

# Planetary Science Archive

## Users Quick Guide

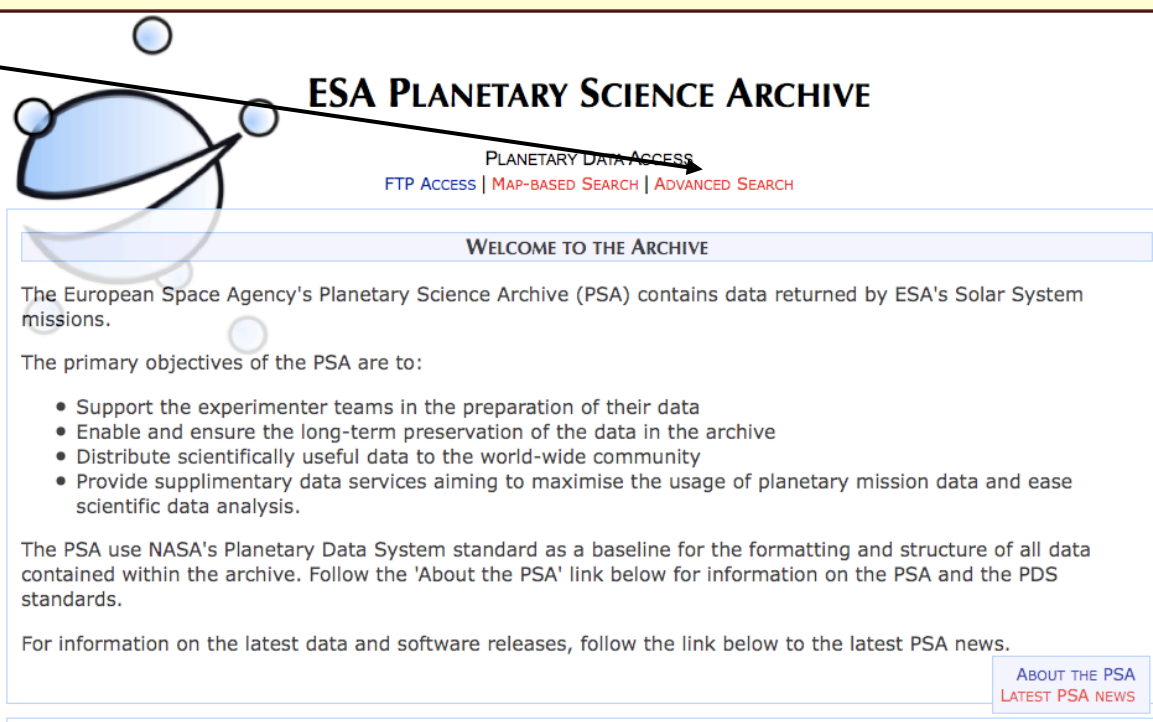
How to query and access data in  
the PSA using the  
Advanced Search Interface

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## Step 1

- Open the PSA www home page at:  
<http://www.rssd.esa.int/psa>
- Select "Advanced Search" from the left menu or the top of the page.
- The "PSA Browser Start Page" will appear on your screen and will start automatically.
- If you close your PSA window, you can re-start a new window by pressing "Start PSA browser" button

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# ESA PLANETARY SCIENCE ARCHIVE

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## WELCOME TO THE ARCHIVE

The European Space Agency's Planetary Science Archive (PSA) contains data returned by ESA's Solar System missions.

The primary objectives of the PSA are to:

- Support the experimenter teams in the preparation of their data
- Enable and ensure the long-term preservation of the data in the archive
- Distribute scientifically useful data to the world-wide community
- Provide supplementary data services aiming to maximise the usage of planetary mission data and ease scientific data analysis.

The PSA use NASA's Planetary Data System standard as a baseline for the formatting and structure of all data contained within the archive. Follow the 'About the PSA' link below for information on the PSA and the PDS standards.

For information on the latest data and software releases, follow the link below to the latest PSA news.

