



Authentication and Authorisation for Research and Collaboration

E-Resources Interoperability

Libraries moving to federated Single Sign-On (SSO)

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The library must

- provide a private (virtual) place
- protect its users



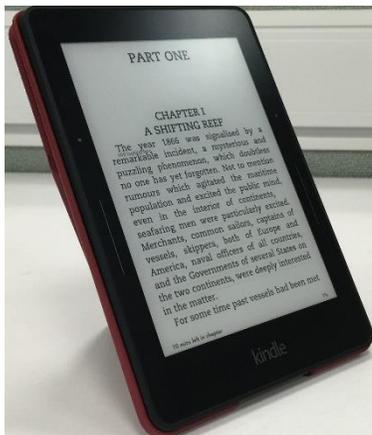
A trusted safe place with privacy

Library as digital content provider

late 20th century - early 21th century

Print -> Digital -> Remote

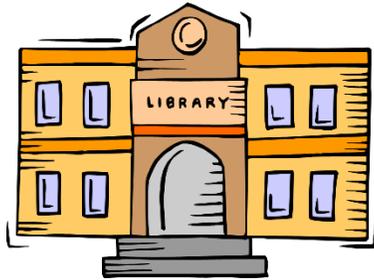
Remote = any time, any place, any device.



We want:

authenticated and authorized access
preserving privacy

Access: from IP to SSO



IP based authentication:

location based

(Artificially adapted for any place by VPN and Proxy.)



SSO authentication:

person(ID) based

(Any place, any time, any device)

