

empower suite

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1. TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

1.1 What is a Microsoft Entra ID App Registration and which permissions are required?

The App Registration serves as a relay and allows you to sign in to empower® via Entra ID. Furthermore, we also refer to empower® as a *Software as a Service* (short SaaS) solution.

In principle, an administrator consent is granted for exactly the permissions that are set. empower® requires the permissions **User.Read**, **User.Read.All** and **GroupMember.Read.All** (the latter is optional).

User.Read <i>[Type – Delegated]</i>	Sign in and read user profile	Allows an application to read the profile information of the signed-in user. This includes details like the user's name, email address, and other basic profile information.
User.Read.All <i>[Type – Application]</i>	Read all users' full profiles	Allows the app to read the full set of profile properties, reports, and managers of other users in your organization, on behalf of the signed-in user.
GroupMember.Read.All <i>[Type – Application]</i>	Read all group memberships	Allows the app to list groups and read their properties and all group memberships on behalf of the signed-in user. It also allows the app to read calendars, conversations, files, and other group content for all groups the signed-in user can access.

Source (Microsoft): <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/graph/permissions-reference>

These permissions are required by empower® to provision users and groups from the Entra ID to empower®. A background service runs on the application server at regular, configurable intervals that retrieves users and groups from Entra ID and makes them available in empower®. Users synchronized in this way can sign in to empower® through Entra ID as an authentication provider and use empower®.

The synchronized groups are used to assign permissions within the empower® library at group level. The synchronization of the groups can optionally be omitted (see above). A permission assignment is only possible directly at user level or to all empower® known users. Which users and groups are synchronized exactly can be configured using appropriate filters based on group memberships or other attributes (e.g., prefix of the group name).

As an alternative to this synchronization process initiated by empower®, we also offer user provisioning via SCIM (System for Cross-Domain Identity Management) (see <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/app-provisioning/how-provisioning-works>). In this case, users and groups are pushed from Entra ID to empower® and the above-mentioned authorization assignment is omitted.

1.2 General Information about SCIM

SCIM stands for *System for Cross-Domain Identity Management* and is an open standard protocol for automating the exchange of user identity information between identity domains and IT systems. SCIM ensures that employees added to the Human Capital Management (HCM) system automatically receive accounts in Entra ID or Windows Server Active Directory. User attributes and profiles are synchronized and updated or removed when there are status or role changes. Unlike the previously used Directory Sync, SCIM does not actively query information but automatically provides it when there are changes to the information to be transferred.

1.1.1 Advantages of SCIM

- empower® does not require any authorizations to retrieve users or groups from the user directory (Entra ID). There is only a registration of the app, which does not require direct access to the directory data.
- Provisioning is configured directly in the directory service by the customer, enabling targeted and needs-based management of user accounts.
- The directory service itself is not regularly loaded, as the resources are located at Microsoft. Instead, the empower® backend is loaded by an additional service that only becomes active when changes are made.

1.1.2 How SCIM works

Unlike Directory Sync, SCIM works according to a PUSH procedure. In contrast to the directory sync process, the data is not actively queried. With SCIM, changes to users or user groups are automatically forwarded to empower®.



Entra ID App Registration & SCIM Setup

2. APP REGISTRATION

To perform the app registration, a package is provided that enables the installation via script and automates the entire process. The package contains two PowerShell scripts, a script that is used to create the app registration and an optional script that is only executed when empower® Mails Online is used. The third file is a config file that is used to define important parameters for the registration script in advance to speed up the process.

config.json, which is important for the script's setup. Typically, the support team has already customized this file for the app. The *config.json* file looks like this:

```
{
  "tenantID": "",
  "appName": "",
  "hostname": "https://",
  "useMailsOnline": false,
  "oneTimePasswordServiceUri": ""
}
```

- tenantID:** The tenant ID must be provided by you.
- appName:** The name of the application.
- hostname:** The base URL of the application.
- useMailsOnline:** Boolean value to indicate if the empower® Mails Online configuration is to be used
- oneTimePasswordServiceUri:** The URI of the One-Time-Password service. You have the option to use one of the following One-Time-Password services as an entry:
<https://onetimepass.domaincrawler.com/> or
<https://snappass.symplasson.de/>

EntraldAppRegistration.ps1

This script is used for app registration.

EntraldAppRegistration_MailsOnline.ps1

This script is optional and only used for configuring empower® Mails Online

You can use the script to ease the App Registration that is required for empower®.

Please download the script here: [PowerShell Script App Registration empower®](#)

This PowerShell script can be used to automatically create the App Registration required for empower® in the Entra ID via PowerShell or Cloud Shell.

Please note:
The PowerShell script we provide is compatible with the Microsoft Graph PowerShell module version 2.19.0.

Please note:
Please either use the PowerShell script or Cloud Shell to create the App Registration.

