

NET+ Kion

The [NET+ Kion](#) program brings [Kion](#), a multi-cloud enablement tool that provides robust cost management, account automation, security monitoring, and policy enforcement across AWS, GCP and Azure for the research and higher ed community who can use can use Kion product offerings for for Automation & Orchestration, Financial Management, and Continuous Compliance for cloud enablement across multi-cloud.

Currently, the program is in the Early Adopters phase of the [NET+ Service Lifecycle](#). Early Adopter subscribers play a critical role in refining and improving the service as well as developing a strong working relationship with the service vendor. The Early Adopter group meets monthly with the Kion team to share their deployment progress, unmet challenges, and lessons learned but with the broader goal of bringing the community together.

Email netplus@internet2.edu to request documentation to review or to start the procurement process.

Participate in our Subscriber Community

Email discussion list and Slack: Institutions participating in the NET+ Kion program may take advantage of our email discussion list and Slack channel to communicate with peer institutions, receive curated program updates and participate in other activities and events.

Service Advisory Board (limited to subscribers to the NET+ Kion program): The NET+ Kion Service Advisory Board will kick off upon sufficient addition of subscribers.

Community Resources

- [NET+ Kion Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Kion Support Pages](#)
- [Kion Service Release Notes](#) (Requires local login. Create a free account from login page.)
- [Kion & AWS Webinar on CloudOps](#)

Service Documentation and Resources

Accessibility: VPAT (available upon request)

Identity: [Campus Identity Guidance](#)

Information Security:

- HECVAT (Available upon request. Email sales@kion.io)
- [Kion Privacy Policy](#)

Contract and Pricing: Email netplus@internet2.edu to request documentation to review or to start the procurement process

Service Evaluation Process

The [NET+ Service Evaluation](#) process is a member driven approach to evaluate cloud services to ensure they meet common standards for the research and education community. Kion entered into the NET+ Service Evaluation process in May, 2022 and an agreement was signed in October 2022. [Read here about](#) the process that surfaced this innovative product to the community and the work that has been done to launch the newest member of the NET+ portfolio. An October 2022 webinar provided an overview of the service evaluation process and launched this new NET+ offering. Watch the recording and review the slides in [the webinar folder](#).

Twelve geographically diverse, public and private universities, completed the evaluation of a number of aspects of the Kion offering, with a focus on capabilities provided in their offering and priorities identified by the service evaluation team. These areas included:

- Developed a business model that helps institutions manage budgets and the current economic climate
- Building scalable higher education specific contractual terms and pricing

Status by Category	Status Indicator	% Complete	Status
Initiation	G	100%	The service evaluation kicked off on May 11, 2022

NET+ Kion Early Adopter Group

- James Bennett, Indiana University
- Matthew Rich, Northwestern University
- Jamal Tate, Penn State University
- Mark Ratliff, Princeton University
- Tim Champ, University of Maryland - Baltimore County
- Todd Haddaway, University of Maryland - Baltimore County
- Geoff Allen, Washington State University
- John Pratt, Old Dominion University
- Shruthi Sreenivasa Murthy, St. Louis University
- Maureen Donlin, St. Louis University
- Joseph Rafferty, Texas A&M University
- Tim Morgan, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Dean Dang, University of Illinois - Chicago
- Mike Gosz, Illinois Institute of Technology
- Brad Kaufman, University of Minnesota - Carlson School of Management
- Ray Boatwright, University of Maryland - Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security (ARLIS)
- Bob Flynn, Internet2 (staff support)
- Nidhi Yadav, Internet2 (staff support)
- Randy Shore, Kion (partner liaison)

Questions about the Program?

- Email: Internet2 NET+ Program Manager Nidhi Yadav nyadav@internet2.edu
- NET+ Kion is now available. Email netplus@internet2.edu to request documentation to review or to start the procurement process

Service and Program Posts and Recordings

- Higher-ed-focused Kion Product Demo ([recording](#)) - Jan 11, 2022
- NET+ Kion Service Evaluation recap and program release ([slides and recording](#)) - Oct 18, 2022
- [Kion Checks All the Boxes](#) blog post about the community need that led Internet2 to engage with Kion. - Oct 3, 2022

Functional Assessment	G	100%	Functional Assessment workgroup began its work on June 2, 2022. The final report and assets are here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NET+ Kion Functional Evaluation Final Report • NET+ Kion Functional Evaluation Matrix • NET+ Kion Supplemental Functional Evaluation Results
Security	G	100%	Security Assessment workgroup began its work in July 2022. Work in progress. The final report is available here: NET+ Kion Security & Compliance Evaluation Summary
Accessibility	G	100%	Accessibility Assessment workgroup began its work on July 2022. The final report is available here: NET+ Kion Accessibility Evaluation
Identity Integration	G	100%	Identity integration workgroup kicked off in July 2022. Work in progress. The final report is available here: Campus Identity Guidance for NET+ Kion
Network Integration	G	100%	Not Applicable
Business & Legal	G	100%	Business & Legal workgroup kicked off on July 21, 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business model final report • NET+ Kion Agreement & NET+ Kion Pricing (available to eligible institutions upon request to netplus@internet2.edu)

- Achieving Multi-Cloud Control and the Freedom to Innovate - A webinar by Washington State University and Princeton describing how they are using Kion to bring order to their multi-cloud environments ([slides and recording](#)) - Mar 1, 2023

NET+ Kion Evaluation Participants (Leads)

- Rick Rhoades, Penn State University (sponsor)
- Rob Larmon, Loyola Marymount University
- Erik Lundberg, University of Washington
- Tim Champ, University of Maryland Baltimore County
- Stephen Adalpe, University of Chicago
- Sam Porter, University of Maryland
- Kyle Weeks, University of Minnesota
- Matthew Rich, Northwestern University
- Mark Ratliff, Princeton University
- Andrew Marcontelli, Texas A&M University
- James Bennett, Indiana University
- Gus Mamakos, Carnegie Mellon University
- Bob Flynn (bflynn@internet2.edu), Internet2