

# Bamboo Person without institutional affiliation

A member of the public - who may be a 'private scholar' active in an unaffiliated capacity, a retired individual contributing to a folksonomy, etc. - wishes to establish a user identity as a Bamboo Person. Unable to authenticate against infrastructure that is known and trusted by Bamboo, she uses an externally-provisioned account that does not guarantee her assertion of identity (e.g., OpenID). Roles associated with her Bamboo identity/profile may therefore not assert an affiliation for which guarantees are managed (e.g., by a university's IdM infrastructure). This may constrain her activity in the Bamboo ecosystem, as some privileges are reserved for persons affiliated with one or more particular institutions or organizations. Should this person *become* affiliated with a trusted institution at a later time, her identity will need to acquire a record of that new affiliation; cf. the Account Linking use cases ([simple](#) and [complex](#)) described on this page.

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