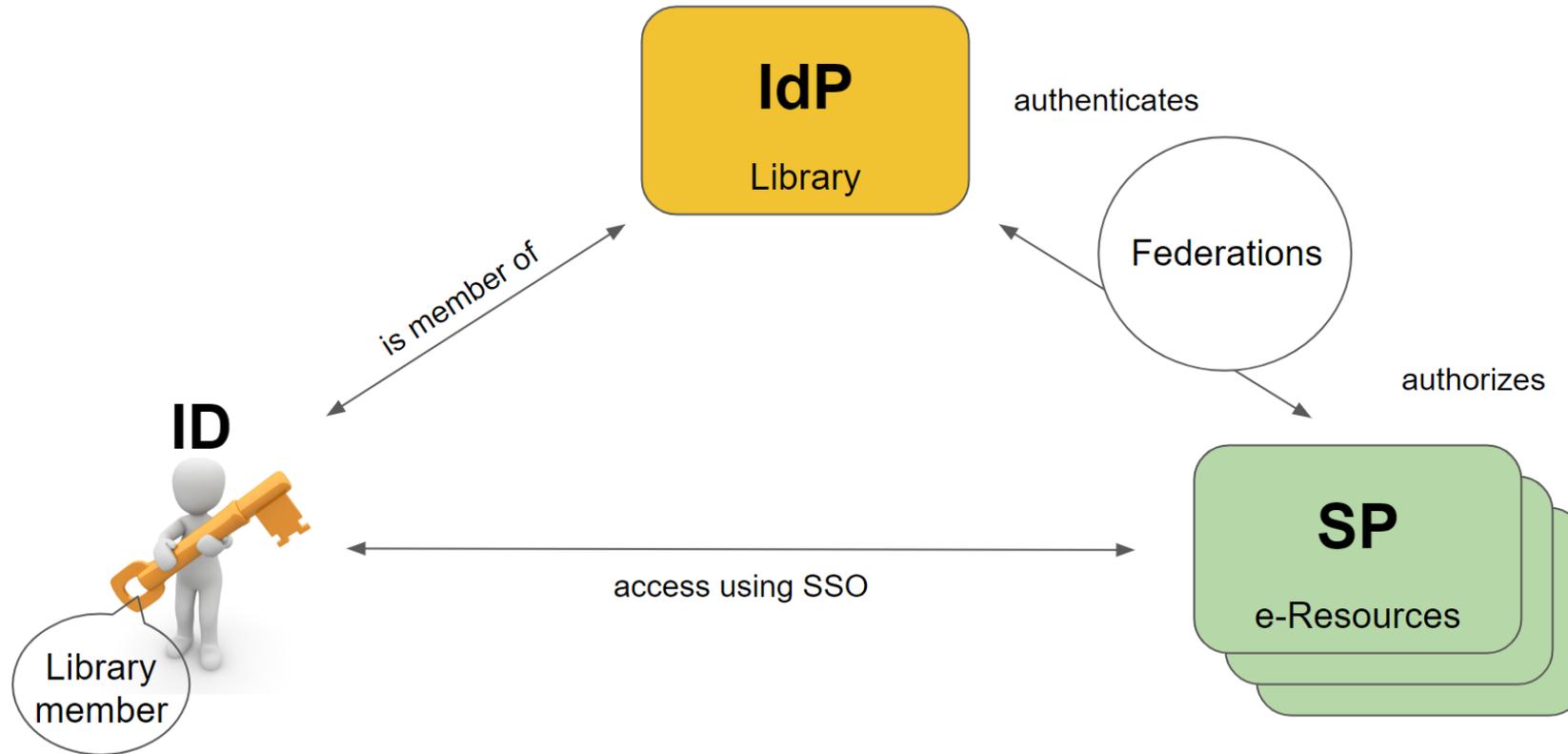


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SSO benefits

- tailored contracts: e.g. buy a subscription for one faculty.
- In case of abuse: just one user can be blocked, instead of all staff and students alike.
- better statistics

What is SSO?



Federated IDentity management

The library serves hundreds of publishers. A publisher like Elsevier serves thousands of institutions. They work together through federations when it comes to ID Management. (or IAM)

- **Authentication.** An IdP (library) manages authentication, and provides at least an identifier to the SP.
- **Provisioning.** An IdP provides **attributes**. These are exchanged at the first sign-on. An SP often asks for personal data such as an email address.

=> **Minimal disclosure policy:** A Persistent Identifier, Affiliations.



What can libraries expect in the coming years?

- Increasing demand by publishers for SSO access
- Increasing denial by publishers for IP based access
- More awareness by users of personal data exchange
- Recommendations from initiatives such as RA21.org
- Recommendations from Library consortia

Activities:



The international interfederation of national research and education federations.



Activity on enhancing the user experience in federated identity management (FIM).



The research and education federations group.



EU-funded project on FIM technologies and policies.

AARC Project

- Authentication and Authorization for Research Collaboration
- EU funded project in its second phase
- Inspired by the work from FIM4R Group (FIM for Research)
- Objectives:
 - Deliver production-ready architectural building blocks and best practices to enable research and e-infrastructures to build interoperable AAI
 - Avoid a future in which new research collaborations develop independent AAIs
- Libraries:
 - A number of AARC 1 pilots were dedicated to library use-cases
 - Dedicated training material for libraries
 - See also <https://aarc-project.eu/libraries/>

AARC Libraries walk-in-user pilot

- Reliance on using IP addresses to authenticate users prevents some university libraries from moving to federated access
- Even if a library switches to FIM, there still are needs for IP based authentication:
 - Old IP-based contracts with content providers
 - Provide access to „walk-in“ users
- Thus a solution was created that integrates IP based authentication in a federated infrastructure
 - Shibboleth IdP v3 can be configured to automatically authenticate users from defined IP addresses or ranges of IP addresses, but that is a static configuration
- See also <https://wiki.geant.org/display/AARC/Libraries+walk-in-user+pilot>

AARC Libraries walk-in-user pilot

- Setup:
 - Standard Shibboleth IdPv3
 - IdP extension to collect User's IP address
 - IdP ranges/affiliation/entitlement attributes database in LDAP directory
 - IdP Intercept filter to halt authentication if user's IP was not found in LDAP
 - Stand-alone administration interface for managing IP ranges in LDAP which is tenant capable so that a number of libraries can use the service

AARC Library IP Ranges Management



AARC Scenario 23 Portal / Trusted IP ranges

Toggle help texts

Home

Trusted IP Ranges

Logout

Manage trusted IP ranges

The following trusted IP ranges could be found

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<input type="checkbox"/>	203.0.113.233	203.0.113.233	library-walk-in@uni-one.demo.university		Kiosk One	<input type="button" value="edit"/>
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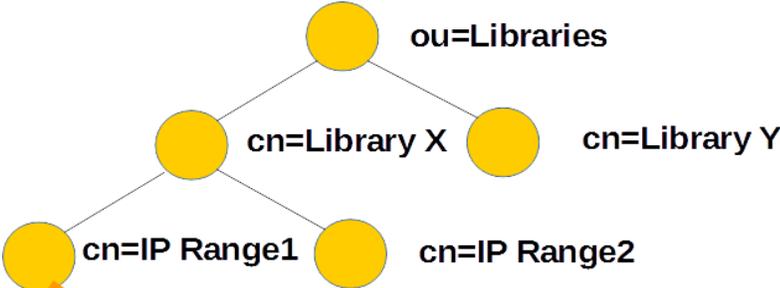
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Delete

Add new IP Range

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IP-Range-Start: 203.0.113.115
IP-Range-End: 203.0.113.118
Entitlement: <view database X>
Affiliation: library-walk-in@libraryX
Description: Frontdesk Kiosks

