

## GALSYNC® v8.5

Quick Start Guide

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#### Introduction

#### **GALsync**

GALsync synchronizes the Global Address List (GAL) between different Exchange environments, which can be on-premises Exchange environments or Exchange Online of Microsoft 365 tenants.

For each Exchange environment, you can configure which mail-enabled objects will be synchronized as mail-enabled contacts to the other Exchange environments. Also, you can configure how the received mail-enabled objects from the other Exchange environments will be synchronized as mail-enabled contacts to your own Exchange environment.

This will make the mail-enabled objects from the other Exchange environments visible as contacts in the Global Address List (GAL).

This **Quick Start Guide** describes with examples how to create an **Environment Configuration** for an Exchange environment and how to configure the policies for export and import between two Exchange environments.

For more information about different synchronization scenarios and the configuration settings, please take a look at the GALsync manual.

#### **GALsync Documentation**

https://www.netsec.de/en/products/galsync/documentation.html

#### contactSync

contactSync synchronizes contacts contained in a Shared Mailbox or in a modern Public Folder into users' mailboxes in the same Exchange environment.

It also synchronizes the Global Address List (GAL) into users' mailboxes, that are in the same environment. Mail-enabled objects in an on-premises Active Directory can be synchronized into Exchange mailboxes in the same Exchange environment and mail-enabled objects in a Microsoft 365 tenant can be synchronized into Exchange mailboxes in the same Exchange environment.

contactSync synchronizes the contacts into a subfolder within the user's mailbox contacts.

Please take a look at the contactSync documentation for additional information.

#### contactSync Documentation

https://www.netsec.de/en/products/contactsync/documentation.html

## **Prerequisites**

## **System Requirements**

Components	Required
OS (64Bit)	Windows Server 2016 Windows Server 2019 Windows Server 2022 Windows Server 2025
Hardware	Processor: minimum dual core RAM: minimum 4GB
Software	.NET Framework 4.8.0 or later Windows PowerShell 5.1 and ExchangeOnlineManagement PowerShell module version 3.6 or later for Exchange Online PowerShell V3
Recommendations	<b>Exchange On-Premises</b> : We recommend to install GALsync on a member server within the domain (e.g., dedicated GALsync server or file server). The machine should be uncritical (e.g., may be restarted without complications). The GALsync server must have a high bandwidth connection to the DC/GC. <b>Exchange Online</b> : See recommendations for on-premises; but you can use also a standalone computer.
Supported Exchange Versions*	Exchange 2013* SP1 and later Exchange 2016* and later Exchange 2019* and later Microsoft 365 Exchange Online

<sup>\*</sup> Microsoft will be stopping support for Exchange 2026 and Exchange 2019 on the 14th October 2025.

Microsoft stopped supporting Exchange 2013 on the 11th April 2023. Microsoft stopped supporting for Windows Server 2012 and Windows Server 2012 R2 on the 10th October 2023.

As much as we would like to keep up compatibility for all versions, we cannot support an Environment, which is no longer supported by the manufacturer.

Microsoft will start blocking EWS requests to Exchange Online on 1st October 2026. https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/blog/exchange/retirement-of-exchange-web-services-in-exchange-online/3924440

#### **Overview**

GALsync requires a service account. The GALsync service account is only a domain user in the Active Directory and has an Exchange mailbox. The mailbox of the GALsync service account can be located at the on-premises Exchange or in Exchange Online.

On your GALsync server, the service account should be the local administrator and it should be possible to log on to the server as this account. Remote desktop connectivity may also be required.

Furthermore, the service account on the GALsync server needs the right to run as a service.

It is recommended to run the GALsync GUI always in the credentials of the local GALsync service account.

This can be confirmed on the information bar at the bottom of the GALsync GUI.



#### **Exchange on-premises and on-premises Active Directory:**

The on-premises GALsync service account needs the permission to create, modify and delete objects and their attributes below your defined Import-OUs of the on-premises Active Directory for synchronizing into an on-premises Exchange environment.

Please take a look at the chapter

**Active Directory Permission for the Import OU (on-premises).** 

#### **Exchange Online:**

Synchronizing directly with Exchange Online, you have the option of user-based authentication or certificate-based authentication. Certificate-based authentication for Exchange Online is recommended so the GALsync service account will not require any additional authorizations.

The certificate-based authentication for Exchange Online is described in the chapter **Exchange Online certificate-based authentication via App Registration** 

### **Service Account (on-premises)**

The on-premises GALsync service account is a domain user of the on-premises Active Directory.

The on-premises service account is a member of the **Local Administrators** group on the Windows Server, where GALsync is installed.

The on-premises service account needs the local right to **run as a service** on the Windows Server, where GALsync is installed. This permission is added to the service account during the installation.

Make sure you can logon as the on-premises service account to the Windows Server, where GALsync is installed. It is likely that the on-premises service account requires membership in the local **Remote Desktop Users** group.

Note: We strongly recommend logging on as the service account to run the GALsync GUI.

The GALsync Service must run in the credentials of the on-premises service account.

In order to install GALsync you need administrative permission. Setup will also install the GALsync Service on the Windows Server you install GALsync on.

Important: If you configure the logon information for the Active Directory domain service account in the GALsync GUI using on-premises Exchange, it will be necessary use the format domain\username.

The on-premises GALsync service account needs the permission to create, modify and delete objects and their attributes below your defined Import-OUs for synchronizing into an on-premises Exchange environment.

Please take a look at the chapter Active Directory Permission for the Import OU (on-premises).

## **Exchange mailbox for the GALsync Service Account**

The GALsync service account needs a licensed Exchange mailbox in the environment.

- GALsync must have direct access to the user mailbox of the service account via Exchange Web Services (EWS) for Exchange on-premises.
- Ensure the mailbox is accessible (e.g., by Outlook Web Access).
- Ensure the mailbox can send to and receive email from the other organization.
- Ensure incoming mail from the other organization does not get caught by your spam filter or firewall.

#### On-premises mailbox

For an on-premises Exchange scenario, the on-premises GALsync service account needs a mailbox located on the on-premises Exchange Server.

#### Exchange Online mailbox

An Exchange Online mailbox for the GALsync service account needs to be licensed with an Exchange Online license in the Microsoft 365 tenant.

For example: Microsoft 365 Business Basic, Exchange Online (Plan 1) or Microsoft 365 E1 license will work for the service account.

#### Local service account on a standalone server

If you run GALsync on a standalone Windows Server, please create a local account for GALsync. This is only valid for Exchange Online cloud-only scenarios.

Please use the local account to configure and run the GALsync Service and the GALsync GUI in the credentials of this local account.

The local account needs the same local permissions as a domain user described above.

The local account will be required to use Modern Authentication for Microsoft 365 Exchange Online. The GALsync Service Account of the Microsoft 365 Exchange Online tenant is independent of this local account.

For example: galsync is a local account of the standalone Windows Server.

Please run also the GALsync GUI in the credentials of this local account.

Important: If you configure the logon information for the local service account in the GALsync GUI, it will be necessary use the format computername\username.

### **Execution Policy (Microsoft 365 Exchange Online)**

If you configure a policy for Microsoft 365 Exchange Online, GALsync needs the parameter **ExecutionPolicy** to be set to **RemoteSigned** for the Windows PowerShell to connect to Exchange Online.

The reason for this is a security setting built into **Windows PowerShell** called execution policy. Execution policy determines how (or if) PowerShell runs scripts. By default, PowerShell's execution policy is set to Restricted; this means that scripts will not run. GALsync requires that scripts can be run.

Get-ExecutionPolicy

http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh849821.aspx

Set-ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned

https://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh849812.aspx

# ExchangeOnlineManagement PowerShell module (Microsoft 365 Exchange Online)

GALsync requires **Windows PowerShell 5.1** and **ExchangeOnlineManagement PowerShell module version 3.6** or later for Exchange Online PowerShell V3.

On the GALsync Server you need to install the **ExchangeOnlineManagement PowerShell module** so GALsync can directly communicate with a Microsoft 365
Exchange Online tenant.

#### Install ExchangeOnlineManagement PowerShell module

On the GALsync Server, open **Windows PowerShell** as **Administrator**, then run the following to install:

```
Install-Module -Name ExchangeOnlineManagement -Force
```

#### When prompted, enter Y for Yes then Return

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
Windows PowerShell
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows

PS C:\Windows\system32> Install-Module -Name ExchangeOnlineManagement -Force

NuGet provider is required to continue
PowerShellGet requires NuGet provider version '2.8.5.201' or newer to interact with NuGet-based repositories. The NuGet provider must be available in 'C:\Program Files\PackageManagement\ProviderAssemblies' or 'C:\Users\Svc_GALsync\AppData\Local\PackageManagement\ProviderAssemblies'. You can also install the NuGet provider by running 'Install-PackageProvider -Name NuGet -MinimumVersion 2.8.5.201 -Force'. Do you want PowerShellGet to install and import the NuGet provider now?

[Y] Yes [N] No [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "Y"): y
PS C:\Windows\system32> ■
```

Please have look at the **Prerequisites for the Exchange Online PowerShell module** chapter of the **Microsoft Docs: About the Exchange Online PowerShell module** 

https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/exchange/exchange-online-powershell-v2?view=exchange-ps#install-the-exchange-online-powershell-module

#### Update ExchangeOnlineManagement PowerShell module

On the GALsync Server, open **Windows PowerShell** as **Administrator**, then run the following to update:

```
Update-Module -Name ExchangeOnlineManagement -Force
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Please have look at the Prerequisites for the Exchange Online PowerShell module chapter of the Microsoft Docs: About the Exchange Online PowerShell module

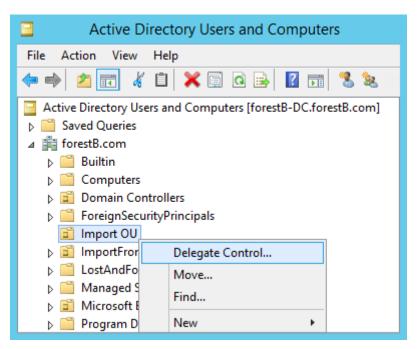
https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/exchange/exchange-online-powershell-v2?view=exchange-ps#update-the-exchange-online-powershell-module

## **Active Directory Permission for the Import OU (on-premises)**

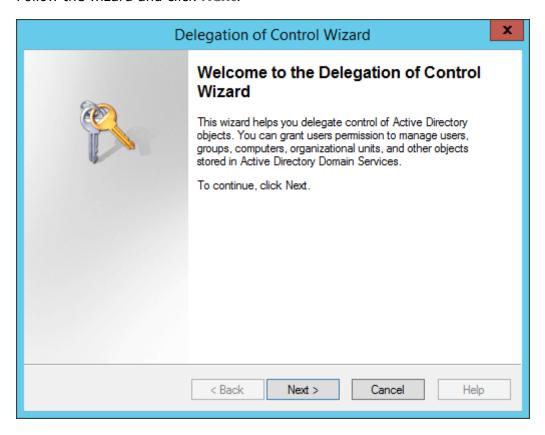
The GALsync Service Account needs write permissions to all Organizational Units where you want to import data to with GALsync.

Note: The resulting permissions must be for "This object and all descendant objects" and for all properties.

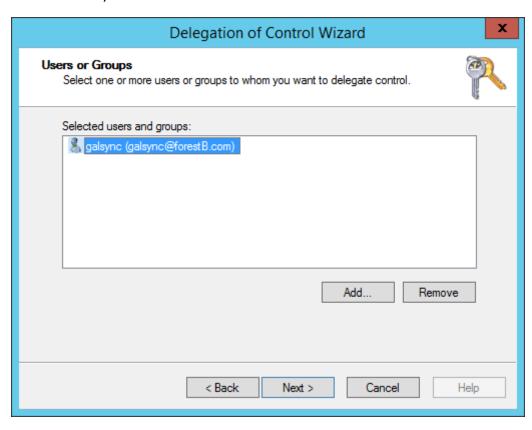
Use **Active Directory Users and Computers**. After creating the OU right-click the OU and choose **Delegate Control**.



Follow the wizard and click Next.



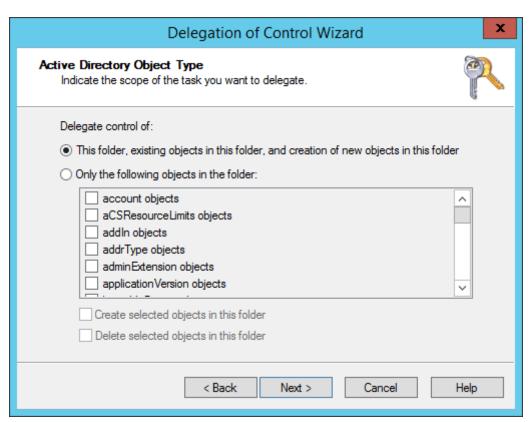
Add the GALsync Service account to the list and click **Next**.



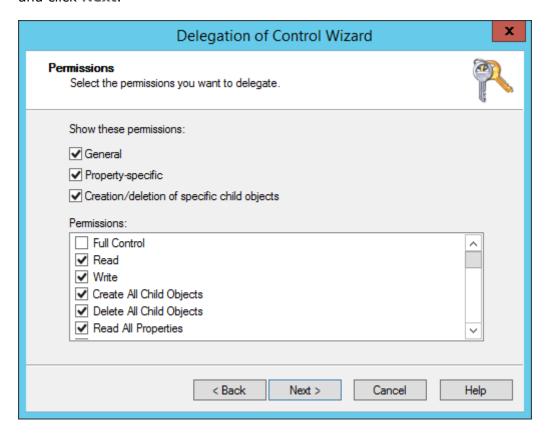
Choose the option **Create a custom task** to delegate and click **Next**.



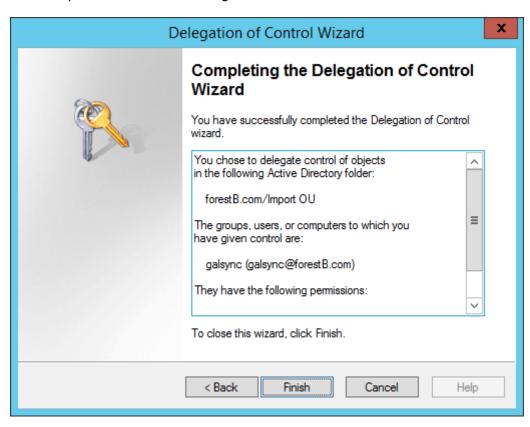
Leave the next window as it is and click Next.

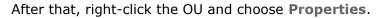


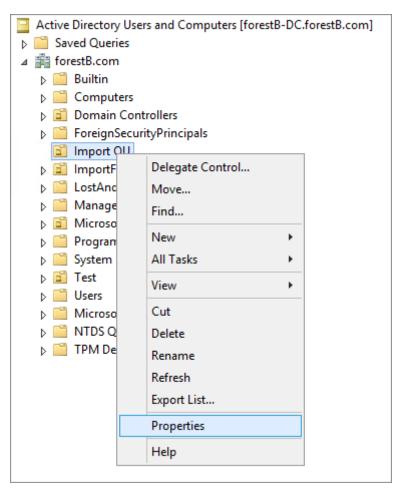
In the next dialog select all permissions exclude **Full Control** in the **Permissions**: list and click **Next**.



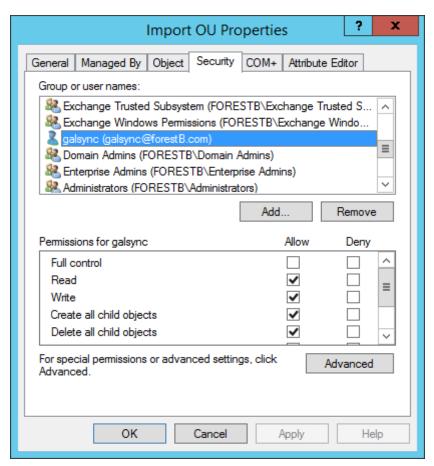
You complete the wizard clicking Finish.



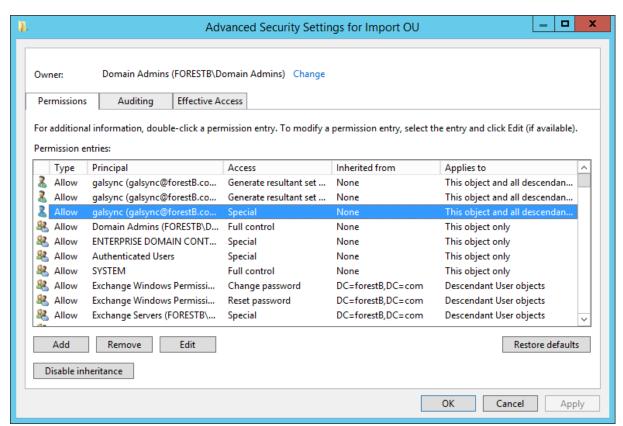




Select the GALsync Service account and click **Advanced**.

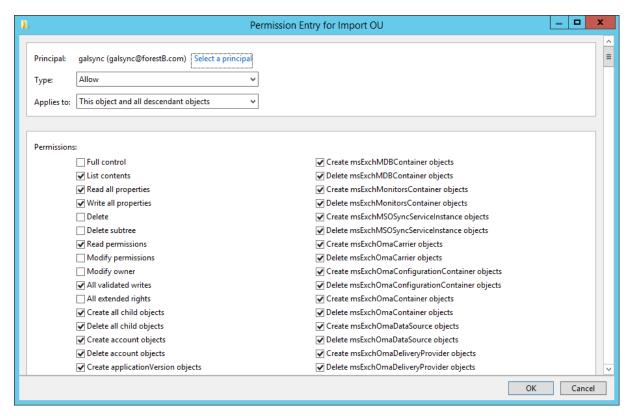


Select the GALsync Service account again and click Edit.

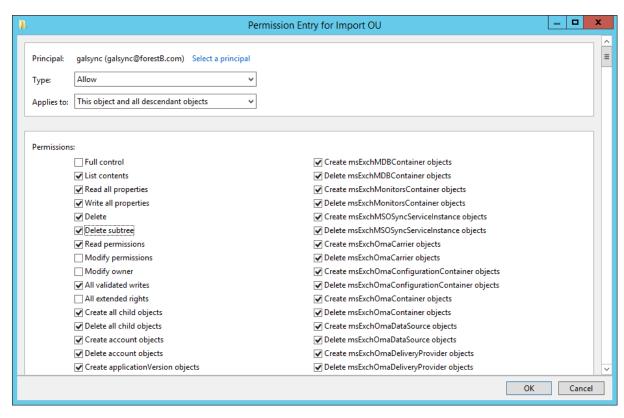


#### Check that the permission applies to:

#### This object and all descendant objects



#### Select the permissions: Delete and Delete subtree

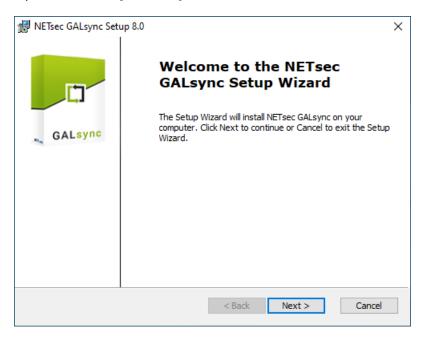


Click **OK** to close all Dialogs.

## **Installation**

## **Install GALsync**

Open the GALsyncSetup.msi file and click Next.



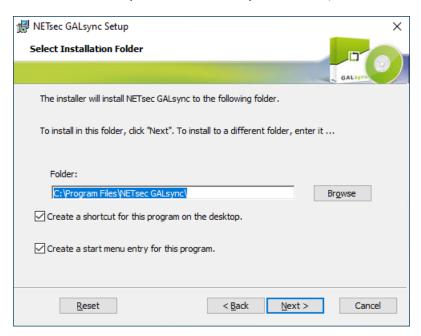
Accept the End-User License Agreement, then click Next.



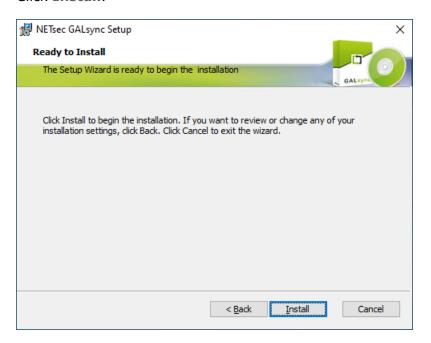
Accept third party license agreement to use the libraries and tools, then click **Next**.



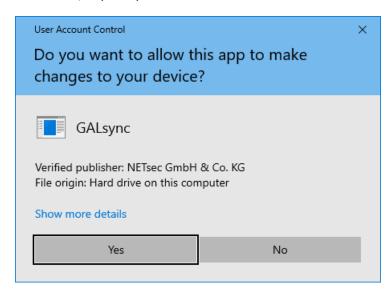
Select the install path for the GALsync binaries, then click **Next**.



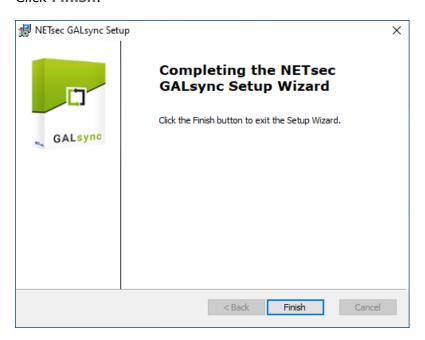
#### Click Install.



