

Fully hosted, secure, onsite and remote access to electronic resources for librarians

“OpenAthens is absolutely core. It’s the way we get our staff in touch with the information resources they need to do their jobs.”

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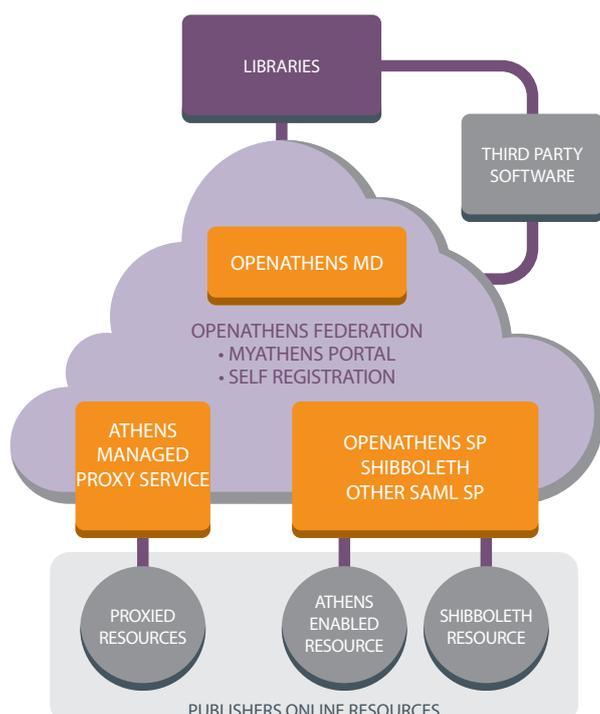
What is OpenAthens MD?

OpenAthens MD (Managed Directory) is a simple, secure username and password system which allows librarians to manage access to online resources.

Recognised by over 160 publishers, its usernames can be used anywhere, anytime - from the office, from home or on the road. Independent of IP, subscribers can be recognised by vendors regardless of their IP address network. Over 2,000 organisations already use OpenAthens including the US Department of Veterans Affairs and the UK National Health Service (NHS) as well as many other organisations worldwide.

A great user experience

OpenAthens MD simplifies access to your organisation's electronic resources. With a single username and password, your users can have easy access to the library's collection of online journals and books. Use the free MyAthens portal to link users to your library's resources both onsite and remotely.



Rich features for administrators

Designed specifically for librarians, OpenAthens MD has comprehensive and intuitive user management capabilities allowing you to:

- create usernames and passwords with individual expiry dates;
- categorise users by role, department or location and allocate different sets of online resources;
- bulk upload lists of individuals from another data source (for example, a spread sheet or student registry);
- permit users to self-register with validation by IP address and/or email domain;
- define subscribing organisations to allow online resources to recognise subscribers by a method other than IP address recognition;
- contact users, for example, giving them details of new resources or training sessions on existing resources;
- manage your licence agreements by setting expiration dates for different categories of users.

Additionally, the comprehensive statistics package produces access statistics by category, by resource or overall and allows you to automate reports or run reports on an ad-hoc basis.

Why choose OpenAthens MD?

1 You're in good company

Over 2,000 organisations use OpenAthens to provide access to their subscribed resources, over 4 million users use OpenAthens to gain access to electronic resources and over 160 publishers use OpenAthens to allow access to their resources.

2 Fully hosted solution

OpenAthens MD is a cloud based solution requiring no local IT involvement. Nothing needs to be installed, so it poses no risk to the local infrastructure. As a highly scalable service with a proven track record over many years, it's replicated, load balanced and maintained on fully resilient hardware.

3 Ease of use

OpenAthens MD has been developed over a number of years with frequent feedback from the library community. It has an intuitive interface

designed specifically for librarians allowing bulk creation of users, self-registration and the categorisation of users.

4 Prove value of subscriptions

OpenAthens MD is based on individual usernames so resource access can be identified by individual or by user category. This provides significant intelligence on the use of resources and enables the library to assess spend on resources compared to usage, making cross-charging across departments or business units easy.

5 Fully supported

It's a fully supported service with free access to the OpenAthens Service Desk. We have a commitment to open standards such as SAML and a long-term development roadmap.

MyAthens

MyAthens is a free end user web portal which is part of the OpenAthens MD product.

It's an easy-to-use, customisable, panel-based interface that enables the end user to connect to online content subscribed to by your organisation. MyAthens automatically generates the correct access URL for all resources available to the end-user, minimising access URL management.

Librarians can easily add links to other useful content and create panels with information for their users, e.g. opening hours and contact details for the library. MyAthens also provides RSS feed tools for the library and for the end-user to add feeds into their MyAthens portal.

Athens Managed Proxy Service

If a library resource is not Athens enabled, we can offer an Athens Managed Proxy Service. We configure and provide you with an IP address on our proxy server, which you simply give to the publisher to register alongside your own. This means that your users will be able to access your entire collection using the same username, whether the publisher has elected to implement OpenAthens or not.



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