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**What is TIER?**

**What Does It Mean for Me?**

# Two Topics for Today

- Trust and Identity Overview
- Dive into TIER (Trust and Identity for Education and Research)

# The Story

Faculty Member

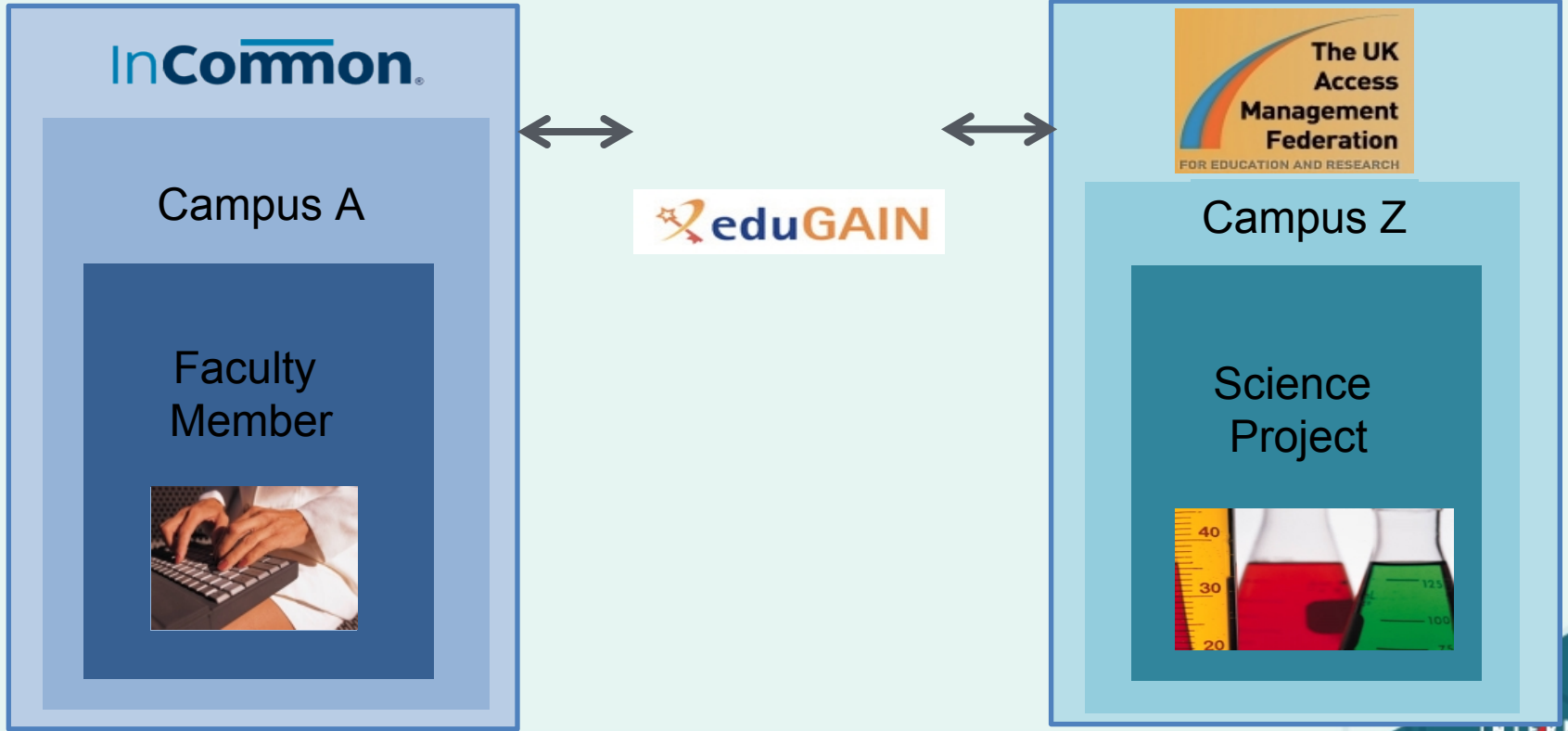


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With

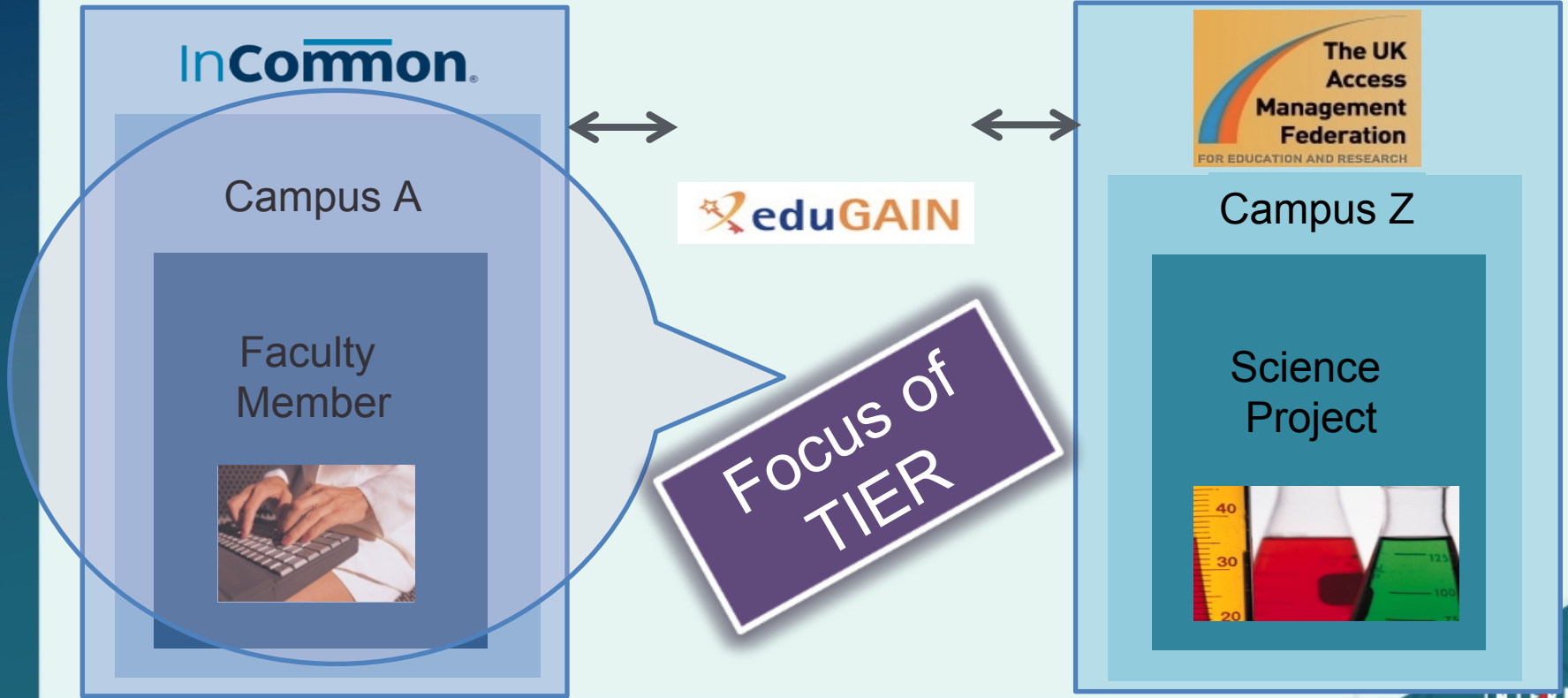
Collaborative  
Science Project  
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# How it Works