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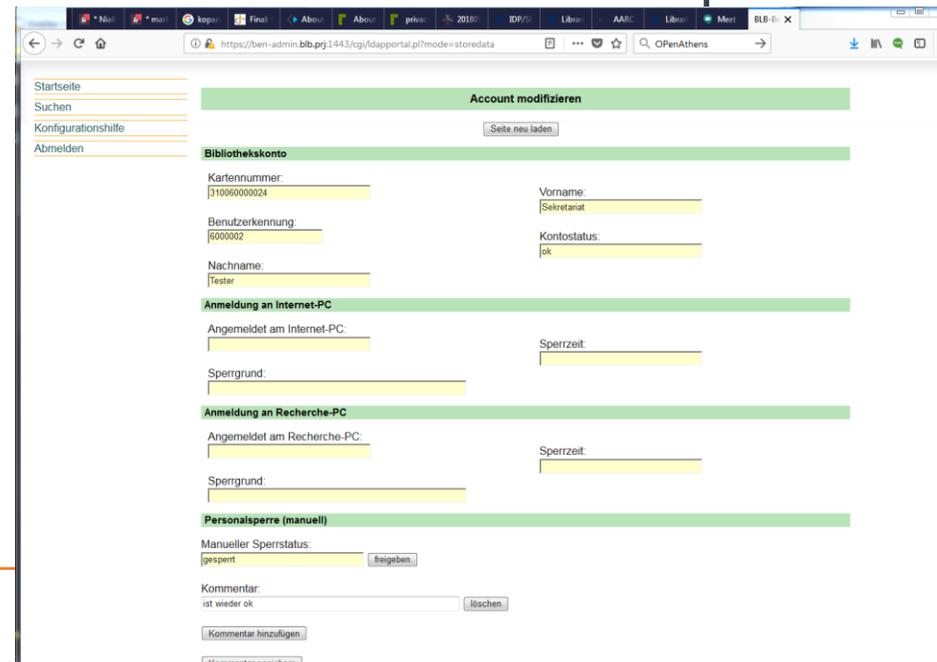
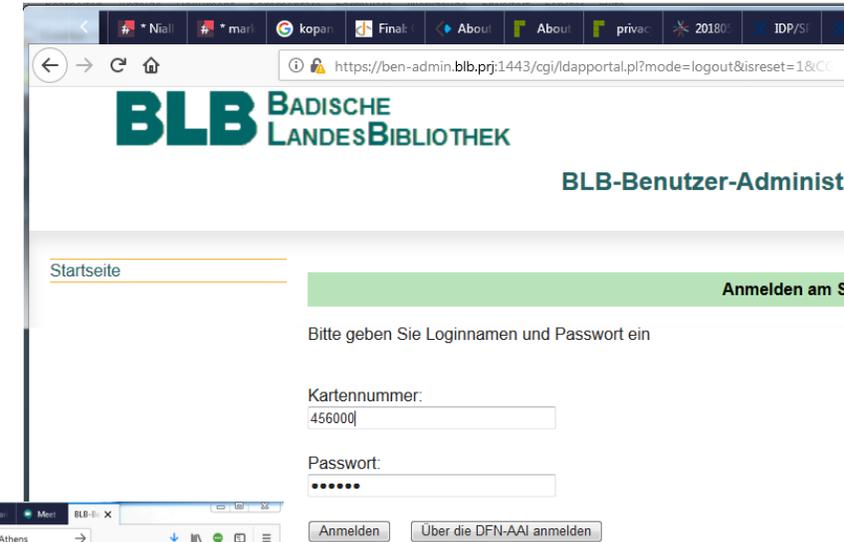
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Real life example

- Within a project we implemented Identity Management and SSO for a German state library, including:
 - synchronisation from library management system,
 - OpenLDAP as central authentication & attribute server
 - dedicated web interface with federated login
 - to de-/re-activate accounts
 - to manage IP-Ranges
 - Shibboleth IdP with extensions
 - Single-Log-Out feature
- Normal login but enhancing attributes based on IP



