Migrating from WAM to OpenAthens

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How Many Are Using WAM?





WAM vs. OpenAthens

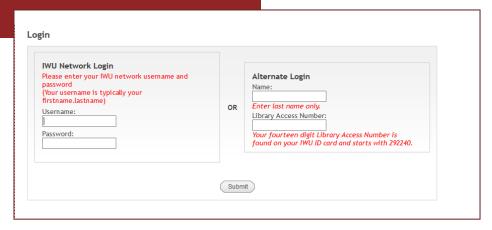






WAM Authenication

We implemented external patron verification in 2014, but had to keep the alternate login for community patrons and alumni.



 External patron verification was an improvement, but became an issue when the IWU portal was launched with SSO with access to email, LMS, grading, etc.



External Patron Verification

Pros

- Connects to IWU's LDAP/Active Directory Server
- Allows users to authenticate with WAM using their network username and password
- Checks patron type to permit off-campus access to library resources
- Will not allow users who have excessive fines to access databases







External Patron Verification

Cons

- Uses must authenticate with Sierra, even though they have authenticated with the LMS and IWU portal with same username
- Won't authenticate users that enter their email address instead of their username
- Won't allow users access unless they have been imported into Sierra
- Users have to create a separate username and password for an EBSCO account

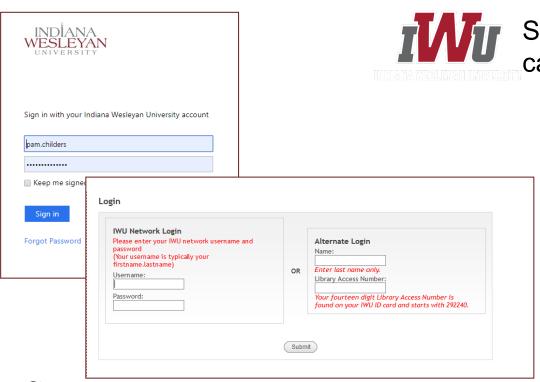


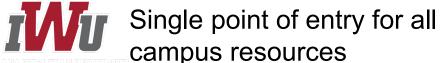




IWU Portal

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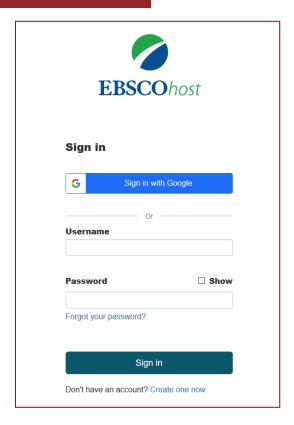


- Students are having to authenticate with the IWU portal and then WAM
- Majority of students access library resources from off campus



EBSCO Account

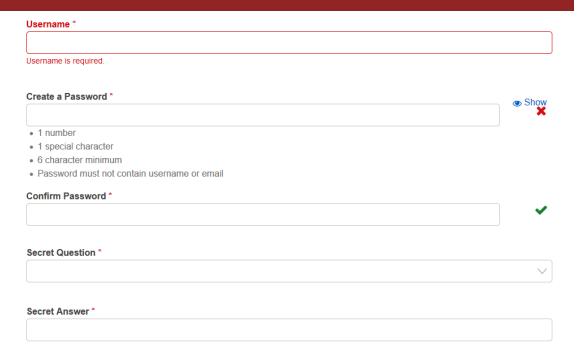
- Off campus users that want to download eBooks, save searches, and store research must create a username and password for EBSCO
 - Issue students don't remember this username and password
 - Issue students have difficulty creating a username and password







EBSCO Accounts



Students call as they can't get past this screen.

Students are frustrated that they have to create another username and password

☐ Yes. I consent to the collection of this personalized data, and I understand the processing of my personal data is covered under my institution's contract with EBSCO. *





OpenAthens

Pros

- Connects users to databases when users authenticate with IWU portal, Email or the LMS
- Checks patron access to permit off-campus access to library resources
- Automatically creates and saves to a folder for EBSCO products







OpenAthens

- Cons
 - Uses must authenticate with Sierra to renew and request books









IWU has a unique structure

- Traditional: residential campus
- Seminary: blended, online only and onsite
- National and Global: onsite and online



Why Migrate?

