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Making it Sticky:  
Offering Shared Services via InCommon Glue

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# Today

- Use Case: OARnet's NSF CC\* Planning Grant for **Virtual Research-Education Ohio (VROhio)**
- Solution: Digital IAM swiss army knife from Cirrus Identity
- Solution: Federation Gateway from Unicon
- Solution: CILogon
- Q&A

## Introduction - The Panel



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# Today's Goals



# OARnet

NSF CC\* Planning Grant As A Use Case



# Making Federation Sticky

## OARnet NSF CC\* Planning Grant As A Use Case

**Mark Fullmer, OARnet Chief Technology Officer**

# OARnet Communities

Serving



2879

State gov't  
sites  
48 State Agencies



625+

K-12 Schools  
600+ school districts



98

Local Entity  
sites  
63 clients



469

Higher Education  
100 main campuses  
324 regional campuses



102

Healthcare  
sites  
7 clients



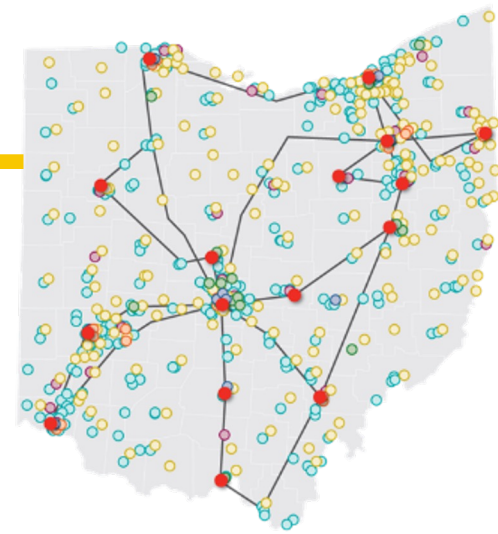
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Public  
Broadcasting  
10 stations



13

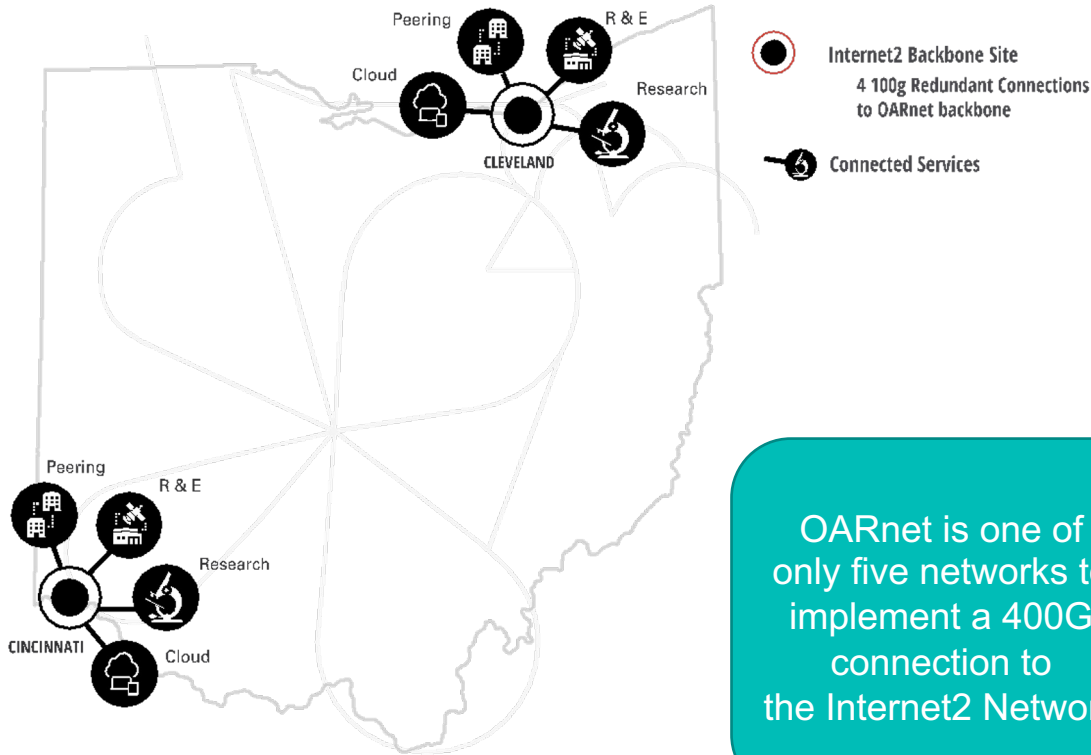
Research  
sites  
8 clients



**ESInet**  
Service Provider

Supporting NG-911 services for 9 counties, 4 cities and 1 university with future sites planned.

