

# Create a Connection in the New Exalate Console

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New Exalate console streamlines the process of creating connections between different work management systems. This guide walks you through creating a connection with automated system registration and configuration.

## Before You Begin

To create a connection, you'll need:

- An active account in the new Exalate console with at least one Workspace
- Access credentials for the systems you want to connect

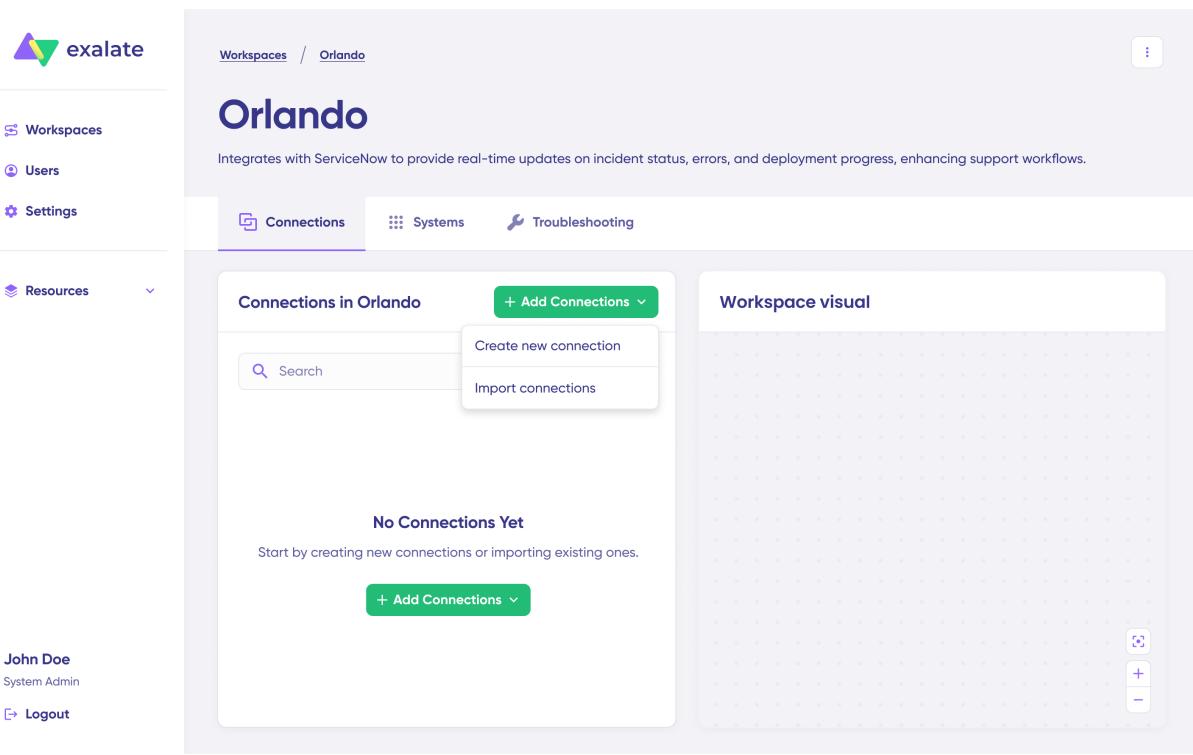
### **System Requirements:**

- **For Azure DevOps:** A Personal Access Token (PAT) with Work Items (Read & Write) scope
- **For ServiceNow:** Username and password
- **For Freshdesk:** API key
- **For Freshservice:** API key
- **For Jira Cloud (Beta):** API key
- **For Zendesk:** API key
- **For Azure DevOps Server:** A Personal Access Token (PAT)

**Note:** Automated system registration currently supports **Azure DevOps, ServiceNow, Freshdesk, Freshservice, Jira Cloud (Beta), Zendesk, and Azure DevOps Server**. If you want to connect other systems like GitHub or Salesforce, you'll need to import them as nodes into your workspace first before creating a connection.

