

# Mapping Syntax

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**<https://github.com/ivoa-std/ModelInstanceInVot>**

# Model Mapping in VOTable

- **DESIGN**

- Convenient syntax being valid against the workshop use-cases
- Smooth VOTable integration
- Exercise a validation process

- **DELIVERABLES**

- XML schema
- IVOA document
- Client tooling

# VOTable Insertion

- **A strong demand for a shy integration**

- Do not break working things
- Do not bother existing VOTable stakeholders.

- **Encapsulating the mapping block into a <resource>**

- The VOTABLE schema supports resources whose content is not controlled by the schema
  - `type=meta`
  - `ns=dm-mapping`

```
--<!--  
  Suggested Doug Tody, to include new RESOURCE types  
-->  
<xs:any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
```

- **2 separate schemas**

- The mapping schema has no connection with the VOTable schema
- Mapped documents must be validated against both schema separately
- To achieve this separation, we took care to use different terms for the content in order to not mislead legacy clients doing XPath-based parsing.

# VOTable Insertion

- **Mapping scope limited to one resource**

- Several result resources, each with its own mapping, can be stacked in one VOTable
- Mapped data can be distributed over multiple tables

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<VOTABLE xmlns="http://www.ivoa.net/xml/VOTable/v1.3" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  version="1.3">
  <RESOURCE type="results">
    <RESOURCE type="meta">
      <dm-mapping:VODML xmlns:dm-mapping="http://www.ivoa.net/xml/merged-syntax">
    </RESOURCE>
    <TABLE name="Results">
      <PARAM ID="_title" name="title" value="TilteReadInParam" datatype="char" arraysize="*" />
      <FIELD ID="_poserr_148" name="oidsaada" datatype="long" ucd="meta.id;meta.main" />
      <DATA>
    </TABLE>
    <TABLE name="OtherResults">
    <TABLE name="Spectra">
  </RESOURCE>
</VOTABLE>
```

# Syntax Overview

- **Mapping block structure**

- One `<VODML>` block, the container
- Followed by one `<MODEL>` element per used model
- Followed by one `<GLOBALS>` element
  - Mapping of quantities that do not relate to table rows
- Followed by one `<TEMPLATES>` element per mapped table
  - Container for the table row mapping

```
<dm-mapping:VODML xmlns:dm-mapping="http://www.ivoa.net/xml/merged-syntax">
  <dm-mapping:MODEL name="test" />

  <dm-mapping:GLOBALS>[]

  <dm-mapping:TEMPLATES tableref="Results">[]

  <dm-mapping:TEMPLATES tableref="OtherResults">[]

  <dm-mapping:TEMPLATES tableref="Spectra">[]
</dm-mapping:VODML>
```

# Syntax Overview: XML elements

- **Mapping elements**

- Mapping block containers
  - **<VODML>**, **<GLOBALS>** and **<TEMPLATES>**
- Class hierarchy
  - **<INSTANCE>**: complex data type or object type
  - **<ATTRIBUTE>**: simple attribute (atomic value)
  - **<COLLECTION>**: composition of instances or array of attributes
- Data relationships
  - **<REFERENCE>**: Instance reference
  - **<JOIN>**: Data join with either a **<COLLECTION>** or table rows
  - **<WHERE>**: **<JOIN>** condition or table row filter
  - **<PRIMARY\_KEY>**: Reference to a value that can be used as primary key for either table rows or **<COLLECTION>** items.
  - **<FOREIGN\_KEY>** : Foreign key to be used to resolve a **<REFERENCE>**

# Syntax Overview: XML elements

```
<VODML>
⊕ <MODEL> ...
⊕ <GLOBALS>
⊕ <TEMPLATES> ...
</VODML>
```

- *italic* – optional
- underlined – has subelements
- ⊕ - order is mandatory
- ○ - in any order
- → - choice between alternatives
- ... - may be repeated

