OpenID Logout

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Local site logout

- Simple, clear, easy to implement
- User (might be) confused because they are still logged in at their OP
- Example...
  - User is logged into Gmail in one tab
  - They use OpenID to leave a comment at TechCrunch (in a different browser tab)
  - The user logs out of TechCrunch
  - Their Gmail tab is not effected

Global (all sites) Logout

- Difficult to implement
- Logout becomes a "UI Event"
- Probably requires some level of redirection
- OP must maintain and notify all sites where the user logged in
- Example...
  - Same as previous, accept leaving a comment via FBConnect
  - When logging out of TechCrunch the user is logged out of Facebook and has to re-login in order to continue their session

Issues

- Whether to do local or global depends on the user's situation
  - In the middle of a "browsing session" do "local logout"
  - At the end of a "browsing session" do "global logout"
- Difficult to define the correct UX
- Difficult to implement global logout

Solution?

- Best option may be to leverage an identity agent on the user's device
  - E.g. the browser knows where the user has authenticated and can do the global logout when the user is done (closes the browser)
- Ducks and runs for cover ☺