2020-07-23 DSpace 7 Working Group Meeting

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Date

23 Jul 2020 from 14:00-15:00 UTC

Location: [https://lyrasis.zoom.us/my/dspace](https://lyrasis.zoom.us/my/dspace) (Meeting ID: 502 527 3040).

- More connection options available at DSpace Meeting Room

Beta 4 Sprint : July 13-24

- Beta 4 active development
- DSpace 7 Project Boards
- View PRs assigned to you for review/testing: [https://github.com/pulls/review-requested](https://github.com/pulls/review-requested)

Agenda

- **(BEFORE MEETING IN #dev-sprint)** Developer Stand Up - Developers give brief updates on their effort (or their team's effort).
  - Update/see “Current Work” section below based on your status. *Please feel free to update prior to meeting.*
  - Please highlight any new work (needing reviews/testing), any blockers (for you), and any discussion topics you may have.
  - (15 mins) General Discussion Topics
    1. **(DELAYED UNTIL JULY 30)** Disabling some CLI flags in the Processes REST API for all scripts (e.g. `--eperson`), or supporting a way to configure some flags to be CLI-only.
      a. Some of these scripts have flags that we should **never** allow to be specified via the REST API (as they become a security issue when available on REST, but they are **not** a security issue via CLI).
      b. See this initial issue around `metadata-import`: [https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace/issues/2822](https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace/issues/2822)
      c. The Curation Tasks PR has the same security issue, as it also allows the `--eperson` flag: [https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace/pull/2820](https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace/pull/2820)
      d. Another problematic flag is the ability to specify an output file location, e.g. in `metadata-export` : [https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace/issues/2821](https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace/issues/2821)
  - (45 mins) Planning for next week
    - Review of our Beta 4 Project Board

Attendees

- Art Lowel (Atmire)
- Andrea Bollini (4Science) - Upcoming holiday July 27-Aug 7
- Tim Donohue
- Lieven Droogmans - Upcoming holiday Aug 3 - Aug 7
- Giuseppe Digilio (4Science) - Upcoming holiday July 31-Aug 21
- Ben Bosman - On holiday week of July 20-24
- Paulo Graça
- Heather Greer Klein

7.0 Release Goals

These resources define the prioritization and general schedule we are working towards

- DSpace 7 Release Goals: overview of goals/timelines & beta release process
- DSpace 7 Release Plan spreadsheet: our planning spreadsheet which details which features are scheduled for each Beta release.

Current Work

Project Board

DSpace 7.0 Beta 4 Project Board: [https://github.com/orgs/DSpace/projects/3](https://github.com/orgs/DSpace/projects/3)
Delayed / Needs Discussion

1. Finalize / approve the initial list of all authorization features which we should implement for the /api/authz/features REST endpoint. This list of features should be limited to only features which are required to enable/disable User Interface functionality. (In other words, we can always add more features in the future. We just need to approve the list necessary for 7.0)
   a. Review current spreadsheet (from Andrea Bollini (4Science)) : https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1182LcD_WqizRbfUGwpLWbwaOMR9jhbOVB7GZqTtPr9A/edit?usp=sharing
      i. Art Lowell (Atmire) : I don’t see any immediate issues with the current set of features, but I would prefer a consistent naming scheme. I’d use canDoSomething for everything
      ii. Tim Donohue added possible renames of these features based on Art’s idea (see cell comments in spreadsheet). I like the “can[DoSomething]” naming scheme as well.

2. Initial Performance Testing from Chris. Needs revisiting / retesting prior to 7.0.
   b. These performance tests were run prior to the work on “projections” (to limit the data returned by the REST API). Therefore, it is likely performance is much improved, but needs verification testing.

3. (REST Contract) Edit Homepage News: https://github.com/DSpace/Rest7Contract/pull/45
   a. Delayed. General agreement (in meeting on March 21, 2019) that storing HTML in metadata fields is not really ideal behavior. Metadata (from a librarian standpoint) tends to be free of format-related markup (as that allows for easier sharing, understanding of metadata. Currently Community & Collection homepage information is HTML-based and is stored in metadata that is appropriate for a minor subset of information (like the title) but it is better to move large/rich text to bitstreams.
   b. Proposal here is to consider storing HTML-based markup (for Site, Community & Collection homepages) in Bitstream(s) associated with the object in question. May allow for more CMS-lite behavior in the future
   c. Timeline for this is uncertain. Possibly in 7 or 8. May depend on how/whether it can be scoped.

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