# Internet2 400G Circuits



## 4x100G in Cleveland

- Commercial Peering
- R&E Network
- Cloud Computing
- Research projects (non-production)

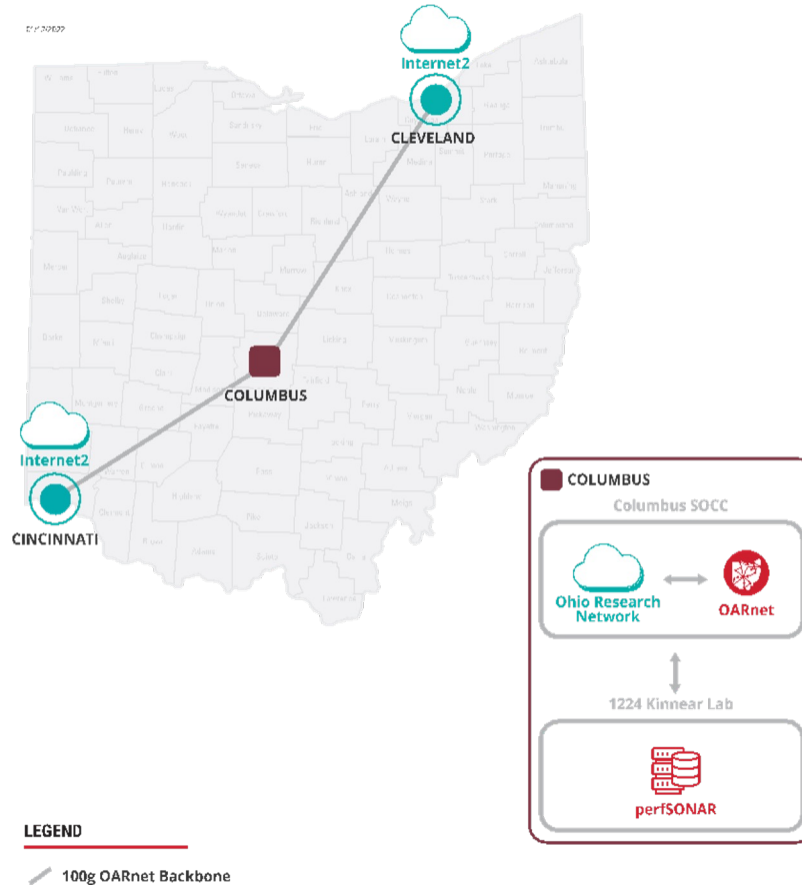
## 4x100G in Cincinnati

- Commercial Peering
- R&E Network
- Cloud Computing
- Research projects (non-production)

OARnet is one of only five networks to implement a 400G connection to the Internet2 Network



# OARnet 100g Research Infrastructure





# CC\* Planning: Virtual Research-Education Ohio (VROhio)

## PI: Pankaj Shah | Co-PI: Mark Fullmer

### Proposal #: 2126199

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#### **Objectives:**

1. Identify network-enabled education, training and research applications and their requirements
2. Chart a course toward a statewide federated identity management system and DMZ/VPN network segments for sharing educational and research services
3. Build a working group to identify and encourage the development and adoption of shareable resources needed by under-resourced higher education institutions (HEIs)
4. Prepare proposals to the NSF CC\* program or other programs to fund these activities
5. Strengthen capabilities that enhance the high school to higher education STEM pipeline (e.g. the Ohio College Credit Plus Program)

#### **Participating Colleges:**

- Chatfield College
- Columbus State Community College
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- Lorain County Community College
- Malone University
- Northwest State Community College
- Sinclair Community College
- Terra State Community College
- Xavier University

#### **Collaborators:**

- Engagement and Performance Operations Center (EPOC)
- InCommon/Internet2
- Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC)
- OhioLINK \*identified during planning
- Case Western Reserve University (CWRU)
- The Quilt
- Trusted CI

#### **Deliverables:**

- Development of OARnet virtual research and education DMZ network and associated services:
  - Design of federated identity management services for the DMZ network and end user services
  - Design VPN access service to the DMZ network for off-campus remote access
  - Engage with Trusted CI for security design review
  - Establish functions and job descriptions for CI application experts
  - Determine optimum placement of perfSONAR and DTN
- Institution and faculty services design
  - Build a community of practice within the OARnet member HEI consisting of faculty, network engineers and CI experts engaged in identifying and developing shared teaching and research applications
  - Design a process for developing shared applications as production quality shared services including proposing new services, gathering and analyzing requirements, prototyping, testing and production rollout.
  - Educate participants about using InCommon for authentication and Trusted CI program

# Federated identity goals

- Review high-level functions of Identity and Access Management and how to integrate InCommon federation
- Learn how to leverage InCommon to enable federated access to academic collaborations in Ohio and throughout Higher Education
- Identify available options to connect to InCommon and the IAM community

# Ohio InCommon Community Members

- Case Western Reserve University
- John Carroll University
- Kent State University – Main Campus
- Miami University
- The Ohio State University
- University of Akron – Main Campus
- University of Cincinnati – Main Campus
- University of Dayton
- University of Toledo

# Community member backgrounds

- Research
- Teaching & Learning
- Systems Engineers
- Network Engineers
- Cybersecurity
- OARnet staff including administrative management, client services, network engineering, systems, and security

