DevMtg 2011-01-19

Developers Meeting on Weds, January 19, 2011

Agenda

- First 15-20 minutes: JIRA Catch-Up – starting with issue DS-659
  - Search for all Unresolved Issues (since DS-659)

- Moving towards finalizing a Timeline for 1.8.0
  - Over past few weeks (and amongst Committers privately), a few 1.8 Timeframe options have been discussed:
    1. Release 1.8.0 in Sept 2011 - See Sample Timeline #1 in 1.8.0 Release Notes
    2. Release 1.8.0 in Oct 2011 - See Sample Timeline #2 in 1.8.0 Release Notes
    3. Release 1.8.0 "with enough time to generate reports/presentations" for Open Repositories. The exact details of this proposal are still a bit unclear to me, and need clarification. But I suspect this would mean a 1.8.0 release in Dec 2011 or early 2012 (i.e. before deadlines for OR12 submissions start to occur).

- Beginning to brainstorm potential features for 1.8.0 release:
  - More Curation Tools/Plugins? (Obviously, some could potentially even be release asynchronously, and also formally "bundled" with 1.8.0)
  - REST API formal release? It missed 1.7.0, but there seemed to be interest there. Volunteer(s) to stabilize/improve for 1.8.0?
  - DSpace "Easy" Installer? (see DS-802 for very early thoughts – code coming soon)
    - Perhaps, alongside this, an easier way to "install" plugins/addons (like Curation Tool plugins)??
  - Other ideas, things people are already working on / towards?

- Topics for upcoming "Special Topics" Meetings?
  - git / DCVS
  - Forming a "Documentation Management Team"? Or reworking our procedures for managing/reviewing/approving Docs on the Wiki.

Meeting Notes

1.8 scheduling & feature brainstorming, JIRA review

- JIRA Review: ended with DS-668
- 1.8.0 Scheduling Discussion
  - Some misunderstanding about our version numbering scheme:
    - 1.x.x -> 2.x.x = major version (major architectural changes, may not be 100% compatible with past versions, but obviously will have a migration path)
    - 1.6.x -> 1.7.x = minor version (feature changes or minor architecture changes, should be compatible with other past versions)
    - 1.7.0 -> 1.7.1 = subminor version (bug-fixes only - no new features or architecture/DB changes)
  - 1.8.0 Scheduling - New call for a vote will happen on dspace-commit list. Hope to be decided/finalized soon.
  - Version numbering - more discussion of whether to change our numbering sequences. Some options posed:
    - Drop the "1.", so 1.8 would become "8"
    - Number similar to Ubuntu, so if the release was in Oct 2011, it would be version 11.10 (YY.MM)
    - No real decision, just floated ideas

- 1.8.0 Potential Features
  - Listing has begun at: DSpace Release 1.8.0 Notes Feel free to add what you are working on

Meeting Transcript