

Open Meeting: Islandora 8 Sandbox Time

November 17th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Eastern

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82815950939>

Walking through How To Do Things in Islandora 8

Problem

- Islandora 8 is a new experience that departs from the Islandora 7 experience in many ways.
- In particular, the Islandora 8 interface is much more “Drupal-y” than Islandora 7, but this does not always make configuration obvious.
- There are relatively few Islandora 8 sites in production that people can explore and evaluate.

Solution

- An open meeting where we will walk through how to do some basic thing in islandora 8, take requests from attendees on what they want to see, and demonstrate how to work with Islandora 8 in a practical way

Use Case

- Prepare for migration to I8 by gaining more direct experience with how the new system is different from I7.
- Plan out a “greenfield” islandora 8 site by evaluating tools and features and how they work.
- Troubleshoot a problem with an Islandora 8 test site by having more experienced users walk through it with you in a demo site.
- Demonstrate complex features and discuss how they work, such as multi-file media, compound objects, and paged content.
- Evaluate existing Drupal solutions for digital repository problems (i.e., Drupal contrib modules)

The How: Open Meetings for Islandora 8

- Hold a 4-hour open Zoom release party (drop in session) for those wanting to ask questions about Islandora 8 or request a demonstration of different aspects and tools (e.g., how to create new objects, how to create collections, how to build custom view, how to install new modules, etc)
- Ensure there are a few power users or experienced maintainers on the call.
- Troubleshooting technical problems may have to get elevated or triaged to other groups, communities, communication channels, or internally to institutional resources.
- Record some portion of the sessions and build out documentation
- In the future, participants could help improve documentation for releases, or help with other testing or documentation needs.

The Why: Sharing knowledge and making space for users questions and feedback

- Helps us build out our skillset collectively around how to work with Islandora
- What's it like to work together on this?
- Knowledge that we can reach out to our peers for help and that we're all in it together.
- A way to get more people to build their skills with Islandora 8. A place for people to learn, ask questions, and see first hand how different parts of the software work.

Resources

- [Islandora 8 Documentation](#)
- [Islandora 8 Sandbox](#)
- [Islandora Virtual Machine \(large file\)](#)
- [Islandora Quick Lessons](#) (>5 minute videos on common tasks)
- Ask for help anytime: Islandora Slack #islandora 8 or #support
- Regular meetings:
 - [Islandora 8 Tech Call](#) (weekly)
 - [Islandora Users Call](#) (bi-weekly)

Links shared during the call:

- https://www.drupal.org/project/facets_block
- https://www.drupal.org/project/linked_data_field