Hybrid Identity Lab Microsoft Entra Connect + On-Prem AD Sync

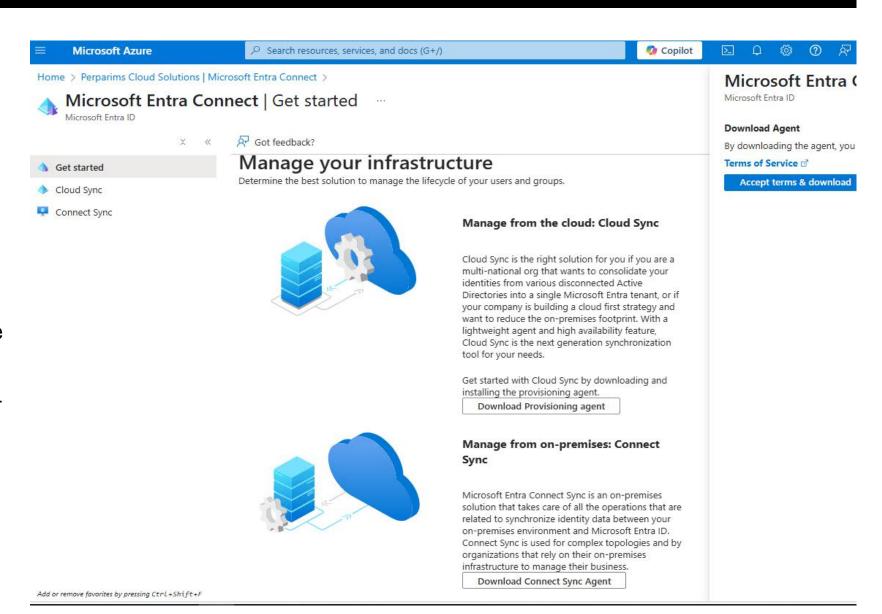
Real-world hybrid identity setup using Password Hash Sync + Seamless SSO

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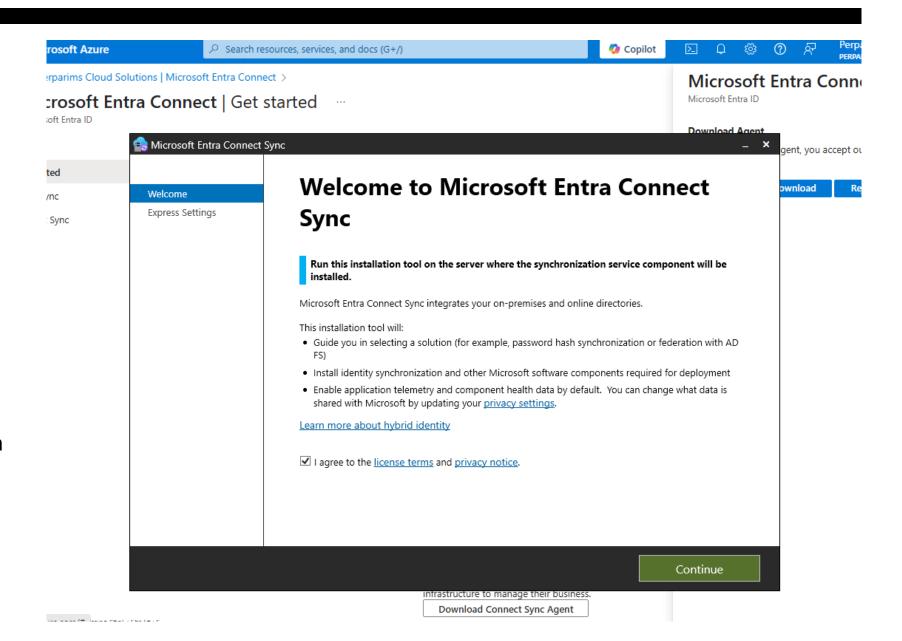
★ Step 1 – Download Connect Sync Agent

 Started by downloading the Microsoft Entra Connect Sync Agent from the portal to enable hybrid identity sync.



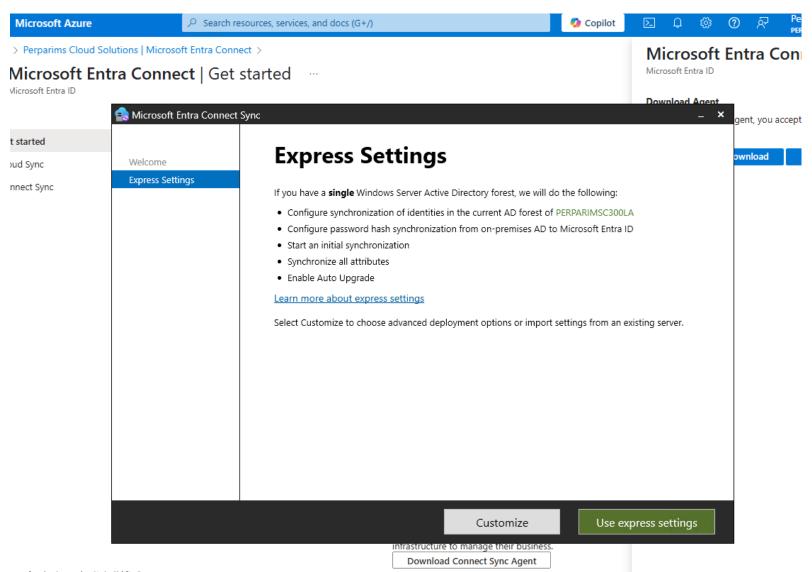
Step 2 – Install & Launch Wizard

Installed the agent on the domain controller and launched the configuration wizard.



