MNLINK 2.0—
one year into the implementation of the new search program

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MNLINK origins

- 1996 state appropriation
  - Develop statewide ILS and resource sharing system
MNLINK evolves

- ILS for University of Minnesota & MnSCU libraries
- Statewide Resource Sharing system
MNLINK evolves

- MNLINK Gateway
  - 2001 Fretwell-Downing’s VDX selected
MNLINK launch

- MNLINK Gateway
  - VDX request management program launched 2003
  - Zportal end user interface
    - Launched January 2004
MNLINK explosion
Let the worrying begin …

Roz Chast
New Yorker
Published June 2, 2003
MNLINK explosion

- FY2009 – 600,000+ requests placed
- FY2017 – 393,369 requests filled
MNLINK RFP

- Next Generation system
  - WorldCat Discovery end user search program
  - Request management program Relais D2D
    - 2-3 year timeline as VDX replacement
MNLINK.ORG

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  Online encyclopedia articles.

More Resources
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Questions?
Thank You!

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