

# DSPACE

## How to “Hack” the DSpace Community

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# Hacking any OS Community

- How do things get done?
- Who are the "do-ers"?
- What is their motivation? Why do they care?
- What is your own motivation? What do you want to achieve?

# How things get done

- Releases just happen!
- One person / organization decides it all!
- Ummm... no.



# The Primary “Do-ers”

- Committers Team
- DSpace Community Advisory Team (DCAT)
- “The Community” (i.e. YOU)

# Committers

- Meritocracy and democracy
- 24 volunteers from around the globe
- Roles:
  - Reviewers / approvers of code
  - Writers of (some, but not all) code
  - Fixers of bugs / maintainers of software
  - Release planners
  - Technology support

<http://tinyurl.com/dspace-committers>

# DCAT

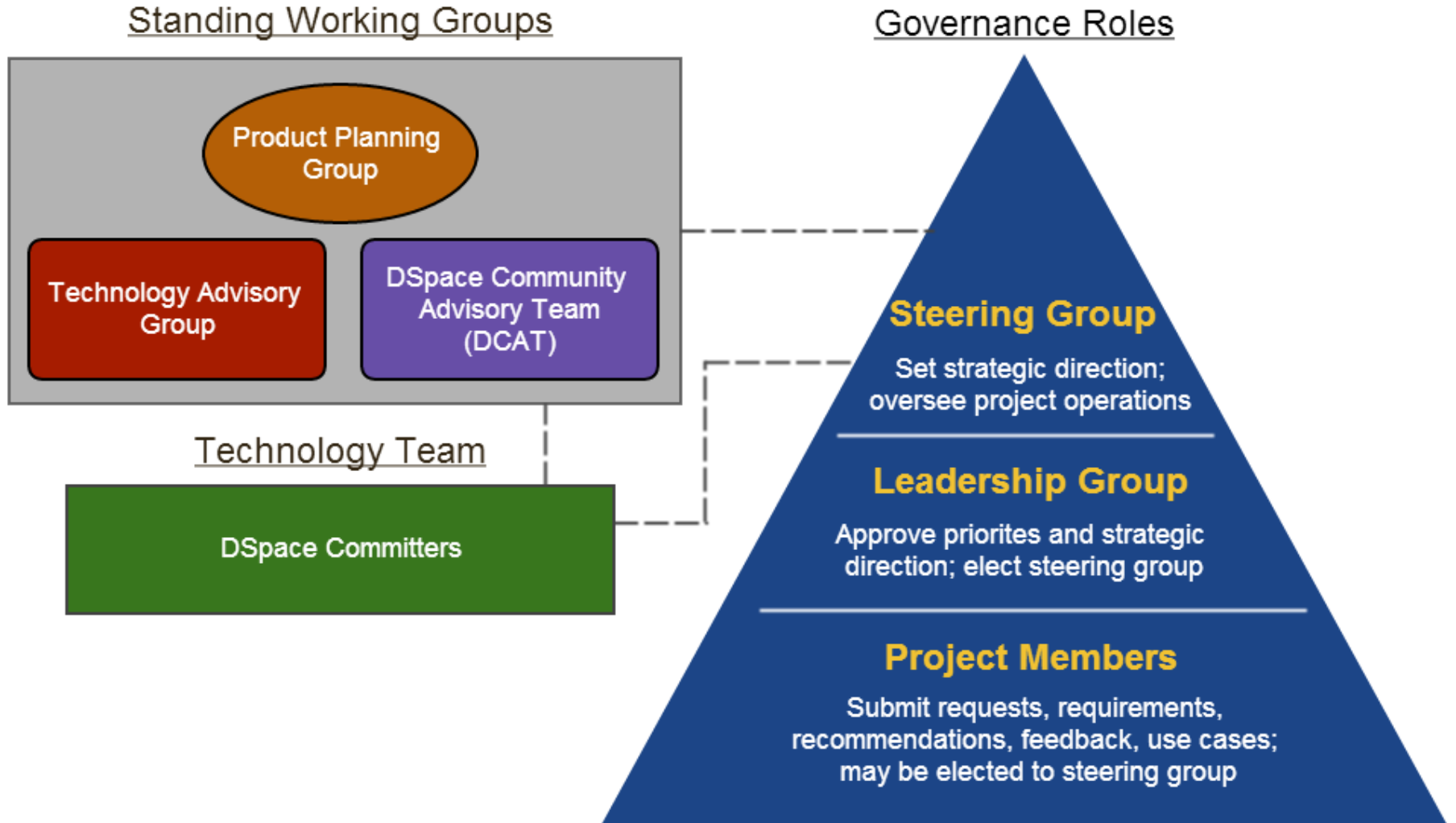
- Open membership
- 22 volunteers from around the globe
- Roles:
  - Voice of the repository manager/admin
  - Champions of feature requests/bug fixes
  - Surveyors of community / Networkers
  - Gatherers of use cases
  - Repository Admin support