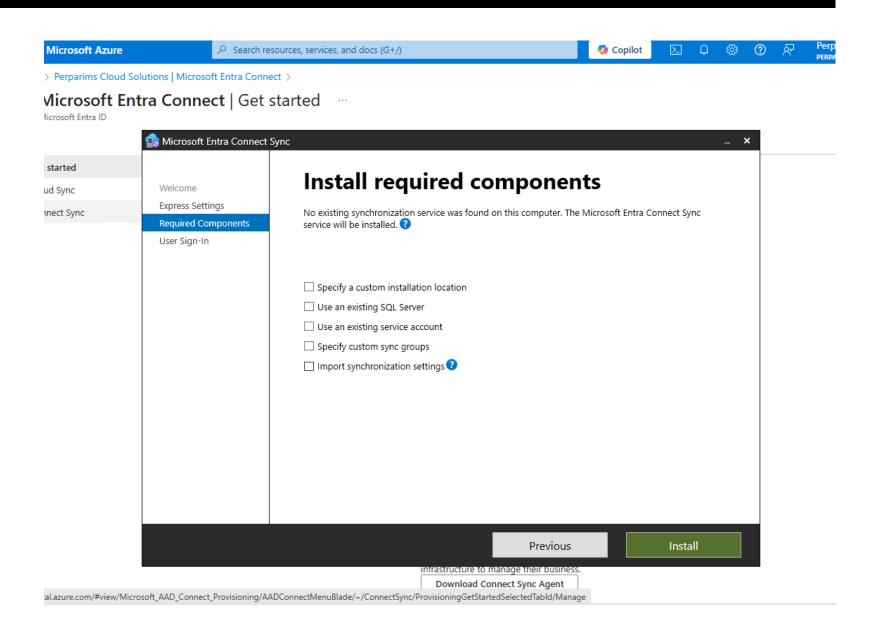
Step 3 – Chose Express Settings

 Since I had a single AD forest, I used Express
 Settings to simplify setup.



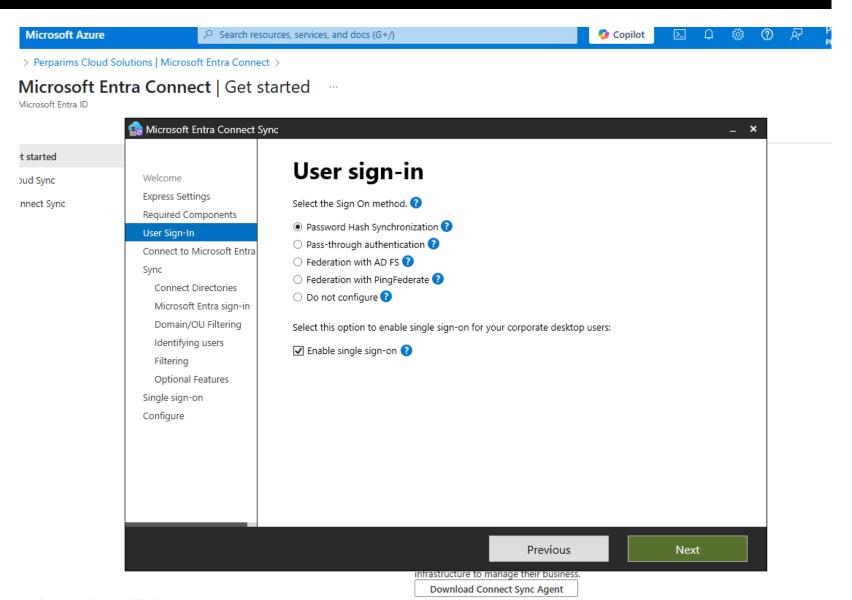
Step 4 – Install Required Components

 Let the wizard install the required sync engine and components.



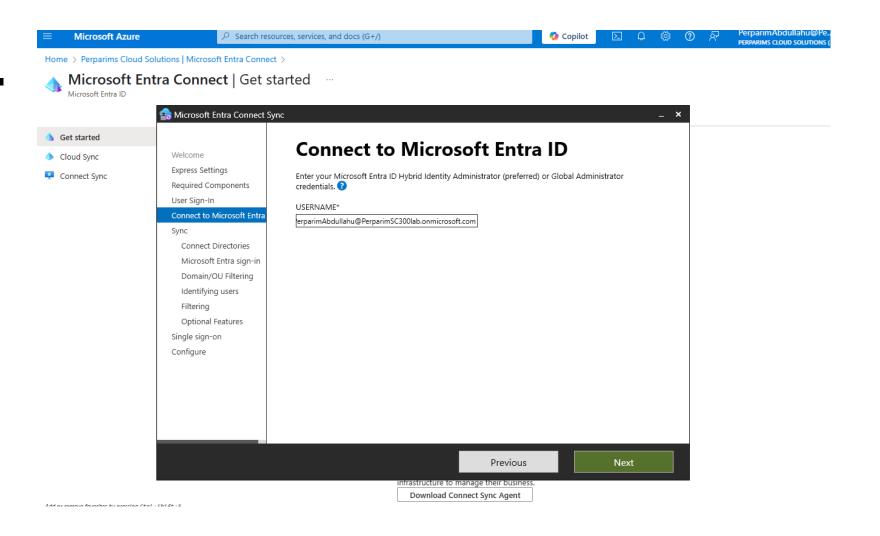
Step 5 – Choose Sign-In Method

Selected Password Hash
 Synchronization with
 Single Sign-On for user
 convenience.