2.1 Use in PowerShell

Prerequisite is to install the MS Graph PowerShell module: [Install PowerShell](#)

Preparation

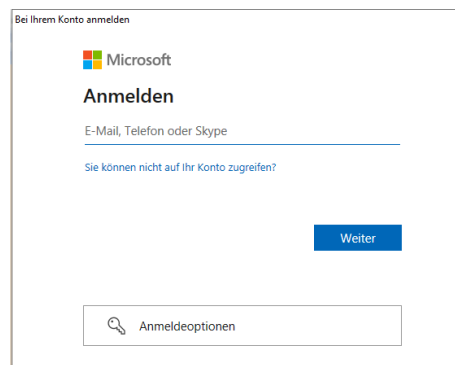
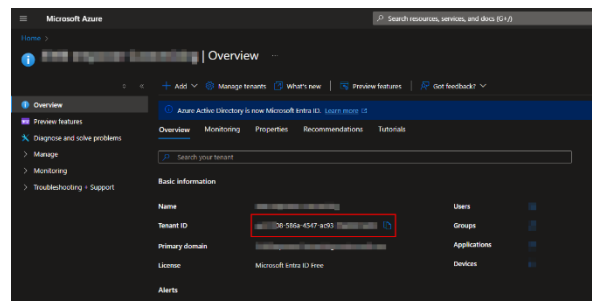
1. Make sure MS Graph PowerShell module is installed
2. Unpack the given zip-Folder
3. Open PowerShell as Admin in the unpacked folder

Execution

1. Execute the script EntralIdAppRegistration.ps1 in the path where it is located
PowerShell: .\EntralIdAppRegistration.ps1
2. Using the configuration values. The script will use the values from the config.json file as default values.
3. Enter the TenantID or confirm the default value from the config file. This can be found, for example, in the Entra

*Please enter your Microsoft Entra ID TenantID
[Default: Tenant Id from EntraID]
(Use Enter for the default value):*

4. The Microsoft login window is triggered. Log in with a user who has access to the VM.



5. Enter the name for the app registration or confirm the default value from the config file.

Please enter the wanted name for the App Registration, e.g. **empower**.

6. Enter the URL (must start with *https://*) and use the *DNS Name* provided by your Onboarding Specialist or Customer Success Manager. Confirm with **Enter**.

Please enter the wanted name for the App Registration, e.g.

empower [Default: empower]

(Use enter for the default value).

7. Next, you will be asked whether the configuration of empower® Mails Online should be activated. Press **Enter** for the default value (already configured by the support team) or type in your desired value (true or false).

8. The app registration will now be created automatically and the required data for the backend installer will be shown:

> *Finished*

Copy the details from here or find the needed details in the file `AppRegistrationInfo.json`, in the current folder

```
TenantId : 415660fd-25c9-45a5-94de-0f632fbeb47j
clientId : f59b7877-67bb-4ea3-8159-6ef9c7873395
```

Example link (Snappass optionl):

https://snappass.symplasson.de/snappassc41ba9c2cf4e4112b67a4f44ce443441~OVNAVAoPOKhYB3hJs0UN9bYpCikKSHEqc_JforilSTI%3D

9. A json file (`AppRegistrationInfo.json`) is written into the current folder which also contains the data for the backend installer. Save the values `TenantID`, `ClientID`, and `Client Secret` securely.

```
{
  "TenantId": "415660fd-25c9-45a5-94de-0f632fbeb47j",
  "clientId": "f59b7877-67bb-4ea3-8159-6ef9c7873395",
  "clientSecret":
    "https://snappass.symplasson.de/snappassc41ba9c2cf4e4112b67a4f44ce443441~OVNAVAoPOKhYB3hJs0UN9bYpCikKSHEqc_JforilSTI%3D",
  "createDateClientSecret": "21.06.2024",
  "expirationDateClientSecret": "21.06.2124"
}
```

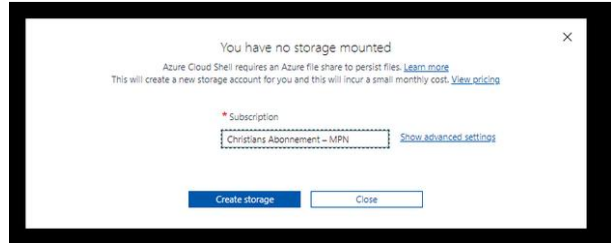
10. To open the Client Secret (the secret client key), open the Snappass link in the browser. The link is valid for one month, but can only be opened once.

11. Please send us the Client Secret afterwards.

2.2 Use in Cloud Shell

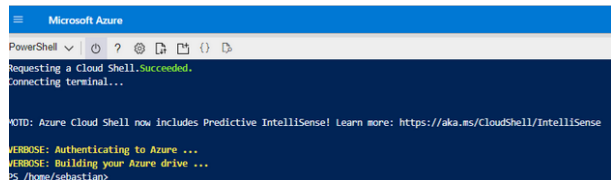
First of all, you should be connected to the tenant (portal.azure.com) in which you want to create the app registration.

