Ebooks Provider-Neutral Guides in a Nutshell
(A, B... divisions mine)

A. Deriving from a print record

1. Cataloging an online resource that has an existing print record for the same content that is fairly good. Derive a new record use that print <or other format> record as your basis of description and add the following:
   a. FF type "o"; 006 m d; 007 c $b r; 245 $h; 300 1 online resource (<pagination>): $b ill <if applicable>; 500 Description based on print version record; 776 use "Insert from cited record" technique in OCLC; and 856 URL

B. Using an existing online record

2. Cataloging an online resource that has an existing print record that is more minimal than you would like for cataloging purposes. With your "cataloger's judgment hat on" you decide you want to use the online resource as your source of description. Use the following: Use all of the info in 1 above with the exception of the 588 Description based on print version record. In this case use 500 Title from PDF (<etc.>) (<website source>, viewed on Oct. 26, 2009).

C. No print or online record

3. Cataloging an online resource and there is no print <or other format> record. Use the following: Use all of the info in 1 above with the exception of the 588 Description based on print version record. In this case use 500 Title from PDF (<etc.>) (<source>, viewed on Oct. 26, 2009). Since you have no other format record there is no 776 field either.

D. About 856 field

Try to keep any information in the 856 field to A MINIMUM. (Normally this means nothing other than subfield "u"). If there is a domain name in the URL, there is normally no reason to indicate materials specified in a subfield "3". Using subfield "3" just means maintenance down the road. AND subfield "3" also is NOT searchable/indexed whereas domain names are.

This is the P-N model in a nutshell. For better info read all about it at: http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/bibco/PN-Guide.pdf

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