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## PSA version 3.0

Start PSA browser

Set to launch applet: ida.ObsCat  
About to initialise applet  
-- ObsCat: Initialising - 6 Phases to Complete  
-- Initialisation Phase 1 complete.  
-- Initialisation Phase 2 (Parameter Processing) complete.  
-- Initialisation Phase 3 (Control Components) complete.  
-- Initialisation Phase 4 (Graphical Components) complete.  
-- Initialisation Phase 5 (Component Placement) complete.  
-- Initialisation Phase 6 (Menu) complete.  
-- Initialisation complete.

(Check the full list of options for running the PSA)

Please note:

Closure of this window will terminate the PSA Browser and work may be lost.

Send your questions about the Planetary Science Archive to [PSA Helpdesk](#)

## Step 1a

If you would like to download a stand-alone version of the Java interfaces, you can click on the 'full list' link where there is access to the PSA.jar file. This is only recommended for experienced java users.

# Login/Registering – Interface structure

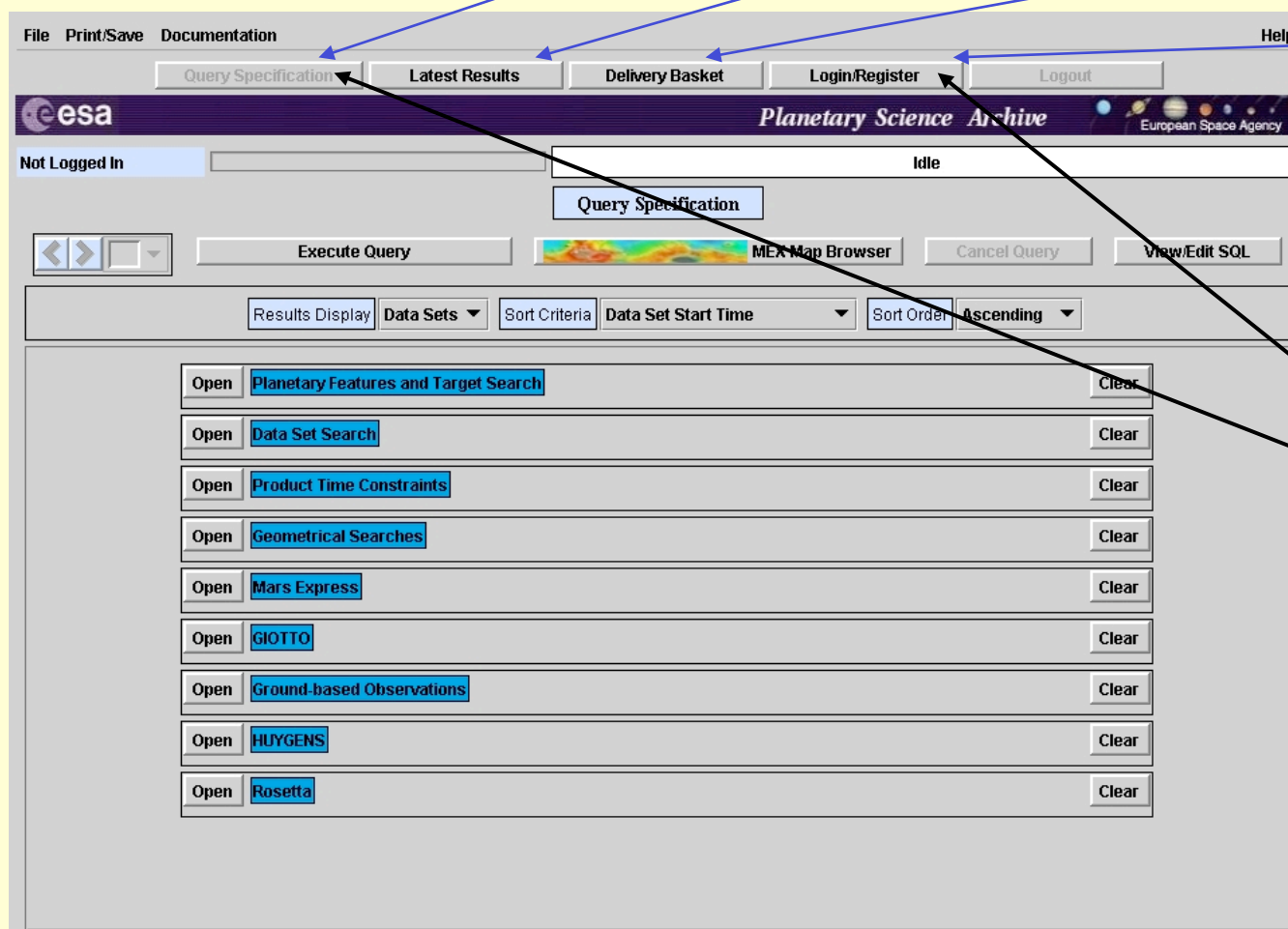
The Advanced Search Interface has 4 different page ‘views’. By clicking/selecting the individual views you can ‘walk around’ in the PSA.

