About MyAthens

MyAthens is a user portal that is available to all OpenAthens customers. It comes in two tiers: MyAthens Basic, which is available at no extra charge and includes basic account management functionality and limited customisation options, and MyAthens Plus, which is a paid for service that has all available features.

Sub-organisations can either share the MyAthens instance of their parent organisation or use their own.

Path to function: Management > MyAthens

Users can access MyAthens at https://my.openathens.net where they will first be prompted to find their home organisation.

MyAthens can also be accessed using a WAYFless URL. This is the recommended approach if you are publishing a link on your own pages or recommending a bookmark as it will bypass the part where they have to search for their organisation to sign in. Your WAYFless URL is specific to your organisation and can be found in the configuration tab. It is not the same as the WAYFless URL for old MyAthens.

If you have a local connection that is set as default and need to use an OpenAthens account (e.g. testing, the occasional non-directory user) you will need to use a special link: https://my.openathens.net/auth?entityID=https://idp.eduserv.org.uk/openathens. See: MyAthens when you have OpenAthens accounts AND local accounts

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Account

This page displays the user’s account details. Users with personal accounts are able to view their account expiry date and change their password here.

Research zone
The research zone is the main page where you can add content and information to be displayed to your users in the form of cards.

There are six different card types:

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**Adding and removing cards**

You can add a new card using the plus icon at the bottom of the page.

You can remove cards using the trash icon in the corner of the card. When a card is removed, it is permanently deleted. You cannot remove the contact card.

**Card layout**

You can change how the cards will be displayed on the page by using the arrows in the corner of the card. There are two layouts, selectable at the top of the page - desktop has two columns and mobile has one:
Publishing

You will need to publish any changes that you have made to be visible to your users and there is a blue asterisk displayed when there are unpublished changes.

Published configurations cannot be unpublished and deleted cards cannot be recovered.

General cards

These cards are available in both MyAthens Basic and MyAthens Plus. MyAthens Basic has a limit of one card of each type.

Contact details
A card that contains your organisation's public contact details as set in your organisation preferences. This card may be moved but it cannot be edited here or deleted.

**Text card**

A card that can contain text, links, images, and embedded videos from YouTube or Vimeo. Use this for things like library information or links to resources that can't go on other cards - e.g. free or OpenAccess resources.

**Button card**

A card with a single customisable button. Use this for things like links to your own support portal or other library applications.

**Extra cards in MyAthens Plus**
List of resources

An alphabetical list of all of the resources in your catalogue that share a permission set with the user, including custom resources.

Resources can be hidden from this list without the need to remove them from sets by using the hidden from users flag in the resource catalogue. Users can mark resources as favourites which will put them at the top of the list.

Curated list of resources

A sub-set of resources that are chosen by you. Any resource in your catalogue may be added to a curated list but they will only be displayed to end users if the resource and the user share a permission set.

Example Curated Resource List Card

This is an example curated resource list card

- **Annals of Internal Medicine**
  Established in 1927 by the American College of Physicians, the Annals of Internal Medicine is the most widely cited...

- **Clinical Skills**
  A user-friendly set of illustrated clinical skills guidelines to help you understand the principles of a particular...

- **HemOnline**
  The World’s Largest Image-based Legal Research Database

- **IOPscience**
  IOPscience is an online service for journal content published by IOP Publishing. IOPscience embraces innovative...

- **JSTOR**
  JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary sources.

- **Wiley Online Library**
  Access an extensive range of quality journals, reference works and Current Protocols online, covering a range of...
A search box linked to a content discovery service. The discovery services that it currently supports are Google Scholar, EBSCO Discovery Service, TDNet Discover and for Open Access resources: CORE Discovery.

The EBSCO one will ask for a customer ID, e.g. s123456

The TDNet one will ask for a customer domain, e.g. https://pymtechnologies.tdnetdiscover.com

**Sub-organisations**

Sub-organisations inherit the MyAthens set up of their parent organisation, but if they have their own scope they are able to have their own MyAthens instance. Activating MyAthens for a sub-organisation cannot be undone though, so use this option with caution.

1. **Start from the sub-organisation's admin area by either**
   a. Logging in with an admin account belonging to it
   b. Switching to the sub-org with an admin account above it in the organisation hierarchy
2. **Go to Management > MyAthens**
3. **Click on the ribbon icon at the bottom of the research zone page**

   **Activate your own MyAthens Plus instance to customise the experience for Mapped to an org patrons further**

   Starting your own MyAthens Plus instance comes at no extra cost for you.

4. **Read the information provided**
5. **Activate**

**Administrator configuration**
This page is only visible to administrators and shows the contact information that will be displayed to users in the Research Zone. The contact details and institution name are those set in your organisation preferences.

MyAthens uses the logo from your domain preferences, but you can override it here if necessary - e.g. for better display against a dark background instead of light.