

- **W3C PROV**
  - XML & JSON, not easy to read by humans : lists of classes (entity, activity, agent, used, ...)
  - But visualizations possible : SVG, PNG, PDF
- **YAML proposed solution** 
  - Machine readable **and** human readable
  - Structure with only 3 main groups :
    - activities : contains the links to reconstruct the chain of activities-entities
    - entities : contains information on how to find the entities and what they are
    - agents : contains contact information only (no roles)
  - **Relations** are attached to the above objects
  - Can be extended to descriptions
- **Use case with Vizier catalogues**
  - Model Mapping in VOTable with similar structure

```
agents:
  mservillat:
    name: MS
    email: m..@obspm.fr
entities:
  1234:
    name: input.txt
  5678:
    name: output.txt
    generatedAtTime: 2021-...
activities:
  9876:
    name: transform
    startTime: 2021-...
    endTime: 2021-...
    parameters:
      <name>: <value>
    used:
      - entity_id: 1234
        role: input
    generated:
      - entity_id: 5678
        role: output
    associated:
      - agent_id: mservillat
        role: operator
```

# Some terminology

See ADASS XXX proceedings : <https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.08691>

- **full provenance**: graph/tree/chain of activities and entities up to the raw data. This information is not embedded in the entities themselves (stored on an external server? as separate files?)
- **last-step provenance**: attached to an entity, list of keywords that gives some context and info on **last activity** (general process/workflow, software versions, contacts...).

*Note: it would be interesting to include used entities, so that a full provenance may be reconstructed from each last-step minimum provenance.*

- **end-user/specific “provenance”**: attached to an entity, list of keywords or data that provides **key information to use/analyse** the entity (e.g. for CTA: event class, event type, telescope configuration, sky conditions, reco method...)

*Note: may be extracted from full provenance (some parameters or parts of entities generated at a given step), but it is considered as data here. Reversely, this specific “provenance” information may be a source of information to be mapped in the standard in order to fill the full provenance graph with more details.*

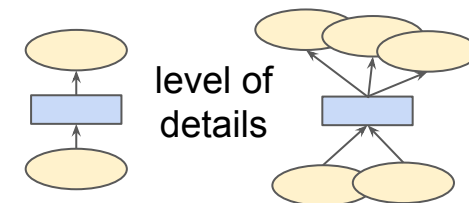
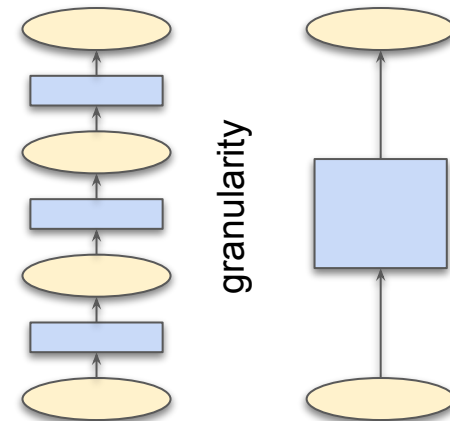
# Applying the model

## Different contexts in use cases

- Two flavours:
  - **on-top** (data products/collection already exist)
  - **inside** (save provenance information during the processing)
- **Identifiers**: unique and without meaning (if possible)
- **Granularity** (what steps? what objects?)
- **Level of details** (descriptions? configuration?)

## Different steps in provenance management

- How to **capture** the provenance information
- How to **store** this information
- How to **access** it
- How to **visualize** a provenance graph



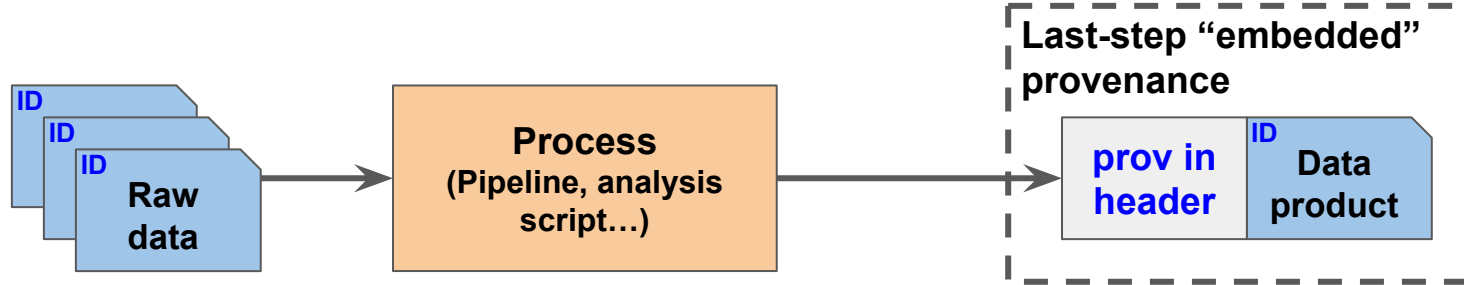
# A provenance information management system

