

# DGOC January 13, 2009

## 9am EST/GMT-5 Attendees:

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## 3pm EST/GMT-5 Attendees:

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- 1) Create a social network searchable by area of interest or expertise    a. Discussed and agreed on tool requirements:
  - Free service and open to all who are interested
  - Low barrier for participation - either available on the DSpace Foundation website (i.e. Google Friend Connect) or select a tool that people already may be using, or select    a tool that allows the reuse of accounts - Google, Yahoo, AIM, etc.
  - Networking ability - option of access restriction and membership management/moderation to prevent spamming or other technical challenges
  - Regular networking features - groups, friends, tagging yourself, refined search, commenting, private messaging/email function
  - Collect user information, about interests, expertise, url for publications, other relevant info. - relate to instance database
  - Ease of use, intuitive (easier than Facebook)
- b. Other nice to have features
  - Blog, RSS features
  - Ability to pull the information above into overviews, regional contacts overview
  - Ability to post documents, file sharing (e.g. presentation material from conferences)
  - Chat(?),
  - Document sharing/posting
- c. Discussed target audience - consensus that it should be open to anyone interested in participating, regardless of if they are DSpace users or RMs
- d. More detail at <http://groups.google.com/group/dspace-global-outreach-committee/web/social-networking-tools---evaluation>

### Next Steps

- Evaluate the features and capabilities of Google Friend Connect on the dspace.org website - load a test version on the dspace.org development site (**CHRISTINA, ELIN, VAL, LAUREN**)
- Review the potential of how Google Friend Connect or Ning might be linked with the dynamic database -- what are the possibilities and limitations in how much/closely we can link individuals to the institutions in the database? (**MIKE, VAL**)

## 2) Dynamic Database of DSpace Instances

Create a dynamic database that can be queried and updated easily by the community

### Next Steps

- Finalize/refine survey questions (**VAL, MIKE, LEONIE**) (<http://groups.google.com/group/dspace-global-outreach-committee/web/survey-to-gather-expanded-info-for-dspace-instance-list>)
- Create survey on surveymonkey.com (**VAL, MIKE**)
- Gather survey data (**LEONIE**)
- Fill in survey data with student project (**MIKE**)
- Decide where database will live – in the cloud ([Amazon SimpleDB Cloud](#), [Google Base Cloud](#), [Seton Hall](#), [MIT](#))
- Link social network tool with the dynamic database to interact/connect w/social network (create API?) so info can be updated easily by any individual
- Send annual notices to encourage institutions to update their info

## 3) List of projects/integrations/addons

(<http://groups.google.com/group/dspace-global-outreach-committee/web/add-ons-project-list-review>)

Moving forward with the work - but getting a quick list of the most popular add-ons together for the survey. Review of project wiki, conference presentations, etc. will be on-going with the end goal to produce a summary reference grid for all known add-ons (finalized projects only).

### Next Steps

- Get a quick list of the most prevalent addons in support of the survey (**ALVIN, RONEE, VAL, MICHELE, BRAD**)
- Review the DSpace Project Wiki, researching and contacting individuals involved to complete the criteria for the grid (**ALVIN, RONEE**)
- Review recent conference presentations and innovation fairs for any viable projects (**VAL**)