



Docusnap – User Management

Managing User Access to Docusnap

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1. Purpose of this Document

By default, every Docusnap user has unlimited access to the full functionality of the application.

The User Management feature in Docusnap, however, allows you to establish a granular permission assignment scheme by using a user roles concept.

Through this scheme, you can define which features and information can be accessed by which user.

This authorization assignment also affects access to Docusnap Web. Please note that the selected authentication method for Docusnap Web will only be effective when user management is activated. For more information on the authentication methods for Docusnap Web, please refer to the corresponding [HowTo - Docusnap Web](#).

This HowTo document describes the following use cases:

- Employees should only have reading access to the information available in Docusnap
 - Chapter 3.2
- The Client Management team should have no access to the server systems in Docusnap
 - Chapter 4
- Our apprentices should not see the passwords stored in Docusnap
 - Chapter 5
- Permission assignment in Docusnap should be documented
 - Chapter 8

2. Introduction

Depending on your requirements, the User Management structure can be very complex. The following section contains an introduction listing the most important aspects that are to be observed beforehand and provide more detailed information.

Why?

Why do you want / need to enable the User Management feature and restrict the access to Docusnap, certain features, or pieces of information?

What?

What is to be restricted?

- Restrict access to Docusnap
- Restrict access to certain features
- Restrict access to certain pieces of information

Who?

Which persons should have access to which features and information?

- Docusnap users

How?

How can you implement these restrictions?

- Docusnap Roles
- Permission Categories

2.1 Important Terms

Docusnap users

Add users or ADS groups (recommended) to the Docusnap User Management. Create corresponding ADS groups and add them to the Docusnap User Management. Examples:

- Docusnap_Admins
- Docusnap_View_Only
- Docusnap_Documentation

Other examples of groups and resulting Docusnap roles could be

- 1st level Docusnap
 - 2nd level Docusnap
 - 3rd level Docusnap
-
- Client Management
 - Server Management
 - network management

Docusnap Roles

Roles are assigned to the groups previously added to User Management. These roles define the access rights to features and information within Docusnap. By default, ten predefined roles are available. For a description of the predefined roles and their functionality, refer to our User Manual.

Permission Categories

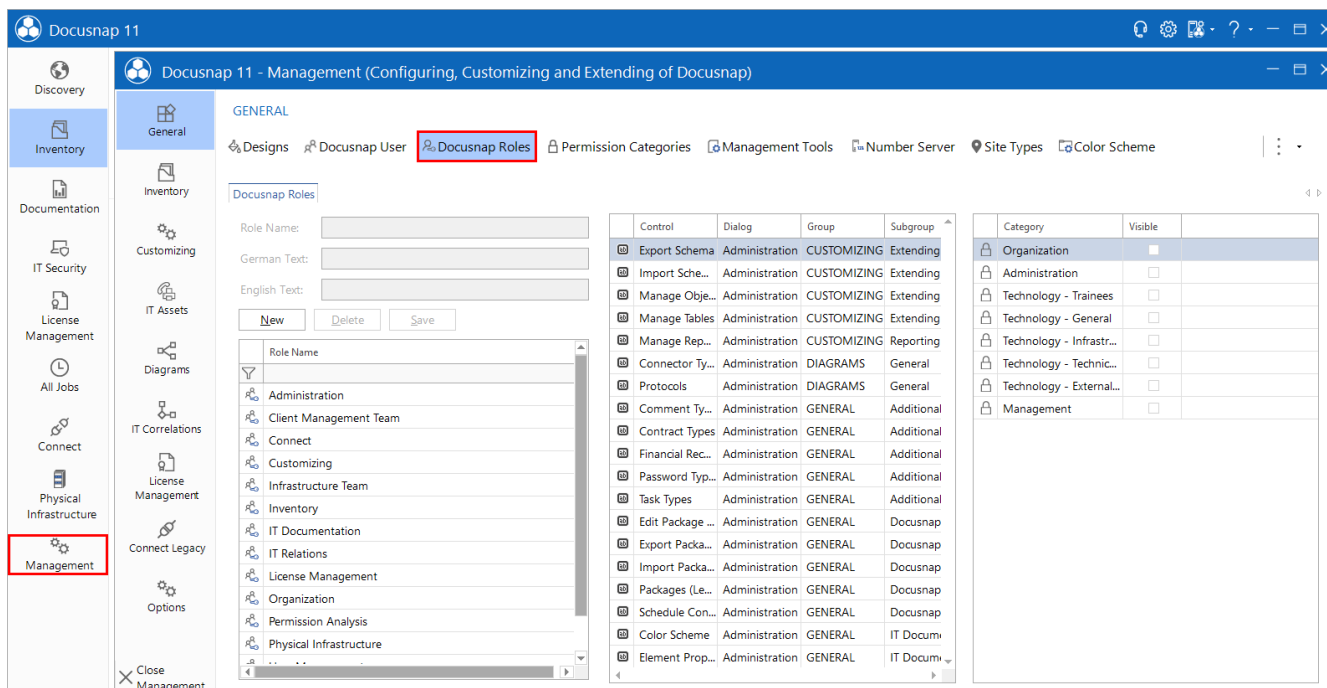
Permission categories help you restrict the access to additional information (passwords, contracts, comments, etc.) in Docusnap. Permission categories are linked to roles. This way, you can use the Docusnap roles also to control the access to additional information.

To begin, please read the HowTo document which provides a detailed description of additional information in Docusnap.

3. User Management in Docusnap

3.1 Docusnap Roles

Roles define the access rights to features and information in Docusnap. To find the predefined roles, go to Management – General – Docusnap Roles.



The screenshot shows the Docusnap 11 Management interface. The left sidebar contains various management categories, with 'Management' highlighted. The main area is titled 'Docusnap 11 - Management (Configuring, Customizing and Extending of Docusnap)' and shows the 'Docusnap Roles' section. The 'Docusnap Roles' tab is highlighted. The interface displays a list of predefined roles with columns for Control, Dialog, Group, and Subgroup. A table on the right shows the 'Organization' category with a 'Visible' checkbox.