## Click **Yes**, if prompted.



#### Click Finish.



## **Configure GALsync Service**

Click the **NETsec GALsync** icon to launch GALsync.



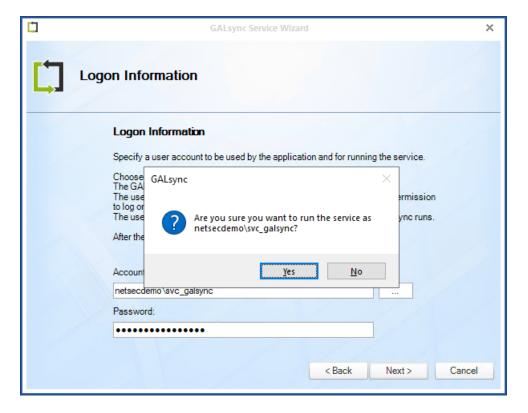
When opened for the first time, the GALsync Service Wizard will open, prompting the user to enter the GALsync Service account credentials.



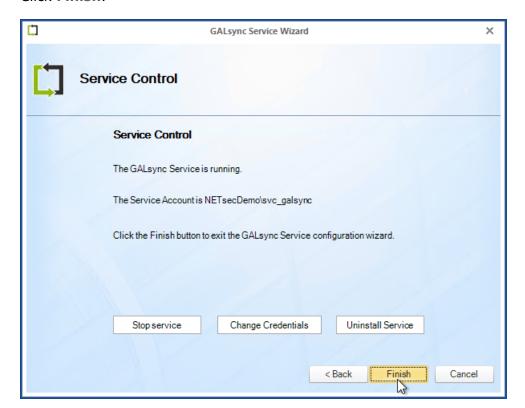
Enter the account credentials in **Domain\Username** format, then click **Next**.



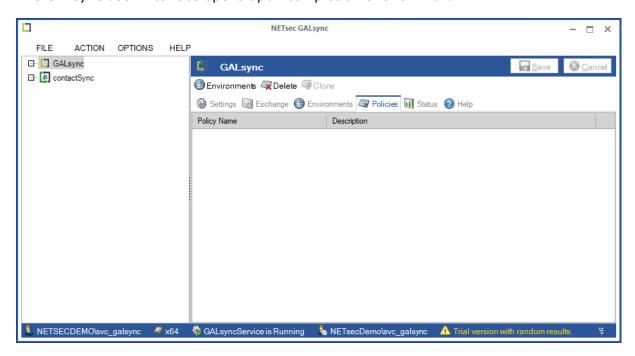
If authentication is successful, the user is prompted to confirm the is the correct account to use. Click **Yes**, then click **Next**.



#### Click Finish.



The GALsync user interface opens upon completion of this wizard.

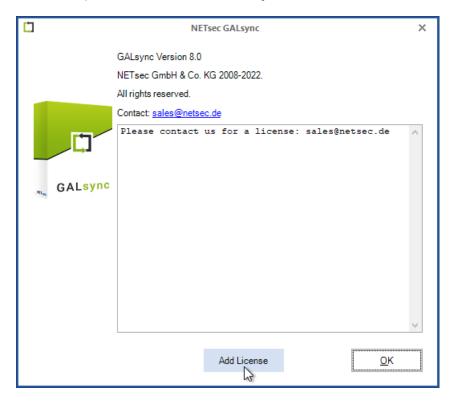


## **Apply GALsync License**

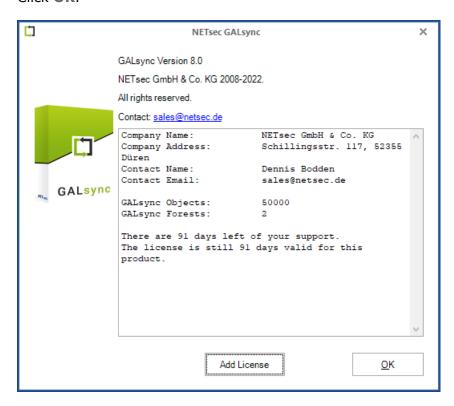
Click the Help menu, then About.



Click **Add license**, then browse to the location where the GALsync license was saved on the server, then select it and click **Open**.



#### Click OK.

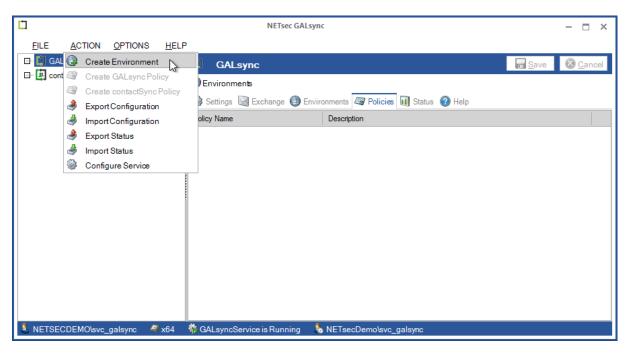


## **Create an Environment Configuration**

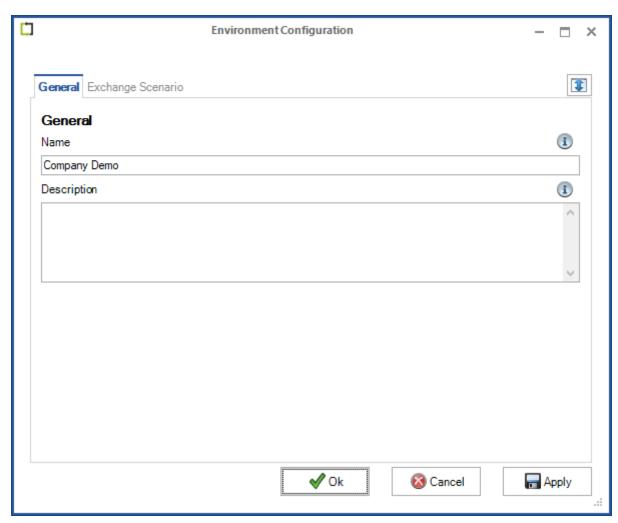
# **Create an Environment Configuration for on-premises Exchange environment**

Important: When creating an environment, it is necessary that you logon to the GALsync server as the GALsync Service account. GALsync uses Windows authentication when accessing its mailbox (when on-premises). When creating an Exchange Online environment with certificate-based authentication the certificate will be stored in the certificate store of the current logged on user. The GALsync account will not be able to find and read the certificate when logged on as a different user.

From the **Action** menu, select **Create Environment**.

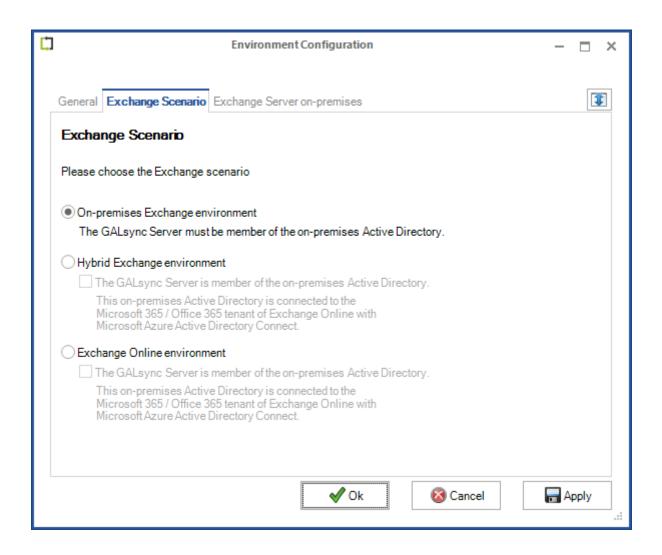


In the **General** tab, enter a name for the environment and optional description.



Click the Exchange Scenario tab, and select the On-premises Exchange environment.

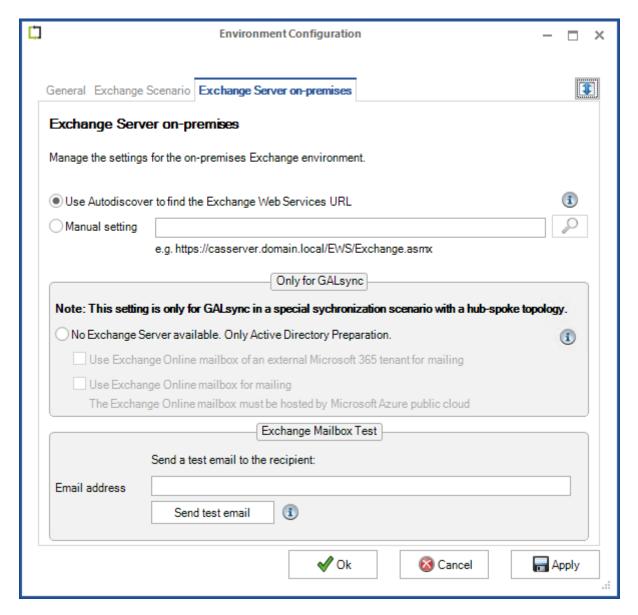
When an 'On-premises Exchange environment' is selected, GALsync will authenticate to the mailbox of the account that runs the GALsync service.



To verify connectivity to the mailbox, enter a recipient email then click **Send test email**.

Autodiscover is used by default to locate the Exchange Web Services URL and connect to its mailbox. If an error is returned which indicates the EWS URL cannot be resolved, a manual setting has been provided to enter a valid Exchange Web Services URL, such as the one shown below, which resolves the issue in most situations.

If the connection to the mailbox is successful, a test email will be sent to the specified recipient, and a popup message similar to the one below will be returned.



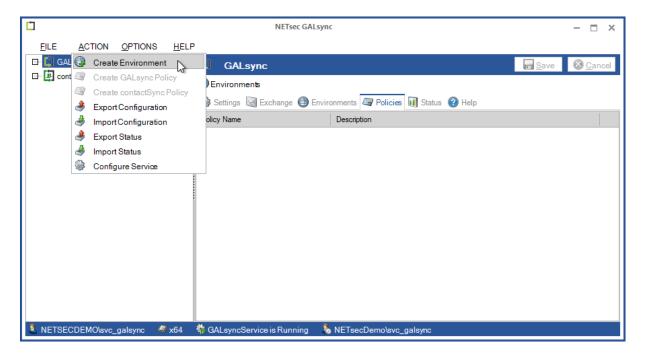
Apply the changes, then click **OK**.

## Create an Environment Configuration for Hybrid Exchange environment

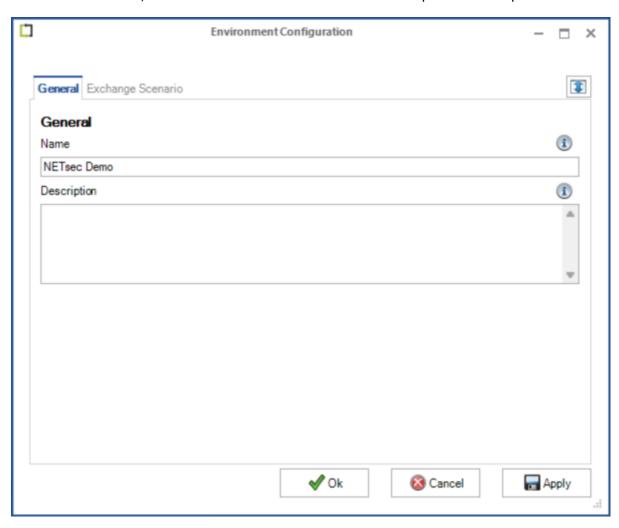
Important: When creating an environment, it is necessary that you logon to the GALsync server as the GALsync Service account. GALsync uses Windows authentication when accessing its mailbox (when on-premises). When creating an Exchange Online environment with certificate-based authentication the certificate will be stored in the certificate store of the current logged on user. The GALsync account will not be able to find and read the certificate when logged on as a different user.

If your Exchange Environment is a hybrid, you have the option to establish your synchronization focal point to either on-premises Exchange (Active Directory), or Exchange Online. A connection to on-premises Exchange and Exchange Online is configured in a hybrid environment. Since on-premises Active Directory hosts the master copy of all objects synced through Azure AD Connect, it is recommended an on-premises connection is used.

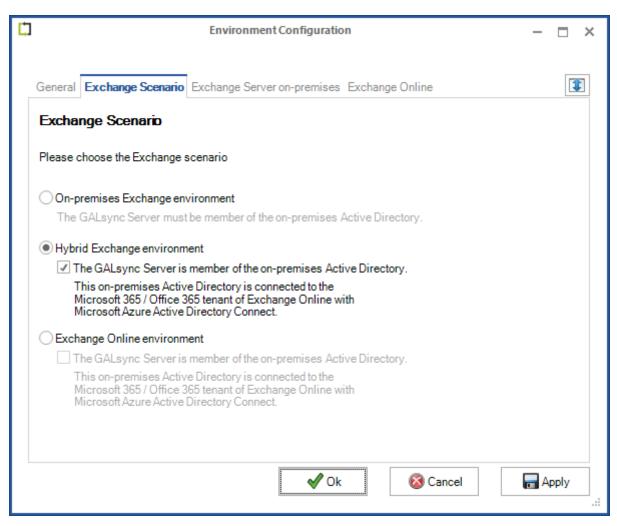
From the Action menu select Create Environment.



In the **General** tab, enter a name for the environment and optional description.



Click the Exchange Scenario tab, then select Hybrid Exchange environment. The Exchange Online tab will be displayed. After checking the checkbox: The GALsync Server is a member of the on-premises Active Directory, the Exchange Server on-premises tab will be displayed. Select this tab.



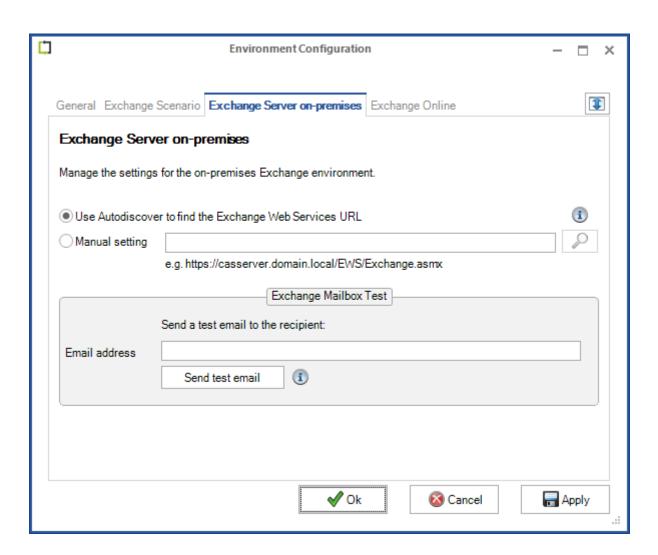
Select the Exchange Server on-premises tab.

GALsync connects to the on-premises mailbox of the GALsync service account. To test this connection, enter a recipient email address and click **Send test email**.

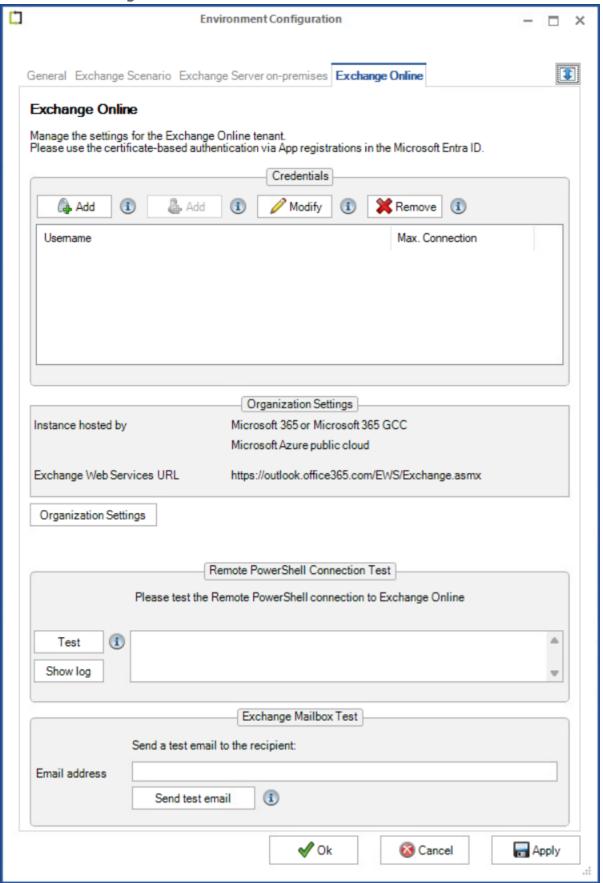
Autodiscover is used by default to locate the Exchange Web Services URL and connect to its mailbox. If an error is returned which indicates the EWS URL cannot be resolved, a manual setting has been provided to enter a valid Exchange Web Services URL, such as the one shown below, which resolves the issue in most situations.

Please note: If the mailbox of the GALsync on-premises service account is located in Exchange Online, it will be necessary to enter the Exchange Web Services URL for the on-premises Exchange Server.

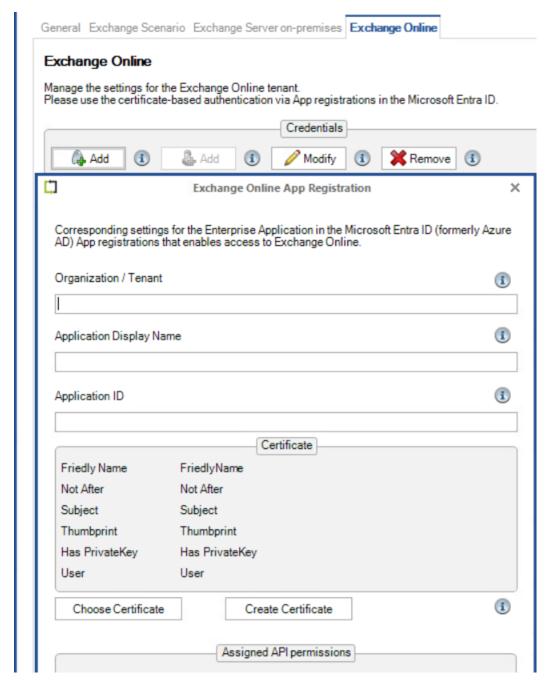
A popup will be returned similar to the one below upon a successful connection to the GALsync mailbox, indicating the email was successfully sent to the target mailbox.



#### Select the Exchange Online tab.



The Add button on the left, will open a dialog window in which to configure certificatebased authentication via App registration for the Exchange Online tenant.

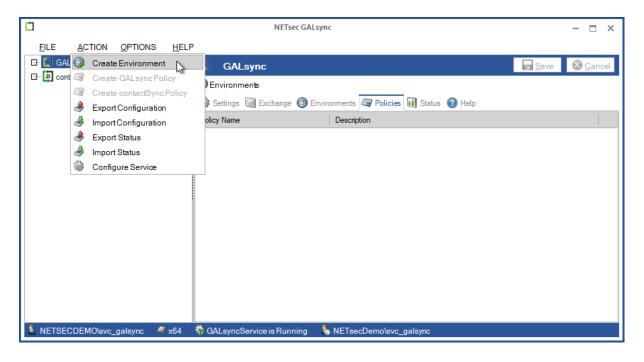


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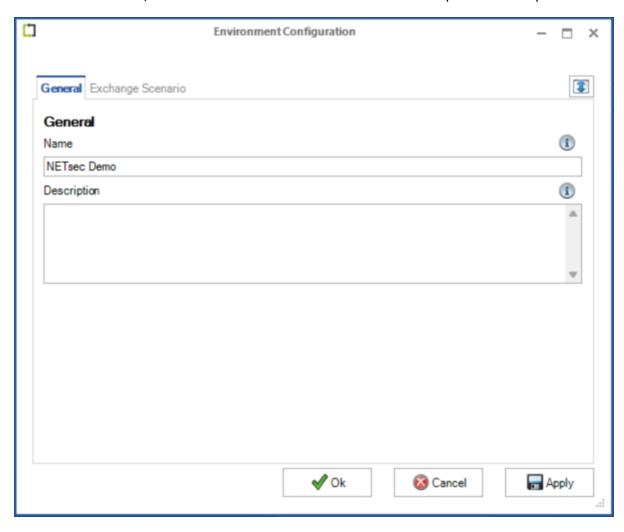
# **Create Environment Configuration for Exchange Online environment**

Important: When creating an environment, it is necessary that you logon to the GALsync server as the GALsync Service account. GALsync uses Windows authentication when accessing its mailbox (when on-premises). When creating an Exchange Online environment with certificate-based authentication the certificate will be stored in the certificate store of the current logged on user. The GALsync account will not be able to find and read the certificate when logged on as a different user.

From the Action menu select Create Environment.

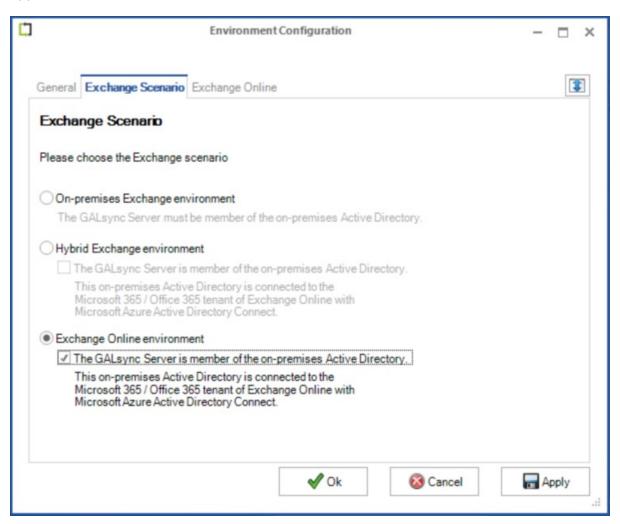


In the **General** tab, enter a name for the environment and an optional description.

