DSpace 4.0 was officially released to the public on December 16, 2013. DSpace 4.0 can be downloaded immediately at either of the following locations:

- GitHub: https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace (tag 'dspace-4.0')

See the DSpace 4.x Release Notes for more information.

Where are the Release Notes?

DSpace 4.x Release Notes have been incorporated into the DSpace 4.x documentation wiki. The content of that page, and this one, is similar, but it's not a perfect duplicate. This page is for coordinating and planning DSpace Release 4.0, and for communicating this status information to the community. The DSpace 4.x Release Notes page is a historical document, with much of the same material.

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New features in DSpace 4.0

DSpace 4.0 ships with a number of new features. Certain features are automatically enabled by default while others require deliberate activation. The following non-exhaustive list contains the major new features in 4.0 that are enabled by default:

| Discovery: Search & Browse is now enabled by default in both XMLUI and JSPUI. |
| Note: The Lucene/DB-based search & browse backend is still supported, but is deprecated and might be removed in a future release. Any new features should use the Discovery API instead of tying directly to Lucene, Solr or Elastic Search. |
| • Discovery general enhancements |
|   • Solr libraries were upgraded to version 4.4 (JSPUI, XMLUI and OAI modules) - by lap |
|   • Solr search accent insensitive - by ab |
|   • Solr-based item counter - by im, ab |
| • Discovery UI enhancements (both JSPUI and XMLUI) |
|   • Query spell checking ("did you mean") - XMLUI by kv, JSPUI by lap, ab |

Contributors:
lap - Luigi Andrea Pascarelli with the support of CINECA
ab - Andrea Bollini with the support of CINECA
kv - Kevin Van de Velde with the support of @mire
im - Ivan Masár
A new Bootstrap-based default look and feel for JSPUI (see DS-1675 for screenshots)

Kindly contributed by Andrea Bollini & Luigi Andrea Pascarelli with the support of CINECA

JSPUI new features

- Bibliographic import and lookup in Submission, by CINECA and Greek National Documentation Centre/EKT
- AJAX progress bar for file upload the submission upload step (DS-1639), by Andrea Bollini with the support of CINECA
- Sherpa/Romeo integration in the submission upload step (DS-1633), by Andrea Bollini with the support of CINECA

JSPUI porting of features previously available only on XMLUI

- Advanced Embargo feature
- Item level versioning feature
- Curation tasks administrative UI
- "Login as" feature

Kindly contributed by Keiji Suzuki & Luigi Andrea Pascarelli with the support of CINECA

UI support for metadata batch import from various bibliographic formats

- Update to Biblio-Transformation-Engine 0.9.2.2
- Added data loader for OAI-PMH
- New configuration format to support simultaneous input mappings from the various supported metadata formats
- New interface for administrators in JSPUI (for file data loaders like bibtex, csv, tsv, endnote and ris)

Kindly contributed by the Greek National Documentation Centre/EKT

SWORDv2 module update, which provides the following improvements:

- some general bug fixes including: bitstream url construction, config options, context management and connection pool, ORIGINAL bundle problem (DS-1149)
- proper METSDSpaceSIP support in both deposit and update
- proper authentication for accessing actionable bitstreams (i.e. those that can be replaced via sword), tightened security options around mediated actions, and add extra security to the access of descriptive documents (deposit receipts, statements)
- more configuration options: bundles to expose in Statements, DepositMO extensions (for individual files), and many more
- some general refactoring
- addition of 404 responses where necessary
- better support for add/replace of metadata, and how metadata updates are handled on archived items
- update to latest version of Java Server library
- new bitstream formats in the bitstream registry

Kindly contributed by Richard Jones with the support of Cottage Labs

Improved command line features

- Run commands in batch
- Display DSpace instance information including version and enabled modules (DS-1155)

Kindly contributed by Mark H. Wood with the support of IUPUI University Library

Support simple embargo in XMLUI item display and in AIP import/export

Kindly contributed by Ivan Masár and Terry Brady with the support of Georgetown University
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<td>Filtering of web spiders from statistics can now match by the spider host's DNS name or the spider's User-Agent string.</td>
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<td>Several improvements to help Google Scholar better index your content (requested by Google Scholar team). See also Search Engine Optimization recommendations, for ways to further enhance Google Scholar (and other search engine) findability.</td>
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Kindly contributed by Claudia Jürgen with the support of TU Dortmund University

Kindly contributed by Mark H. Wood with the support of IUPUI University Library

Kindly contributed by several members of the DSpace Committer team (see individual tickets for more details).