Control	Dialog	Group	Subgroup
Export Schema	Administration	CUSTOMIZING	Extending
Import Sche...	Administration	CUSTOMIZING	Extending
Manage Obje...	Administration	CUSTOMIZING	Extending
Manage Tables	Administration	CUSTOMIZING	Extending
Manage Rep...	Administration	CUSTOMIZING	Reporting
Connector Ty...	Administration	DIAGRAMS	General
Protocols	Administration	DIAGRAMS	General
Comment Ty...	Administration	GENERAL	Additional
Contract Types	Administration	GENERAL	Additional
Financial Rec...	Administration	GENERAL	Additional
Password Typ...	Administration	GENERAL	Additional
Task Types	Administration	GENERAL	Additional
Edit Package ...	Administration	GENERAL	Docusnap
Export Packa...	Administration	GENERAL	Docusnap
Import Packa...	Administration	GENERAL	Docusnap
Packages (Le...	Administration	GENERAL	Docusnap
Schedule Con...	Administration	GENERAL	Docusnap
Color Scheme	Administration	GENERAL	IT Docum...
Element Prop...	Administration	GENERAL	IT Docum...

Category	Visible
Organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Administration	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technology - Trainees	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technology - General	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technology - Infrastr...	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technology - Technic...	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technology - External...	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fig. 1 – Accessing Docusnap Management

3.2 Docusnap Users

In the Docusnap Users area, you can add users and groups (local and ADS groups) to the Docusnap User Management. As a best practice, we recommend that you use custom (user-defined) ADS groups. These ADS groups allow you to manage the access to features and information in Docusnap.

After having added a group, you can assign a role to this group. The assigned role defines the features and information accessible to the group members.

The column **IsUser** indicates whether this is a user or an AD group. If this column remains empty, Docusnap cannot resolve it, please check the spelling again. A resolution can only take place if the Docusnap system itself is also in the domain.

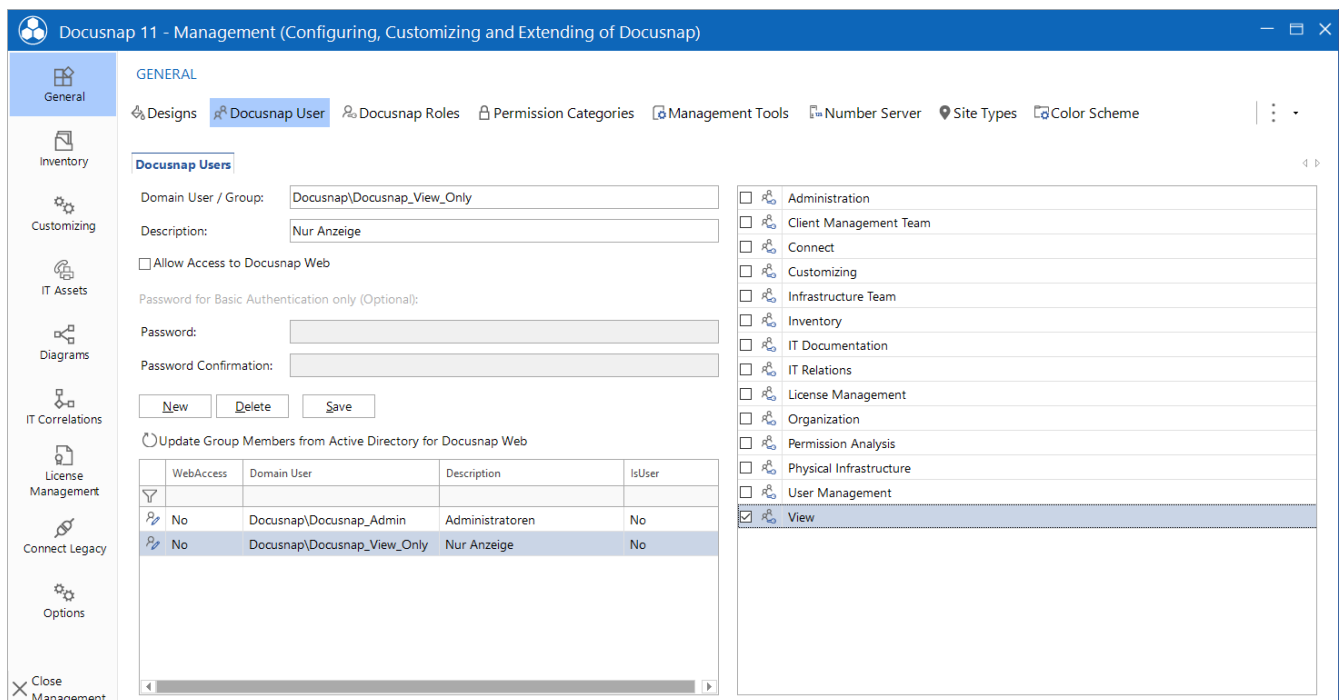


Fig. 2 – Docusnap Users

To add an ADS group to User Management, click the **New** button. Docusnap initially suggests to add the current user – with administrator rights. You can confirm this prompt or instead add your **Docusnap_Admin** group to User Management. It is important that there is at least one user who has administrator rights (Administration + User Management) in Docusnap. If you do not specify a user who has administrator rights in Docusnap, the application can no longer be managed.

Adding a user group enables User Management in Docusnap. This means that only persons who are known to User Management can open Docusnap.

To implement the application example mentioned before – employees should only have reading access to the information available in Docusnap – you need an ADS group with the desired members. Add this group in User Management and select the **View** role.

