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# OpenAthens Tips

## URL Encoding / Decoding Tools

### Encoding

OpenAthens URLs are *Athenized*, with a redirector prefix followed by an institution code then an encoded URL, example

<https://www.jstor.org/>

becomes

<https://go.openathens.net/redirector/uark.edu?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.jstor.org%2F>

You will have access to a public Redirector Tool to create Athenized URLs.   
<https://go.openathens.net/generate/>

We decided to make our own; it also strips out the proxy prefix and suffix from older WAM links:  
<https://uark.libguides.com/openathens/links>

You can also use an Excel formula to batch generate Athenized links:  
<https://uark.libguides.com/openathens/links#s-lg-box-23513150>

### Decoding

Trying to decipher a linking issue? Try these encoder / decoder tools

* <https://www.url-encode-decode.com/>
* <https://meyerweb.com/eric/tools/dencoder/>

### SafeLinks

Did a vendor send you an URL via email that is now SafeLinks encoded? Ugh! Use this decoder for SafeLinks:

<https://www.o365atp.com/>

## Search and Replace

### Global Update Strategies

Change variable length field 856|u

/    with %2F

?  with  %3F

:    with %3A

;   with  %3B

[space]  with    %20

|    with %7C

,   with   %2C

=     with %3D

&   with   %26

then replace |uhttp with |u<https://go.openathens.net/redirector/uark.edu?url=>http

### MarcEdit Strategies

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## Patron Help

OpenAthens LibGuide: <https://uark.libguides.com/openathens/>

Remote Access Help: <https://libraries.uark.edu/access/>

Making Permalinks: <https://libraries.uark.edu/eresources/durablelinks.asp>

## Staff Help

Remote Access Troubleshooting : <https://uark.libguides.com/accessaccounts/access>

New Database setups: OpenAthens <https://uark.libguides.com/electronicserials/openathens>

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