In the browser, enter shell.azure.com. If you use the Cloud Shell for the first time, the following dialog appears.

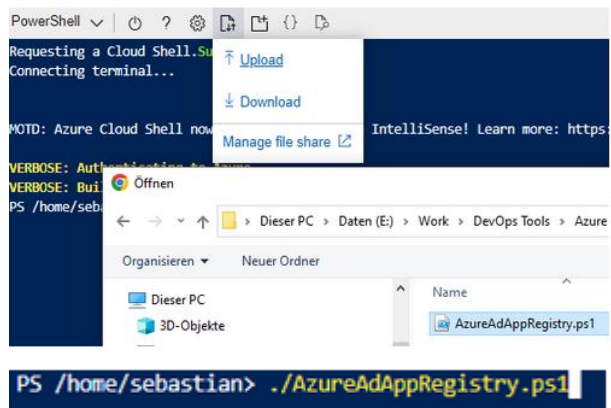


A subscription must then be selected and **Create storage** clicked. A storage account for the cloud shell is then created.

After that the cloud shell appears, please select **PowerShell** here.



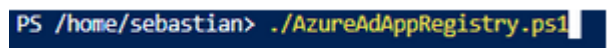
Via the highlighted icon you can upload the script to the Cloud Shell.



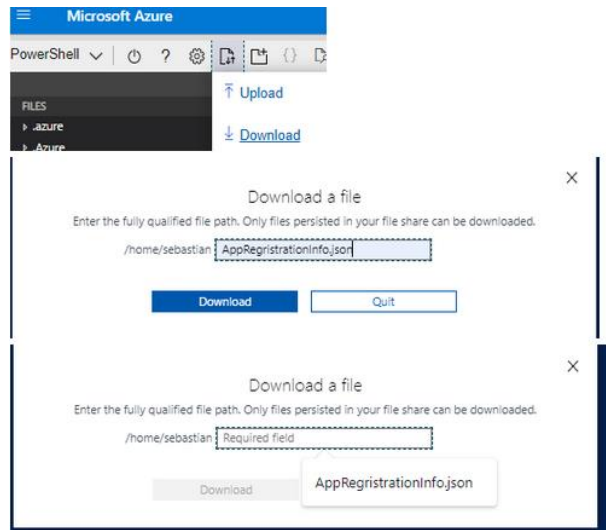
Then, as in PowerShell, simply call the script.

Here, the same entries are to be made as above for the PowerShell, but the TenantID is omitted and a new login is also not necessary.

You only have to enter the name and the URL of empower[®] and if you want to configure empower[®] Mails Online.



When the script has run through, you can download the *AppRegistration.json* file with the app registration information via **Download**.



Alternatively, the information is displayed on the screen again.

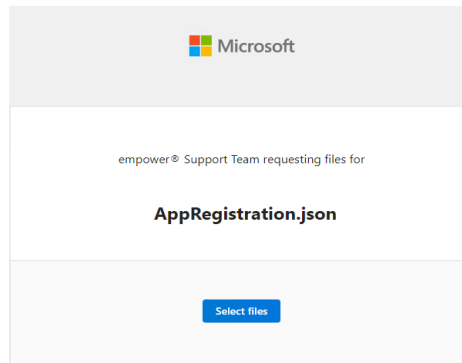
2.3 Provide empower[®] with the *AppRegistrationInfo.json*

Once the script is run and you have received the *AppRegistrationInfo.json*, please send over the file to your Onboarding Specialist or Customer Success Manager.

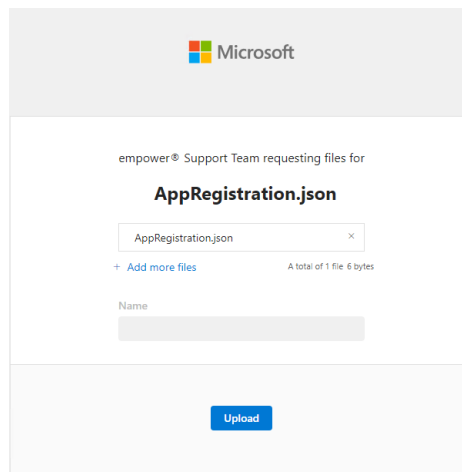
Your Onboarding Specialist or Customer Success Manager has asked for your *AppRegistrationInfo.json* via OneDrive, where you can upload your file.