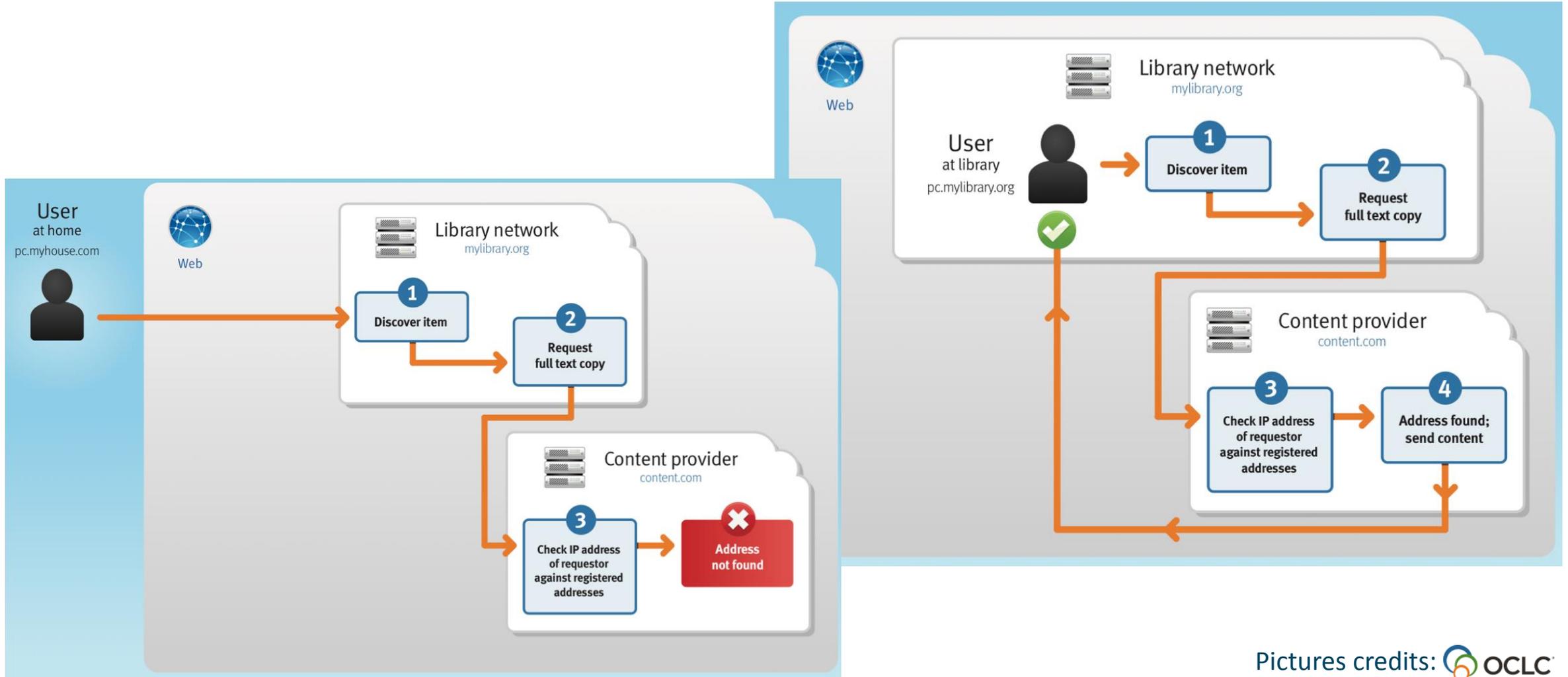
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- Shibboleth IdP extensions:
 - Login Handler that
 - respects the deactivation flag
 - Enforces a captcha after 3 wrong password inputs
 - Collects IP address of user
 - Data Connector that enhances the user attributes based on IP address and IP range configuration in LDAP server (Range → Entitlement)
 - Data Connector that adds additional entitlements based on group memberships of the user