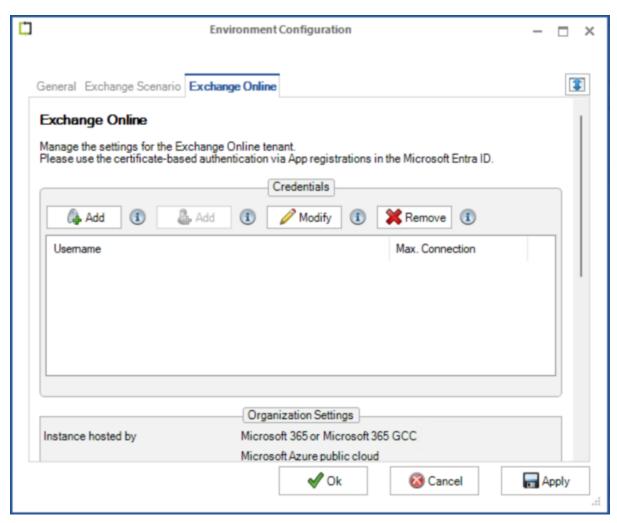


Select the Exchange Scenario tab, then select Exchange Online environment.

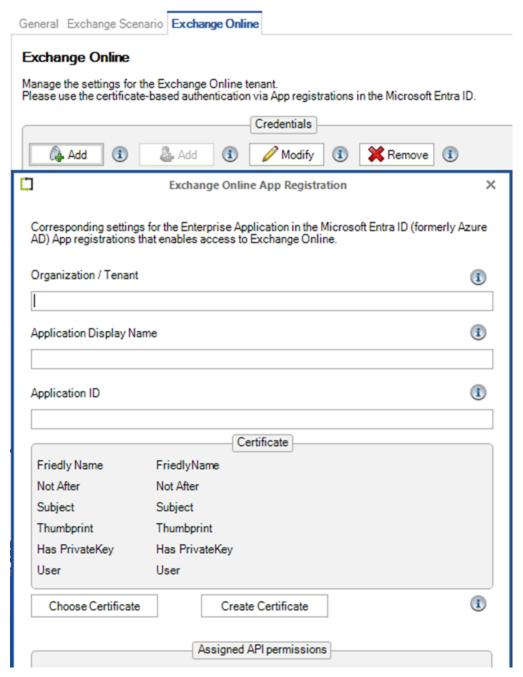
Check The GALsync server is a member of the on-premises Active Directory, if applicable.



Select the **Exchange Online** tab.



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A detailed description is in chapter **Exchange Online certificate-based authentication via App Registration** 

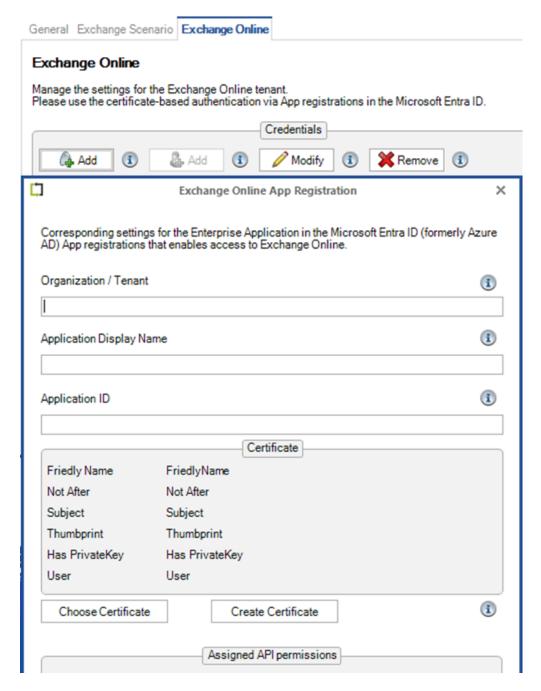
# Exchange Online certificate-based authentication via App Registration

First, please verify the GALsync GUI is running in the credentials of the local GALsync service account, otherwise GALsync cannot decrypt the Application Id and cannot find the certificate later.

This can be confirmed on the information bar at the bottom of the GALsync GUI.



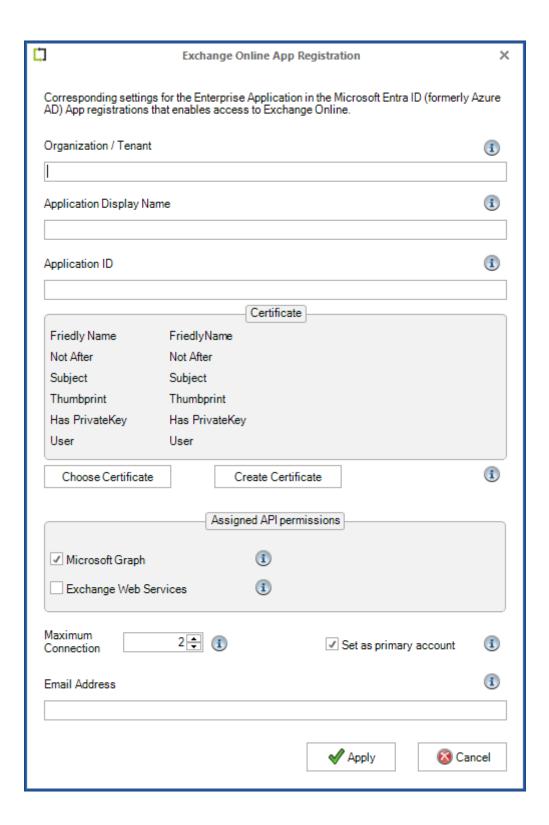
Register an Enterprise Application in the Microsoft Entra admin center (formerly known as Azure Active Directory admin center) and enter the corresponding values in the Exchange Online App Registration dialog.



The following description is based on the Microsoft Documentation article:

App-only authentication for unattended scripts in Exchange Online PowerShell and Security & Compliance PowerShell

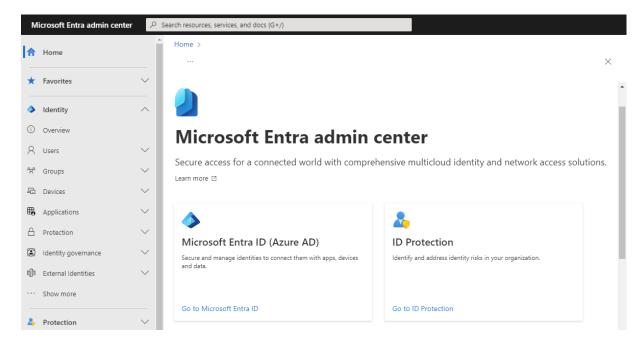
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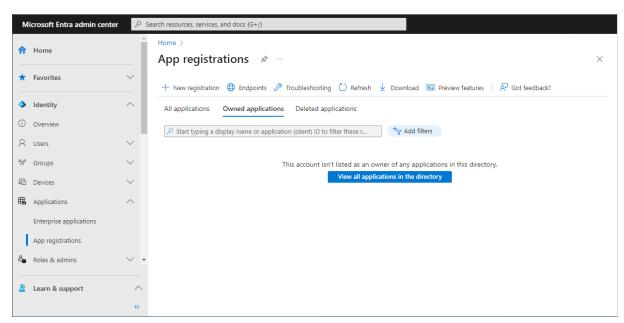
# Register an Enterprise Application in Microsoft Entra ID

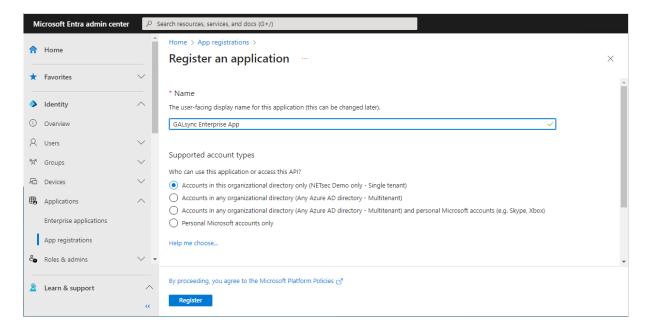
Logon to the Microsoft Entra admin center <a href="https://entra.microsoft.com">https://entra.microsoft.com</a>

as a global administrator and expand Identity (formerly Azure Active Directory).



Expand Applications and go to App registrations. Then select New registration.



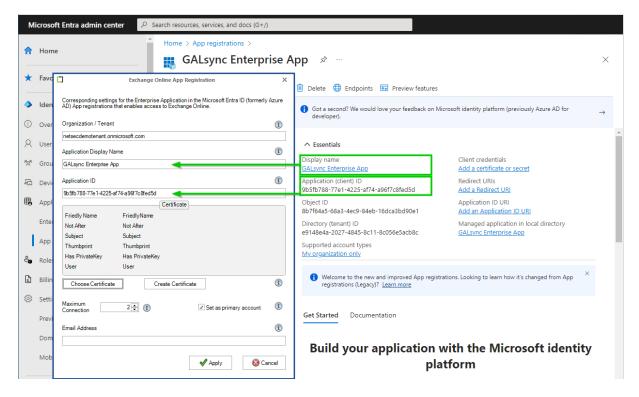


Enter a name for the **Application**.

In this example, it has been named **GALsync Enterprise App**.

Select the **Accounts in this organizational directory only (**<*YourOrganizationName*> **only - Single tenant)** radio button and click **Register**.

Transfer the information of the registered Application to the **Exchange Online App Registration** dialog.

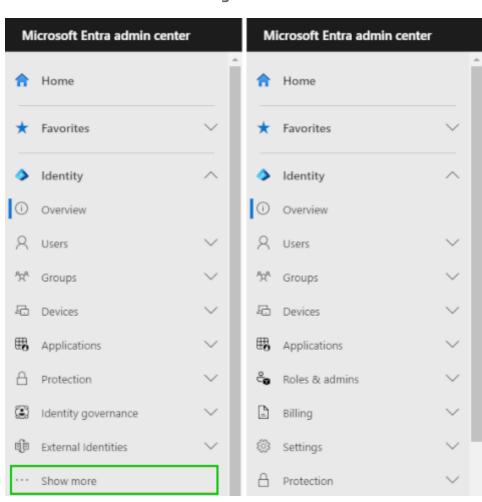


**Organization / Tenant** needs the **.onmicrosoft.com** domain name of the Microsoft 365 tenant. Otherwise, you may encounter cryptic permission issues when you run a policy in the app context. The next chapter will describe where to find the domain name of the Microsoft 365 tenant.

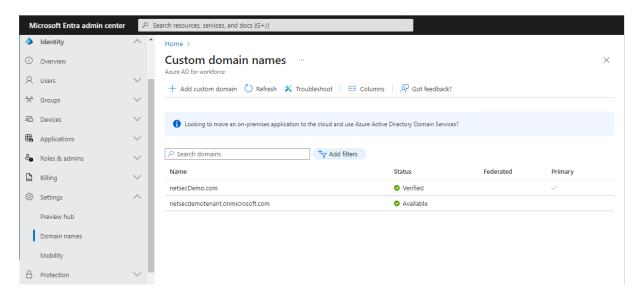
**Application Display Name** must have the value of the **Display name** of the registered Application.

**Application ID** must have the value of the **Application (Client) ID** of the registered Application.

# Where to find the domain name of the Microsoft 365 tenant? Click **Show more** to see **Settings**



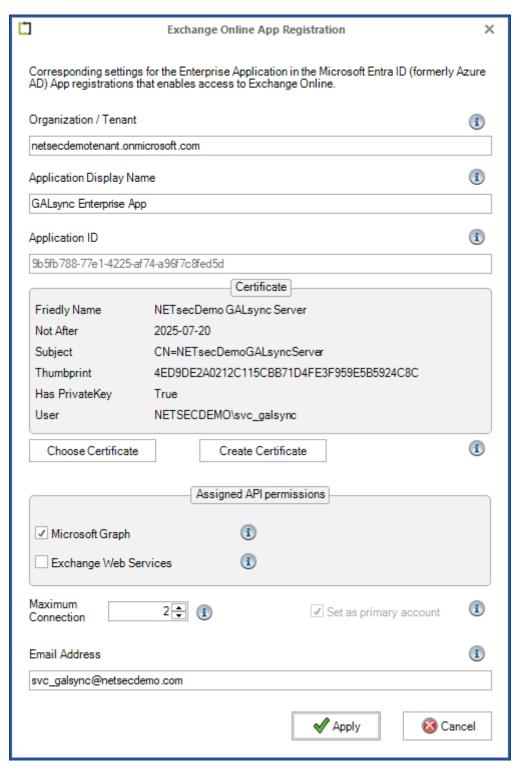
Expand Settings, go to Domain names and use the .onmicrosoft.com domain name.



Please do not confuse the Microsoft 365 tenant domain names with the Exchange Online accepted domains.

### Certificate for the registered Application

For app-only authentication in **Microsoft Entra ID** (formerly known as Azure Active Directory), you typically use a certificate to request access. Anyone who has the certificate and its private key can use the application, and the permissions granted to the application.



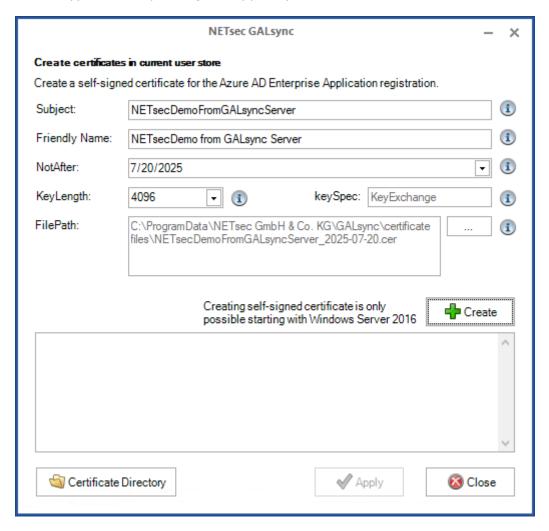
### Choose Certificate

Choose an existing certificate and its private key from the user certificate store of the current user, which runs the GALsync GUI.

The corresponding public key file of this selected certificate must be uploaded to the registered Application.

### Create Certificate

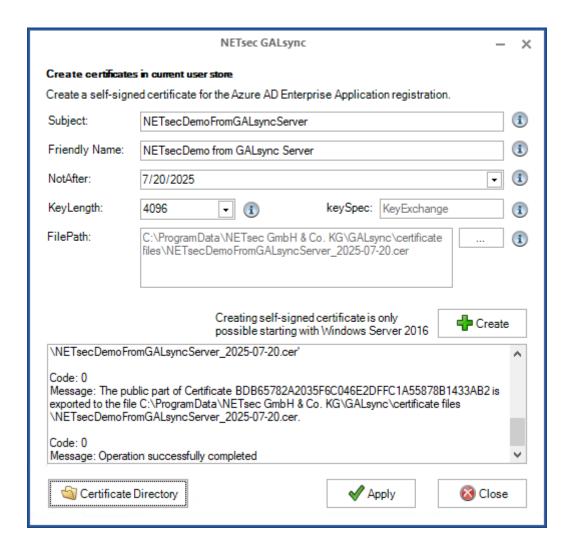
Create a self-signed certificate, which will be saved in the current user certificate store and will be used to authenticate your Application against **Identity** (formerly Azure Active Directory), while requesting the app-only access token.



Enter the **Subject**, and **Friendly Name** of the certificate.

In the example above, the forest name (NETsecDemo) and the name of the server (GALsync Server) from which the connection is established will be incorporated in both.

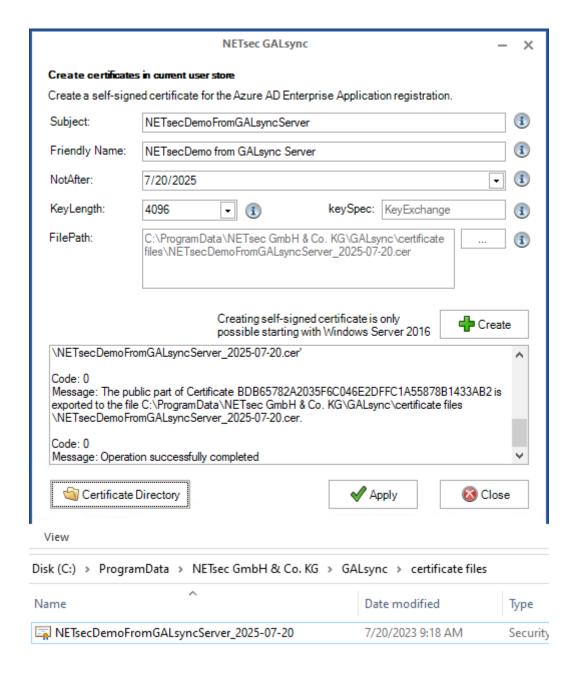
Click **Create** to generate a new certificate.



The public key file is created in the default path

C:\ProgramData\NETsec GmbH & Co. KG\GALsync\certificate files\

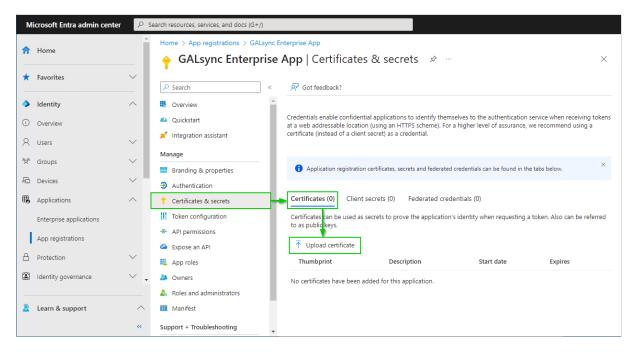
Click on the Certificate Directory button to open the folder in File Explorer



Then click **Apply** to close the Create Certificate dialog.

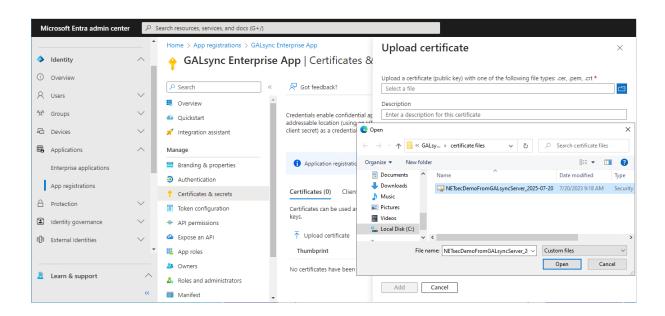
### Upload certificate file for the registered Application

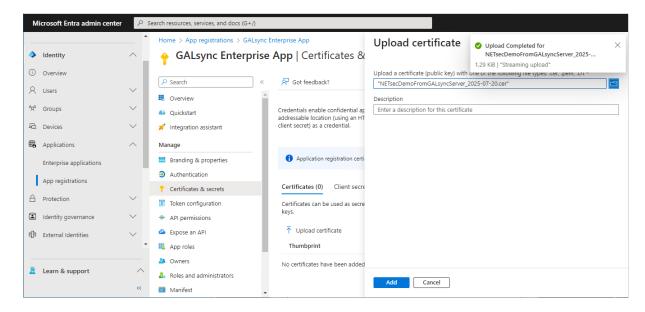
Go to **Certificates & secrets** of the registered Application in **Microsoft Entry ID** (Azure AD), and select the **Certificates** tab.



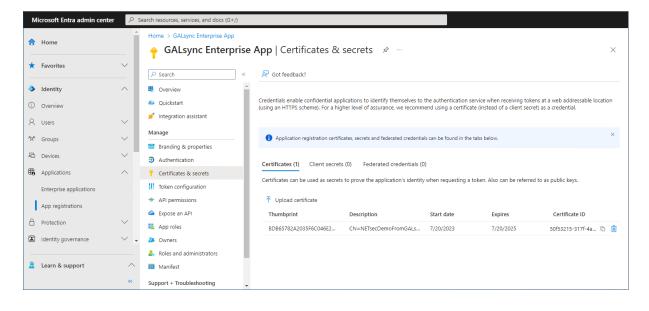
Select **Upload certificate**, then browse to the location where the certificate was saved. Select, and open it. The default path is:

C:\ProgramData\NETsec GmbH & Co. KG\GALsync\certificate files





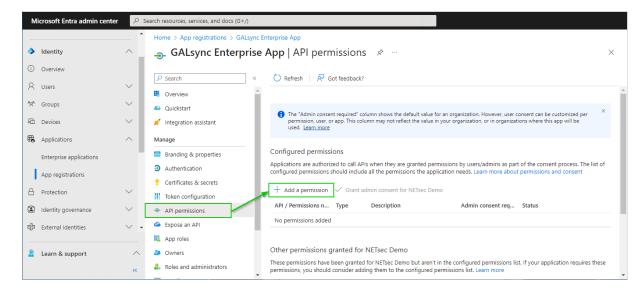
## Add the selected certificate.



