



Cirrus Identity News

Cirrus User Group Social!

Cirrus hosted a User Group social evening at the Denver Art Museum the evening before the start of TechEX. Good food, beverages and swag was provided to all that were able to attend. It was amazing to meet customers, friends and partners. Here are some of the highlights:



Cirrus User Group Virtual Meeting

Cirrus understands that many of our customers were not able to attend TechEX and we want to make sure that everyone is represented. Therefore, we will be hosting a virtual meeting online in March 2023.

Advance survey for Customer Input - Together with the input from the User Group Social, we will share a survey to gather information from our customers.

Virtual Online User Group Meeting - Results of Survey, Customer Demos & Cirrus Roadmap - Thursday, March 16th. Save the date now! More information will be shared in January.

Meet the New Cirrus Team Members!

Cirrus Identity is excited to welcome our newest team members to our awesome team!



Mary McKee joined in December as our Senior Director of Engineering.

Higher Education Experience: Mary's 21 years with Duke University progressed to providing identity services. She oversaw the Identity Management and IT Security teams.

Personal Interests: Mary's obsession with doing more with less extends beyond software and into other interests, like travel, language hacking and baking.

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Aimee Lahann joined in October as our Technical Implementation Lead.

Higher Education Experience: Aimee has over 13 years of higher ed experience at the University of Michigan. She enjoys problem-solving, people, and implementing technology to make life easier.

Personal Interests: Aimee loves adventure travel off the grid with family and friends. She can also be found smiling while riding her bike through the woods or on the country roads of Michigan.

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You can learn more about our team on the Cirrus website - See the Cirrus Team

Meet our New Cirrus Partners

Cirrus Identity is now working with the following new partners to bring more solutions to customers!



Steeves & Associates - Cirrus is now working with our newest Canadian reseller for the Cirrus Bridge. The Steeves team has extensive experience working with PSIs in British Columbia and will now implement the Cirrus Bridge for BCNET and Canadian Access Federation access. Cirrus is already working on several implementations with Steeves!



Evolveum - Cirrus is now an Evolveum partner! We hope you were able to see the demo at TechEX that allowed campuses to manage Zoom licenses by leveraging the Cirrus Proxy for authentication and midPoint to allow Zoom licenses to authorized users only. A video of the demo will be available soon on the Evolveum and Cirrus YouTube channels.



CILogon - Cirrus is excited to partner with CILogon to expand and streamline the offerings available for secure and scalable research collaboration. CILogon and Cirrus can provide authentication, authorization and Identity Provider of Last Resort solutions for OpenOnDemand or other HPC systems designed for research.

InCommon Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)



Cirrus Identity is proud to announce that Mark Rank, Director of Product, will serve another term on the TAC.

The InCommon Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) supports InCommon's mission "to create and support a common framework for trustworthy shared management of access to online resources." Members serve three-year terms.

We thank Mark for his tireless commitment to serving the higher ed IAM community!

Cirrus Identity Product Highlights

It's the End of Year Wrap Up!

2022 has been a good year for Cirrus enhancements! Check it out:



Gateway - Cirrus is adding more social identity providers: AppleID and ORCID IdP in addition to Google, Microsoft, LinkedIn and Amazon.



OrgBrandedID - New tools have been added to configure password complexity and messaging. The UI is updated to provide users feedback on compliance with password complexity rules. We also added an option to require terms of service agreement when an account is created and the ability to block sending invitations to, and creating OBID accounts from, one or more specified domains.



Account Linking - Cirrus improved search options for finding linked users and the UI now shows all the accounts that are linked for a user. Accounts can be linked/unlinked and/or modified by Admins. When all links are removed, the user is also removed. Cirrus also now supports creating unique IDs for users via API or self-reg flows.



SAML Bridge - Setup information can now be viewed in the console: InCommon registration, SAML IdP entity ID, testing endpoint URL. The Cirrus Bridge supports MFA and attribute release policies that can be configured for individual SPs within the Azure AD or Okta portals - Cirrus version of Conditional Access. We also now support DNS domain validation to automatically update certificates.



CAS Bridge - Admins can configure attribute release using Cirrus Conditional Access, the cas:user attribute and conditional auth in the Azure AD or Okta portals. Setup information can be viewed in the console: CAS login URL and CAS service URL.



Authentication Proxy - We now support OIDC authentication for integrated SPs. We also made several APIs Enhancements: 1) delete guest objects without an invite, 2) list guests and invitations by a date interval, 3) list guests by a current status, 4) get invitations by the original invitation email address and 5) more data for guests that use authentication based account linking.



Student Selector Add-On - Cirrus has developed, deployed, and implemented a student selector add-on module so a parent/guardian linked to multiple students, can select the student for transactions at login. Great for bill paying or other financial transactions.



Security & Compliance: Completed a SOC2 Type 1 audit and now working on a recurring SOC2 Type 2 audit annually starting in 2023. Infrastructure: Now fully operational on Kubernetes.

Cirrus Identity Customer Highlights

Welcome to New Customers!

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

- American Museum of Natural History
Capilano University
Coast Mountain College
Justice Institute British Columbia
Nevada System
Royal Roads University
Slippery Rock University
Vancouver Community College
Visual Zen Customers: Baylor University, East Tennessee University

Executive Letter from Dedra Chamberlin, CEO

One thing I have always enjoyed about working in higher education is the downtime we all take over the holidays. We know that many of you are already signing off to focus your attention on loved ones and holiday festivities. We were so happy to see many of you in person again at EDUCAUSE and the recent Internet 2 Technology Exchange. Our product roadmap is driven by input from our current and potential customers and partners. Having dedicated time to talk to you in person makes all the difference.



We look forward to working with you in 2023, and hope to see you at our virtual user group meeting in March.

Until then, Happy Holidays!



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