Please follow the steps:

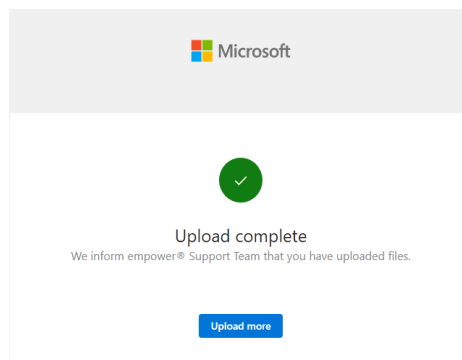
Click on **Upload files** in the e-mail you have received from your Onboarding Specialist or Customer Success Manager.



Browse through your device, select your file and click on **Upload**.



Your upload has been completed and your Onboarding Specialist or Customer Success Manager will be informed via e-mail.



2.4 Additional Information for empower®

In addition to the *AppRegistrationInfo.json*, please provide empower® with the following information:

Property	Value
empower® Group Object ID	
Entra ID Group displayName	
Expiry date Client Secret*	

*You will receive a reminder from empower® before your current Client Secret expires.

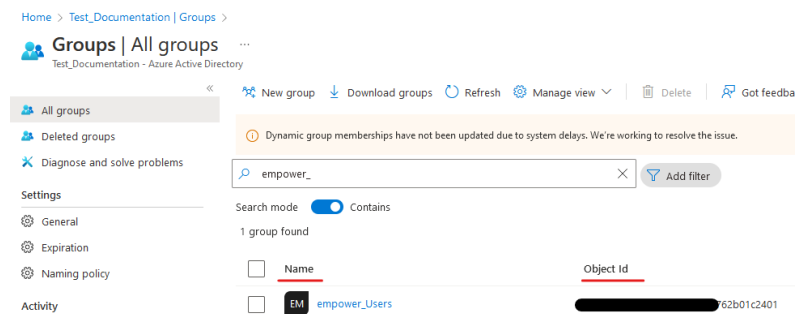
empower® Group Object ID:

This ID is a globally unique identifier (GUID), more precisely, an [Entra ID User Group](#), which is used to synchronize users to empower®. This way, we ensure that not your complete Entra ID Tenant is synchronized to empower®, but only the users that will work with empower®.

EntraGroup displayName:

In empower®, in order to grant permissions within empower®, not only users but also groups are synchronized. Therefore, it is useful to work with empower® groups or with groups that can be clustered together via name.

For example, empower® user group = **empower_users**; empower® admin group = **empower_adminusers**. This way, we can apply the permissions in empower® directly to the Entra ID groups.



3. SET UP SCIM IN AZURE

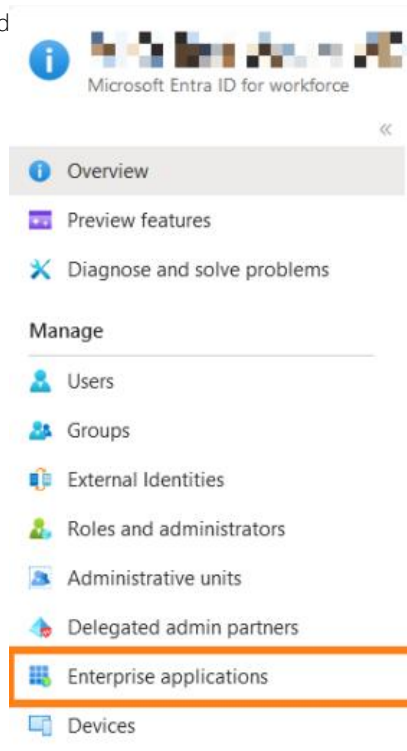
3.1 Setting up the SCIM API

An app registration must first be made in the Azure portal. The creation of this app registration is described below.

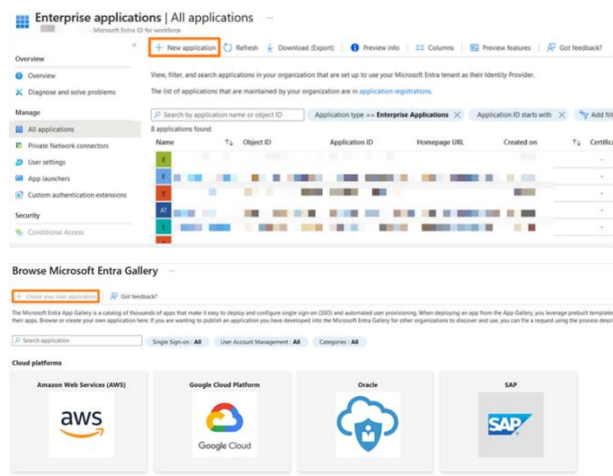
Please note:

These steps must be carried out **before** using the empower[®] backend setup Installer.

1. Search for Microsoft Entra ID in the Azure portal and select the service.



2. Select the **Enterprise applications** tab in the bar on the left.
3. Click on the **New application** button.



4. Click on the **Create your own application** button.

5. Enter a name for the application.
6. Click on the **Create** button.

Create your own application

[Got feedback?](#)

If you are developing your own application, using Application Proxy, or want to int application that is not in the gallery, you can create your own application here.