# Candidates for federated identity projects

1. Case Western Reserve University Electron Microscope lab
2. Ohio Supercomputer center compute and storage facilities
3. Kent State University research lab
4. OhioLINK library consortia

# Identity Management implementation survey results

- Baldwin Wallace – Azure AD
- Case Western Reserve University – Shibb, SAML, Kerberos, AD, LDAP
- Chatfield College – Canvas
- Lorain Community College – Azure AD; Microsoft ADFS
- Malone University – Locally developed, migrating to Azure AD
- Sinclair Community College – Azure AD
- Terra State Community College – Microsoft ADFS
- Xavier University – Azure AD, SAML

# InCommon Virtual Engagement BaseCamp

1. Discuss level of interest and potential objectives for future participation in the program. Identify key collaborators
  - Ohio Supercomputing center (OSC)
  - OhioLink (statewide library system)
2. Essential functions of identity and access management in a Higher Education organization
3. Basics of federation with focus on how trust is built through policy, process, and community
4. Technical solutions presented by InCommon and their Catalyst partners



# Key Outcomes

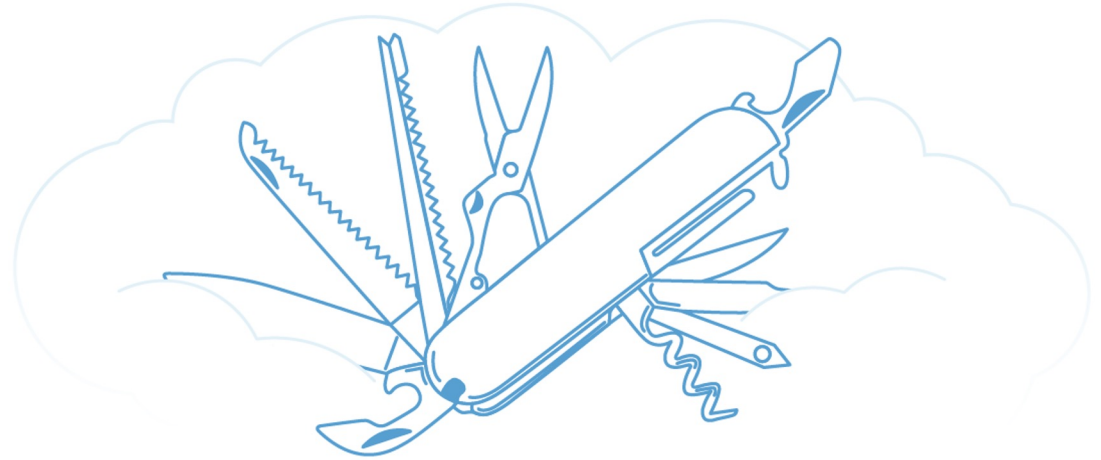
1. Explore solutions to enable federation
  1. Aggregate purchasing agreements for Gateway/Bridge software
  2. Use of separate state-wide identity provider which could be shared among small and medium sized institutions in Ohio
  3. Using InCommon as a Federation framework using an aggregate purchasing model
2. Significant effort will be required to enable Ohio R&E institutions to offer, utilize, and benefit from Federated identity services.
  1. Lower the barrier to entry with aggregate purchasing
  2. Create a pool of cyberinfrastructure engineers within OARnet
3. Create a non-production 100G infrastructure in Ohio connected to Internet2 for experimental services (not limited to Federated Identity initiative)

Next steps...



# cirrus identity

Your Swiss Army Knife for  
Digital Identity Management



Cirrus Identity is a **Trusted InCommon Catalyst Partner**



InCommon/eduGAIN Trust

## Value for Identity Providers

Streamline and Expand Access  
for your Users



## Challenge:

# Popular Commercial IAM solutions Don't Support Multilateral Federation



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## Solutions:

**Shibboleth** – InCommon Trusted Access Platform



**SimpleSAMLphp** – Popular Open Source Project



**Cirrus Bridge** – Hosted multilateral federation

”bridge” for Azure AD, Okta, DUO SSO, Google



Workspace and more

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# Connect your Campus IdP to InCommon/EduGAIN

Service Providers



Local or Cloud SAML

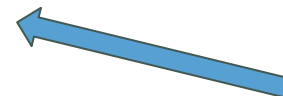


Federated SAML



SAML Authentication

SAML Authentication



CAS Option Available, too



Cirrus Bridge

Common Campus Identity Provider Options



Azure Active Directory

okta

G Suite

LDAP



Identity Providers

**Almost all the configuration happens in the  
Azure AD, Okta, DUO SSO Portal**





Home &gt; Enterprise applications



## Enterprise applications | All applications ...

Athena Institute - 2019 - Azure Active Directory

[+ New application](#)[Columns](#)[Preview features](#)[Got feedback?](#)

## Overview

[Overview](#)[Diagnose and solve problems](#)

## Manage

[All applications](#)[Application proxy](#)[User settings](#)[Collections](#)

## Security

[Conditional Access](#)[Consent and permissions](#)