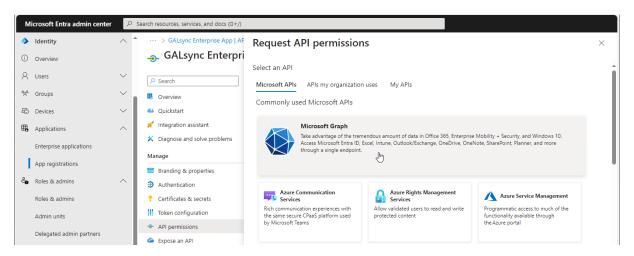
### Assign API permissions to the registered Application

### API permissions for Microsoft Graph

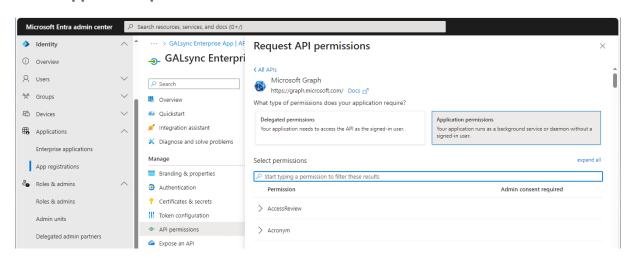
Go to API permissions, then select Add a permission



### Select the Microsoft APIs and click on Microsoft Graph

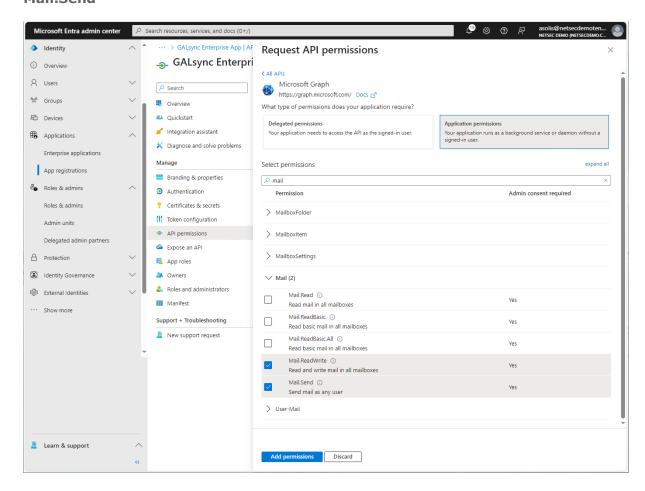


### **Select Application permissions**



Search for mail and expand the Mail in the result list.

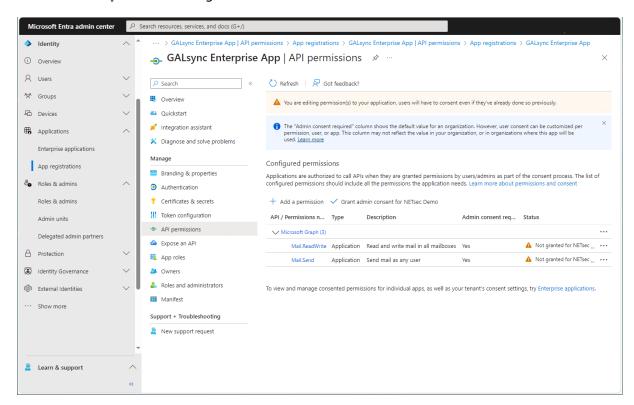
Select
Mail.ReadWrite
and
Mail.Send



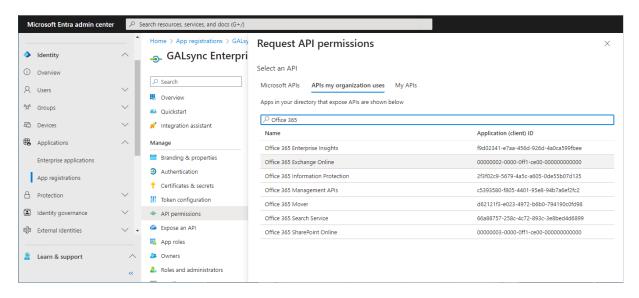
Please note, if you also use **contactSync policies** in GALsync, it will be necessary to configure additional API permissions. Please take a look at the **Assign API permissions to the registered Application** chapter in the **contactSync manual**.

Click Add permissions

### Select Add a permission again.

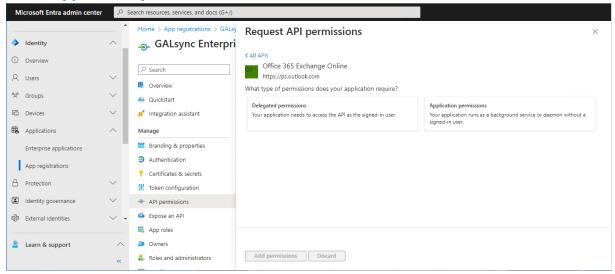


Select the **APIs my organization uses** tab on the **Request API permissions** dialog and search for **Office**.

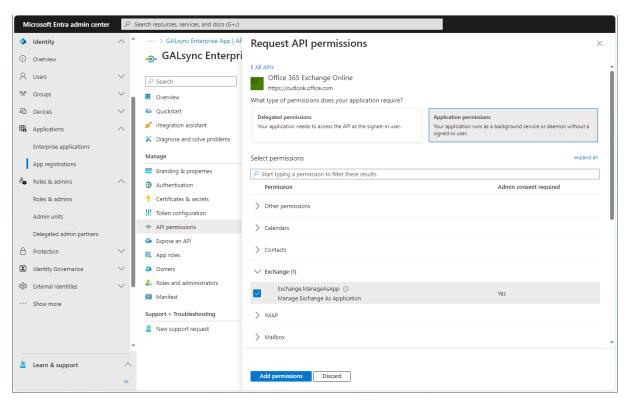


Click on Office 365 Exchange Online in the result list to open it.

### **Select Application permissions**

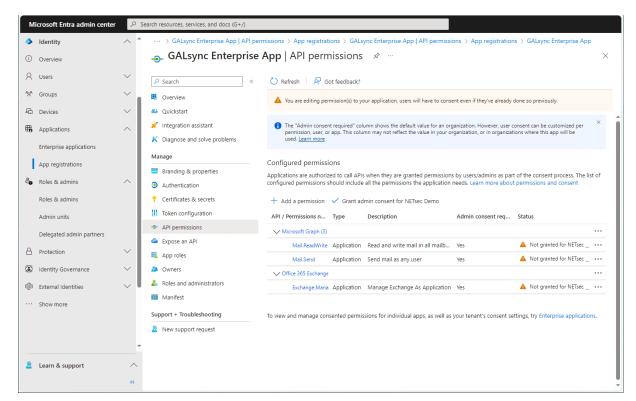


# Select Exchange.ManageAsApp Manage Exchange As Application

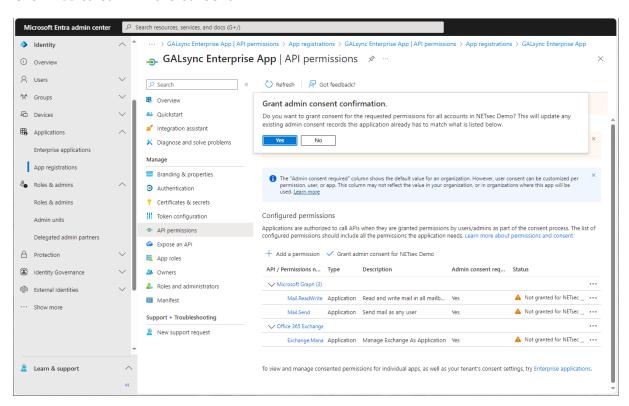


Click Add permissions

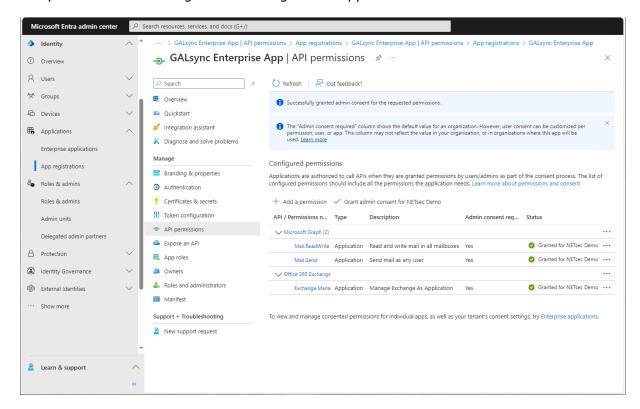
## Click Grant admin consent for your tenant.



#### Click **Yes** to confirm the consent.



API permissions are assigned to the registered Application.



Accordingly, select **Microsoft Graph** at the **Assigned API permissions** group box in the Exchange Online App Registration dialog.



Please note, if you also use **contactSync policies** in GALsync, it will be necessary to configure additional API permissions. Please take a look at the **Assign API permissions to the registered Application** chapter in the **contactSync manual**.

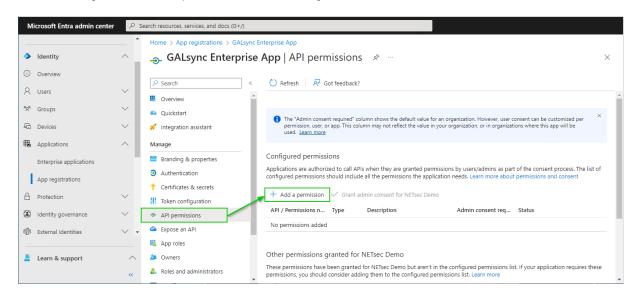
### API permissions for Exchange Web Services (deprecated)

Please note, Microsoft has announced that on 1. October 2026 blocking Exchange Web Services (EWS) requests from non-Microsoft apps to Exchange Online.

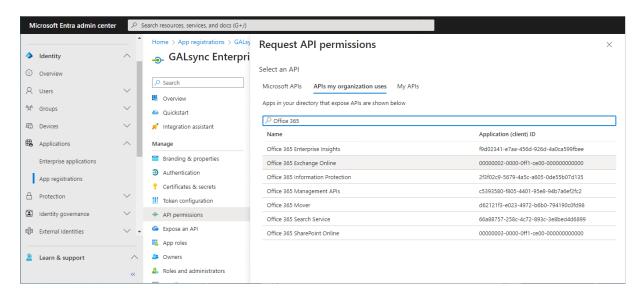
### Retirement of Exchange Web Services in Exchange Online

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Go to API permissions, then select Add a permission

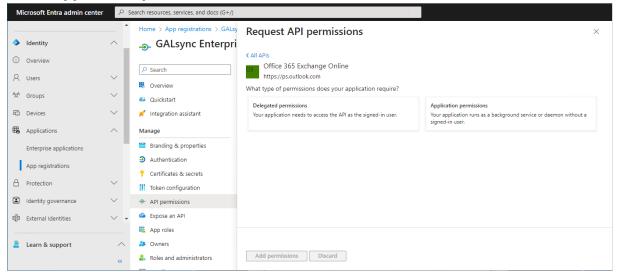


Select the **APIs my organization uses** tab on the **Request API permissions** dialog and search for **Office**.



Click on Office 365 Exchange Online in the result list to open it.

### Select Application permissions



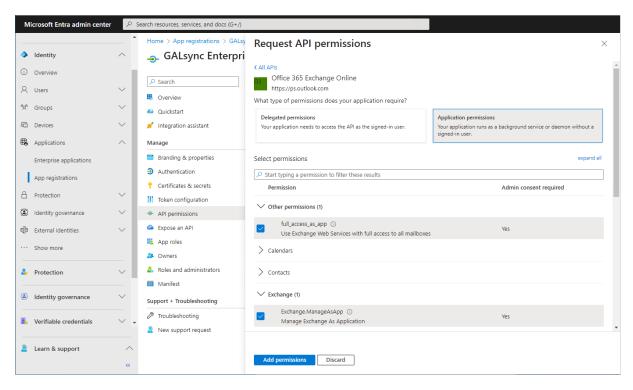
### Select

full\_access\_as\_app

Use Exchange Web Services with full access to all mailboxes and

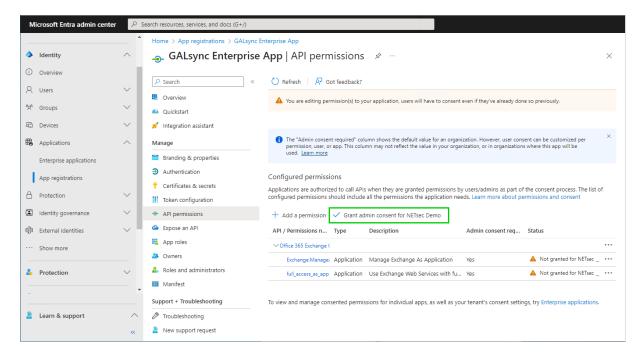
Exchange.ManageAsApp

**Manage Exchange As Application** 

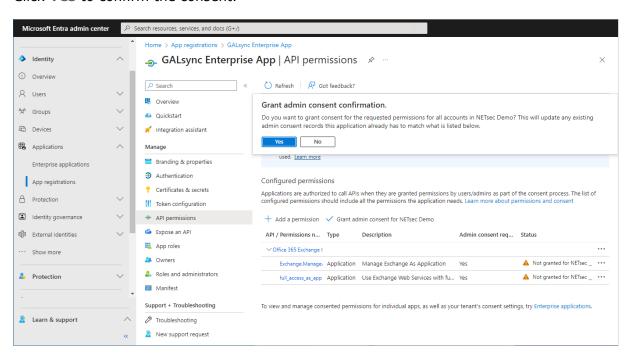


Click Add permissions

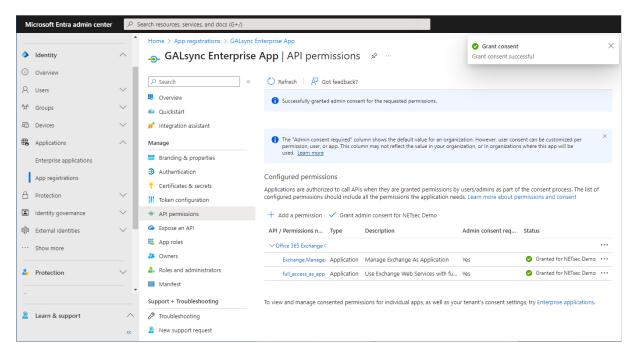
## Click Grant admin consent for your tenant.



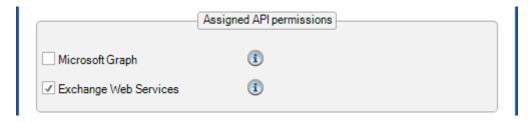
### Click Yes to confirm the consent.



API permissions are assigned to the registered Application.



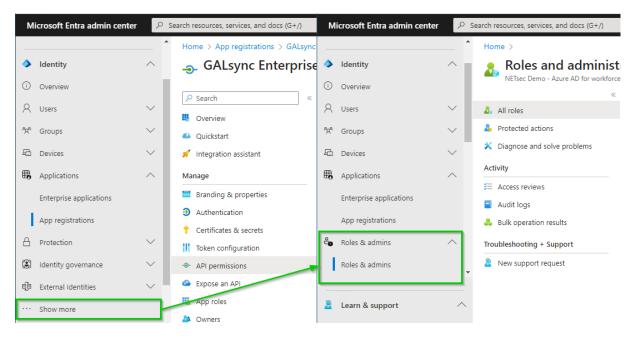
Accordingly, select **Exchange Web Services** at the **Assigned API permissions** group box in the Exchange Online App Registration dialog.



### Exchange Administrator role for the registered Application

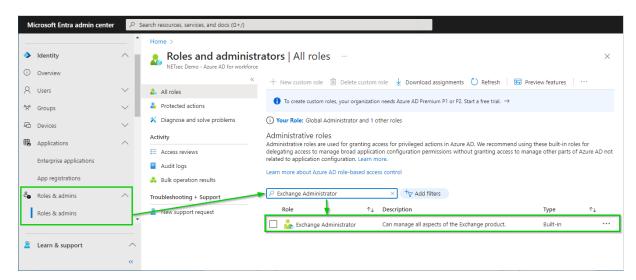
The **Exchange Administrator role** for **Exchange Online** is necessary because GALsync communicates via the **Exchange Online PowerShell** with the Microsoft 365 tenant.

The application requires **Exchange Administrator role** in the Microsoft 365 tenant, otherwise GALsync will not have access to the complete set of Exchange Online PowerShell cmdlets which are needed to function properly.

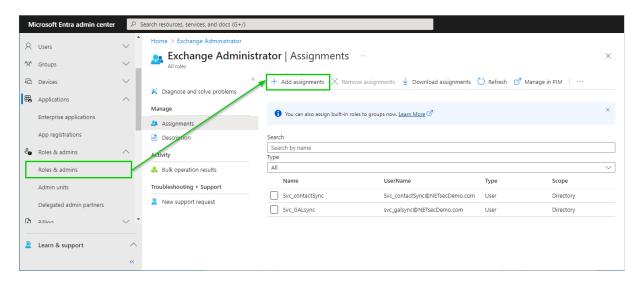


Expand Roles & admins. If you do not see Roles & admins in the Identity menu, click Show more

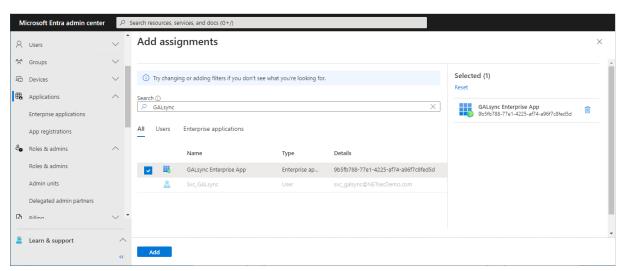
Go to Roles & admins in the expanded Roles & admins menu and search for Exchange Administrator.



Click on the **Exchange administrator** in the result list to open the **Exchange administrator** role.

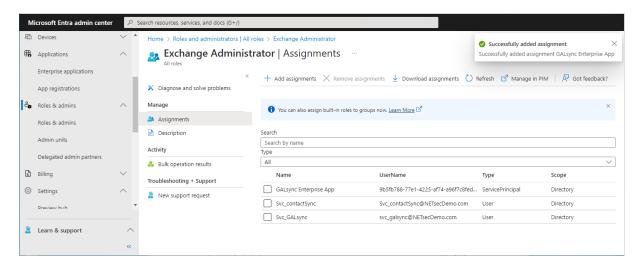


Click **Add assignments**, then search for the newly registered application.



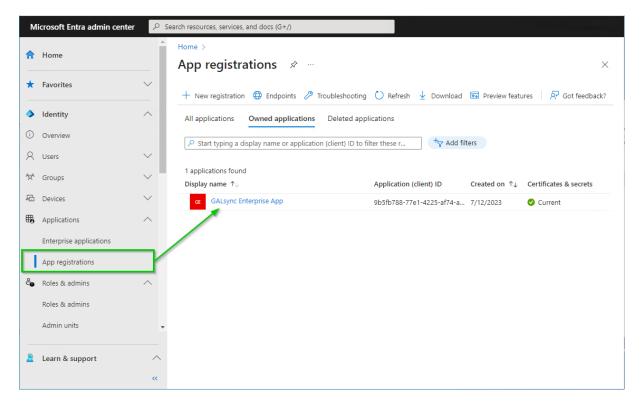
Select the newly registered application and click Add.

The application has been assigned the Exchange Administrator Role.

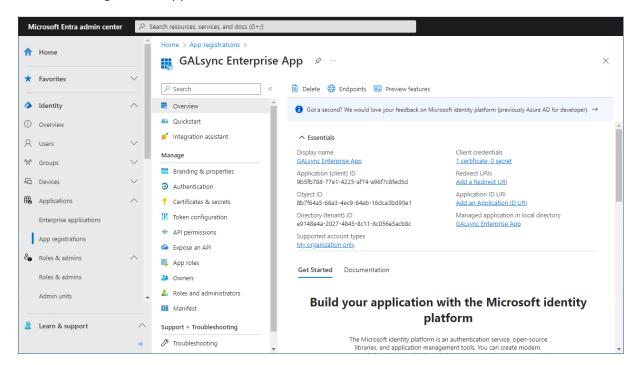


### Overview of the registered Application in App registrations

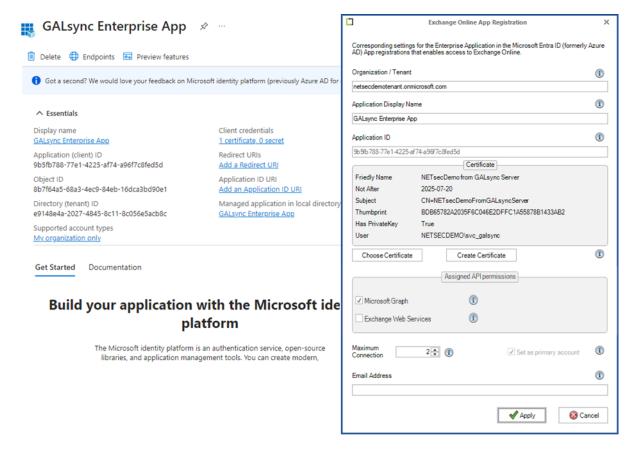
Go to **Identity** in the **Microsoft Entra admin center** menu, expand **Applications** and select **App registrations**.