Kindly contributed by Pascal-Nicolas Becker & Mark Wood with the support of TU Berlin and IUPUI University Library

Kindly contributed by Pascal-Nicolas Becker, Andrea Bollini & Mark Wood with the support of TU Berlin and CINECA

Kindly contributed by Elias Tzoc and James Russell with the support of Miami University
### Improvements to LDAP Authentication

- New option to map LDAP attribute-based group membership to internal DSpace groups

Kindly contributed by Ivan Masár and Sam Ottenhoff of Longsight for Allegheny College (DS-1078).

### Media filter generates better-looking thumbnails

Kindly contributed by Jason Sherman with the support of University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

### Curation Task for Consuming Web Services

Kindly contributed by Richard Rodgers with the support of Massachusetts Institute of Technology

### Request a Copy for JSPUI and XMLUI (DS-824)

- For items with restricted access, allows users to ask the original author for a copy of the item

Original contribution of Adán Román Ruiz (Arvo Consultores). JSPUI version adapted from the Universidade do Minho. XMLUI version funded by Instituto Oceanográfico de España. Additional improvements/bug fixes by Andrea Bollini (CINECA).

### A new REST web service API module based on Jersey (a JAX RS 1.0 implementation) (DS-1696)

Provides:

- Read-only access to unrestricted communities, collections, items and bitstreams
- Handle lookup
- JSON (and XML) output formats

Kindly contributed by Peter Dietz with the support of Ohio State University Libraries

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**More Information**

Additional information about DSpace 4.0 may be found in the [4.0 Documentation](#).

A full list of all changes / bug fixes in 4.0 is available in the [History](#) section of the 4.0 Documentation.

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**Possible JIRA tickets to resolve (automated list)**

This is the list of JIRA tickets ("New Features" and Improvements) currently scheduled for 4.0. **There is no guarantee they will all be completed in time for 4.0 release, and tickets may be dropped/added to the list at any time.** But, if you'd like to volunteer to help with one, please let us know by attaching a comment to the ticket in question.

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Changes

The following changes have already been made to the codebase and will be released in 4.0. Please note that the below listing is dynamically generated, so it will be changing as we continue to add new features, improvements and bug fixes to the 4.0 release.

**New Features in 4.0**

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**Organizational Details**

**Release Coordination**

Instead of a single "Release Coordinator", the DSpace 4.0 release will be managed by a "Release Team".
Release Team Leader

- Mark H. Wood

Release Team Members

- Hardy Pottinger
- Mark H. Wood
- Andrea Bollini (4Science)

Timeline and Processing

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<td>Deadline for feature pull requests</td>
<td>If you wish to contribute features to DSpace 4.0, you must submit a pull request by this date.</td>
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<td><strong>October 09</strong></td>
<td>Weekly developers’ meeting devoted to review of feature pull requests for 4.0</td>
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<td><strong>October 21</strong></td>
<td>Feature freeze</td>
<td>DSpace 4.0 is considered feature-complete on this date. Only bugfixes will be pulled between this date and final release.</td>
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<td><strong>October 21</strong></td>
<td>Release Candidate 1 tagged</td>
<td>A DSpace 4.0 Release Candidate will be available for wider testing.</td>
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<td><strong>November-04-15</strong></td>
<td>Testathon</td>
<td>Intensive public testing of the RC is invited. The Release Team will focus on getting problems resolved.</td>
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<td><strong>December-03</strong></td>
<td>Release Candidate 2 tagged</td>
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<td>Release Candidate 3 tagged</td>
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Release Process needs to proceed according to the following Maven release process: [Release Procedure]

Contribute to DSpace

On October 21st, the window for contributing new functionality to the DSpace 4 release formally closed. Bugfixes are currently still considered.

Any contribution is always welcome! Contributions of new functionality will be considered for future releases of DSpace. Code and documentation need not be finished, so long as it is working and we can all see what it is for. Time is set aside for fixing, polishing, and integration. General Code Contribution Guidelines are available. Anyone is welcome to ask questions on the dspace-devel mailing list.