Access knowledge the easy way

With our simple, secure technology OpenAthens enables people to access the knowledge they need to achieve great things.

Older systems can pose a significant security risk. IP addresses are open to various methods of abuse and the lack of transparency makes accurate usage reporting difficult.

How we help:

Happy users
The simple interface will reduce user queries.

Minimal admin
Our tools make it easy to categorise and allocate resources to users.

Peace of mind
No compromise on security, all information remains safe.

Statistics and insight
We collect data and show you patterns of engagement.

Leave the difficult stuff to us
Our optimised solution enables integration with other systems.

OpenAthens provides flexibility to adapt to changing workflows, peace of mind against fraud and misuse, and the transparency to make informed decisions.

Visit openathens.org today for more information.
Here's a comparison of the two technologies

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<th>IP / Proxy</th>
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<td>Single sign-on</td>
<td>Users sign in once for all online resources and services using their organizational credentials.</td>
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<td>Resource management, granular user and group level reporting</td>
<td>Make data-driven budget and subscription decisions based on our reports at group and individual level. Curate resources and add content discovery widgets in the MyAthens portal. Use the reporting tool to visualise data.</td>
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<td>User management</td>
<td>Manage all your users, resources and reports in our easy to use dashboard. Integrate with any local directory. Create and disable accounts for individuals or groups.</td>
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<td>Integrate with your existing library directories and systems</td>
<td>Integration with LDAP, ADFS, AD, Azure, any system that speaks SAML.</td>
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<td>Protects user privacy</td>
<td>A pseudonymous identifier that represents the user is sent to providers. Example: ahfB543wQ_d3x3rYyysy8</td>
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<td>Protection against security or licence breaches</td>
<td>Specific user is disabled and notification sent to admin. Supports multi-factor authentication.</td>
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<td>Helps you remain BAU during a natural disaster or pandemic</td>
<td>Reliable, resilient and scalable cloud-based solution.</td>
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<td>Personalize user experience</td>
<td>Enable saved searches, annotated content, preferences.</td>
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**OpenAthens supports**

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**Publisher**

- Global standard in authentication
- Simplicity for the library

**IP / Proxy**

- Insecure / open to spoofing
- Legacy technology / work around Complexity for the library

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**Simple setup**

- SAML handshake
  - Secure – end user / publisher / library
  - Two way transparency / individual stats

**Technical setup**

- Publisher
  - IP recognition
    - Insecure / open to spoofing
    - Anonymous users
      - IP address that represents the institution is sent to providers. Example: 192.158.1.38

- IP / Proxy
  - Recognition
    - IP address that represents the institution is sent to providers. Example: 192.158.1.38