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Open OnDemand: 1.0, Jupyter, App Development, & Authentication

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Open OnDemand Overview

✓ About Open OnDemand

- Open OnDemand 1.0 release
- Open OnDemand 1.1 features
 - Integrating Jupyter
 - Application Development
 - Keycloak and two-factor authentication
- Upcoming and Future



About Open OnDemand

- Open source software project
- Installable for an HPC cluster (or clusters)
 - Standalone system, Lab, Department, University or National Resources
- More than just an “out of the box” solution
 - OnDemand is a platform that can be extended through additional and custom apps



Open OnDemand Features

- Single point of entry for HPC Center's services
- User needs three things
 - URL: ood.osc.edu
 - Username
 - Password
- Zero install (Completely browser based)
- Single sign-on
- Firewall friendly (Keep traffic on https port)



Open OnDemand Timeline

- 2016Q4
 - OSC OnDemand 3.0 released
 - First usage of Open OnDemand
 - Beta testing at external sites begins
- 2017Q1
 - First public, fully installable release
 - First webinar
- 2017Q2
 - Second webinar
- 2017Q3
 - Open OnDemand 1.0 Release
 - Third webinar



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Open OnDemand 1.0 – Main Features

- Apps
 - Cluster Access
 - Gateway
 - Interactive HPC (iHPC)
- Authentication



Open OnDemand – Let's talk about apps

- Open OnDemand functionality is presented through apps
 - Files browser, My Jobs, Desktop, Jupyter, and others all exist as apps within Open OnDemand
 - Open OnDemand supports different types of apps
 - Cluster Access
 - Gateway
 - iHPC



Open OnDemand Apps – Cluster Access

- They grant access to cluster services as would be available on a login node
 - e.g., shell, file access, job status
- Run on OnDemand server
- They do not typically submit jobs



Open OnDemand Apps – Gateway

- These are apps that provide some more advanced functionality, typically while also interacting with the batch system
 - My Jobs
- They handle workflows
- They submit jobs and provide some basic job management functionality for their own jobs



Open OnDemand Apps – iHPC

- iHPC apps are interactive apps that typically execute fully within a job
- They allow a client to interact with a running job and perform their work on the compute hardware directly
- Examples
 - Desktop, Jupyter





Open OnDemand 1.0 – Apps

- Cluster Access
 - Dashboard, Files, Editor, Terminal, Active Jobs
- Gateway
 - My Jobs
- iHPC
 - Desktop



Open OnDemand 1.0 – Authentication

- HTTP Basic Auth
- Community solutions
 - Shibboleth
 - Open ID Connect
 - CILogon
 - Keycloak



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Open OnDemand 1.1 Features

- Next planned release of Open OnDemand
- Should be released this month (September 2017)
- Features discussed today
 - Jupyter app example install
 - Application development
 - Keycloak & two-factor authentication



Jupyter Integration

- Why Jupyter?
 - A well-known web application frequently used in scientific computing
 - Allows users to create & share live examples including code, equations, and more
- Example of a class of “full web apps” managed by Open OnDemand
 - Other examples include RStudio, COMSOL Server
- Open OnDemand handles authentication and per-user environment and session management
- See Dr. David Hudak’s presentation on Open OnDemand for more Jupyter examples
 - <https://youtu.be/UCmzwV37Ta4?t=2521>





Jupyter Example (Integration Plotting)

Goals:

- Launching and connecting to Jupyter Notebook Server on a compute node
- Uploading an iPython notebook file (`example-integrate.ipynb`) to your home directory
- Opening and running the notebook file



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Why care about apps?

