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Understanding Security and Rights in SAP BusinessObjects Business Intelligence 4.1

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Agenda

What security is available in BI4

- Authentication, Report, Application, Data
- Inheritance

Securing at the right layer

- BI Object security (report level)
- Universe security
- Data source security

Best practices for a low headache security model

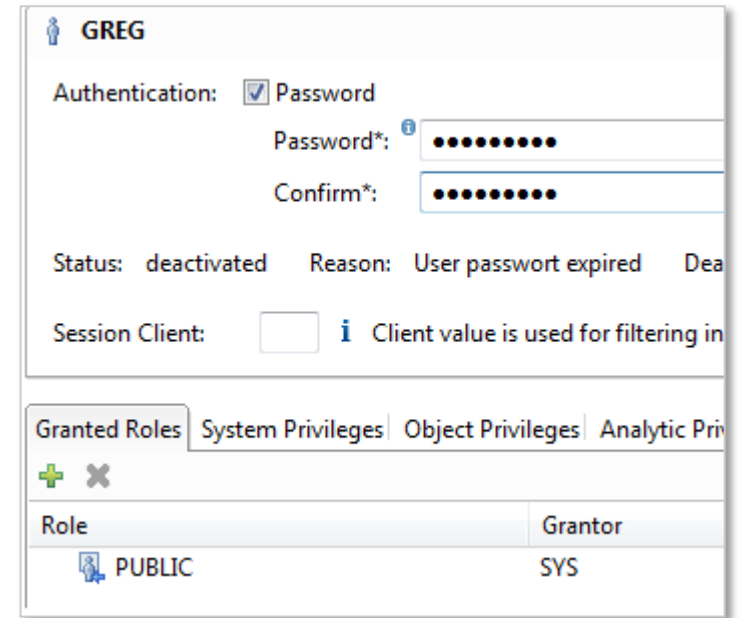
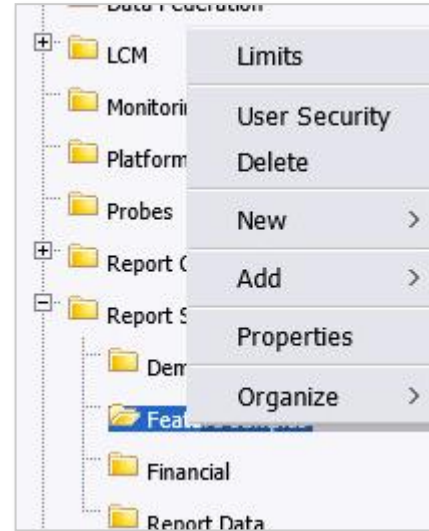
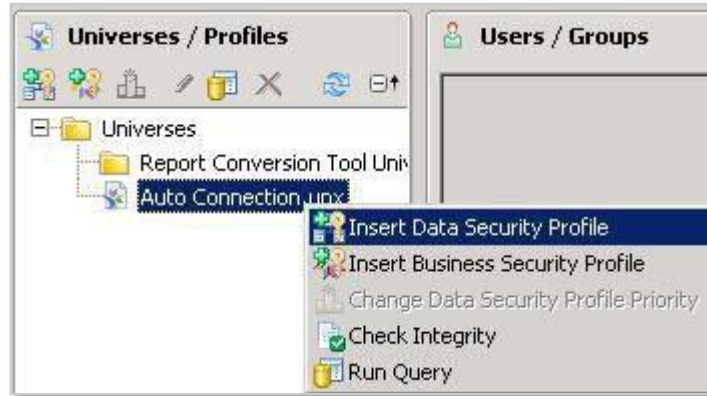
Security changes between 3.1 and 4.x

Different levels of security

Data Security

Data can be secured at:

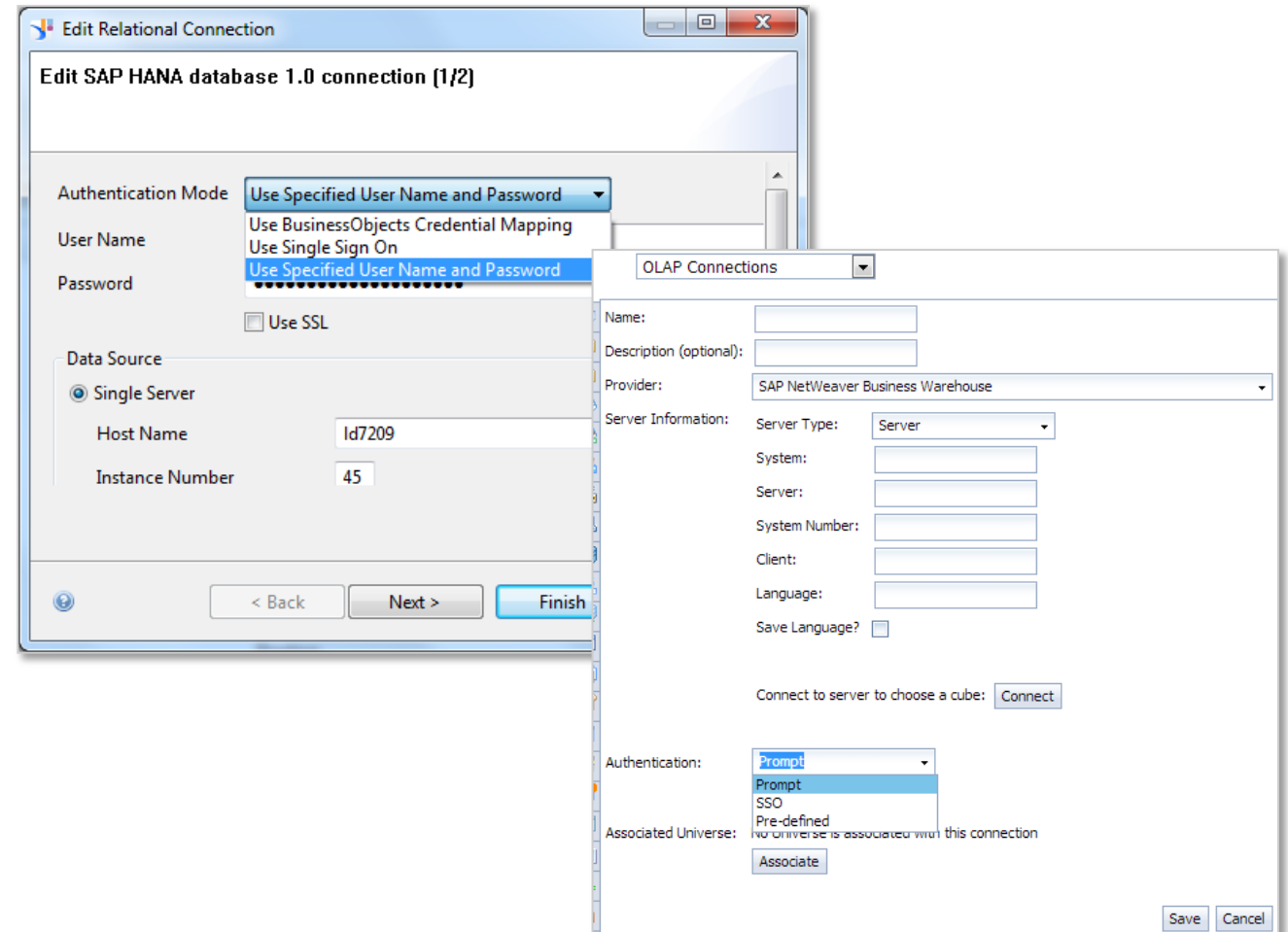
- Folder/report level
- Universe level
- Database source level



Considerations when creating Connections to data (shared)

Shared Connection

- All users logon to database with same shared user ID.
- Often referred to as “Technical User” or “System User”.
- Secure in BI system at report or universe level
- Pros:
 - No need to replicate users & manage security at database level
- Cons:
 - No differentiation of what users can see in the database*.



Considerations when creating Connections to data (SSO)

Use Single Sign On

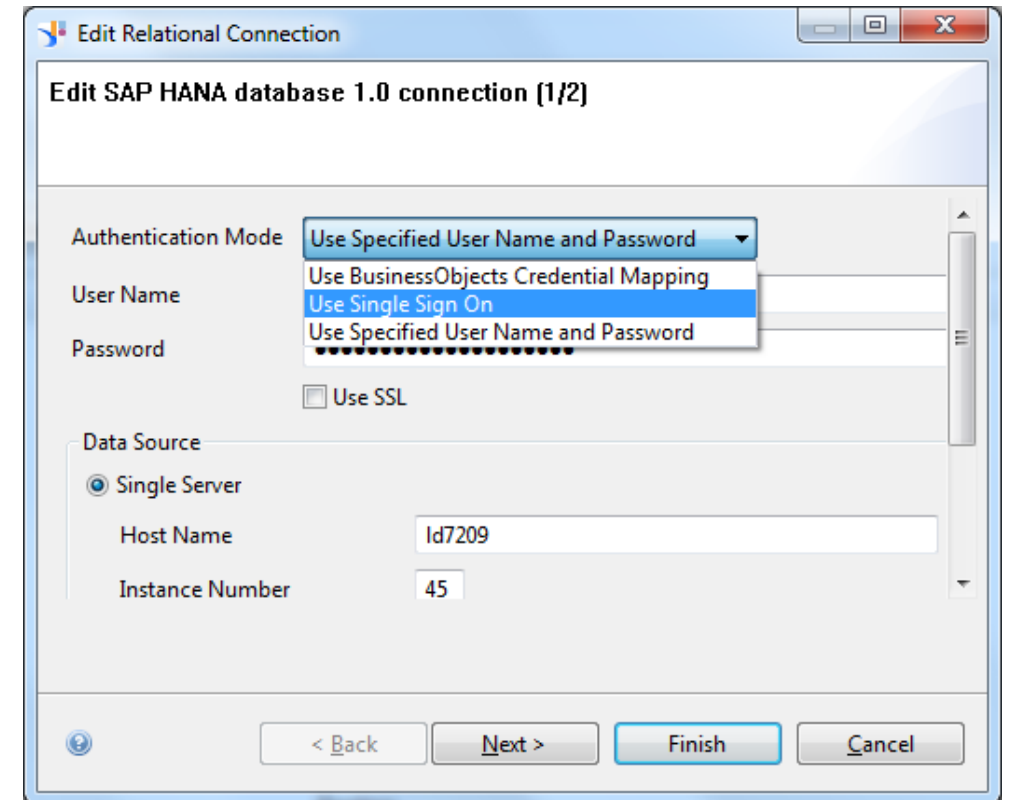
- Kerberos available for
 - MS SQL Server & Analysis Services
 - Oracle
 - Teradata (as of 4.1 via ODBC)
 - HANA
- Trust Certificates*
 - HANA (internally SAML)
 - SAP