- Single point of entry for all campus resources was implemented in 2017, which works for everything except WAM
- Issues with WAM with certain vendors
- EBSCO folder issues
- Reduce calls to IT and library regarding access
- Improve user experience







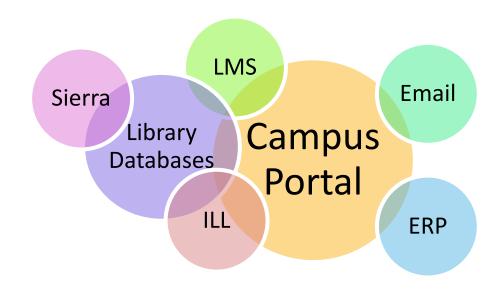
Getting Started With OpenAthens







Primary Authentication Method







Project Plan

- 1. Design
- 2. Product configuration
- 3. Testing
- 4. Training
- 5. Communication
- 6. Go-Live
- 7. Closure



OpenAthens Administrator Site

 Once the authentication method was set and attributes were in place the Administrator site was set up by EBSCO

	OpenAthens 🖍	
Sign in as an	administrator.	
Username		
iwuniversity		
Password		
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	Sign in	





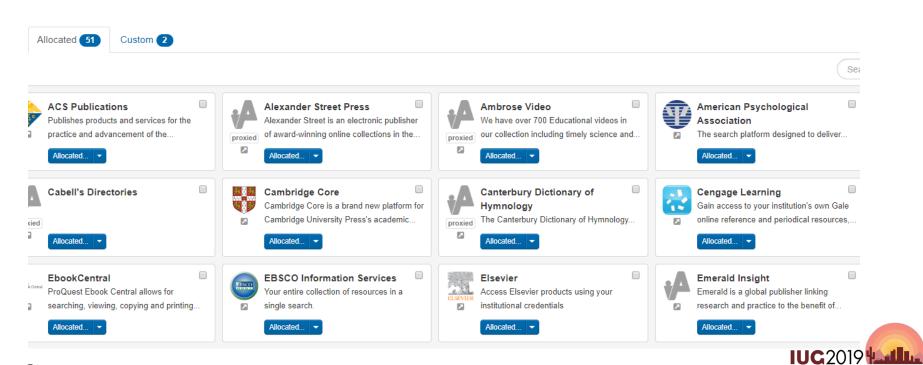
Vendor List

- EBSCO contacted all of our vendors and provided them with the OA IP address
- Some vendors required direct contact:
 - ✓ EBSCO provided a document and the IP for the vendors that required direct contact from IWU
 - ✓ Vendors confirmed that the IP was added, and this information was relayed to EBSCO





"Athenized" URLs



Phoenix, AZ



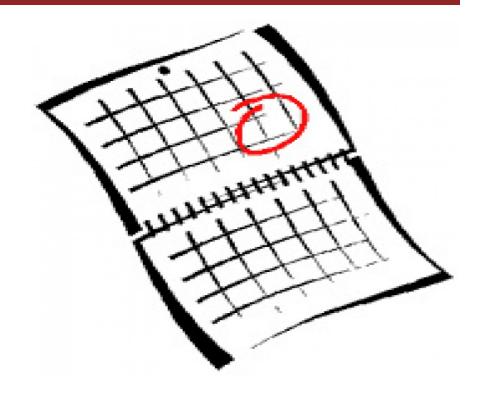
Test Links

Resource details		
Title*	Alexander Street Press	
Description	Alexander Street is an electronic publisher of award-winning online collections in the humanities and social sciences.	
Information URL		
Access URL	https://proxy.openathens.net/login?qurl=https%3A%2F%2Fsea	
Categories	Categories should be separated with spaces.	
Hidden from users		
	https://proxy.openathens.net/login?qurl={target}&entityID={entity}&_oafoll	





Set "Go Live" Date





Full Text Finder

EBSCO automatically takes care of any links in the FTF







EDS

EBSCO automatically takes of all links in EDS







"Athenized" Links

- Test these links once we are live
- Update all website links
 - LMS, BrightSpace
 - Library websites
 - LibGuides
- Update all 856 fields in the catalog





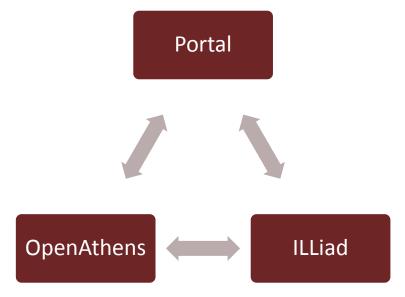
SSO Personal Folder Workflow

Documentation for a one time merge of EBSCO folders

https://connect.ebsco.com/s/article/Sharing-Custom-Folders?language=en_US



Connecting OpenAthens with ILLiad







• Set up a other custom connections







Questions







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