```
<GLOBALS>
○ <COLLECTION> ...
○ <INSTANCE> ...
</GLOBALS>
```

```
<TEMPLATES>
⊕ <WHERE>...
⊕ <INSTANCE> ...
</TEMPLATES>
```

```
<JOIN>
⊕ <WHERE> ...
</JOIN>
```

```
<INSTANCE>
⊕ <PRIMARY_KEY> ...
○ <ATTRIBUTE> ...
○ <INSTANCE> ...
○ <REFERENCE> ...
○ <COLLECTION> ...
</INSTANCE>
```

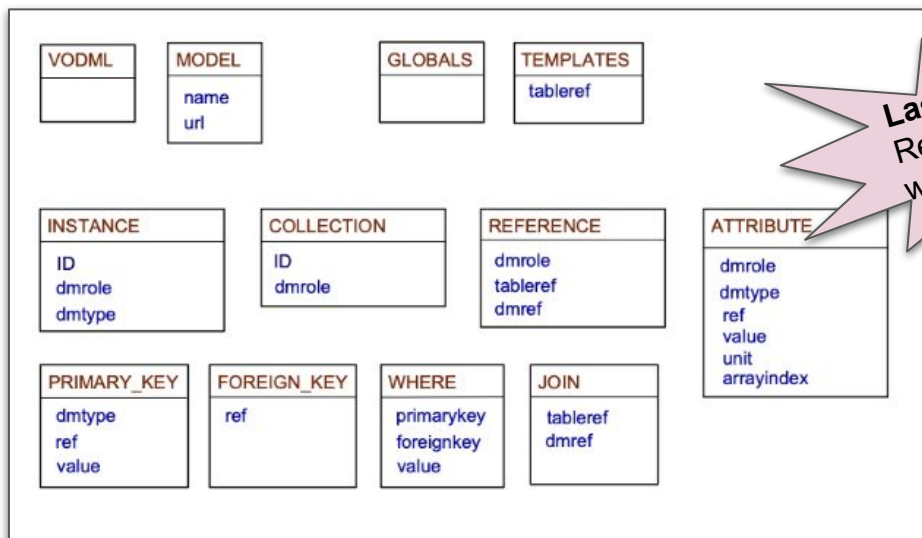
```
<REFERENCE>
⊕ <FOREIGN_KEY> ...
</REFERENCE>
```

```
<COLLECTION>
→ <ATTRIBUTE> || <REFERENCE> || <COLLECTION> ||
  (<INSTANCE>|<JOIN>) ...
</COLLECTION>
```

# Syntax Overview: Elements @attributes

- **Flexible @attributes roles**

- The valid attribute patterns for a given element depend on the local context
  - An <INSTANCE> placed in <GLOBALS> has no specific role (no @dmrole), the role is given by the model context it is referenced from.



**Last minute**  
Replace ID  
with dmid

- These rules are enforced by the schema



# Example of @attribute patterns

Attribute set with *Michel* as a literal value

```
<dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="test.owner.name" dmttype="string" value="Michel" />
```

Attribute set with the value read from the *\_title* table column

```
<dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="test.title" dmttype="string" ref="_title" />
```

Attribute set with a value read in the *\_title* if it exists or with a literal value

```
<dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="test.title" dmttype="string" ref="_title" value="default title"/>
```

# Syntax Overview

- A very simple object instance

```
<dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmrole="coords:TimeFrame.refPosition" dmtype="coords:StdRefLocation">
  <dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="coords:StdRefLocation.position" dmtype="ivoa:string" value="BARYCENTER"/>
</dm-mapping:INSTANCE>
```

- A more complex object instance

```
<dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmid="_ts_data" dmrole="" dmtype="cube:NDPoint">
  <dm-mapping:COLLECTION dmrole="cube:NDPoint.observable">
    <dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmtype="cube:Observable">
      <dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="cube:DataAxis.dependent" dmtype="ivoa:boolean" value="False"/>
      <dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmrole="cube:MeasurementAxis.measure" dmtype="meas:Time">
        <dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmrole="meas:Time.coord" dmtype="coords:MJD">
          <dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="coords:MJD.date" dmtype="ivoa:real" ref="_obstime"/>
          <dm-mapping:REFERENCE dmrole="coords:Coordinate.coordSys" dmref="_timesys"/>
        </dm-mapping:INSTANCE>
      </dm-mapping:INSTANCE>
    </dm-mapping:INSTANCE>
  </dm-mapping:COLLECTION>
  <dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmtype="cube:Observable">␣
  <dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmtype="cube:Observable">␣
</dm-mapping:INSTANCE>
```

# Syntax Overview: Reference

