

BIBPURLS: Past and Future

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BIBPURLs—What are they?

- Persistent **URL** assigned to URLs for Open Access (FREE) resources
- Cooperative maintenance is done by cooperating institutions through the OCLC/PCC BIBPURL project
- Added to OCLC master records for open access resources to guarantee persistence (see exceptions list)
- Form is 856 4_ \$u <http://bibpurl.oclc.org/web/123456> \$u http:// ... [associated URL]

How did we get to this point?

- In the beginning...
 - CONSER OpCo meeting: 2001
 - Pilot project: January-March 2002
 - Documentation:
 - CONSER website: <http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/conser/purl/faq.html>
 - UC CONSER Funnel (Renee Chin): <http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/conser/resources>
 - Listserv hosted by University of Washington: conserpurl@u.washington.edu
- Wake-up call: January 2016
 - Conference call: February 26, 2016
 - Return of service: March 4, 2016

Discussion questions (part 1)

- Which of your units are creating/maintaining BIBPURLs? Who has used BIBPURLs in their local catalogs for freely-available/open access resources?
- The CONSER PURL project has been around for 15 years. How useful has the OCLC PCC BIBPURL project been for your institution? Is it worth it?
- As OCLC moves forward in re-thinking BIBPURLs, do you have any ideas for how to improve or change cooperative maintenance of URLs for open access resources?

Discussion questions (part 2)

- If you don't use BIBPURLs, why not? How do you track and validate URLs for freely-available/open access resources?
- What are some suggestions for other ways of handling link resolution & maintenance for freely available/open access resources?
- Do you report bad BIBPURLs to OCLC? What about redirects?