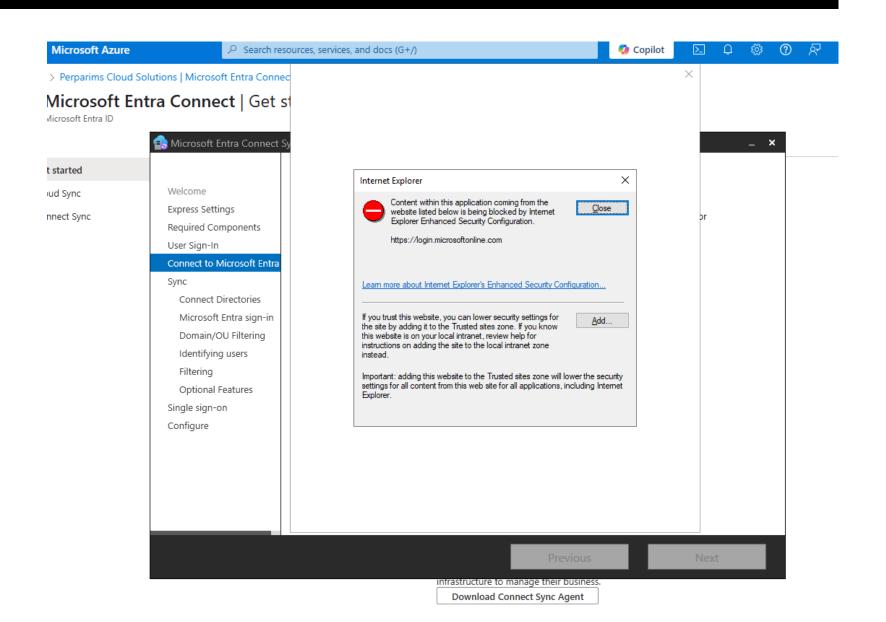
Step 6 – Connect to Entra ID

Entered my Global
Administrator
credentials to connect
to Microsoft Entra ID.



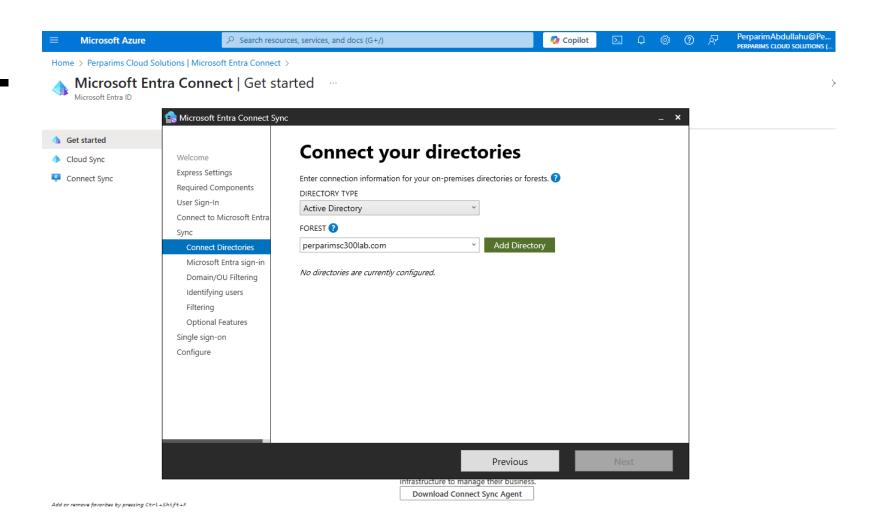
JavaScript Error (Resolved)

 Faced a browser error due to IE Enhanced Security.
 Fixed it by adding Microsoft URLs to Trusted Sites.



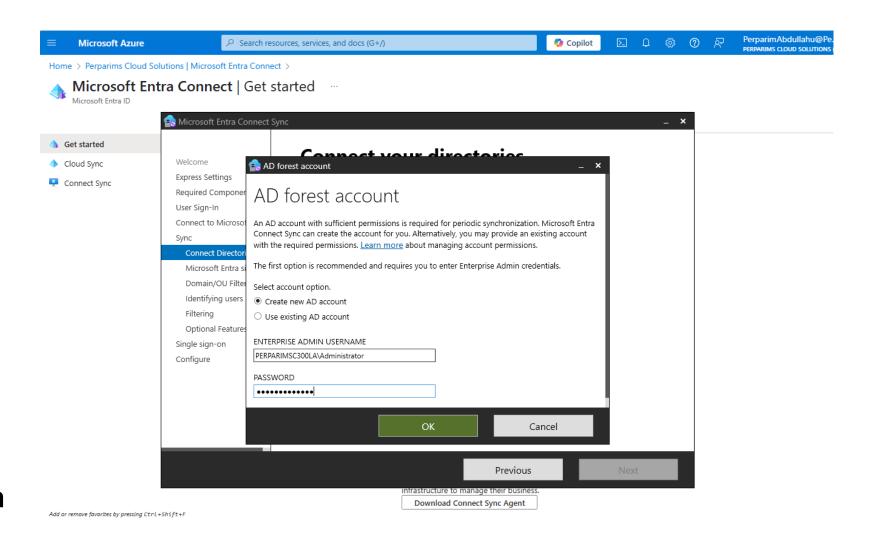
Step 7 – Connect Local AD Forest

Specified the AD forest and authenticated using Enterprise Admin credentials.