<http://tinyurl.com/dspace-dcat>

# The Community / Contributors

- Everyone, literally (includes YOU)
- Roles:
  - Answerers of questions (on mailing lists)
  - Providers of feedback
  - Requesters of features
  - Reporters of bugs / issues
  - Contributors of features / bug fixes
  - Contributors to documentation

# What about this new Governance model?





# Goals of Governance Model

- Really about **increasing efficiency** and organization of our resources
- Help us to better **prioritize what gets done**
- Helps try to **locate more resources / funding** (add more "do-ers")

You can have more opportunities & influence.  
Become a DuraSpace Member! Support DSpace!

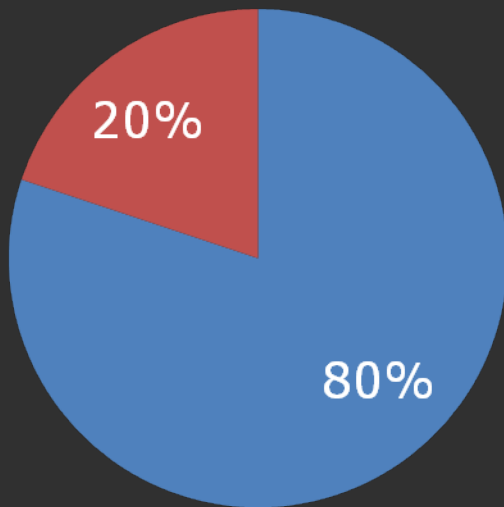
# Who writes the code?

- Committers (and developers at their institutions)
- The Community
  - submit code for review (via GitHub)
- Recent Major Releases:
  - 4.0 : 59 contributors (19 Committers)
  - 3.0 : 43 contributors (14 Committers)
  - 1.8 : 44 contributors (14 Committers)

