

SPARC DSpace RM Mtg

SPARC DSpace Repository Manager Meeting Notes - November 19, 2008

ANYONE WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING IS WELCOME TO MAKE ADDITIONS OR COMMENTS TO THE NOTES BELOW. DSPACE FOUNDATION AND THE DSPACE GLOBAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON ADDRESSING SOME OF THE NEEDS IDENTIFIED DURING THE MEETING. IF YOU DID NOT ATTEND THE MEETING, BUT WISH TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK OR LEARN MORE, PLEASE CONTACT VALORE HOLLISTER AT val@dspace.org.

Helpful Links (questions were raised during the mtg about some info/resources available on www.dspace.org):

DSpace instance list with over 500 instances worldwide: <http://www.dspace.org/index.php/DSpace-Repositories/Repositories-Alphabetical.html>

DSpace website forums: <http://www.dspace.org/index.php/Forum/>

Training: <http://www.dspace.org/index.php/Training-Materials/DSpace-Training-Materials.html>

The DSpace LIVE CD (allows you to download a version of DSpace to play with - for example, you use it to play w/Manakin) is under the "Overall DSpace" section.

1) Manakin Training - Eric Jansson from NITLE ([Manakin_Session_after_SPARC.pdf](#)) - video will be posted shortly

-Examples and content

-How does Manakin work

-Strategies for implementation

-Live demo

-Recommended resources

2) Community Requirements Development Chat Summary - Dorothea Salo

a. A Successful Failure ([A_Successful_Failure.pdf](#))

- i. Active, respectful participation from developer pool
- ii. Some good feedback from repository managers, but very low participation
- iii. Detailed discussion notes can be found on wiki ([Community Requirements Gathering](#))

b. Question raised: Where are the repository managers? How or why aren't they participating in discussions targeted for them and intended to give them voice? What could work better and how can DSpace Foundation help to facilitate such discussions? Discussion continued later in the meeting - some observations/suggestions:

- i. LISTSERV discussions - unsure of which list to use, often use wrong lists, too intimidating to use list
- ii. Mentorship program to help new adoptors
- iii. Focus groups - work on defined timeframe and topic
- iv. Hold state or regional user group mtgs (Boston/Lois Widmer, Tennessee/Ronee Francis, Texas, Baltimore/Washington D.C.)
- v. Promote the solutions/add-ons that are available - what they do and how to use them
- vi. Create a vibrant, lively forum on www.dspace.org, one exists, how do we draw RMs there? (Shane Beers willing to help moderate)
- vii. Hold a DSpace issue 'surgery' at the next user group meeting (OR2009) w/panel of developers/experts available to help solve issues
- viii. Encourage the use of a social networking tool - like Crowdvine or Ning.com - tag and describe interests, browse interests, make 'friends', send mgs, ask questions, blog
- ix. Distribute DSpace instance list with more geographic info (state)
- x. Identify leaders for specific regions or use cases
- xi. Interactive video conferencing (Meretec/Google Chat)
- xii. Many find RMs see the bug reports, LISTSERV discussions/chats as invaluable resources
- xiii. Not all DSpace administrators fit into the category of 'repository managers' - and don't feel they have the right or responsibility to speak on behalf of their organization - but they have expertise that would be useful to the DSpace community, how can we help to get them involved?

3) Jira Demonstration of Issue Tracking/Feature Requests - Brad McLean

4) Birds of a Feather - group elected to discuss the issues raised by Dorothea (notes included above)

Attendees:

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