

Vocabularies document: progress

Norman Gray

University of Leicester, UK

Baltimore Interop, 2008 October 27

- The document has been through its RFC period:
<http://www.ivoa.net/cgi-bin/twiki/bin/view/IVOA/VocabulariesRFC>
- Language comments from Bob Hanisch – essentially
[s/proposal/standard/](#)
- Comments from Antoine Isaac of the SKOS WG,
discussing some SKOS technicalities

- Included reference to SKOS primer
- Clarified what properties are optional
- Notations: not a major change

```
<#spiralGalaxy> a skos:Concept;  
  skos:prefLabel "spiral galaxy"@en,  
  skos:notation "5.1.1"^^<#_notation>;  
  # ...  
  .
```

```
<#_notation> dc:description  
  "Notation described in foo.pdf".
```

- The 'editors' draft' at <http://www.astro.gla.ac.uk/users/norman/ivoa/vocabularies/> (revision 806 in the repository) addresses these comments.
- I don't believe there is anything further to do to the document
- ...though an online validator would be nice, and might expose some more ambiguities.

Future maintenance

- AAkeys – some (non-committal) interest from journals
- UCD – the UCD WG?
- AVM – any contacts?

- The SKOS standard is due to become a W3C REC at the end of December 2008 – only two months away
- I propose we suspend progress on the IVOA Vocabularies document so that we can include a reference to the final SKOS REC
- Since we do not believe our document will change between now and then, implementors can use it now
- What's the procedure for this?