



## Alma / Primo - IT Overview

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# Agenda

- Alma / Primo overview
- Implementation project timeline
- Third party integrations
- Updates to Library websites
- Documentation for more information

# What is Alma and Primo?

- Alma is a SaaS next-generation library system
  - Supports entire suite of library operations
  - Unified resource management (print and electronic)
  - Scalable for all sizes of academic and technical libraries
  - Optimized workflows for library systems, such as CCCL
  - Used by library staff
- Primo is a user interface
  - End-user's primary interaction with the library
  - Customizable to match college branding
  - Standardized to ensure a consistent experience across all libraries

# Alma / Primo Implementation Project Timeline

- Vanguard Phase
  - 4 months (Sep 2018 to Jan 2019)
  - 11 institutions
  - Participate in a round of data migration
  - Gain access to Alma and Primo
  - Perform initial test integrations (proof of concept)
- Implementation Phase (Feb 2019 to Jan 2020)
  - All institutions including vanguard libraries
  - Two rounds of data migration
  - Gain access to prod Alma in Apr 2019
  - Perform integration configuration and testing (Apr to Oct 2019)
  - Rolling Go Lives (Dec 2019 to Jan 2020)

# Vanguard Colleges

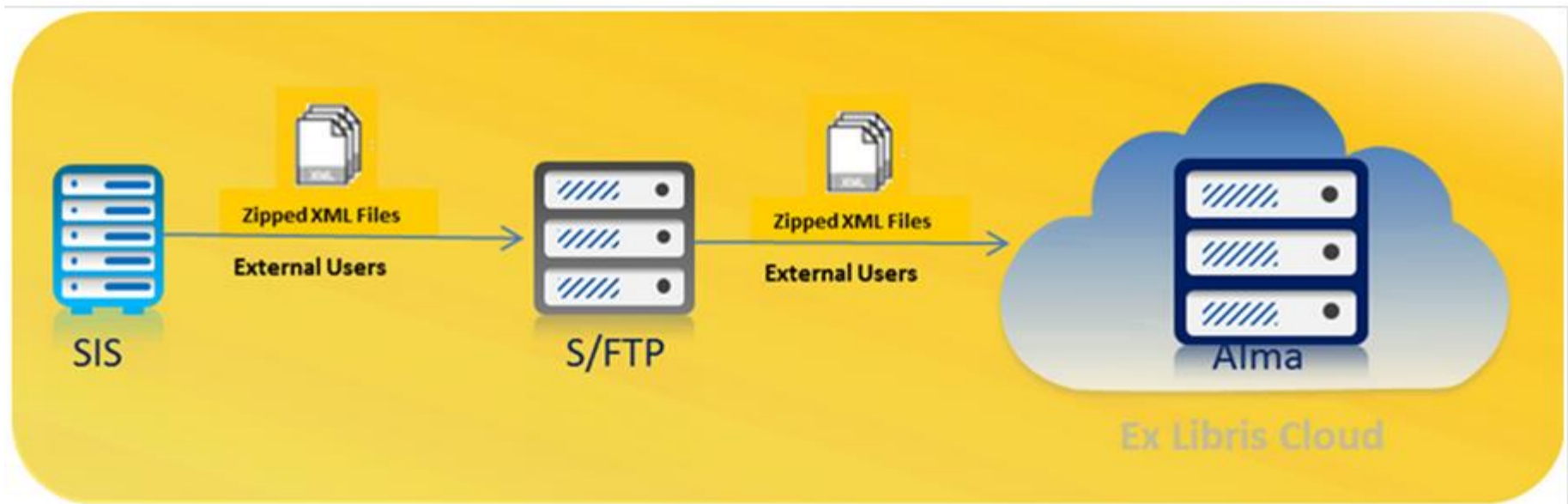
1. Allan Hancock College
2. City College of San Francisco
3. Cypress College
4. East Los Angeles College
5. Foothill College
6. Long Beach City College
7. Los Angeles Pierce College
8. Oxnard College
9. Pasadena City College
10. Santa Rosa Junior College
11. Shasta College