Pros:

- User's account & security applied at data source level (most secure)

Cons:

- No Kerberos SSO for scheduling
- User accounts must exist on both systems

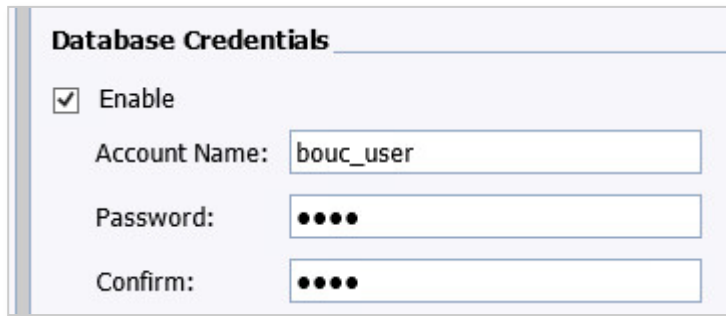


Refer to <http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-33875> for full list of SSO options

Considerations when creating Connections to data (save password)

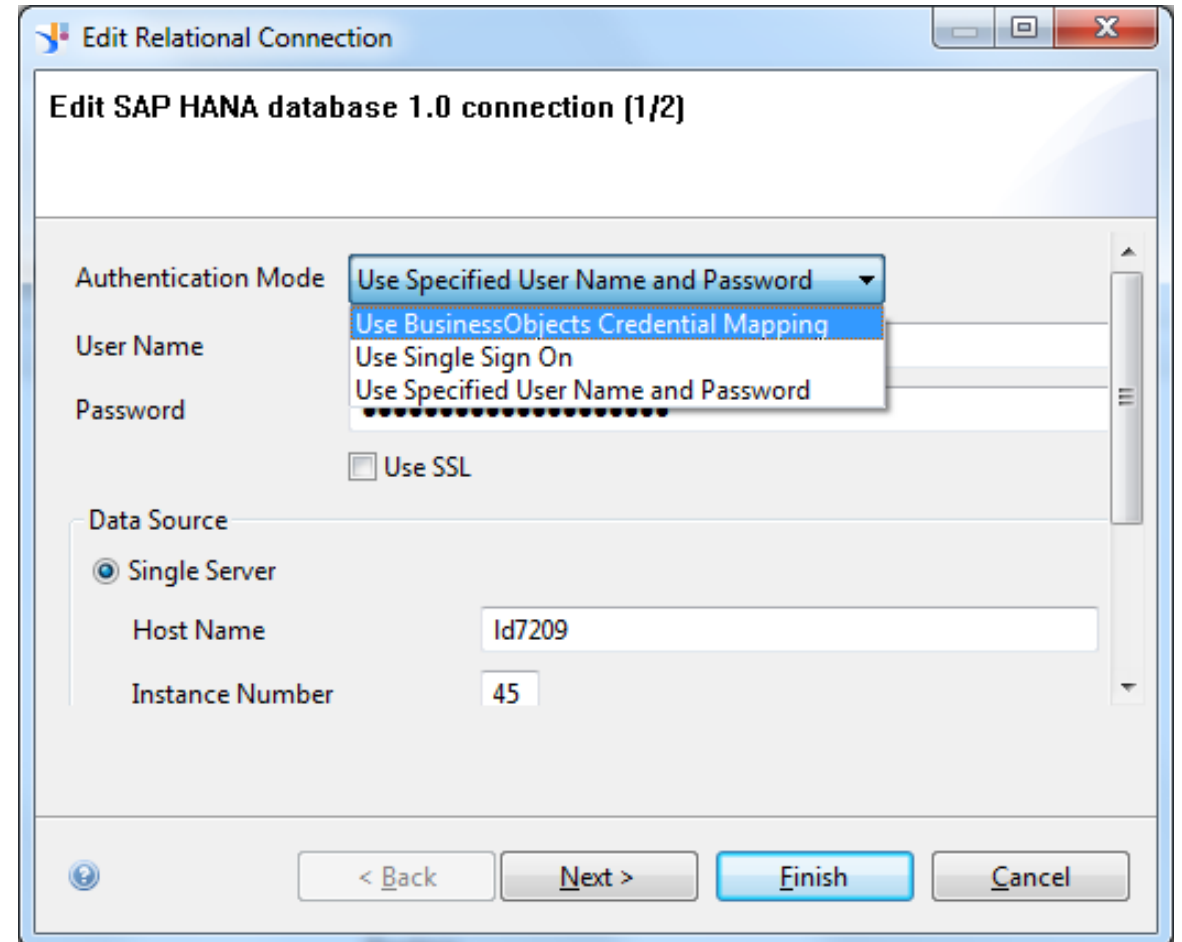
Credential Mapping

- User's database credentials hardcoded and saved in BI4 system
- Password capture/replication required
- A user can only have one of these in the system.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Database Credentials". It has a checked "Enable" checkbox. Below it are three text input fields: "Account Name" with the value "bouc_user", "Password" with four dots, and "Confirm" with four dots.