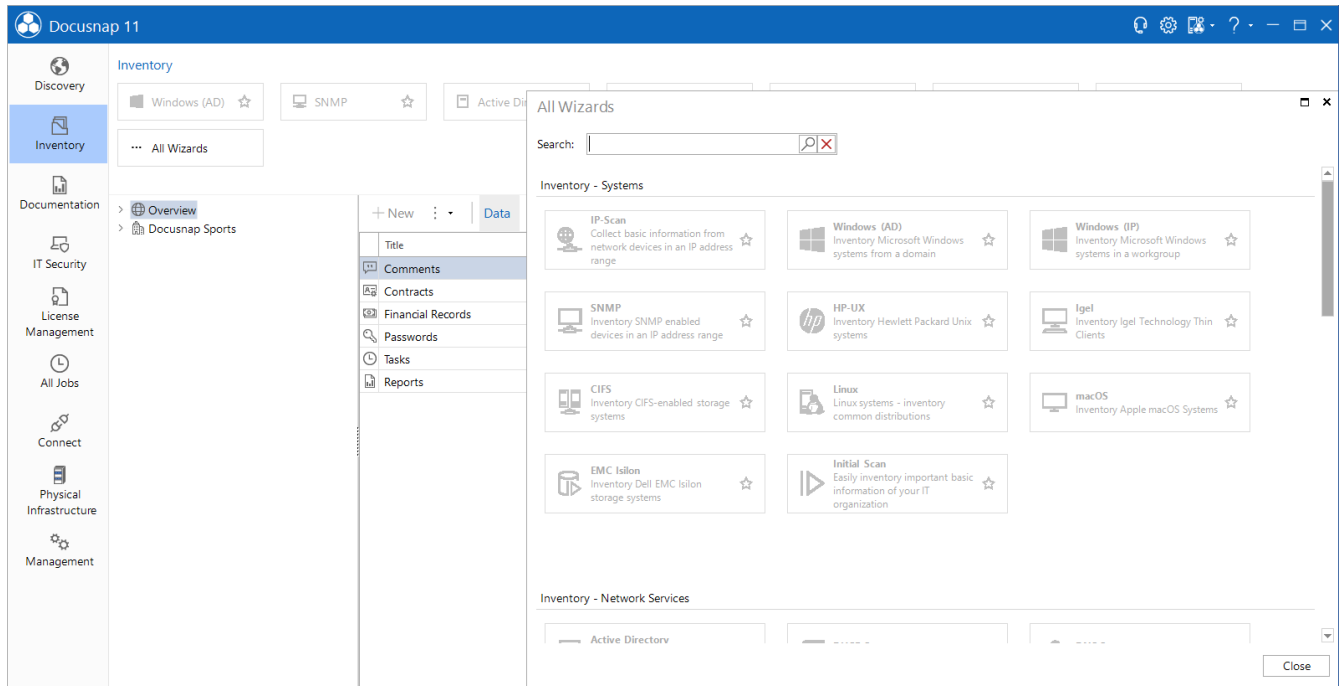


Fig. 3 – View role – Restricted access to features

4. Restricting Access to Types and Objects in the Data Explorer

In addition to being able to limit the functions in Docusnap for users and groups, you also have the option of restricting access to types and objects within the data tree - e.g. Who can access the server information?

Here you can restrict which Docusnap roles can view certain types and objects and restrict to what extent Docusnap roles can edit these types and objects - Who can delete server objects?

4.1 Difference between types and objects

In the Permissions Object dialog, you have two options: Type and Object. You open this dialog by right-clicking on an object / heading in the Docusnap data tree.

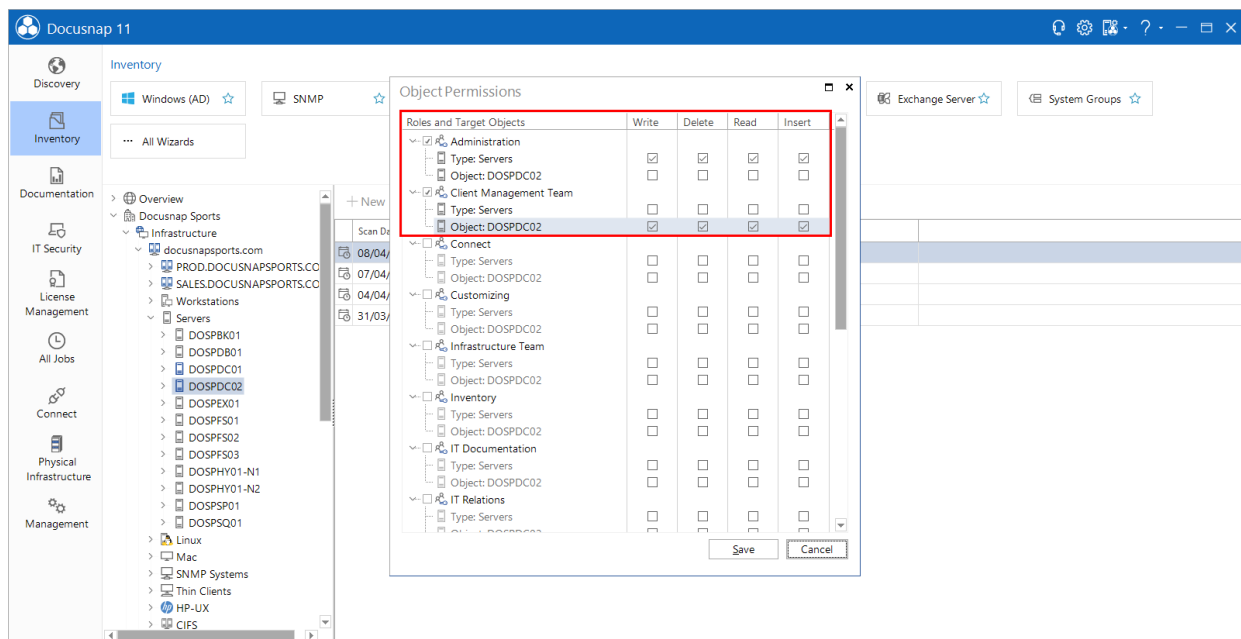


Fig. 4 – Object Permissions – Type vs. Object

In the Object Permissions dialog, you have the choice between two options: Type and Object.

The Object Permissions dialog shown in Fig. 8 was opened through a server object, here DOSPDC02:

Type: Servers Type represents all server objects within Docusnap. Now, select the Administration role and enable all checkboxes for **Type: Servers**. Members of this role will continue to see the Server objects within the tree structure.

Object: DSBK01 This object represents the explicitly selected DOSPDC02 Server object. Now, select a role and enable the checkboxes for **Object: DOSPDC02**. Members of this role will only see the DOSPDC02 server object within the Data Explorer.

