# Science Gateway Community Accounts

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## Summary

Science gateways use community accounts to provide single accounts for all gateway users.

## Prerequisites

1. The gateway provider must have completed registration. See “Science Gateway Registration.”

## Effort

The science gateway provider should confirm that the community accounts are created and accessible. It may take hours to days for accounts to be created after registration.

The science gateway provider may need to take additional, resource provider-specific steps to enable the account. This may include, for example, providing specific IP addresses or registering SSH keys that the science gateway will use when accessing the resource provider.

## Description

Community accounts are UNIX accounts on ACCESS resource providers that can be used by a science gateway’s users through the science gateway’s user or programming interface. Science gateway providers request community accounts as part of the registration process. Accounts are created by ACCESS internal mechanisms.