

Advanced ways to find and retrieve data in the LTA

There are some useful ways to find and retrieve your data in the LTA that might not be immediately obvious. This page explains some of the more advanced options you have.

Queries

- You can use colons in numeric queries, to select ranges. This will for example give all observations and pipelines that have a SAS/Observation ID in the range from 432000 to 432190:

Observation Id	432000:432190
Observing or Pipeline Run Date	From 0000-00-00 00:00:00 To 0000-00-00 00:00:00
Project	any
Maximum Number of Rows	

In textual entries, wildcards can be used.

Target Name	3:19*
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- You can put a list of SAS/Observation IDs in the query:

Observation Id	146112,147775,151778
Observing Date	From 0000-00-00 00:00:00 To 0000-00-00 00:00:00

Viewing data

When you are looking at the results of a query you might see something like this:

Number Of Correlated DataProducts
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This means that the observation is known in the LTA, it knows what data was produced, the produced data was not archived, but further processing happened on the raw data and the results of some of those pipelines were archived. If you click on the zero, you will see something like this:

#	<input type="checkbox"/>	DataProduct Identifier	SubArray Pointing Identifier	Subband	Stations	Observations	Pipeline	Derived DataProducts
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	7260485	293855	479	show	1		AveragingPipeline
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	7260483	293855	477	show	1		AveragingPipeline
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	7260488	293855	482	show	1	back to observation	AveragingPipeline
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	7260489	293855	483	show	1		AveragingPipeline
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	7260492	293855	486	show	1		AveragingPipeline
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	7260490	293855	484	show	1		AveragingPipeline
7	Can not be downloaded	7260493	293855	487	show	1		AveragingPipeline
8		7260486	293855	480	show	1		AveragingPipeline
9		7260487	293855	481	show	1	To pipeline	AveragingPipeline
10		7260482	293855	476	show	1		AveragingPipeline
11	<input type="checkbox"/>	7260491	293855	485	show	1		AveragingPipeline
12	<input type="checkbox"/>	7260484	293855	478	show	1		AveragingPipeline
13	<input type="checkbox"/>	7260436	293854	430	show	1		AveragingPipeline

This allows you to navigate from a pipeline back to the original observation, or from the observation to any pipelines that have run on the raw data.

Retrieving data

- You can retrieve data on the Observation and Pipeline level, you don't have to select all files individually.

#	<input type="checkbox"/>	Observation Id	Observing Mode	Antenna Set	Instrun Filter
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	146448	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	146447	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	146446	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	146445	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	146444	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	146443	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	146442	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	146441	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	146456	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	146455	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
11	<input type="checkbox"/>	146454	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
12	<input type="checkbox"/>	146453	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190
13	<input type="checkbox"/>	146452	Interferometer	HBA Dual Inner	110-190

- If you have a query with more than 1000 results, you can open the multiple pages each in a separate tab/window.

Observation 1001 to 1100 (showing 100 of total 1156) ▾

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nr Of SubArray	Start Time	Duration	Nr Stations	Nr Stations
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Observation 1 to 100 (showing 100 of total 1156) ▲

Averaging Pipeline 1 to 100 (showing 100 of total 4060)

Calibration Pipeline (total 30) ▲

Imaging Pipeline (total 0) ▲

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#	ID	Pipeline Name	Pipeline Version	Process Identifier	Observation ID	Start Time	Duration (s)	End Time	Strategy Name	Strategy Description	Frequency Interval	Time Integration Step	Flag Rate Conversion	Workflow Substep	Encoding	Number Of Instrument Reads	Number Of Generated Data Points	Source Reference
1	1	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01001	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01001	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
2	2	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01002	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01002	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
3	3	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01003	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01003	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
4	4	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01004	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01004	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
5	5	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01005	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01005	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
6	6	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01006	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01006	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
7	7	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01007	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01007	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
8	8	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01008	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01008	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
9	9	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01009	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01009	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
10	10	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01010	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01010	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
11	11	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01011	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01011	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
12	12	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01012	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01012	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
13	13	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01013	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01013	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
14	14	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01014	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01014	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
15	15	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01015	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01015	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
16	16	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01016	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01016	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
17	17	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01017	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01017	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
18	18	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01018	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01018	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
19	19	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01019	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01019	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
20	20	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01020	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01020	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
21	21	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01021	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01021	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
22	22	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01022	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01022	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
23	23	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01023	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01023	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
24	24	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01024	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01024	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
25	25	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01025	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01025	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
26	26	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01026	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01026	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
27	27	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01027	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01027	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
28	28	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01028	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01028	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
29	29	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01029	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01029	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data
30	30	Pipeline_Nominal_L1F1F	1.0.0	20170101	01030	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	0.0	2013-01-01 01:00:00.00	Preprocessing: Pipeline ID=01030	Preprocessing with default	1s	0	0	0	0	0	0	data

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DBView

There is a server that gives the option to run your own queries on the database

<http://lofar-dbview.target.rug.nl/>

A useful query might be this one, that gives you all files for a certain Obs Id (SAS VIC tree ID).

```
SELECT fo.URI, dp."dataProductType", dp."dataProductIdentifier",
       dp."processIdentifier"
FROM AWOPER."DataProduct+" dp,
      AWOPER.FileObject fo,
      AWOPER."Process+" pr
WHERE dp."processIdentifier" = pr."processIdentifier"
      AND pr."observationId" = '123456'
      AND fo.data object = dp."object id"
```

```
AND dp."isValid" > 0
```

In this '123456' should be replaced with the Obs Id of an Observation/Pipeline you're looking for. Pipelines also have an "observationId" == the SAS Id, even though that's a bit confusing. To be able to run this query, you have to go to the link above, login as the right user, select the right project, and then put this query into the "Manual SQL".