- Capture during logon if no SSO or set via SDK



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Edit Relational Connection" for an "SAP HANA database 1.0 connection". The "Authentication Mode" dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Use Specified User Name and Password", "Use BusinessObjects Credential Mapping" (highlighted), "Use Single Sign On", and "Use Specified User Name and Password". Below the dropdown, there are fields for "User Name" and "Password" (masked with dots). A "Use SSL" checkbox is present and unchecked. The "Data Source" section has "Single Server" selected, with "Host Name" set to "Id7209" and "Instance Number" set to "45". At the bottom, there are buttons for "< Back", "Next >", "Finish", and "Cancel".

Some help deciding where to secure

- Report objects are still going to be listed if only database is secured
- Consider where your main user management is, take user federation into consideration
- Consider your overall landscape (not just BI). Do you have other applications accessing your DB?

Application rights

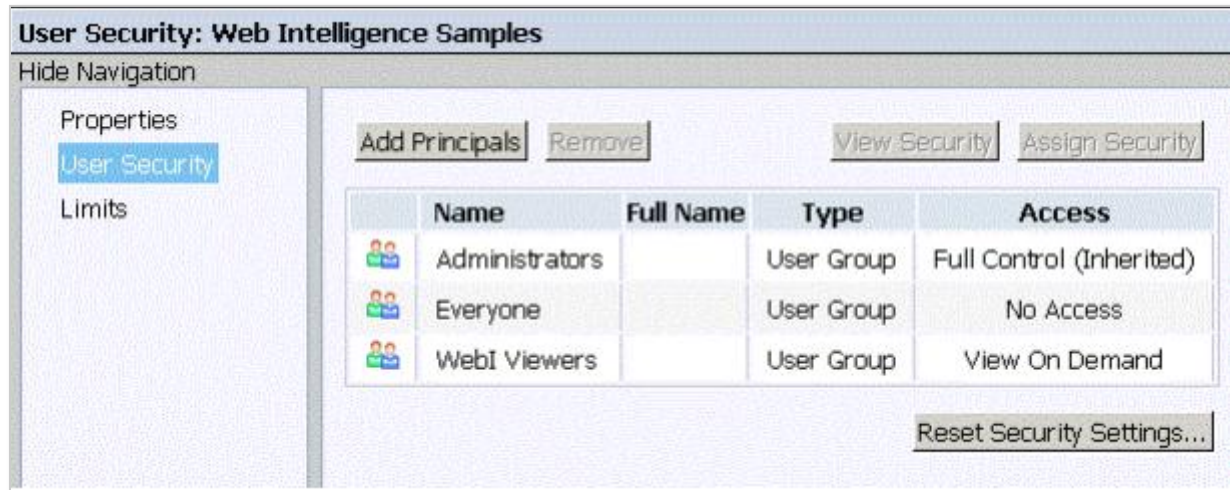
Set what user can do in system

Example Webi report edit panel, logon to CMC

Add/Remove Rights							
Object: Web Intelligence Principal: Everyone ▼ General General ▼ Application Web Intelligence	▼ Specific Rights for Web Intelligence	Implicit Value					
	Data - enable data tracking	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Data - enable formatting of changed data	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Desktop Interface - enable local data providers	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Desktop interface - enable Web Intelligence Desktop	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Desktop interface - export documents	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Desktop interface - import documents	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Desktop interface - install from PI launch						




Access Control List

- Access Control List (ACL) is the list of principals who have access to an object .
- Principals are the users and groups.



The screenshot shows the 'User Security: Web Intelligence Samples' interface. On the left, there is a navigation pane with 'User Security' selected. The main area contains a table of principals and several control buttons.

Buttons: Add Principals, Remove, View Security, Assign Security, Reset Security Settings...

	Name	Full Name	Type	Access
	Administrators		User Group	Full Control (Inherited)
	Everyone		User Group	No Access
	WebI Viewers		User Group	View On Demand