# Third Party Integrations

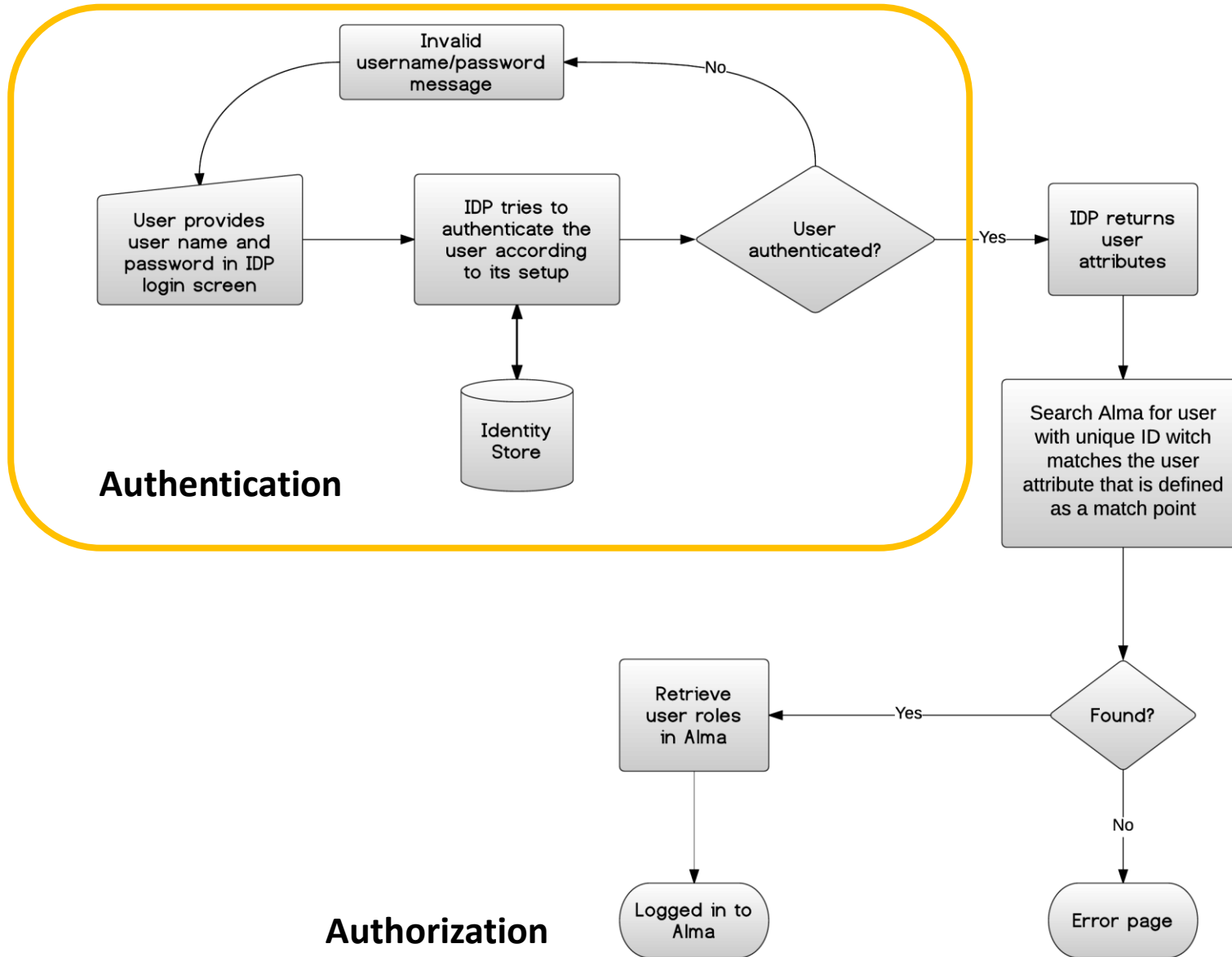
- Making a connection in Alma to an external system
  - Perform a task and return to Alma (authentication)
  - Send or receive information (file-based or API-based)
    - Flat file is preferred during implementation period to reduce risk
- Primary Types (that may require your assistance)
  - SIS Student Information System
    - Colleague, Banner, PeopleSoft, homegrown systems
  - Authentication
    - Connection to systemwide student account
  - Bursar integration for Fines/Fees
    - Connection to campus ERP system

## SIS Integration in Alma

- An XML file from the Student Information System is zipped and uploaded to a predefined S/FTP location (locally managed).
- Alma fetches the zip file, parses it, and updates External (to Alma) users according to the input file and the parameters defined in the Alma SIS integration profile.



# Authentication in Alma and Primo





# Updates to Library Websites

- Go Live (Dec 2019 to Jan 2020)
  - Libraries will begin using Alma in production
  - End user's primary interface to Alma will be via an embedded search box on the library website
  - Ex Libris will provide basic code for the search box
  - Libraries may need assistance in
    - Customizing the code to meet their college's branding
    - Adding the code to the library website
    - Testing to ensure that the code works correctly
    - Releasing the new website

# Documentation

- Integrations with External Systems
  - [Alma documentation link](#)
  - [Developer integrations link](#)
- SIS Student Information Systems
  - [Alma configuration link](#)
  - [Developer integrations link](#)
- Authentication
  - [Alma documentation link](#)
  - [Developer integrations link](#)