The Joining of Fedora Commons and the DSpace Foundation

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The five stages of community open source engagement

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CONTRIBUTE

CHAMPION

VALUE CO-CREATION

VALUE APPROPRIATION

COUPLING MANAGEMENT

SINGLE PROJECT

ENGINEERING DRIVEN

BUSINESS DRIVEN

MULTIPLE PROJECT
Continuity and Change

Business

Markets and Communities

OSS and Services
Our Strategy

Run like a startup...
entrepreneurial

Mission-driven...
software cannot be the cart leading horse

Diversified portfolio...
technology and business

Independent not-for-profit organization
Progression
Fedora Commons and DSpace Foundation

Common tools
Interoperability
New offerings

✓ cooperation
✓ collaboration
✓ partnership
✓ join organizations
Goals of Joining

- **Support**: Provide leadership, support, and advocacy for our existing DSpace, Fedora platforms, and related open source communities
- **Innovate**: Develop new services and offerings that extend beyond our existing software to serve both new and existing communities
- **Sustain**: Develop a sustainable non-profit organization by bringing in revenue and funding from multiple sources
Benefits vs. Risks

**Benefits**
- Mission centric vs. product centric
- Efficient, independent, agile organization
- New funding opportunities
- Leadership for large and growing communities
- Sustainability via a diversity of revenue streams
- Can enter into contracts and agreements

**Risks**
- Tension between sustainability and mission
- Limited resources
- Over-commitment; over-extending
More Information:
http://duraspace.org/