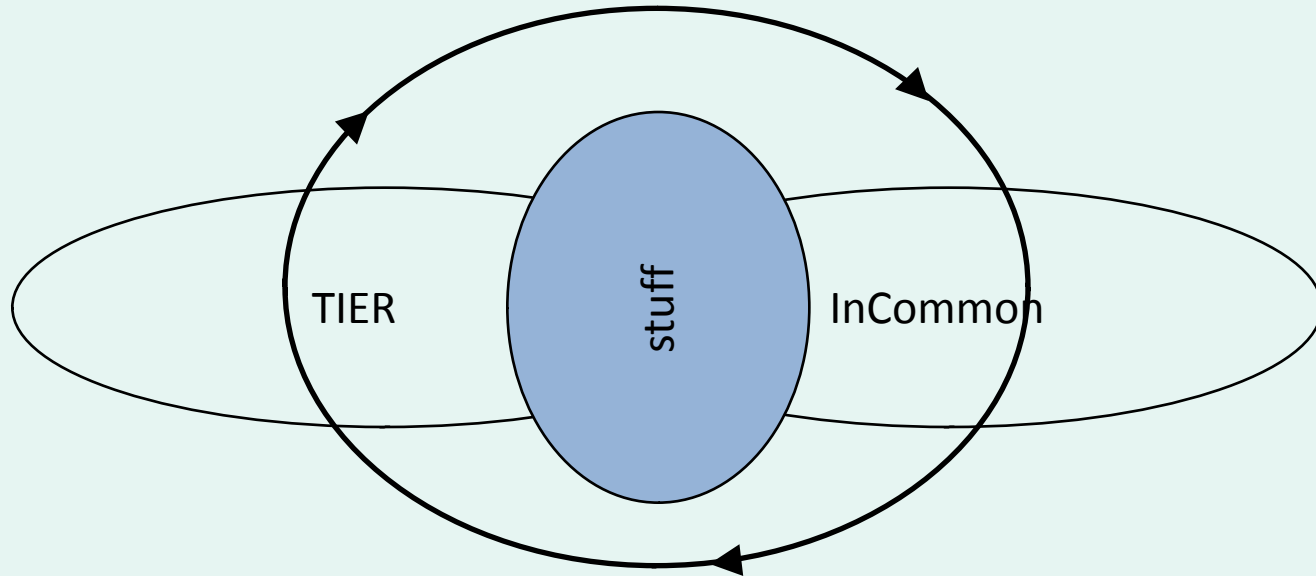
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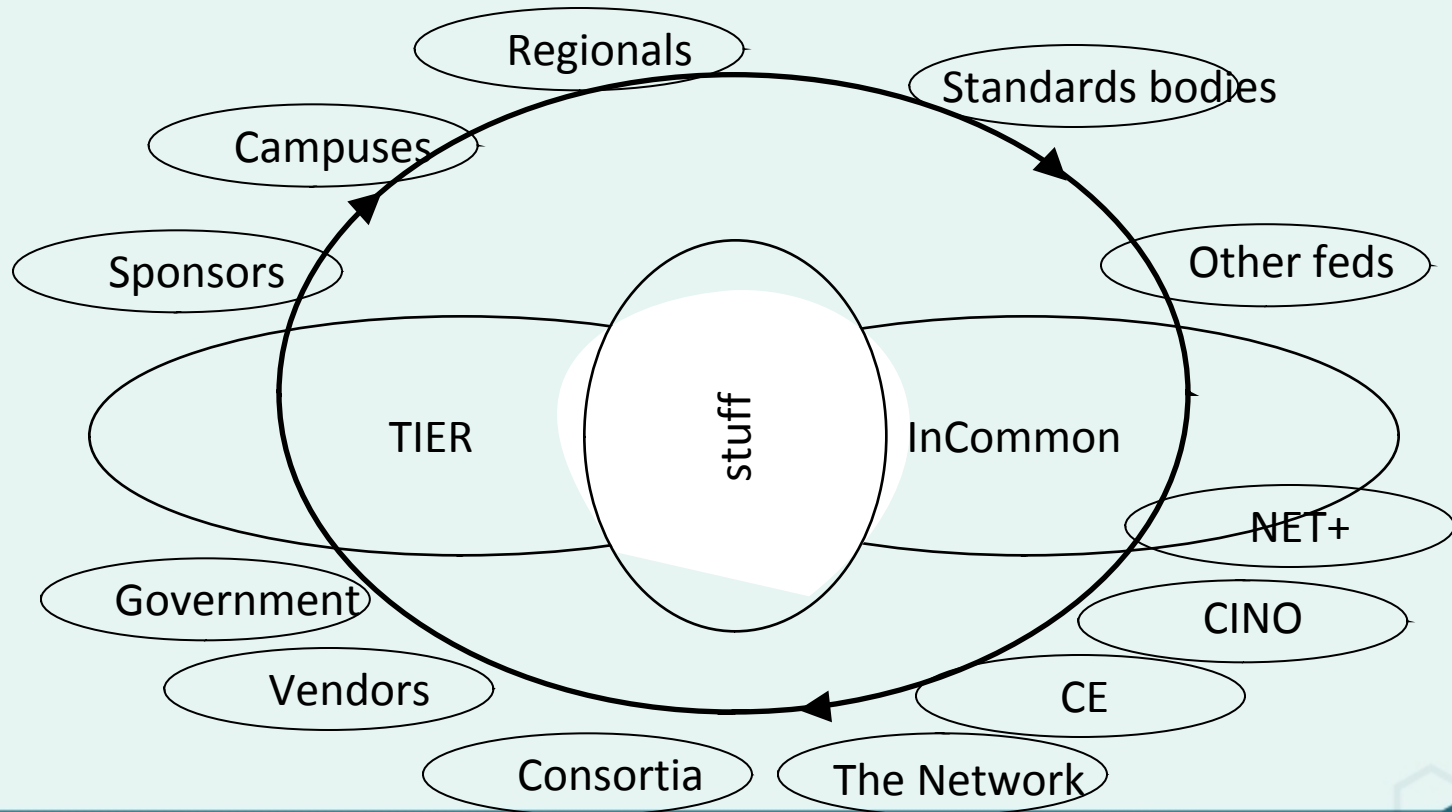
# Trust and Identity at Internet2

