

SFX History (from Swami)

- 1997/98 – SFX linking research work begins at Ghent University, Belgium, conducted by Herbert Van de Sompel in collaboration with Ex Libris and SilverPlatter as partners
- Feb 2000 – Ex Libris acquires SFX link server technology from Ghent University
- Nov 2000 – SFX-URL submitted to NISO for standardization (the name was later changed to OpenURL)
- May 2000 – First SFX sites in live production
- Mar 2001 - Van de Sompel, Herbert and Oren Beit-Arie. March, 2001. "[Open Linking in the Scholarly Information Environment Using the OpenURL Framework.](#)" D-Lib Magazine. v7(3).
- Apr 2001 – First SFX goes live: at Caltech (USA)
- Jul 2001 - Van de Sompel, Herbert and Oren Beit-Arie. July/August, 2001. "[Generalizing the OpenURL Framework beyond References to Scholarly Works.](#)" D-Lib Magazine. v7(7/8).
- Jul 2002 – Active international user group formed (SMUG)
- Apr 2003 – OpenURL v1.0 released to trial use
- May 2003 – 10+ commercial link server solutions; other local solutions
- Feb 2005 – v3 released