a) The “Query Specification” allows you to define your query against the database

b) The “Latest Results” page allows you to view the result of previous queries.

c) The “Delivery Basket” allows you to select and sort items of interest before download.

d) The “Login/Register”, page is the first you should use. Please register to have the full functionality of the PSA).



The screenshot shows the ESA Planetary Science Archive interface. At the top, there is a menu bar with 'File', 'Print/Save', 'Documentation', and 'Help'. Below this is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Query Specification', 'Latest Results', 'Delivery Basket', 'Login/Register', and 'Logout'. The 'Login/Register' tab is currently selected. Below the navigation bar, there is a header section with the ESA logo and the text 'Planetary Science Archive' and 'European Space Agency'. Below the header, there is a status bar showing 'Not Logged In' and 'Idle'. Below the status bar, there is a 'Query Specification' button. Below the 'Query Specification' button, there is a row of buttons: 'Execute Query', 'MEX Map Browser', 'Cancel Query', and 'View/Edit SQL'. Below the row of buttons, there is a row of dropdown menus: 'Results Display', 'Data Sets', 'Sort Criteria', 'Data Set Start Time', 'Sort Order', and 'Ascending'. Below the dropdown menus, there is a list of search options, each with an 'Open' button and a 'Clear' button. The search options are: 'Planetary Features and Target Search', 'Data Set Search', 'Product Time Constraints', 'Geometrical Searches', 'Mars Express', 'GIOTTO', 'Ground-based Observations', 'HUYGENS', and 'Rosetta'.

## Step 2

- Select the “Login/Register” View and login or request new user id.
- After having logged in, select the “Query Specification” View

# Define Your Query

## Step 3

- Open a “Query Panel” and enter your search criteria (e.g. Orbit Number)
- Select whether you would like results to be displayed as data sets or data products.
- Execute the query

## Step 3 advanced option

- Experienced users with knowledge of SQL can view and edit their query by clicking on the View/Edit SQL button. This is not recommended unless you are an experienced SQL user.

