

# Develop support for additional metadata standards

This is a priority identified by the [October 2011 community survey on improving metadata support](#) authored by the [DSpace Community Advisory Team](#) at the request of the [DSpace Committers/Developers](#). DCAT has summarized and interpreted the information gathered from the survey estimated level of effort required. DSpace community members should feel free to add more detailed explanation/examples to further flesh out the changes/requirements they would like to see. It is recommended that a community project team be formed around this work.

## Project Description

- Use the "Other" field to specify which standards
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- need metadata expert to help define "Other" standards
- XML based schemas will be more complex since DSpace doesn't support XML (i.e., MODS)
- Hierarchal metadata:
  - add functionality / move towards relational aspect functionality - like MODS (although MODS implemenation might be better done following some DSpace/Fedora intergration work since it is XML)
  - allow relationships between community/collection/bitstream metadata
  - possible iterative solution: create functionality that emulates hierarchal behavior
  - examples:
    - adding in author affiliation
    - metadata on bitstream - related back to items

## Estimated Effort Level Required

LEVEL OF COMMUNITY EFFORT: likely medium to high

LEVEL OF DEVELOPER EFFORT: likely medium to high

## Project Team

If you would like to participate or lead this project team, please identify yourself here and/or send a message to the dspace-tech [mailing list](#).