Suggested Sources & Resources

The intent of this report was to provide a broad, general overview of context-sensitive linking—specifically focusing on the OpenURL framework. In short, this report is certainly not comprehensive. In particular, the other linking issues briefly discussed in chapter VII (“Other Linking Issues”) have multifaceted situations that require more study to be fully comprehended. What follows is a list of sources and resources that point interested readers to in-depth analyses and specifications.

OpenURL v. 1.0

These resources specifically address and explain the OpenURL v. 1.0 standard, Z39.88-2004:


NISO Committee AX Web site: http://library.caltech.edu/openurl/default.htm

There is an OpenURL electronic discussion list available at https://utils.its.caltech.edu/mailman/listinfo/openurl.

Two “idiot’s guides” for implementing the OpenURL v. 1.0 have been created by Eric Hellman:

“Idiot’s Guide to Implementing OpenURL for Journal Articles”: www.openly.com/1cate/ig.html
“Idiot’s Guide to Implementing OpenURL 1.0 for Books”: www.openly.com/1cate/igbook.html

In addition to the myriad of articles cited in this report, the following articles are relevant reading about the OpenURL:


D-Lib Magazine

D-Lib Magazine has been at the forefront in publishing articles relating to the OpenURL and other context-sensitive linking issues. What follows is a selected list of relevant D-Lib Magazine articles (in chronological order of publication), some of which were used as resources for this report:


Open Access

Information about Open Access is widely available; following is a short list of places to begin reading about the issues surrounding this movement.

The entire December 2004 issue of *Serials Review* (30:4) focuses on the many sides of open access and includes articles by leading OA experts as well as traditional publishers (profit and non-profit). Topics include author disincentives and OA (Rich Anderson); a survey conducted by the Joint Information Systems Committee in the United Kingdom about possible models for implementing OA (Fytton Rowland et al.); and access and impact of OA materials (Stevan Harnad et al.).

The SPARC Open Access Newsletter ([www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos](http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos)) is maintained by Peter Suber (research professor of philosophy, Earlham College; open-access project director, public knowledge; and senior researcher, SPARC): “the primary purpose of the newsletter is to share news and analysis of the open-access movement.” Suber has also created a nice introduction to OA, which is available at [www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm](http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm).

Stevan Harnad has a list of his e-prints on online communication and open access available at [www.ecs.soton.ac.uk/~harnad/intpub.html](http://www.ecs.soton.ac.uk/~harnad/intpub.html).

Open Archives Forum ([www.oaforum.org/index.php](http://www.oaforum.org/index.php)) is “a Europe-based focus for dissemination of information about European activity related to open archives and, in particular, to the Open Archives Initiative.” The site contains a tutorial for OAI-PMH, “OAI-PMH for Beginners” (available at [www.oaforum.org/tutorial](http://www.oaforum.org/tutorial)).

Digital Object Identifier/CrossRef

The Digital Object Identifier Web site has a list of white papers that provide more information about the DOI (available at [www.doi.org/publications.html](http://www.doi.org/publications.html)).

Likewise, the CrossRef Web site has a list of published articles about CrossRef (available at [www.crossref.org/01company/13publications.html](http://www.crossref.org/01company/13publications.html)).

Miscellaneous Articles & Resources

The NISO workshop, OpenURL and Metasearch: New Standards, Current Innovations, and Future Directions, held September 19–21, 2005, offered the most up-to-date information about the OpenURL available. The presentations from that workshop are available online (at [www.niso.org/news/events_workshops/OpenURL-05-Agen-FINAL.html](http://www.niso.org/news/events_workshops/OpenURL-05-Agen-FINAL.html)).

The February 2004 (24, no.2) issue of *Computers in Libraries* focuses on the theme, “Making Standards Understandable.” The issue includes short descriptions of standards such as DOI, OAI-PMH, OpenURL, Shibboleth, as well as longer articles discussing standards as a whole, such as, “Bearing with Old and New Standards,” by
Andrew K. Pace, and “In a Changing World, Standards Ease the Way,” by Janet L. Balas.

Carol Tenopir’s regular “Online Databases” column in Library Journal has often tackled the subject of linking in electronic resources. Among others, the following columns (listed in reverse chronological order by publication date) are germane to the topics presented in this report:


“Links and Bibliographic Databases.” Library Journal 126, no. 4 (March 1, 2001): 34.