

## Module 2: Integrating with Azure AD Connect

### Lab Overview

In this module, we cover all aspects of Active Directory integration with Azure Active Directory, by using Azure AD Connect. The lab exercise covers the following:

- Registration of an additional Azure Tenant domain name, reflecting the organization's public namespace
- Installation of Azure AD Connect Express Settings
- Synchronization of on-premises AD users/groups to Azure AD, from Azure AD Connect
- Guidelines on AADConnect troubleshooting
- Azure AD Health Portal

## **Prerequisites**

In order to execute the steps in this demo, the following should be set up and configured 'behind the scenes':

a) In the on-premises Active Directory, create a handful of users and groups; these objects will be used later on in other demos as well

## Lab Steps

Exercise 1: Verify public DNS namespace to Azure AD

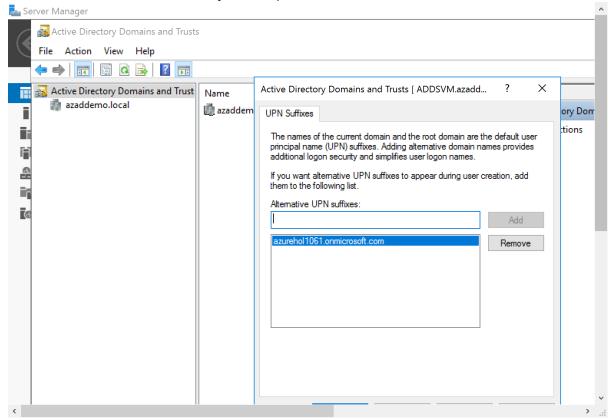
- 1. Connect to <a href="https://portal.azure.com">https://portal.azure.com</a>
- 2. Log on with the admin@tenant.onmicrosoft.com account credentials
- 3. From the Azure Portal, browse to Azure Active Directory section
- 4. From the Settings blade, select "custom domain names", and notice the <tenant>.onmicrosoft.com domain. Here you would add your custom public domain namespace, which we assume is not available for this lab exercise.

Note: Since you don't have a public DNS domain name available for this lab, update the UPN Suffix on the local Active Directory domain to match the one from Azure AD <tenant.onmicrosoft.com>. This to avoid issues in the AAD Connect sync later on.

- 1. From the Azure Portal, browse to Virtual Machines; select the ADDSVM; select Connect to open the RDP Remote Management session to this VM.
- 2. Use the following credentials user = labadmin; pw = L@BadminPa55w.rd
- 3. From the Start Menu, search for Active Directory Domains and Trusts
- 4. From within the Active Directory Domains and Trusts management console, select Active Directory Domains and Trusts (=the highest level in the tree)



- 5. Right click and select Properties; this opens the UPN suffixes tab
- 6. Add the Azure Active Directory namespace here (<tenant.onmicrosoft.com>)



This completes the setup and configuration of a public DNS name space as additional domain in Azure Active Directory.



#### Exercise 2: Deploying Azure AD Connect in the on-premises Active Directory domain

# Run this exercise from within the ADDSVM, to ease the download of the Azure AD Connect tool.

First, we are going to populate our on-premises Active Directory domain with departments,
User groups and User accounts. Connect to the following URL:
<a href="https://pdtitlabsstorage.blob.core.windows.net/templates/createdemousers/CreateDemoUsers.zip">https://pdtitlabsstorage.blob.core.windows.net/templates/createdemousers/CreateDemoUsers.zip</a>

And download the CreateDemoUsers.zip file to your Active Directory Domain Controller VM.

2. Extract the downloaded file, and run the CreateDemoUsers.ps1 PowerShell script, by right clicking on it and selecting "Run with PowerShell".

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Accounts, DC=azaddemo, DC=local".

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VERBOSE: Performing the operation "New" on target "CN=Simon\, Kendra, OU=IL, OUACcounts, DC=azaddemo, DC=local".

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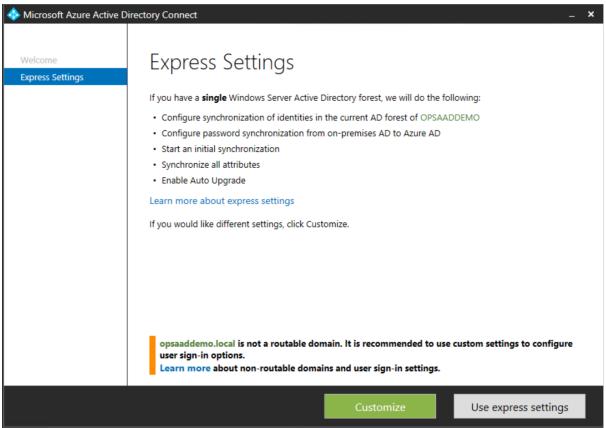
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3. From the Start Menu, open Active Directory Users and Computers, and notice a "Demo Accounts" Organization Unit got created, with several sub-OUs and User accounts.