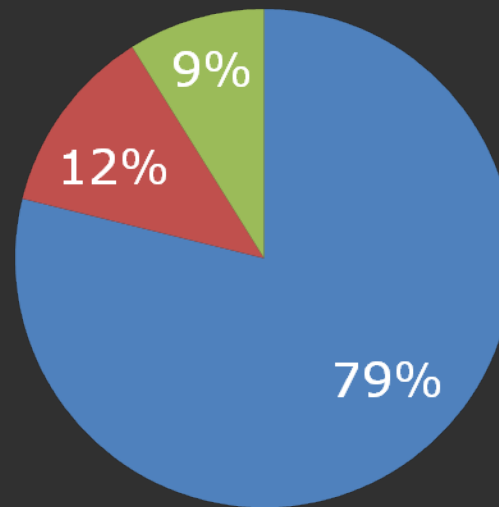
# Code Commits to DSpace

## 1.8.0 Commits\* (342 total)

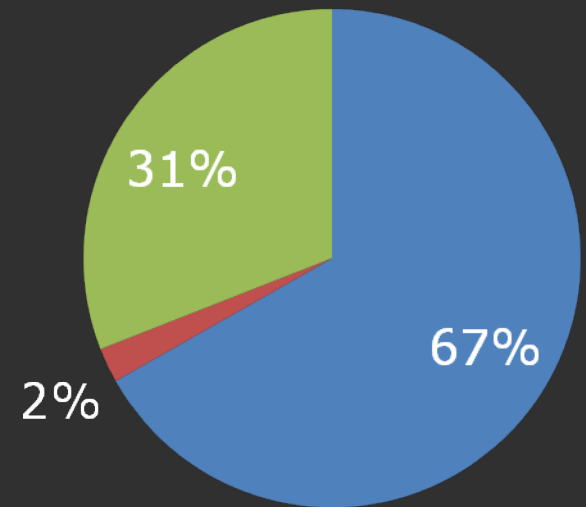
\* - Moved to GitHub post-1.8.0



## 3.0 Commits (416 total)



## 4.0 Commits (798 total)



*(NOTE: Not all "Committer" code is actually written by Committers)*

Committers (non-DuraSpace)

DuraSpace

Community Members



Data based on commits between release dates, from:  
<https://github.com/DSpace/DSpace/graphs/contributors>



So, why should I  
contribute  
(code)?

# Motivations to contribute

- “Greater Good” motivations, e.g.
  - Betterment of product for all
  - Help your colleagues, earn “merit”
- “Local” motivations, e.g.
  - This tiny fix needs to be maintained!
  - Upgrade difficulty increases as you make more locally-specific changes
  - Are you \*CERTAIN\* your local change is really only interesting to you? Ask.



OK, I have (code)  
to contribute!

# How do I contribute code?

1. Open a ticket in JIRA (anyone can)
  - Attach or link to code change
2. Code change is reviewed by Committers
  - Majority vote wins. But, veto power.
3. Response is either:
  - Accepted -> it's in!
  - Changes requested -> it needs fixes
  - Rejected -> it's out?

# Why may delay a ticket?

- Committers are volunteers!
- Sometimes...
  - we overlook things / forget
  - we have questions / concerns
  - we don't have enough background info / details
  - we cannot find a volunteer developer



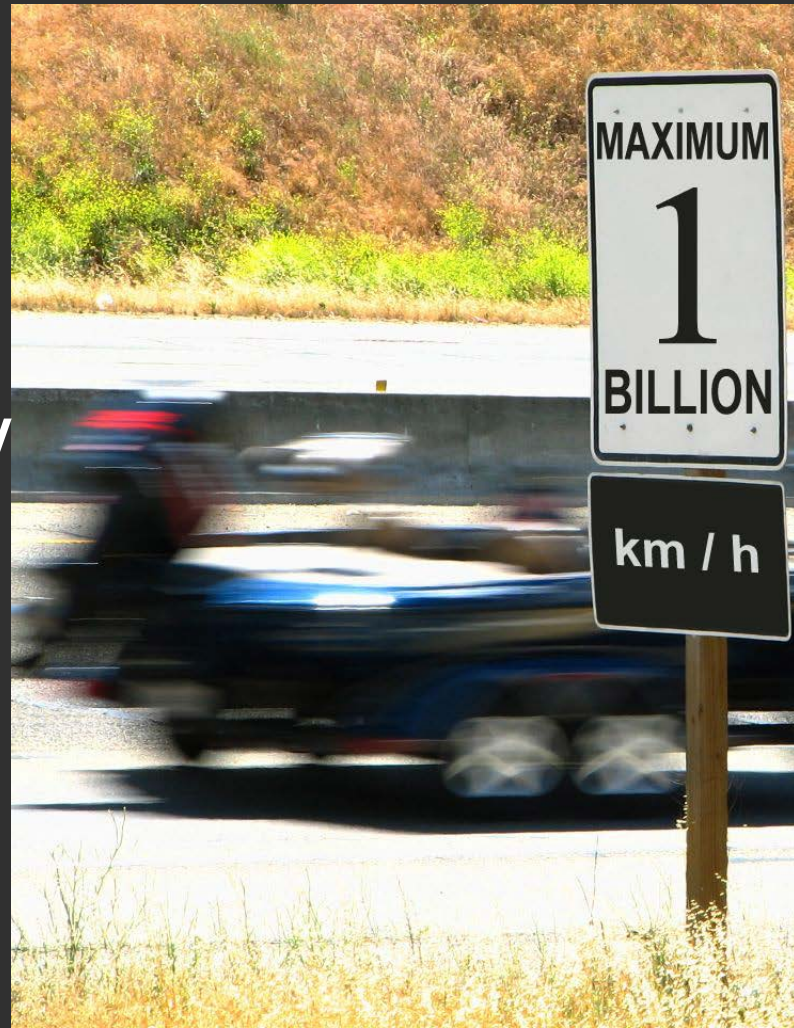
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# How can I help speed it up?