Example You can also modify these queries. for example if you want to also know the MD5 checksum, you can run:

```
SELECT fo.URI, fo.hash_md5, dp."dataProductType",
dp."dataProductIdentifier",
dp."processIdentifier"
FROM AWOPER."DataProduct+" dp,
      AWOPER.FileObject fo,
      AWOPER."Process+" pr
WHERE dp."processIdentifier" = pr."processIdentifier"
      AND pr."observationId" = '123456'
      AND fo.data_object = dp."object_id"
      AND dp."isValid" > 0
```

AstroWise Python Interface

There is also a python interface to the LTA. With this, you can script some advanced queries. To have this working, you first need to install the [LTA client](#) in your machine. Be sure to have the latest version installed.

Once you have installed the client, set up your user name and password. These are the same as for MoM. Remember that this is just a different interface to the LTA catalogue: you will need the same credentials as for the web interface.

After installing the LTA client, the file .awe/Environment.cfg will appear in your home directory. Add the following lines to the file

```
database_user : <your username>
database_password : <your password>
```

then create the environment variable AWETARGET and set it to awlofar, and AWEVERSION to AWBASE. In a bash shell, you can do so by adding the following to your .profile file:

```
export AWETARGET=awlofar
export AWEVERSION=AWBASE
```

Finally, your hostname may cause an error, if it does not contain a full domain. In this case, you will need to edit your /etc/hosts file (you will need root/superuser privileges to do so). In that file, you should find a line that looks like this

```
127.0.0.1 localhost
```

Change that line into

```
127.0.0.1 localhost <your_host_name>
```

If you do not know your hostname, just type `hostname` in a shell and you will get it as an output.

Now, you can use the following script as a test. It may still give you some warnings, but if it prints out a list of pointings, then you are ready to go. You may need to kill the script, because it will print out all the observations in a certain patch of the sky archived in the LTA.

```
# python code
from pprint import pprint
from awlofar.main.aweimports import Observation, Pointing, SubArrayPointing
from common.database.Context import context
result = {}
for project in sorted(context.get_projects()) :
    print "Project %(project)s" % vars()
    ok = context.set_project(project)
    # do your query
    obs_ids = set()
    query = (Pointing.rightAscension > 95) & \
            (Pointing.rightAscension < 105) & \
            (Pointing.declination > 20) & \
            (Pointing.declination < 30)
    print "Total Pointings %d" % len(query)
    for pointing in query :
        print "Pointing found RA %f DEC %f" % (pointing.rightAscension,
        pointing.declination)
        query_subarr = SubArrayPointing.pointing == pointing
        for subarr in query_subarr:
            query_obs = Observation.subArrayPointings.contains(subarr)
            for obs in query_obs :
                obs_ids.add(obs.observationId)
    result[project] = sorted(list(obs_ids))
    print result[project]

pprint(result)
```

If you get errors and do not manage to view the list of pointings, there may be the need to open some port on the firewall at your institution. Specifically, port 1521 should be open. In case of trouble, get in contact with Science Support.

Examples

Once you have tested that your connection to the catalogue is working, you are ready to browse the archive and stage the data you need. Here we will list a few examples of python scripts that can be used to access the LTA. All of them will need to import some modules:

```
from datetime import datetime
```

```
from awlofar.database.Context import context
from awlofar.main.aweimports import CorrelatedDataProduct, \
    FileObject, \
    Observation
from awlofar.toolbox.LtaStager import LtaStager, LtaStagerError
```

The lines above must be added to each of the scripts below for these to work.

This simple script will allow you to find all data within a single project, for example LC2_035. Please change the project name to the code of a project of yours. If you also want to stage the data you found, just set the do_stage variable to True. Be careful with how many files you stage and what size they have: the same limits as for the web interface apply here.

```
# Should the found files be staged ?
do_stage = False
# The project to query, LC2_035 has public data
project = 'LC2_035'
# The class of data to query
cls = CorrelatedDataProduct
# Query for private data of the project, you must be member of the project
private_data = False

# To see private data of this project, you must be member of this project
if private_data :
    context.set_project(project)
    if project != context.get_current_project().name:
        raise Exception("You are not member of project %s" % project)

query_observations = Observation.select_all().project_only(project)
uris = set() # All URIS to stage
for observation in query_observations :
    print("Querying ObservationID %s" % observation.observationId)
    # Instead of querying on the Observations of the DataProduct, all
    # DataProducts could have been queried
    dataproduct_query = cls.observations.contains(observation)
    # isValid = 1 means there should be an associated URI
    dataproduct_query &= cls.isValid == 1
    for dataproduct in dataproduct_query :
        # This DataProduct should have an associated URL
        fileobject = ((FileObject.data_object == dataproduct) &
            (FileObject.isValid > 0)).max('creation_date')
        if fileobject :
            print("URI found %s" % fileobject.URI)
            uris.add(fileobject.URI)
        else :
            print("No URI found for %s with dataProductIdentifier %d" %
                (dataproduct.__class__.__name__, dataproduct.dataProductIdentifier))

print("Total URI's found %d" % len(uris))

if do_stage :
```

```

stager = LtaStager()
stager.stage_uris(uris)