Access Levels

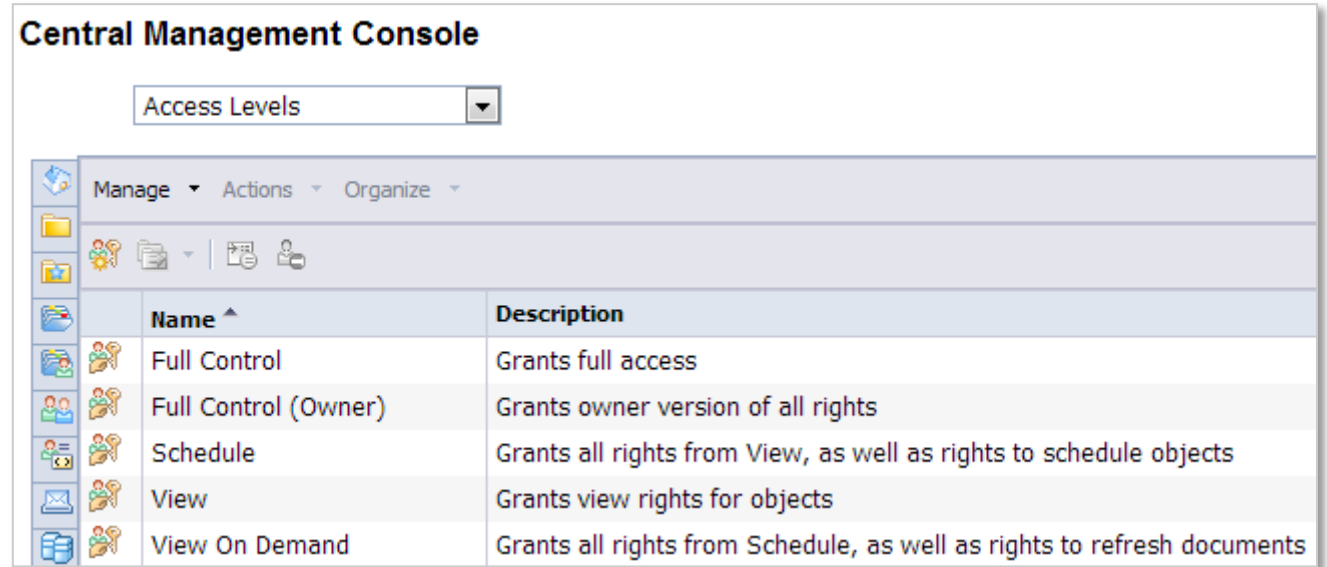
Many rights in the system

Do not assign individual rights

- Not reproducible, high maintenance

Use Access levels which are collections of rights

- Assign to groups, not individual users
- Build up from minimum rights and increment
- Minimize explicit denies
 - Grant + Deny = Deny



Central Management Console

Access Levels

Manage Actions Organize

	Name ^	Description
	Full Control	Grants full access
	Full Control (Owner)	Grants owner version of all rights
	Schedule	Grants all rights from View, as well as rights to schedule objects
	View	Grants view rights for objects
	View On Demand	Grants all rights from Schedule, as well as rights to refresh documents

Rights

General rights can be overridden by content specific rights.

Example: Right to Add object granted, right to add Webi object denied.

Application rights – example: right to use the webi application

The screenshot shows the 'Included Rights: Schedule WebI' configuration window. On the left, under 'Rights Collections', there is a list of categories: General, Content, Application, and System. The 'Application' category is highlighted with a red rounded rectangle. On the right, under 'General Rights for Web Intelligence', a list of permissions is shown, including 'Copy objects to another folder', 'Define server groups to process jobs', 'Delete instances that the user owns', 'Edit objects that the user owns', 'Pause and Resume document instances', 'Reschedule instances', 'Schedule document to run', 'Schedule to destinations', 'View document instances', and 'View objects'.

Included Rights: Schedule WebI	
Rights Collections	► Specific Rights for Web Intelligence
► General	▼ General Rights for Web Intelligence
► Content	Copy objects to another folder
► Application	Define server groups to process jobs
► System	Delete instances that the user owns
	Edit objects that the user owns
	Pause and Resume document instances
	Reschedule instances
	Schedule document to run
	Schedule to destinations
	View document instances
	View objects

Example of Application rights

Dictates what you can do with the application

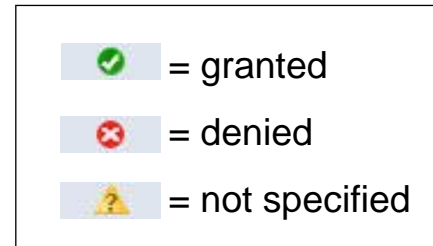
You must have rights to the actual object (webi document in this case) to perform actions

Add/Remove Rights								
▼Specific Rights for Web Intelligence		Implicit Value	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Object:	Web Intelligence	Desktop interface - install from BI launch pad	Not Specified	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Principal:	Everyone	Desktop interface - print documents	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▼General	General	Desktop interface - remove document security	Not Specified	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▼Application	Web Intelligence	Desktop interface - save document for all users	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Desktop interface - save documents locally	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Desktop interface - send by mail	Not Specified	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Disable Export to BI On Demand for this user	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Disable Import from BI On Demand for this user	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Documents - disable automatic refresh on open	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Documents - enable autosave	Not Specified	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Documents - enable creation	Not Specified	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Documents - enable publish and manage content as web service	Not Specified	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		General - edit 'My Preferences'	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		General - enable right-click menus	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Interfaces - enable Rich Internet Application	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Interfaces - enable web viewing interface	Granted	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
▼General Rights for Web Intelligence		Override General Global	Implicit Value	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Specified	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Specified	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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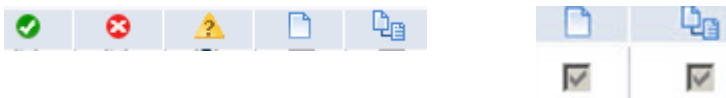
Granted, Denied, Not Specified, not sure...?

