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Talis Aspire Roadmap

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How to use the roadmap

The development roadmap details which functional areas the Talis Aspire development team are planning to turn their focus to, and when.

A specific development theme is deemed necessary when there is not enough known about the user goals or business scenarios in a particular functional area. Talis seeks to resolve the unknowns by either working with customers through Working Group Activity (shown in red) or by conducting a programme of in-house research (shown in green). Once the unknowns are resolved, implementation can commence (shown in blue).

Some developments, such as improvements to existing functionality, are already well bounded and do not require a specific development theme. These are covered by the perpetual theme “Continuous Improvement”. Work in this theme will be sourced from customer-generated ideas on Aspire Ideas (<http://aspireideas.talis.com>), bug fixes resulting from support calls (<http://www.talis.com/support>) or improvements deemed necessary by the Talis. Customers should expect that the development team will spend around 33% of their effort on continuous improvements.

Planning for uncertainty

Naturally, the product roadmap is denser to the left than it is to the right. This is because the further we look to the future, the less is known about the likely demands on our time. Our philosophy is to only place themes onto the roadmap once we know they are likely to occur within the specified timescale. This means we will add further themes as they emerge throughout the year.

The roadmap should be used as an **indicative guide only** and is **subject to change**. We reserve the right to add, remove or modify themes as necessary. If you are using the roadmap to support specific major planning decisions, such as staff resourcing or application roll out plans, please contact us first at aspire@talis.com to talk them through first.

For a full guide on how the Talis Aspire Customer Involvement process operates, including details on Aspire Ideas, getting involved in Working Groups and monitoring our current month’s work in progress, please download the Customer Involvement white paper at <http://www.talis.com/aspire>.

Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Rollout						Rollover					
	Extending reach of the bookmarklet										
Recommendation and collective intelligence											
Pub & Acq.											
Continuous Improvement											
Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Key:		Working Group Activity				Research			Implementation		

Guide to themes

Rollout

Following the rollout and rollover customer working group conducted during March and April this year, this theme will deliver features that help customers extend the effective reach of the application as they roll it out to more and more academics and students, moving from a “controlled” demonstrate–invite–support style of rollout to an institution-wide mode of adoption.

Rollover

This theme explores tools to help customers rollover content from one academic year to the next, by introducing the concept of academic periods into the application. The requirements for this theme were scoped out with customers during the rollout and rollover customer working group.

Recommendations and collective intelligence

This theme is a pure research theme, building on the content linking and recommendations work carried out in Q1 2010. We are extending the scope and sophistication of our research around advanced learning resource recommendations algorithms. Customers should not expect to see new features in the product as a result of this theme.

Extending the reach of the bookmarklet

This theme will extend the reach of the bookmarklet to sites such as WorldCat, Copac, Amazon and others. When libraries don't currently stock an item, users will be able to import bibliographic data from beyond the catalog.

Publishing and Acquisitions

There are a handful of stories left to complete the Publishing and Acquisitions theme, started in Q3 2009. These include the ability to cross-search Aspire from the acquisitions review screen, and see where else a resource is used.

Continuous Improvement

This theme is continuous and allows us to respond quickly to improvements and fixes to existing features and functionality. The source of these will be selected customer ideas raised via Aspire Ideas (<http://aspireideas.talis.com>), support calls and improvements deemed necessary by Talis.

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