

Initiate a Private Connection in Basic Mode for AzureDevOps Server & Service

Last Modified on 01/15/2026 8:17 pm EST

Note: For Private Connections:

- an instance you have access to is considered a public side.
- an instance you don't have access to is considered a private side: destination instance.

The main difference between private and public connection types is whether the HTTP/HTTPS requests are initiated from one side or from both sides. In this case, HTTP/HTTPS requests are initiated from the destination's private side only.

Introduction

Connections in Basic mode have a set of **Sync Rules**, generated by Exalate. With a Basic connection, you can sync a basic set of work item data: summary, description, comments, attachments, and work item types.

All comments are synced as public comments.

Note: You cannot modify **Sync Rules** in Basic Mode.

If you want to edit/delete Sync Rules, you can upgrade the connection to Visual Mode or Script Mode.

Initiate a Private Connection from Azure DevOps

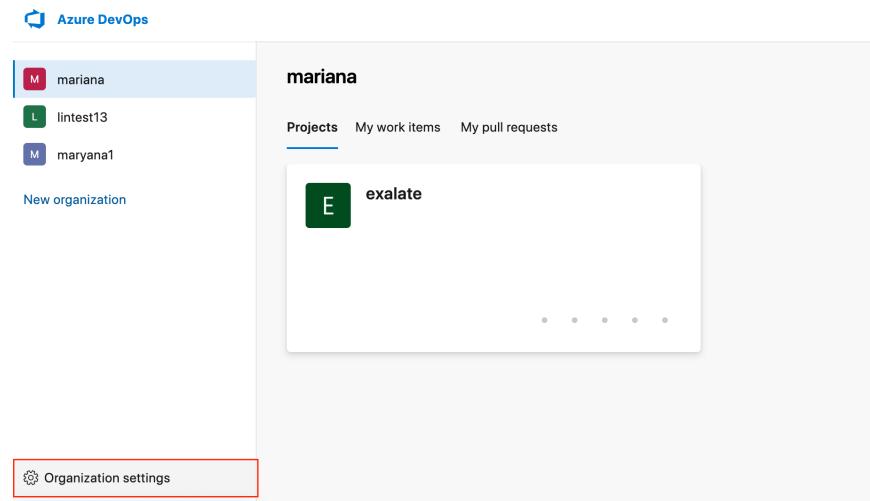
1. Navigate to the **Connections** tab in the Exalate console.

Note: You can also access Exalate with this link:

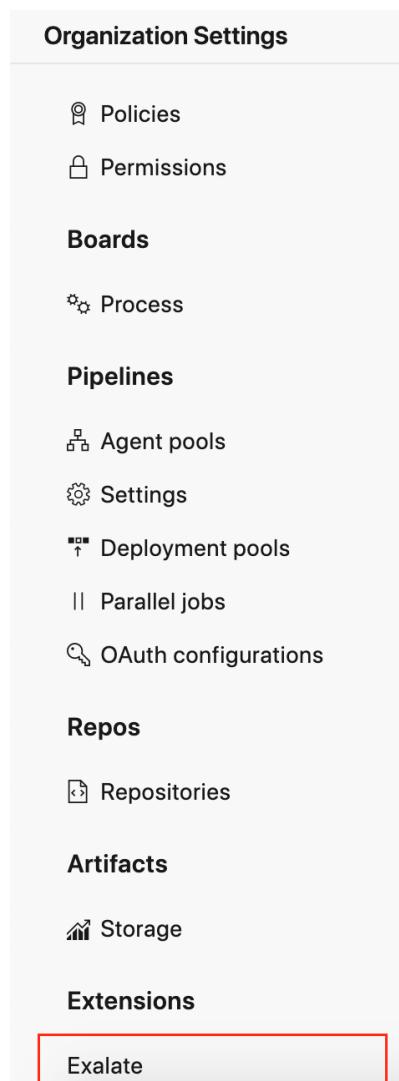
https://dev.azure.com/{your_organization_name}/_settings/idalko-tools.exalate.adnode