- **Granted & Denied should be clear, what is not specified?**
Denied > Granted > Not Specified

- **If a right setting is “Not Specified”, it is denied.**
 - ‘Not permitted unless I say otherwise’



- **Apply to current level or all sublevels**



- **Trumping rights**

- Ex 1: Set grant rights on folder, but explicitly deny right on a single report or subfolder
- Ex 2: Deny rights on folder, but explicitly grant right on single report or subfolder

Multiple folders for departments, basic permissions

Root public folder is denied by default (secure by default).

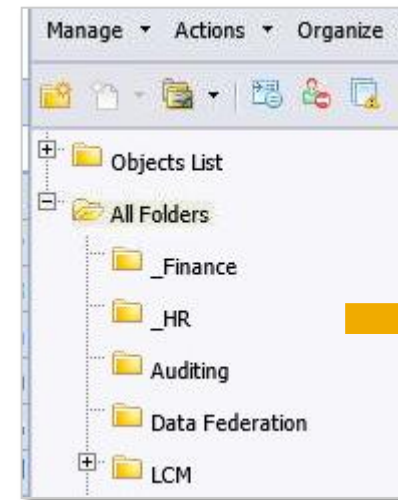
“I have 20 department folders. For each department group, I have to deny permission on 19 folders and grant permission on the single folder. Times 20...”

Example, how do we actually set this up:

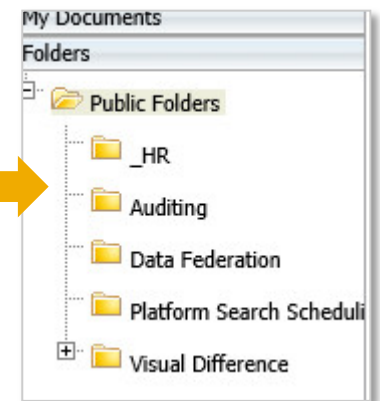


Grant view object but not subobjects

General Rights for Folder	Override General Global	Implicit Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
View objects	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not Specified	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
View objects that the user owns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not Specified	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Seen By Administrator



Seen By HRUser

Create access levels from minimal rights to full control

Multiple departments? Consider multi-tenancy tool

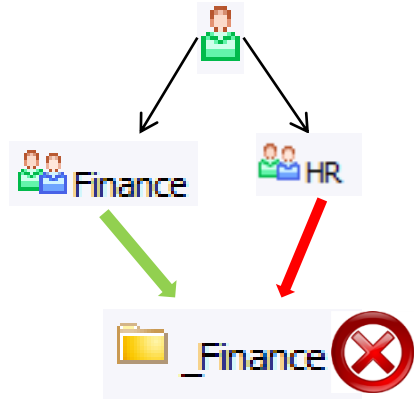
Common roles:

- **Viewers/Consumers**
- **Report creators/Editors**
 - Sometimes split into “Analyst” – user who create or edit reports an “Report Editor” who can publicly edit & modify all reports
- **Report Publisher – scheduling & publishing**

2 Level of inheritance

Groups & Folders

What happens if user is member of 2 groups, one explicitly permits, one explicitly denies?



DENY > GRANT > NOT SPECIFIED

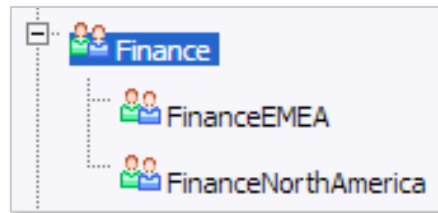
Cheat Sheet:
G + NS = Grant

G + D = Deny

G + D + NS = Deny

D + NS = Deny

Users & groups also have inheritance



Assign Security	
Object:	_Finance
Principal:	FinanceNorthAmerica
Inheritance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inherit From Parent Folder
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inherit From Parent Group
Access Levels Advanced	

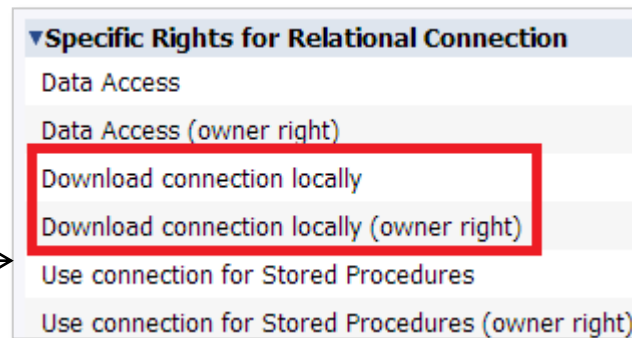
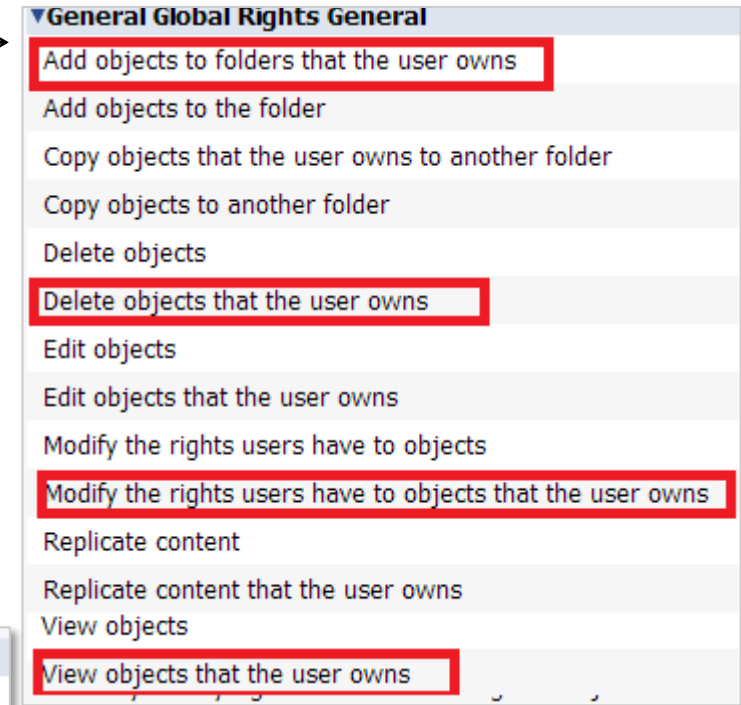
What has changed between 3.x and 4.x

