

Sign in

Sign-in Reminders

Best Practice: How to Implement Sign-in Reminders

At the first point which requires users to sign in when they attempt to engage with a website or application, remind them of this requirement, and provide them with the means to do so. A sign-in reminder or prompt, in combination with the direct means of logging in to the website or application, helps minimize the amount of time and effort the users must invest *before* they are able to resume their intended activity (e.g., posting a comment within a forum). To implement the sign-in reminders design pattern, we recommend that you take the following steps:

- 1 | At *all* the various points of the user interface where the users can input information, **include a reminder** when they attempt to do so before they have signed in.
- 2 | Within the sign-in reminder, **provide the facility to sign in** there and then.
- 3 | Once the users have signed in, **ensure that they are returned** to their previous point.
- 4 | As the sign-in reminder appears when the users have attempted to engage without having signed in, **make sure the data they had previously entered is preserved** when they return to their previous page.

