DSpace Global Outreach Committee Update

DSpace User Group Meeting
May 21, 2009

Valorie Hollister
Overview

- What is the DSpace Global Outreach Committee?
- What are the current projects?
What is the DGOC?

Group of DSpace repository managers from around the world who have an interest in helping to identify and develop regional support, trainings, user group meetings, resources and tools for the DSpace user community.
Where to start?

Lots of needs – first step is to build a framework
Start here...

- Assemble the committee
- Determine logistics
- Transparency to the community
2008 Projects

1) DSpace Repository Manager Meeting after SPARC Meeting Nov 2008

2) Built consensus and defined initial DGOC projects
Current Projects

1) Help organize the DSpace User Group Meetings

2) Develop a dynamic database of DSpace instances

3) Create a social network for the DSpace user community

4) Assemble a list of addons available for the DSpace platform

5) Create a DSpace Ambassadors Program
Dynamic Database

- List of all known repositories
- Useful information about the repository and the environment
- Editable by users
- Linked to the social network
12. What version(s) of DSpace is being used at your organization? If you are using multiple versions, please use the "Other" category to indicate which one is in production.

- < or = 1.2 or 1.2.x
- 1.3 or 1.3.x
- 1.4 or 1.4.x
- 1.5 or 1.5.x
- Bleeding-edge SVN version
- Other (please specify)

13. We plan to upgrade to 1.5.x in

- <3 months
- <6 months
- <1 year
- Already upgraded
- Don't plan to upgrade
- Don't know
Type of Organization

- Academic Institutions: 80%
- Research Centers: 20%
- Medical Center/Hospital: 10%
- Consultant/Svc Provider: 5%
- Government: 3%
- Archive/Public Library: 2%
- Corporate: 1%
- Consortium: 1%
- Other: 0%

*Survey question allowed for multiple answers; %s may represent multiple answers from the same respondent*
Type of Use Case

* Survey question allowed for multiple answers; %s may represent multiple answers from the same respondent
DSpace Version

* Survey question allowed for multiple answers; %s may represent multiple answers from the same respondent
Modifications

- Significant changes to core code
- Almost no changes (config only)
- Significant UI customizations
- Implemented new features
- Minor cosmetic

* Survey question allowed for multiple answers; %s may represent multiple answers from the same respondent
Survey Results

Full survey results:

How could a social network help?

- Mailing list is good, but limited
- Forum for connections allows users to be their own best resource
- Subject experts and platform champions
Social Network Requirements

- Free and open to all who are interested
- Low barrier for participation
- Customizable profile - area of interest/experience, etc.
- Multi-level search
- Ability to feed TO/FROM other tools already in use (IRC, Friend Feed, etc.)
Your feedback?

What would compel you to be involved in repository solutions social network?

What recommendations do you have?
More Information