The DSpace Course - An Introduction to Users and Groups

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Module – An introduction to users and groups
Module objectives

By the end of this module you will:

- Understand why user accounts are required, and how to create a user account.
- Understand what groups are and how they are created.
- Know how to make a user account a DSpace administrator
- Have created an initial administrative user
User accounts are required in order to grant privileges to different users

- If not logged in, you are considered to be an anonymous user
- If you have a user account, privileges can be granted to you to allow you to interact with DSpace
- Some users will be ‘administrators’ and have access to all functions in DSpace
To create a user (self-creation)

- Click on My DSpace link
- Click on ‘New user? Click here to register.’
- Enter an email address and press ‘Register’
- Follow the link in the email that is sent to you
- Provide your name, telephone number, and a password

New users have no privileges
DSpace groups

- Combine users into logical groups
  - Assists with the management of users
  - Assign privileges to group not individuals
  - Groups can be members of other groups

- E.g.
  - Computer Science staff group
  - Faculty staff group
  - All staff group
Two special groups:

- Anonymous:
  - No users in this group. This group is used when the user is not logged in.

- Administrator
  - Contains users who should have full administrator access.
Creating the first administrator

- First administrator must be created directly on your DSpace server

  - `[dspace]/bin/create-administrator`
    - Enter email address, first name, last name, and password

- Use it to log in to DSpace
Practical exercise: Create an administrator

- Follow the instructions in the module handbook:
  - Launch a terminal window and change directory to `[dspace]`
  - Run the following command:
    - `bin/create-administrator`
  - Follow the prompts and enter an email address, first name, last name, and password.
  - Launch a web browser and open the URL of your DSpace installation
  - Click on ‘My DSpace’
  - Enter the email address and password that you used above, and press the ‘Log In’ button
  - You can see that you are logged in as an administrator as the link ‘Administer’ has appeared in the left hand menu.
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