## Activity

[Sign-in logs](#)[Try out the new Enterprise Apps search preview! Click to enable the preview. →](#)

Application type

Enterprise Applications

Applications status








Any

Application visibility

Any

Apply

Reset

Name	Homepage URL	Object ID
 <a href="#">Adobe Identity Management</a>	<a href="https://adobe.com/">https://adobe.com/</a>	
 <a href="#">Anne-Testers</a>		
 <a href="#">Athena - default (Prod)</a>	<a href="https://athena-institute.net">https://athena-institute.net</a>	
 <a href="#">Athena - todelete</a>	<a href="https://cirrusidentity.com">https://cirrusidentity.com</a>	
 <a href="#">Athena Institute Demo - UAT</a>	<a href="https://www.cirrusidentity.com/">https://www.cirrusidentity.com/</a>	
 <a href="#">Athena Linking Proxy - UAT</a>	<a href="https://athena-institute.net">https://athena-institute.net</a>	
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# Browse Azure AD Gallery

+ Create your own application

Request new gallery app

Got feedback?

You're in the new and improved app gallery experience. Click here to switch back to the legacy app gallery experience. →

## Amazon Web Services (AWS)



## Google Cloud Platform



## Oracle



## On-premises applications

### Add an on-premises application

Configure Azure AD Application Proxy to enable secure remote access.

### Learn about Application Proxy

Learn how to use Application Proxy to provide secure remote access to your on-premises applications.

## Create your own application

Got feedback?

What's the name of your app?

Input field containing 'cirrus' with a checkmark icon.

What are you looking to do with your application?

- Configure Application Proxy for secure remote access to an on-premises application
- Register an application to integrate with Azure AD (App you're developing)
- Integrate any other application you don't find in the gallery (Non-gallery)

### We found the following applications that may match your entry

We recommend using gallery applications when possible.



TellMe Bot



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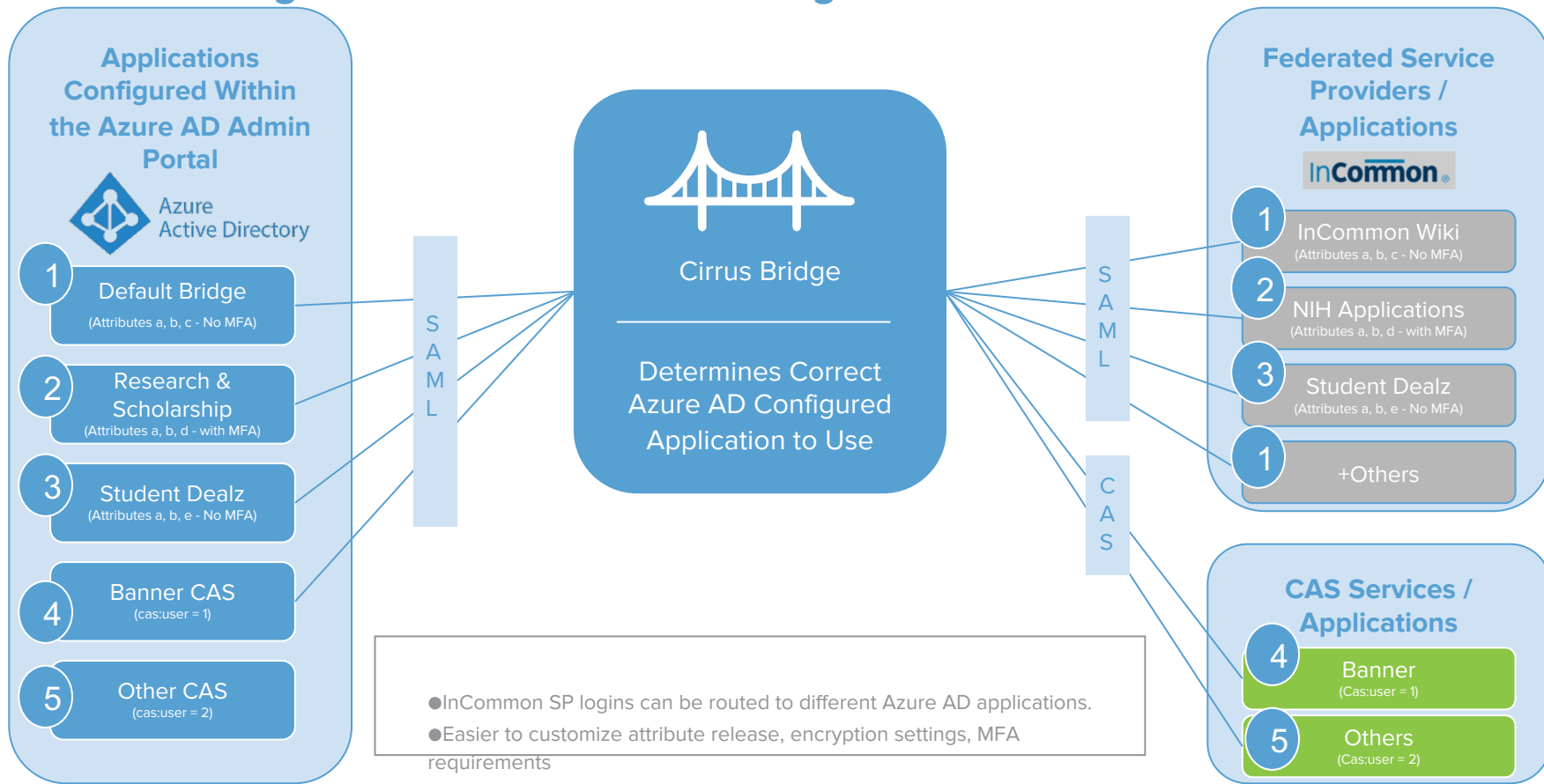
Cirrus Identity Bridge for Azure AD

