DSpace Under the Hood: The development process and YOUR role in it

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DSpace development in undertaken by the DSpace community. No one, or no organisation is in charge, and without contributions from the DSpace community the platform would not continue to develop and evolve. Sometimes it can appear that there are people in charge, or that unless you are a technical developer then there is no way or need to contribute. This presentation will explain how DSpace development usually takes place, where and who has input at different stages, and will equip you to contribute further, or to help you contribute for the first time.

The presentation will cover issues such as:
- How to get help. IRC / technical email list / general email list / developers email list / JIRA
- Who are the committers, and what do they do?
- The DSpace development lifecycle
- What different versions mean (e.g. the difference between a minor and a sub-minor release)
- How to submit a JIRA issue
- Testathons - what are they are how to get involved
- Requirements gathering and feature specification - we want to know what you want and need so the tools fits your requirements