What should I know if I want to switch from ILLiad to LDAP authentication?

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**Symptom**

- You are going to switch from ILLiad to LDAP authentication and you need to know what is involved with the switchover

**Applies to**

- ILLiad

**Resolution**

Here are the questions you need to know and what you will have to do.

1. You have to find out what you want to do with your patrons’ usernames. Did you want to pass the information over to the new usernames? If you are hosted, we have a script that we can run that will change the old Usernames over to the new Usernames. We will schedule this with you and work with you on this process. If you are self-hosted, contact us and we can help you with the script. Otherwise, if you are going to have your patrons sign in and then you will Merge the patrons after they register.

2. You are going to need to decide if you are going to use a Secure LDAP connection on port 636 or a non-secure LDAP on 389. If you are hosted and using port 636, you will need to generate a certificate so that we can put it on our Web Server. That way we can communicate with your server.

3. If you are hosted, you will need to make sure that your firewall allows access from our Web Server to your LDAP server.

4. Information for the Customization Manager settings for LDAP is found in the LDAP Authentication: Customization Settings documentation.

5. ILLiad is only set up to work with one LDAP server. So you can only use one LDAP server.

You can also contact [OCLC Support](https://help.oclc.org/Resource_Sharing/ILLiad/Troubleshooting/What_should_I_know_if_I_want_to_switch_from_I…). The update for the Usernames can also be done if you are updating from one Authentication method to another one. So if you were switching from LDAP to RemoteAuth Authentication or from ILLiad to RemoteAuth Authentication.

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