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# Last-step minimum provenance

<https://etherpad.in2p3.fr/p/miniprov>

- List of keywords
- Embedded in the entity
- Gives information on last activity and context
- Should enable full provenance reconstruction

⇒ Such a list is a restriction of the full provenance information, that is more easily stored in a header (FITS) or a flat table (**same as ObsCore**)

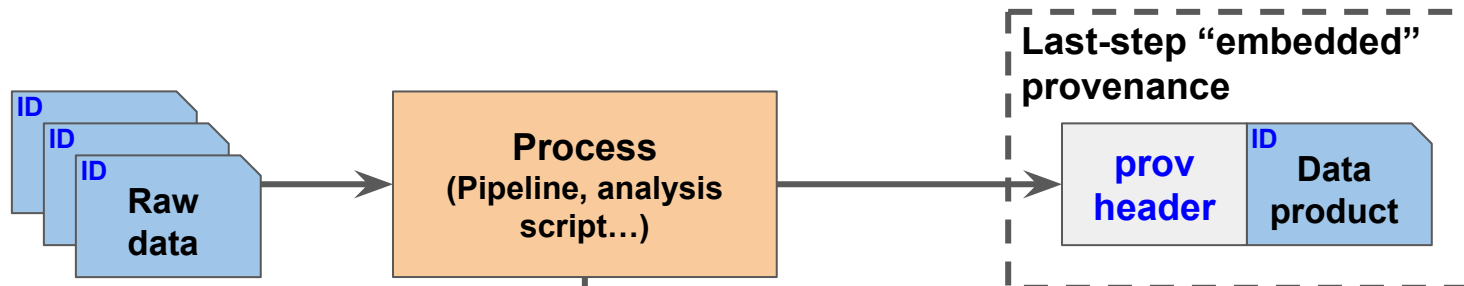
⇒ Identifiers must be “resolvable” to provide further provenance information (**through an access protocol**)

- entity\_
  - id
  - creation\_time
  - name
  - location
  - comment
  - content\_type
  - description
- agent\_
  - name
  - email
  - affiliation
- activity\_description\_
  - name
  - version
  - docurl
- activity\_
  - id
  - name
  - type
  - start\_time
  - stop\_time
- used
  - [entity\_id]
- generated
  - [entity\_id]