What's the name of your app?

What are you looking to do with your application?

- Configure Application Proxy for secure remote access to an on-premises appli
- Register an application to integrate with Azure AD (App you're developing)
- Integrate any other application you don't find in the gallery (Non-gallery)

We found the following applications that may match your entry
 We recommend using gallery applications when possible.

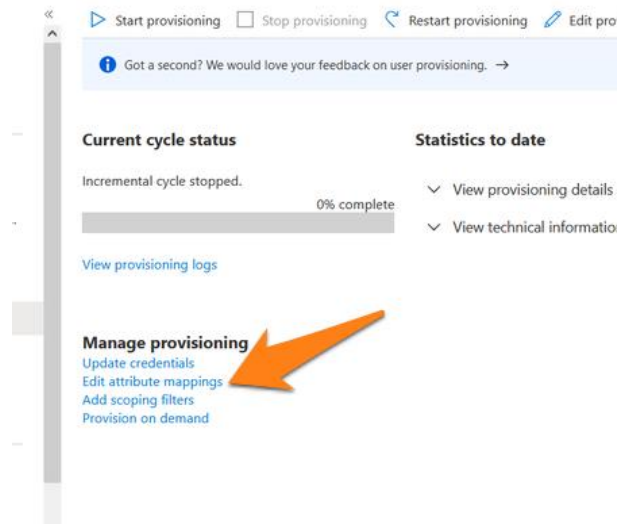
[Create](#)

3.2 Editing the attribute mappings

To set up SCIM, it is also necessary to adjust the attribute mappings. This is not necessary for the Directory Sync. There are two attribute mappings in the Mappings section: one for users and one for groups.

The standard attribute mappings must be adapted for empower®. To do this, proceed as follows:

1. Also under Provisioning in the Manage Provisioning section, click **Edit Mappings**.



- Then click on the **Provision Azure Directory Users** link in the Mappings section.

Provisioning ...

Save Discard

Provisioning Mode

Automatic

Use Azure AD to manage the creation and synchronization of user accounts in a group assignment.

Admin Credentials

Mappings

Mappings

Mappings allow you to define how data should flow between Azure Active Directory and the application.

Name

[Provision Azure Active Directory Groups](#)

[Provision Azure Active Directory Users](#)

Restore default mappings

- Change the mapping to externalId to objectId. By default, the email nickname is usually used here.

addresses[type eq "work"].region	state
addresses[type eq "work"].postalCode	postalCode
addresses[type eq "work"].country	country
phoneNumbers[type eq "work"].value	telephoneNumber
phoneNumbers[type eq "mobile"].value	mobile
phoneNumbers[type eq "fax"].value	facsimileTelephoneNumber
externalId	objectId
urn:ietf:params:scim:schemas:extension:enterprise:2.0:User:employeeNumber	employeeId
urn:ietf:params:scim:schemas:extension:enterprise:2.0:User:department	department
urn:ietf:params:scim:schemas:extension:enterprise:2.0:User:manager	manager

4. Click on **Ok**.

Edit Attribute

A mapping lets you define how the attributes in one class of Mi this application.

Mapping type ⓘ

Direct

Source attribute * ⓘ

objectId

Default value if null (optional) ⓘ

Target attribute * ⓘ

externalId

Match objects using this attribute

No

Matching precedence ⓘ

Apply this mapping ⓘ

Always

Ok

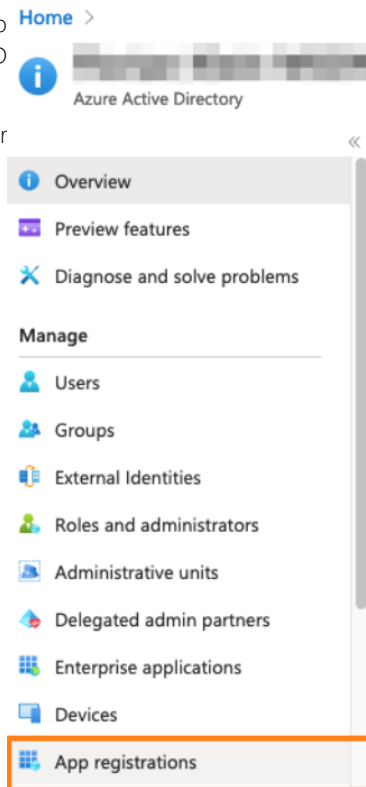
5. When you have completed the configuration, set the Provisioning Status to **On**.
6. To activate the Entra ID provisioning service, click **Save**.