New Owner Right →

Webi Rights changes/renames

<http://wiki.scn.sap.com/wiki/display/BOBJ/WEBI+security+rights+changes+between+XI3.1+and+BI4.x>

Connection Download right →



CMC tab access

Useful for delegated administration.

<http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-41311>

- Important to note, this is not actual security.

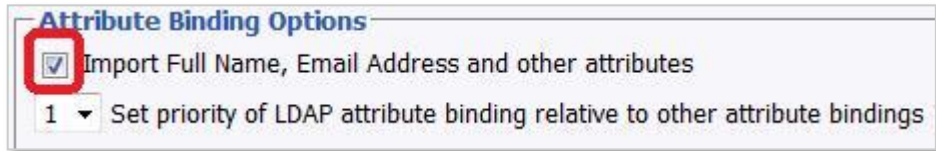
The UI is hidden, but if you do not actually configure rights, a skilled user could still use the SDK to manage & access settings if they have the rights to do so.

The image displays three screenshots from the SAP Central Management Console. The first screenshot shows the 'Central Management Console' menu with 'CMC Tab Access Configuration' highlighted in red. The second screenshot shows the 'CMC Tab Access Configuration: CMC' dialog box with the 'Restricted' radio button selected and highlighted in red. The third screenshot shows the 'Configure CMC Tabs' dialog box for the 'BI Viewers' principal, with a table of permissions and 'CMC Tab Configuration' highlighted in green.

Permission	Title
Inherited	Promotion Management
Inherited	Version Management
Inherited	Universes
Inherited	Visual Difference
Inherited	Connections

More on universe rights, User attribute mapping 1/2

Custom user attributes can be used to further secure universe



Allowed Attributes

First Name (givenname):

User ID (uid): Jean-Luc

Password (userPassword):

Confirm Password:

E-mail (mail):

Telephone Number (telephoneNumber):

Fax Number (facsimileTelephoneNumber):

Locality (l): France

Edit

Define a user attribute

Use these settings to configure the system to pull in additional attributes to be used to create new Enterprise user attributes.

Source is used to specify the authentication provider from which the attributes are pulled.

Use the Name and Internal Name fields to define how the attribute is used by SDK applications. The Internal Name is generated by the system and contains only alphanumeric characters.

Name: Country

Internal Name: SI_COUNTRY

Sources

Add a new source for: SAP

Source	Attribute Source Name
LDAP	Locality

More on universe rights, User attribute mapping 2/2

Result Objects for Query #1

Customer Name Customer Number Country

Query Filters for Query #1

Country Equal to @VARIABLE("SI_COUNTRY")

Result set (12 rows - 16 ms)

Max Rows 200

Customer Name	Customer Number	Country
Atelier graphique	103	France
La Rochelle Gifts	119	France
Saveley & Henriot, Co.	146	France
Daedalus Designs Imports	171	France

Universes / Profiles

- Universes
 - Report Conversion Tool Uni
 - Auto Connection.unx

Users / Groups

- Insert Data Security Profile
- Insert Business Security Profile
- Change Data Security Profile Priority
- Check Integrity
- Run Query

Define Data Security Profile

Enter or edit settings on all tabs and click OK to save the profile definition.

Data Security Profile Name Data Security Profile

Connections Controls SQL Rows Tables

Restricted Table WHERE Clause

Define Row Restriction

Select the table and define the WHERE clause for the row restriction.

Table Customers

WHERE Clause Customers.country = @VARIABLE("SI_COUNTRY")

OK

See SCN article on complete how to. <http://scn.sap.com/community/bi-platform/blog/2012/07/05/user-attribute-mapping-in-bi4>

More on universe rights, User attribute mapping 2/3

Properties: Jean-Luc

Hide Navigation

- Properties
- User Security
- Member Of
- Profile Values
- Account Manager

Account Name: Jean-Luc

Full Name: Jean-Luc

Email:

ID, CUID: 11159 , AYzy3c0g0NdHupqzIREFI4o

Description:

Additional User Properties

Country: France

Query Panel

View script

Universe : AwesomeA...