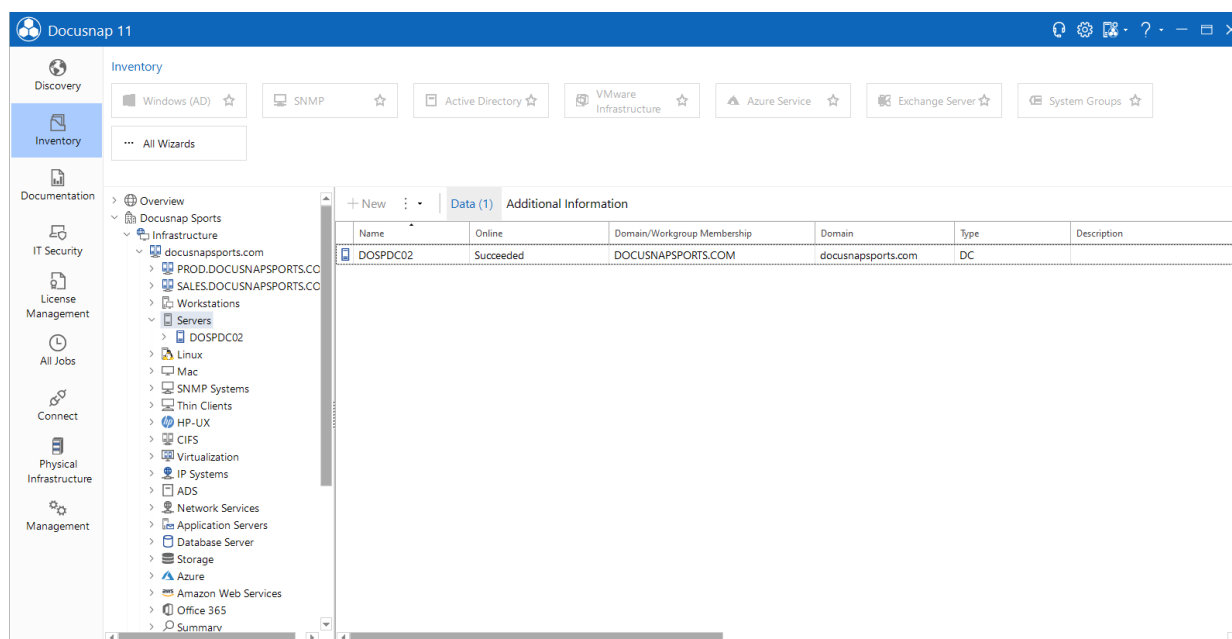


Fig. 5 – Setting object permissions – restricted access to information

4.2 Restrict the visibility of types and objects

To define the access to types and objects, proceed as described below. This section covers the following use case: The Client Management team should have no access to the server systems in Docusnap.

To implement this use case, at least two ADS groups must have been added to User Management and corresponding roles must have been assigned to them. Example:

- Docusnap_Admins – Administration role
- Docusnap_Client_Management – Organization role

Go to the Docusnap main screen and highlight Servers in the Data Explorer. Right-click and select Permissions.

The Object Permissions windows opens, listing all available Docusnap roles. Now, select the role(s) you need. The member of the selected role(s) will continue to see the Servers type or object in the tree structure of Docusnap.

The members of the roles you do not select in this dialog, will no longer see the Servers type or object.