- In January 2016, Internet2 established a division of Trust and Identity Services
  - However, the work has been going on for a *long* time
- The core services/activities are InCommon Trust Federation, TIER, eduroam, and the InCommon Certificate Service

# How TIER and InCommon Interact

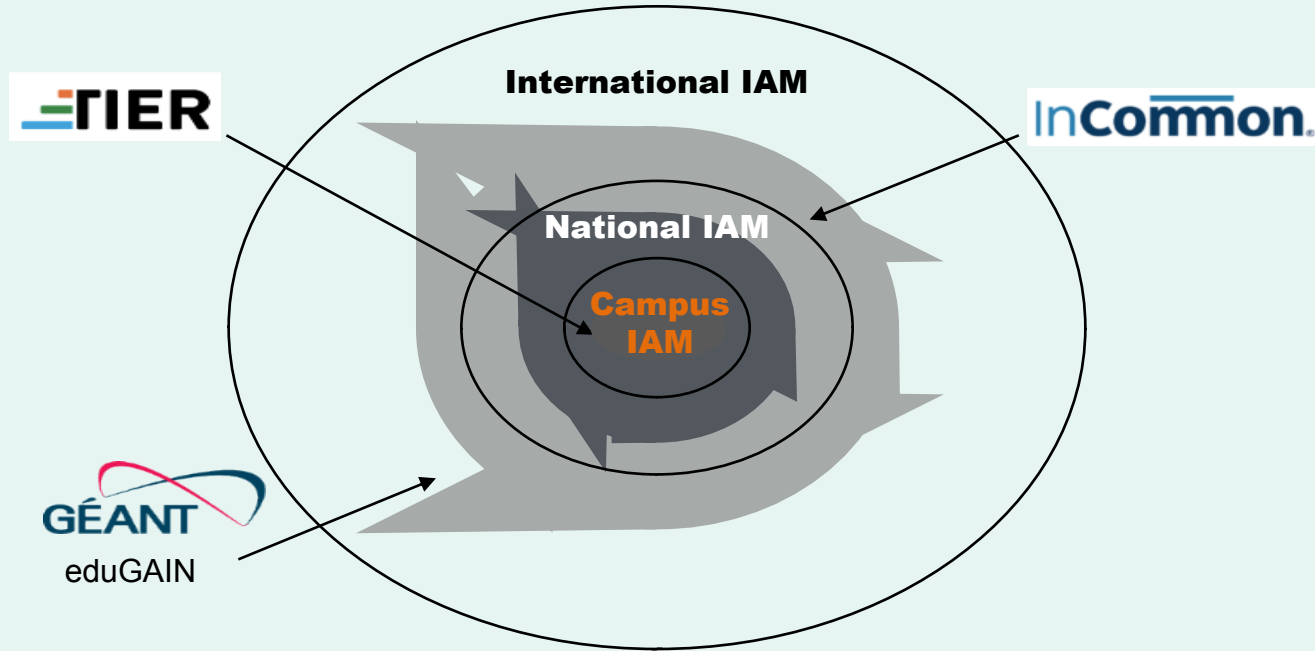


# Trust and Identity - The Vanity View





# How TIER and InCommon Federation Interact



# Important Guiding Principles

- Reductions in the variances of technologies leveraged and policies developed - among the membership/participants - increases the collective ability to trust, to collaborate.
- “Participants” need flexibility
- All moving parts have to become more trustworthy over time



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QUESTIONS SO FAR?

