

Open Source vs Enterprise IGA Comparison

A vendor-agnostic, technical evaluation for Identity teams
considering IGA implementation in 2026



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Executive Summary



Why This Comparison Matters

Identity Governance and Administration (IGA) is the backbone of any zero-trust architecture. As regulatory pressure increases and identity sprawl accelerates, choosing the right IGA platform requires an objective, technical assessment grounded in verifiable data, not vendor marketing.



Governance Depth

Access certification campaigns, segregation of duties enforcement, and policy-driven role management across all platforms.



Connector Ecosystem

Provisioning integrations with Active Directory, SAP, cloud platforms, SaaS apps, and custom SCIM endpoints.



Architecture & Scale

Component design, storage backends, clustering, and ability to handle millions of identity objects.



Real-World Fit

Matching platforms to actual use cases: compliance-heavy, cloud-first, hybrid infrastructure, or budget-constrained.

Open Source IGA



Platform Overview & GitHub Statistics

MP

Evolveum MidPoint

EUPL-1.2

Comprehensive IGA platform with full identity lifecycle management, access certification campaigns, role mining, SoD policy enforcement, and AI-driven outlier detection. ConnId connector framework for 80+ integrations.

472 Stars **219** Forks **45K+** Commits **v4.10** Latest

Java 97.6%

PostgreSQL

ConnId

Apache Wicket

AS

Apache Syncope

Apache 2.0

Apache Foundation IdM with SSO Server via Apereo CAS (WA component), BPMN 2.0 workflow engine (Flowable), and secure remote access gateway. Extensible Any Object model for non-identity entities.

320 Stars **200** Forks **46** Contributors **v4.0.4** Latest

Java 95%

OpenJPA

ConnId

Flowable BPMN

OI

OpenIAM

GPL v3 (CE)

Converged IGA and IAM platform with microservice architecture. Includes SSO, MFA, adaptive authentication, and self-service portal. Community Edition is open source, Enterprise adds advanced features. Primary codebase is not hosted on GitHub - stats below reflect only the GitHub org.

3 Stars **2** Forks **15+ yrs** In Market **v4.x** Latest

Java

Microservices

Kubernetes

Terraform

Enterprise IGA

Commercial Platforms & Capabilities



SP

SailPoint Identity Security

Commercial

Market-leading IGA with AI-powered access modeling, role recommendations, and certification campaigns. Atlas SaaS platform (IdentityNow) plus on-prem IdentityIQ. Trusted by 53% of Fortune 500.

AI/ML Core Engine **200+** Connectors **SaaS + IIQ** Deployment **Leader** Gartner MQ

Atlas Platform

BeanShell Rules

SCIM

SOAR

SV

Saviynt Enterprise Cloud

Commercial

Converged IGA + PAM on a single cloud-native platform. Fine-grained application access governance for SAP, Epic, Oracle. Native non-human identity management and identity security posture management (ISPM).

IGA+PAM Converged **100+** Integrations **SaaS** Cloud-Native **4 Years** Gartner Choice

Saviynt Intelligence

JIT Access

ISPM

NHI

ME

Microsoft Entra ID Governance

Subscription

Cloud-native IGA integrated into the Microsoft Entra suite. Entitlement management with access packages, lifecycle workflows (joiner/mover/leaver), PIM for just-in-time privileged access, and AI-powered access reviews.