To navigate to the **Connections** tab:

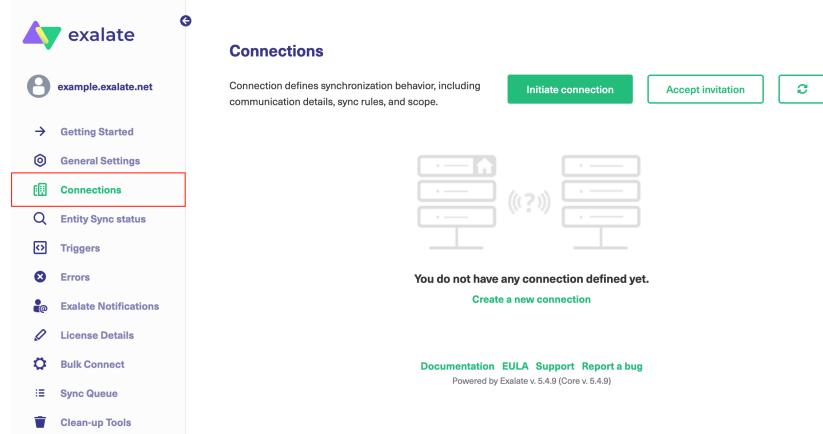
1. Click **Organization settings**.



2. Click **Exalate** in the **Extensions** section.



3. Click **Connections**.

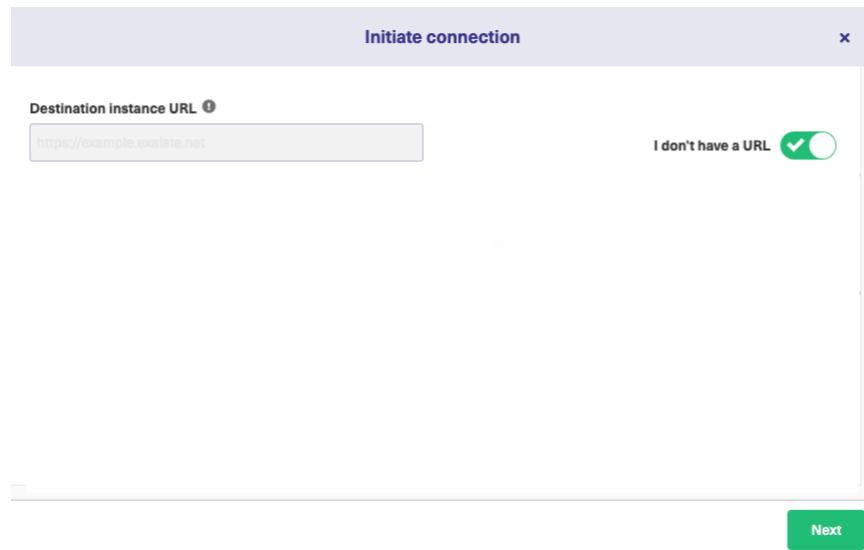


2. Click **Initiate Connection**.



3. Click '**I don't have a URL**'

If the destination instance is in a private network click **I don't have a URL**. Exalate suggests available connection types based on the destination instance's version of Exalate.