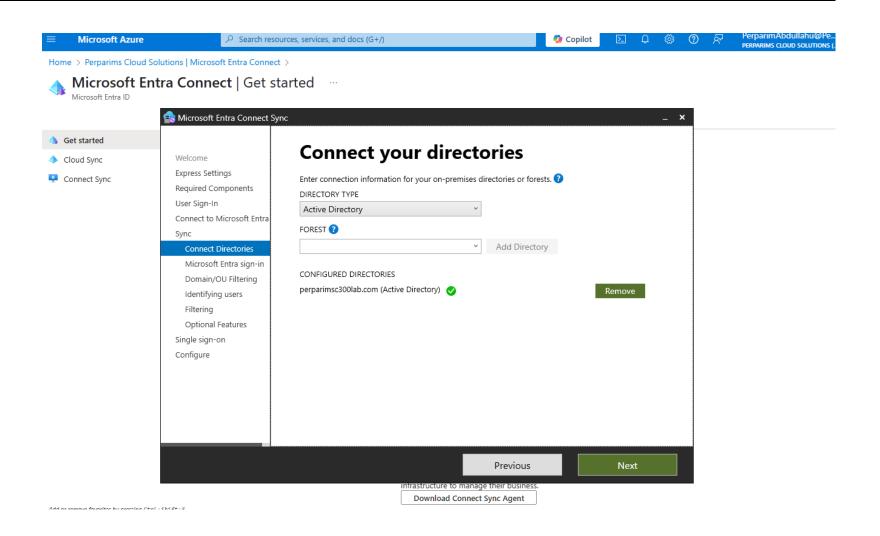
Forest Connection Confirmed

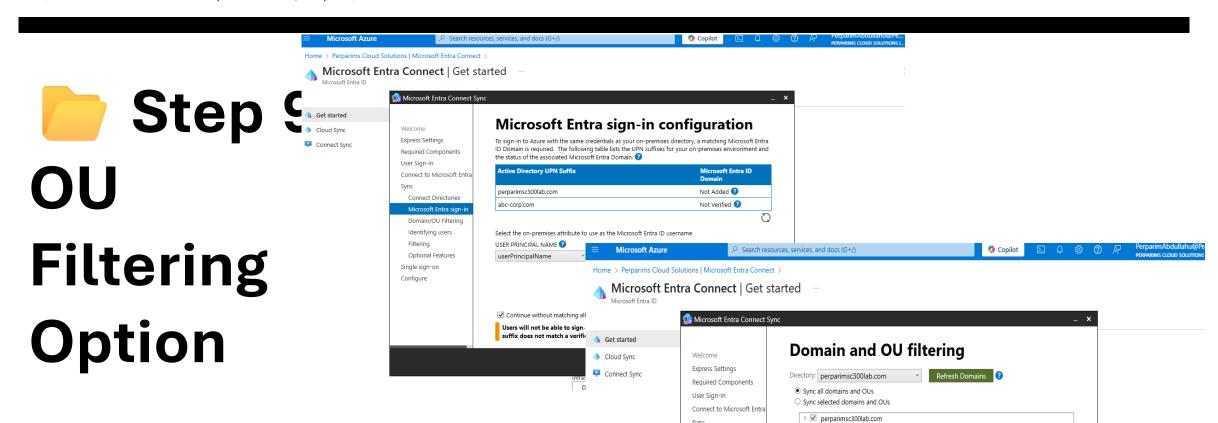
Successfully connected to perparimsc300lab.com for sync.



Step 8 – UPN Configuration

Notified that my custom UPN suffix wasn't verified. Continued with a warning for lab purposes.





Connect Directories

Optional Features

Download Connect Sync Agent

Single sign-on Configure

Microsoft Entra sign-in

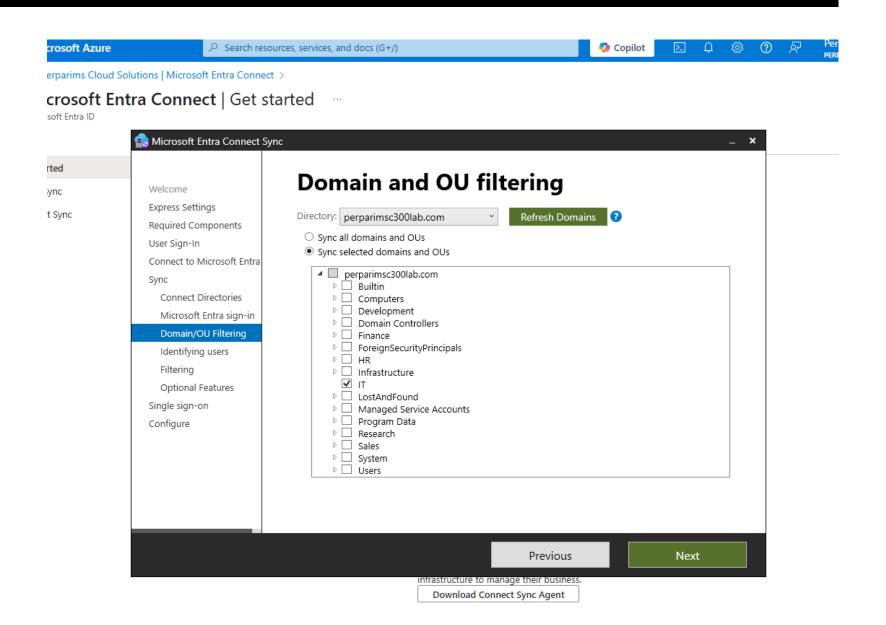
Domain/OU Filtering

Identifying users

Filtered the synchronization scope by selecting only relevant OUs.