3.3 Saving the values for the Enterprise Application

For the installation of the empower[®] backend, the values Application ID and Directory ID are required in the backend installer. It therefore makes sense to save these values when creating the Enterprise Application. To do this, proceed as follows:

1. After creating the Enterprise Application, switch to the general overview of the Microsoft Entra ID directory.
2. Then select the **App registrations** tab in the bar on the left.

The newly created Enterprise Application is now displayed.



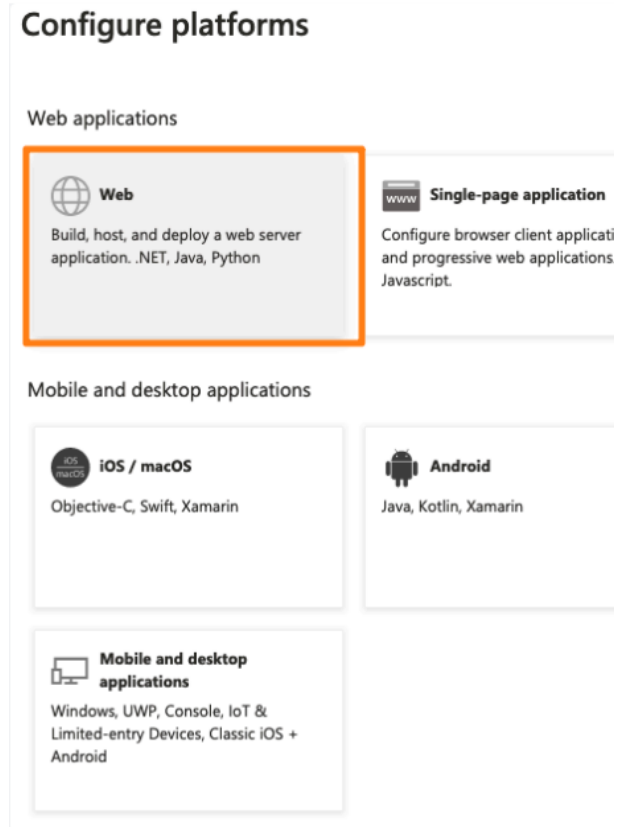
3. Select the Enterprise Application you have just created. You will be redirected to the application-specific overview.
4. Save the **Application (client) ID (application ID)** and the **Directory (tenant) ID (directory ID)**.



3.4 Redirection URIs

Redirection URIs are necessary so that Azure knows where the user should be redirected after successful authentication. To ensure that the URIs are known, they must be defined beforehand. To do this, proceed as follows:

1. Select the Authentication tab in the bar on the left of the application-specific overview.
2. Click on the **Add a platform button**.
3. Under **Web applications**, select the Web option.



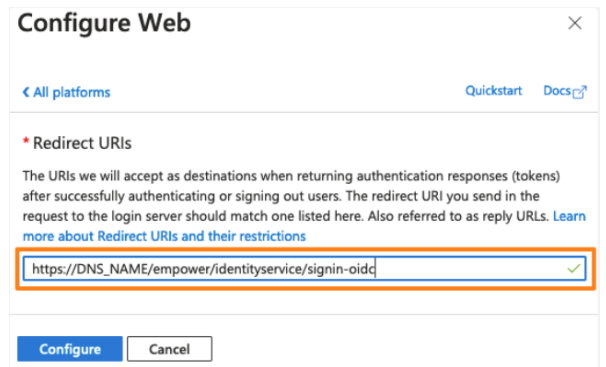
4. On the **Redirect URIs page**, enter the first of the following three redirect URIs for your empower[®] environment:

[https://\[DNS_Name\]/empower/identityservice/signin-oidc](https://[DNS_Name]/empower/identityservice/signin-oidc)

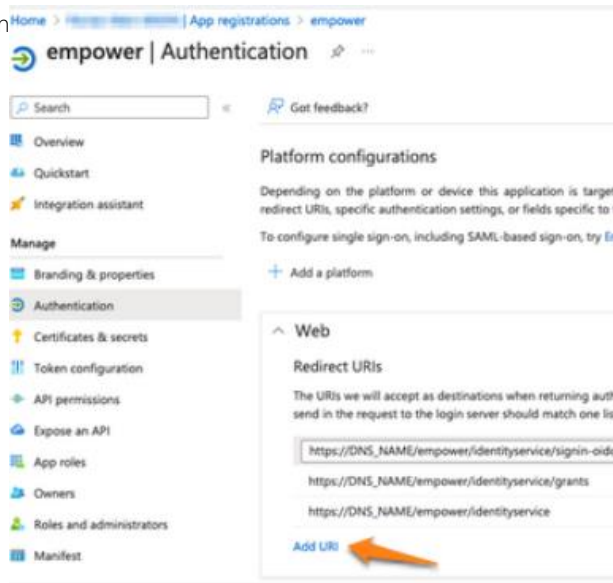
[https://\[DNS_Name\]/empower/identityservice/grants](https://[DNS_Name]/empower/identityservice/grants)

[https://\[DNS_Name\]/empower/identityservice](https://[DNS_Name]/empower/identityservice)

[DNS_NAME] corresponds to the DNS name of your empower[®] environment. The remaining two URIs are added in the following steps.