Select the registered Application to see the overview.



Please check whether the values of the registered Application are corresponding with the values in the **Exchange Online App Registration** dialog.

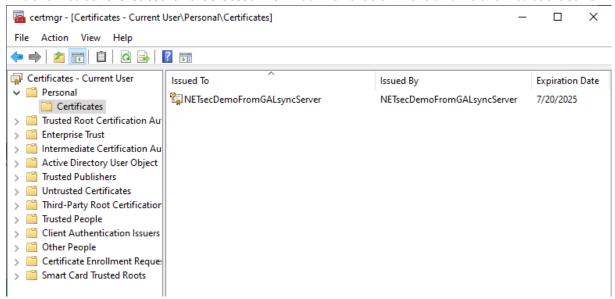


**Organization / Tenant** needs the **.onmicrosoft.com** domain name of the Microsoft 365 tenant. Otherwise, you might encounter cryptic permission issues when you run a policy in the app context.

**Application Display Name** must have the value of the **Display name** of the registered Application.

**Application ID** must have the value of the **Application (Client) ID** of the registered Application.

### A Certificate is created and selected from Current User Personal Certificates store



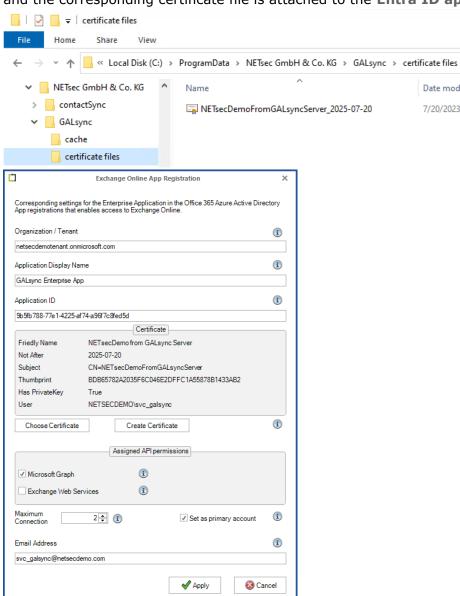
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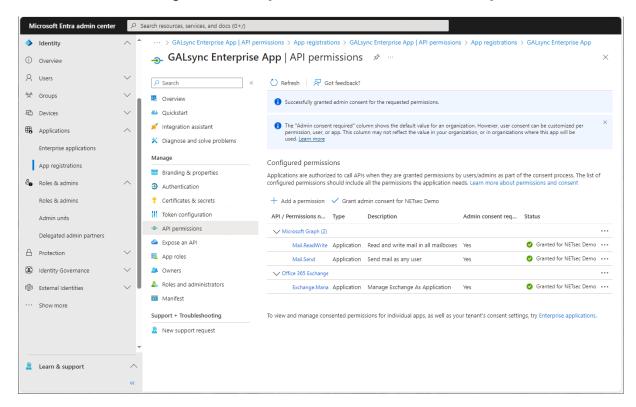
Security Certificate

and the corresponding certificate file is attached to the Entra ID application.

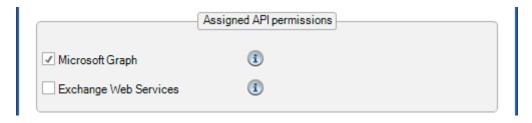


The selection of the **Assigned API permissions** group box in the **Exchange Online App Registration** dialog must be corresponding with the **API permissions** in the App Registration.

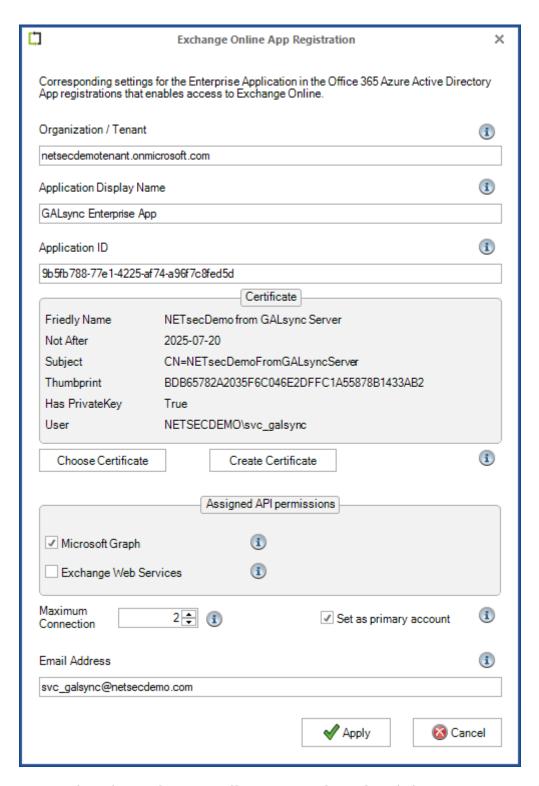
Please check the settings of the API permissions for Microsoft Graph.



Accordingly, select **Microsoft Graph** at the **Assigned API permissions** group box in the Exchange Online App Registration dialog.



Please note, if you also use **contactSync policies** in GALsync, it will be necessary to configure additional API permissions. Please take a look at the **Assign API permissions to the registered Application** chapter in the **contactSync manual**.



To complete the **Exchange Online App Registration** dialog, insert an **Email Address** of an Exchange Online mailbox.

**Email Address** of an Exchange Online mailbox is necessary to send and receive email. We recommend to use a dedicated Exchange Online mailbox for this purpose.

Click Apply to finish and close the Exchange Online App Registration dialog.

### Limit the scope of application permissions to access mailboxes

The registered application (App registrations) for GALsync only needs access to the Exchange Online mailbox, which GALsync uses to send and receive email, if only GALsync policies should be configured.

Please note, if contactSync policies should be configured, the application needs access to all the Exchange mailboxes, which should receive the contacts.

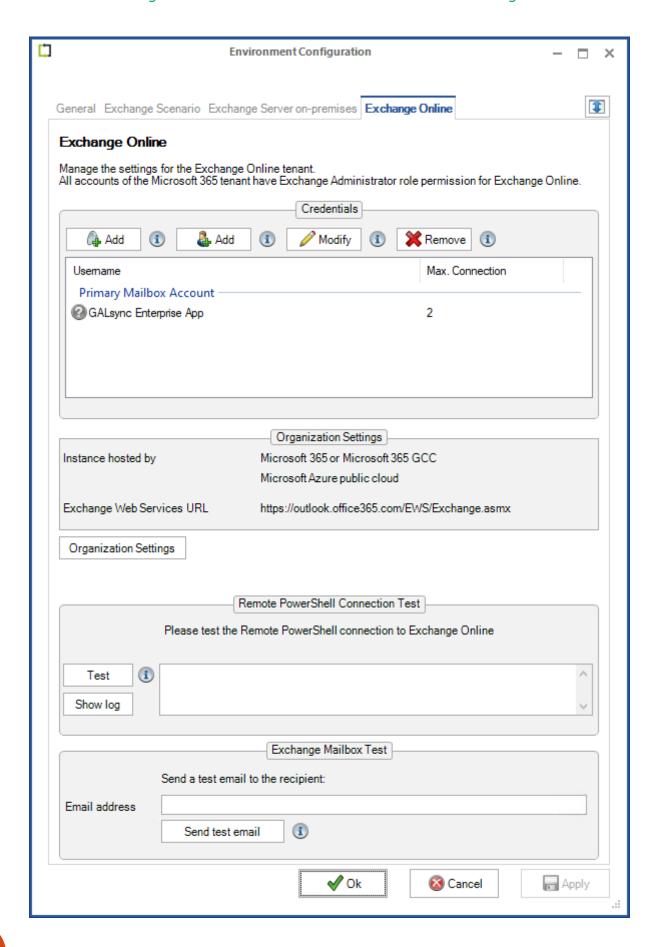
Please take a look at following chapters in the GALsync manual:

How to check existing application access policy for the application

How to restrict access to specific mailboxes for the application

https://www.netsec.de/en/products/galsync/documentation.html

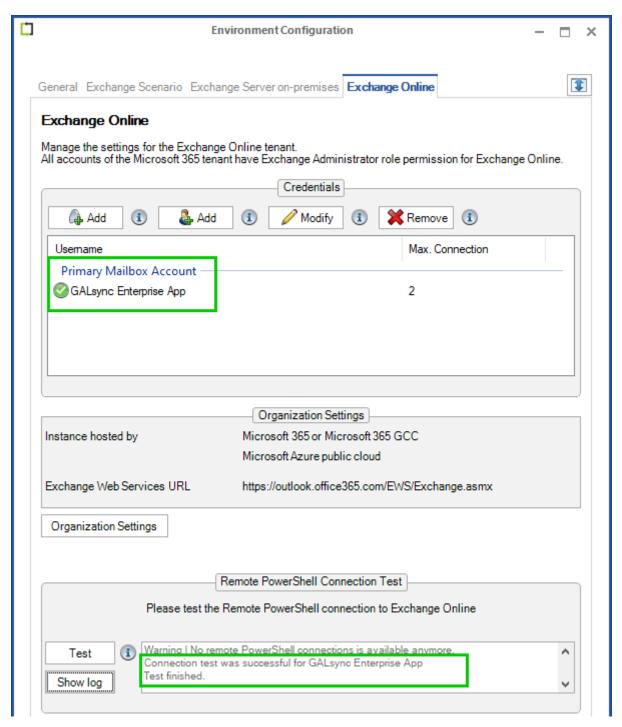
# Test the Exchange Online PowerShell connection and the Exchange mailbox



Click the **Test** button for the **Remote PowerShell Connection Test**, to test connectivity to Exchange Online PowerShell.

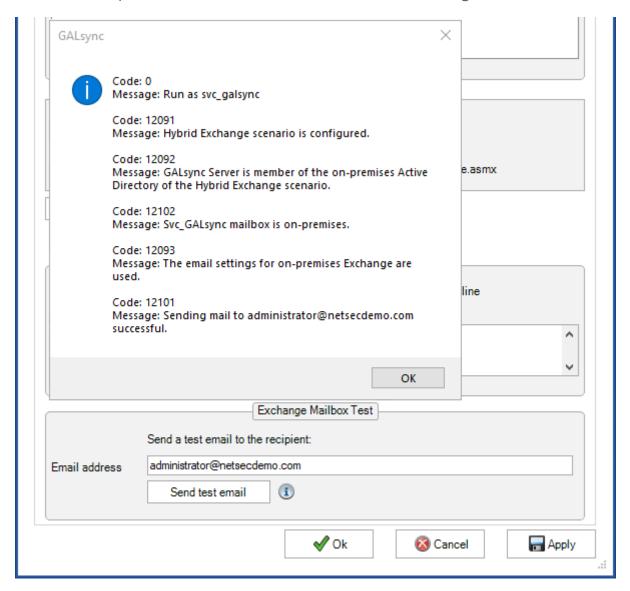
Please wait for the test to finish before proceeding.

Upon a successful connection, a green circle with a checkmark will be displayed.



If the connection test failed, click the **Show log** button for detailed information.

A test email can also be sent to the desired recipient as an additional test to validate mail flow. To do this, click the **Send test email** button for the **Exchange Mailbox Test**.



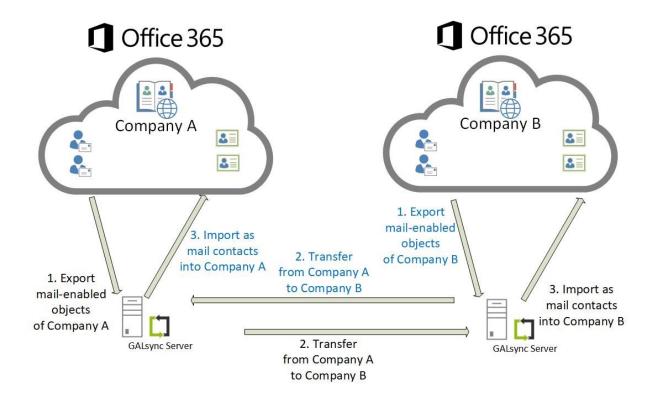
Please note, that the e-mail address of the recipient for the test email will not be saved.

## **Exchange Online to Exchange Online Synchronization**

## Synchronizing between different Exchange Online environments

## Separate GALsync Server for each Microsoft 365 Exchange Online tenant

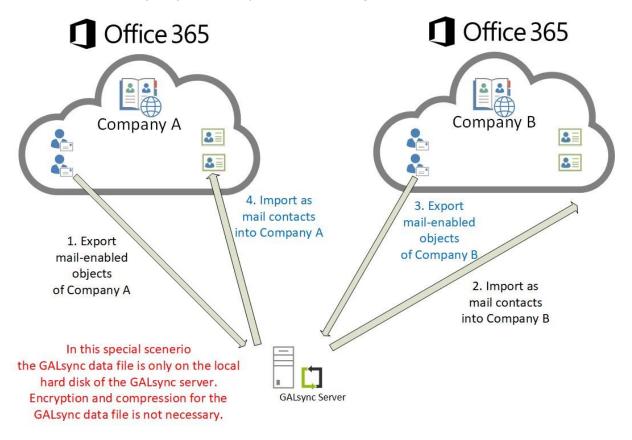
If you want to directly synchronize between different Microsoft 365 Exchange Online tenants, you can use a separate GALsync Server for each Microsoft 365 tenant.



In this scenario, the administrator of each Microsoft 365 Exchange Online tenant configures an Environment Configuration for their own Exchange environment. The corresponding policies for export and import are configured within the Environment Configuration of the Exchange environment.

## One GALsync Server for all Microsoft 365 Exchange Online tenant

You can use one GALsync Server for all Microsoft 365 Exchange Online tenants. This is only possible for Exchange environments, in which you do not need to synchronize the Global Address List (GAL) to an on-premises Exchange.



In this scenario you need the GALsync service account credentials of each Microsoft 365 Exchange Online tenant to configure an Environment Configuration for each Exchange environment. The corresponding policies for export and import for each Exchange environment are configured to the corresponding Environment Configuration of the Exchange environment.

How to configure this scenario is described below in a step-by-step guide:

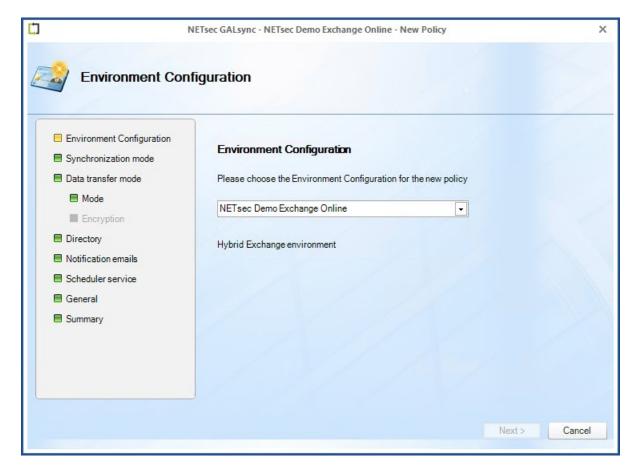
## **Create and Run Export Policy from Exchange Online**

Right-click the environment where GALsync will export the objects from, then select **Create Policy** 



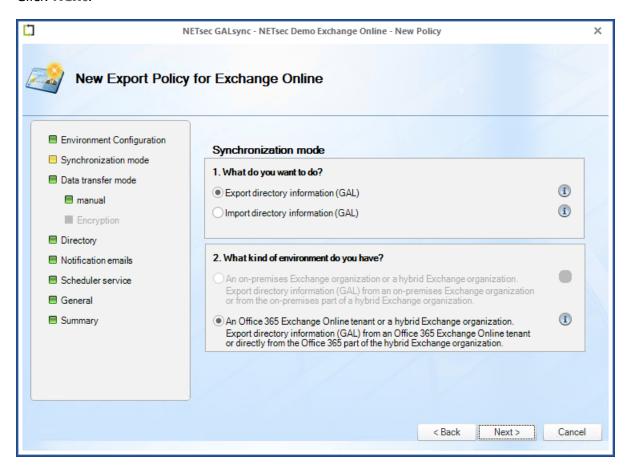
The selected environment will be displayed. If the wrong environment was selected, it can be changed by clicking the dropdown arrow, and reselecting it.

Then click Next.

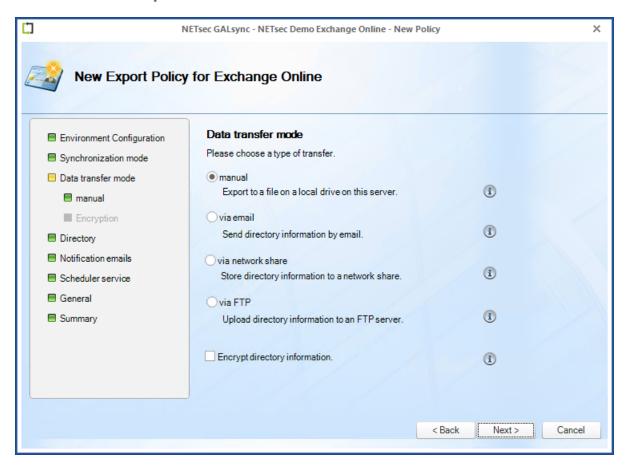


Select Export directory information.

#### Click Next.



Select manual – Export to a file on a local drive on this server. Then click Next.

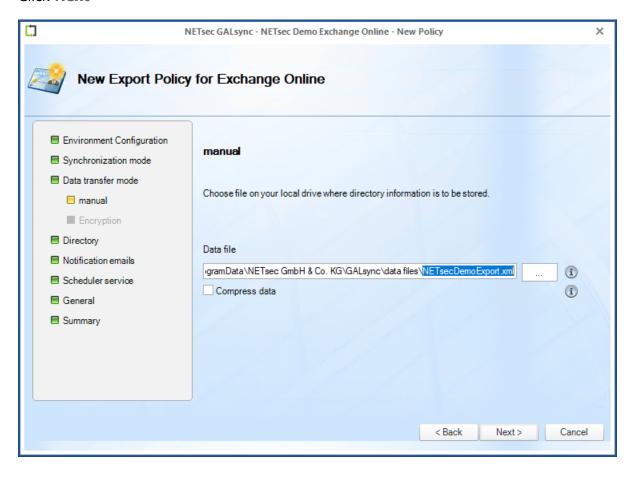


The default path and filename for the data file is:

C:\ProgramData\NETsec GmbH & Co. KG\GALsync\data files\datafile.xml

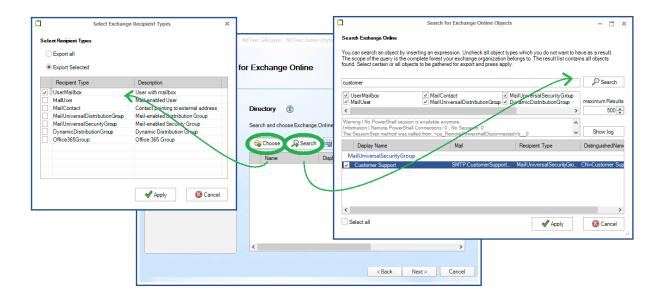
We recommend the filename is changed to one that easily identifies the origin of its contents. Clicking the box to the right of this field, will allow you to choose the path where the file is saved.

#### Click Next

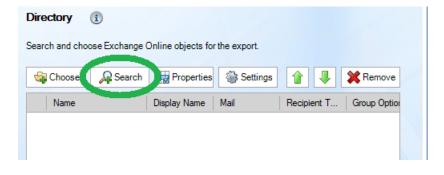


There are two ways to select objects to be exported.

- 1. Click **Choose** to select objects by **Recipient Type**.
- 2. Click **Search** to search via PowerShell query for individual mail-enabled objects.

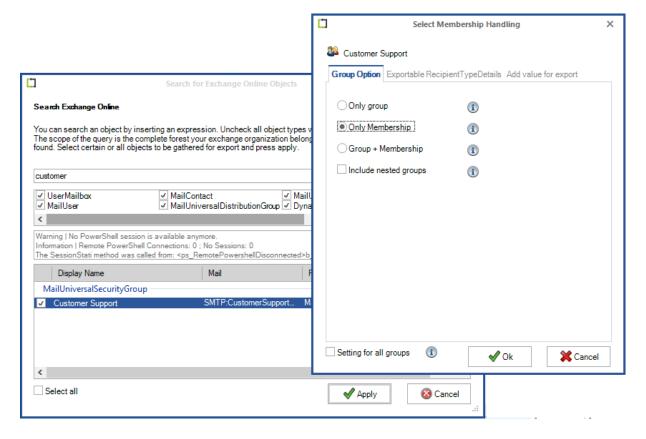


If using a trial license which is limited to 100 objects, we recommend using the **Search** function which will allow a smaller sample of objects to be exported.



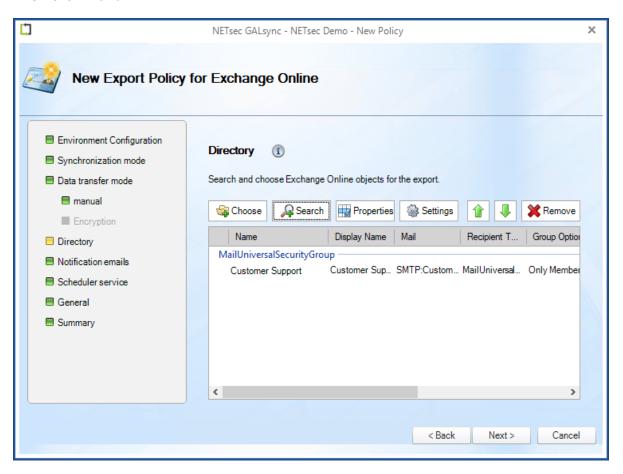
A search for the Customer Support Security Group has been performed, which will permit the members of this group to be exported. When the query results are returned, check the corresponding checkbox for the desired selection, then click **Apply**.