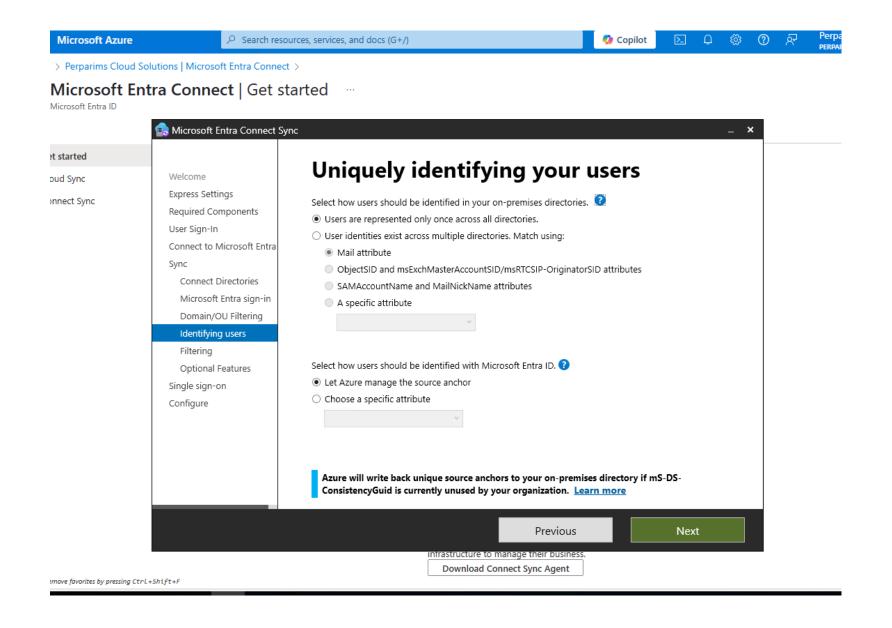
Step 10 – Identify Users

 Chose mail attribute for user matching and allowed Azure to manage the source anchor.



Step 11 – Filtering Users & Devices

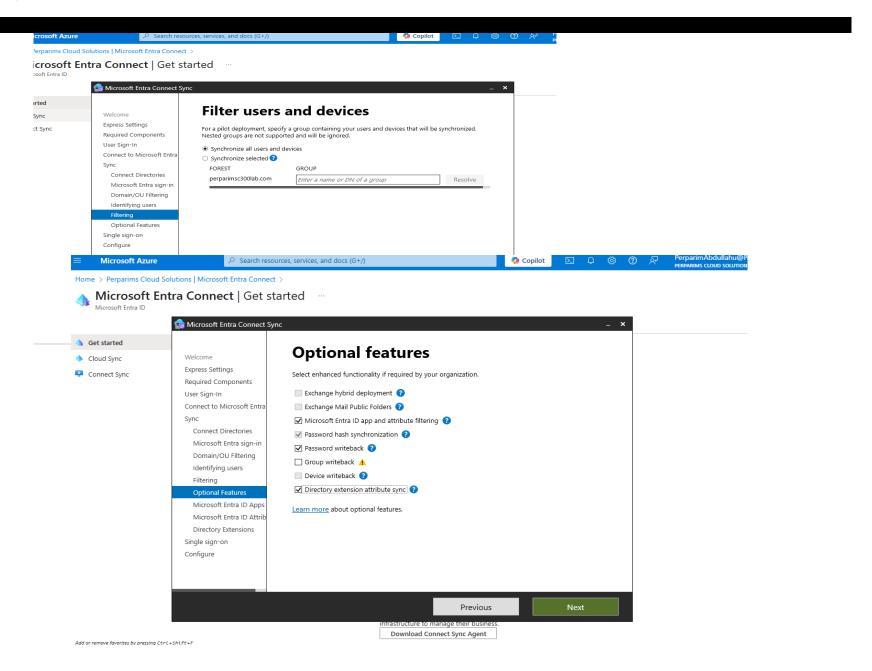
 Selected to sync all users and devices for the lab environment.



