







Resource Access Methods Compared

This fact sheet evaluates two popular access methods. When shopping around for a new authentication solution, it's helpful to understand these key differences before comparing vendors.

	IP/Proxy	SAML SSO
 Single sign-on?	Provides seamless access.	✓
 Protects users' privacy?	✓	✓
 What is sent to content providers? <i>example</i> →	An IP address that represents the institution is sent. 192.158.1.38	A pseudonymous identifier that represents the user is sent. ahf8543w0_da3ryrYYisyd8
 If a security breach arises with a content provider...	Entire institution is disabled until the user is identified.	Specific user is disabled, and notification sent to admin.
 Granular user & group level reporting?	✗	✓
 OpenAthens supports?	✓	✓

EBSCO & OpenAthens authentication features:

- Cloud hosted solution for secure SAML federated single sign-on and IP/Proxy access.
- Easy-to-use administrator interface
- Granular usage statistics for informed resource and budget allocations
- Group and role-based access management
- Integration capability with InCommon and UKFED federations
- 24/7 EBSCO support

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