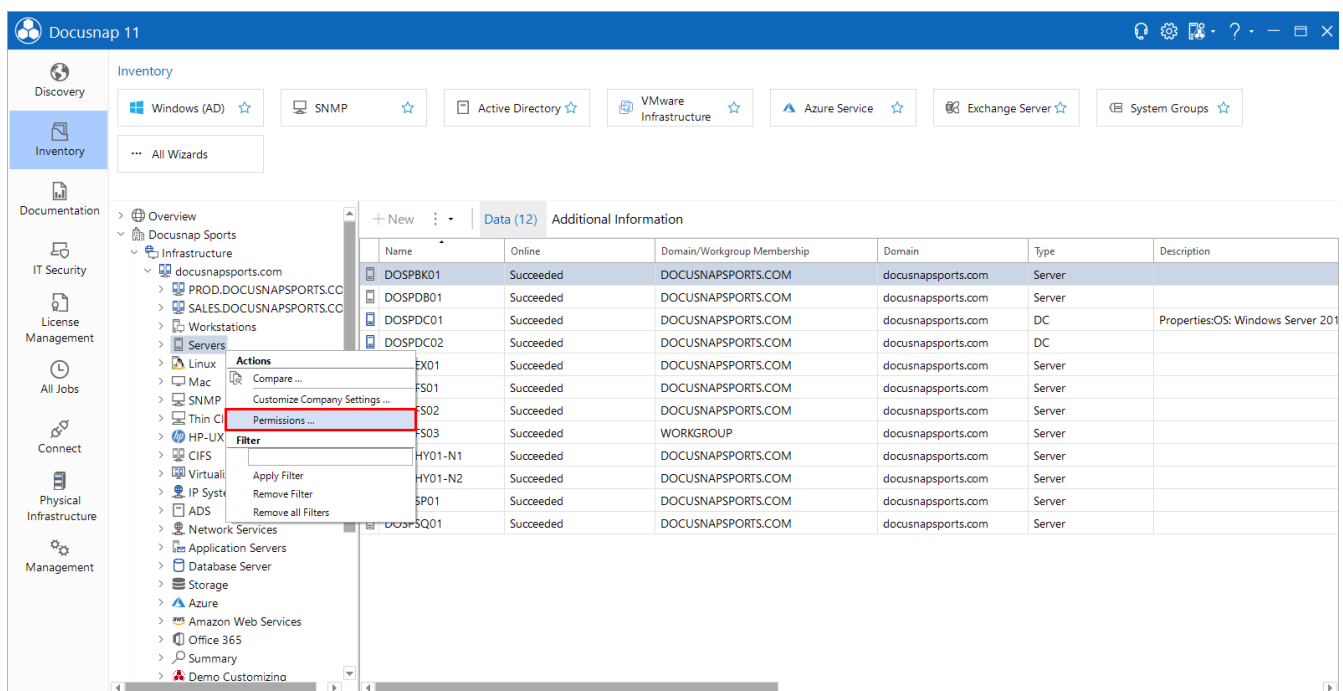


Fig. 6 – Opening the Object Permissions dialog

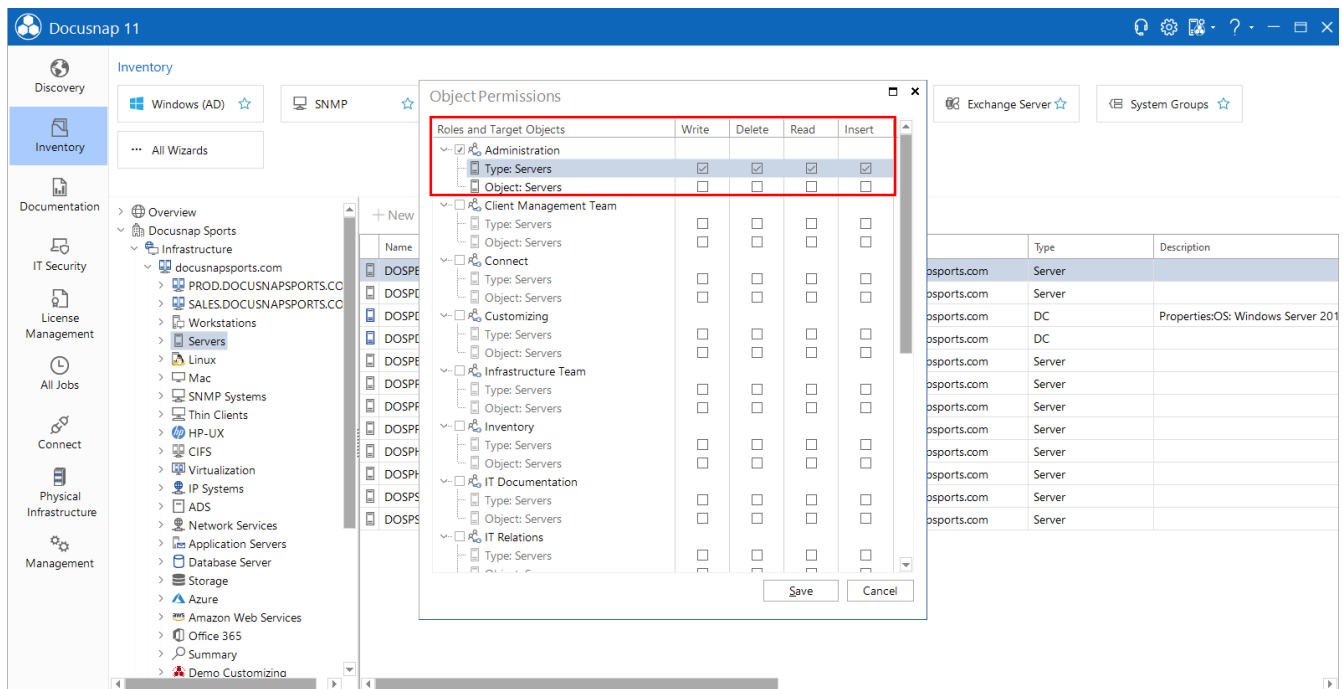


Fig. 7 – Setting permissions

4.3 Restrict the editing options of types and objects

You can define who can make which changes to existing objects within the Docusnap database, e.g. who should be allowed to edit and delete objects.

The following screenshot shows the new roles added to Docusnap with their respective permissions on workstation type objects

- 1st Level Docusnap can only view the objects
- 2nd Level Docusnap Can edit the objects
- 3rd Level Docusnap Can edit and delete objects

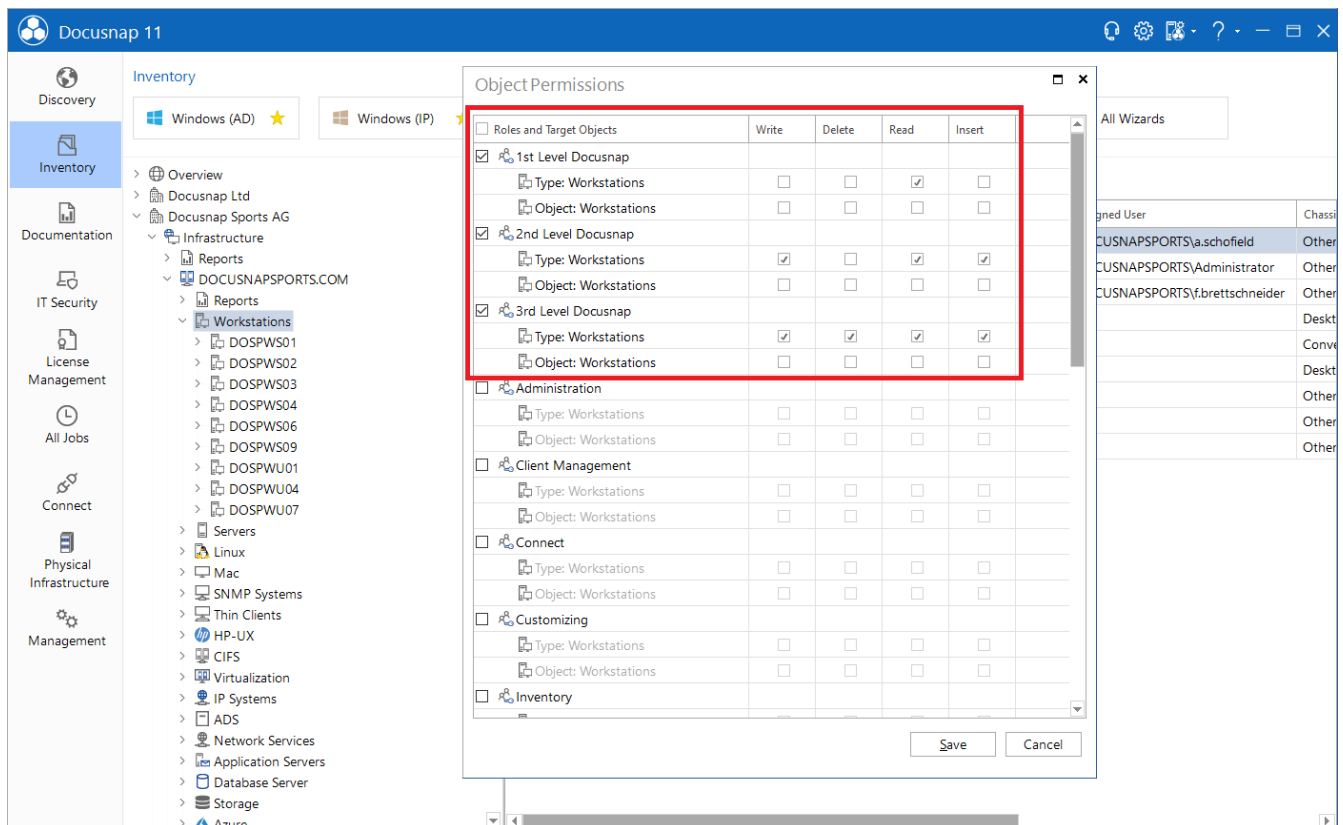


Fig. 8 – Setting permissions for editing objects

4.4 Tenant separation for Docusnap Permissions

If you assign the two types of permissions described above, they are valid for all tenants by default. So, if you have more than one tenant you have also set the permissions for all of them.

