

CIFER - Start Here!

 As of Q3 2015, the CIFER Project has been transitioned to the [TIER-Data Structures and APIs Working Group](#).

CIFER is an initiative to bring together open source identity management solutions oriented towards the higher education and research sectors.

To get started, you might want to review the [High Level Architecture](#) and [Technical Reference Architecture--Function and Flow](#), which will help provide a common understanding of the identity landscape.

Here are some links to resources for the various identity components:

Component	Description	Resources
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include cifer-apis

Projects generally maintain their own wikis and mailing lists if you're looking for more information.

Feeling social? Show up at some conferences. R&E identity folks tend to show up at

- Identity Week
- OpenAperoe

General questions? Want to talk to folks in the field? Try

- The Educause IDM list
- The CIFER Volunteer Experts list?

Looking to participate in CIFER related initiatives?

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Presentations

[CIFER Presentation at 2014 Internet2 Global Summit](#)