Welcome to Testathon 7.0!

DSpace Development never stops! DSpace 7.0 is almost here, and with it arrive numerous new features, improvements, bug-fixes, changes, etc.

We ask that you take a few minutes of your time in these coming weeks to help us fully test this new release! We want to ensure we are maintaining the same level of quality that you come to expect out of a new DSpace release. We'd also love to hear your early feedback on 7.0!

WHO: You! Everyone is invited to take part. Whether you manage multiple instances, or are interested in trying it out, we welcome your feedback.

WHAT: Help beta-test DSpace 7.0 to ensure that it passes its ultimate test: that it does what users expect it to. We've added new features that could use more eyes, browsers, and mouse-clicks to make sure that things aren't missing, that they don't break, that they don't lose your data, and that they easily do what one expects them to do. So if any features have issues while your testing it.

WHEN: Monday, April 19 through Friday, May 7, 2021 (DATES NOT YET FINAL). You can keep visiting the site and post your feedback, as part of continual improvement.

WHY: The sooner we find and fix bugs, the higher quality the software will be when it comes time to upgrade or install DSpace 7.0.

HOW: Go to https://demo7.dspace.org and test-drive the new user interface. We're looking for feedback on the DSpace software, as well as feedback on our unreleased 7.0 documentation.

  • Optionally, you can also run and test DSpace 7 locally.
    • Download and install 7.0-beta5: https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace/releases/tag/dspace-7.0-beta5 (See Installing DSpace or Upgrading DSpace)
    • Or, use Docker to quickly install DSpace 7 locally (see Try out DSpace 7)

Questions? Ask them on our DSpace Tech Support list (https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dspace-tech) or Slack

Updated Documentation for 7.0

There are substantial upgrades to the DSpace documentation for version 7.0. Volunteers are needed to review it for clarity and accuracy. Visit the DSpace 7.x Documentation page for more info.

Test plan

The test plan for the DSpace 7 Testathon can be found on

Instruction video: Introduction to the test plan

Instruction video: Contributing test definitions