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

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> **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 private side only.

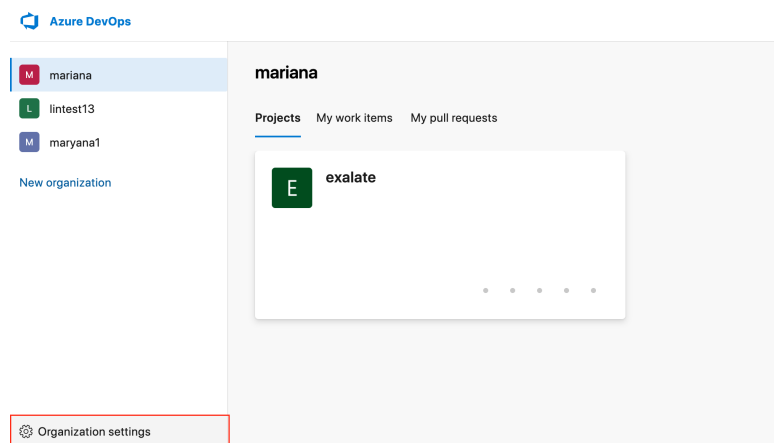## Initiate a Private Connection from Azure DevOps

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

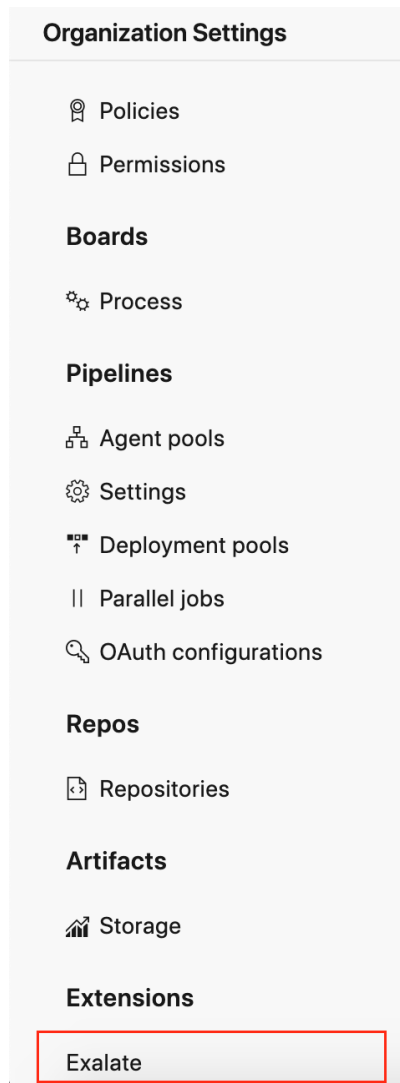> **Note**: You can also access Exalate with this link:
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> https://dev.azure.com/{your_organization_name}/_settings/idalko-tools.exalate.adnode
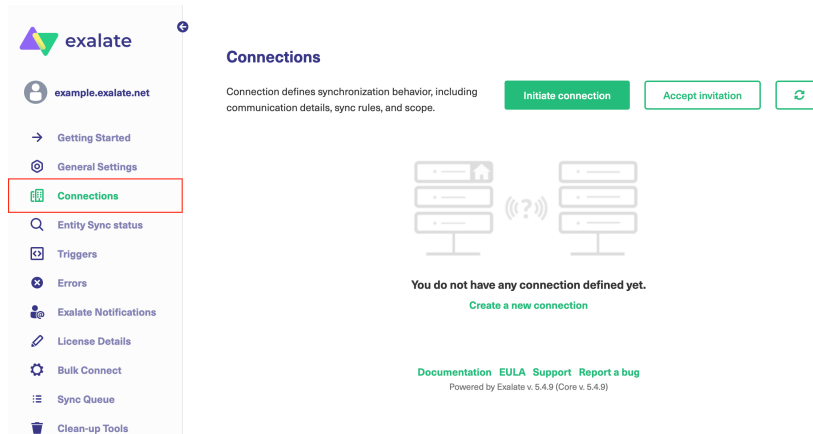> ```

To navigate to the **Connections** tab:

1. Click **Organization settings.**

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

3. Click **Connections.**

2. Click **Initiate Connection**.

Connections

Connection defines synchronization behavior, including communication details, sync rules, and scope.
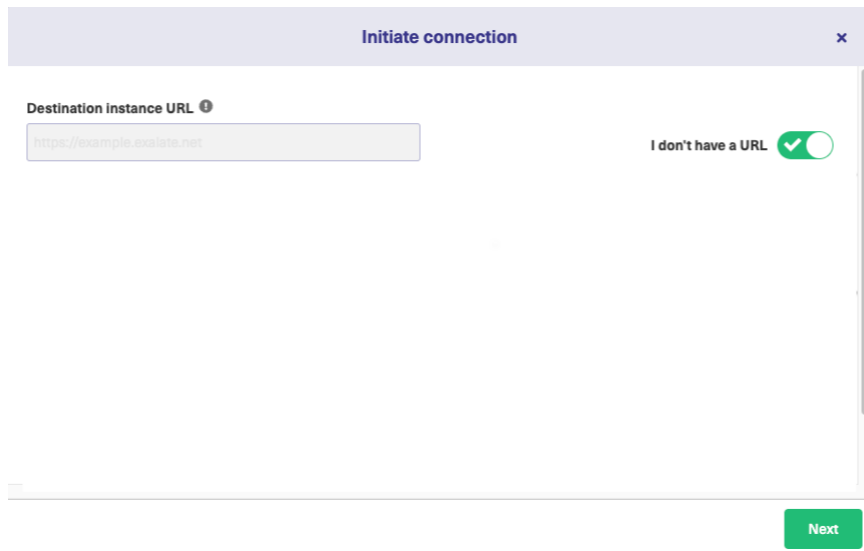
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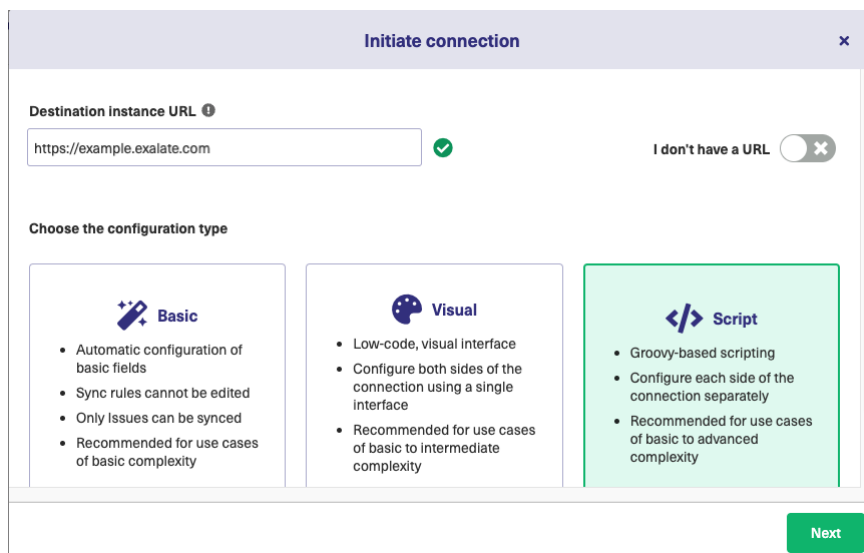
3. Click '**I don't have a URL**'

If the destination instance is in a private network click **I don't have a URL**.

Initiate connection ✕

Destination instance URL ⓘ

https://example.exalate.net

I don't have a URL ✓

Next

4. Choose a **Script** connection mode.

5. Click **Next.**

Initiate connection ✕

Destination instance URL ⓘ

https://example.exalate.com ✓

I don't have a URL ✕

Choose the configuration type

Basic
- Automatic configuration of basic fields
- Sync rules cannot be edited
- Only Issues can be synced
- Recommended for use cases of basic complexity

Visual
- Low-code, visual interface
- Configure both sides of the connection using a single interface
- Recommended for use cases of basic to intermediate complexity

Script
- Groovy-based scripting
- Configure each side of the connection separately
- Recommended for use cases of basic to advanced complexity

Next

6. Enter Connection information and Click **Next**

Field	Description
Local instance short name	A short name for your instance
Destination instance short name	A short name for the destination instance

Field	Description
Connection name	Name of the connection
Description	Description of the connection

Initiate connection   ✕

Connection information

Local instance short name*

Remote instance short name*

❓

Connection name*

Description

‹ Previous   Next

7. Select a project for the incoming sync

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Select a project for the incoming sync

Exalate generates default sync rules to synchronize basic issue fields. You can adapt the sync rules later. By default the following issue data will be synchronized: summary, description, comments, labels and attachments.

Please select the project where you want to create issues, received from the other side.*

Select Project   ⌄

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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 will

be 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.

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