

What are the differences between LA and MD

Both the hosted and installed versions of OpenAthens are excellent options when you want to access federated resources but they have some differences that may make one a better fit for you than the other. Here is how the main features compare:

	Local / OpenAthens LA	Hosted / OpenAthens MD
Federation support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OpenAthens federation UK Access Management federation InCommon More as needed
Local SAML resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted
Local directories supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LDAP / ActiveDirectory Write your own module 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LDAP / ActiveDirectory SirsiDynix SAML / ADFS / CAS API
Attribute handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct mapping Regular Expressions Javascript 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct mapping Transform rules
Proxy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self managed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed, with local forward option
Reporting by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Category 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Permission set Country Network Any custom attribute
Reporting schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Weekly Monthly
Create accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
Backups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self managed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self managed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed worldwide
Service monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self managed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24/7 on call support

To find out more about how to use the hosted version, see: [OpenAthens Identity](#)