



Serials Solutions®

360 Search

Support for Single Sign-On (SSO)

Using Shibboleth and Athens, 360 Search now supports Single Sign-On (SSO) access control. This new authentication method makes it easier for users to access the full breadth of their institutions' electronic collections and services, whether they are a remote or local user. SSO also allows institutions to better manage access to electronic resources and services.

360 Search can now be setup as an Athens or Shibboleth-protected service, meaning that institutions can prompt patrons to enter their SSO login information in order to use 360 Search. Once the patron has logged into Athens or Shibboleth, they can see results in 360 Search. If the patron clicks on a link to another resource or service that is Athens or Shibboleth-protected from within the same browsing session, they will not receive another login prompt and will be move freely between the protected entities.

This is especially valuable for users of 360 Search since many of the resources that are searched by the product are protected by SSO. When Athens or Shibboleth is activated within 360 Search, patrons are able to easily move between the 360 Search interface and the native interfaces of the resources that they are searching, without authentication headaches.

In the past, the methods used to ensure that remote patrons have seamless access to resources have put institutions at risk of violating terms of use for those resources, because of the lack of access control. This new capability in 360 Search allows institutions to offer electronic resources to all of their patrons with confidence.

Serials Solutions is currently a member of the UK Access Management Federation, and will soon join the InCommon Federation. If you'd like more information on how to enable Athens or Shibboleth in your implementation of 360 Search, just write to 360@serialssolutions.com.

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