

The CDS portal: working with Simbad, VizieR and Aladin

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Strasbourg astronomical Data Center



Entry point to all services 



Object database 



Catalogue database 

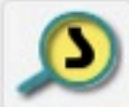


Interactive sky atlas 

Other services

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Strasbourg astronomical Data Center (CDS):
collection and worldwide distribution of astronomical data and related
information, created in 1972

The CDS hosts:

- the SIMBAD astronomical database: the world reference database for the identification of astronomical objects
- VizieR: the catalogue service for the CDS reference collection of astronomical catalogues and tables published
- Aladin: interactive software sky atlas for access, visualization and analysis of astronomical images, surveys, catalogues, databases and related data

SIMBAD is the acronym for: **S**et
of **I**dentifications,
Measurements
and **B**ibliography
for **A**stronomical
Data.



SIMBAD Astronomical Database

Queries	Documentation	Information
basic search	User's guide	Presentation
by identifier		
by coordinates		Acknowledgment
by criteria	Query by urls	
reference query	Nomenclature Dictionary	
scripts	Object types	
TAP queries	List of journals	
options	Measurement description	
	Spectral type coding	
Display all user annotations	User annotations documentation	Release: SIMBAD4 1.201 - 26-Oct-2012

Content

The SIMBAD astronomical database provides basic data, cross-identifications, bibliography and measurements for astronomical objects outside the solar system.

SIMBAD can be queried by object name, coordinates and various criteria. Lists of objects and scripts can be submitted.

Links to some other on-line services are also provided.

Statistics

Simbad contains on 2012.10.29	
6,981,750	objects
17,421,770	identifiers
274,204	bibliographic references
9,213,804	citations of objects in papers

VizieR: most complete library of published astronomical catalogues and data tables online >10000



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VizieR Service

new access to the [CFHTLS-T0007 catalogs](#) (Wide and Deep fields)

Search Criteria

Preferences
max: 50
HTML Table
☐ All columns
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Mirrors
CDS, France

Find catalogs among 10604 available

Clear Find...

Expand search ☐

? *Catalog, author's name, word(s) from title, description, etc.
e.g.: AGN, Veron, I/239, or bibcodes...*

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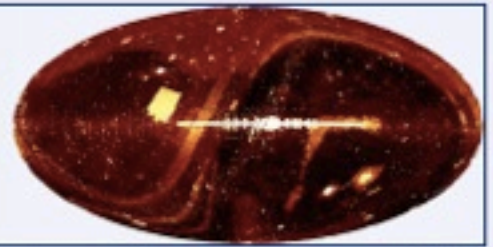
Wavelength	Mission	Astronomy
Radio	AKARI	AGN
IR	ANS	Abundances
optical	ASCA	Ages
UV	BeppoSAX	Associations
EUV	CGRO	Atomic_Data
X-ray	COBE	BL_Lac_objects
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Search by Position across 11038 tables

Target Name (resolved by [Sesame](#)) or Position: Clear

J2000 Target dimension: 2 arcmin Go!

☒ Radius ☐ Box size



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Aladin (Access to Library and Database Information Network)

interactive software sky atlas: visualize astronomical images, superimpose catalogue information

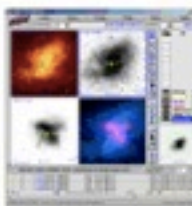


The Aladin Sky Atlas

New: [Aladin 7.5](#) - July 2012 - Create your own all-sky image surveys, ...[\(more\)](#)
New: [FAQ v13](#) - June 2012

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Description [\(en français\)](#) **Aladin is an interactive software sky atlas allowing the user to visualize digitized astronomical images, superimpose entries from astronomical catalogues or databases, and interactively access related data and information from the *Simbad* database, the *VizieR* service and other archives for all known sources in the field [\(see available data\)](#).**
Created in 1999, Aladin has become a widely-used *VO tool* capable of addressing challenges such as locating data of interest, accessing and exploring distributed datasets, visualizing multi-wavelength data. Compliance with existing or emerging VO standards, interconnection with other visualisation or analysis tools, ability to easily compare heterogeneous data are key topics allowing Aladin to be a powerful data exploration and integration tool as well as a science enabler.
The *Aladin sky atlas* is available in three modes: a Java Standalone application, a Java applet and a simple previewer.



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[The Aladin filter manual](#)

Demonstration [What's new in V7](#) - a Flash video (40MB)
[Become a beta tester](#) - exercices for discovering/testing Aladin
[Object gallery](#) - 2 million Simbad object thumbnails created by Aladin in batch mode

Mailing list **Subscribe:** just send this e-mail to sympa@unistra.fr
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Plugins Aladin can be extended by your [own java plugins](#).
See the [Aladin plugin repository](#).



Workshop Program

- 9:15 - 9:45 Introduction, Overview VO Tools
- 9:45 - 10:00 Topcat - analysis and manipulation of catalogues and tables
- 10:00 - 10:30 Exercise Session I: crossmatches, spectral access with Topcat & SPLAT
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 12:30 Exercise Session II: cone search, calibration & visualization with Aladin
- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 - 14:00 The CDS portal: working with Simbad, VizieR and Aladin
- 14:00 - 15:00 Simulation Databases
- 15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30 - 16:30 Accessing data archives via TAP and ADQL
- 16:30 - 17:00 Summary & Discussion



Summary

- tools (Vizier, Simbad, Topcat, Aladin, Splat)
- service interoperability (SSIA, SSAP, SAMP)
- data retrieval for images, spectra, catalogues, simulation data
- table manipulation and data visualization
- astrometric calibration of images
- image handling (rgb composite, object identification)
- spectral analysis (plotting, fitting, line profile analysis & identification)
- object selection and bibliographic queries
- simulation database queries
- access data with TAP and ADQL