AARC EZproxy pilot

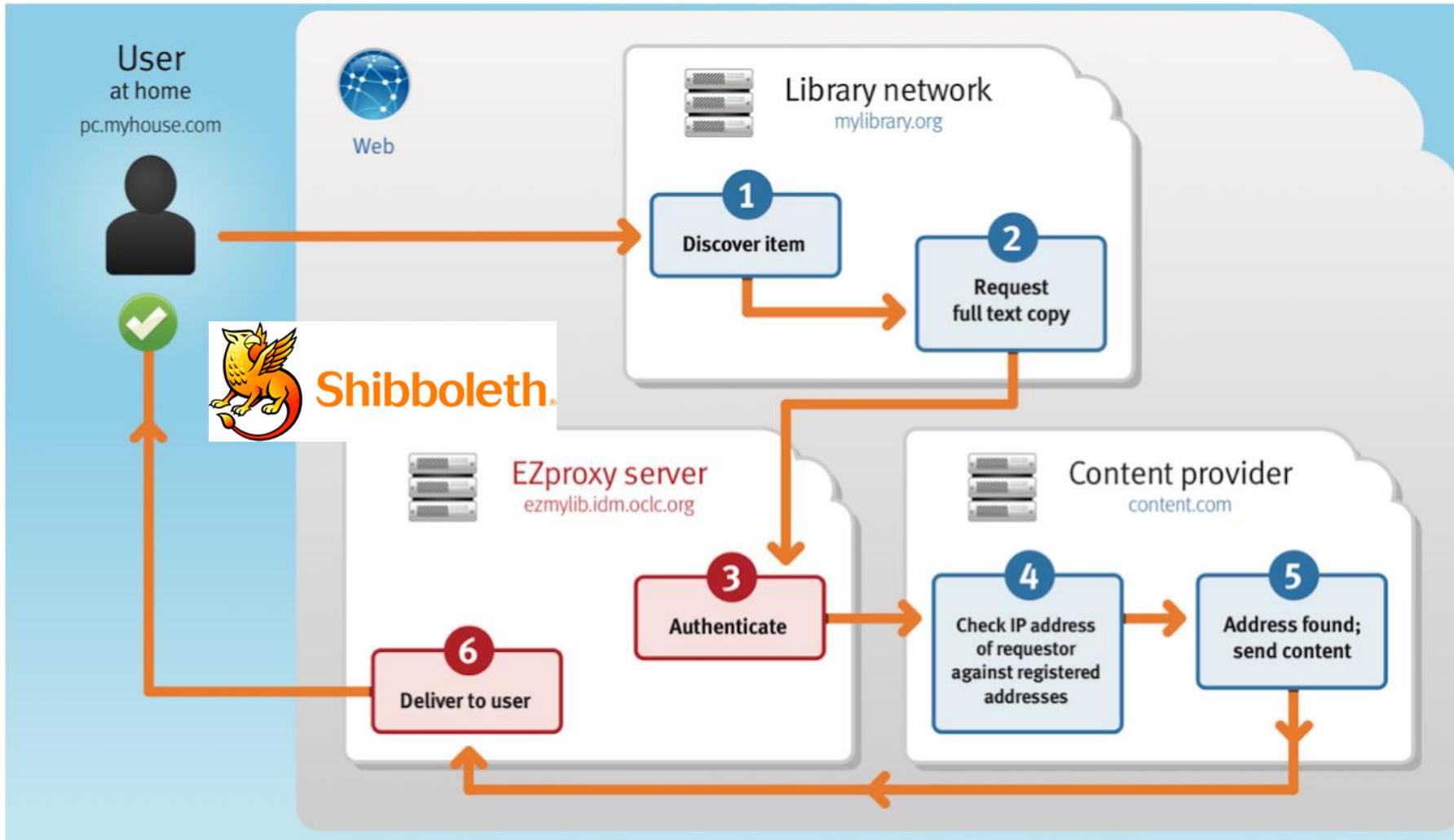
- EZproxy could bring e-resources without native federative authentication support into SSO environment
- Appropriate EZproxy configuration described at the pilot
 - <https://aarc-project.eu/libraries/>
 - <https://wiki.geant.org/display/AARC/Libraries+EZproxy+access+mode+switch+pilot>
- Production implementation at Erasmus University
 - Hosted version by OCLC, easy to set-up and maintain
- Production implementation at Moravian Library
 - Local version, <https://www.mzk.cz/en/catalogues-and-databases/databases>
 - Access via EZproxy to: eLibraryUSA, Naxos Music Library
 - SSO native: EBSCOhost, ProQuest Central, SpringerLink, Web Of Knowledge, Oxford Music Online

