

# DURASPACE™

Dear Colleagues,

We write to you today to ask for your commitment to the DuraSpace not-for-profit organization. We urge you to become a sponsor of DuraSpace, so collectively we can preserve the scholarly record for future generations.

The DuraSpace organization provides key services and solutions that enable libraries and other steward organizations to manage and preserve their digital content. The projects supported by the DuraSpace organization, namely DSpace and Fedora, were conceived from the collaborative efforts of higher education and continue to thrive under DuraSpace leadership. DuraSpace is launching several key initiatives this year to ensure the open source communities continue to thrive and grow, including a comprehensive educational program for new and existing users.

Since launching the sponsorship campaign, DuraSpace has received the support of 50 organizations, which include some of the world's leading research institutions (<http://www.duraspace.org/sponsors.php>). Please join your colleagues in this important effort. A complete report on DuraSpace's 2010 accomplishments and 2011 initiatives is available in our annual report on [DuraSpace.org](http://DuraSpace.org).

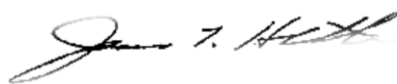
DuraSpace continues to innovate and provide new solutions for immediate challenges, such as the management and preservation of data. This year, DuraSpace will launch a new service, DuraCloud, a simple cloud based service for archiving, managing and preserving your content. DuraCloud is the only service that makes it easy to move copies of your content into the cloud and store them at multiple providers. The service and technology is integrated with both DSpace and Fedora.

Please review our enclosed brochure and consider sponsoring the DuraSpace organization at a level that reflects your institution's mission and commitment to preserving the scholarly record.

Sincerely,



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