Create

## The Cirrus Bridge Supports:

- Azure AD/Okta Conditional Access
- REFEDS Research and Scholarship Categories
- REFEDS MFA Authentication Context

# Bridge Conditional Access Configuration - Azure AD Portal



## Making it easier to expand the InCommon/eduGAIN trust framework

- We work with statewide systems and grant-funded research projects that need to onboard many organizations to federation
- Discounted bulk pricing available for consortium and systems that need 3 Bridges or more
- Can streamline collaboration between organizations with heterogeneous IAM systems (some on Azure AD, some on DUO SSO, some on Okta)

InCommon/eduGAIN Trust

## Value for Service Providers

Quickly and easily Integrate  
with InCommon/eduGAIN  
Identity Providers

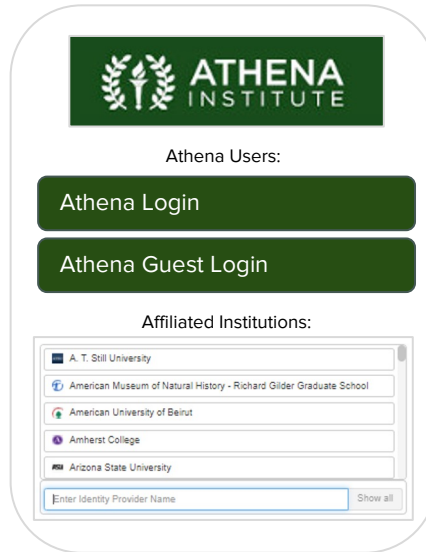


## The Cirrus Proxy Includes:

- Integration with InCommon/eduGAIN IdPs
- Easily configurable discovery service
- Option to add:
  - OrgBrandedID as IdP of Last Resort for guests
  - Invitation service for sponsored accounts
  - Account linking service

# Customer Login Discovery Concept

Conceptual login discovery screen available for applications that require users from multiple institutions



The mockup features the Athena Institute logo at the top, followed by two buttons for 'Athena Login' and 'Athena Guest Login'. Below these are several input fields for 'Affiliated Institutions', each with a small icon and the institution's name. At the bottom, there is a search bar labeled 'Enter Identity Provider Name' and a 'Show all' button.

**ATHENA INSTITUTE**

Athena Users:

Athena Login

Athena Guest Login

Affiliated Institutions:

- A. T. Still University
- American Museum of Natural History - Richard Glider Graduate School
- American University of Beirut
- Amherst College
- Arizona State University

Enter Identity Provider Name  Show all

Takes users to institution's primary identity provider

Scrolling or configure buttons for affiliated institutions so users can use their own username & password to access applications



# Cirrus Proxy Solution Architecture

Service Providers

Application #1

Application #2

Application #3

SAML, CAS, OIDC or WS-Fed Authentication  
Policy Enforcement: MFA Requirement, Sponsorship or Specific Attributes

Institution #1  
User Data (IDMS)

API

Cirrus Account Linking

Cirrus IdP Proxy

Cirrus Discovery

Identity Providers

Institution #1



Institution #2



Institution #3

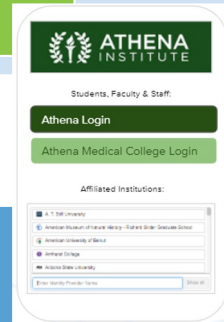


Institution #4



Institution #5 - No SAML IdP - AD Only not AD FS

Cirrus Bridge



For more information:

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- Unicon is a technology consulting firm focused solely on the education ecosystem
- We partner with institutions and companies to create learner-centric digital experiences to transform online teaching and learning.
- We believe in the power of technology to expand access to education, and in the power of education to create a better future for all.
- Unicon is an AWS Partner Network (APN) Advanced Consulting Partner, has achieved the AWS Education Competency, and is a member of the AWS Public Sector Partner Program.

