Does your institution have its own Identity Provider or directory of user accounts?

Yes

Is your institutional directory SAML-based?

Your IT department may be able to help with this detail. Some examples of SAML-based IdPs are Google G-Suite and Microsoft ADFS.

No

Yes

- OpenAthens can work with many non-SAML IdPs to provide an SSO experience for all your library subscriptions. Users would log into all library resources using their institutional account.
- Google Sign In can provide an SSO experience for users who create a MyEBSCOhost account using their Google email address. Users would log into EBSCO resources using their Google account.
- OpenAthens can work with your SAML IdPs to provide an SSO experience for all of your library subscriptions. Users would log into all compatible library services and content using their institutional account.
- EBSCO SSO can work with your SAML IdP to provide an SSO experience within your EBSCO database subscriptions. Users would log into EBSCO resources using their institutional account.

No

- OpenAthens can serve as your directory; user accounts can be created and maintained within OpenAthens. Any end users with an OpenAthens account would have an SSO experience for all your library subscriptions.
- Google Sign In can provide an SSO experience for users who create a MyEBSCOhost account using their Google email address. Users would log into EBSCO resources using their Google account.

Want to move toward a single sign-on user experience?

EBSCO offers a number of solutions to make authentication easier and more personalized for your end users. The decision tree below will help point you to the solution that works for your library.

See also: What is single sign-on, how can it benefit my end users, and how can I set it up?

What's next?

- Click here for more information on EBSCO's three SSO offerings, including additional benefits to the library, expanded descriptions of the user experience, and technical requirements.
- Contact your EBSCO Sales team to schedule a demo or to speak with EBSCO's authentication experts, who will be able to help you determine which option will best suit your library's needs.