## Start With the Connection Wizard

1. Log in to your account.
2. From the Workspaces list, select a workspace.
3. Click **Add Connections > Create New Connection**.



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# Orlando

Integrates with ServiceNow to provide real-time updates on incident status, errors, and deployment progress, enhancing support workflows.

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No Connections Yet

Start by creating new connections or importing existing ones.

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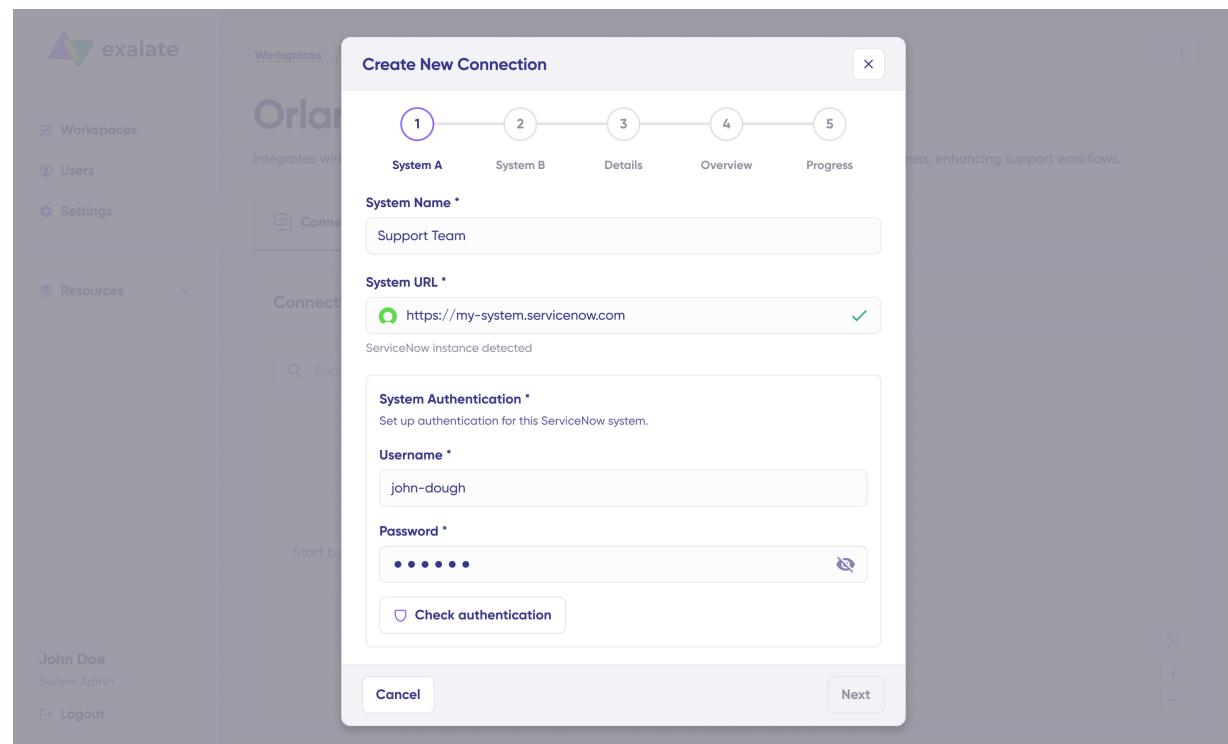
John Doe  
System Admin  
Logout

Workspace visual

- The connection creation wizard opens, guiding you through a 5-step process.

## Configure System A

### 1. Enter the system URL:



Create New Connection

1 2 3 4 5

System A System B Details Overview Progress

System Name \* Support Team

System URL \* https://my-system.servicenow.com

System Authentication \* Set up authentication for this ServiceNow system.

Username \* john-dough

Password \* \*\*\*\*\*

Check authentication

Cancel Next

New Exalate console automatically detects the **system type** based on the URL you enter.