Select **Only Membership** to export the members of this group, then click **OK**.



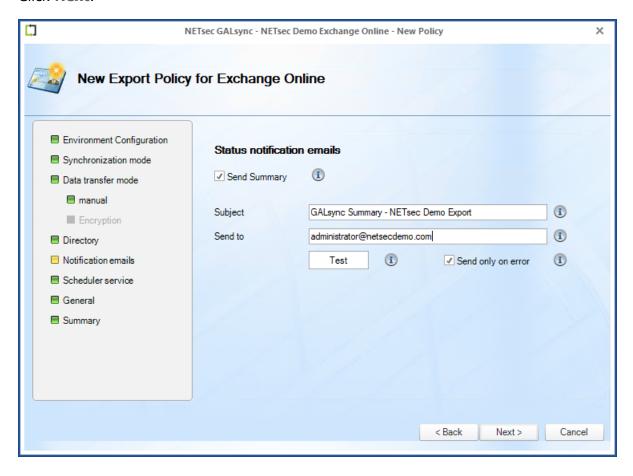
Ensure the selected group is displayed.

Then click Next.



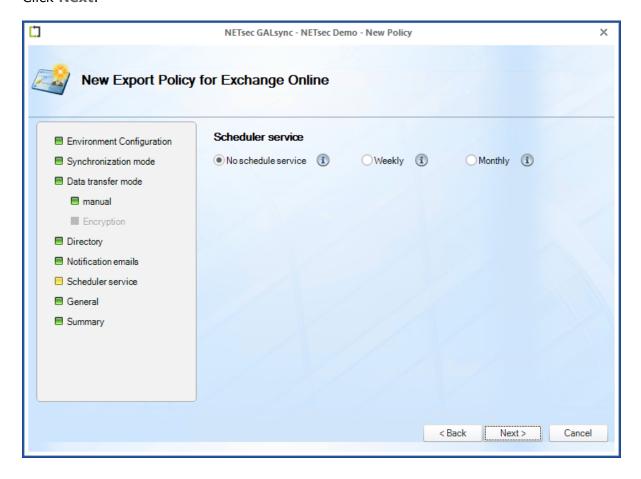
An optional status notification email can be sent to the specified recipient(s) each time the policy runs, which provides a brief summary of activity. However, if your preference is to receive one only when an error has been logged, check the **Send only on error** checkbox. Click the Test button to send a test email. Then verify it has been received.

#### Click Next.

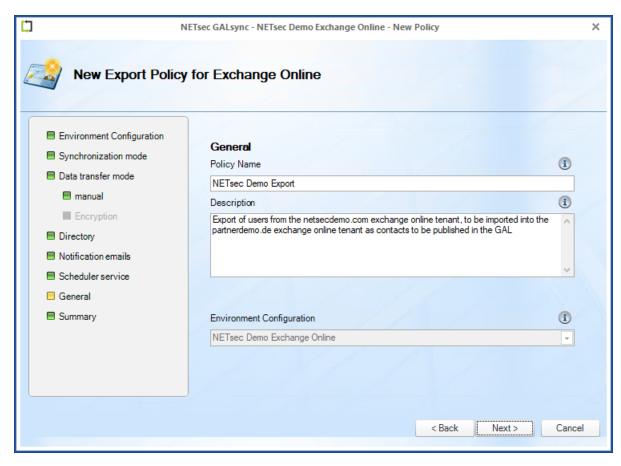


GALsync can be scheduled to run at regular intervals. We recommend the policy is manually run before any schedules are set. After the synchronization has completed successfully, you can go back and set it to run on the desired schedule.

#### Click Next.

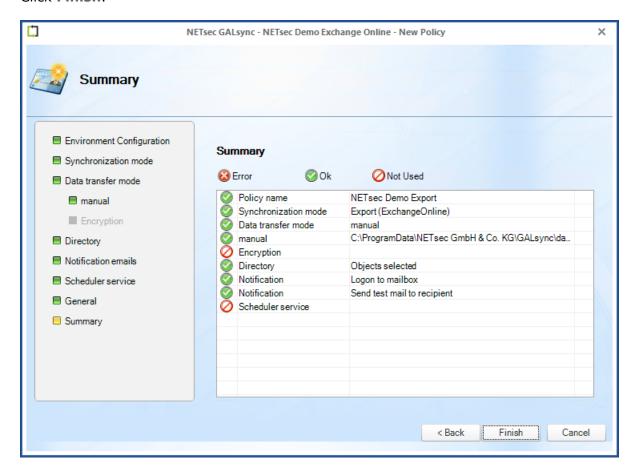


Enter a policy name and an optional description, then click **Next**.

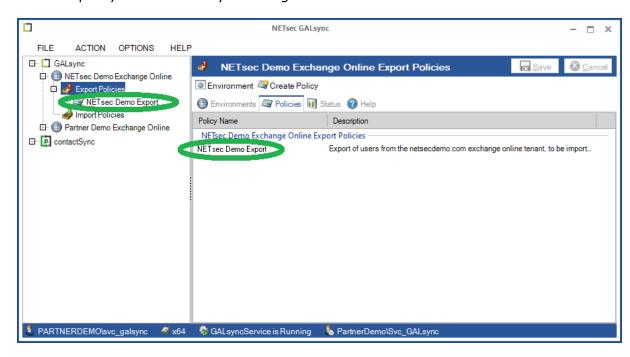


To ensure your settings have been properly configured GALsync will check your policy settings and notify you of any detected errors.

Click Finish.



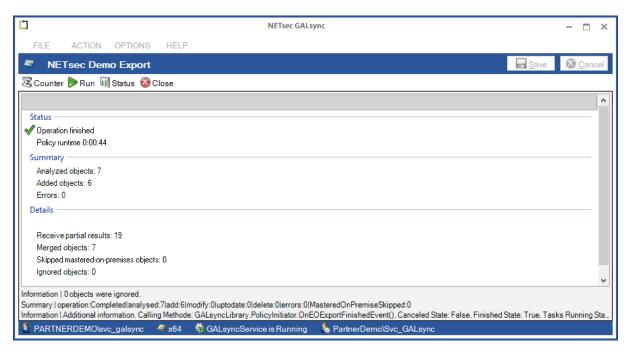
The new policy is accessible by selecting it from either link shown below.



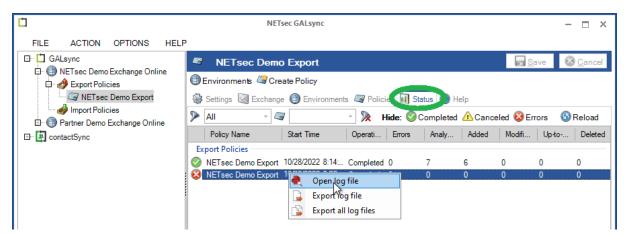
Select the policy node. Then click Run.



GALsync successfully exported 6 objects.



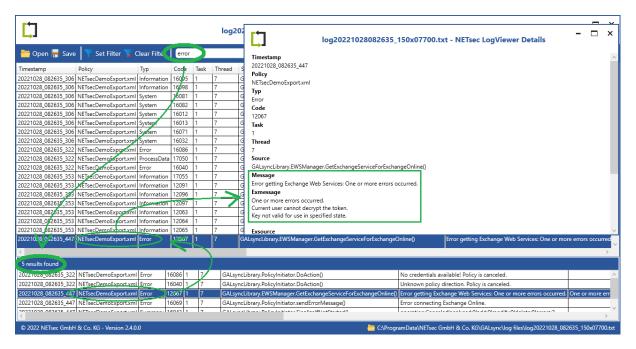
The corresponding log file can be opened by selecting the Status tab, and right-clicking the associated log and selecting **Open log file** from the context menu. This allows you to easily find the error and identify its cause, as shown in the example below.



Searching for the string "error" yields 5 log entries containing this string.

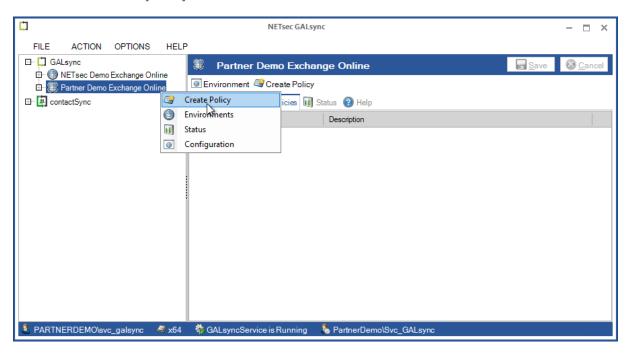
Double-click the line which contains the error. This will highlight the line in the log which contains the details of this log entry.

Double-click the highlighted line in the log viewer.

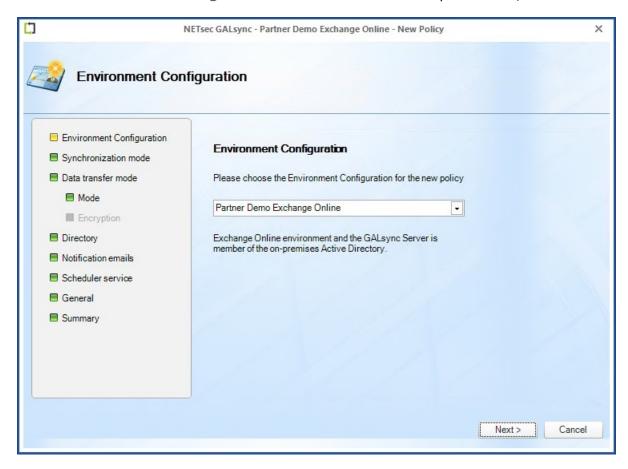


## **Create and Run Import Policy for Exchange Online**

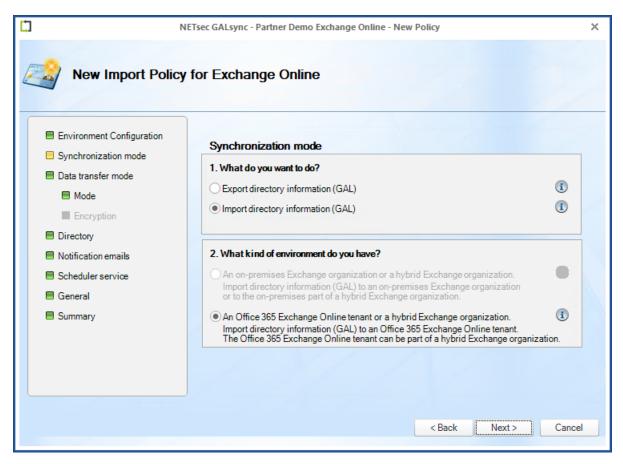
A policy will now be created to import the objects which have been previously exported from the NETsec Demo Exchange Online tenant. Since these objects will be imported into the Partner Demo environment, right-click the Import Policies node under Partner Demo then select **Create policy**.



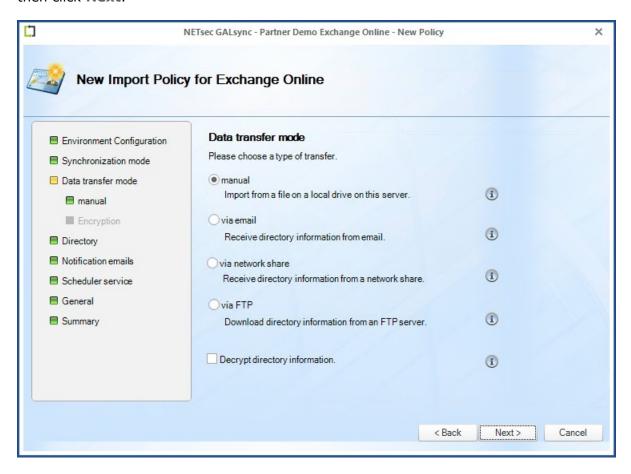
The Partner Demo Exchange Online environment has been preselected, click Next.



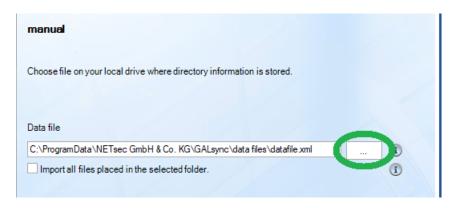
Import directory information (GAL) has been preselected. Select An Microsoft 365 Exchange Online tenant or a hybrid Exchange environment then click Next.



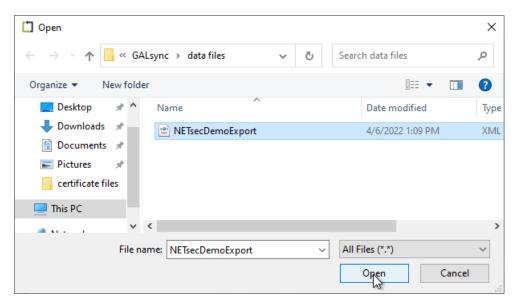
Select the manual – Import from a file on a local drive on this server radio button, then click Next.



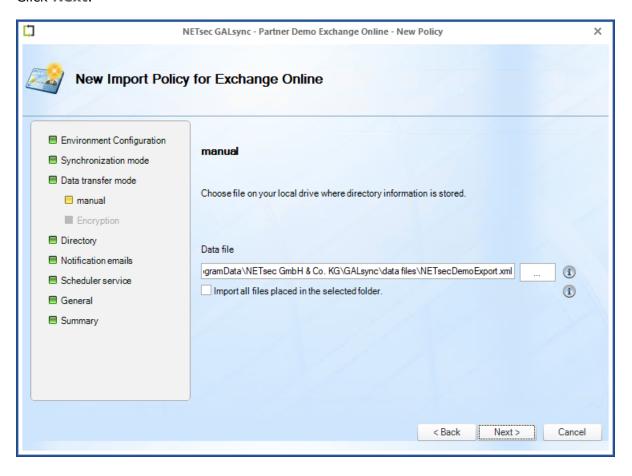
Click the button to the right of the data file path field to browse to and select the xml file which was previously exported.



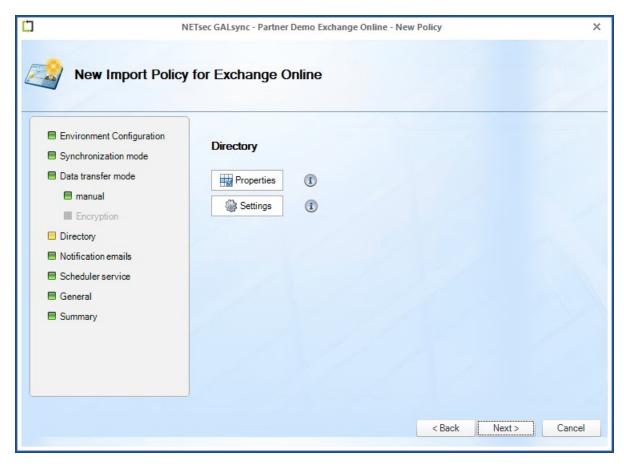
Select the appropriate data file, then click **Open**.



## Click Next.



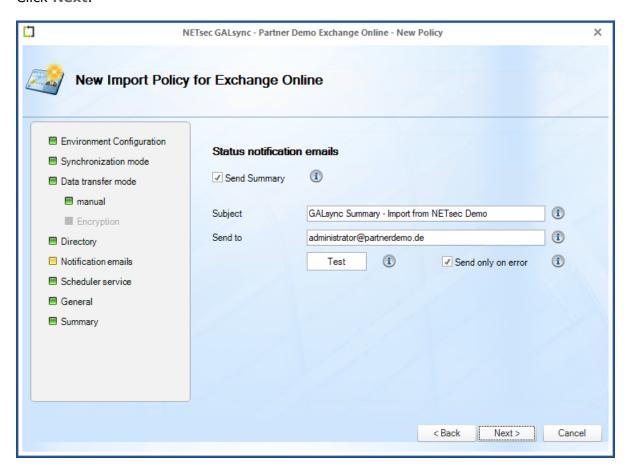
Click **Next** to bypass this window.



An optional status notification email can be configured to be sent each time the policy runs, which contains a brief summary of the export operation. It can be configured to **Send only on error**, when checked.

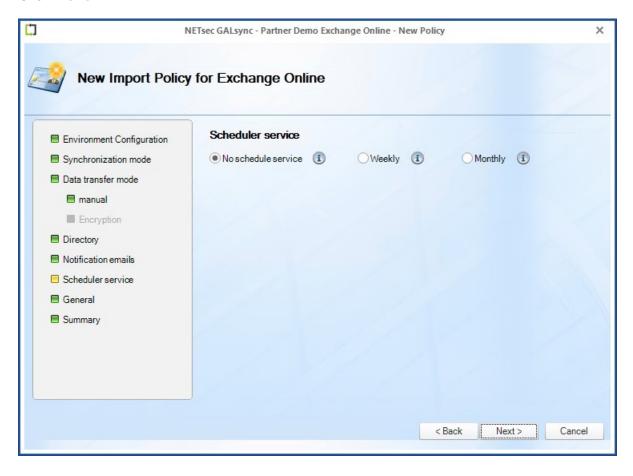
Click **Test** to send an optional test email to the specified recipient.

Click Next.

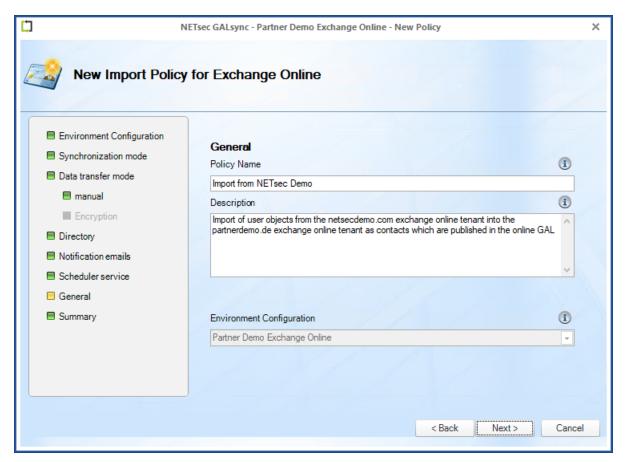


GALsync can be scheduled to run at regular intervals. We recommend the policy is manually run before any schedules are set. After the synchronization has completed successfully, you can go back and set it to run on the desired schedule.

#### Click Next.

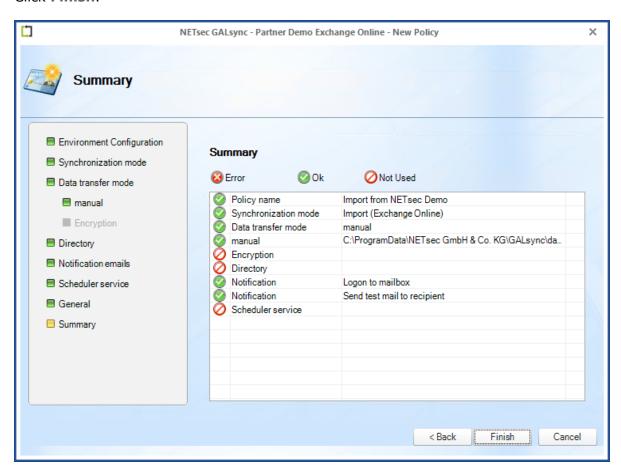


Enter a policy name and optional description, then click **Next**.

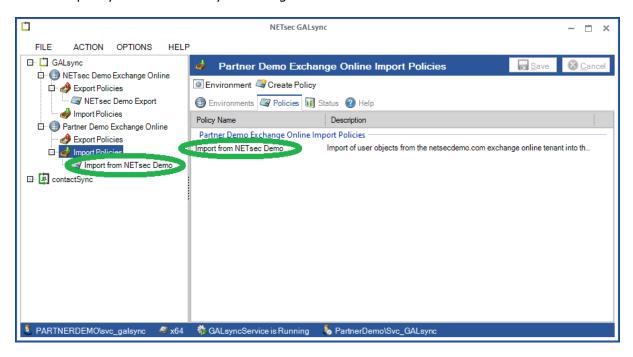


To ensure your settings have been properly configured GALsync will check your policy settings and notify you of any detected errors.

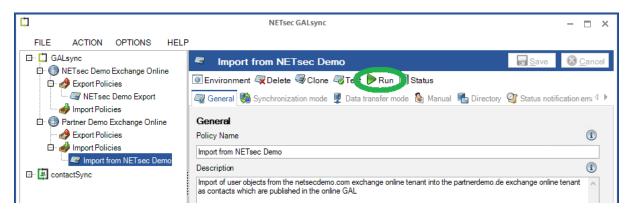
Click Finish.



