DAL WG
Data Access Layer Working Group

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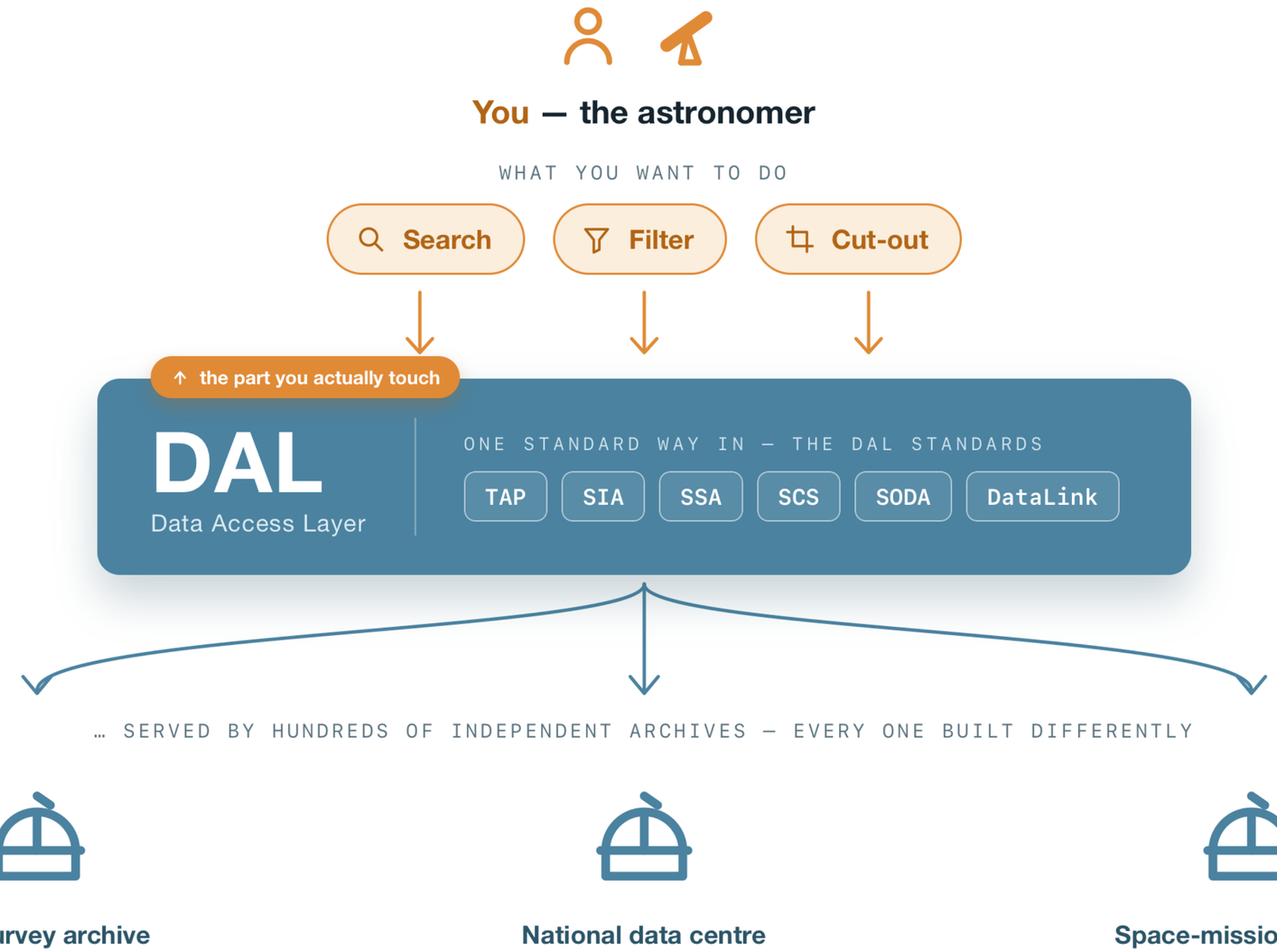
Perth - November 2026



Different archives, telescopes and formats — but **one layer you talk to**. For most of what you do in the Virtual Observatory, the Data Access Layer **is** the IVOA you actually meet.

Activity since last Interop.

TAP / VOSI	TAP-1.2/VOSI-1.2; finalizing user tables · prototype in OpenCADC (youcat)
SCS (Cone Search)	SCS-1.1 WD nearing PR/RFC · SCS-2.0 prototype in DaCHS
SLAP	SLAP-2.0 WD & Multiple Implementations
DALI	PR-DALI-1.2 RFC, case sensitivity, error responses, deprecated params

DAL Sessions

DAL (Main)	Saturday, November 7 - 16:00-17:30	*The Hub, Bentley Technology Park*
Splinter Session	Saturday, November 7 - after main	

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Speaker	Presentations
Arati Kakadiya (in person)	VOSI-1.2 prototype implementation - table operations in OpenCADC
Grégory Mantelet (in person)	ADQL 2.2 Status
Pat Dowler (in person)	VOSI table-update questions: user tables and updates?
Marco Molinaro (in person)	SCS 1.1 Status
Markus Demleitner (remote)	SCS 2.0 Status
All	Discussions

Get involved in DAL

TO CHAT

Slack

#DAL channel →

Quick questions and informal back-and-forth. The low-stakes way to say hello.

TO DISCUSS

Mailing list + TWiki

DAL mailing list →

TWiki · IvoaDAL →

YOUR CHAIRS

Grégory Mantelet *chair*

Joshua Fraustro *vice-chair*

Proposals, RFCs and the formal record — where the working group hashes things out.

TO CONTRIBUTE

GitHub

github.com/ivoa-std →

Spotted something to fix?

Open an issue.