Step 12 – Enable Optional Features

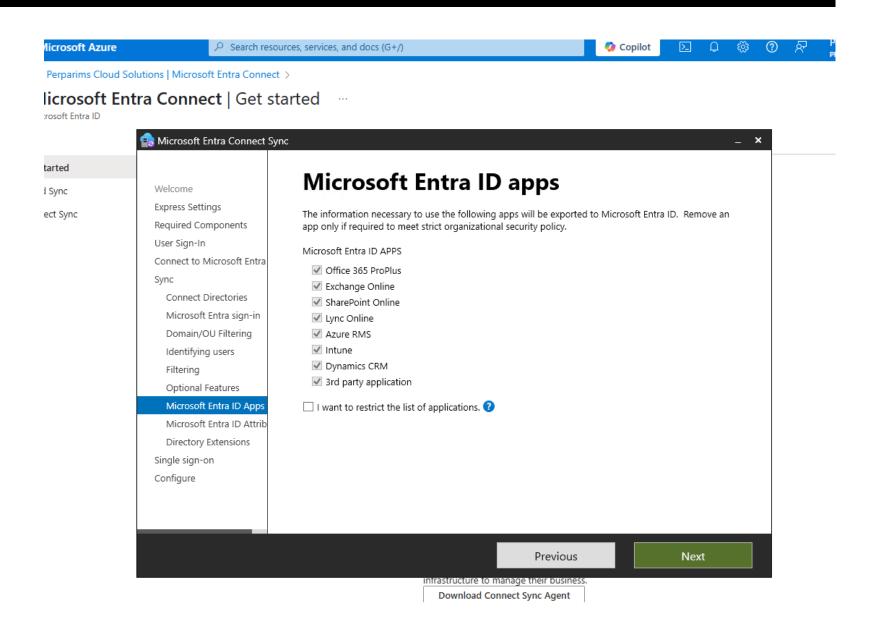
Enabled:

- Microsoft Entra ID app filtering
- Password hash sync
- Password writeback
- Directory extension attribute sync



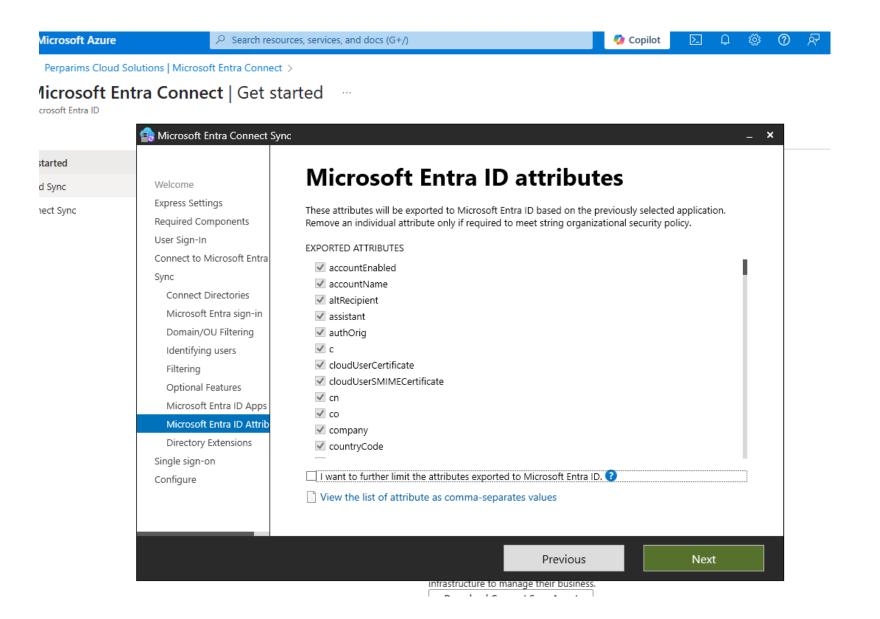


Selected key M365 apps for sync.



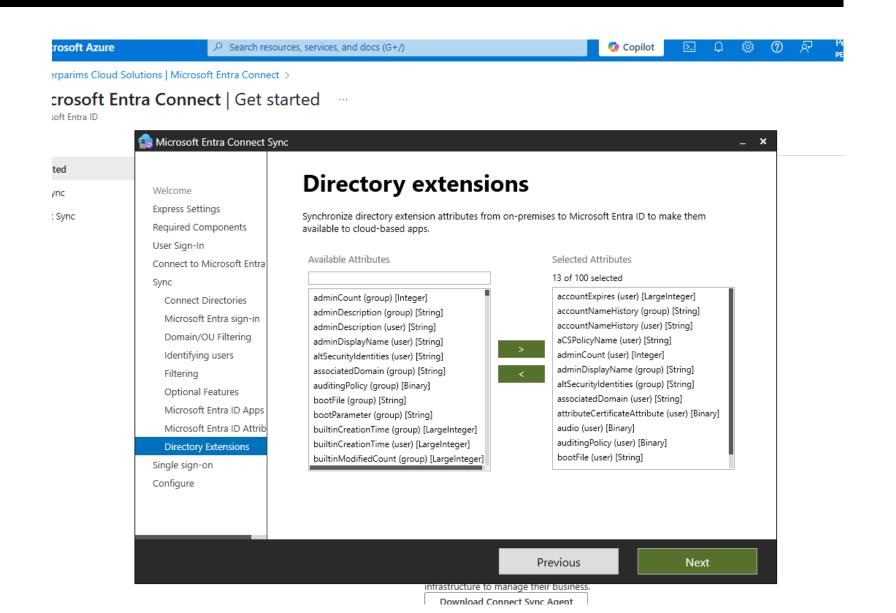
Step 14 – Attribute Sync Preview

 Previewed the exported attributes to Microsoft Entra ID.