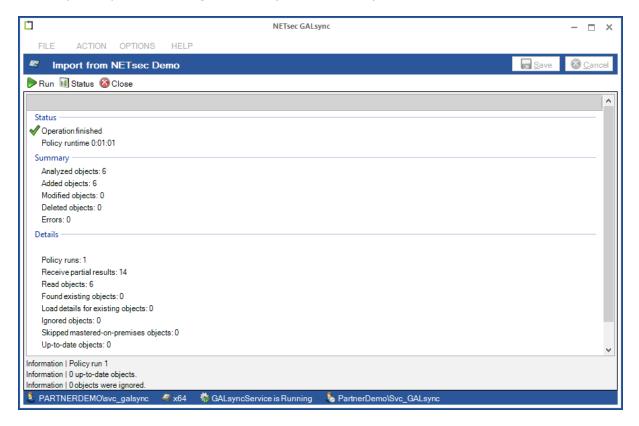
The new policy is accessible by selecting it from either link shown below.



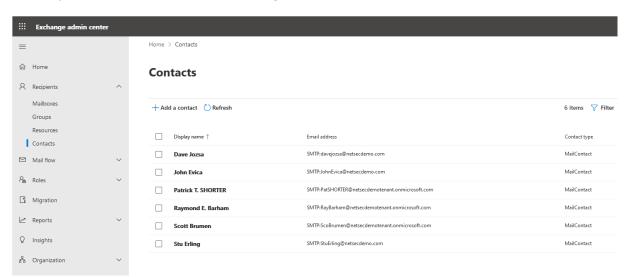
Select the policy node. Then click the **Run** button.



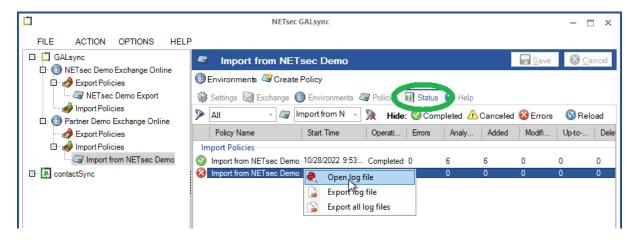
GALsync successfully imported all 6 members of the NETsec Demo Customer Support Security Group into the target tenant (Partner Demo) as contacts.



The import has been verified in the target tenant.



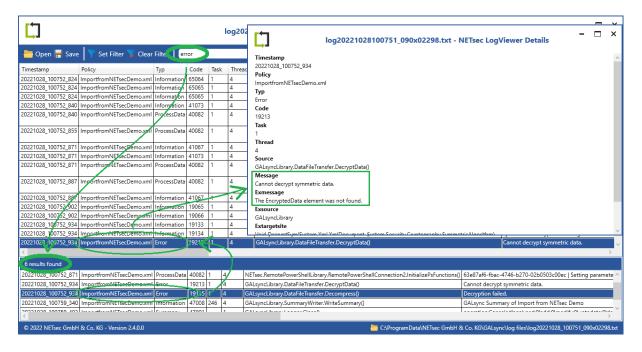
The corresponding log file can be opened by selecting the Status tab, and right-clicking the associated log and selecting **Open log file** from the context menu. This allows you to easily find the error and identify its cause, as shown in the example below.



Searching for the string "error" yields 6 log entries containing this string.

Double-click the line which contains the error. This will highlight the line in the log which contains the details of this log entry.

Double-click the highlighted line in the log viewer.



# On-premises Exchange to on-premises Exchange Synchronization

## Synchronizing between different on-premises Exchange environments

If you want directly synchronize between 2 different on-premises Exchange environments, there must be a domain-joined GALsync Server in each of the corresponding Exchange environments.

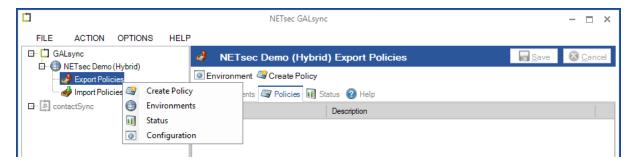
## Hybrid Exchange **On-Premises Exchange** Company B Company A (MS AAD Connect) Microsoft Azure Active Directory 3. Import as 1. Export mail-enabled contacts mail-enabled objects into Company A of Company B 2. Transfer E 3 E from Company B Exchange Exchange to Company A **GALsync Server GALsync Server** 1. Export mail-enabled 2. Transfer from Company A 3. Import as mail-enabled objects of Company A to Company B contacts into Company B

In this scenario the administrator of each on-premises Exchange environment configures an Environment Configuration for their own Exchange environment. The corresponding policies to export and import are configured within the Environment Configuration of the Exchange environment.

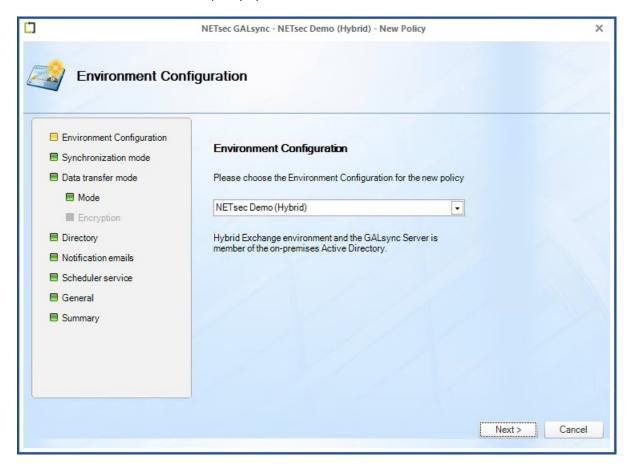
How to configure this scenario is described below in a step-by-step guide:

## **Create and Run Export Policy from on-premises Exchange**

Right-click the **Export Policies** node under the desired environment from which to export, and select **Create Policy**.

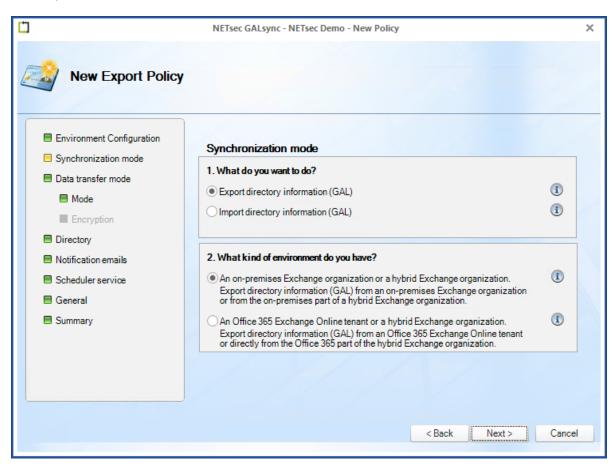


The selected environment is pre-populated.



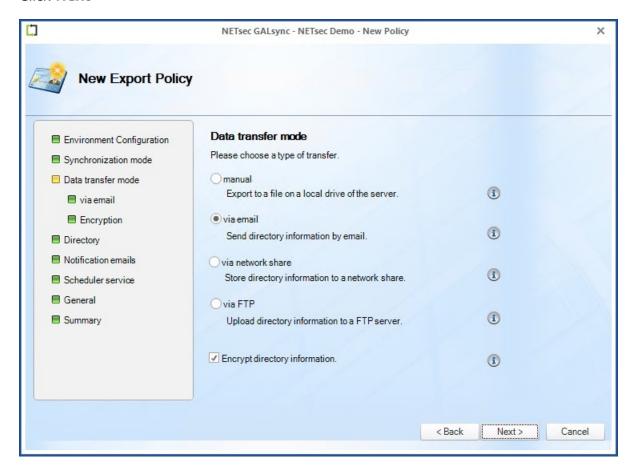
Since this is a hybrid Exchange environment, the option is presented whether to connect to Exchange On-Premises, and export from Active Directory (preferred), or to export from Exchange Online.

Select the **On-premises Exchange organization of hybrid environment** radio button, then click **Next**.



Select the **via email – Send directory information by email** radio button, then check the **Encrypt directory information** checkbox

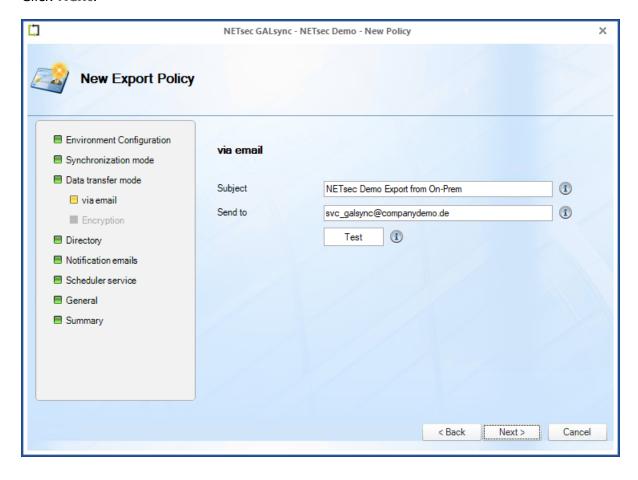
## Click Next



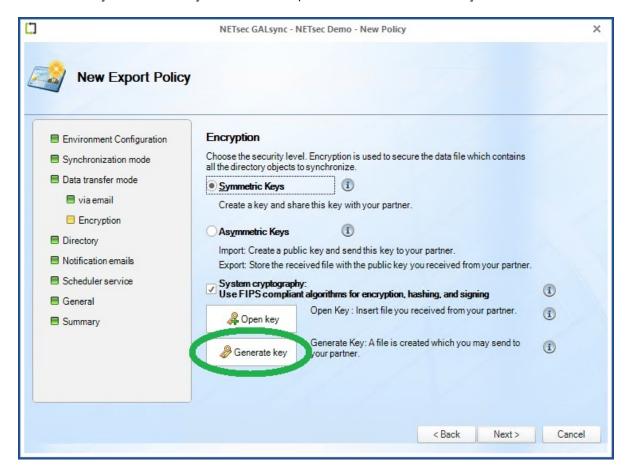
GALsync will attach the data file to an email. Enter a subject line and the email address of the GALsync account in the target forest. This subject line will need to be configured in the corresponding import policy so GALsync can identify which email contains the data file.

Click **Test** to send an optional test email to verify routing to the target mailbox.

## Click Next.

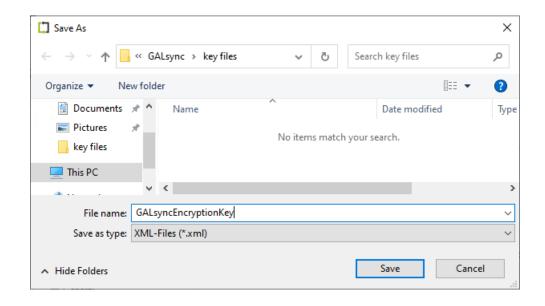


Select the Symmetric Keys radio button, then click Generate Key.

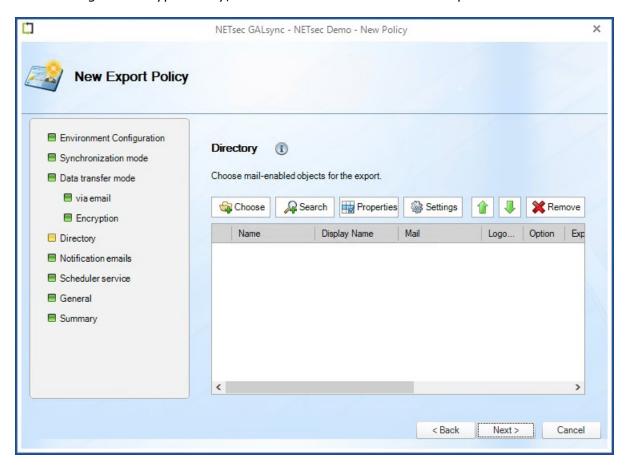


Give the encryption key a file name and save it. The default directory to save it is:

C:\ProgramData\NETsec GmbH & Co. KG\GALsync\key files

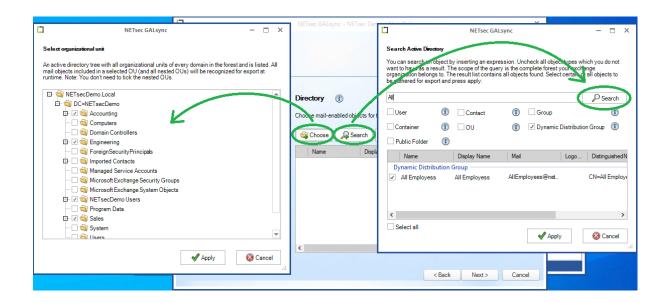


After saving the encryption key, click **Next**. The window below is presented.



There are two ways to select objects to be exported.

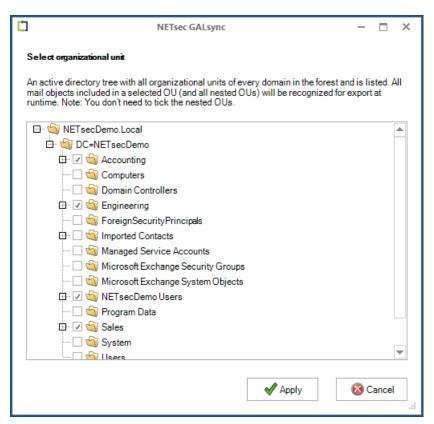
- 1. Click Choose to select objects by OU.
- 2. Click **Search** to initiate an LDAP query to search for select mail-enabled objects.



## Selection by OU:

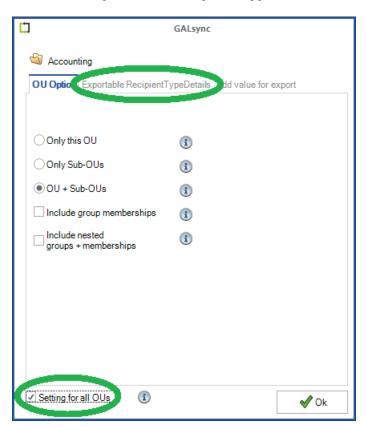
Select the desired OU(s) which contain the objects to be exported by checking the corresponding checkbox(s)

## Click Apply



Select the desired option which you would like to apply to your OU selection. If multiple OUs have been selected, the same settings can be applied to all OUs by checking the **Setting for all OUs** checkbox.

Select the Exportable RecipientTypeDetails tab

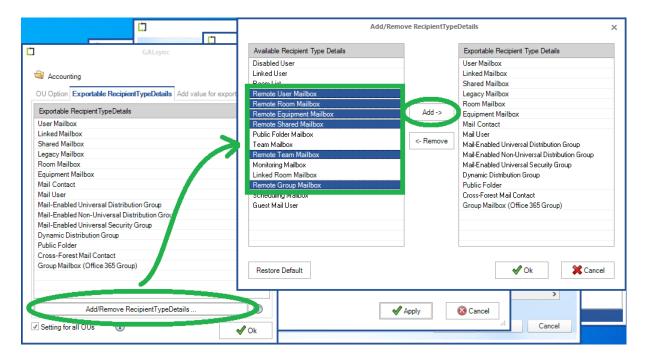


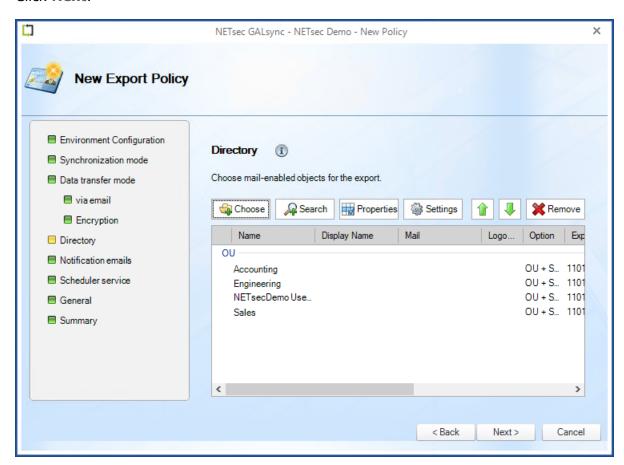
The dialog window displays the default exportable recipient type details values (msExchRecipientTypeDetails AD property) which are to be exported.

Click the Add/Remove RecipientTypeDetails button to modify your selection.

Important: By default, remote mailboxes are not exported from on-premises Exchange. They must be explicitly added as shown below.

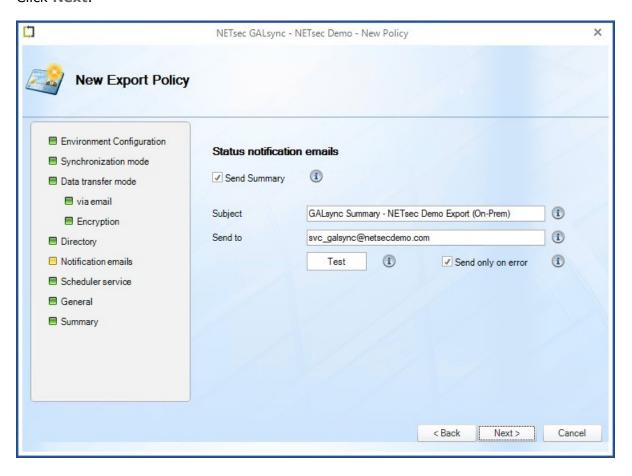
#### Click OK.



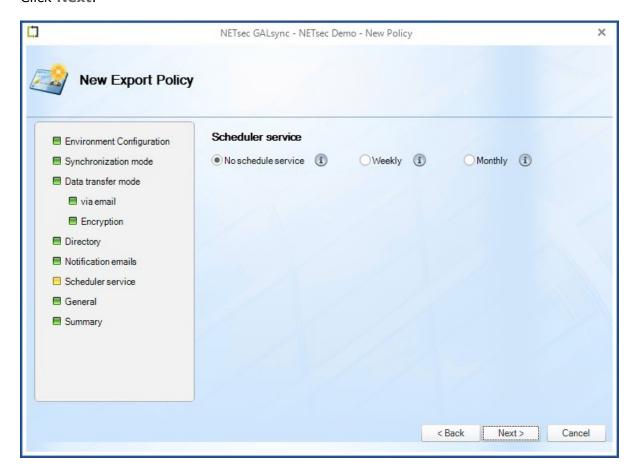


An optional status notification email can be configured to be sent each time the policy runs, which contains a brief summary of the export operation. It can be configured to **Send only on error**, when checked.

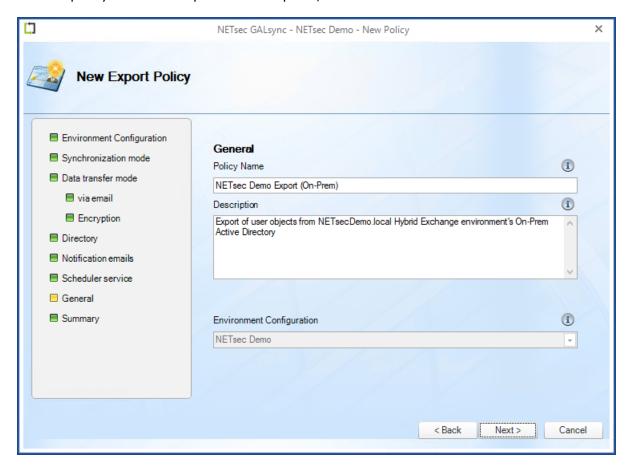
Click **Test** to send an optional test email to the specified recipient.



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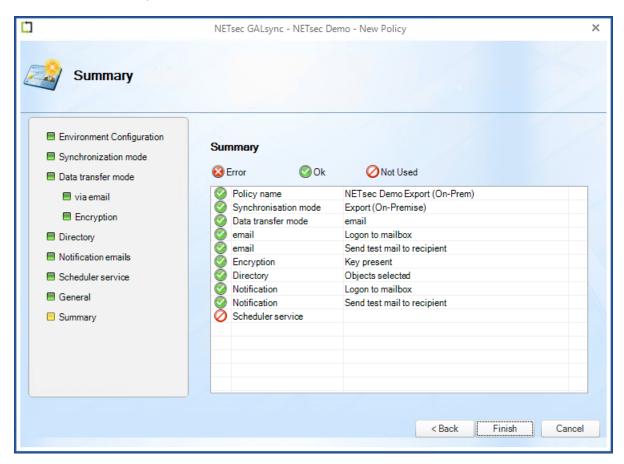


Enter a policy name and optional description, then click **Next**.

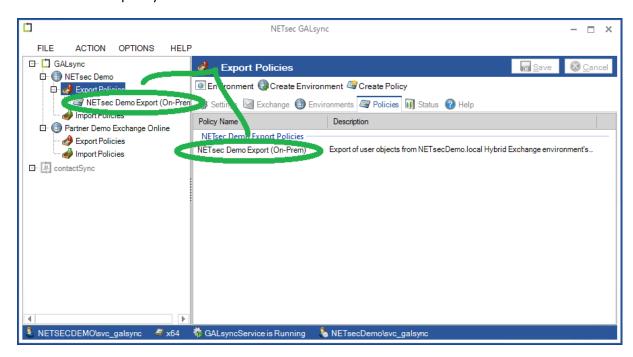


To ensure your settings have been properly configured GALsync will check your policy settings and notify you of any detected errors.

Click Finish to complete the wizard.



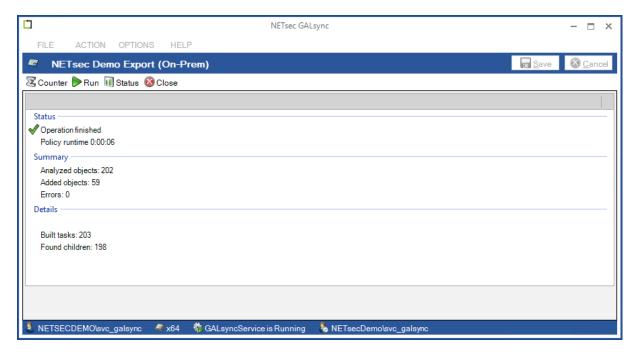
Select the new policy from either node shown below.