```
<dm-mapping:COLLECTION dmid="_Datasets" dmrole="">
  <dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmid="_ds1" dmrole="" dmtype="ds:experiment.ObsDataset">
    <dm-mapping:PRIMARY_KEY dmtype="ivoa:string" value="5813181197970338560"/>
    <dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="ds:dataset.Dataset.dataProductType" dmtype="ds:dataset.DataProductType" value="TIMESERIES"/>
    <dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="ds:dataset.Dataset.dataProductSubtype" dmtype="ivoa:string" value="GAIA Time Series"/>
    <dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="ds:experiment.ObsDataset.calibLevel" dmtype="ivoa:integer" value="1"/>
    <dm-mapping:REFERENCE dmrole="ds:experiment.ObsDataset.target" dmref="tg1"/>
  </dm-mapping:INSTANCE>
</dm-mapping:COLLECTION>
<dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmid="tg1" dmrole="" dmtype="ds:experiment.Target">
  <dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="ds:experiment.BaseTarget.name" dmtype="ivoa:string" value="5813181197970338560"/>
</dm-mapping:INSTANCE>
```



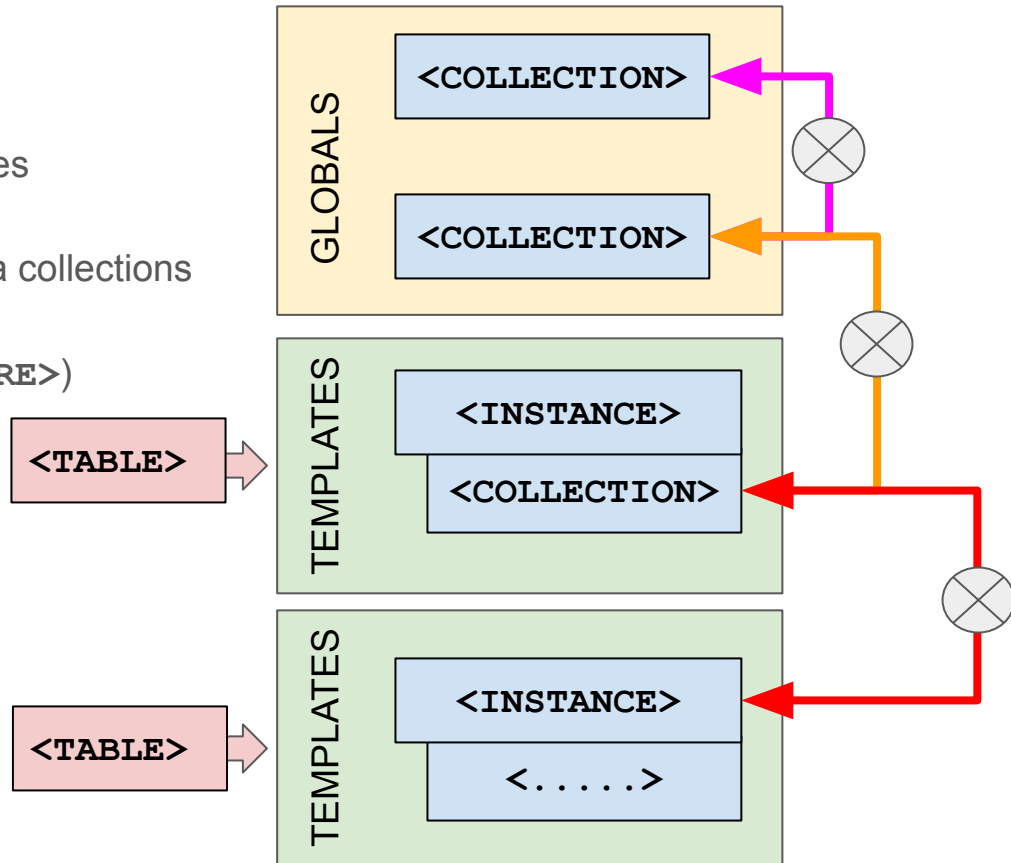
The `ds:experiment.ObsDataset.target` object will be set with `ds.experiment.Target` instance

# Syntax Overview: Joins

- **Flexible JOIN operator**

- Join 2 data collections
  - Static data or **<TABLE>** templates
- Can join **<TABLE>** data together
- Can join **<TABLE>** data with static data collections
- Can join static data collection together
- Support multiple join conditions (**<WHERE>**)

```
<dm-mapping:COLLECTION dmid="id5" dmrole="">
  <!-- Test Case 9.6b: tableref + no dmref + WHERE (multiple) -->
  <dm-mapping:JOIN tableref="aaaaa" >
    <dm-mapping:WHERE foreignkey="eee" value="ssss" />
    <dm-mapping:WHERE foreignkey="fff" value="tttt" />
  </dm-mapping:JOIN>
</dm-mapping:COLLECTION>
```



# Table to Table Join

```
<dm-mapping:TEMPLATES tableref="_PKTable">
  <dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmid="_TimeSeries" dmrole="" dmtpe="cube:SparseCube">
    <dm-mapping:REFERENCE dmrole="cube:DataProduct.dataset" tableref="_Datasets">
      <dm-mapping:FOREIGN_KEY ref="_pksrcid"/>
    </dm-mapping:REFERENCE>
    <dm-mapping:COLLECTION dmrole="cube:SparseCube.data">
      <dm-mapping:JOIN tableref="Results" dmref="_ts_data">
        <dm-mapping:WHERE foreignkey="_srcid" primarykey="_pksrcid" />
        <dm-mapping:WHERE foreignkey="_band" primarykey="_pkband" />
      </dm-mapping:JOIN>
    </dm-mapping:COLLECTION>
  </dm-mapping:INSTANCE>
</dm-mapping:TEMPLATES>

