WHERE HAVE WE BEEN,
WHERE SHOULD WE GO?
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2004 - 2005

- Committee investigated two kinds of applications
  - Federated Search engine
  - Link Resolver

Recommended WebFeat for federated searching, and LinkSource for link resolver
2005 - 2006

- Hurricanes Katrina and Rita brought committee work to a halt
- Committee took a wait and see approach to determine what our needs might be post-hurricane
2006 - 2007

- Committee investigated Electronic Resource Management Products
  - Not all sites have a need for an ERM
  - At the time, no consortial model looked quite right for the LOUIS libraries
  - Committee opted not to recommend any product
  - EBSCO met with committee to describe its development of ERM functionality and streamlining of their administrative modules
2007 - 2008

- Committee investigated OPAC replacements
  - Aquabrowser
  - Encore
  - Endeca
  - Enterprise
  - Primo
  - Worldcat Local
What now?

- The committee made no recommendation regarding an OPAC replacement at the close of 2008
- Should we continue to investigate OPAC replacements for the coming year?
- What other cutting-edge applications should the committee consider?
Should we think BIG?

- Some products/vendors are taking a very integrated approach to the management and deployment of all electronic resources
  - Primo-Integrated package of federated search, link resolver, OPAC replacement, ERM, etc.
  - Serials Solutions-Offers a suite of products that work together, including AquaBrowser, federated search, link resolver, ERM, etc.

This approach is analogous to an ILS for electronic resources
...or focus on one thing?

- OPAC replacements: What features do we want?
  - Faceted search
  - Better relevance
  - Visual search
  - Web 2.0 functionality, like user reviews and tagging, bookmarking
  - Spell check, thesaurus
  - RSS feeds
  - FRBR
  - One stop shop for searching print or electronic resources?
Comments and questions

- R & D committee will create a survey to learn more about what you want
- Based on feedback, we will create a plan for the coming months