Guides and FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- End User FAQ - Attempts to address the most commonly asked questions regarding DSpace (from a user perspective)
- TechnicalFAQ - Attempts to address the most commonly asked technical or installation questions regarding DSpace
- Additional resources for common questions:
  - Searching the Mailing Lists archives
  - Searching the dspace tag on StackOverflow. Also see our Guide to Posting Technical Questions to StackOverflow

Repository Planning

- The following documents are useful in planning a repository. All are written by Mary R.Barton et al copyright 2004-2005 (RM).
  - LEADIRS Creating an Institutional Repository
  - Creating a Service Model
  - Project Planning Matrix
- SUNScholar/Practical Guidelines for Starting an Institutional Repository. Produced by Stellenbosch University Library, this guide provides step-by-step information to help academic institutions in developing countries start an institutional repository.
- Lessons learned building an Institutional Repository with DSpace

Installing DSpace

- Start with the DSpace Documentation.
- **Platform and distribution-specific tips and guides can be found on the DSpace Installation Guides page.**
- en español: Instalación de Dspace: Deploy de un repositorio básico con Dspace 3.0
- DSpace Oracle to PostgreSQL migration - A general guide to migrating from Oracle to PostgreSQL

Customizing DSpace

- Past Training Materials & Workshops:
  - DSpace Training Archives - This is our primary archive of past workshop/webinar materials.
  - DuraSpace webinar archive, DuraSpace Slideshare - additional workshops/webinars hosted by DSpace
  - DSpace YouTube - Some DSpace related videos (and past meetings/summaries)
- General Tips:
  - How-To Guides has a list of all wiki pages which provide "how-to" hints for changing/customizing your DSpace install.
  - Build Cookbook has examples of adding your local changes to a DSpace distribution.
- Additional training in spanish: Curso de capacitación en repositorios y DSpace by SeDiCi, Universidad de la Plata, Argentina

Developing with DSpace

- An overall reference for developing code with DSpace (and creating patches) is available on the Developer Guidelines and Tools page.
- Code Contribution Guidelines - How to get your code accepted into DSpace.

Documentation for New DSpace Administrators

- Intro to DSpace (August 19, 2009) - written by Cameron Kainerstorfer and Heather Perkins (both of University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center)
- The DSpace Course (August 2008) - written by Stuart Lewis and Chris Yates, funded by JISC and Repositories Support Project and was funded by JISC
- Instructions for New Admin - This is a simple guide to print off for people who will start uploading documents to your instance of DSpace, by Shawna Sadler.