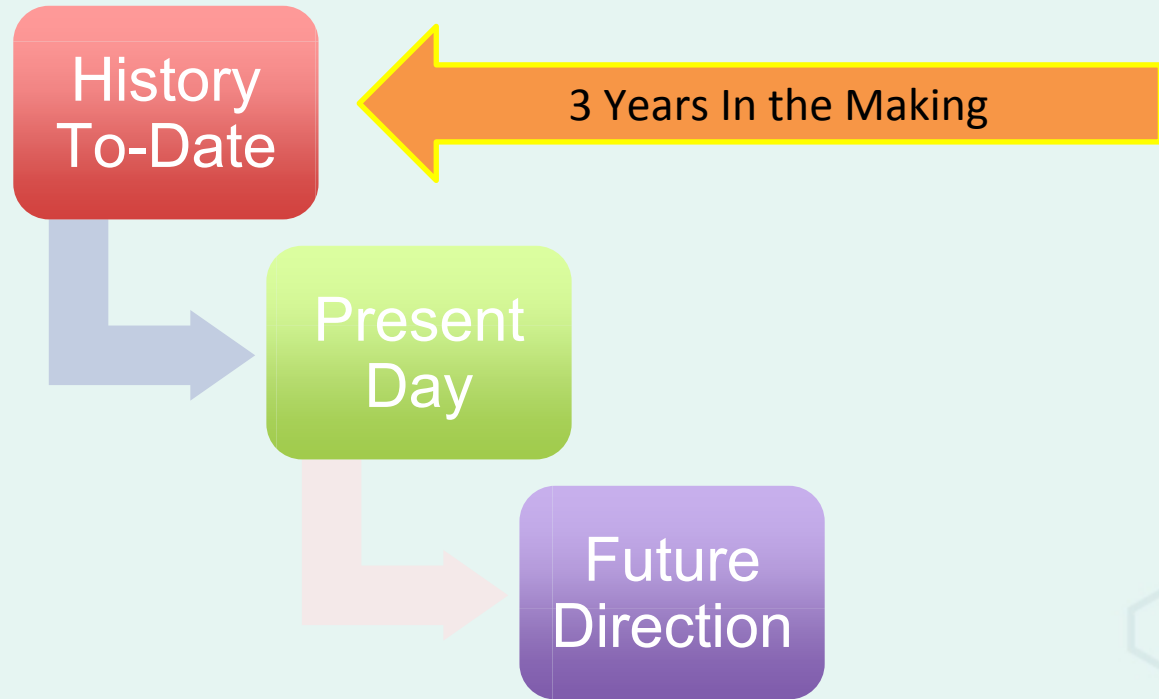
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LET'S DIVE INTO TIER

# What is TIER all about?

- Sustain components that we've developed together
- Fill the gaps by providing a set of integrated components that address IAM as a whole
- Address community requirements across the components
- Developing, maintaining community and corporate partnerships

# Evolution of TIER



# TIER Background

- Investors:
  - 49 CIO investors
  - All Internet2 members.
  - 25K/year for three years.
- 9 months of requirements gathering among the investors institutions, generating 200+ use cases and 70 requirements
- Final Year of 3-year Financial Enrichment

# TIER Investors

Arizona State University

Baylor University

Boston University

CALTECH (California Institute of Technology)

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Clemson University

Cornell University

Duke University

Harvard University

Indiana University

Lafayette College

Louisiana State University

MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

New York University

Northwestern University

Old Dominion University

Oregon State University

Penn State (Pennsylvania State University, The)

Purdue University - Main Campus

Rice University

Stanford University

Tulane University

University of Arizona

University of California – Berkeley

University of California – Merced

University of Chicago

University of Florida

University of Hawaii – Manoa

University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign

University of Iowa

University of Maryland - Baltimore County

University of Maryland - College Park

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

University of Missouri - Columbia

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

University of Notre Dame

University of Oregon

University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh Campus

University of Utah

University of Virginia

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Washington University in Saint Louis

