

# Add a custom metadata schema

The screenshot shows the DSpace Metadata Schema Registry page. On the left is a navigation menu with links: Communities/Collections, E-people, Groups, Items, Metadata Registry (selected), Bitstream Format Registry, Workflow, Authorization, Edit News, Edit Default License, Supervisors, Statistics, Help, and Log Out. The main content area is titled 'Metadata Schema Registry' and includes a 'Help...' link. Below the title is a table with one entry:

ID	Namespace	Name
1	<a href="http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/">http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/</a>	dc

Below the table, instructions state: 'Create a new schema by entering a namespace/name or edit an existing one by clicking the update button. The schema name must be less than 32 characters and cannot include spaces, periods or underscores.' There are input fields for 'Namespace:' and 'Name:', and a 'Save' button. The footer contains a W3C XHTML 1.0 logo and copyright information: 'DSpace Software Copyright © 2002-2007 MIT and Hewlett-Packard - Feedback'.

## Files:

- <http://web-address-to-my-dspace/dspace-admin> (Requires Administrator Login)

## Instructions:

1. Login as a DSpace Administrator and visit the DSpace Administration user interface (<http://web-address-to-my-dspace/dspace-admin>)
2. Click on the "Metadata Registry" in order to see all current metadata schemas within DSpace. By default, you should only see the Dublin Core (dc) schema
3. At the bottom of the page, enter in a new metadata schema "namespace" and give it a "name". (There is no requirement that the namespace be resolvable. Also, you may wish the "name" to be only a few characters, since it serves dual purpose as a prefix for this schema). Click "Save"
4. The new metadata schema is now added to the underlying database. You will then want to add new metadata fields by following the instructions in [Add a new metadata field](#) . It is also possible to move metadata fields from one schema to another, by following the instructions in [Move a metadata field](#) .

## Notes:

- DSpace currently only supports "flat" (non-hierarchical) metadata schemas.