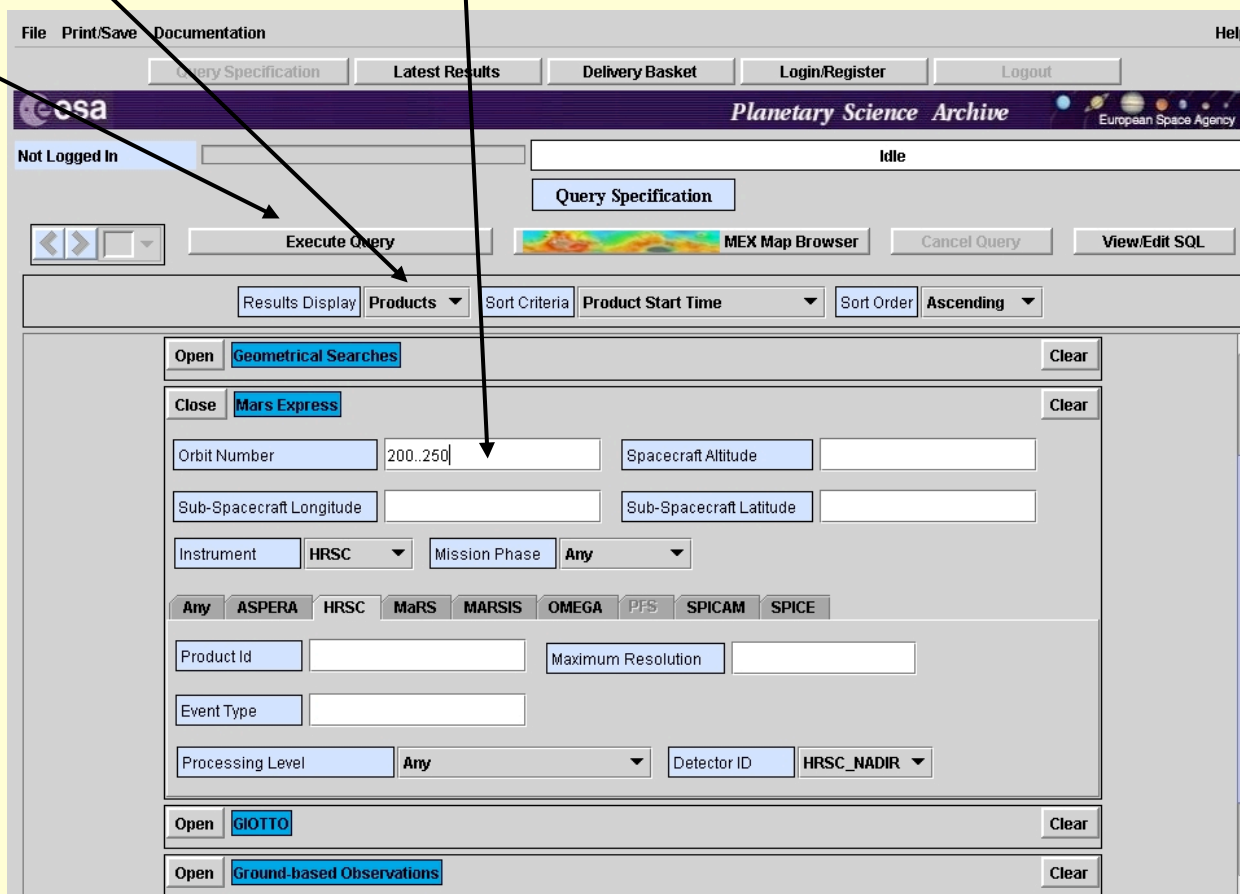
Not opening any “Query Panel” will result in the display of all available datasets

The PSA contains data conform to the Planetary Data System Standard. A ‘Data Product’ is e.g. a PDS-labeled file containing an image. A ‘Data Set’ is a full directory hierarchy containing documentation, catalogues, indexes, data products and any other information.

In the “Result Display” view options, you can select to see Data Products, Data Sets or both in the “Result Panel”