5. Click on the **Configure** button. Further redirection URIs can now be added under **Web**.

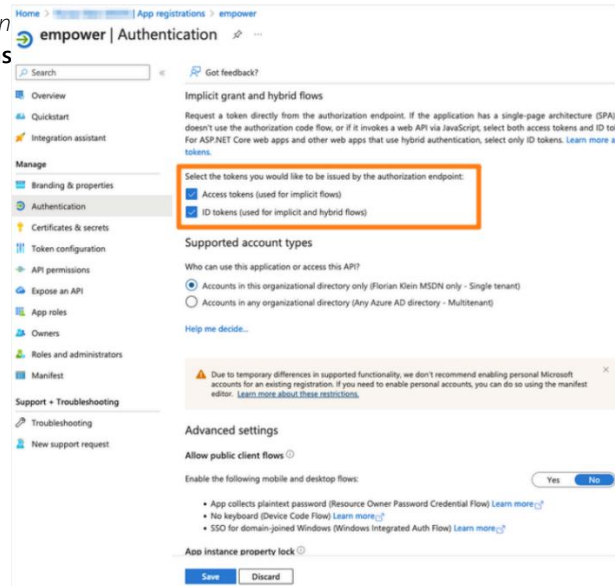


6. To add the two missing URIs, click on **Add URIs**.

3.5 Activate Implicit Flow

Implicit Flow is used as the login method for empower® up to and including version 9.2. Implicit Flow must therefore be activated in the Azure portal.

1. Also activate the *Implicit Flow* in the *Authentication* tab by activating the **Access tokens** and **ID tokens** option.

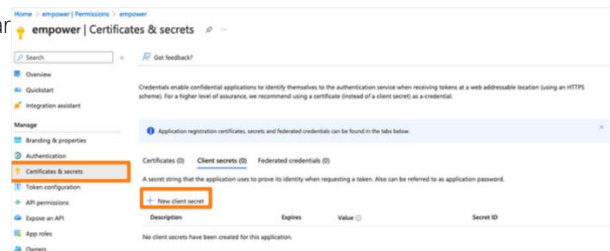


2. Click on the **Save** button.

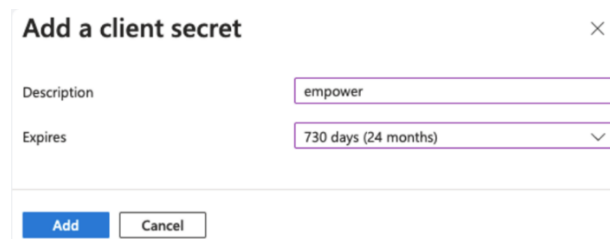
3.6 Client Secret

empower® also requires a valid client secret (secret client key) to be able to perform the user login. Set up a client secret in the following step.

1. Select the **Certificates and Secrets** tab in the bar on the left of the application-specific overview.



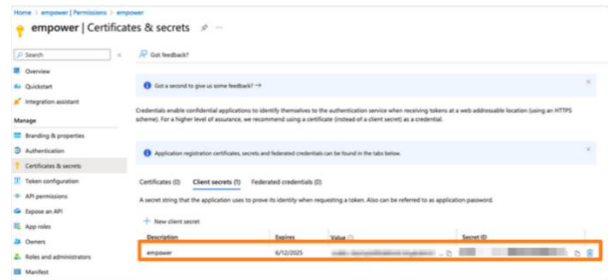
2. Click on the **News client secret** button.
3. Enter a description for the new client secret.



4. Determine the validity of the client secret according to the guidelines of the client company.
5. Click on the **Add** button.

- Copy the Client Secret and save it.

Please note:
The client secret is only visible once!

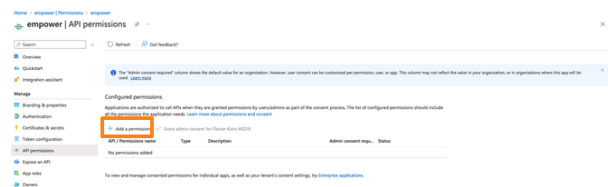


3.7 Necessary API authorization

Then adjust the permissions for the application. Adjusting the permissions allows empower® to read the user and user groups from the directory. The following describes how to set the User.Read to successfully set up the user login.

The following permission is always required for the user login:

- o *User.Read*
1. Select the API permissions tab in the bar on the left of the application-specific overview.
 2. Click on the **Add a permission** button.