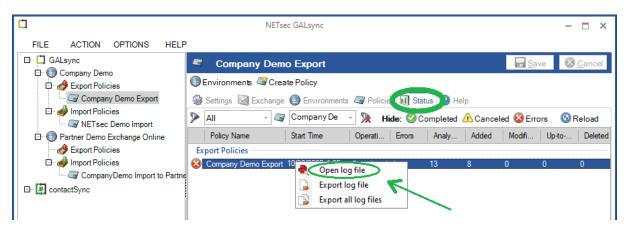
#### Click Run



### Export completed successfully



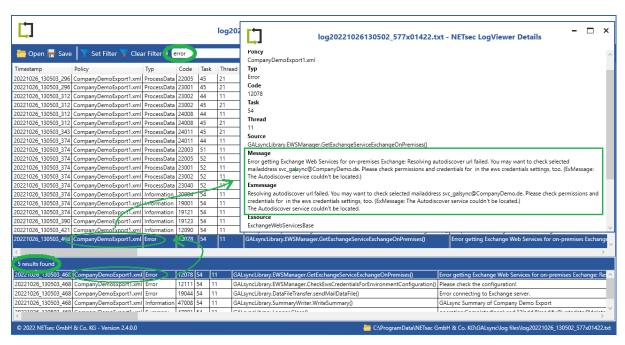
The corresponding log file can be opened by selecting the Status tab, and right-clicking the associated log and selecting **Open log file** from the context menu. This allows you to easily find the error and identify its cause, as shown in the example below.



Searching for the string "error" yields 5 log entries containing this string.

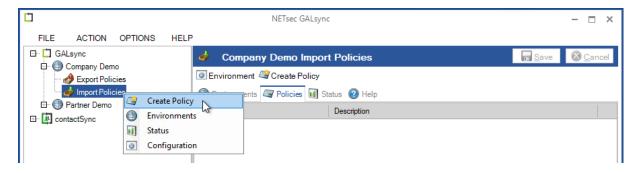
Double-click the line which contains the error. This will highlight the line in the log which contains the details of this log entry.

Double-click the highlighted line in the log viewer.

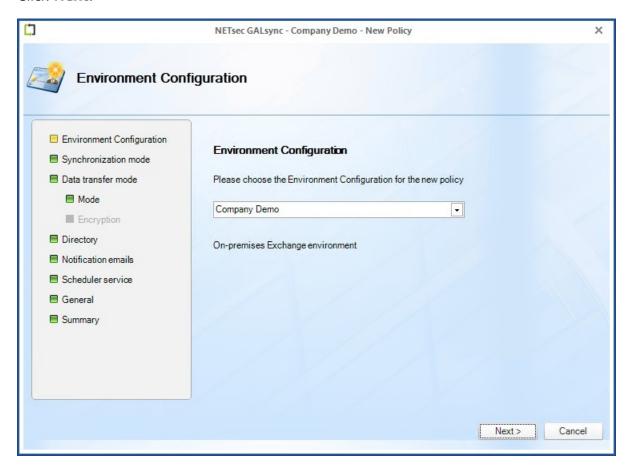


# **Create and Run Import Policy for on-premises Exchange**

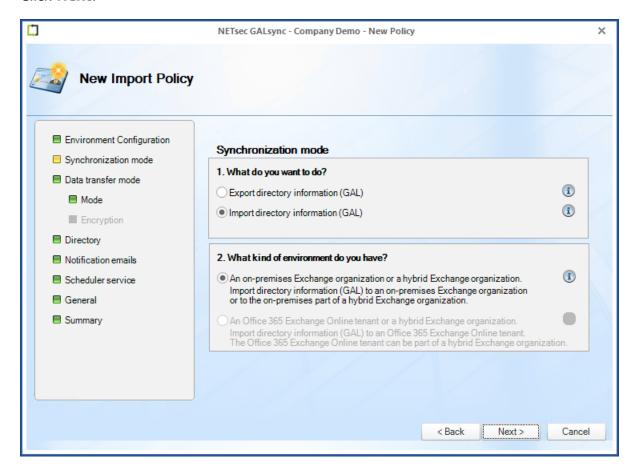
Right-click the **Import Policies** node under the Environment you would like to import to, then select **Create Policy**.



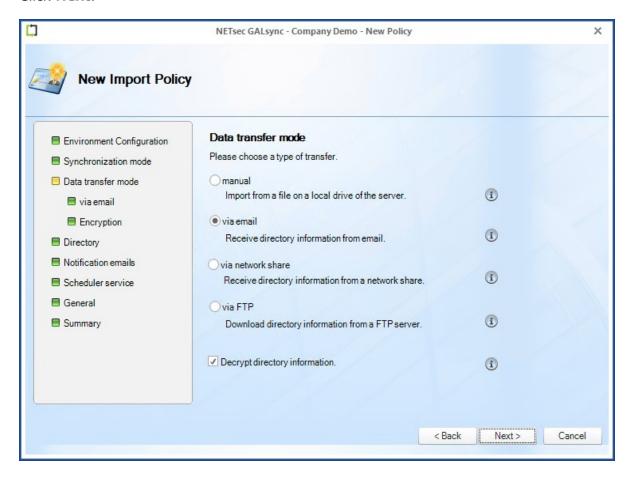
The environment is preselected, if it is not, reselect it from the dropdown.



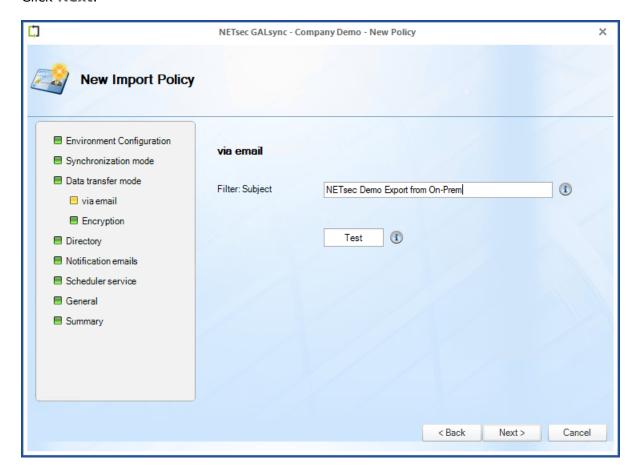
Import directory information has been preselected, and since this is an on-premises Exchange environment, this option has also been preselected.



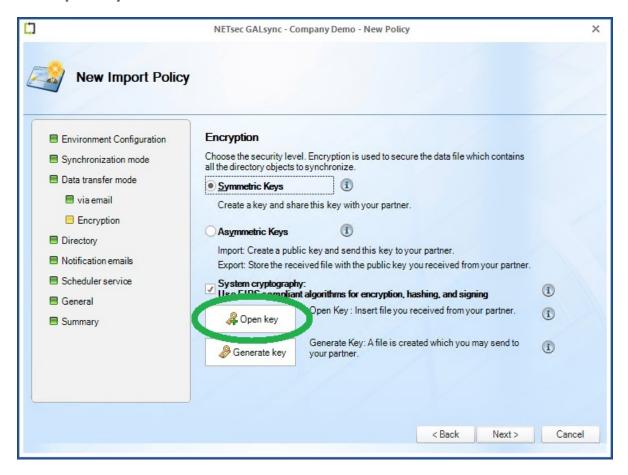
Select the **via email – Receive directory information from email** radio button, then check the **Decrypt directory information** checkbox.



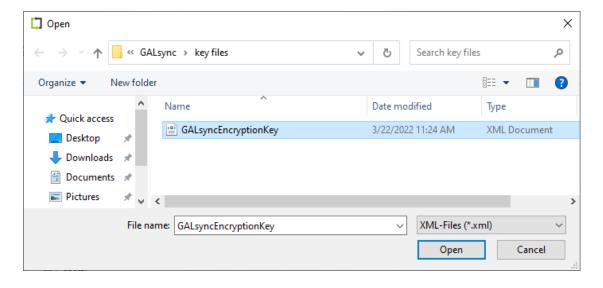
Enter the subject line which had been configured in the corresponding export policy. Connectivity to the GALsync mailbox can be validated by clicking the **Test** button.



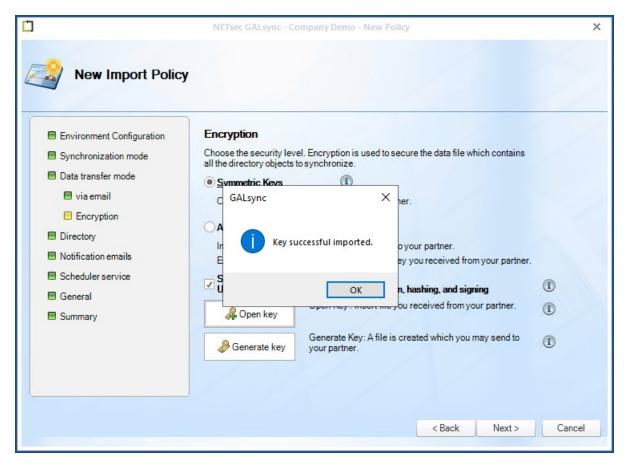
## Click Open key.



Then select the encryption/decryption key to be used to decrypt the data file.



# Key successfully imported. Click OK, then Next



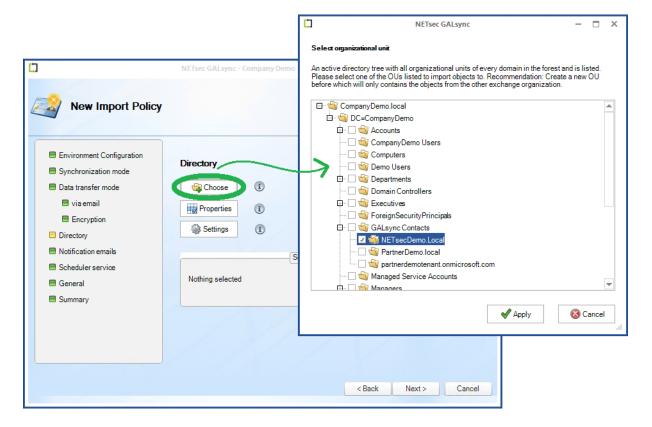
Please note, that the on-premises GALsync service account needs the permission to create, modify and delete objects and their attributes below your defined Import-OUs for synchronizing into an on-premises Exchange environment.

Please take a look at the chapter

**Active Directory Permission for the Import OU (on-premises).** 

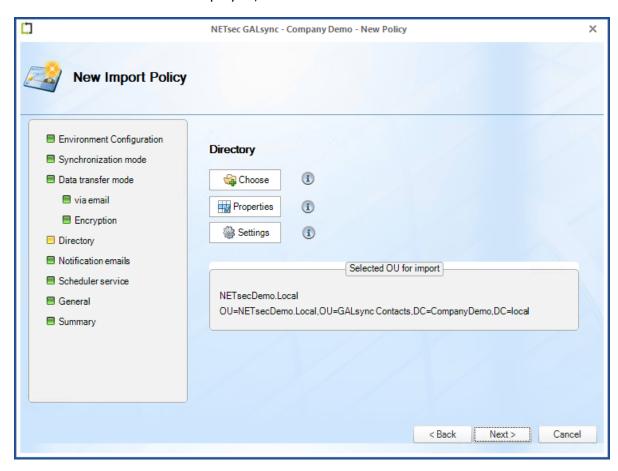
Click **Choose**, which opens an Active Directory tree. Select the target OU which will receive the imported contacts.

Important: Please ensure the necessary permissions have been granted to the GALsync Service account for the import OU



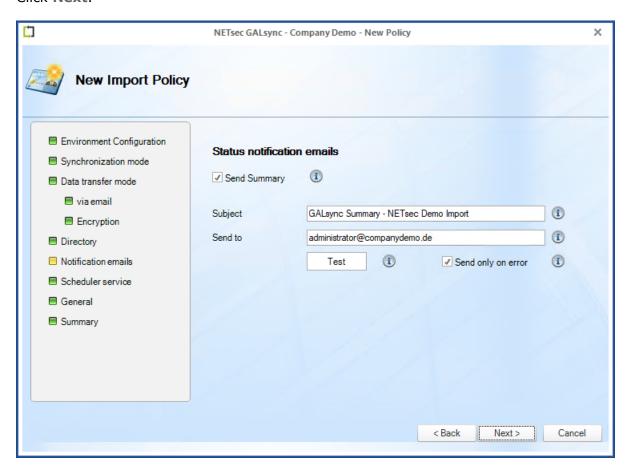
Click Apply.

Ensure the selected OU is displayed, then click **Next**.

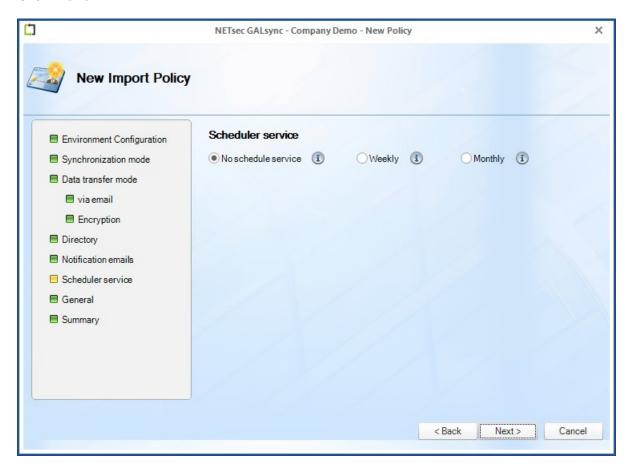


An optional status notification email can be configured to be sent each time the policy runs, which contains a brief summary of the export operation. It can be configured to **Send only on error** as the checkbox suggests, when checked.

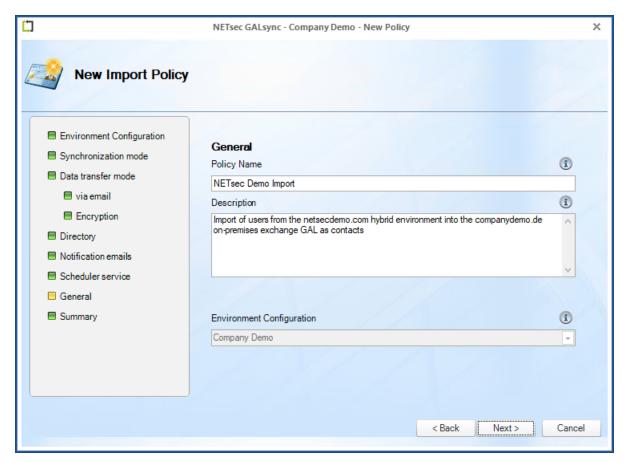
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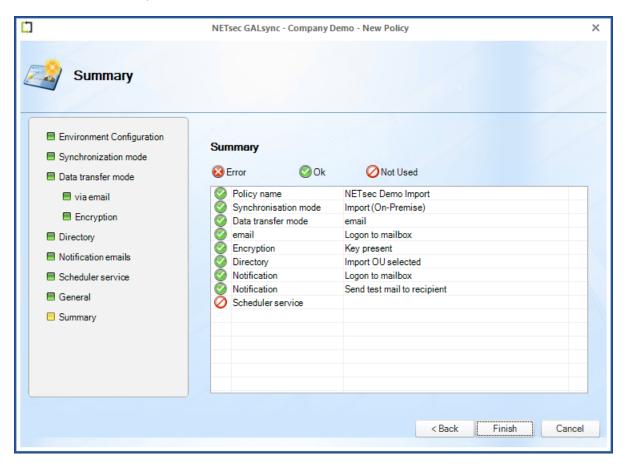


Add a policy name and optional description, then click **Next**.

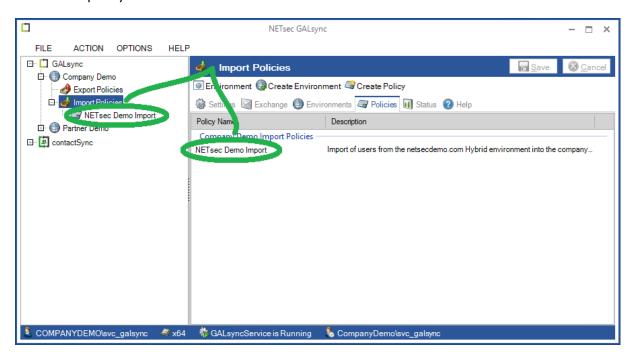


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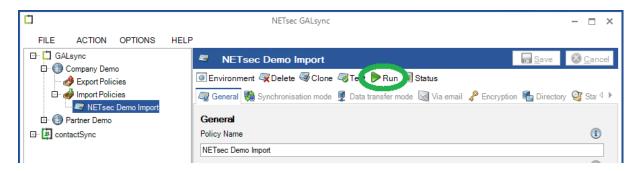
Click Finish to complete the wizard.



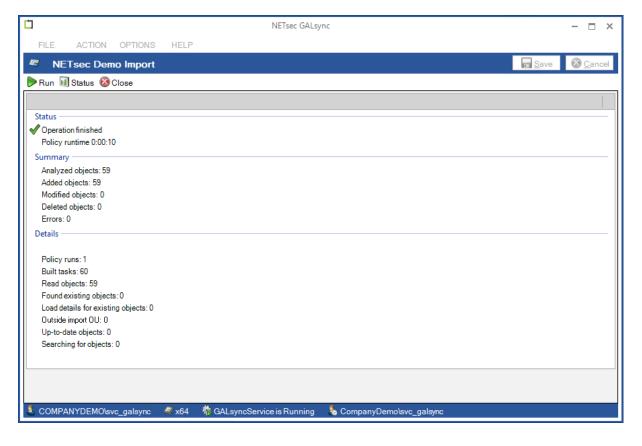
Select the policy from either node shown below.



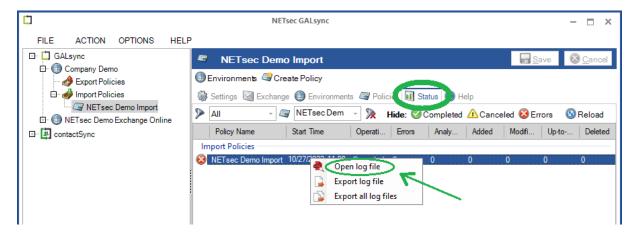
#### Click Run.



# 59 objects were added.



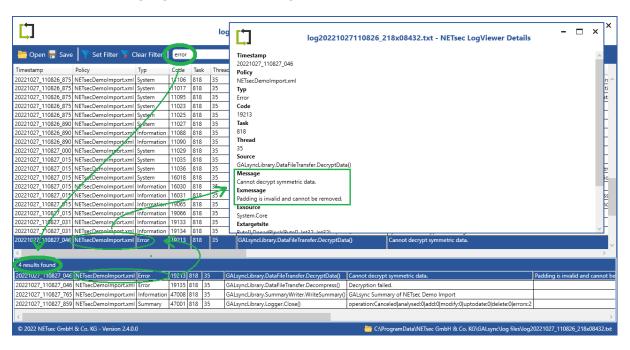
The corresponding log file can be opened by selecting the Status tab, and right-clicking the associated log and selecting **Open log file** from the context menu. This allows you to easily find the error and identify its cause, as shown in the example below.



Searching for the string "error" yields 4 log entries containing this string.

Double-click the line which contains the error. This will highlight the line in the log which contains the details of this log entry.

Double-click the highlighted line in the log viewer.



# Support: What to do when I notice an error / bug?

We always try to provide a very responsive, solution orientated and effective support. Should you encounter any issue, bug or inconvenience please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please email us at <a href="mailto:support@netsec.de">support@netsec.de</a>.

To enable us to provide you the best quality support possible, please provide us with the following information:

#### **Environment Overview**

- · Which Exchange version do you use?
- Which GALsync version do you use?
- Does the GALsync service account have an Exchange mailbox and where it is located?

# **Description of the issue**

Please describe your issue/bug/inconvenience thoroughly, in detail, what you wanted to achieve and what you were doing as it occurred.

A screenshot of the issue often helps us to understand.

## **Configuration and log files**

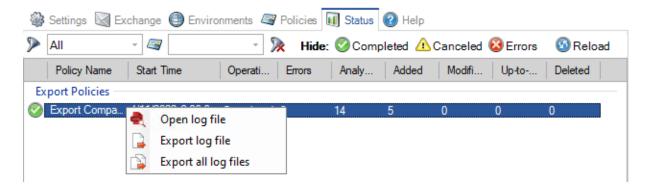
We also require the configuration and the logs, preferably zipped.

In menu **Action** -> **Export Configuration** you can zip the policies.

In menu **Action** -> **Export Status** you can zip the log files.



The log files of a policy can be also compressed on the **Status** tab:



Please send an email to <a href="mailto:support@netsec.de">support@netsec.de</a> with a description of the issue and attach the compressed file with the configuration and the compressed file with the log files.

Alternatively, you could also upload the compressed files for us at the **NETsec Support Dropzone** 

https://transfer.netsec.de/dropzone/support

Do you have more questions or need further support? Please do not hesitate to contact the GALsync Support Team.

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