**IMPORTANT:** Opening several “Query Panels” will logically-AND the constraints within the individual query panels.

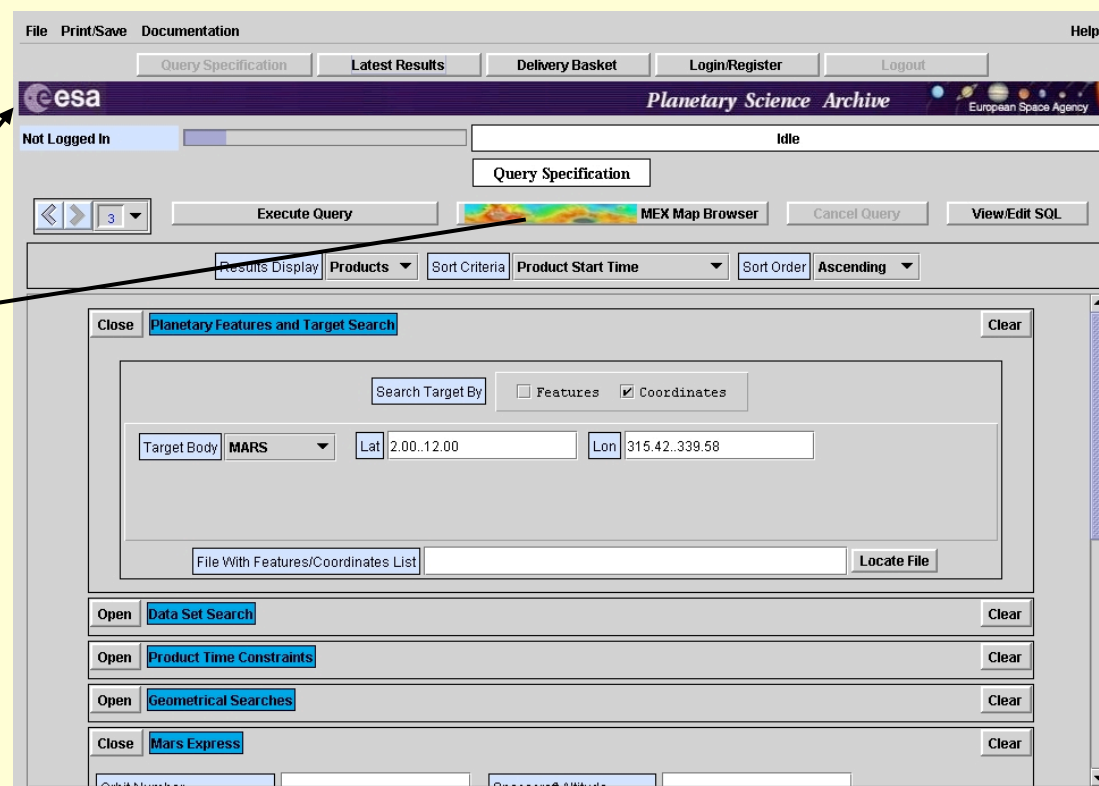
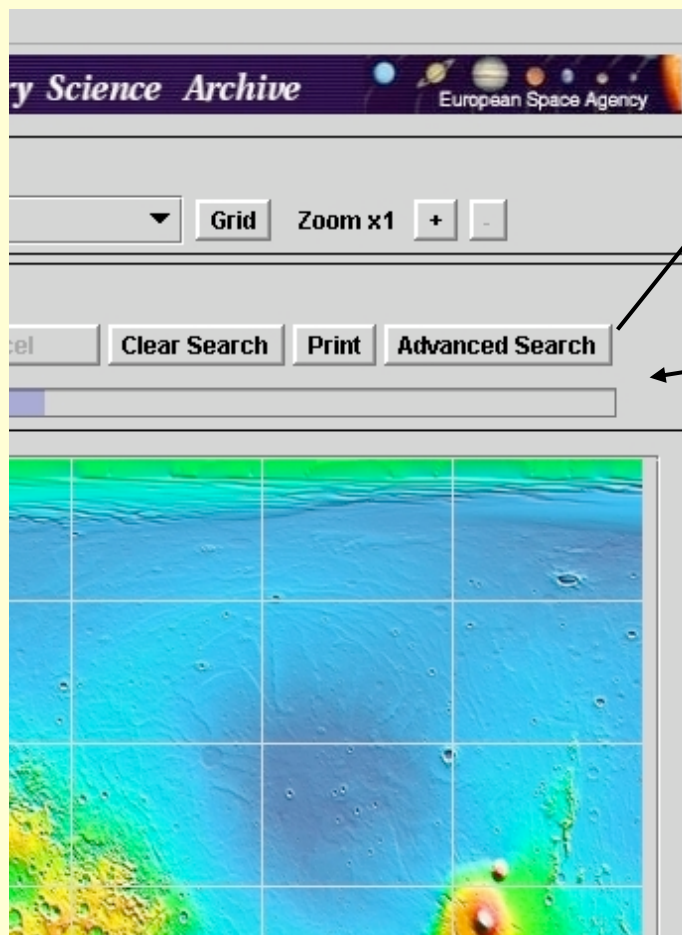
**ALL OPEN PANELS WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN YOU EXECUTE YOUR QUERY.**



# Map-based Interface vs Advanced Interface

Switch between the Map-based Interface and the Advanced Interface of the PSA and vice versa.

