

# DSpace Release 6.0 Testathon Page

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TL;DR : How to just get testing!



- You can help test DSpace 6.0 by visiting either:
  - <http://demo.dspace.org> (primary testing server, providing all available DSpace interfaces)
  - OR, download [DSpace 6.0 Release Candidate #1](#) and install it locally (or test an upgrade)
  - OR, use [Vagrant-DSpace](#) to quickly install DSpace 6 on a local virtual machine (e.g. in VirtualBox)
- DSpace 6.0 Documentation is available at: [DSpace 6.0 Documentation](#) (Documentation feedback is also welcome! Contact [Tim Donohue](#) if you'd like to help us enhance our 6.0 documentation!)
- Help is available at the [DSpace-TECH Google Group](#) or via live text chat on [IRC \(freenode.net #dspace\)](#)
- Issues/Bugs/Feedback can be reported by pressing the blue "Feedback" button on <http://demo.dspace.org> (from either XMLUI or JSPUI). Or you can email [DSpace-TECH](#) or create a ticket in our [DSpace Issue Tracker](#)

## Welcome to Testathon 6.0!

DSpace Development never stops! [DSpace 6.0](#) 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 6.0!

**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 6.0 to ensure that it passes its ultimate test: that it does what users expect it to. We've added new features (see [Release Notes](#) and [Changes in 6.x](#)) 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, April 25 through Friday, May 6, 2016.** 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 6.0.

**HOW:** Go to <http://demo.dspace.org> 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 blue "Feedback" button on the page (which creates a new ticket in our [DSpace Issue Tracker](#)). We're looking for feedback on the DSpace software, as well as feedback on our unreleased [6.0 documentation](#).

- Optionally, you can also run and test DSpace 6 locally.
  - Download and install 6.0-rc1: <https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace/releases/tag/dspace-6.0-rc3> ([6.0 documentation](#))
  - Or, use [Vagrant-DSpace](#) to quickly install DSpace 6.0-rc3 on a local virtual machine (e.g. VirtualBox)

**Test Plans:** New for the 6.0 Testathon, our [DSpace Community Advisory Team \(DCAT\)](#) has created public test plans for both the XMLUI and JSPUI. We encourage you to add your observations and tests to these plans. Tests are organized by user-role, where each user role is represented as a tab in these spreadsheets. Each of the tabs has a "Role Manager" who will help out with reviewing your feedback and keeping these test plans clean and consistent.

- XMLUI Test Plan: <http://bit.ly/xmlui-test-plan>
- JSPUI Test Plan: <http://bit.ly/jspui-test-plan>

**Questions?** Ask them on our DSpace Tech Support list (<https://groups.google.com/d/forum/dspace-tech>) or #dspace IRC (<https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/DSPACE/IRC>)

For a list of what's new in DSpace 6.0, see the [Release Notes](#)!

## Updated Documentation for 6.0

There are substantial upgrades to the DSpace documentation for version 6.0. Volunteers are needed to review it for clarity and accuracy. Visit the [DSpace 6.x Documentation](#) page for more info.

## Test Plans

Anyone is welcome to execute tests that are defined in the official JSPUI and XMLUI Test Plans. The reports in these plans should be based on observations with tests on [demo.dspace.org](http://demo.dspace.org). If you found a problem with one of the tests in your own local installation of DSpace 6, please always verify this behaviour on [demo.dspace.org](http://demo.dspace.org) before reporting your feedback.

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<http://bit.ly/jspui-test-plan>

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For more information on how these test plans were developed, [go over to the Testathon Working Group page in the DCAT space of this wiki](#).