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Signing in at a Drupal site involves picking among registering, logging in, and however many identification services might be available.

Each of these is on a different form.

Combining signing in with engaging with the site (posting, commenting, or otherwise interacting) is consequently a nightmare.

The solution is one form for signing in.

Whether that be registering, logging in, OpenIDentifying, Facebook or Google connecting, or any other possible way—

the sign in form should be a set of these options with one submit button.

And this submit button should not have to be its own.

As radio buttons within one form JavaScript could hide non-applicable fields and the whole set would be able to work with the submit button of any form it is placed in.

Any recurring fields (username, primary e-mail address, password) could retain data after errors even when switching between methods of signing onto the site.

With the addition of a temporary account for new registrants, sign in would seamlessly integrate with taking action in all cases.