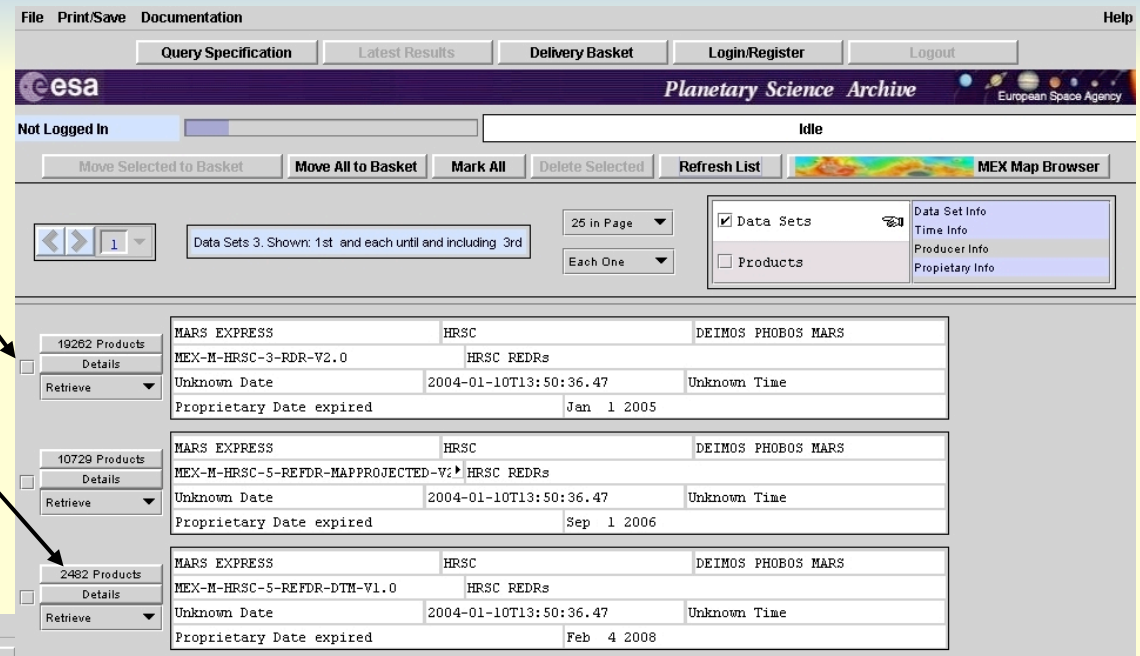
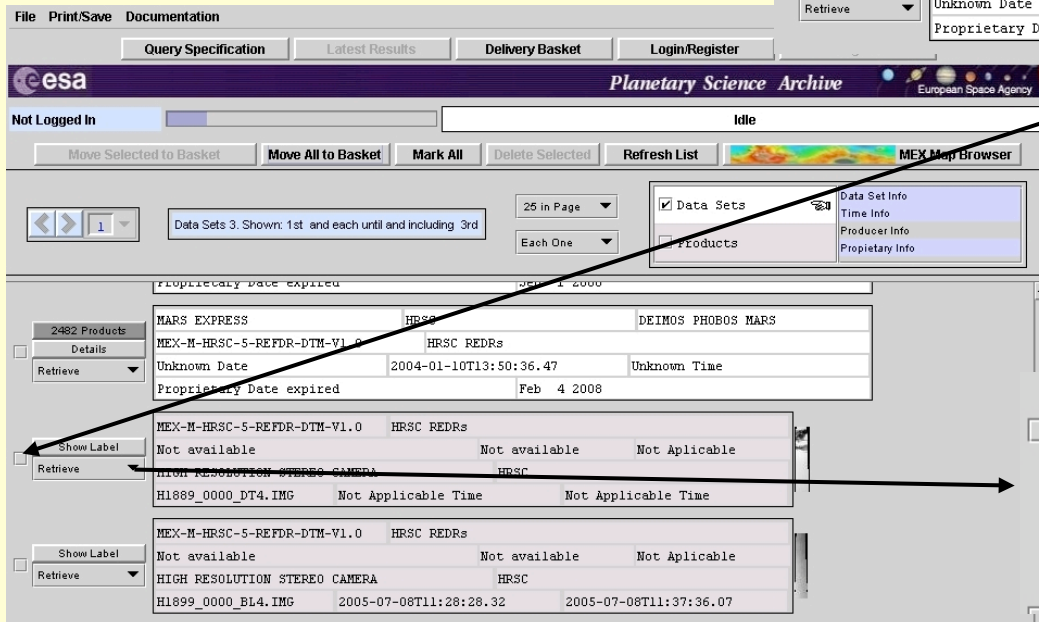
The results you receive from your queries from within the advanced interface are taken over to the map-based interface and displayed there in case of Mars data for which geometry information is existing (HRSC, OMEGA). This gives you the full flexibility of the advanced interface coupled to the visual power of the map-based concept.



