DSpace 2013 Vision Discussions

This page has been superseded by an ongoing Strategic Planning page, which describes all recent strategic planning activities.

The contents of this page have been kept as a historical record, but the ongoing work based on these Vision Discussions can now be found on the Strategic Planning page (and subpages).
This page is the homepage for discussions taking place around DSpace 3-5 Vision and Roadmap, begun in May 2013 but continuing into 2014

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Who is involved?

The DSpace Vision work is a collaboration between several groups, and requires approval / feedback from all of them at various stages:

- The DSpace Steering Group
- The DSpace Community Advisory Team (DCAT)
- The DSpace Committers Team
- DuraSpace
- The ad hoc "DSpace Vision Team"
    - This is really just a informal team comprising anyone on the 'dspace-vision' mailing list. It includes members of all the above groups.

Next Steps / Planning

What follows is a rough outline of the next steps in developing a vision and ultimately a technology roadmap for DSpace software. Please keep in mind that many of these steps may involve differing and sometimes overlapping groups of people. In addition, these steps may not necessarily be performed in the order displayed below.

UPDATE: These planning steps have been "formalized" into a Product Planning Process

- Develop a high level "Vision" for DSpace software. (*ACTION: DSpace Vision Team*)
    - **Completed:** http://duraspace.org/sites/duraspace.org/files/u3/DSpace%20vision.pdf (see also DSpace 2013 Vision Document)
- Survey the DSpace Community around the perceived "use cases/features" which may achieve that Vision. (*ACTION: DSpace Vision Team*)
    - **Completed:** http://duraspace.org/dspace-vision-survey-help-define-future
- Summarize & analyze Vision Survey results (e.g. what does our community find most important about DSpace?). (*TIMELINE: March/April 2014, ACTION: DSpace Vision Team or subset*)
    - DSpace Vision Survey presentation (by Stuart Lewis) at DuraSpace Sponsor Summit in March 2014
    - Graphs/Charts of Vision Survey Results (PDF)
    - Vision Survey Raw Data (PDF) - autogenerated by SurveyMonkey from the responses.
- Develop a high level "DSpace Product Plan" which brings together the Vision with perceived *core* use cases and feature sets (*TIMELINE: April /May 2014, ACTION: Small team, with early feedback/approval from all groups*)
    - Work begun at: DSpace 2014 Product Plan
    - Present a draft of Technology Plan to community for feedback/input (at OR14 in June)
- Investigate implementation options based on core use cases and feature sets (while keeping in mind extendability for "non-core" use cases), (*TIMELINE: TBD - Q3 2014?, ACTION: Small team of Committers / Tech savvy folks, with early feedback/approval from all groups*)
- Develop an Implementation Roadmap to achieve our Product Plan & Vision (*TIMELINE: TBD - Q4 2014?, ACTION: Small team of Committers / Tech savvy folks, with early feedback/approval from all groups.*)

Working Documents / Drafts

- DSpace 2013 Vision Document - An early draft of a proposed 3-5 year Vision for DSpace software.
    - Finalized Vision is at: http://duraspace.org/sites/duraspace.org/files/u3/DSpace%20vision.pdf

Vision Meeting Notes

(Note: at this time, only a subset of the meeting notes are actually copied to the wiki...more meeting notes can be found in the archives of the 'dspace-vision' mailing list below)

- 2013-05-09 - Two-day Kickoff Meeting (face-to-face) in Chicago: DSpace 2013 Vision and Roadmap Meeting
- 2013-06-19 - Conference Call: Vision Mtg 2013-06-19
- 2013-07-08 - Draft Vision was discussed during the OR13 DSpace Developers Meeting (notes linked at bottom of that agenda page)
    - Vision was also presented at OR13 and a call for community feedback was released after OR13: http://duraspace.org/dspace-2013-roadmap-and-3-5-year-vision

Mailing List

- 'dspace-vision' Google Group : This is a public list (archives are publicly available/searchable) which is just meant for organizing this group's work / activities / meetings.