

# EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) and the OpenAthens redirector

This guide will help you configure your EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) instance to work with the OpenAthens Redirector.

Whilst the OpenAthens service desk will always try to be helpful, they can only support the OpenAthens end. Information about EBSCO was correct at the time of writing.

## Prerequisites

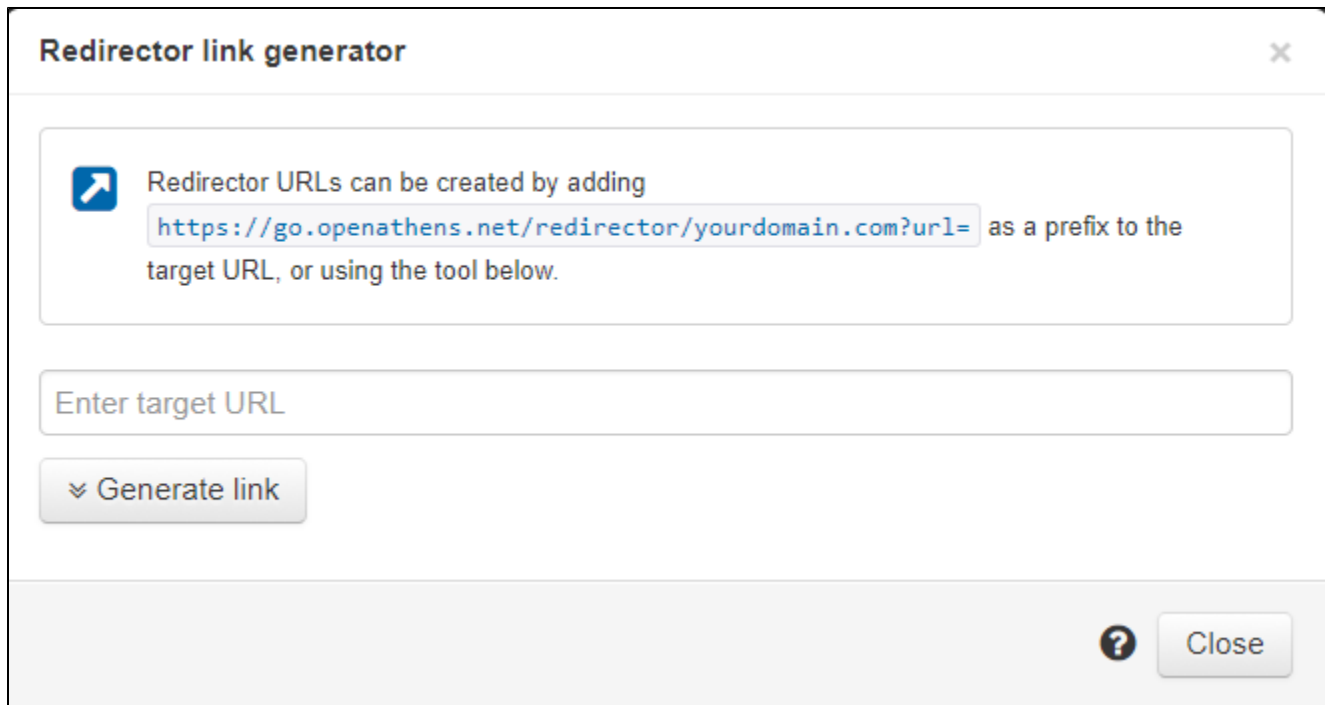
- Access to your EBSCO admin pages
- Access to the OpenAthens administration area at the domain level

## Method

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## Look up your redirector prefix

Access the administration area as the domain administrator and navigate to the redirect link generator (Resources > Redirector link generator).



**Redirector link generator**

Redirector URLs can be created by adding `https://go.openathens.net/redirector/yourdomain.com?url=` as a prefix to the target URL, or using the tool below.

Enter target URL

Generate link

Close

The part you are interested in is the bit like this: <https://go.openathens.net/redirector/yourdomain.com?url=>

## Add your Redirector prefix to EBSCO Discovery Service

Even though the redirector is not a proxy, we can use the proxy support function in EDS to insert the redirector prefix

1. Login to EBSCO admin (<http://eadmin.ebscohost.com/>)
2. In the choose profile drop-down select the EBSCO Discovery Service (eds) option
3. Go to: Linking section > Setup / Maintain proxies
4. You need to add two new proxy definitions:

Proxy ID	EBSCOFT
Proxy Name	EBSCO Fulltext Athens
Proxy URL	{targetURL}&authtype=shib&custid=YOUR_CUSTOMER_ID
Proxy ID	RedirectorOA
Proxy Name	Redirector Athens Proxy
Proxy URL	YOUR_REDIRECTOR_PREFIX{urlencode({targetURL})} e.g: https://go.openathens.net/redirector/yourdomain.com?url={urlencode({targetURL})}

Even though the OpenAthens redirector is neither a proxy nor called Athens, these names and IDs are fixed in EBSCO's code and must be entered exactly.

## Recommendations from EBSCO

To apply the Redirector prefix to resources in your EDS, modify your root proxy settings as per their guide at: [https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/Full\\_Text\\_Finder/Holdings\\_Management\\_User\\_Guide/Selecting\\_a\\_Root\\_Proxy\\_Setting](https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/Full_Text_Finder/Holdings_Management_User_Guide/Selecting_a_Root_Proxy_Setting)

To apply the Redirector prefix to persistent or custom links, follow their guide at: [https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCOadmin/Admin\\_User\\_Guide/how\\_can\\_i\\_embed\\_Proxy\\_Server\\_settings\\_in\\_EBSCOhost\\_URL](https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCOadmin/Admin_User_Guide/how_can_i_embed_Proxy_Server_settings_in_EBSCOhost_URL)

If having difficulty, your EBSCO support contact may be able to help: <https://connect.ebsco.com/s/contactsupport>