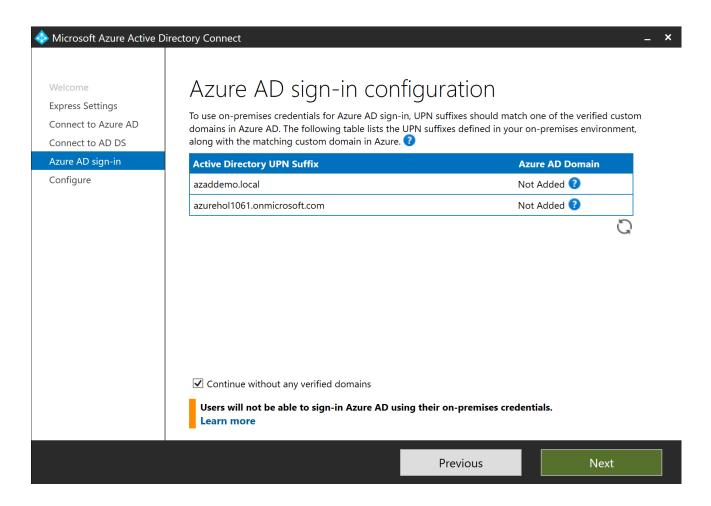
- 4. Wait for the PowerShell script to complete successfully (it should close automatically when finished).
- 5. Log on to the Azure Portal using your Azure subscription admin credentials.
- 6. From the Azure AD Connect section in the Azure AD settings, Click the "Download Azure AD Connect" link, to download the Azure AD Connect tool. (FYI, the direct link is this one: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=47594)
- 7. Start the installation of the Azure AD Connect tool on the Virtual Machine domain controller in Azure. While this is not a requirement out of Azure AD Connect to be installed on a domain controller, we do this in this lab, to minimize needed resources in the Azure trial subscription.

Overall functionality remains the same, whether AADConnect runs on a DC instead of on a member server.



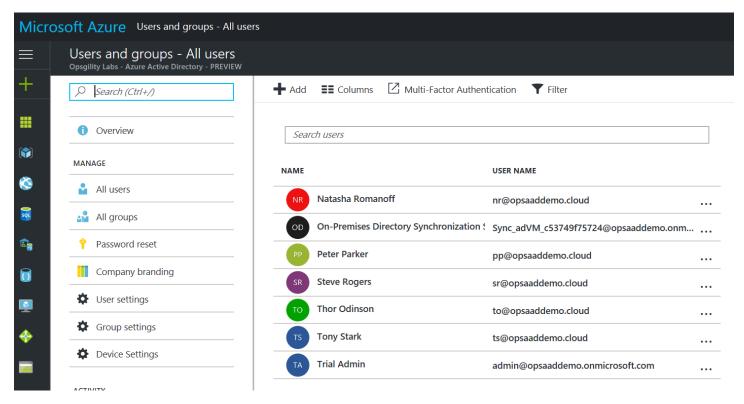
8. Since you are running temporary demo domains in Azure Active Directory, AD Connect will warn you about using non-verified domains. Confirm this is by selecting the "Continue without any verified domains".





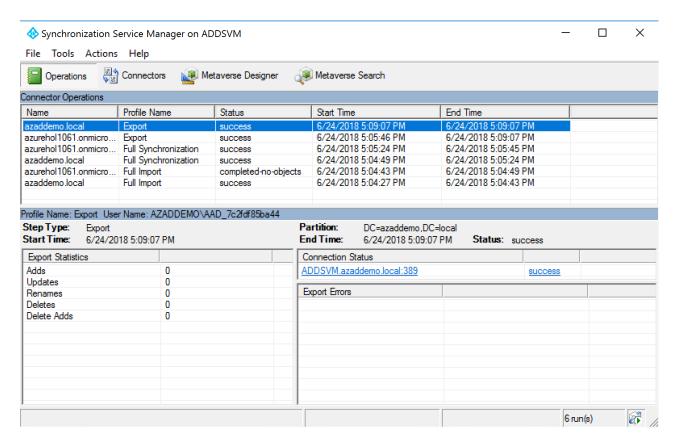
- 9. Continue the setup wizard using the default settings. Note the default behavior where Password Hash sync is set up.
- 10. Finish the Express Settings, and wait for the synchronization to occur and complete. Verify from the Azure AD Portal, the users have been synchronized successfully to Azure AD