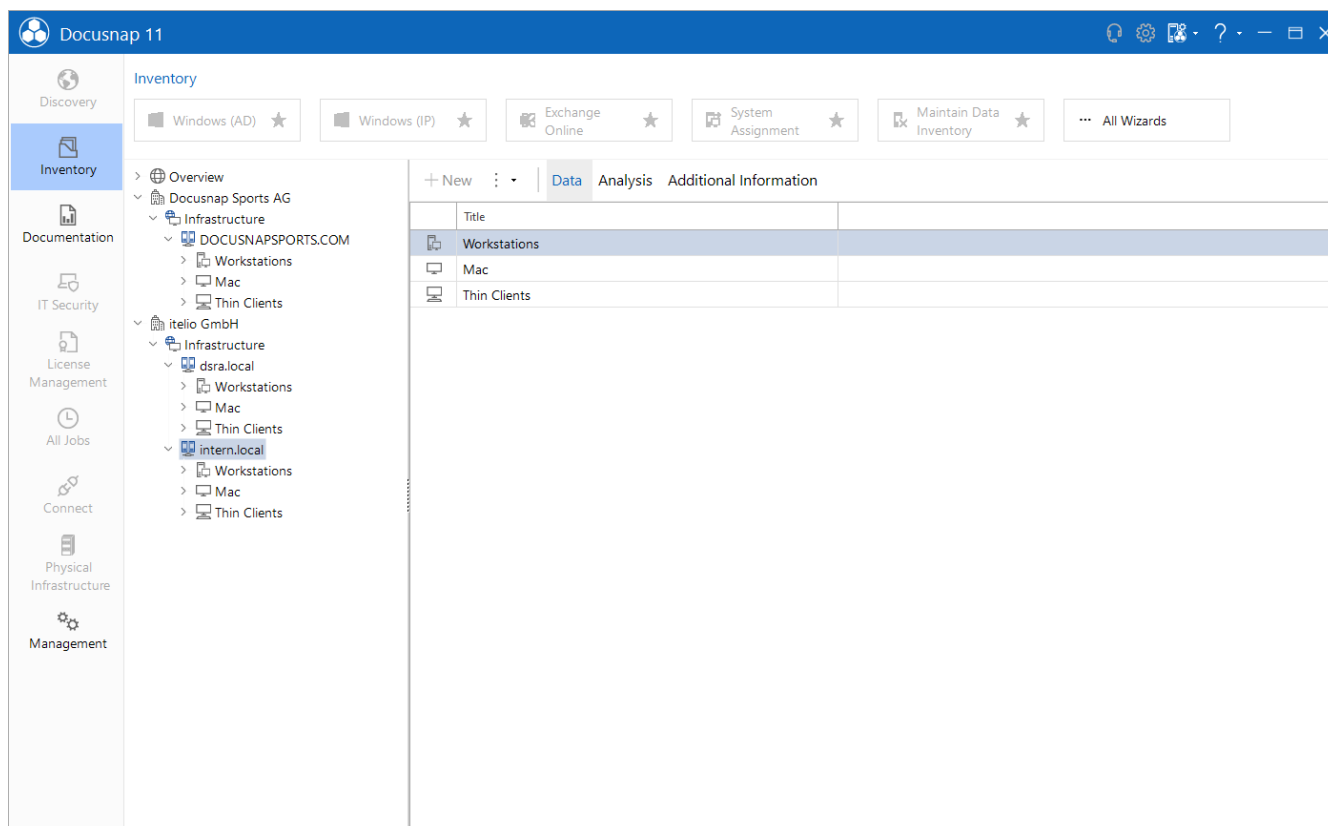


Fig. 9 – Permissions set for one tenant are also applied to the others

If you want to assign specific permissions for the existing tenants, you can activate this in the **General Options - Tenant separation for Docusnap Permissions**.

After you have activated the option, permissions assigned for a tenant are not assigned directly to the additional tenant(s).

