

DSpace Leadership Breakout Discussion (October 13, 2021)

BREAKOUT ROOM #4

Discussion Topic: DSpace Value Proposition

Instructions:

- If needed, conduct a brief round of introductions
- Identify reporter to report highlights of the discussion out to the larger group.
- Each group will use the following topics/questions to generate discussion about DSpace value and report back to the full group. You do not need to cover every question.
 - What is the DSpace value proposition for your institution? What are the most important reasons your institution uses DSpace?
 - At the time (early 2000's) options were limited. User interface was the best option at the time.
 - Stability!
 - Open Source and the community
 - The number of institutions and the cohesiveness of the community
 - Availability of service providers
 - Integrations with other systems (ie. CRIS)
 - A local DSpace Committer has helped with justification
 - The future is bright as well (DSpace 7)
 - Commercial software does not align with our values
 - Strong community of Service Providers with DSpace and the revitalization of community committers.
 - Easiness to run installation, easy integration
 - Importance of refactorisation of DSpace 7 and revamp of the user interface, and API
 - Same interest for version 7
 - Which parts of the value proposition do you think are most unique to DSpace (versus true of all repository platforms)?
 - My impression is that it's comparatively easy to implement/run, has good options for support, and it's open source. The other

platforms have some but likely not all three of those characteristics. Also Service providers and integration options

- Good governance and contribution of features with rules.
 - Licensing as well - you can make a business
- Global user base (also strong national user groups) and contribution to equity on a global scale,
- What do you think would be the most compelling arguments for DSpace membership targeted at (a) library administrators (b) repository managers (c) software developers / technology folks or (d) other audiences?
 - Library administrators -
 - Model your collections
 - Support ongoing development of software that your institution is using.
 - No licence cost- you decide how much you want to invest in the software.
 - Plug in architecture easier to maintain
- Who at your institution makes decisions about (a) which platforms to use and (b) where to devote financial resources to for support of open source/open access?
 - Associate University Librarian/Dean, University Librarian/Dean and Director of Finance (but then the break out room broke up, so this is just from a UBC perspective, sorry).

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