DSpace Release 1.8.0 Testathon Page

Welcome to Testathon 1.8!

DSpace Development never stops! DSpace 1.8.0 is almost here, and with it arrives 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 1.8.0!

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 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, click the "Feedback" button and tell us about it.

WHEN: **Monday, September 12 to Friday, September 23, 2011.** 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 1.8.0.

HOW: Go to http://demo.dspace.org (or http://dspacetest.lso.umsystem.edu/) and test-drive one of the DSpace User Interfaces, such as JSPUI or XMLUI. If anything comes up while you are testing DSpace, you can click the red "Feedback" button on the page. If you are more technically inclined, you may download and install your own copy of DSpace 1.8.0 Release Candidate #1. We're looking for feedback on the DSpace software, as well as feedback on our unreleased 1.8.0 documentation.

Additional Testathon Information

- You can help test DSpace 1.8.0 by visiting either:
    - http://demo.dspace.org (primary testing server, providing all available DSpace interfaces)
    - http://dspacetest.lso.umsystem.edu/ (secondary Oracle testing server, providing XMLUI with an Oracle Database backend).
    - OR, download DSpace 1.8.0-RC1 and install it yourself
- DSpace 1.8.0 Documentation is available at: DSpace 1.8 Documentation (Feedback welcome!)
- **Help is available at dspace-tech@lists.sourceforge.net or via live text chat on IRC (freenode.net #dspace)**
- **Issues/Bugs/Feedback can be reported by pressing the red "Feedback" button on either of the above sites. Or you can email dspace-tech@lists.sourceforge.net or create a ticket in our DSpace Issue Tracker**

For a list of what's new in DSpace 1.8.0, see the Release Notes.