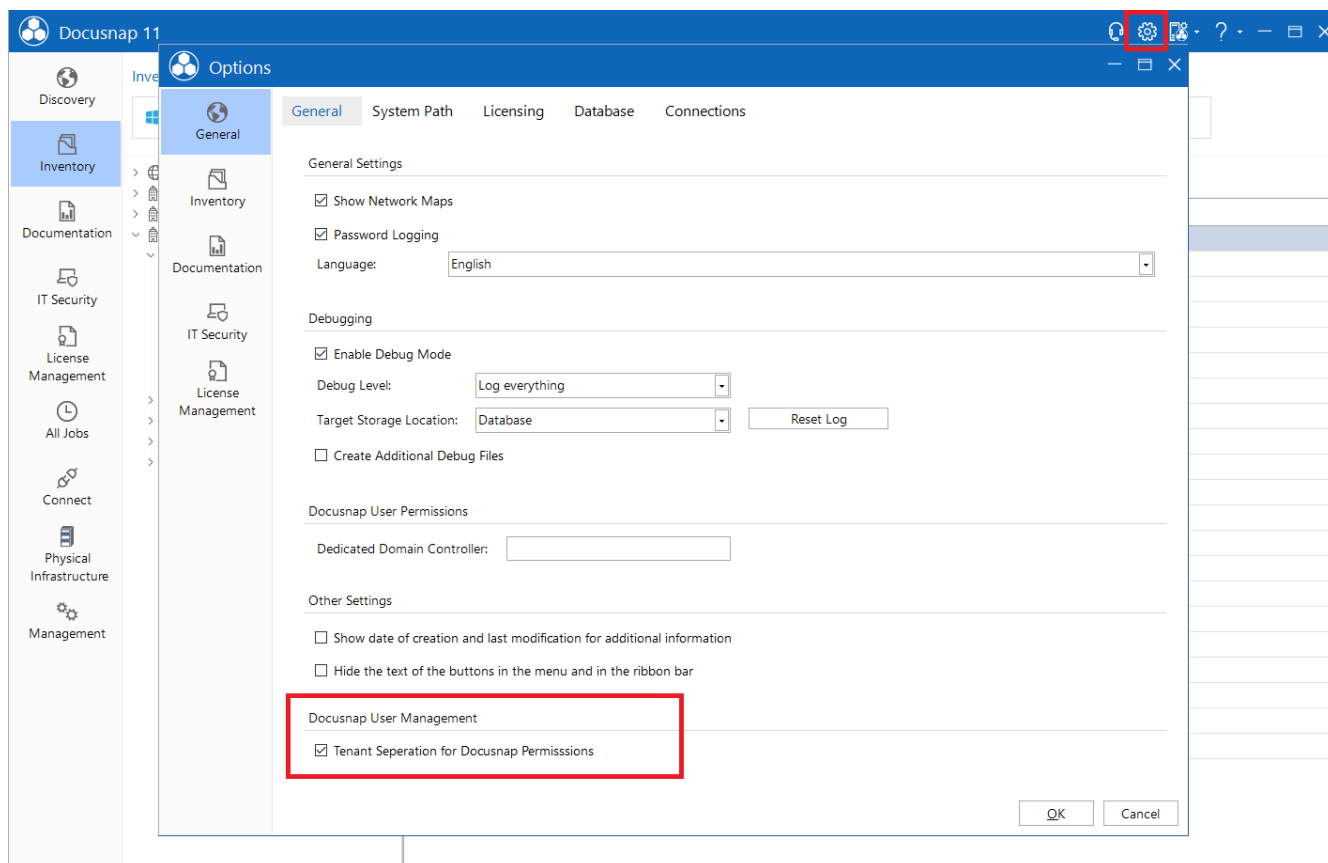


Fig. 10 – Activating tenant separation for Docusnap permissions

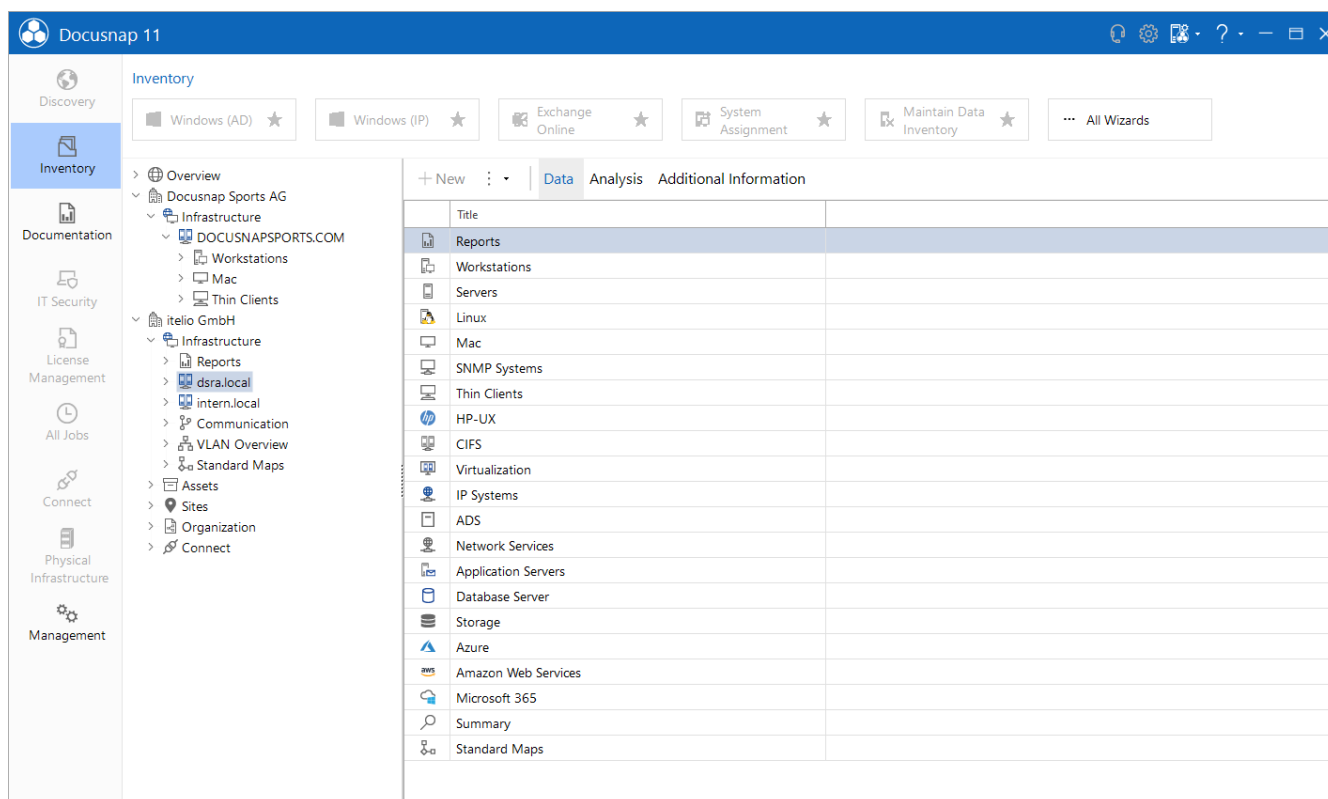


Fig. 11 – Authorizations can now be assigned to a specific tenant

4.5 Best Practice for Setting Permissions to Types and Objects

Setting up restrictions for information may require some effort and be hard to check. For this reason, we recommend the procedure presented below to set up permissions to information. With this procedure, you can directly check the permissions specified without the need to start Docusnap as a different user.

Start Docusnap and assign the following to the user or to the user's group: the **User Management** role and in addition the role whose access you want to restrict. You also need to de-select the Administration role for this user or group because an administrator is always permitted to see everything in Docusnap (cf. chapter 6).

- See chapter 7 to learn how to add and manage roles.