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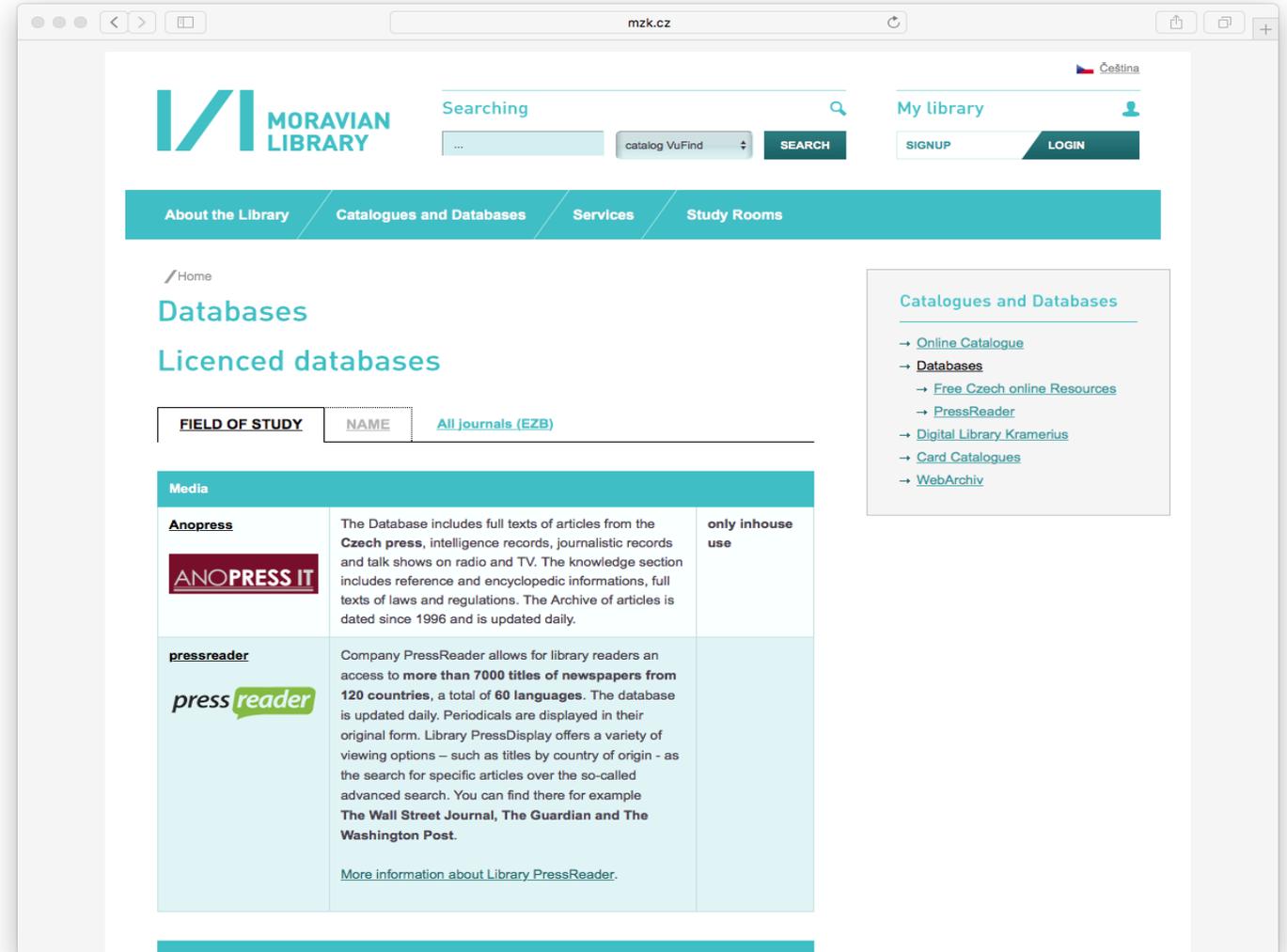