# Browse your Results and Select

## Step 4

- If you want to download a whole data set, 'mark' the dataset as selected and move it to the Delivery Basket (go to step 5)
- If you want individual data products, 'view' the products by clicking on 'xxx Products', go to 4c

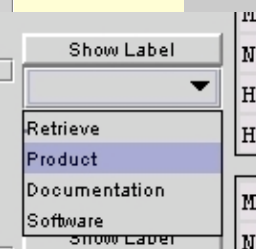



## Step 4:

- 'mark' the data products that you want to download as selected and move them into the Shopping Basket (goto step 5)

## Step 4 Alternative:

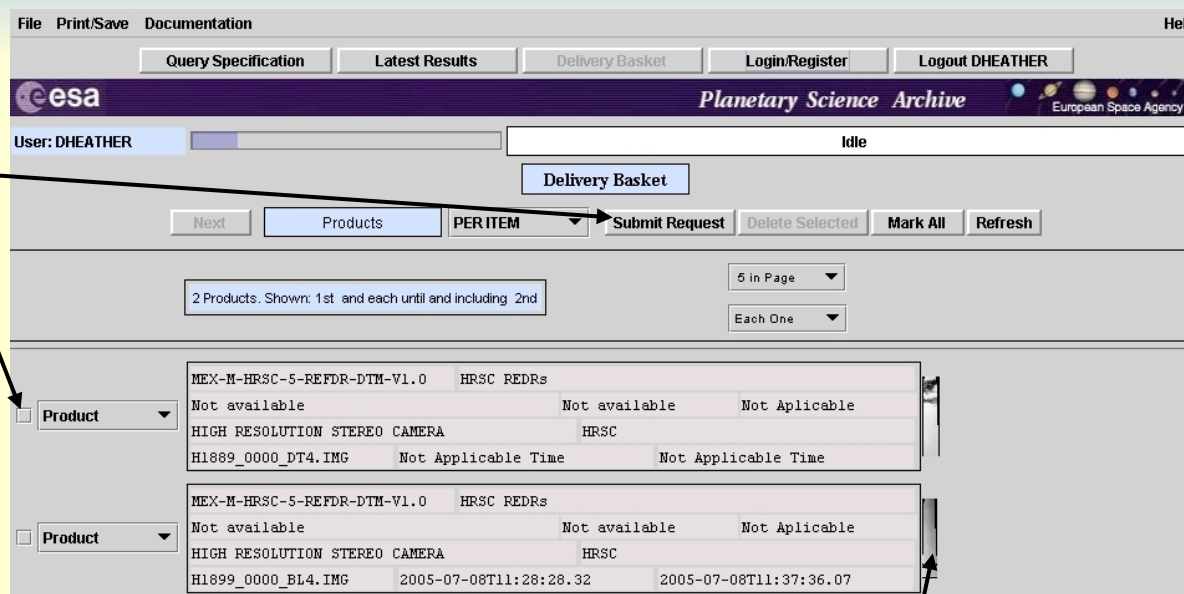
You can download a Data Product directly, but selecting 'Retrieve Product' on the right side of each Data Product