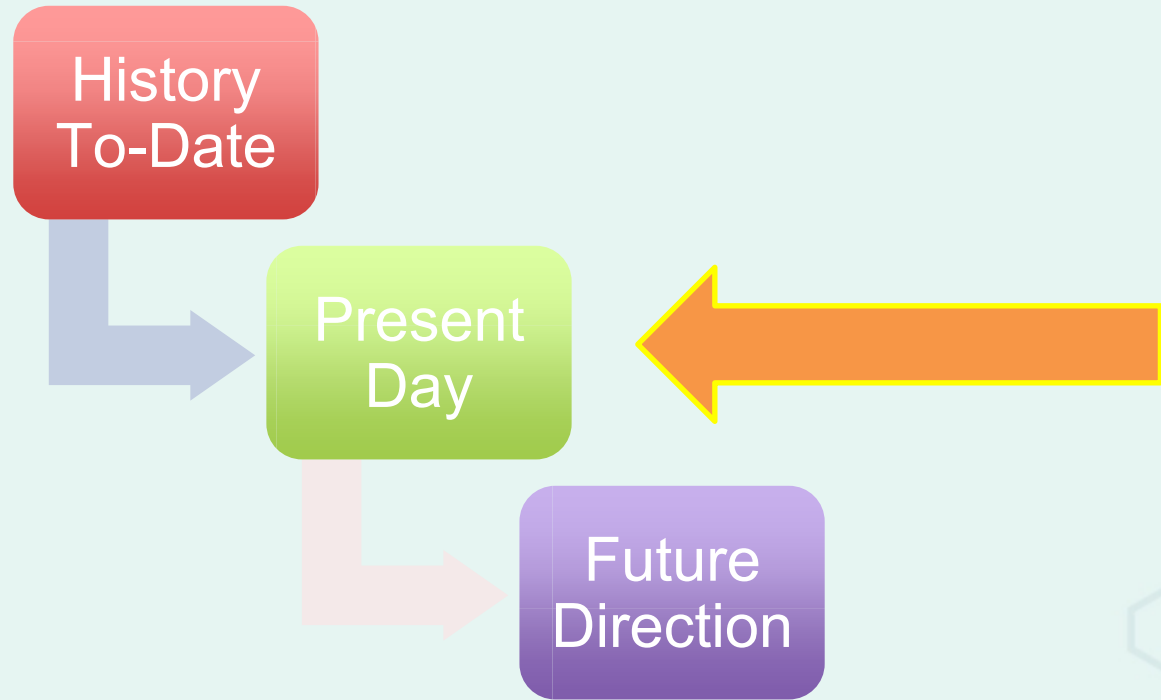
Yale University



# TIER Community Investor Council

- Klara Jelinkova, Rice University (Chair)
- Dennis Cromwell, Indiana University
- Eric Denna, University of Maryland
- Tracy Futhey, Duke University
- Ron Kraemer, University of Notre Dame
- Tom Barton, University of Chicago
- John O'Keefe, Lafayette College
- Kelli Trosvig, University of Michigan

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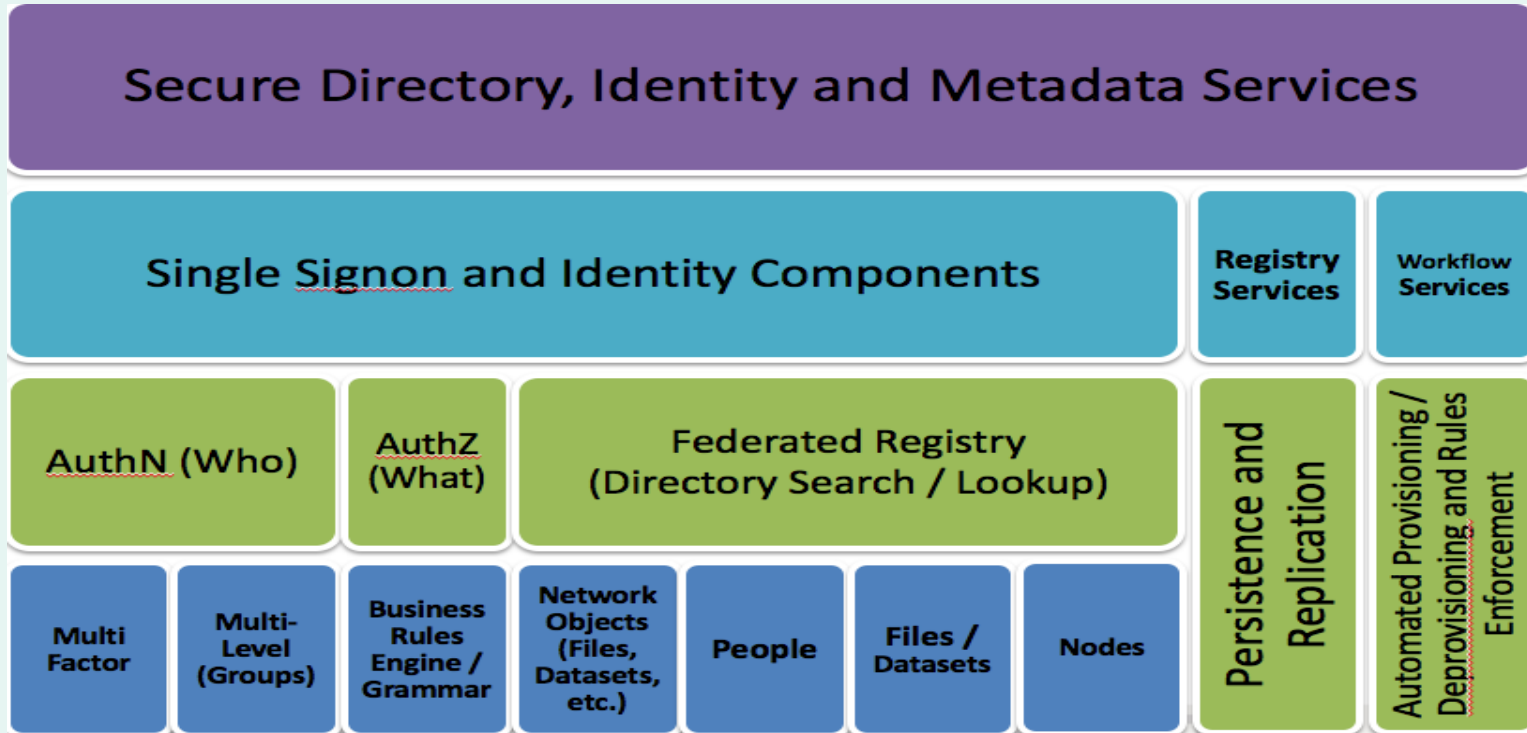


