



Workshop

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Metadata/UCD tutorial - summary session -

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Organization

- Infrastructure was very fine (PC, beamer, WiFi, room)
- LOC did a great job
- Heavy schedule, but no overflow

Metadata/UCD tutorial

- Ambitious program :
 - Manipulate UCDs
 - Use of WS
 - Parsing VOTable
 - Query the registry
- Different exercises :
 - Discover and use UCD tools (CGI and WS)
 - Registry query using UCDs
 - Manipulate UCDs in a VOTable document
 - See use of UCDs in VO application (Aladin)

Metadata/UCD tutorial

- Students did quite well
 - all groups went through all main steps
 - some did more than was asked
- Software / tools / libraries issues
 - CD-ROM very useful
 - A few OS-related issues (Windows, Mac, Linux)
 - Programming exercises are difficult:
 - problems with languages, IDE (Eclipse)
 - need to be carefully pre-cooked

Future workshops

- Multi-platform tutorial support is demanding for tutors...
- ... but necessary for students to adopt the VO applications/standards
- Maybe useful :
 - Installation check session prior to tutorials (final help on software installation & configuration to save time during tutorial)
 - Group students by OS
- Unstructured hands-on session very quiet this morning