```

The following script will find subbands 301 and 302 for all targets within two different projects.

Pay attention to the difference between the keys subband and stationSubband; the former is a sequential number assigned to each subband in an observation, while the latter is linked to the frequency at which the observation was performed. Example: an observation was set up covering the range 30-77.3 MHz with two simultaneous beams using 244 subbands each. In this case, subband will range from 0 to 487, while stationSubband from 153 to 396. The stationSubband information is stored in the observation, but not in the pipeline products (which instead contain the frequency). If you want to search on stationSubband, you must perform your search on observations first, then fetch the pipelines linked to those observations. If you use frequency, you can search directly on pipelines.

As a general advise, before performing a search, you need to **understand thoroughly the meaning of the keywords that you are using and where their values are stored**, otherwise you may not find the data you are looking for.

```

do_stage = False
project1 = 'LC2_016'
project2 = 'LC2_012'
subband1 = 301
subband2 = 302
cls = CorrelatedDataProduct
# Query for private data of the project, you must be member of the project
private_data = False

# All URIS to stage
uris = {
    project1: set(),
    project2: set(),
}

for project in (project1, project2) :
    print("Using project %s" % project)
    if private_data :
        context.set_project(project)
        if project != context.get_current_project().name:
            raise Exception("You are not member of project %s" % project)
    query_observations = Observation.select_all().project_only(project)
    for observation in query_observations :
        print("Querying ObservationID %s" % observation.observationId)
        dataproduct_query = cls.observations.contains(observation)
        # isValid = 1 means there should be an associated URI
        dataproduct_query &= cls.isValid == 1
        dataproduct_query &= ((cls.subband == subband1) | (cls.subband ==
subband2))
        # Or for stationSubband do :
        #dataproduct_query &= ((cls.stationSubband == subband1) |
(cls.stationSubband == subband2))
        for dataproduct in dataproduct_query :

```



```

        # This DataProduct should have an associated URL
        fileobject = ((FileObject.data_object == dataproduct) &
(FileObject.isValid > 0)).max('creation_date')
        if fileobject :
            print("URI found %s" % fileobject.URI)
            uris[project].add(fileobject.URI)
        else :
            print("No URI found for %s with dataProductIdentifier %d" %
(dataproduct.__class__.__name__, dataproduct.dataProductIdentifier))

for project in (project1, project2) :
    print("Total URI's found for project %s: %d" % (project,
len(uris[project])))

stager = LtaStager()
if do_stage :
    for project in (project1, project2) :
        stager.stage_uris(uris[project])

```

Here, we find data between freq1 and freq2 taken within one project between day1 and day2

```

do_stage = False
project = 'LC2_033'
freq1 = 172.0
freq2 = 178.0
day1 = datetime(2014,8,26) # this could include time; ie hours, minutes,
seconds
day2 = datetime(2014,8,29) # idem
# DataProduct class to query; CorrelatedDataProduct, SkyImageDataProduct,
etc ...
cls = CorrelatedDataProduct
# Query for private data of the project, you must be member of the project
private_data = False

# To see private data of this project, you must be member of this project
if private_data :
    context.set_project(project)
    if project != context.get_current_project().name:
        raise Exception("You are not member of project %s" % project)

query_observations = (
    (Observation.startTime >= day1) &
    (Observation.endTime < day2) ).project_only(project)

uris = set()
for observation in query_observations :
    print("Querying ObservationID %s" % observation.observationId)
    dataproduct_query = cls.observations.contains(observation)
    # isValid = 1 means there should be an associated URI
    dataproduct_query &= cls.isValid == 1
    dataproduct_query &= cls.minimumFrequency >= freq1

```



```
dataprodut_query &= cls.maximumFrequency < freq2
for dataprodut in dataprodut_query :
    # This DataProduct should have an associated URL
    fileobject = ((FileObject.data_object == dataprodut) &
(FileObject.isValid > 0)).max('creation_date')
    if fileobject :
        print("URI found %s" % fileobject.URI)
        uris.add(fileobject.URI)
    else :
        print("No URI found for %s with dataProductIdentifier %d" %
(dataprodut.__class__.__name__, dataprodut.dataProductIdentifier))

print("Total URI's found %d" % len(uris))

if do_stage :
    stager = LtaStager()
    stager.stage_uris(uris)
```

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