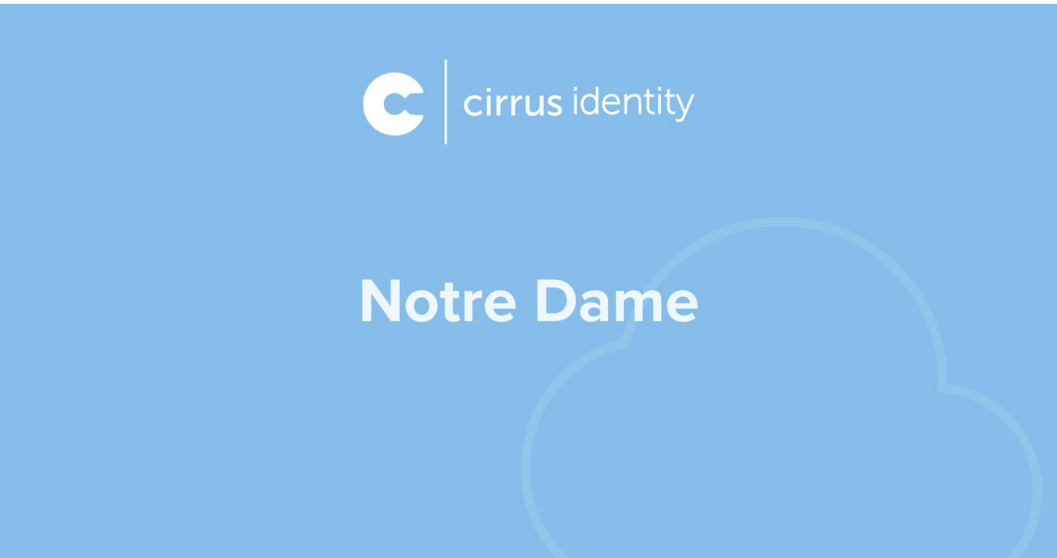




University of Notre Dame

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University Access to InCommon Services with Okta

The [Cirrus Bridge](#) quickly connected [Okta](#) to [InCommon](#) services and provided Notre Dame users a consistent and intuitive login experience.

Products



Connection with InCommon/eduGAIN



Cirrus Bridge with single sign-on solution

Key Metrics

12,000

Students served

100+

CAS-enabled applications

The Challenge

The [University of Notre Dame](#) had hundreds of applications using [CAS](#) for Web Single Sign-On and SAML (via [Shibboleth](#)) for [InCommon](#) federated applications.

To support a cloud first strategy, Notre Dame chose [Okta](#) as their primary Identity Management solution.

The Okta Identity solution had 2 gaps:

- Didn't integrate with the InCommon trust federation
- Didn't support applications using CAS

The conversion of the Notre Dame CAS applications to use SAML and the newly purchased Okta Identity Solution was anticipated to take over 2 years.

Notre Dame needed a solution to speed up the migration.

Goals

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Maintain access to InCommon services and implement Okta on an expedient timeline.

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Support over 100 CAS authenticated applications and give the IAM team time to migrate them to SAML.

How Cirrus Helped

The University of Notre Dame utilized the [Cirrus Identity Bridge](#) solution to fill the gaps with [Okta](#). This allowed them to quickly implement and begin yielding legacy infrastructure and support savings.

The Cirrus Federation Bridge supports [multi-lateral federations](#) required by [InCommon](#) and [eduGAIN](#), allowing Notre Dame to migrate to Okta and still maintain access to InCommon services.

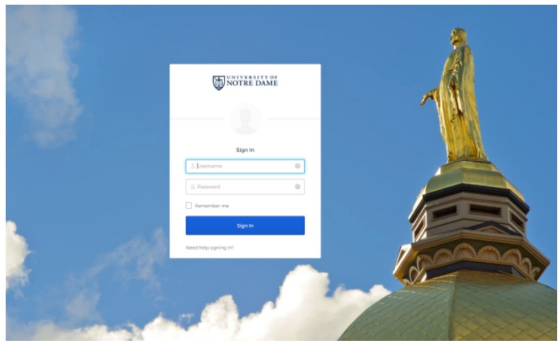
The Cirrus CAS Bridge enabled SSO via Okta to over 100 CAS-enabled applications so that Notre Dame could expedite their implementation to make Okta for their Identity Provider.

The Bridge service maps attributes (first name, last name and eduPersonPrincipalName) from Notre Dame's Okta instance into the format expected by InCommon and CAS applications.

From a technical perspective, the Bridge acts as an Identity Provider to Service Providers in InCommon and as a Service Provider to Okta at Notre Dame.

Cirrus provided expert guidance and over 150 Service Provider integrations were configured and tested over a few months. The actual migration was handled via a simple [DNS](#) change on the cutover weekend.

Notre Dame users saw no change to their login screen!



Impact

"Cirrus was fantastic and very flexible in thinking about ways to execute the solution."

John Schrader, Cloud Engineering Specialist

✓ **Faster Implementation & Cost Savings** - Allowed Notre Dame to quickly benefit from their investment in Okta, retire the local SAML IdP deployment and retire their CAS infrastructure in a phased approach, independent of the Okta go-live timeline.

✓ **Minimize User Impact**- Maintained access to CAS authenticated applications and InCommon services and enabled a "big bang" cutover with minimal downtime - only the time it takes for campus DNS servers to refresh.

"It was a top priority to shorten the implementation time frame."

Michele Decker, Manager, IAM Services



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