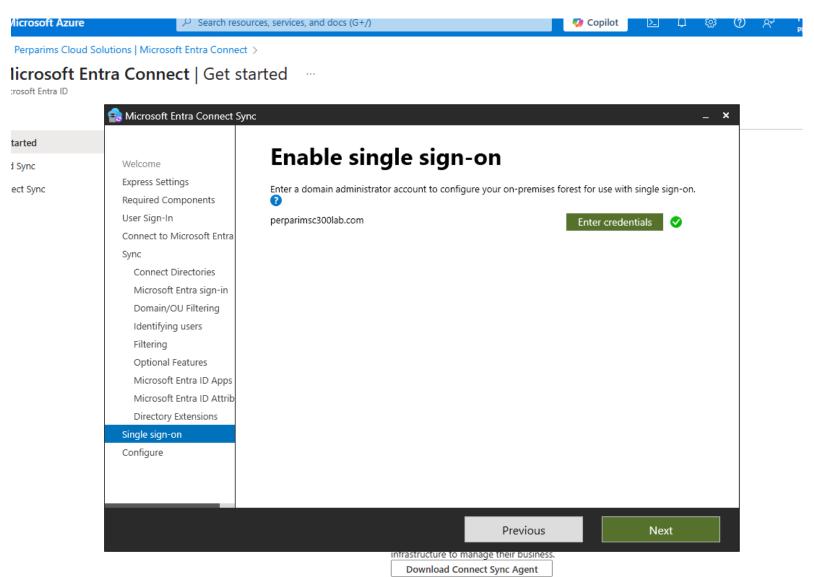
Step 15 – Directory Extensions

 Selected extra attributes from AD to be available in Microsoft Entra for cloudbased apps.



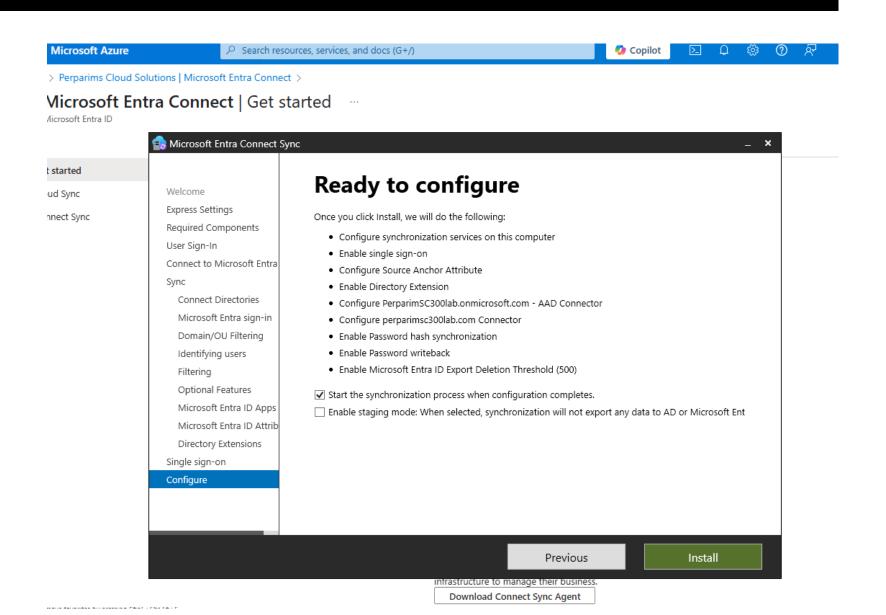
Step 16 – Enable Seamless SSO

 Enabled seamless SSO by authenticating with domain credentials.



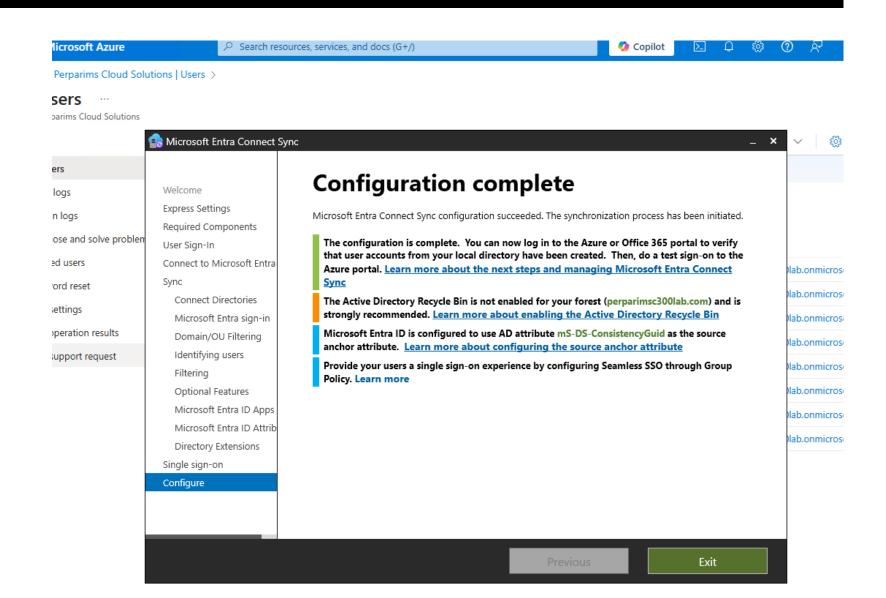
Step 17 – Start Sync Configuration

 Let the wizard begin synchronization immediately after configuration completed.