- Products
- Productlines
- Payments
- Orderdetails
- Offices
- Employees
- Customers
 - Customernumber
 - Customername
 - Contactlastname
 - Contactfirstname
 - Phone
 - Addressline1
 - Addressline2
 - City
 - State
 - Postalcode
 - Country

Result Objects for Query #1

Customername Phone Country

Query Filters for Query #1

Result set (122 rows - 47 ms)

Max Rows: 200 Refresh

Customername	Phone	Country
Atelier graphique	40.32.2555	France
Signal Gift Stores	7025551838	USA
Australian Collectors, Co.	03 9520 4555	Australia
La Rochelle Gifts	40.67.8555	France
Baane Mini Imports	07-98 9555	Norway
Mini Gifts Distributors Ltd.	4155551450	USA
Havel & Zhuravsk Co	(76) 642-7555	Ireland

Close

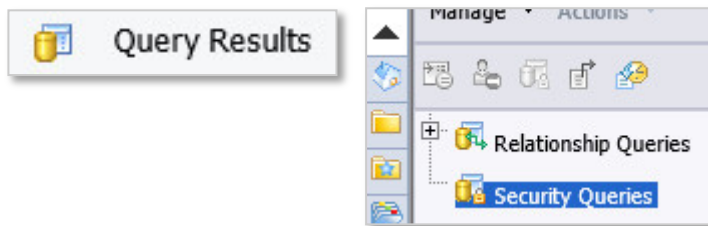
Full how to at:

<http://scn.sap.com/community/bi-platform/blog/2012/07/05/user-attribute-mapping-in-bi4>

Security Query Tool

You can see a full listing of rights for a principal (single user or group)

- Useful for debugging
- Export to CSV for compliance
- Can be scripted for more users, there are partners who expose more



Create Security Query

Query Principal

The query searches for objects for this principal:

BI Viewers

Query Permission

The query searches for objects for which the above principal has all of these permissions:

Do not query by permissions

Collection	Type	Right Name	
			<input type="button" value="x"/>

Query Context

The query searches for objects only in these section(s) of the CMC:

Folders

(All) Query subobject

Folders

Security Query Tool Results

Title	Type	Path	Access
_Finance	Folder		
_HR	Folder		Full Control (inherited); Granular Rights (Inherited)
Auditing	Folder		View (inherited)
Data Federation	Folder		View (inherited)
LCM	Folder		

Output lets you drill down (select HR folder, select right, see where the source of the right setting is).

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_HR	Folder		Full Control (inherited); Granular Rights (Inherited)
Auditing	Folder		View (inherited)
Data Federation	Folder		View (inherited)
LCM	Folder		
Monitoring Report Sample	Folder		
Platform Search Scheduling	Folder		View (inherited)
Probes	Folder		
Report Conversion Tool	Folder		
Report Sampler	Folder		

Type	Right Name	Status	Apply To	Source
General	Schedule on behalf of other users	✘	📄	Granular (Inherited)
General				(Inherited)
General				(Inherited)
General	Granular			(Inherited)
General				(Inherited)
General	Comment on documents	✘	📄	Granular (Inherited)
General	Print and secure document instances	✘	📄	Granular (Inherited)

Inheritance Details
 The principal and object columns indicate the inheritance source, where security is explicitly assigned

Access	Principal	Object	Path
Granular	Finance	_HR	Folder:/

Further Information

SAP Public Web

scn.sap.com

<http://scn.sap.com/community/bi-platform/blog/2012/07/05/user-attribute-mapping-in-bi4>

<http://scn.sap.com/docs/DOC-33875>

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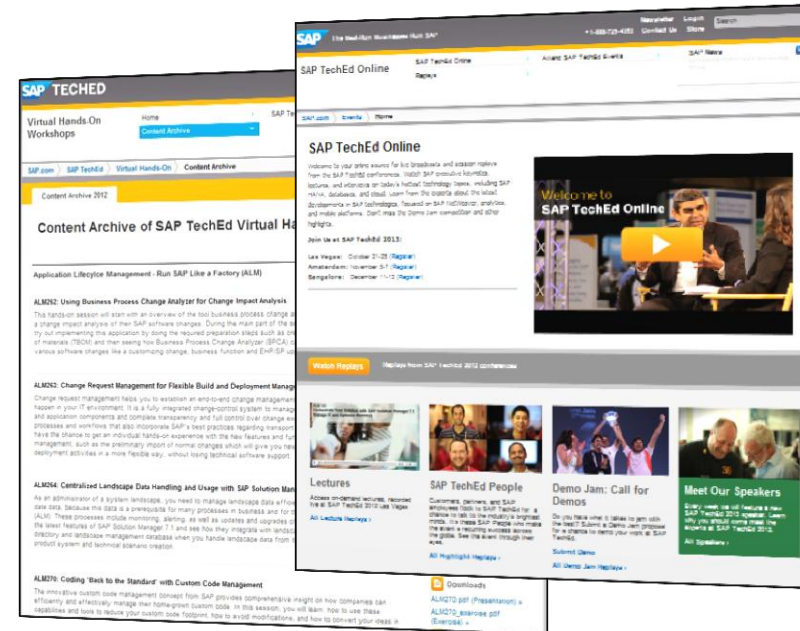
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