

[Duraspace](#)

Organization descriptors

Consider each category for its relevance to the organization

Does this organization build/maintain/promote significant cyberinfrastructure as a core part of their activities?

Yes- provides:

- A. cloud-based , redundant data sharing infrastructure (Duracloud)*
- B. hosted repository service (DSpaceDirect)*
- C. hosted VIVO installations (new)*

Also

- D. supports development of tools like Fedora, DSpace.*
- E. provides professional development services (aka consulting)*

Scale: how do we compare ourselves?

Founded in 2009

International- installations in 90 countries

organization is distributed: "most of our employees work virtually and are located around the USA. We are a true believer in the virtual office and use a variety of online tools to facilitate our ability to work as a collaborative and collegial team"

staff: 10 (hiring 3 more)

board of directors: 11

funding agency sponsors including

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Library of Congress

National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP)

The National Science Foundation

*The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)*

Institutional sponsors broken down into several levels:

Diamond

*Columbia University Libraries
Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford
Stanford University Libraries and Academic Information Resources
University of Virginia Library
University of New South Wales*

Platinum

*Brown University
FIZ Karlsruhe
Indiana University Libraries
Northeastern University Libraries
Pennsylvania State University Information Technology Services
Texas A&M
University of Prince Edward Island, Robertson Library*

Gold

*Arizona State University Libraries
Cornell University Library
Emory University Library
Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
Johns Hopkins University Libraries
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Libraries
North Carolina State University Libraries
Northwestern University
Rutgers University
Smithsonian Institution Office of Research Information Services
Texas Digital Library
Tufts University
University of British Columbia
The Library, University of California San Diego
University of Cambridge
University Library
University of Manitoba
University of Michigan Library
University Library System, University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas Libraries
University of Toronto
Virginia Tech Libraries*

Silver

21 institutions
Bronze
35 institutions

Non-commercial or commercial organization?

501(c)(3) not-for-profit

Community focused organization?

Yes, includes:

Interest groups
Advisory Team
Ambassador Program
Annual meetings

Does it provide best practices for its community?

Yes, Community Webinar Series provides best practice advice.
Also provide consulting services

What scholarly focus?

Yes. Multi-disciplinary.

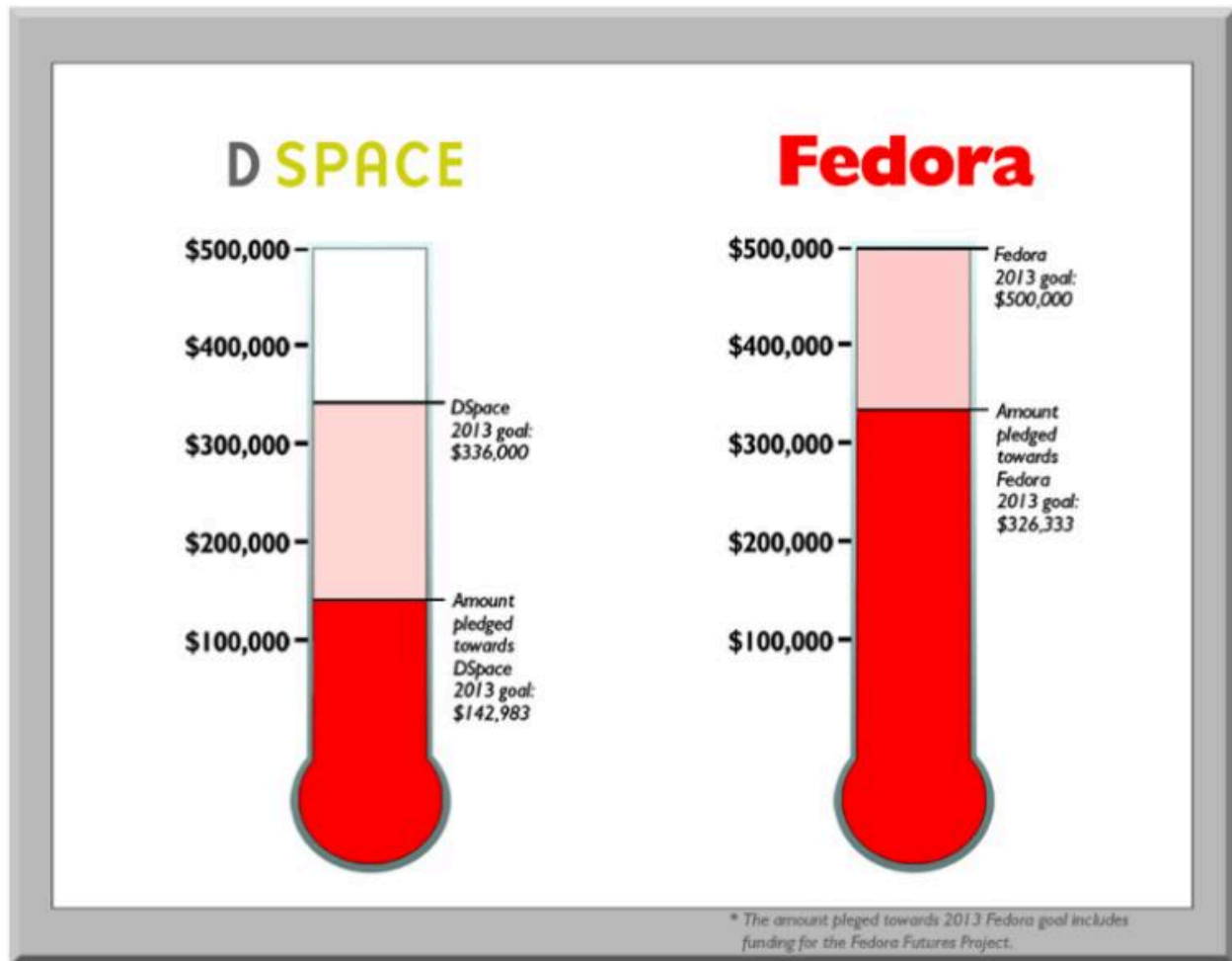
Is it a project or an organization? Is it in transition?

