



Cirrus Identity News



Meet Our New Team Members

Cirrus continues to grow and we are excited to introduce our newest team members:

- John Schrader joined Cirrus Identity in September as a Senior Identity Engineer. He earned his higher education chops at Vermont State schools and the University of Notre Dame before joining Cirrus.
• Kristina Deaton joined in October as the Customer Success Lead. Kristina comes to Cirrus via the University of California, Berkeley and CourseDog.

We are so excited to welcome them both to the awesome Cirrus team! You can learn more about them on the Cirrus website - See the Cirrus Team

Cirrus Collaborations

Cirrus is very proud to announce the following collaborations that make it easier for institutions to find Cirrus solutions:

- The Cirrus SAML and CAS Bridges are now available in the Microsoft Azure AD application gallery! See us in the App Gallery and Press Release!
• The Cirrus SAML and CAS Bridges and Identity Provider Proxy are now available in the AWS Marketplace! Check it out here!
• MidPoint and Cirrus Identity - Evolveum and Cirrus continue to work on additional proof-of-concept integrations to provision and deprovision external users (guests, applicants, alumni, suppliers or retirees) who have registered with Cirrus social login solutions. We are now actively recruiting with a campus partner to pilot the integration - please contact sales@cirrusidentity.com if interested!

Cirrus in the Community

Cirrus continues to contribute significant resources to the greater higher education IAM community. Here are some of the ways we are helping:

- Internet2 & GEANT Camp Sponsor - Cirrus Identity's own Anne Tambe was an active member of the program committee. Cirrus' presentation on Hosted Solutions, Federation Adapters & Evaluating Cloud Solutions was one of the most highly attended sessions. If you missed it, you can see it here!
• SSP OIDC Connector Now Available - The GEANT Trust and Identity incubator project to add an OpenID Connect SP to the open source SimpleSAMLPhp project is now complete and available! Many thanks to Cirrus Identity's Patrick Radkte for his contributions!
• HECVAT v3 is Released - The InCommon Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) assisted with the IAM updates to the new HECVAT - many thanks to Cirrus Identity's Mark Rank for his continued contributions to TAC. To learn more about the updates, see this EDUCAUSE article.

Cirrus Identity Product Updates

New Features!

Since August, Cirrus has released the following enhancements:

- The Cirrus Bridge now supports MFA and attribute release policies to be configured for individual SPs within the Azure AD (Conditional Access) or Okta portals. This powerful new feature is flexible and makes it easier and faster for administrators to configure!
• The Cirrus Account Linking module now offers the ability to create a unique identifier for new users that are accessing applications with a social login or Cirrus OrgBrandedID login. This facilitates a unified login experience across multiple apps.
• The Student Selector Add-On was developed to further assist implementations focused on providing parents and/or guardians access to applications with social login and/or the OrgBrandedID. When a guardian is associated with multiple students, they then can select the student they are taking action for in the authentication process.

Cirrus product suggestions are always welcome, and can be submitted to Cirrus Support.

Cirrus Customer Highlights

Welcome to New Customers!

We are happy to announce that we will be working with the following institutions to streamline access:

- Carnegie Mellon University*
• Milwaukee School of Engineering
• University of Detroit Mercy
• UC Berkeley Extension
• University of Arizona*
• University of Chicago*
• West Virginia University*
• Yale School of Management*

*Existing Cirrus customer that is now utilizing new Cirrus services

Customer Spotlight: OrgBrandedID

The Cirrus OrgBrandedID was previously referenced as the External Identity Provider. This Cirrus service provides a Cirrus-hosted simple SAML Identity Provider that is branded to the institution. It can be used for guests or anytime you need an Identity Provider of Last Resort. It is a great solution to augment social login options or as a stand-alone solution for applicants, guest lecturers, continuing and professional education programs, research collaborators, suppliers, retirees, contractors and alumni.

In 2021, the number of OrgBrandedID implementations are increasing as institutions look to solve some of these challenges:

- Provide self-service access to users that don't have or want to use a social login
• Provide access for users that are in countries that restrict access for social logins
• Provide user accounts branded for a specific project or collaboration
• Avoid support issues with some social providers that shut down access with little to no warning
• Avoid institutional stakeholder skepticism of social login security and affiliations
• Replace home-grown guest account systems due to budget and/or staff limitations and ongoing complexity to maintain

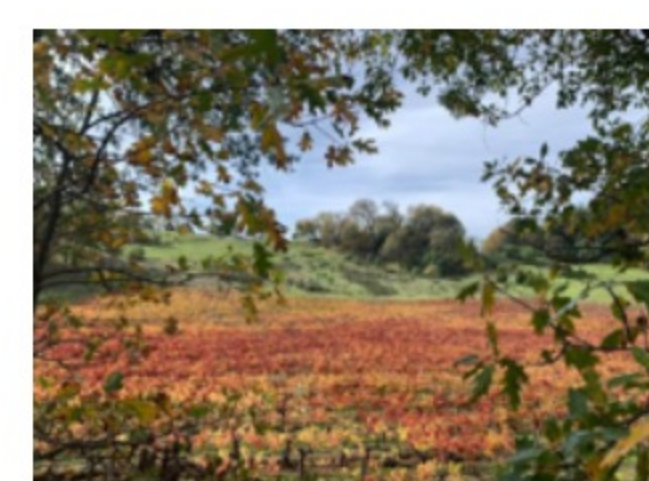
Some of the implementations that are completed are:

- UC Berkeley - Invited guest access to Canvas, ServiceNow and 400 other applications
• UC San Diego - Alumni access to Transcripts via Parchment
• UNC Chapel Hill - Suppliers access to PeopleSoft
• Many more implementations are actively integrating now!

If you're interested in hearing more about the Cirrus OrgBrandedID, please email sales@cirrusidentity.com and we can demonstrate the solution. See how Cirrus is helping customers solve IAM challenges: See all our Customer Success Use Cases.

Executive Letter from Dedra Chamberlin, CEO

I hope you and yours are staying healthy! As the year winds down, we are looking forward to the holidays and hoping that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy some down-time. Then again, since all of us at Cirrus come from higher education, we know that the winter break is often the perfect low-impact time for IT projects! We also know it's a great time to reflect on the year and where your teams are spending effort that can be offloaded so there is time to focus on high-value projects. We strive to be a partner that reduces stress and security risks for your team. If you have IAM projects slated for 2022, let us know how we can help! In the meantime, we wish you health and happiness during the holiday season.



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