There are two dedicated DSpace IRC (internet relay chat) channels (i.e. "rooms") on the irc.freenode.net server:

- #dspace (irc://irc.freenode.net/dspace) - all DSpace discussions and live Q & A. This channel is unlogged.
- #duraspace (irc://irc.freenode.net/duraspace) - for weekly DSpace Developer meetings, and wider DuraSpace community discussions. As of July 2018, this channel is unlogged. Prior years logs are still available/archived.

If you do not have access to an IRC client, or are new to IRC, the following web interfaces are very easy way to get started:

- Login to #dspace IRC at: http://webchat.freenode.net?channels=dspace
  - Enter in a nickname of your choice (e.g. firstName_lastName) & click "Connect"
- Login to #duraspace IRC at: http://webchat.freenode.net?channels=duraspace
  - Enter in a nickname of your choice (e.g. firstName_lastName) & click "Connect"
- Or you can login to both IRC channels at the same time: http://webchat.freenode.net?channels=duraspace,dspace

For a list of IRC client software, see:


Many current Instant Messaging (IM) clients also support IRC. Here's a list of widely used software you can install that will allow you to connect to IRC:

- Pidgin (supports IM & IRC on all OSes) - Ubuntu has a good guide for configuring IRC in Pidgin (just be sure to join the #dspace or #duraspace channel instead of #ubuntu)
- Adium (Mac only, supports IM & IRC) - Note: only version 1.4 or above supports IRC
- Trillian (supports IM & IRC)
- Colloquy (Mac only, supports IRC)

While we do our best to provide live, interactive Q&A via IRC, obviously we all get busy at times (or need to sleep). So, if you do not get a response via IRC, we recommend emailing your question to the dspace-tech Mailing List as an alternative. If you are encountering issues with DSpace, you should also review the recommendations under our Troubleshoot an error guide.

All DSpace IRC channels follow the DuraSpace Code of Conduct. We ask you to remain respectful in all discussions. We also encourage you to report any violations of the code of conduct to DuraSpace (see the DuraSpace Code of Conduct for more details).