# Trust and Identity Governance & Areas of Work

- CACTI – Ad-Hoc Architecture Council (Tom Barton / Trust and Identity / Internet2)
- Security and Audit (Helen Patton)
- Component Architecture (Steve Zoppi)
- APIs and Data Structures (Keith Hazelton)
- Entity Registry (Warren Curry / Benn Oshrin)
- Packaging and Deployment (Jim Jokl)
- Federation Operation (Nick Roy)
- Instrumentation and Monitoring [Preliminary] (Paul Caskey)
- TIER Community Investor Council (Klara Jelinkova)
- InCommon AAC (Brett Bieber)
- InCommon Steering (Sean Reynolds)
- InCommon TAC (Mark Scheible)
- InCommon TAC – OpenIDConnect Use Cases (Albert Wu)
- InCommon TAC – Federation Deployment Profile (Keith Wessel)

Over 400  
People!

# TIER Goal: Unified (and Scalable) Model



# Policy and Governance

President  
Provost

Registrar

Human  
Resources

Faculty  
Affairs

CIO

Establish identity

Determine policy

## Source Systems

HR  
faculty, staff

SA  
student, postdoc

Finance  
PI, approver

Courses  
instructor,  
enrolled

⋮

Reflect  
& Join

## Manage Identity

Persons

Accounts

Organizations

Groups

Privileges

Authenticate  
Authorize  
Provide  
Federate

## Systems and Services

Business  
systems

Network  
services

Library

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## Federated partners

Enrich identity

Apply policy

Schools  
Departments

Projects

Programs

Teams

Users

Manage Groups

Manage Privileges

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SA student, postdoc

Finance PI, approver

Courses instructor, enrolled

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Reflect & Join

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COmanage

Grouper

Authenticate Authorize

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Business systems

Network services

Library

Shibboleth

Grouper

# What's Been Completed

- Held workshops for investor CIOs and Identity Architects
- Collected hundreds of use cases and requirements
- Priorities developed
- Two releases (April 2016, December 2016)

## Proposed Milestones for April 2016

- Backbone usage scenario (BUS) proof of concept
- An open IAM testbed based on the proof of concept
- A containerized version of the IAM testbed for local experimentation
- Well-instrumented code that can reveal behavior and health of the IAM infrastructure components and their interactions
- First edition of a living guidebook: *architectural patterns for IAM integration*



# Delivered April 2016

- ❑ Backbone usage scenario (BUS) proof of concept In Progress
- ❑ An open IAM testbed based on the proof of concept POC Ready
- ❑ A containerized version of the IAM testbed for local experimentation Ready
- ❑ Well-instrumented code that can reveal behavior and health of the IAM infrastructure components and their interactions Requirements Gathering
- ❑ First edition of a living guidebook: *architectural patterns for IAM integration* Group Outline In Dev

# Proposed Milestones for End of Year 2016

- Testing and enhancement of the container/vm distributions
- Exploring Instrumentation
- Prioritize usability enhancements
  - Setup automation and pre-configuration
  - Campus metadata
  - etc., etc.
- Build on the packaging foundation
  - Automate the container and VM builds
  - Operationalize the build process; produce regularly scheduled updates
  - Start the process of automating testing
  - Complete the work with the initial components

# Delivered December 2016

- Testing and enhancement of the container/vm distributions **In Progress**
- Exploring Instrumentation **POC Ready**
- Prioritize usability enhancements **PENDING**
  - Setup automation and pre-configuration **CAMPUS**
  - Campus metadata **ADOPTION**
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Build on the packaging foundation

