

Topic: User Accounts

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<b>Florida</b>	Yes.  They are not required to create an account. Accounts were created to facilitate multiple filings by frequent filers.....mostly service companies and law firms. We currently have over 1,500 “active” accounts.  No	Both. We can tell from an assigned “account number” what account the money came from and by a “tracking number” what document it is associated with.	The account has a number assigned to it that is maintained by the account holder. No one can access the money in the account without referencing the account number.  The account number (see previous response to this question). Also the dollar amount in the account is verified with each transaction and if there is not enough money in the account, access is denied.  The account process was developed by in-house IT staff.	Yes and also with each document or certification request.	Anyone can open an account from our website. We discourage use of the account unless it is for a frequent filer. We require a minimum deposit of \$300. It is not worthwhile to set up an account for a once a year or infrequent filing, especially since most people want to use credit cards.
<b>Georgia</b>					
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<b>Kansas</b>	Yes, Some of our applications require a user account for online filings  Yes, for those applications that qualify.  No.	To a filer some have more than one company they represent	If the user name and password are a valid combination, no further validation is performed.	Yes. The filing is stored but it is not stored by user name or password.	We have not.
<b>Kentucky</b>					
<b>Louisiana</b>	No. No. No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Maine</b>					
<b>Maryland</b>					
<b>Massachusetts</b>					

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<p><b>Michigan</b></p>	<p>The Michigan Corporation Division does not have user accounts for online filing.</p> <p>We do, however, have user accounts for MICH-ELF customers. These accounts are unique to the filer and required in order to submit documents by fax or email and pay the fees by credit card.</p>		<p>We have no authority to require identification from the person submitting a document and most provisions requiring signatures on documents to be notarized were repealed over 30 years ago.</p> <p>However, section 932 of the Business Corporation Act, MCL 450.1932 <a href="http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-450-1932">http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-450-1932</a>, provides that it is a misdemeanor to make or file a false report or statement with "a public officer of this state".</p>		
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<p><b>Mississippi</b></p>					

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<p><b>Missouri</b></p>	<p>Not currently unless they are going to use ACH for payment. In SystemWORKS, we will have user accounts for all online filings. Under the current system, searchers of UCC records are required to have an account; other searchers are not. This will be the same under SystemWORKS.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>It will be under the new system.</p>	<p>They will be enrolled as they conduct online filings.</p>
<p><b>Montana</b></p>	<p>Yes, through Montana Interactive. Yes. No, searches on business names is a free service. However, if they are using the data download service (fee service,) the user must have a user account.</p>	<p>The account is unique to the user (filer)</p>	<p>Users must have a valid web address. Filings are paid for through credit and debit cards, which provides some level of verification.</p>	<p>Yes, through Montana Interactive.</p>	<p>Currently, there is no associating of existing entities or records, except though the electronic filing of a document using a user account.</p>
<p><b>Nebraska</b></p>					

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<p><b>Nevada</b></p>	<p>Yes. Yes. No, as searches are part of our free services available through our website. However, if they are using the data download service (fee service,) the user must have a user account.</p>	<p>The account is unique to the user (filer)</p>	<p>User must have give web address. Filings are paid for through credit cards or through trust account, which give some level of verification.</p>	<p>Not specifically, but there is association through job history when a filing is processed through a user login account.</p>	<p>Currently, there is no associating of existing entities or records, except though the electronic filing of a document using a user account.</p>
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<p><b>New Mexico</b></p>					
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<p><b>Oregon</b></p>	<p>Yes, as part of a portal system for business registrations including tax and employer filings.</p> <p>Yes, and the ID Management is the most crucial aspect of this to get right. Ours needs work and we're on it. One key distinction is providing for those who file their own AND accommodating those who file for others (law offices, CPAs, service companies).</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Unique to the filer; they may have many businesses.</p>	<p>Email of account creation is sent to the address posted. Filing involves payment through credit card, which gives some verification.</p>	<p>Not rigidly (see above), but there is some association.</p>	<p>We don't. Not every filing is created electronically; nor did we backfill entities and associate them with existing accounts. To complicate matters more, many people have more than one account - and none of them connect to the others. We are considering offering email alerts to associated parties. Sign up would happen at formation or with the annual report.</p>
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<p><b>Texas</b></p>	<p>Yes. Yes. Yes, although a searcher may create an account that is valid for only one session.</p>	<p>Account unique to the creator.</p>	<p>Credit card number must be input. System pings the credit card processor that the state uses to determine whether credit card number is valid with a matching name and address.</p>	<p>We keep a ledger for each account that shows documents, orders and payments submitted using that account.</p>	<p>Online enrollment.</p>

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Utah	Utah Interactive, our private partner, manages our online services.	Unique accounts are set up for the OneStop Business Registry (for original filings) but those expire after 120 days or when the filing is complete and are tied to the filer. Other online services are tied to the entity number and the payer/filer must key in the file number and pin. Utah Interactive also provides "subscriber" accounts that allow those filers with this type of account to use any online services and pay once a month for those services. So, in answer to the question; we have a hybrid of all the systems you mention.	We do not verify the payer information.		
Vermont					
Virginia					
Washington	No. No. No.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Virginia					

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Wisconsin					
Wyoming					

**Additional comments:**

**Full text of email:**

Hello All,

Colorado is beginning to look into developing user accounts for filing business documents on our website. This development is partially in response to issues we have experienced with business ID theft. To help guide our effort, we'd appreciate your responses to the following questions:

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Thank you,

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