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Licensed resources

SSO for users

- EZproxy links
- WAYFless links

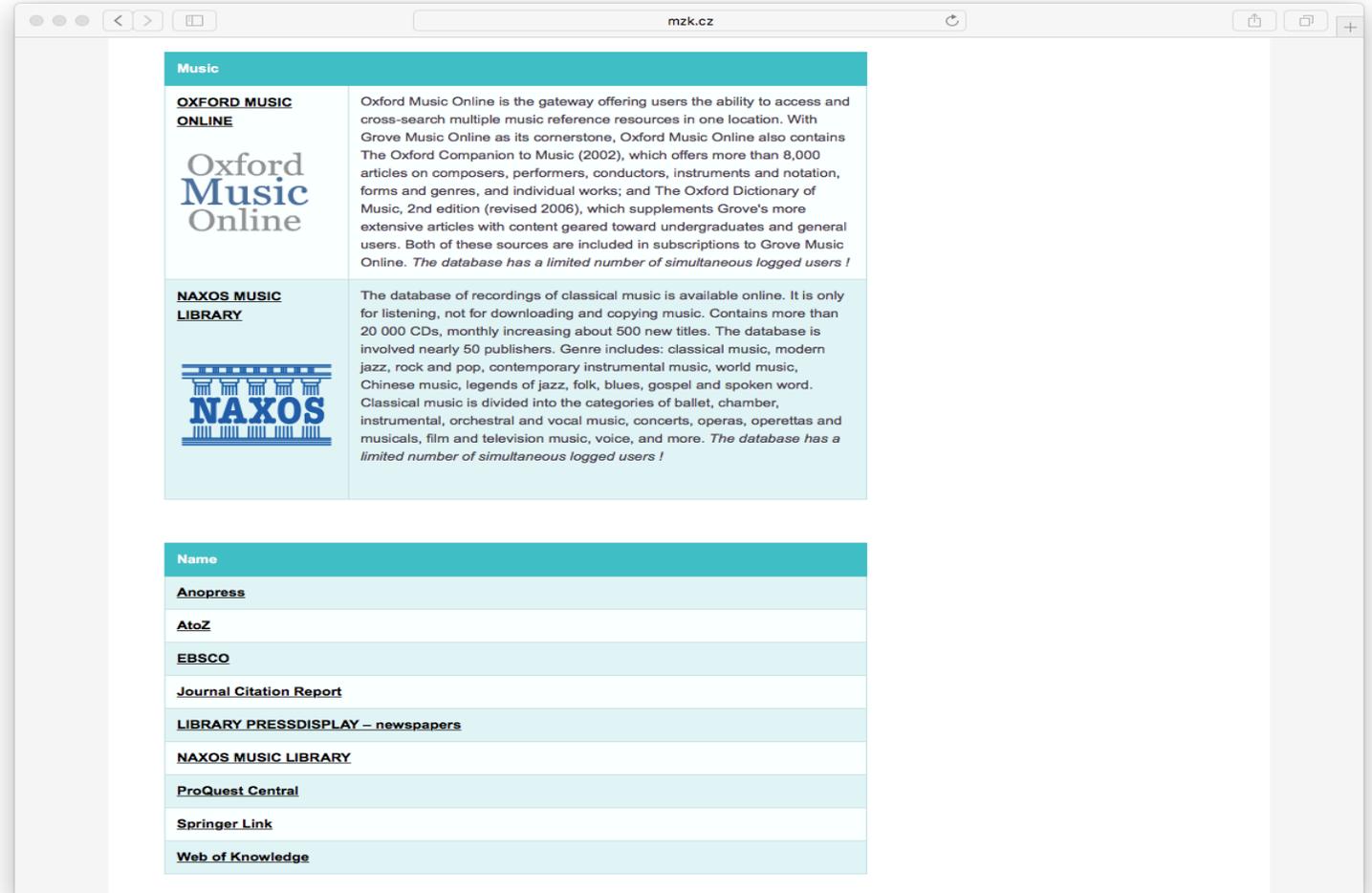


The screenshot shows the Moravian Library website (mzk.cz) with a search bar and navigation menu. The main content area is titled "Databases" and "Licenced databases". A table lists the following resources:

FIELD OF STUDY	NAME	All Journals (EZB)
Media	Anopress 	The Database includes full texts of articles from the Czech press , intelligence records, journalistic records and talk shows on radio and TV. The knowledge section includes reference and encyclopedic informations, full texts of laws and regulations. The Archive of articles is dated since 1996 and is updated daily.
	pressreader 	Company PressReader allows for library readers an access to more than 7000 titles of newspapers from 120 countries , a total of 60 languages . The database is updated daily. Periodicals are displayed in their original form. Library PressDisplay offers a variety of viewing options – such as titles by country of origin - as the search for specific articles over the so-called advanced search. You can find there for example The Wall Street Journal, The Guardian and The Washington Post .

Additional information: "only inhouse use" is noted for the Anopress database. A link "More information about Library PressReader." is provided for the PressReader database.

