DSpace Leadership Breakout Discussion (April 14, 2021)

BREAKOUT ROOM #4

Discussion Topic: Prioritization of features for DSpace 7.1

Instructions:

- If needed, conduct a brief round of introductions
- Identify reporter to report highlights of the discussion out to the larger group.
- Questions for discussion:
    - What criteria did you use for voting and ranking features?
    - Which results surprised you? Are there features you would argue should be higher (or lower) on the list?
    - What else should Steering and the DSpace 7 Working Group consider when prioritizing features for development in DSpace 7.1 not reflected in these results? (E.g. Can you identify dependencies for high-priority features that should be considered?)

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Notes

- Perhaps not generalizable from 20ish responses?
- Many use cases and organizations/consortia/service providers make prioritization of features difficult
    - Does jspui need to be considered further based on the install base, with only 2 leaders?
- Are people going to go into production with 7.0 or wait for perhaps 7.2? Which also calls into question the level of effort for this analysis (2 of the 5 people were waiting for 7.2).
    - Which features make sense to bundle from a development perspective (Question for Steering)
    - New DSpace users might accept that some features are "missing." Coming from bepress or other new installations.
        - Prioritize basic workflow for new DSpace users. Would someone implementing now take the risk to implement 7.x?

- What criteria did you use for voting and ranking features?
    - New items prioritized lower or removed (except accessibility)
    - Asked the people who work with DSpace day to day
    - User-centred view (what if that feature was not there?)