Entra Suite Platform **Hundreds** App Gallery **Azure** Cloud **Copilot AI** Reviews

Access Packages

PIM

Lifecycle Workflows

Copilot

Architecture Comparison



Open Source - Core Components & Design

MidPoint

ARCHITECTURE TYPE

Monolithic Java app with full clustering and HA support

CORE COMPONENTS

- Model (business logic)
- Provisioning engine
- Repository (SQL store)
- GUI (Wicket admin/self-svc)

STORAGE

PostgreSQL (primary), generic JDBC

Apache Syncope

ARCHITECTURE TYPE

5-component modular design with service discovery

CORE COMPONENTS

- Core (REST API + logic)
- Console (admin UI)
- WA (SSO via CAS)
- SRA (API gateway)

STORAGE

PostgreSQL, MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle via OpenJPA

OpenIAM

ARCHITECTURE TYPE

Microservice-based with Kubernetes orchestration

CORE COMPONENTS

- Governance engine
- Workflow engine
- Self-service portal
- SSO/MFA engine

STORAGE

Relational DB (deployment-configured)

Capability	MidPoint	Syncope	OpenIAM
Connector Framework	ConnId (80+)	ConnId	Proprietary
SSO Integration	SAML/OIDC	SAML/OIDC	Native
Workflow Engine	Built-in	Flowable BPMN	Built-in
REST API	Full	Jakarta RS	Full
HA / Clustering	Native	Zookeeper	K8s
Deployment Model	On-prem / Docker / K8s	On-prem / Docker	On-prem / K8s

Architecture Comparison



Enterprise - Platform Design & Integration

SailPoint

ARCHITECTURE TYPE

Multi-tenant SaaS (Atlas) + on-prem Java (IdentityIQ)

CORE COMPONENTS

- Atlas microservices
- Connectivity fabric
- AI/ML engine
- Common data model

RULES ENGINE

BeanShell (IIQ), SaaS transforms (ISC)

Saviynt

ARCHITECTURE TYPE

Cloud-native SaaS, unified IGA + PAM platform

CORE COMPONENTS

- Identity Warehouse
- Saviynt Intelligence (AI)
- PAM vault
- Saviynt Exchange

HYBRID CONNECT

Virtual Appliance for on-prem resources

Entra ID Gov

ARCHITECTURE TYPE

Cloud-native, integrated into Microsoft Entra / Azure AD

CORE COMPONENTS

- Entitlement management
- Lifecycle workflows
- Access reviews
- PIM (privileged)

HYBRID CONNECT

Azure AD Connect for on-prem AD/LDAP

Capability	SailPoint	Saviynt	Entra ID Gov
Connector Framework	200+ connectors	100+ connectors	App Gallery
SSO Integration	yes	yes	yes, Entra ID native
Workflow Engine	SaaS transforms	Built-in	Lifecycle Workflows
REST API	Full (V3 / Beta)	Full	Microsoft Graph
HA / Clustering	SaaS managed	SaaS managed	Azure managed
Deployment Model	SaaS + On-prem	SaaS only	Cloud only

Feature Matrix



Open Source - Detailed Capability Comparison

Feature	MidPoint	Syncope	OpenIAM
IDENTITY LIFECYCLE			
Joiner/Mover/Leaver	✓ Full automation	✓ Workflow-based	✓ Automated
HR Source Integration	✓ CSV/LDAP/REST	✓ CSV/REST pull	○ CSV import
Self-Service Portal	✓ Built-in	✓ End-user UI	✓ Built-in
GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE			
Access Certification	✓ Campaigns	○ Basic	✓ Campaigns
Segregation of Duties	✓ Policy rules	○ Basic	✓ Detection
Role Mining	✓ AI-assisted	No	No
Audit Trail	✓ Full + SIEM	✓ Full	✓ Full
PROVISIONING & PAM			
Automated Provisioning	✓ ConnId 80+	✓ ConnId	✓ 20+ connectors
PAM Integration	No native PAM	No native PAM	No native PAM
Just-in-Time Access	○ Via policy	No	No
ADVANCED			
Non-Human Identities	✓ Service accounts	○ Basic	No
Outlier Detection	✓ AI-driven	No	No
ISPM	No	No	No

