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Why OpenID

With OpenID you only need to remember one username and password. One OpenID account will allow you to login to any of the thousands of OpenID-enabled sites.

What does OpenID consist of?

An OpenID is a URL, that's it.

My OpenID URL is 'kfox.myopenid.com', and that's ALL I need to know as a user. When I am asked to enter my OpenID on any OpenID-enabled site I enter 'kfox.myopenid.com'.

How do I make one?

First off, you may not have to... if you have an AOL, LiveJournal, LiveDoor, Orange (France Telecom), SmugMug, Technorati, Vox or WordPress account you already have an OpenID account.

Otherwise you can get an OpenID from a dedicated OpenID provider such as:

- MyOpenID.com
- Pip.verisignlabs.com
- MyVidoop.com
- For a full list please visit: <http://openid.net/get/>

Creating an OpenID account is just like registering for a forum, with the exception that your username will be in the form of a OpenID URL (e.g. kfox.myopenid.com) and this new username can be used to login to lots of different OpenID-enabled sites.

How do I use it?

You enter your OpenID on the login page of any site that supports OpenID (look for the OpenID logo above), authenticate with your OpenID provider and surf on. Thousands of sites are OpenID-enabled.

There are two good directories of OpenID enabled sites:

<http://myopenid.com/directory>

<http://openiddirectory.com>

5. Where can I Learn More?

The OpenID foundation has a wealth of information available at OpenID.net

Remember that no one 'owns' OpenID, it is an open standard that already has support from AOL, Microsoft, Netscape, Sun and many others. OpenID is a protocol made for the public, by the public. No one owns or controls your information... You do.