# Request via the Delivery Basket

## Step 5:

- 'mark' the Data Product(s) that you want to download
- 'Submit Request'
- 'select' your data packing option
- 'confirm' and wait for an email that will inform you on the ftp retrieval of the data you have selected



File Print/Save Documentation Help

Query Specification Latest Results Delivery Basket Login/Register Logout DHEATHER

esa Planetary Science Archive European Space Agency

User: DHEATHER Idle

Delivery Basket

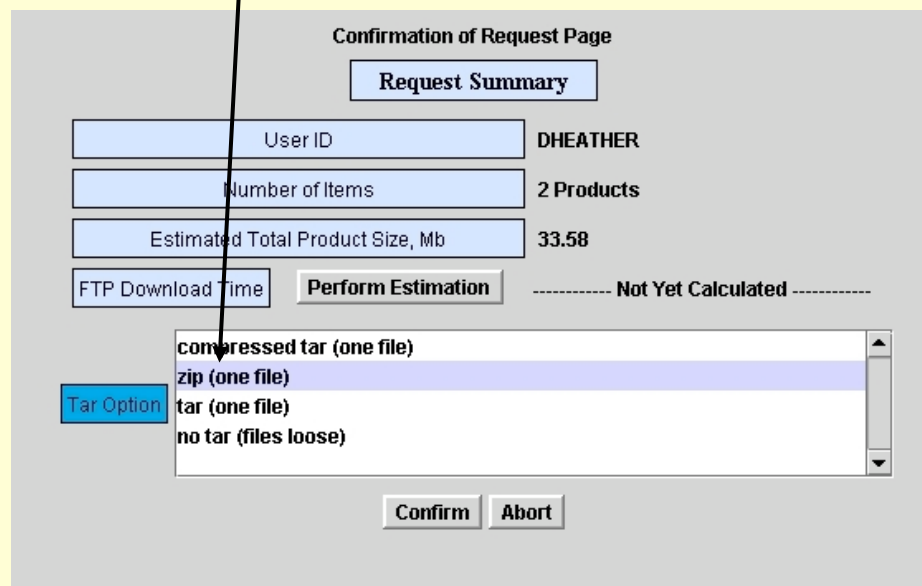
Next Products PER ITEM Submit Request Delete Selected Mark All Refresh

2 Products. Shown: 1st and each until and including 2nd

5 in Page Each One

MEX-M-HRSC-5-REFDR-DTM-V1.0	HRSC REDRs	Not available	Not available	Not Aplicable
HIGH RESOLUTION STEREO CAMERA	HRSC			
H1889_0000_DT4.IMG	Not Applicable Time	Not Applicable Time		

MEX-M-HRSC-5-REFDR-DTM-V1.0	HRSC REDRs	Not available	Not available	Not Aplicable
HIGH RESOLUTION STEREO CAMERA	HRSC			
H1899_0000_BL4.IMG	2005-07-08T11:28:28.32	2005-07-08T11:37:36.07		



Confirmation of Request Page

Request Summary

User ID DHEATHER

Number of Items 2 Products

Estimated Total Product Size, Mb 33.58

FTP Download Time Perform Estimation ----- Not Yet Calculated -----

Tar Option

compressed tar (one file)

zip (one file)

tar (one file)

no tar (files loose)

Confirm Abort

To have a somewhat larger view on the data product, please click on the icon and a larger view of the icon will display in a separate window.

## PSA Remarks and Proposals

- Please send us your remarks [psahelp@rssd.esa.int](mailto:psahelp@rssd.esa.int)
- In case of problems, please visit the Frequently Asked Questions page before contacting us
- In case you can not find the data you are looking for, please read the Mission Specific pages on the PSA home page (<http://www.rssd.esa.int/psa>)