Feature Matrix



Enterprise - Detailed Capability Comparison

Feature	SailPoint	Saviynt	Entra ID Gov
IDENTITY LIFECYCLE			
Joiner/Mover/Leaver	✓ Full automation	✓ Full automation	✓ Lifecycle Workflows
HR Source Integration	✓ Workday, SAP	✓ Workday, SAP	✓ Workday, SF
Self-Service Portal	✓ Shopping cart	✓ Request portal	✓ My Access
GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE			
Access Certification	✓ AI-powered	✓ AI-powered	✓ AI suggestions
Segregation of Duties	✓ Policy-based	✓ Continuous	✓ Access packages
Role Mining	✓ AI-powered	✓ Intelligence	○ Dynamic groups
Audit Trail	✓ Full + analytics	✓ Full + SIEM	✓ Azure Monitor
PROVISIONING & PAM			
Automated Provisioning	✓ 200+ connectors	✓ 100+ connectors	✓ App Gallery
PAM Integration	○ Separate add-on	✓ Converged	✓ PIM native
Just-in-Time Access	○ Via workflow	✓ Native JIT	✓ PIM JIT
ADVANCED			
Non-Human Identities	✓ Machine + AI agent	✓ NHI module	○ Preview
Outlier Detection	✓ AI analytics	✓ Risk scoring	○ Identity Protection
ISPM	○ Analytics	✓ Native	○ Secure Score

Deployment



Open Source - Requirements & Complexity

MidPoint

OPTIONS

- Standalone JAR
- Docker / Docker Compose
- Kubernetes (auto-scaling)

REQUIREMENTS

- JDK 17+
- PostgreSQL
- 4 GB RAM min

SCALE

Millions of identities with clustering

Apache Syncope

OPTIONS

- WAR deployment
- Docker (official images)
- Helm charts (K8s)

REQUIREMENTS

- JDK 21+
- PostgreSQL / MariaDB / Oracle
- 8 GB RAM min

SCALE

Millions via JPA persistence tuning

OpenIAM

OPTIONS

- RPM packages
- Kubernetes / OpenShift
- Terraform (cloud IaaS)

REQUIREMENTS

- Java runtime
- Relational DB
- 8 GB RAM min

SCALE

Enterprise-grade via microservices

Deployment Complexity

MidPoint



High - Requires IGA expertise

Apache Syncope



Moderate - Java/Jakarta EE

OpenIAM



Moderate - K8s/RPM options

All three platforms require identity domain expertise. MidPoint has the steepest learning curve but offers the deepest IGA functionality. Syncope benefits from Apache Foundation documentation standards. OpenIAM provides commercial support for its Enterprise Edition.

Deployment



Enterprise - Requirements & Complexity

SailPoint

OPTIONS

- ISC: Multi-tenant SaaS
- IIQ: On-prem (Java/Tomcat)
- VA for hybrid connect

VENDOR SUPPORT

- Professional services
- 24/7 support tiers
- Partner ecosystem

SCALE

Fortune 500, millions of identities

Saviynt

OPTIONS

- Cloud-native SaaS only
- VA for on-prem resources
- Multi-region availability

VENDOR SUPPORT

- Customer success team
- Saviynt Exchange
- Implementation partners

SCALE

Enterprise-scale, elastic cloud

Entra ID Gov

OPTIONS

- Azure cloud (SaaS only)
- AD Connect for hybrid
- LDAP/SQL on-prem connectors

VENDOR SUPPORT

- Microsoft Unified Support
- Vast partner network
- Microsoft Learn docs

SCALE

Azure-scale, millions of users

Implementation Complexity

SailPoint



High - Major implementation project

Saviynt



High - SaaS simplifies infra

Entra ID Gov



Moderate - If already on Azure

Enterprise IGA is never "plug and play". Even SaaS platforms require significant configuration: role models, approval workflows, connector setup, access policies, and certification campaigns. Budget 3-12 months for full implementation depending on organizational complexity.

Use Cases



Matching Platform to Requirements (1/2)



Mid-Size Enterprise, On-Prem

5,000-50,000 identities, compliance requirements (SOX, HIPAA), existing on-prem Active Directory, limited budget for licensing.