- We would never be able to write all the apps everyone will ever need.
- The vision of Open OnDemand is to provide a platform on which further apps can be developed beyond what we ourselves can do
- Each center knows best what their clients needs, we can only anticipate in the most general terms
 - Custom apps can greatly extend the utility and usefulness of Open OnDemand





Application Development

- Extend Open OnDemand with your own custom applications
- New toggleable development menu
 - Restart apps
 - Access documentation (configurable)
 - Clone, edit, & test your own apps in the new sandbox development environment





Application Development

- Interactive demo
 - ps example app converted to quota app



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Authentication in OnDemand

- Apache is the entry point
- For each authentication mechanism you must:
 1. configure apache to protect resources via authentication
 2. configure apache to map authenticated user to system user
- Any method of configuring Apache for authentication can potentially be used for Open OnDemand



Authentication: 2 currently supported options

- Basic auth via mod_authnz_ldap
- Federated authentication
 - Two popular kinds
 - Shibboleth via mod_shib
 - OpenID Connect via mod_auth_oidc
 - Available via
 - Campus wide authentication (Shibboleth or OpenID Connect or CILogon)
 - Local identity provider (run your own IDP server configured against LDAP)



Federated Authentication: example deployments

- Two outside institutions are working with Open OnDemand and have configured it with pre-existing federated authentication systems
- OSC previously used a local Shibboleth IDP for our AweSim Open OnDemand portal
- OSC also uses CILogon to make use of OSU's Campus wide authentication
- OSC now uses OpenID Connect for both AweSim and OSC OnDemand via a locally installed KeyCloak server
- We plan to provide basic documentation on these options in the future
- We will provide detailed documentation on setting up a KeyCloak server as a local IDP in Open OnDemand 1.1

