

Active Directory back channel configuration

Introduction

Active Directory Back Channel refers to a mechanism that allows Soffid to synchronize user information with an external Active Directory (AD) server in real-time or near real-time (Password synchronizer). This synchronization ensures that both Soffid and AD maintain consistent and up-to-date data.

How it works?

The Password Synchronizer installs a service. This service is responsible for buffering passwords when they cannot be sent because the Sync Server is not available.

If the Sync Server is not available, the passwords are stored in an encrypted local file. When connectivity to the Sync Server is restored, the passwords are sent.


1. The AD sends the password to Soffid to verify that it complies with Soffid policy.
2. If it complies, the password is updated in the AD.
3. The password is sent to Soffid and the PropagatePassword task is created.
4. If the AD agent confirms that the new password has been saved, Soffid synchronizes it with the other systems.



How to install Active Directory back channel?

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In order to configure the Active Directory back-channel, you must use the eris command line tool. To do this, please, download the Password Synchronizer from our [download portal](#):



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Installation

First of all, you must install the Windows package "**Password synchronizer-3.0.x.msi**"

Once installed Password Synchronizer on your system, please change to eris or eris64 directory (\ProgramFiles\Soffid\eris64) and execute:

```
eris-ad-service install
```

Configuration

Finally, you must configure the Password Synchronizer executing the following command:

```
eris-ad-service CONFIGURE url-syncserver agent-name
```

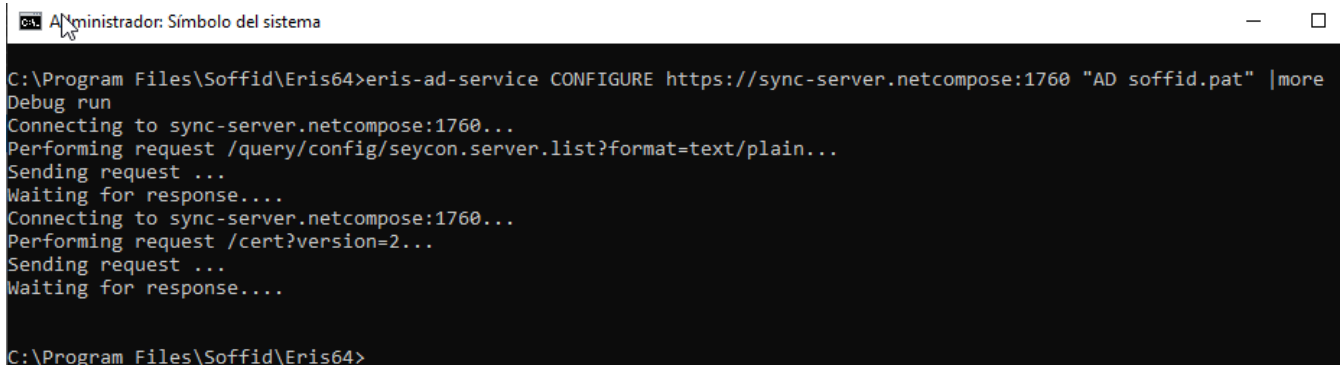
- **url-syncserver** is the master sync server url (http://master.dom.dom:port)
- **agent-name** is the agent code name configured on Soffid console.

To see more information when configuring use | more.

Example

```
eris-ad-service CONFIGURE https://sync-server.netcompose:1760/ "AD soffid.pat" | more
```

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The screenshot shows a Windows command prompt window titled "Administrador: Símbolo del sistema". The command entered is `C:\Program Files\Soffid\Eris64>eris-ad-service CONFIGURE https://sync-server.netcompose:1760 "AD soffid.pat" |more`. The output shows the command running in debug mode, connecting to the sync-server, performing requests for server configuration and certificate version, and waiting for responses. The prompt returns to `C:\Program Files\Soffid\Eris64>`.

Mind that, completed this step, the domain controller must be restarted to end the configuration properly.

Configuration test

In order to test configuration, you must use the eris command line tool.

eris-ad-service TEST user pass

Where user and pass can be **dummy**. If you use a real one it will be propagated to the system.

To see more information during test use | more.

Example

eris-ad-service TEST aretha password | more

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Administrador: Símbolo del sistema

C:\Program Files\Soffid\Eris64>eris-ad-service TEST epardo | more
Debug run
Sending message: User epardo Password '
Server: https://sync-server.netcompose:1760/
Connecting to sync-server.netcompose:1760...
Performing request /propagatepass?user=epardo&password=Admin123%2E&domain=AD%20soffid%2Epat...
Sending request ...
Waiting for response....
Message successfully sent

C:\Program Files\Soffid\Eris64>

Generated Task in the AD agent

AD soffid.pat

Refresh

Menu

Name

AD soffid.pat

Url

local

Version

5.4.24

Task	Priority	Executions	Execution time	Mess...	Scheduled
Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
PropagatePassword epardo					

Displayed rows: 1

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