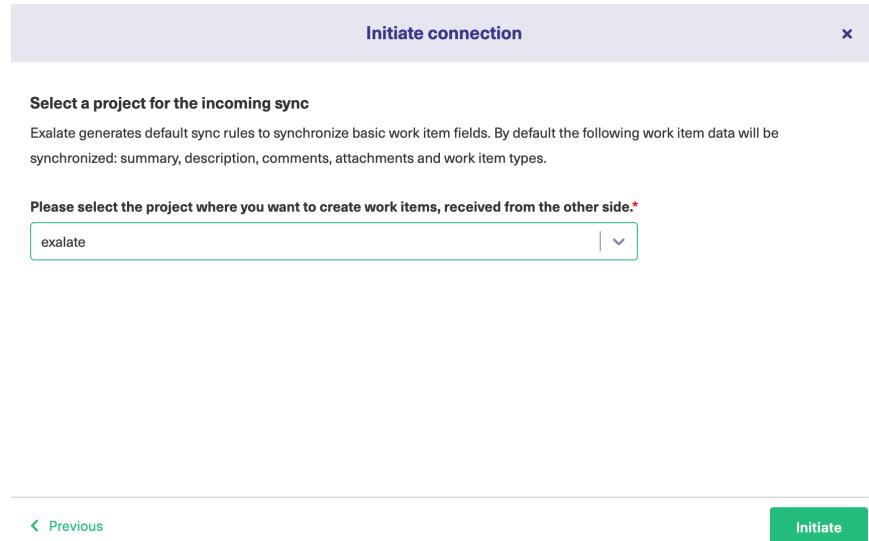


4. Choose a **Basic** connection mode.

5. Click **Next**.

Depending on the configuration mode you have chosen, select the appropriate tab above.

6. Select a project for the incoming sync

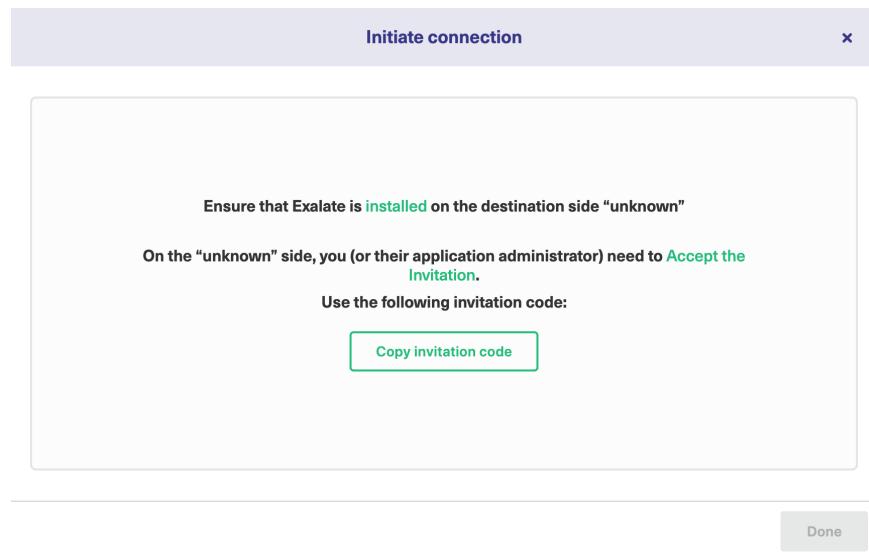


8. Click **Initiate**

Note: As this is a Public-Private connection and you don't have admin access to the other side, you can continue to configure on your end and then send an invitation to your partner.

9. Click **Copy Invitation Code**

Here you can copy the invitation code and send it over to your partner. The destination side is shown as "unknown" since this is a private side.



10. Click **Done**

Once your partner accepts the invitation, you can start synchronization.

Note: When the connection is set up on the Public source side, the Private side administrator should accept the invitation in the Private-Public connection.

[About Us](#) [?](#)
To do so, click on the **Accept invitation** button in the **Connections** tab of the Exalate Admin Console and paste the copied invitation code.

[Release History](#) [?](#)

[Glossary](#) [?](#)

[API Reference](#) [?](#)

[Security](#) [?](#)

[Pricing and Licensing](#) [?](#)

Resources

[Subscribe for a weekly Exalate hack](#) [?](#)

[Academy](#) [?](#)

[Blog](#) [?](#)

[YouTube Channel](#) [?](#)

[Ebooks](#) [?](#)

Still need help?

[Join our Community](#) [?](#)

[Visit our Service Desk](#) [?](#)

[Find a Partner](#) [?](#)