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)