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## External Credential Integration With Trust-Slope Integrity

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The biological identity architecture does not exist in isolation. Organizations have existing credential systems, certificate authorities, and identity providers. External credential integration bridges these systems by accepting external credentials as supplementary identity signals while maintaining the trust-slope integrity of the biological identity framework. External credentials contribute to but never replace biological continuity.

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### What It Is

External credential integration defines how traditional identity artifacts such as certificates, tokens, passwords, and third-party identity assertions interact with the biological trust slope framework. External credentials are treated as additional identity signals that can supplement but never substitute for biological continuity.

The integration is asymmetric by design: biological identity can validate external credentials, but external credentials cannot override biological identity requirements.

## Why It Matters

No identity system can demand that all existing infrastructure be replaced simultaneously. Organizations must be able to integrate biological identity alongside existing systems during transition periods. External credential integration enables this coexistence without compromising the security properties of either system.

## How It Works

External credentials are mapped to trust contributions through credential-specific adapters. A valid PKI certificate might contribute a fixed amount to the trust slope. A successful OAuth authentication might contribute less. The contribution is governed by policy that specifies the trust weight, validity conditions, and expiration behavior of each external credential type.

The biological trust slope always remains the primary identity substrate. External credentials can accelerate trust accumulation but cannot create identity where no biological continuity exists.

## What It Enables

Credential integration enables incremental adoption where organizations can begin using biological identity alongside existing systems, gradually increasing reliance on biological continuity as trust in the system builds. It supports interoperability with regulatory frameworks that mandate specific credential types while maintaining the stronger security guarantees of biological identity.

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Identity from behavioral continuity. No stored templates. No keys.

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