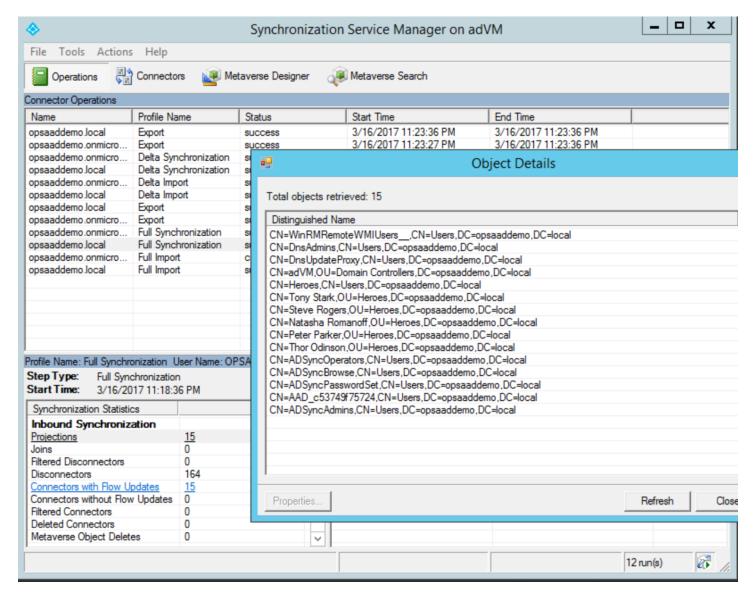
- 11. Go back to the AADConnect Server, where you will use the AADConnect Synchronization Service, which is unknown for many admins, but yet very powerful and helpful when needing to troubleshoot synchronization.
- 12. Start this tool from the following path: C:\Program Files\Microsoft Azure AD Sync\UIShell and start the mijsclient.exe





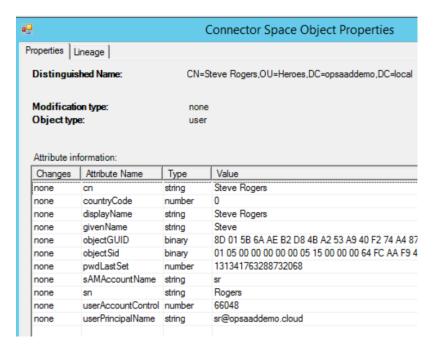
- Explore the different sync cycles, like Full Import at the initial deployment, followed by intermediate delta import and sync jobs.
- 13. Select any of the line items having updates (number of changes) linked to it. In my demo setup, the full synchronization job had 15 updates, based on the AD Object I was having already





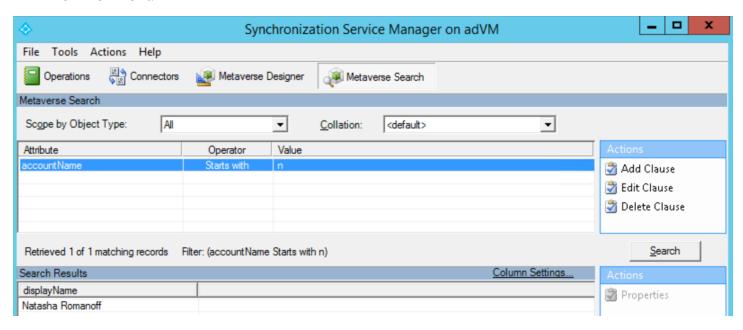
- 14. Select "Projections", which opens up the list of objects retrieved. Notice you recognize the user accounts from the AD OU, by their CommonName.
- 15. Selecting any of the line items / Properties, shows the detailed parameters for the given object





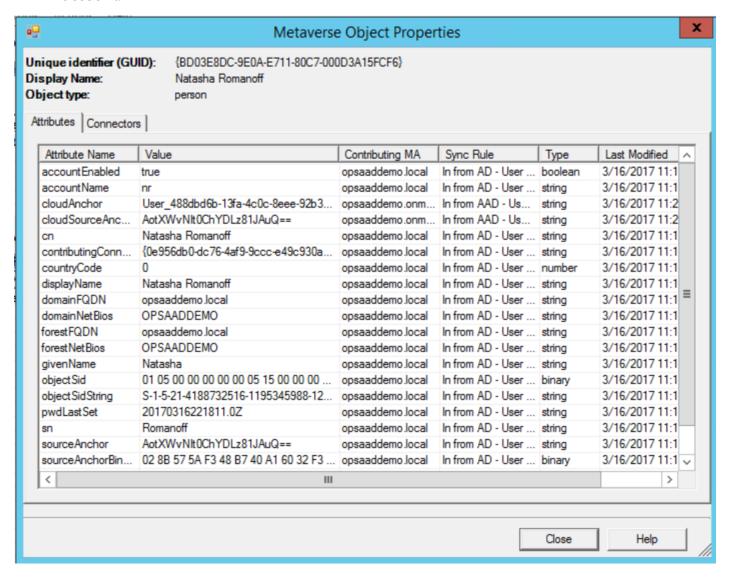
- 16. Close the popup windows, until you are back at the home screen of the Synchronization Service tool. Here, click on the "Metaverse Search" button, followed by selecting Ädd Clause". In the conditions,
- select attribute=accountname;
- operator = starts with
- value = n

The result will show all users starting with a "n" in their displayName filed, out of my demo environment.





17. Select the user / properties, which will expose more detailed parameters for the given user account:



Emphasize again how this operation can help in pinpointing the reason why a given user / users are not being synchronized to Azure AD.

This completes the exercise of Module 2, in which you learned about Azure AD Connect.