Organization. Result of merger of two other organizations, each of which evolved from a project (DSpace & Fedora)

Sustainability?

Membership, sponsorship and grants.

In the midst of a 1 million dollar sponsorship drive for 2013. Current status is:



Structural

How it is arranged (WGs?) Governance structure?

Board of directors of between 3-11, executive director hired by board

"initial board will be established with 50% of directors on a 1-year initial term and 50% of directors on 2-year initial term. A director can be re-elected, but can have a maximum of 3 consecutive terms. This means the maximum time for

directors with a 1-year initial term would be 5 years, as they could be re-elected for two more terms of 2 years. The maximum time for directors with a 2-year initial term would be 6 years, as they could be re-elected for two more terms of 2 years. Consequently, the entire initial board membership would change after 6 years. “

Do they hold data?

Yes. On behalf of their clients.

How long operational?

Since 2009. Projects originated ~ 2001-2

Strategic preplanning and planning

Full time chief strategy officer. Board provides guidance on strategic decisions.

Public or private support

Mostly private. Some public institutions.

Communication tools

Traditional marketing materials including:

Logos

Fliers and brochures

Stickers

Spec Sheets

Conference Displays

3 Web seminars and events in 2013

Newsletter (Duraspace Digest) released once a year.

Communication policy

“DuraSpace Marketing and Communications also supports organizational projects, services and initiatives. Marketing activities include external communications (newsletters, press releases, blog posts and web sites); marketing materials (brochures, flyers, exhibits and cards); user and customer support, sales and recruitment (personal outreach, one-on-one training, and custom email communications), and internal support (web site hosting and systems, web analytics, and communications infrastructure research.”

Sustainability plan? Financial support/Budget?

In 2012 moved from 100% grant funded to being two-thirds sponsorship and service revenue funded. In 2012, total revenue was \$1,187,047, where total funds from sponsorship revenue were \$417,750.

*In 2013, institutions will be able to make a choice as to how their contributions would be allocated, to DSpace, Fedora or General Projects. [This seems like a *really* bad idea. Effectively takes strategic planning out of the hands of board and staff]*

Mission/vision

“DuraSpace is an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization providing leadership and innovation for open technologies that promote durable, persistent access to digital data. We collaborate with academic, scientific, cultural, and technology communities by supporting projects and creating services to help ensure that current and future generations have access to our collective digital heritage.”

Aspect of the Data LifeCycle dealt with by the organization

Internal/external evaluation

Board supervision

Technologies used (analyze these features in Technology sub- group) & will integrate

Heavy cloud usage, several platforms (Fedora, DSPace, VIVO)

Relationship to DataONE

Potential competition?

Human Resources

Paid, unpaid volunteers

Board unpaid. Staff paid. Makes use of unpaid “ambassadors.”

Strategic partners and other stakeholders

Duraspace has “registered service providers” including:

- *Enovation Solutions, LTD*
- *VTLS, Inc.*
- *The Longsight Group, LLC*
- *AtMire*
- *Open Repository (BioMed Central)*
- *MediaShelf, LLC*
- *CILEA*
- *Discovery Garden*
- *Argonet*
- *Provider IT*
- *Truman Technologies*

How members are selected

N/A

Expectations of users

Ease of use and deployment, low capital costs, technical assistance and best practice guidance

Symbolic

Name of organization

“Dura” has same implications as “persistent”. That is “stubborn” but not committed to “permanent”

How members are selected (status?)

N/A

Building trust

Branding/marketing

