Migrating from Other Systems

ArchivesSpace Break-out Session

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Because of upcoming departure of Nathan Stevens, who has been involved with migration support, Aspace is looking for more help from community in migration support.

Attendees were mostly non-AT or Archon users. Some are mixed AT and non-AT shops.

**EAD importer**

EAD Importer has not been has as fine-tuned as AT importer. Some institutions get everything into AT first since that pathway is performing well at this point.

Site with documentation:<http://archivesspace.github.io/archivesspace/>

Chris talked about how to tweak the EAD importer to accommodate customized EAD. Blog post available

that goes into this in more detail:

<https://archivesspace.atlassian.net/wiki/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=18088140>.

EAD converter lives in the backend. Plugins/local/backend/model is where any modifications should be placed.

Changes to the EAD importer can be made only to the tags that need to be changed and it will override converter for those tags.

Easy to have multiple importers for the different EAD scenarios might have.

Suggestion that it would help if the importers had more comments to explain what the code does, especially for people who are not familiar with Ruby.

**Accession CSV importer**

Works much the same as the EAD importer and code can be altered to override the default.

<http://steady2.herokuapp.com/>. Lot of people using this to create EAD containers lists from CSV and then import into ArchivesSpace.