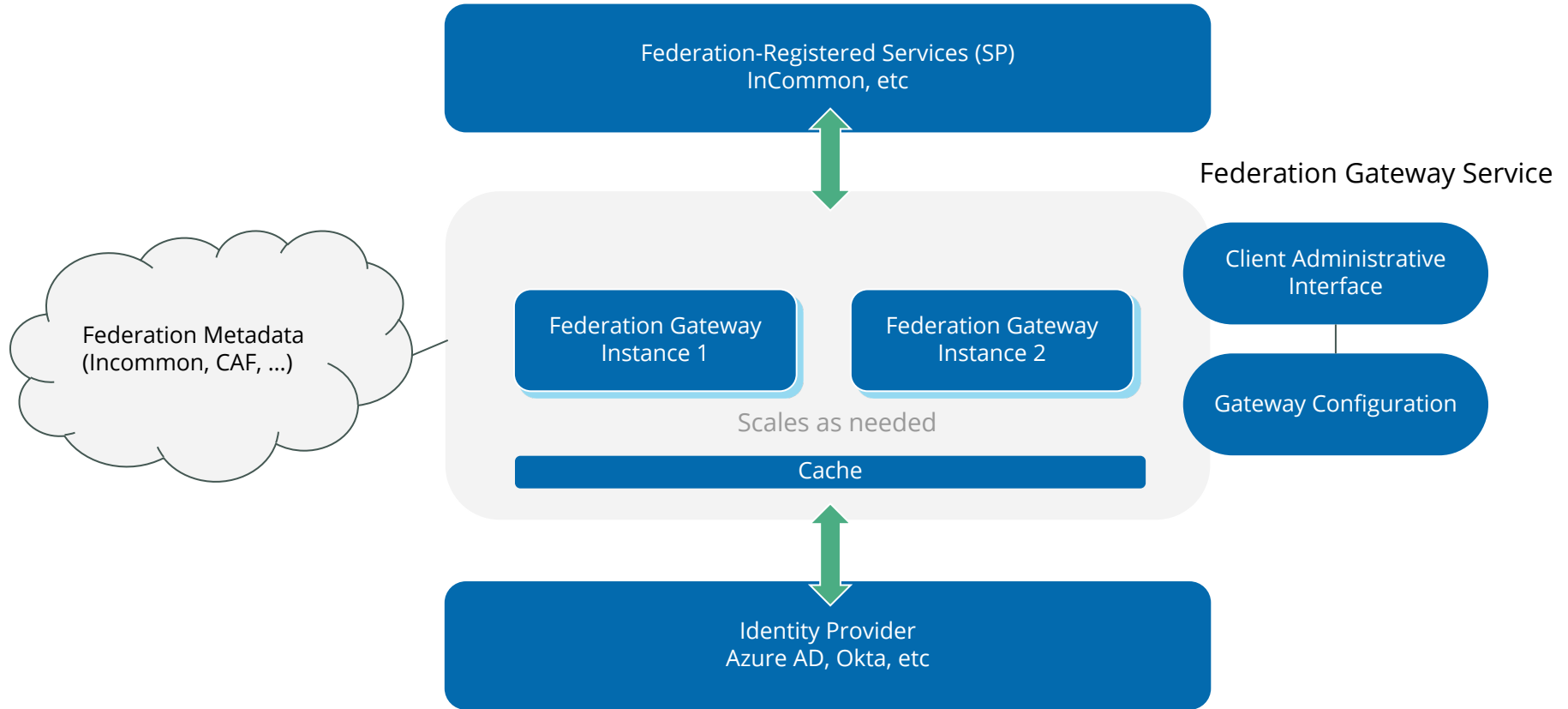
Let's "Make it Sticky" together!



## Federation Gateway Benefits

- Using the Federation Gateway, you can easily connect to the identity federation of your choice, allowing seamless set-up of participating SPs—you no longer have to add each SP individually.
- You can choose from a variety of attribute release policies, including releasing all attributes, releasing no attributes, and allowing the end-user to choose which attributes to release.
- The Federation Gateway is hosted in AWS and uses AWS technology to provide redundancy and scalability.
- Unicon can share expertise to help your organization manage and maintain the Federation Gateway in your environment.