### 2. System status check:

When you enter a URL, we check if the system is already registered:

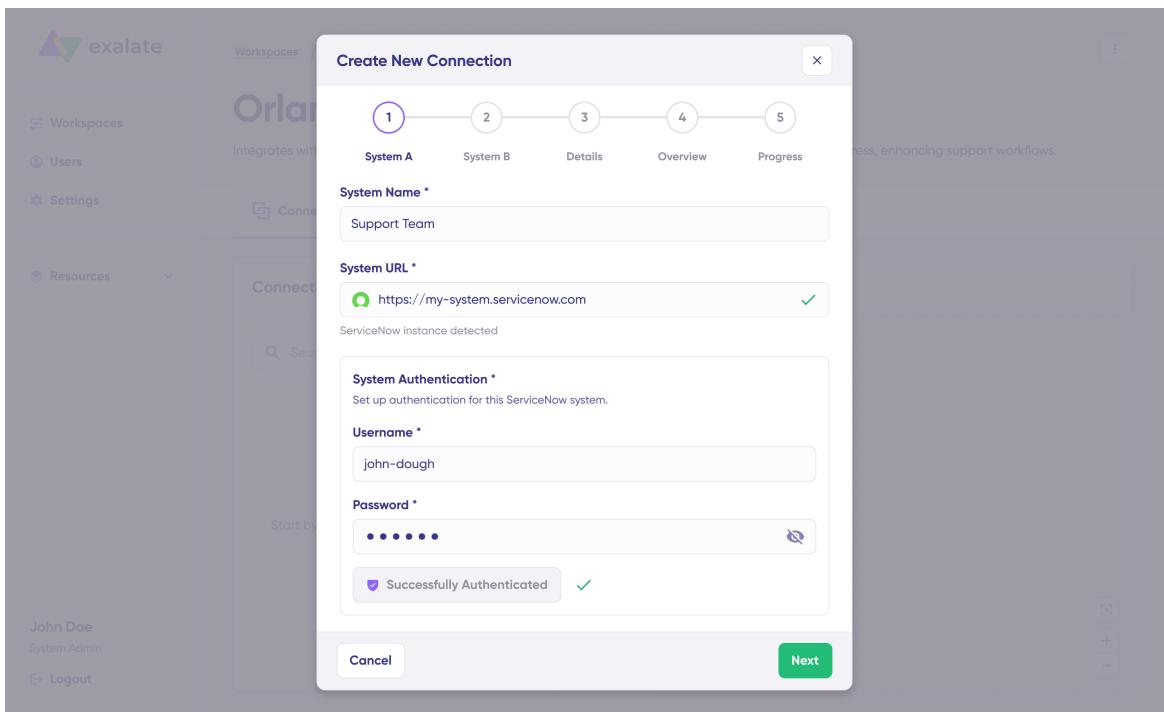
- If the system is already part of your workspace, you'll see a confirmation message and can skip authentication.
- If the system is registered but in a different workspace, you'll see: "System registered, but not yet part of Workspace." You can continue—the system will be added to your workspace during connection creation.
- If the system is new, authentication fields appear automatically.

### 3. Authenticate the system:

If authentication is required, provide your credentials:

- Enter your Personal Access Token (PAT), API key, or basic authentication details, depending on your system type.

Click **Check Authentication** and wait for validation. Once successful, the **Next** button becomes active.



### 4. Click **Next** to proceed to System B.

## Configure System B

Follow the same steps as System A:

1. Enter the system URL for your second system.
2. Wait for automatic system type detection.
3. If required, provide authentication credentials.
4. Click **Check Authentication** to verify.
5. Click **Next** to continue.