3. Select **Microsoft Graph**.

Request API permissions

Select an API

[Microsoft APIs](#) APIs my organization uses [My APIs](#)

Commonly used Microsoft APIs

Microsoft Graph
Take advantage of the tremendous amount of data in Office 365, Enterprise Mobility + Security, and Windows 10. Access Azure AD, Excel, Intune, Outlook/Exchange, OneDrive, OneNote, SharePoint, Planner, and more through a single endpoint.

Azure Service Management
Programmatic access to much of the functionality available through the Azure portal

Azure Storage
Secure, massively scalable object and data lake storage for unstructured and semi-structured data

Office 365 Management APIs
Retrieve information about user, admin, system, and policy actions and events from Office 365 and Azure AD activity logs

More Microsoft APIs

Azure Batch
Schedule large-scale parallel and HPC applications in the cloud

Azure Communication Services
Rich communication experiences with the same Azure PaaS platform used

Azure Cosmos DB
Fast NoSQL database with open APIs for any scale

4. Repeat the process and now select **Delegated permissions**.

Request API permissions

< All APIs

Microsoft Graph
<https://graph.microsoft.com/> Docs

What type of permissions does your application require?

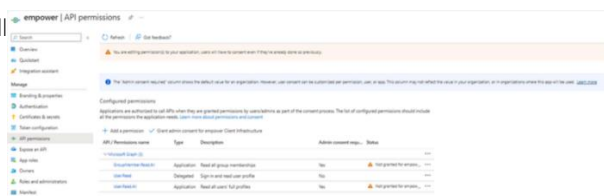
Delegated permissions
Your application needs to access the API as the signed-in user.

Application permissions
Your application runs as a background service or daemon with signed-in user.

5. In the following list, activate *User.Read*.

User (1)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.EnableDisableAccount.All	Yes
	Enable and disable user accounts	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.Export.All	Yes
	Export user's data	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.Invite.All	Yes
	Invite guest users to the organization	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.ManageIdentities.All	Yes
	Manage user identities	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	User.Read	No
	Sign in and read user profile	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.Read.All	Yes
	Read all users' full profiles	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.ReadBasic.All	No
	Read all users' basic profiles	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.ReadWrite	No
	Read and write access to user profile	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.ReadWrite.All	Yes
	Read and write all users' full profiles	

6. Click on the **Add permissions** button. You will return to the overview page.



3.8 Endpoint setting for SCIM

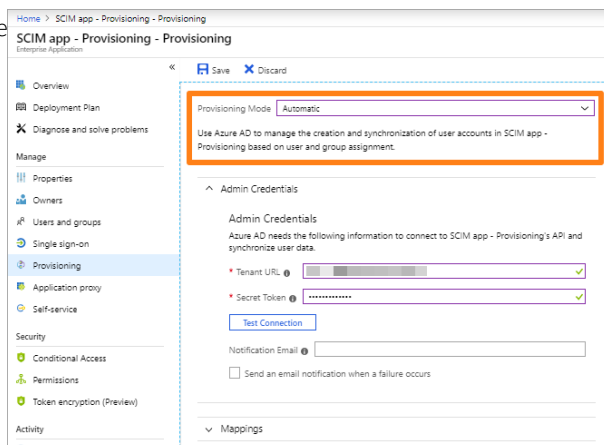
This section explains how to set the endpoint for SCIM provisioning to which the user elements are to be synchronized.

Please note:

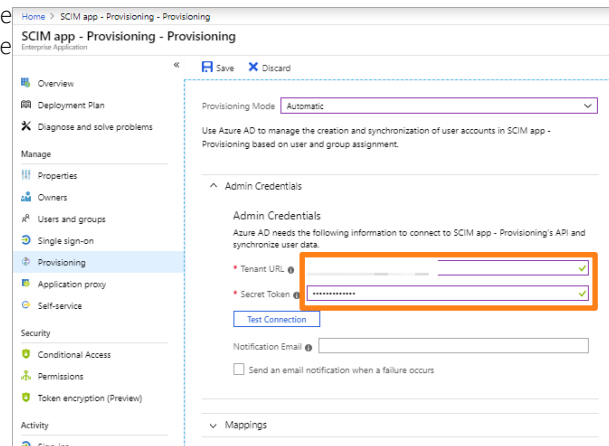
These settings can only be made after the empower[®] backend setup Installer has been used and SCIM has been set up.

If you want to use SCIM as provisioning method, proceed as follows:

1. Switch to the application-specific overview.
2. Select the Provisioning tab in the bar on the left on the application-specific overview.
3. For Provisioning Mode, select **Automatic** from the drop-down menu.



- In the Tenant URL field, enter the URL of the SCIM endpoint which was generated during the empower[®] Installer for the application in the following format: `<https://<dns_name>/empower/scimapi/scim>`



- In the Secret Token field, enter the token that was generated during the empower[®] Installer.
- To test the connection, click on **Test Connection**. If the attempt fails, an error message is displayed
- If the attempt is successful, click **Save**.