Validators in VO services development workflow

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Testing process in development workflow

- Testing is an essential part of software development, especially to guarantee quality.

- Testing becomes very important in modern software practices like DevOps, agile development practices, TDD and CI/CD.

- Testing automation is essential and a key component in these practices and reduces human intervention.

- VO services development and deployment must include IVOA validators in these testing process to check their compliance.

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- **2.- Which features should they implement to be integrated?**

IVOA validators necessary features

- IVOA validators must be accessible by machines:

  - Easy way to call the service.

  - Easy way to indicate the VO service url (and the parameters).

- IVOA validators results:

  - Format understandable by machines: xml, json,…

  - Maybe defining a standard format for all validators (desirable).

IVOA validators necessary features

- Be well documented (desirable):

  - Documentation about how use them.

  - Documentation about the results codes and format.

- Allow testing services in development environments (desirable):

  - Services not available outside the internal network.

  - Solutions: standalone validators, validators libraries,...