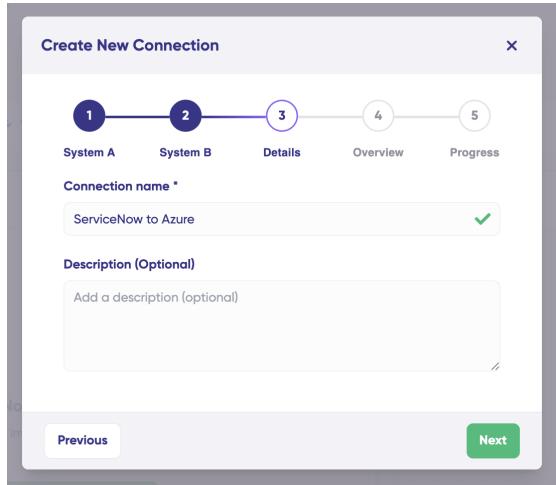
## Name Your Connection

### 1. Connection name

Enter a unique, descriptive name for your connection. The name must be unique between these two systems.

Examples:

- "ADO-ServiceNow-ProductTeam"
- "Development-Support-Sync"



The screenshot shows the 'Create New Connection' wizard with five steps: System A, System B, Details, Overview, and Progress. Step 3, 'Details', is active. It has fields for 'Connection name \*' (ServiceNow to Azure) and 'Description (Optional)' (Add a description (optional)). The 'Next' button is highlighted in green.

If this is not your first connection between the systems and the name already exists, you'll see an error message prompting you to choose a different name

### 2. Connection description (optional):

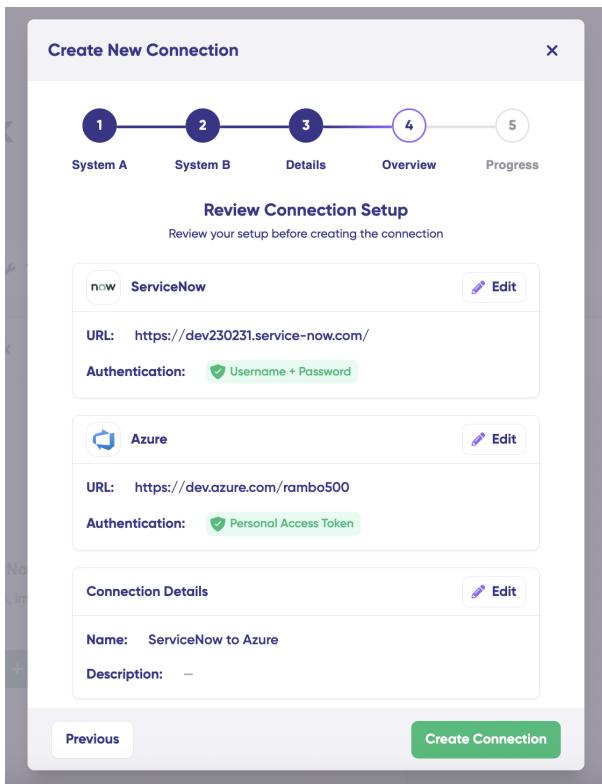
Add a brief description to help identify the connection's purpose, such as "Sync product development tasks between Azure DevOps and ServiceNow."

3. Click **Next** to review your configuration.

## Review and Create

1. Review the details of your connection:

- **System A:** Verify the system type, URL, and authentication status
- **System B:** Verify the system type, URL, and authentication status
- **Connection Details:** Confirm the connection name and description



2. Click **Create Connection** to begin the setup process.

## Monitor Progress

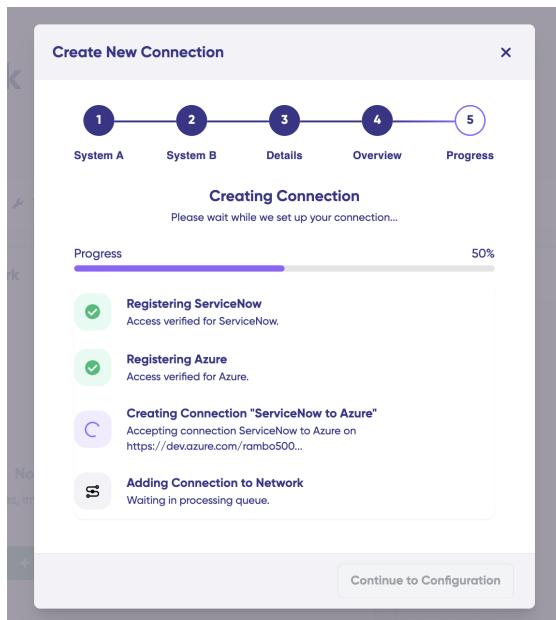
New Exalate automatically registers your systems and establishes the connection. You'll see real-time updates as the process completes:

### System Registration:

- Validating credentials
- Checking for existing nodes
- Registering new nodes (if needed)
- Configuring node settings

### Connection Establishment:

- Creating the bidirectional connection
- Finalizing setup



The progress screen shows the status of each step and an estimated time remaining. The process typically takes 1-2 minutes.

**Tip:** You can close the progress modal and navigate away—the process continues in the background. Your connection will appear in the Connections list with a "Building..." status until it's ready.

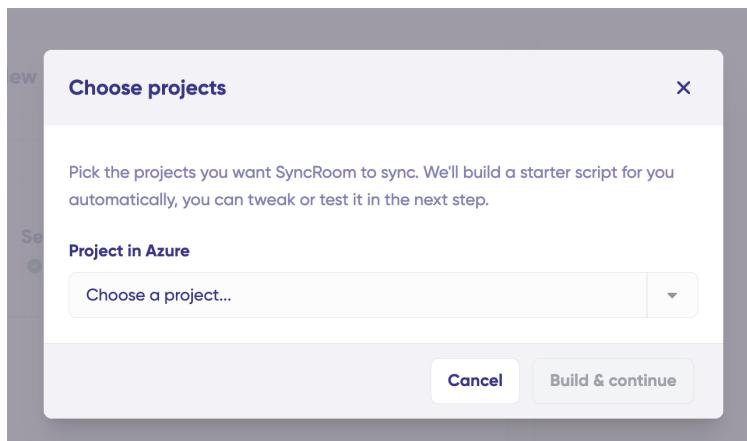
When the process completes, you'll see a success message, and your connection status will change to "Ready to configure."

## What's Next?

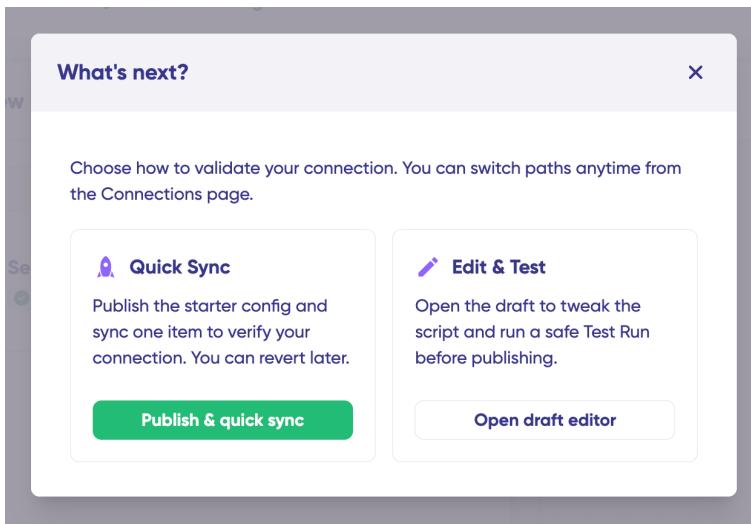
Once your connection is created, you'll need to configure it before it's ready to sync data:

**1. Configure project selection:** Choose which projects to sync between your systems.

**Note:** If the concept of a project does not exist in the given system, this modal will not be shown.



**2. Test your connection:** Use TestRun to validate your configuration before going live.



### 3. Publish to production: Activate the connection to begin syncing data.

Refer to the [Manage Connection Configuration](#) guide for detailed steps on configuring your connection.

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