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Keeping Tabs on ArchivesSpace: Our Present and Our Future

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“What’s going on with ArchivesSpace?”

- ArchivesSpace is always improving and evolving.
- As a program and a community, we try to be as transparent as possible.
- There’s a lot of information to share, and a lot of different ways it gets shared.
 - Can be overwhelming, we know!
- Highlighting some key information and resources for who we are, what we’re doing now, and where we’re going





Community is everything

- ArchivesSpace is community supported software
 - “Community” not limited to ArchivesSpace members, though members have the greatest opportunity to influence the direction and participate in the activities their financial and intellectual support makes possible
- Community participation can be direct or representative
 - ArchivesSpace Governance Board, Technical Advisory Council, and User Advisory Council
 - Working groups
 - Listservs, virtual and in person events, implementation buddies program and more





The role of LYRASIS

- ArchivesSpace is an independent entity.
- LYRASIS is a well-established non-profit organization whose mission is to provide services and resources that help libraries, archives, and museums fulfill their missions.
- LYRASIS is ArchivesSpace's organizational home.
 - ArchivesSpace contracts with LYRASIS to manage day-to-day operations and advise about longer term needs/directions.
- As organizational home, LYRASIS provides infrastructure and resources that all programs need.
 - Needs like fiscal management, human resources, basic IT infrastructure (access to email, computers, etc.), and staffing
 - Having a home in a larger organization gives ArchivesSpace access to much more than it would have otherwise.





The role of LYRASIS

- LYRASIS does not drive the direction of ArchivesSpace.
 - The ArchivesSpace Governance Board, as representatives of the community, and the community overall, do.
 - The responsibilities with which the ArchivesSpace program team is charged are undertaken to benefit the community.
- A separate arm of LYRASIS, called Digital Technology Services, provides tech support for members and optional hosting for anyone.
 - The ArchivesSpace program team and the Digital Technology Services team have great working relationships, but we support the ArchivesSpace community in different ways.





Positive changes for LYRASIS = opportunities for ArchivesSpace

- Duraspace merger
 - LYRASIS and Duraspace (<http://duraspace.org>), a smaller organization providing support for open technologies, have voted to merge.
 - ArchivesSpace, as always, will continue to be guided by the ArchivesSpace Governance Board and the ArchivesSpace community overall.
- New LYRASIS organization will have – and ArchivesSpace will have access to:
 - Greater combined financial and technical capacity
 - Greater international reach and opportunities to better support communities outside the U.S.
 - Possibilities of easier collaboration and closer connection with existing Duraspace projects like DSpace and Fedora
- More details will come into focus in the months ahead.



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Keeping track of development

- Development priorities are determined by the ArchivesSpace community
 - Development Prioritization subteam (is the group specifically responsible for considering requests submitted by the community)
 - Prioritized issues are assigned to developers by the program team as we have developers available
- Development catalog is public:
<http://development.archivesspace.org>
- Anyone can sign up for an account and submit, comment on, or follow issues





Current and planned areas of larger development focus

- Agents specification and better standards support for EAC-CPF and MARC authority
 - Enable better integration with systems like SNAC and LCNAF
- Staff interface improvements
- Infrastructure upgrades, including greater flexibility to swap in/out different components of our tech stack





On our radar

- Improved language support
 - User friendly translation infrastructure
 - Multiple languages
 - Ability for a user to select their language
- Crosswalks to other descriptive standards
- If you want these things, get involved via membership or development contributions





Roadmap

- Intended to help both the community and us keep track on our overall priorities for the application
 - See <https://archivesspace.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/ADC/pages/18710568/Roadmap>
 - We aim to update as releases go out or significant changes occur
 - Development and development planning is not an exact science – timelines shift
- Learn more from last year's webinar: <https://archivesspace.org/archives/2676>





Keep track of what's going on – and get involved yourself

- Check out the Getting Started handout linked from the Online Forum event page
 - Quick roundup of many different ways to get started and keep tabs on the application and the community
- Many of these resources have been mentioned throughout the Forum today





All are welcome!

- Please reach out to us or to each other at any time

The greatest strength of ArchivesSpace is the diversity, commitment and passion of those in our community



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