BEST FIT

MidPoint

Apache Syncope



Heavy Compliance (SOX/HIPAA)

Regulated industry requiring access certification campaigns, full audit trails, SoD enforcement, and policy-based role assignment.

BEST FIT

MidPoint

SailPoint

Saviynt



Converged IGA + Access Management

Organization needs SSO, MFA, and identity governance on a single platform. Avoids integrating separate IAM and IGA products. Needs self-service portal, password management, and access request workflows unified under one deployment.

BEST FIT

OpenIAM

Apache Syncope

Saviynt

Use Cases



Matching Platform to Requirements (2/2)



Cloud-First / Microsoft Shop

Organization heavily invested in Microsoft 365 and Azure. Needs governance for cloud identities, SaaS apps, and guest/B2B access.

BEST FIT

Entra ID Governance

Saviynt



Complex ERP Governance

Fine-grained entitlement governance for SAP, Epic, or Oracle applications. Needs transaction-level SoD enforcement across ERP modules.

BEST FIT

Saviynt

SailPoint



Global Enterprise, Multi-Platform Hybrid

100,000+ identities across on-prem AD, multiple cloud providers, SaaS applications, and legacy systems. Needs AI-powered role modeling, automated certification campaigns, machine/non-human identity governance, and vendor SLA support for 24/7 operations.

BEST FIT

SailPoint

Saviynt

MidPoint (with partner support)

Conclusion

Platform Strengths at a Glance



MidPoint

Broadest Open Source IGA

Certification campaigns, SoD, AI-assisted role mining, outlier detection, 80+ ConnId connectors. No SaaS. Strongest governance feature set among OSS options.

Apache Syncope

Converged IdM + SSO

Apache 2.0 licensed with SSO Server (CAS), API gateway, and BPMN workflows. Solid basics but limited governance: basic SoD, basic certification, no role mining or outlier detection.

OpenIAM

Unified IGA + IAM

Microservice platform combining IGA, SSO, MFA, and self-service. Strong JML and certification campaigns, but limited HR integration, no role mining, no PAM, no NHI support.

SailPoint

Market Leader, AI-First

Largest connector catalog (200+), AI-powered role mining and certifications. Dual deployment: SaaS (ISC) or on-prem (IIQ). PAM is a separate add-on, JIT via workflow only.

Saviynt

Converged IGA + PAM

Only platform with native IGA, PAM, and JIT on a single cloud. Native ISPM and NHI module. Strongest converged offering, but SaaS-only deployment.

Entra ID Governance

Microsoft Ecosystem Native

Seamless for Azure/M365 environments. PIM for just-in-time access, lifecycle workflows. Role mining limited to dynamic groups, ISPM limited to Secure Score, NHI still in preview.

Final Verdict

Assessment for Identity Teams



Key Findings

The gap between open source and enterprise IGA has narrowed on core governance (certification, SoD, role mining, audit trail) but remains wide on advanced capabilities. **NHI, ISPM, and converged PAM are enterprise-only differentiators.** Saviynt leads on convergence with native IGA + PAM + JIT + ISPM on a single platform. SailPoint leads on connector breadth (200+). MidPoint is the strongest open source option on governance depth but lacks PAM, JIT, and ISPM.

01

Map your identity landscape

Number of identities, target systems, compliance mandates, and existing infrastructure determine the right IGA platform.

02

Assess team readiness

Open source IGA demands identity domain expertise. Enterprise platforms reduce operational burden with managed services and vendor support.

03

Evaluate total cost of ownership

Open source eliminates licensing but requires skilled staff. Enterprise licensing scales with user count. Factor in implementation, training, and ongoing operations.

Need Help?

Expert IGA & Identity Governance Consulting



IGA Platform Training

Hands-on workshops for identity engineers and governance teams across open source and enterprise IGA



IGA Implementation

Architecture design, connector development, and role model engineering



Governance Operations

Certification campaigns, SoD policy design, and compliance reporting

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