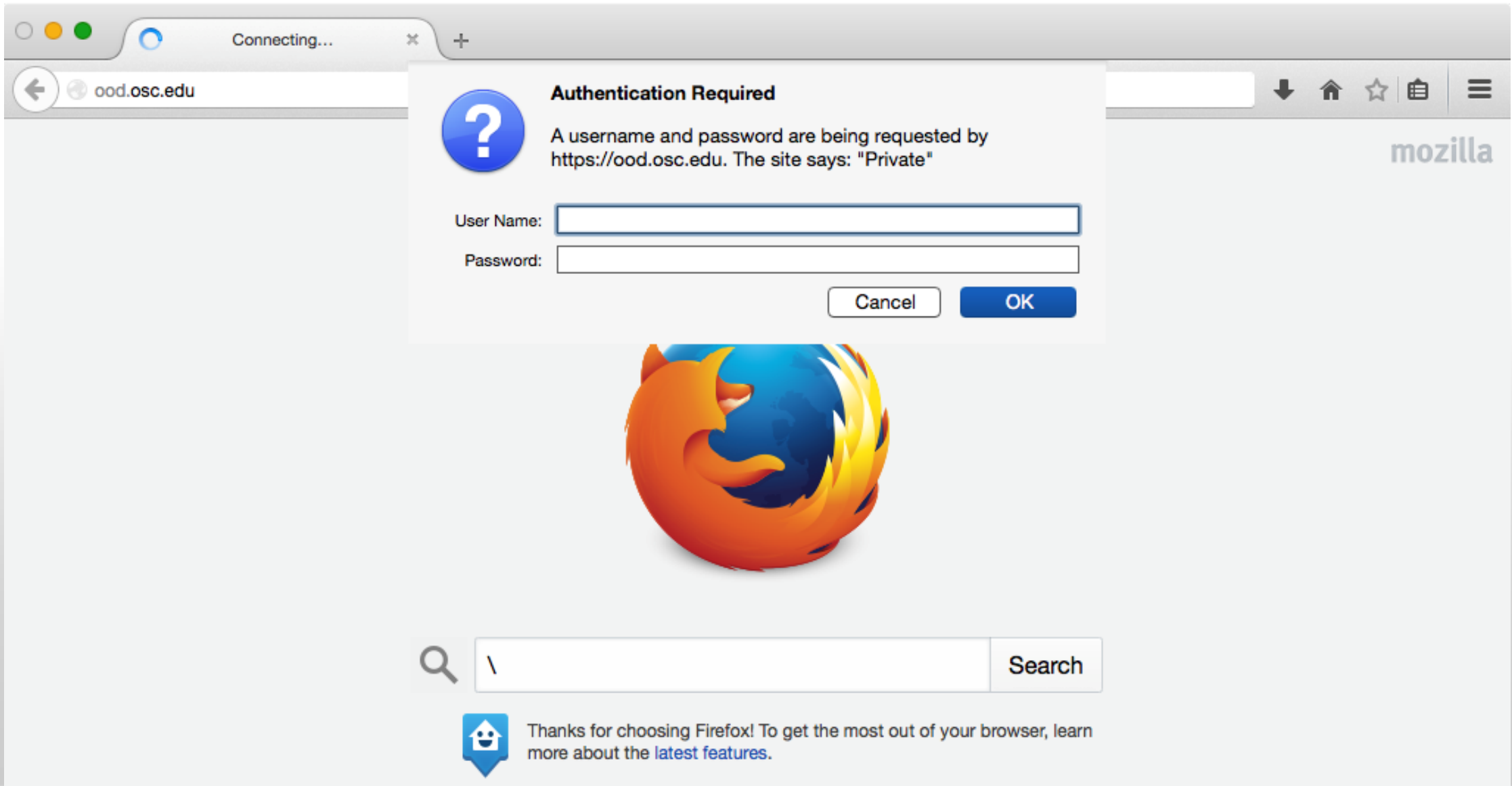


Federated Authentication via KeyCloak vs Basic Auth

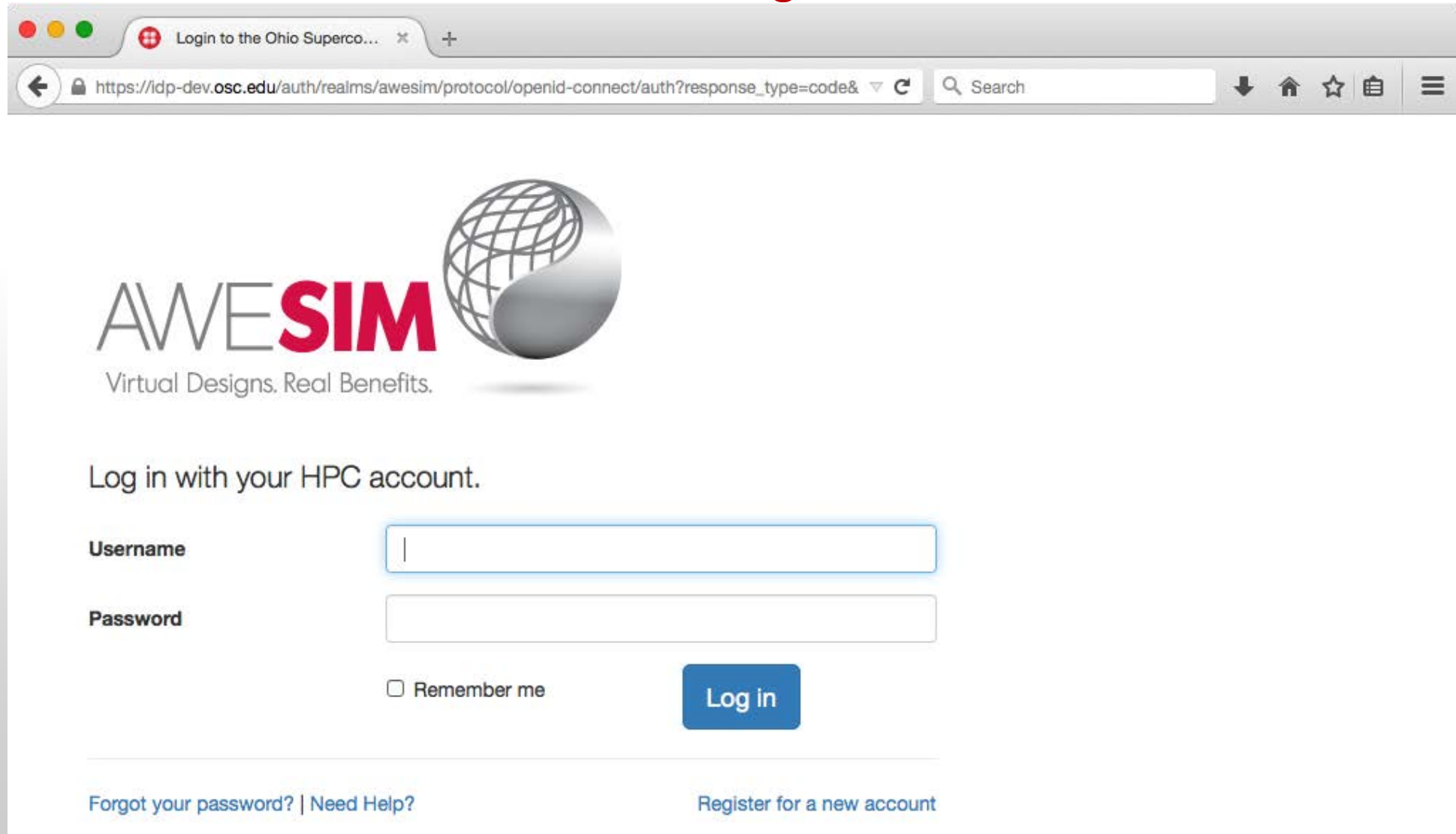
- Basic Auth drawbacks
 - Each request includes username and password
 - Slow: each request makes request to LDAP server
 - Logout only possible client side by closing browser
 - Safari bug preventing web socket connections (breaks OOD Terminal app)
- Keycloak benefits
 - Session based authentication (via OpenID connect)
 - Branded login
 - 2 Factor Authentication support out of the box with Google Authenticator and Redhat's FreeOTP
 - 2FA can be per user or enforced for every user