# Unicon - Federation Gateway



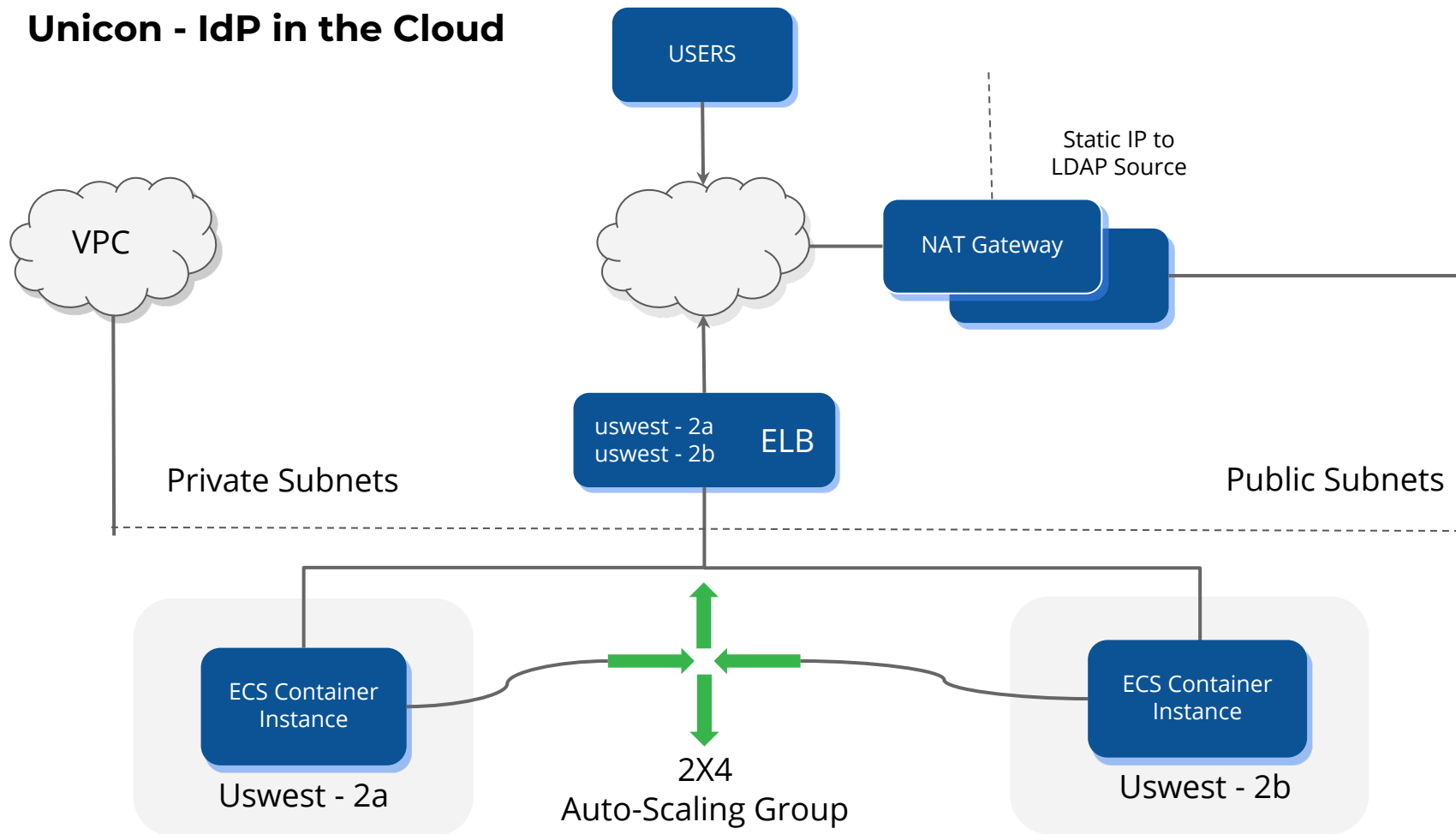
## IdP in the Cloud Benefits

- Federated Web SSO in the Cloud
- Fully managed, full featured hosted IdP
- Unicon does the work so you don't have to!

Includes:

- Duo Security-based MFA
- Encrypted authentication responses
- LDAP-based authentication
- LDAP-based attribute resolution
- Logout - possible
- Signed Authentication Request
- Single Logout (SLO) - possible with caveats
- SAML 2 Browser SSO (HTTP-Redirect, HTTP-POST) Profile

# Unicon - IdP in the Cloud





## Custom Fully Managed Greenfield Opportunities in the Cloud

References implementations, already built and managed

- Statewide K-12 system in Midwest
- West coast community college system
- EdTech custom proxy

*Unicon will collaborate with you and recommend the technology and path to meet your hosting and managed services needs.*



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# CI/Logon

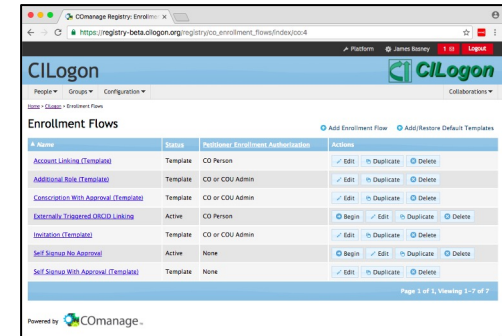
10+ year sustained effort to enable secure logon to scientific cyberinfrastructure (CI)

for seamless identity and access management (IAM)

using federated identities (SAML, OIDC, OAuth, JWT, X.509, LDAP, SSH, etc.) so researchers log on with their existing credentials from their home organization

supporting 20,000+ active users from 500+ organizations around the world

with onboarding/offboarding/attributes/groups/roles managed consistently across multiple applications