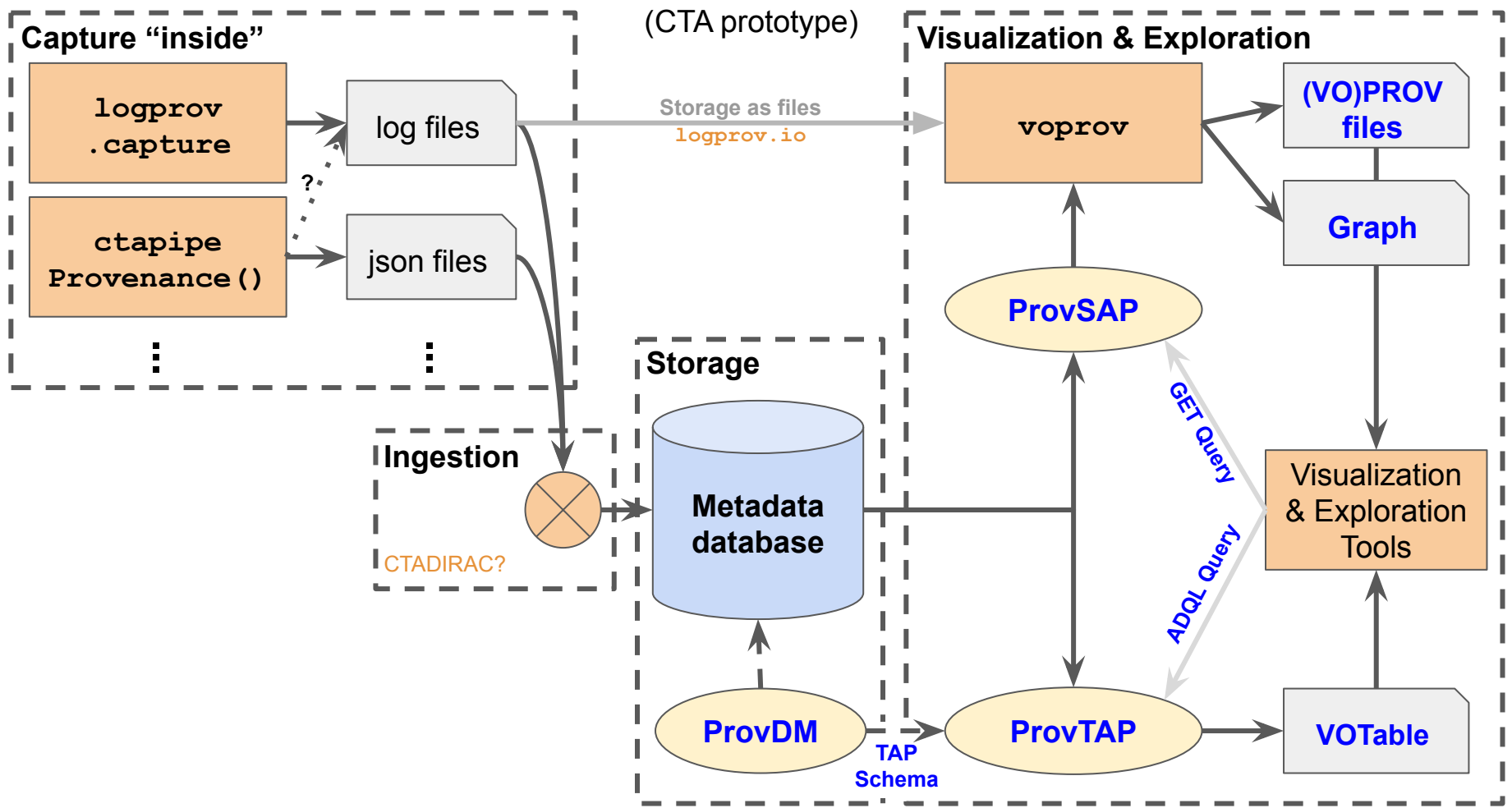
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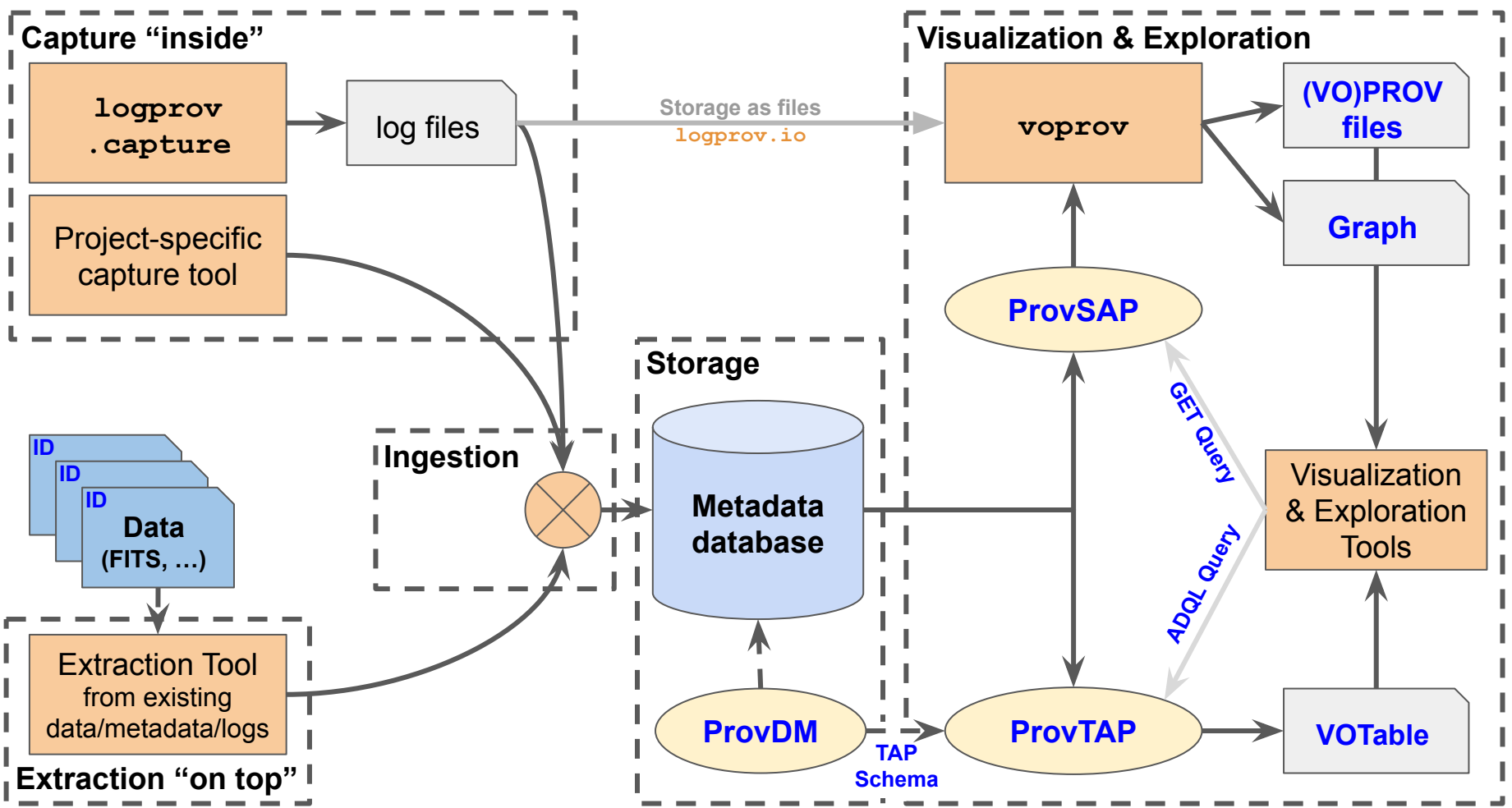
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- Advanced provenance management:







# voprov Python package

- `prov` is a Python package that implements W3C PROV
  - <https://github.com/trungdong/prov>
- `voprov` extends `prov` to implement the IVOA Provenance DM
  - <https://github.com/sanguillon/voprov>
  - *Development Lead*: Jean-François Sornay, Michèle Sanguillon
  - *Contributors*: Mathieu Servillat, Mireille Louys, François Bonnardel, Catherine Boisson
- Main features
  - Description and Configuration classes and relations
  - Coloured graph to visualize IVOA objects
  - Conversion to a W3C graph

# logprov Python package

- **logprov**: <https://github.com/mservillat/logprov>
- Capture provenance transparently
  - For Python tools (in particular data analysis on a laptop)
  - Make provenance info compatible between different software (ctapipe, gammapy, ...)
  - Minimum effort from the developers, reuse existing tools
- Development drivers
  - Use **logging** system
    - known by developers, already integrated (base Python package)
    - log **dictionaries** to structure the information
  - **Non-intrusive** addition of code
    - use **decorators** for classes and methods
  - Fill with useful information
    - **descriptions** in a `definition.yaml` file
    - log parameters, arguments...



# ProvSAP: Simple Access Protocol

- Simple HTTP endpoint
- Query string with arguments:
  - **ID** = a9b7e2 (activity or entity)
  - **DEPTH** = ALL / 1..
  - **DIRECTION** = FORWARD / BACKWARD
  - **RESPONSEFORMAT** = PROV-SVG / PROV-JSON / PROV-XML
  - **MODEL** = IVOA / W3C
  - **AGENTS** = 0 / 1
  - **CONFIGURATION** = 0 / 1
  - **DESCRIPTIONS** = 0 / 1 / 2
  - **ATTRIBUTES** = 0 / 1
- <https://voparis-uws-test.obspm.fr/provsap?ID=a9b7e2&DESCRIPTIONS=1&CONFIGURATION=1&ATTRIBUTES=0&DEPTH=ALL&MODEL=IVOA>

See ADASS XXX proceedings on OPUS : <https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.08683>

# ProvTAP and last-step provenance

François Bonnarel @ IVOA Nov 2020:

<https://wiki.ivoa.net/internal/IVOA/InterOpNov2020DM/ProvTAPevolution.pdf>

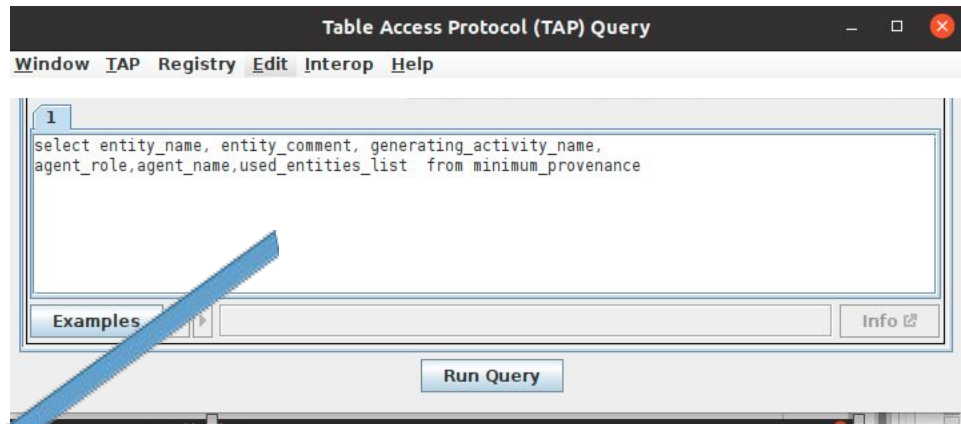
- ProvTAP allows to discover « data » by constraining provenance features
  - **Table Access Protocol** using ADQL for queries and a TAP Schema
  - It's a « reverse » mechanism
- TAP Schema
  - From Provenance Data Model
  - **Full**: maps all classes to a relational database
  - denormalize some classes? (descriptions, configuration)
  - add simplified views?



# Last-step provenance of an entity in ProvTAP

Create a view on top of full ProvTAP service joining :

- The entity details
- The generating activity details
- The associated agents details
- eventually the list of used entity ids



	entity_name	entity_comment	generating_activity_name	agent_r...	agent_...	used_entities_list
1	j90x37020_drc	Context image of Drizzled HST image from ACS with filter CLEAR1L and F435W centered on 273.56883363507 , 34.2090407699622 , with a position angle of 1...	j90x37020_drc_DrizzleGeneration	creator	STSci	flw_225341,flw_225340,flw_225342,flw_225...
2	jcqt99020_drc	Context image of Drizzled HST image from ACS with filter CLEAR1L and F435W centered on 273.56883363507 , 34.2090407699622 , with a position angle of 1...	jcqt99020_drc_DrizzleGeneration	creator	STSci	flw_227732,flw_227732,flw_227740,flw_227...
3	jca536010_drc	Context image of Drizzled HST image from ACS with filter CLEAR1L and F435W centered on 273.56883363507 , 34.2090407699622 , with a position angle of 1...	jca536010_drc_DrizzleGeneration	creator	STSci	flw_230234,flw_230217,flw_230219,flw_23022...
4	jbyq07020_drc	Context image of Drizzled HST image from ACS with filter CLEAR1L and F435W centered on 273.56883363507 , 34.2090407699622 , with a position angle of 1...	jbyq07020_drc_DrizzleGeneration	creator	STSci	flw_232870,flw_232868,flw_232870,flw_23...
5	jbyp02020_drc	Context image of Drizzled HST image from ACS with filter CLEAR1L and F435W centered on 273.56883363507 , 34.2090407699622 , with a position angle of 1...	jbyp02020_drc_DrizzleGeneration	creator	STSci	flw_233104,flw_233106,flw_233108,flw_23...
6	j92qlbgcq_drc	Context image of Drizzled HST image from ACS with filter CLEAR1L and F435W centered on 273.56883363507 , 34.2090407699622 , with a position angle of 1...	j92qlbgcq_drc_DrizzleGeneration	creator	STSci	flw_237143,flw_237140,flw_237142,flw_237...
7	jd9r22010_drc	Context image of Drizzled HST image from ACS with filter CLEAR1L and F435W centered on 273.56883363507 , 34.2090407699622 , with a position angle of 1...	jd9r22010_drc_DrizzleGeneration	creator	STSci	flw_237526,flw_237530,flw_237524,flw_23...

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