<dm-mapping:TEMPLATES tableref="Results">
  <dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmid="_ts_data" dmrole="" dmtpe="cube:NDPoint">
    <dm-mapping:COLLECTION dmrole="cube:NDPoint.observable">
      <dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmtpe="cube:Observable">
        <dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="cube:DataAxis.dependent" dmtpe="ivoa:boolean" value="False"/>
        <dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmrole="cube:MeasurementAxis.measure" dmtpe="meas:Time">
          <dm-mapping:INSTANCE dmrole="meas:Time.coord" dmtpe="coords:MJD">
            <dm-mapping:ATTRIBUTE dmrole="coords:MJD.date" dmtpe="ivoa:real" ref="_obstime"/>
            <dm-mapping:REFERENCE dmrole="coords:Coordinate.coordSys" dmref="_timesys"/>
          </dm-mapping:INSTANCE>
        </dm-mapping:INSTANCE>
      </dm-mapping:COLLECTION>
    </dm-mapping:INSTANCE>
  </dm-mapping:TEMPLATES>
```

The `cube:SparseCube.data` is populated with joined data

- That are instances of the table `Results` identified as `dmid=_ts_data`
- That use both columns `_band` and `_srcid` of table `Results` as foreign keys
- And both columns `_pkband` and `_pksrcid` of table `PKTable` as primary keys

# Validation of the Syntax Design

- **Based on many unit tests**

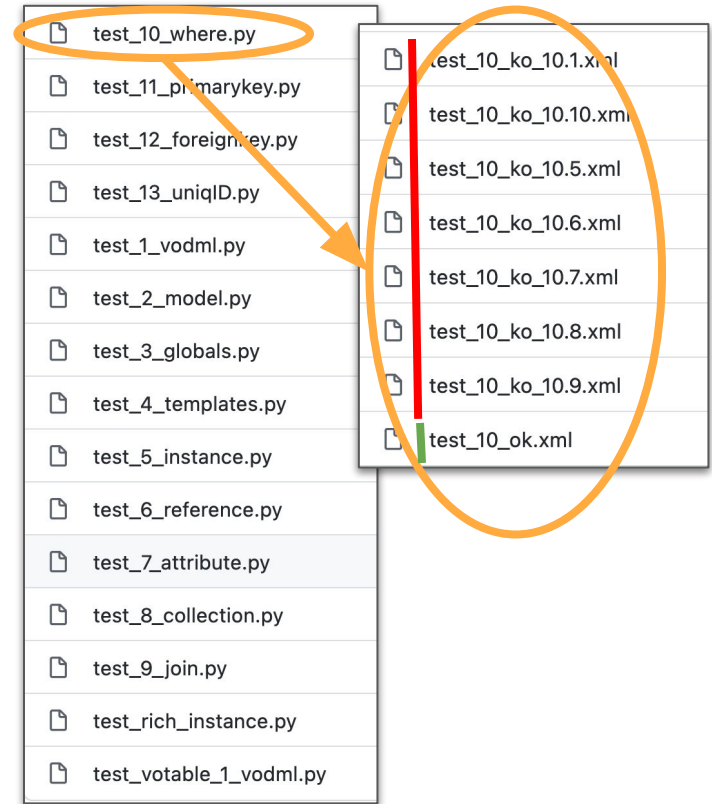
- One test suite per element
  - One snippet file with all matching patterns
  - Some failing snippets
    - Each with one pattern that must be rejected
    - Verify that tests fail for the expected reason
- Snippets can be used as a library of standard patterns
  - Discover the syntax (reviewers will thank us)
  - Exercise the annotation

- **Document**

- Mostly derived from schema statement

- **Validators**

- All rules are enforced by the schema
  - No special case stated in the document (so far)
  - An XSD1.1 processor can be used as validator



# XSD 1.1 in Action

```
<xs:complexType name="PrimaryKey">
  <xs:attribute type="xs:string" name="ref" />
  <xs:attribute type="xs:string" name="dmtpe" />
  <xs:attribute type="xs:string" name="value" />
  <xs:assert test="./@ref or ./@value " />
  <xs:assert test="@dmtpe != '' " />
  <xs:assert test="if (./@ref) then @ref != '' else true()" />
  <xs:assert test="(./@value and not(./@ref)) or (not(./@value) and ./@ref)" />
</xs:complexType>
```

A **<PrimaryKey>** must have

- a non empty **@dmtpe**
- A **@ref** or a **@value** but not both
- **@ref** must not be empty when present

# Conclusions

- **Rather Satisfied**

- A lot of work put on since last Interop
- Compromise built with the best of the 2 proposals
  - Simple annotations for the simple cases
  - Support all use-cases proposed in the workshop
    - Multiple joins
    - Multi filter tables

- **A lot of work still to complete**

- Complete the specification document
- Provide libraries connected with PyVO
- Find name for the Standard
  - ~~Mivot, Merged Syntax~~
  - Acronym for ***Data Model Annotation Syntax for VOTables ?***
    - DMASV likely not accepted