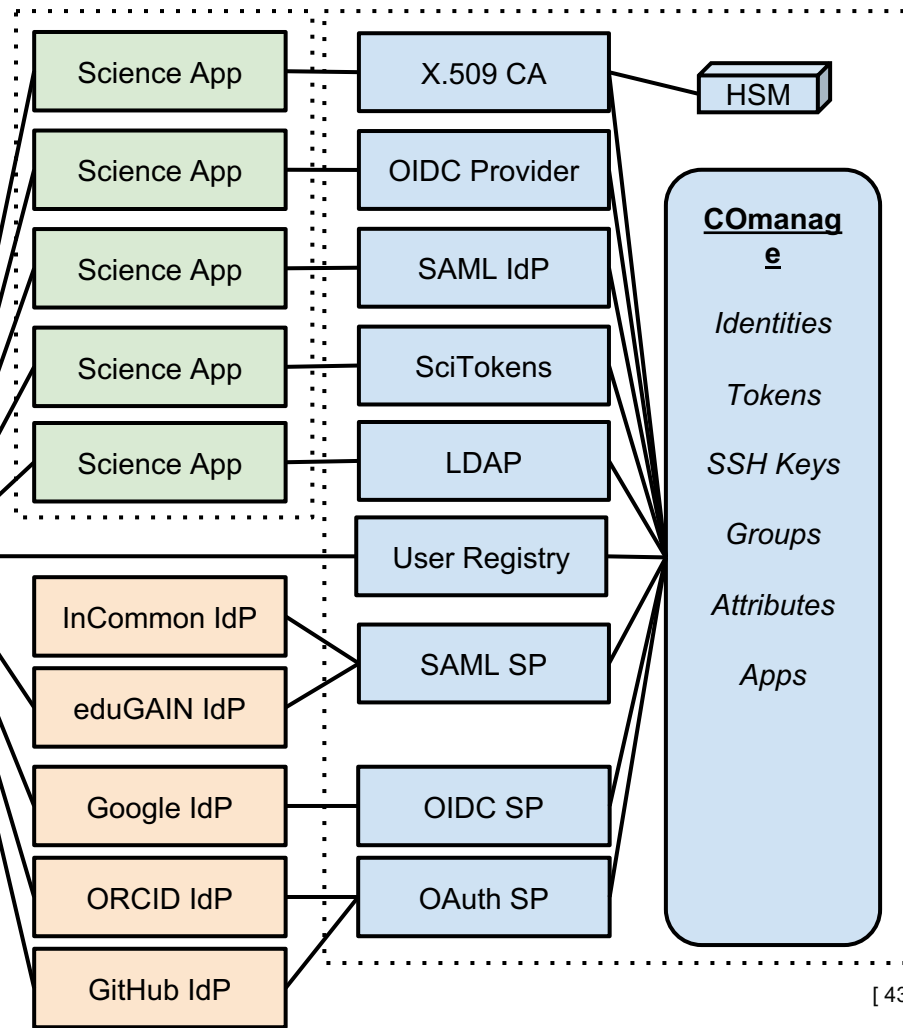
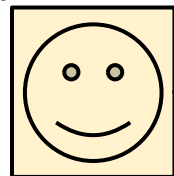




# CI Logon

supporting access to science applications on HPC clusters, in Jupyter notebooks, using Globus, via REST APIs, and many other interfaces

using existing identity providers from the researcher's home organization (SAML/ADFS) or external sources (Google, GitHub, Microsoft, ORCID)





*CI Logon*

example integrations

2i2c, ACCESS, Apache Airavata Test Drive, Ask.CI, ATLAS Connect,  
Australian BioCommons, BNL Quantum Astrometry, Brainlife.io,  
CADRE,

CERN PanDA, Chem Compute, ClassTranscribe, CloudBank,  
Clowder,

CMS Connect, Connect.ci, Custos, CyberGISX, CyVerse, DataCite,  
Duke CI Connect, Einstein Toolkit, FABRIC, Fermilab, Flywheel,  
GeoChemSim, Globus, GW-Astronomy, HubICL, HTRC, ImPACT,  
LIGO, LROSE, LS-CAT, LSST, Mass Open Cloud, MIT Engaging  
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## Session Abstract

Have services you want to offer schools in your state or region, but it's tough to manage the individual access details? Want to help your member campuses access those shared services and the world of academic collaboration? The community has news for you!

Learn about a recent OARnet's experience and how the community has been working on several initiatives to help a diversity of organizations to participate. There are also education programs and partner-provided tools to help bridge the gap. Please join the panel and explore resources available to support your needs.

# Possible Flow

## Goal

- Attendees hear from a consortium/state-based organization about how they plan to use InCommon to serve local needs.
- Attendees leave with information on how to find out more and host SP and IdP infrastructure

Ann or Albert - MC - Intro the speakers - 5 min

Mark – 15 min

- presents the OARnet use case about receiving NSF funding to bring in a diverse set of schools into InCommon to share services and collaborate. They want to support both idP and Sps, but how do they do that without each organization running their own federation software? Hosting options!

Hosted IdPs

- Cirrus – 10 min
- Unicon – 10 min

Hosted identity infrastructure for SPs

- CI Logon – 10 min

Closing with mention of InCommon Good housekeeping Seal Program

- Maybe have time for one question...

Questions to ask/address