- Be responsive, please
- Remind us  
(seriously, we don't mind)
- Use JIRA & GitHub
- Share your code early
  - Esp. large changes

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Oh, I need this  
feature!



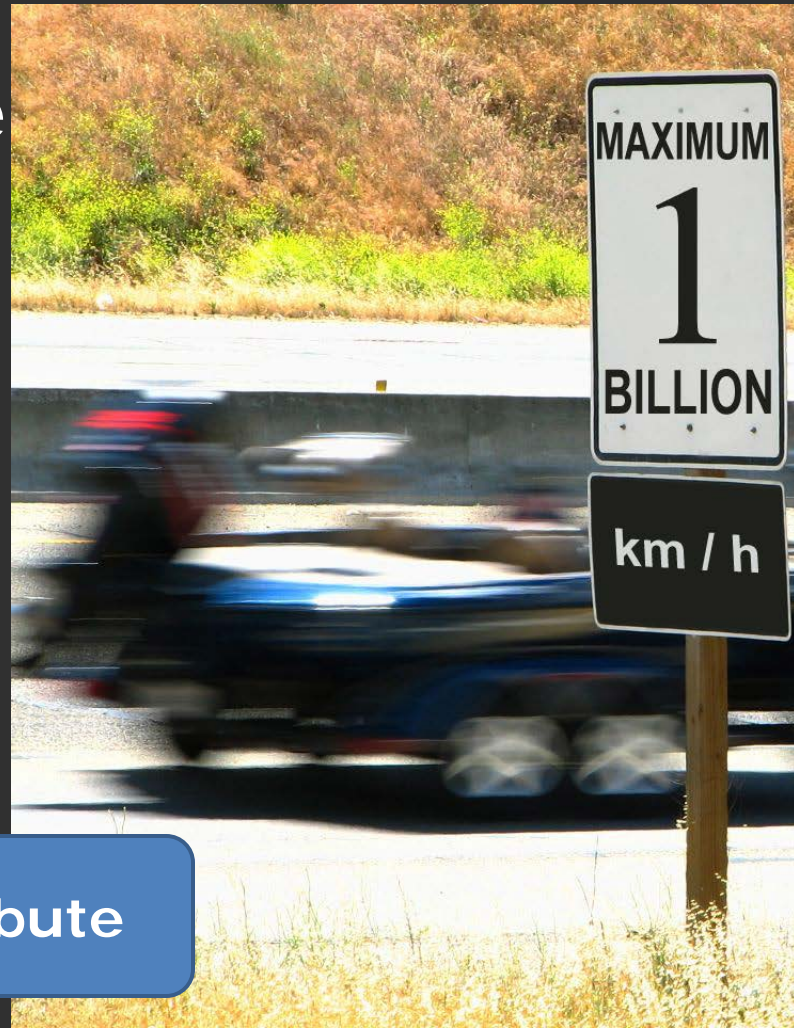
# How do I request a feature?

