

# Advanced DSpace

## plugins, configurable submission, & core API

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## Part 1: plugins

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[wiki.dspace.org/PluginManager](http://wiki.dspace.org/PluginManager)

Three types of plugin:

- singleton plugins
- named plugins
- sequence plugins

singleton plugins

key characteristic: only one implementing class

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**FooServlet.java:**

```
SiteAuthenticator siteAuth = (SiteAuthenticator)  
    PluginManager.getSinglePlugin(SiteAuthenticator.class);
```

when to use:

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When you need a uniform mechanism to perform a given function, but don't want to be constrained to that mechanism forever.

named plugins

key characteristic: multiple implementations available, app chooses one by name

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```
plugin.named.org.dspace.content.crosswalk.DisseminationCrosswalk = \
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FooDisseminator.java

```
DisseminationCrosswalk xwalk = (DisseminationCrosswalk)
    PluginManager.getNamedPlugin(DisseminationCrosswalk.class, "dc");
```

**note:**

named plugins must have names (keys) that are unique for the interface

**note:**

names may contain any characters other than  
',' and '=', but alphanumeric is preferred

when to use:

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When you need multiple implementations to be available / supported throughout the application, leaving the implementing classes to choose which option to use.

sequence plugins

key characteristic: “stack of singletons”

example: stackable authentication

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```
plugin.sequence.org.dspace.authenticate.AuthenticationMethod = \
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**AuthenticationManager.java:**

```
private static AuthenticationMethod stack[] = (AuthenticationMethod[])
    PluginManager.getPluginSequence(AuthenticationMethod.class);
```

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When you want to pass the responsibility for processing through a stack of implementing classes.

## Part 2: DSpace API

[wiki.dspace.org/static\\_files/7/7d/DevelopersDocumentation.pdf](http://wiki.dspace.org/static_files/7/7d/DevelopersDocumentation.pdf)  
[wiki.dspace.org/DAO\\_Prototype](http://wiki.dspace.org/DAO_Prototype) (needs updating)

## Section 1: 1.4.x & 1.5

quick overview: creating a hierarchy

```
Community community = Community.create(null, context);
community.setMetadata("short_description", "top-level community");
community.update();
```

parent community (optional)



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community.update();

Collection collection = community.createCollection();
collection.setMetadata("short_description", "collection foo");
collection.update();
```

checks authorization, creates Collection, &  
establishes parent / child relationship



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performs authorization checks and establishes  
the parent / child relationship

or

```
destination Collection  
↓  
WorkspaceItem wsi = WorkspaceItem.create(context, collection, false);  
Item item = wsi.getItem();  
↑  
Item will start as a copy of  
the Collection's template
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## Section 2: 1.6+\*

\* core API for 1.6+ releases still needs to be finalised

comparison with existing API: creating a hierarchy

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implementation defined in configuration

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communityDAO.link(community, collection);
collectionDAO.link(collection, item);
```

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- item.update() --> itemDAO.update(item)

## Section 3: org.dspace.core.Context

example 1: basic use

```
Context c = null;

try
{
    c = new Context();
    ...
    c.commit();
    ...
    c.complete();
}
catch (SQLException sqle)
{
    c.abort();
    c = null;

    log.warn("context aborted");
    System.err.println("context aborted", sqle);
}
```

example 2: cache

```
context.cache(obj, id);
```

object to cache

↓

context.cache(obj, id);

↑

unique identifier (int)

```
context.cache(obj, id);  
Foo obj = (Foo) context.fromCache(Foo.class, id);
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once an object is cached, we can retrieve  
it from memory if we know the id

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context.removeCached(obj, id);
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clean up after yourself :)

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context.cache(obj, id);

Foo obj = (Foo) context.fromCache(Foo.class, id);

context.removeCached(obj, id);

context.clearCache();
```

```
context.clearCache();  
    ↑  
clean up after others :)
```

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context.cache(obj, id);

Foo obj = (Foo) context.fromCache(Foo.class, id);

context.removeCached(obj, id);

context.clearCache();
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cache tips:

- always inspect cache before reading from data store
- don't cache unnecessarily

thanks

[wiki.dspace.org/Category:HOWTO](http://wiki.dspace.org/Category:HOWTO)  
[wiki.dspace.org/Guide\\_to\\_Developing\\_with\\_DSpace](http://wiki.dspace.org/Guide_to_Developing_with_DSpace)

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