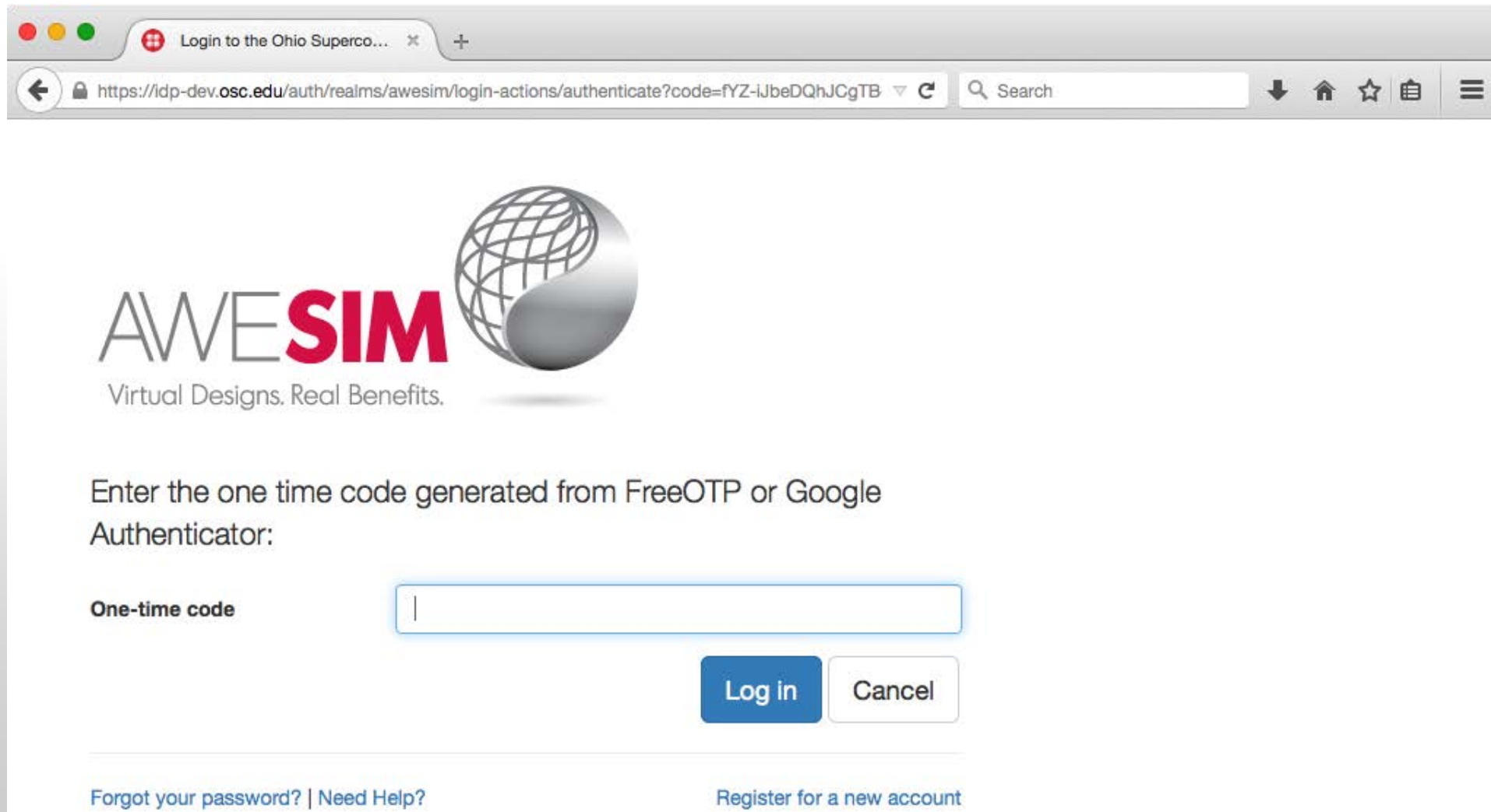
Basic Auth Screenshot



KeyCloak Screenshot 1: branded login



KeyCloak Screenshot 2: 2FA/OTP

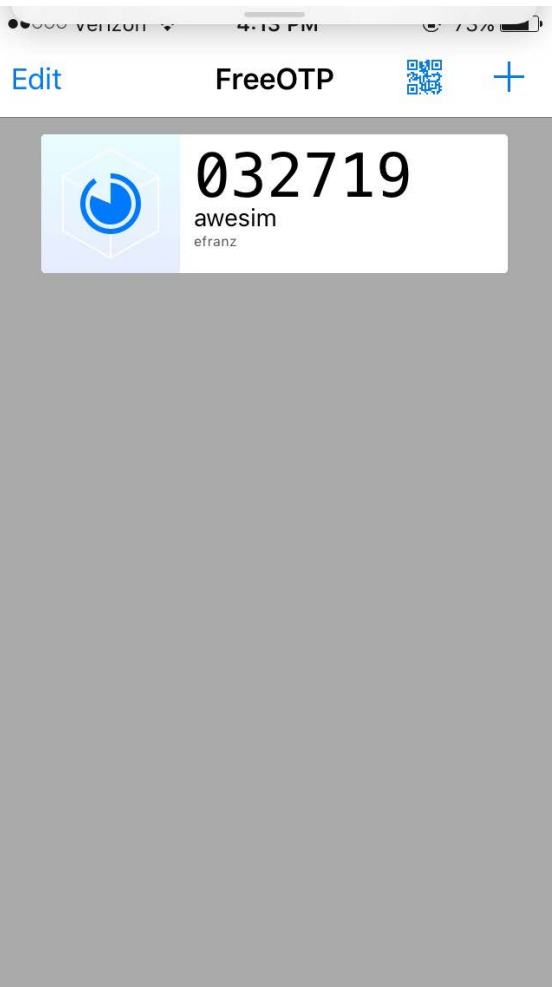
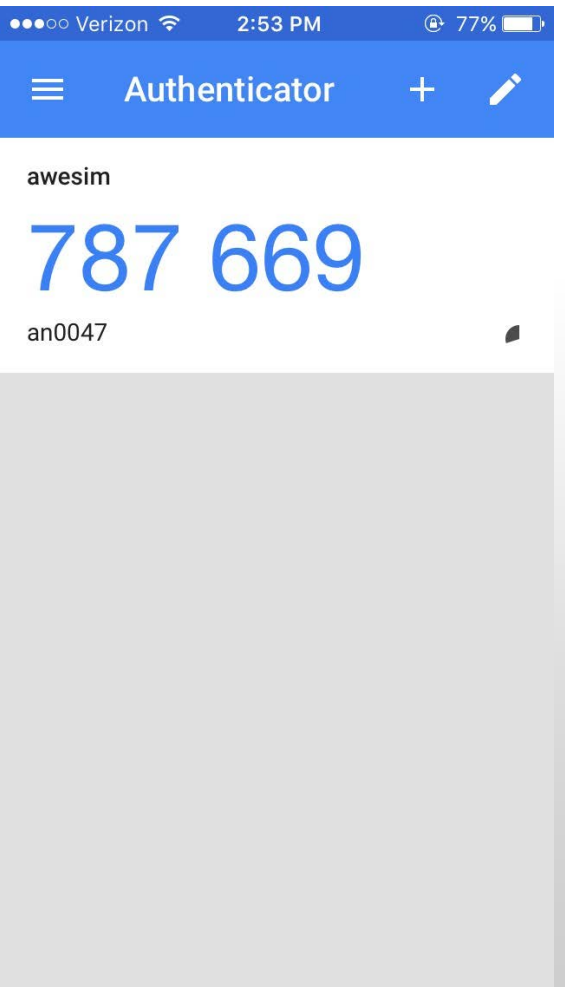


