DSpace Foundation

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Milestones

Formation of Foundation summer 2007

11/6/07  DSpace.org
DSpace instances by region

270 registered instances of DSpace

One hundred active developers, 14 lead developers
Decentralized and distributed
Issues faced

- Diverse sets of needs - lack of coordination
- Burden on the developer team to provide infrastructure
- Inability to move strategically vs. incrementally
- Opportunities missed as no single person/org to represent the community objectively
Why the Foundation?

- Set up independent organization for governance-
  - Legal entity that owns the copyright
  - Can enter into agreements/contracts
  - Raise funding
  - Can be nimble- outside of University infrastructure
  - Reports to the Board

- 501c3 charitable organization so would have the broadest range of options for funding and outreach to the community
Role of the Board

- Lightweight initial board- 6 members split from the commercial and non commercial sector
- Help in the fund raising
- Sounding board for strategic roadmap
- Build awareness of the organization
- Facilitate connections of importance for the Foundation
Strategic objectives

- Promote and develop the DSpace Platform and community
- Make it easy to contribute and participate
- Launch DSpace 2.0
- Develop strategic partnerships that bring value
- Develop long term funding model
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Facilitate and provide guidance, but not to write code
Funding

- Currently HP and MIT
- Longterm
  - Community
  - Corporate sponsorships
  - Services
  - Grants
Challenges

- Continue to foster community ownership
- Move strategically vs. incrementally
- Long term model for open source software in this sector