1. Open up a ticket to describe feature and sample use cases
2. Ticket & idea are reviewed
  - By both Committers and DCAT
  - DCAT may add use cases / promote
3. Volunteer developer(s) sought
4. Feature built/developed
5. Feature code reviewed / approved

<http://tinyurl.com/dspace-contribute>

# How can I help speed it up?

- Be responsive, please
- Help gather info / use cases
- Help locate developer
  - Hire service provider?
- 'Vote' or comment on features of interest in JIRA



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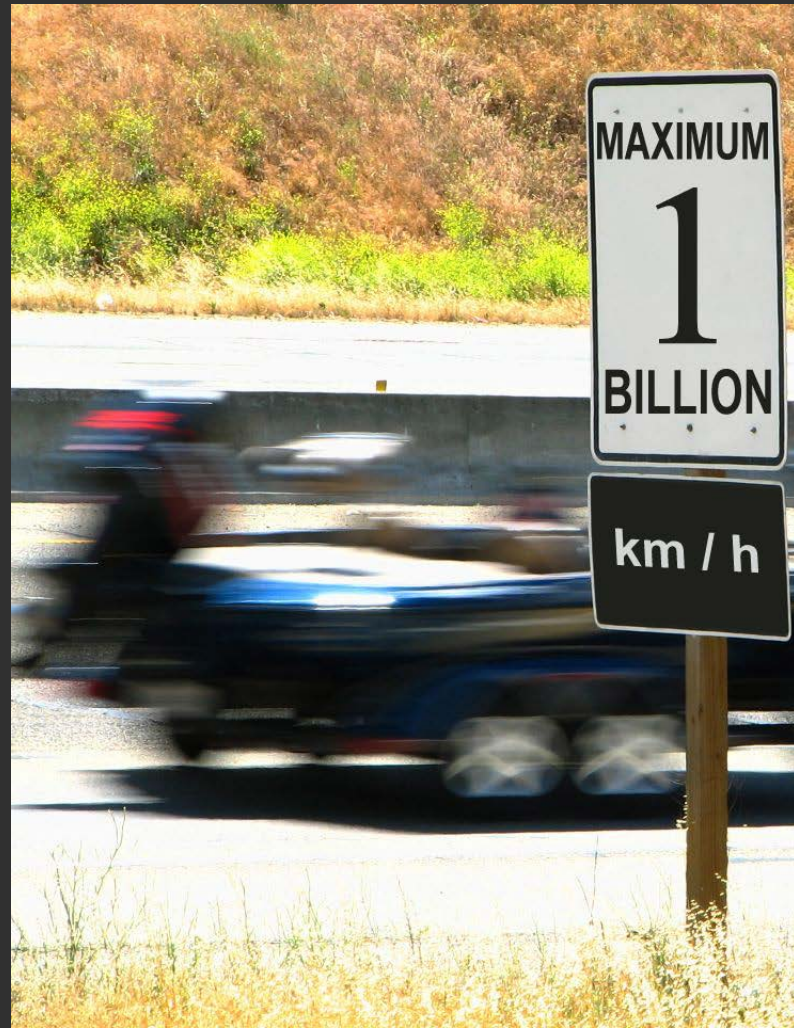
I think I just  
found a bug!

# How do I get it fixed?

1. Open a ticket (if one doesn't exist)
2. Ticket is reviewed (by Committers)
  - We attempt to verify the bug
3. Volunteer developer(s) sought
4. The fix is determined/developed
5. Bug fix code is reviewed / approved

# How can I help speed it up?

- Be responsive, please
- Provide as much info as you can about reproducing the bug
- Help locate a developer and/or fix
- You can also help us verify bugs!
  - In JIRA, add a verification comment



Look, I already  
knew all of this...



# Get (more) involved!

- Help answer questions on lists
- Help improve documentation on wiki
- Join DCAT
- Help verify bugs or send in fixes
- Opportunities abound, get in touch



# Questions / Comments?

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