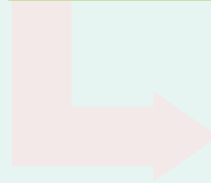
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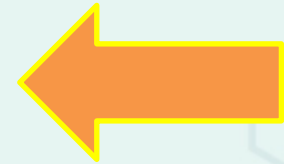
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Future  
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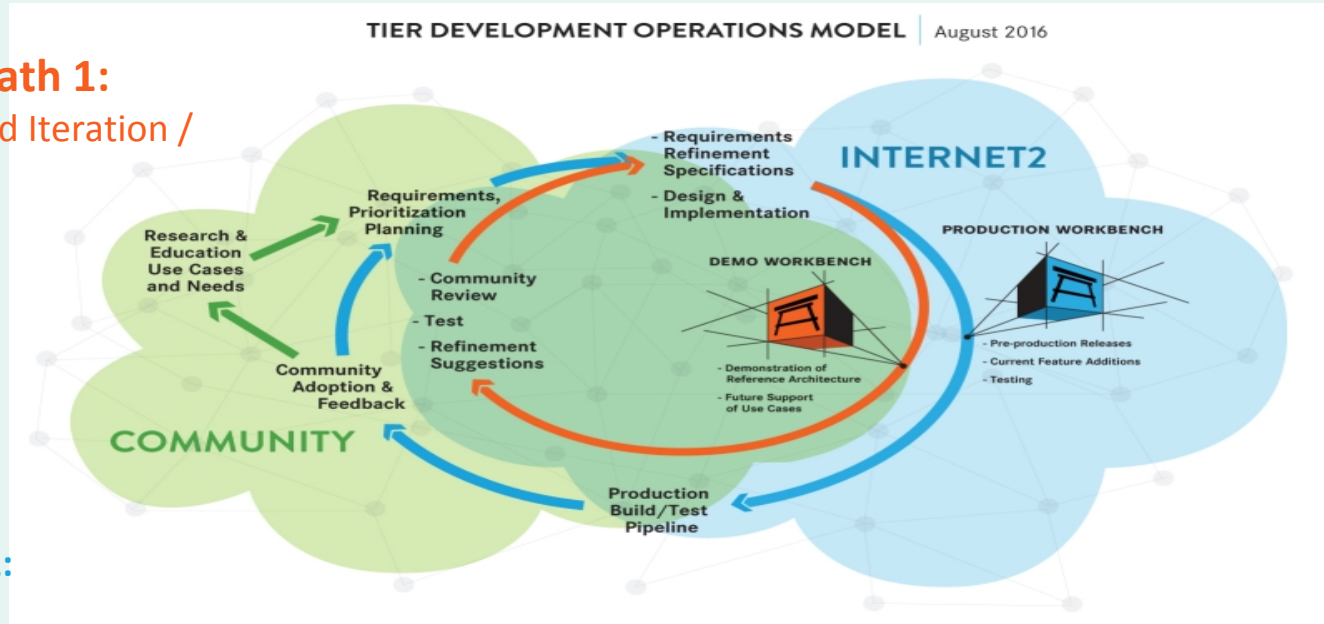
# DevOps Model: Enabling Autonomy

## Workbench Path 1:

Development and Iteration /  
Ideation

## Workbench Path 2:

UAT/QA/Security  
Audit/Performance  
Assessment/Release



# Lessons Learned

- Data Structures and APIs Working Group (WG) and Entity Registry Working Group
  - attracted talented people from higher education institutions across the land (well over 120 on the mailing lists)
  - work hard and deliver what the WG charters required
- Institutions share their experience, documents and code
  - Penn State contributed Apache 2-licensed SCIM server and client libraries, significantly accelerating the API work.

# Lessons Learned

- The community is productive:
  - Dedicated set of volunteers
  - Weekly calls
  - Problem space evaluation
  - Survey development and analysis
  - Technical packaging strategy and prototyping
  - Initial testbed
  - If you have interest in this space, please join us
- Significant software development requires dedicated resources
  - The foundational work done by volunteers
  - Engaged commercial firm to build packaging

# Lessons Learned

- Institutions with significant IAM projects underway have skin in the game and will make sure the Working Groups stay focused on essentials
- Measurement helps enable management



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NEXT STEPS

# Adoption Is **Imperative** Because ...

- It establishes the new and current baseline for all products
- It establishes the foundation for future (incremental) updates and enhancements. Goals ...
  - Simple upgrades using latest integration techniques
  - Simple deployment into a scalable environment
  - Releases are instrumented for continual feedback and improvement of the product (Anonymized data / Opt-In Data)

# How can you stay engaged?

- Join a working group list
  - <http://www.internet2.edu/vision-initiatives/initiatives/trust-identity-education-research/>
- Download TIER Production Candidate Containers and 'Kick the Tires'

Get  
Involved!

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QUESTIONS?

# February IAM Online

## User Consent: Implementations and Advantages

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 2 pm ET

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