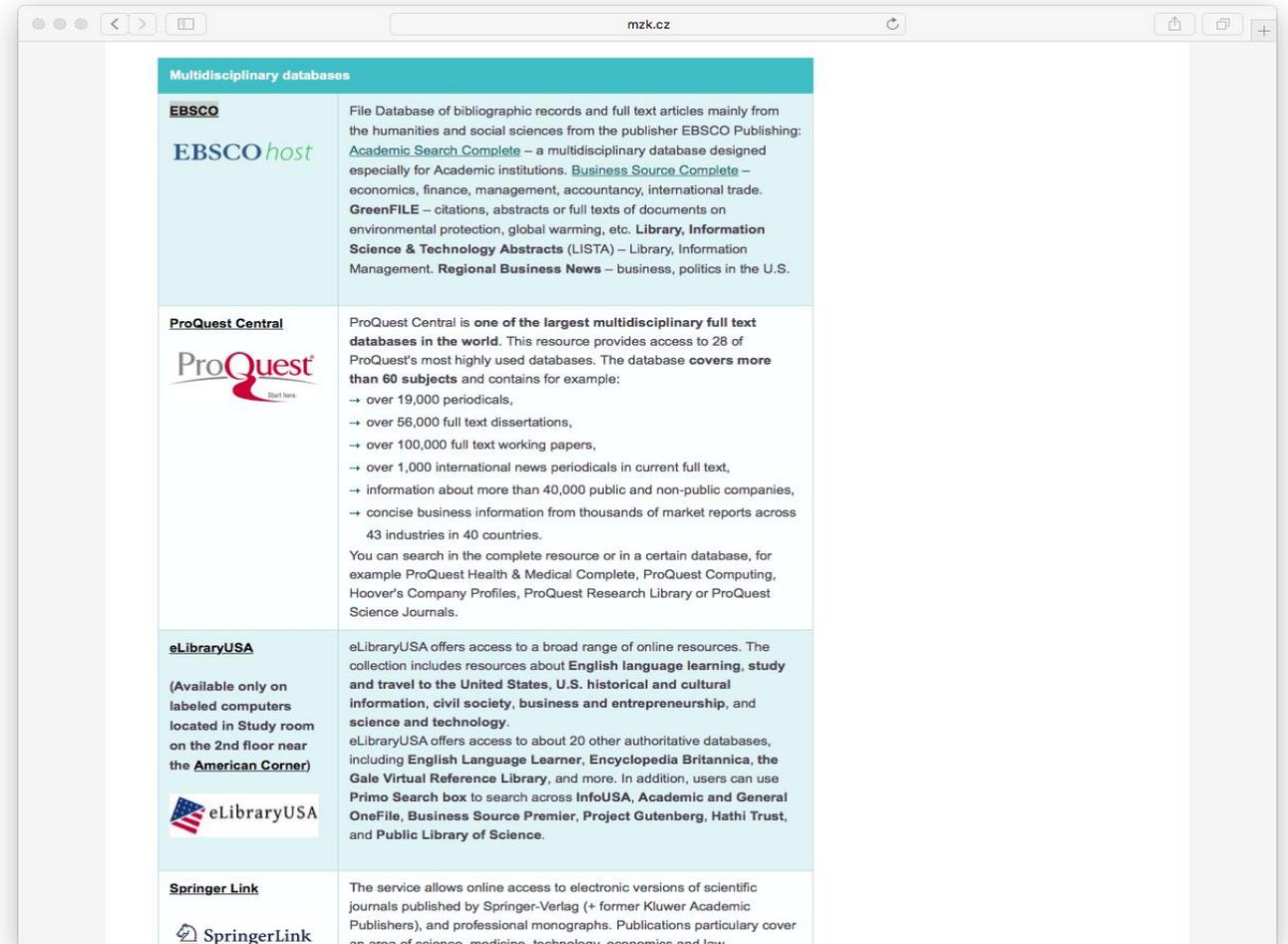
On the right side, a sidebar titled "Catalogues and Databases" lists links: Online Catalogue, Databases, Free Czech online Resources, PressReader, Digital Library Kramerius, Card Catalogues, and WebArchiv.



Naxos EZproxy link:

- <https://proxy.mzk.cz/login?auth=shibboleth&url=http://Moravska.NaxosMusicLibrary.com>

AARC EZproxy pilot - Moravian Library



EBSCOhost WAYFLess link:

- <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,shib&custid=s4992271&profile=ehost>

What libraries have to do

- create **awareness** by setting up SSO
- make a policy as a consortium, using the principle: *Minimal disclosure* of information to publishers. Only a persistent ID and affiliations would be sufficient. (No *Personally Identifiable Information* by default. Personal information if based on user consent or for services of research communities.)
- use eduGAIN interfederation via appropriate national federation such as Dutch SURFConext

Furthermore:

- ✓ help develop a user consent screen with optional sharing of more user attributes
- ✓ support AARC guidelines: Research&Scholarship, GÉANT's Data Protection Code of Conduct, SIRTFI, ...
- ✓ support RA21 guidelines (coming soon) for better user experience
- ✓ use browser extensions which guide users, like Lean Library (library e-resource guide) and Kopernio (PDF finder)
- ✓ in case of research infrastructures: deploy other policies

FEDERATED SINGLE SIGN-ON: MADE EASY!

Want to learn more about how federated access can help your library and your researchers?

The AARC project offers solutions and training for library staff.

1. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

There are actually several problems with IP-based authentication.

- For libraries, it's expensive and difficult to manage.
- Publishers increasingly demand SSO-based authentication.
- It's also annoying for off-campus researchers who can't benefit from a seamless solution to access library resources.

2. WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE?

Single Sign-On with Federated Identity Management!

3. HOW WOULD MY LIBRARY BENEFIT?

With SSO everyone (even 'walk in' guest users) gets a unique seamless solution to access to federated e-resources easily and securely.

Libraries can also save money by tailoring licenses and contracts to actual usage by discipline and you can access accurate statistics.

4. DOES IT HELP RESEARCHERS TOO?

Yes! Researchers today work from many different locations, and increasingly use research services and databases of many kinds. SSO gives researchers more opportunities to personalise services and to control the personal data sent to providers.

SSO also means that researchers only need one account, instead of a different login for each service.

5. SOUNDS GREAT, TELL ME MORE!

We've developed three pilots for the library community, and published a Libraries Toolkit. See our website for more information.

www.aarc-project.eu/libraries

6. ANY OTHER TIPS?

Global initiatives such as Resource Access for the 21st Century (RA21.org) are working to bring together publishers and libraries to improve SSO user experience.



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More informations at the poster stand and Project AARC web site.

Thank you Any Questions?

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