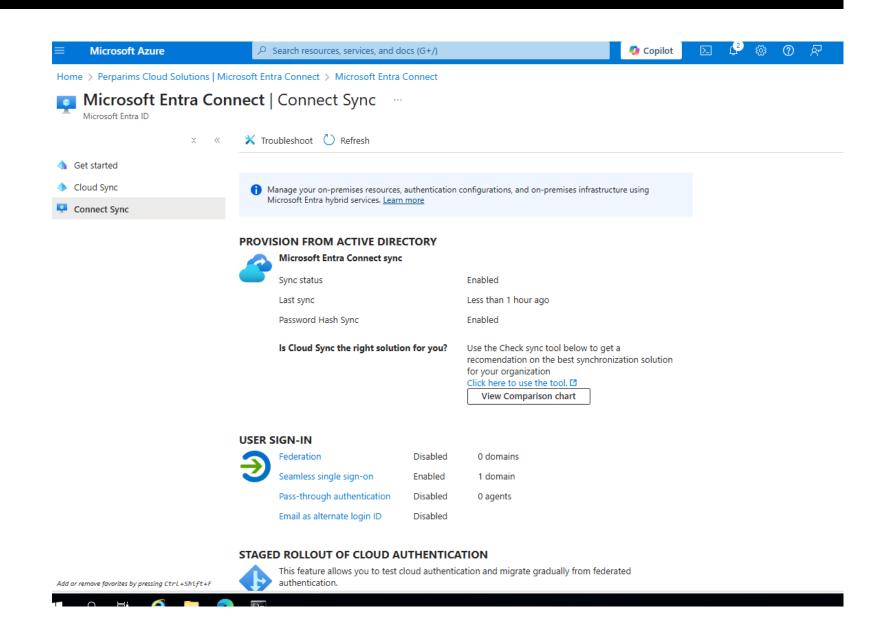
Sync Configuration Complete

 Wizard successfully finished. Microsoft Entra Connect Sync is now running and syncing users.



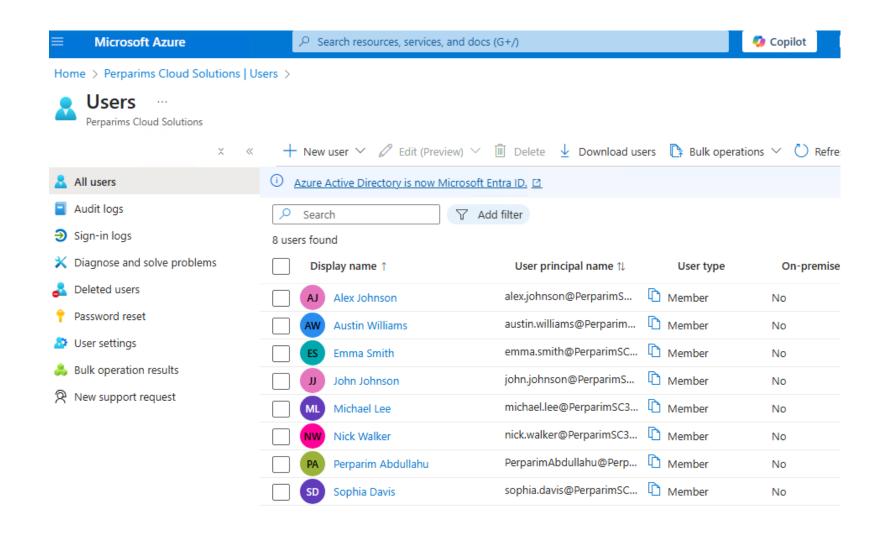
Portal Status Check

 Confirmed sync status and password hash sync from the Microsoft Entra Admin Center.



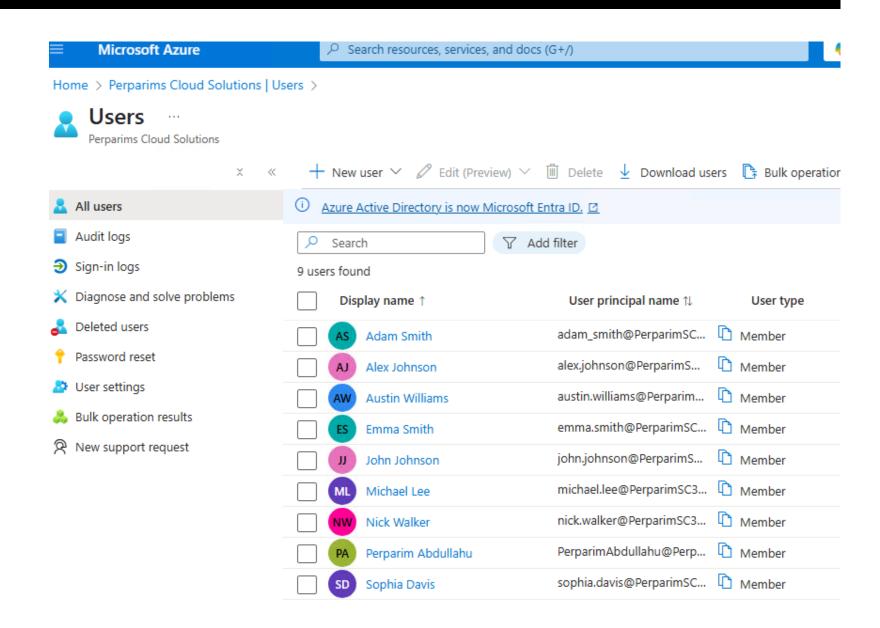
L User Sync Verification (Before)

 Before sync – only cloud users existed in Microsoft Entra ID.



User Sync Verification (After)

 After sync – on-premises AD users appeared in Microsoft Entra ID.



Key Takeaways

- Hybrid identity in action
- Password Hash Sync & Seamless SSO
- Real lab = real job-ready skills
- Next: Implement Conditional Access for synced users!

