

Cirrus Identity Product Highlights



New Gateway Features!

AppleID and ORCID ID Available Soon

Cirrus Identity is very excited to announce that all Gateway customers will have the option to include AppleID and/or ORCID ID beginning November 7th, 2023!

Accessibility Improvements

In addition to new identity provider options, the November 7th deployment will also include some accessibility and provider branding updates to the Cirrus discovery:

- Cirrus Discovery buttons have been updated for increased responsiveness on different types of displays, including multi-line support for organization names that would otherwise be cut off on small screens.
- To promote accessible visual contrast, Gateway provider buttons now have a uniformly white background with dark text, and the default button color for other identity providers has changed from bright green to dark blue. Any color customizations previously set in the Cirrus Console will persist.

Current Gateway Buttons



Updated Gateway Buttons



SIEM Connector (Beta Update)

The beta program for integration to security information and event management (SIEM) platforms is active and is scheduled to conclude December 31, 2023. Thanks to the University of Chicago, Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Nevada - Las Vegas for their time and feedback. The SIEM Connector will be an add-on to Cirrus subscriptions. This continues the Cirrus tradition of allowing customers the flexibility of selecting and subscribing to only the features they need. Planned general availability for the SIEM Connector is early in 2024. Please see the [July 2023 newsletter](#) for additional background.

Contact sales@cirrusidentity.com if you would like further details, or to hear when the SIEM Connector is available to add to your subscription.

Cirrus Identity News

Multilateral Federation Updates InCommon, Microsoft & Cirrus Identity

Cirrus Identity is excited to announce further events to communicate the importance of multilateral federation within the higher education and research community.

Hot off the presses, this [Q&A article with Mary McKee, the Senior Director of Engineering at Cirrus Identity, and InCommon](#) is now available. Mary shares her perspective on implementing IAM solutions at Duke, the amazing collaborations that raised awareness of research and education needs in the community and the need to support multilateral federation.

This article helps to understand the collective efforts of many that led to the [Microsoft publication of multiple technical options to support multilateral federation](#) for the higher ed and research community.

Do you feel the momentum? Want to hear more? Register and tune into the [IAM Online Webinar](#) - Wednesday, January 17th, 2024. InCommon, Microsoft and Cirrus Identity will host a presentation along with two Cirrus Identity customers: SUNY Geneseo and University of Arkansas. [Register now!](#)

First Annual Customer Survey

Keep your eyes open for the first-ever and will-be-annual Cirrus Identity customer survey. If you're in production with one of our solutions, you should have received a super quick and simple survey - we appreciate your time in providing us with your feedback!

Great to See You at TechEX and EDUCAUSE!

The Cirrus Identity squad was absolutely buzzing with excitement with the opportunity to see and hang out with our awesome customers and colleagues in Minneapolis for the TechEX23 Conference. We also had a blast at the Cirrus Identity Social event! The excitement continued as we went off to the Windy City itself, Chicago, to see more of our community at the EDUCAUSE Conference. You all made our days with your fantastic energy - it was great to catch up and hear about your IAM challenges and we are looking forward to seeing more of you this Spring at the [Internet2 Community Exchange](#) and [EDUCAUSE Cybersecurity and Privacy Professionals Conference](#).

The TECHEX Social votes are in for the three top Cirrus enhancements: #1) SMS Support for IDVerify #2) MFA console for service desk #3) MFA WebAuthn/Passkey support.



Cirrus Identity Product Videos Now Available!

Cirrus Identity SAML Bridge

We have a new SAML Bridge video that highlights the features of InCommon and the Bridge. Check it out and feel free to send it to others that are interested. See the [video here!](#)

Cirrus Identity Attribute Authority Webinar

Want to hear more about the Attribute Authority Add-On? Additional attributes from LDAP or via a REST API can be pulled at time of authentication with our Cirrus Identity SAML & CAS Bridges or Proxy. See the [video here!](#)

Cirrus Identity Customer Highlights

Welcome to New and Expanding Customers!

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

- Dominican College
- Towson University
- Great Basin College
- University of California, Irvine
- Kean University
- University of South Dakota
- Michigan State University

Cirrus Identity in the Community

Cirrus Identity Out and About

Dedra Chamberlin, CEO, represented Cirrus Identity on the Internet2 Community Exchange program committee. [Learn more and register now](#) for the 2024 Conference in Chicago from March 4-7. Working meeting proposals are still being accepted. We look forward to seeing you there!

A new "Federation Proxies Working Group" is being chartered in InCommon Steering to look at several policies that impact the operation of proxies in the InCommon Trust Federation. This is an outcome of the InCommon TAC Middlethings subgroup report to InCommon Steering earlier in 2023. Mark Rank, Director of Product, represented Cirrus on the original subgroup, and will continue to do so on this new formal working group.

Gary Windham, Cirrus Identity Sr. Identity developer, was a panelist at Internet2 Technology Exchange's session, Browser Privacy: Benefit or Threat, speaking to the latest developments with the Federated Credential Management (FedCM) API and the challenges it may pose for the R&E identity community. Want to hear more? See [this link](#).

Letter from Dedra Chamberlin, CEO

Happy Fall!

As the calendar year winds down, we know that many of you are working even harder to make those "after the start of semester" changes!

With all the changes in the Identity space coming - passwordless authentication, improved identity proofing, better access governance - IAM teams need to be even more efficient.

Streamline and automate processes, move to hosted services so the advanced IAM teams have more time to add value! If you're looking for improvements and want to hear about what your peers are doing, feel free to email us to schedule a call.



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