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Browser tab: Login to the Ohio Superco...
- Address bar: <https://ldp-dev.osc.edu/auth/realms/awesim/login-actions/authenticate?code=fYZ-iJbeDQhJCgTB>
- Page Content:
 - AWE SIM** logo with a globe icon and the tagline "Virtual Designs. Real Benefits."
 - Text: "Enter the one time code generated from FreeOTP or Google Authenticator:"
 - Form field: "One-time code" with an empty input box.
 - Buttons: "Log in" (blue) and "Cancel" (white).
 - Links: "Forgot your password? | Need Help?" and "Register for a new account".



KeyCloak Screenshot 3: 2FA/OTP iOS apps



KeyCloak considerations

- Drawbacks with the complexity of installation and branding
 - Requires separate host, Apache reverse-proxy configuration, SSL certificate
 - May require a separate database and system user/group
 - mod_auth_openidc needs to be compiled against httpd24
 - Keycloak theme added and modified
 - No duo support for 2FA built in
- Are these actually drawbacks? Feedback would be helpful.
- Solutions we are investigating include
 - Simplifying KeyCloak installation by automating or workaround some of these steps
 - Build a custom duo plugin to KeyCloak
 - Build a custom Apache authentication module for a simpler non-federated option



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Upcoming and Future

- Gateways 2017 Demo – Come meet us!
 - Demo: Developing Apps to Extend Open OnDemand
 - Tuesday, October 24 • 12:55pm - 2:20pm
 - <http://sched.co/BI3h>
- Upcoming & planned features
 - Globus Online integration
 - Open XDMoD integration
 - Packaging and simpler installation
- Suggestions?





Get Engaged and get Open OnDemand!

- Open OnDemand is installed or being explored at more than half a dozen external sites
- We are happy to work with you getting Open OnDemand installed at your site too



Next Webinar/Staying in Touch

- Our webinars are planned roughly quarterly
 - Let us know what you'd like to learn about next
- Visit our website
 - <https://osc.github.io/Open-OnDemand/>
- Join our mailing list
 - <https://lists.osu.edu/mailman/listinfo/ood-users>
- Get Open OnDemand!
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Thank you! Any questions?

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