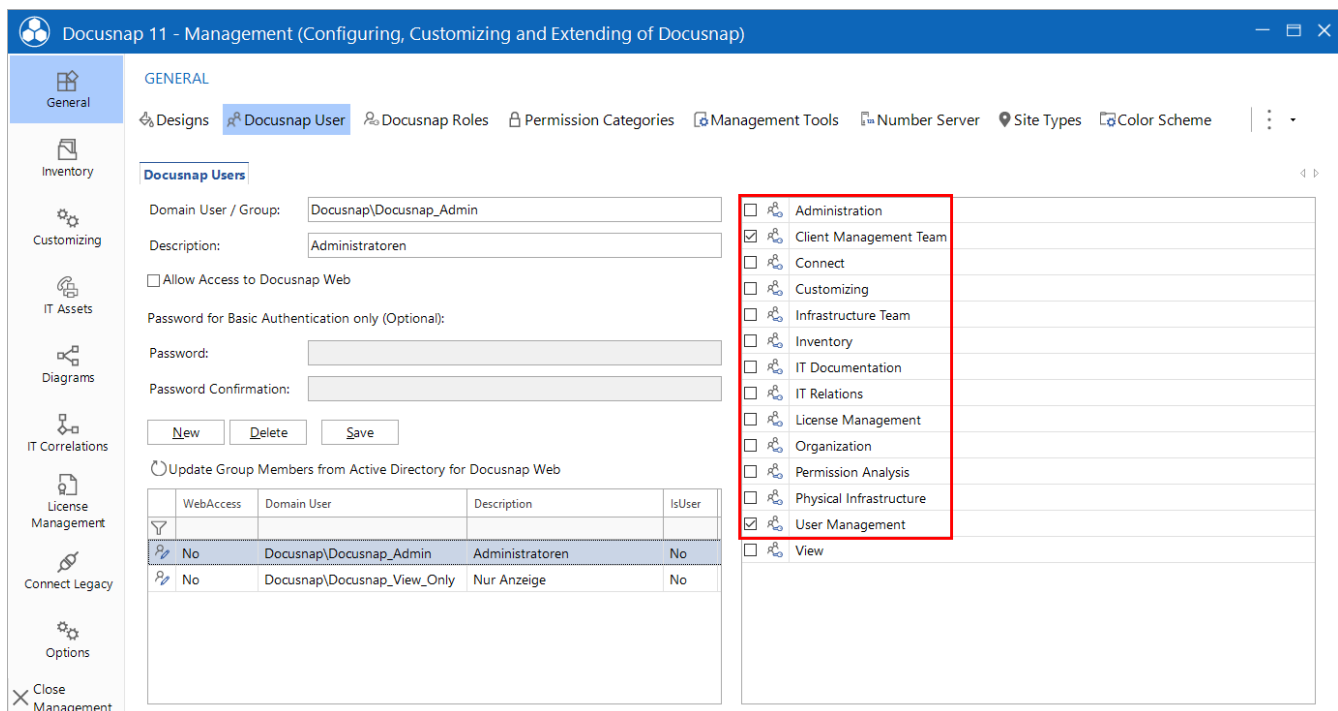


Fig. 12 – Assigning roles

Go to the Docusnap main screen. While you are changing from the Management area to the main screen, the role change becomes effective. Now, make the desired changes in the main screen.

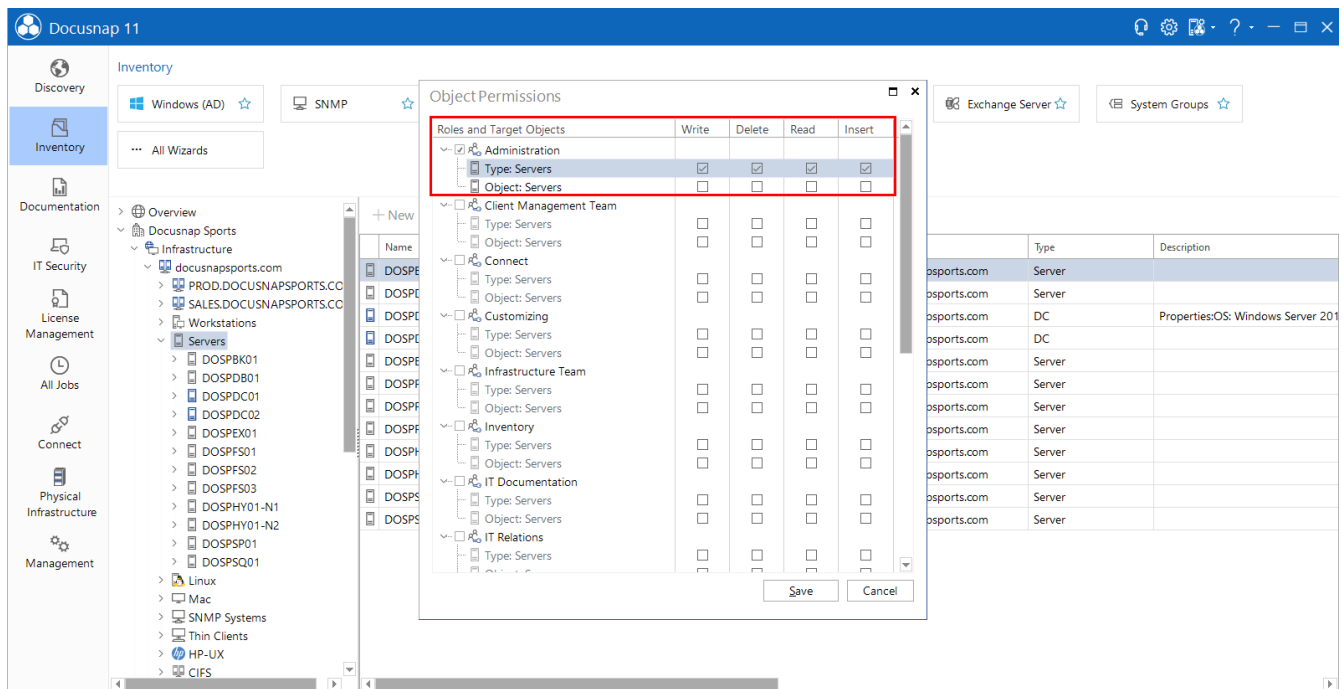


Fig. 13 – Setting permissions to Servers

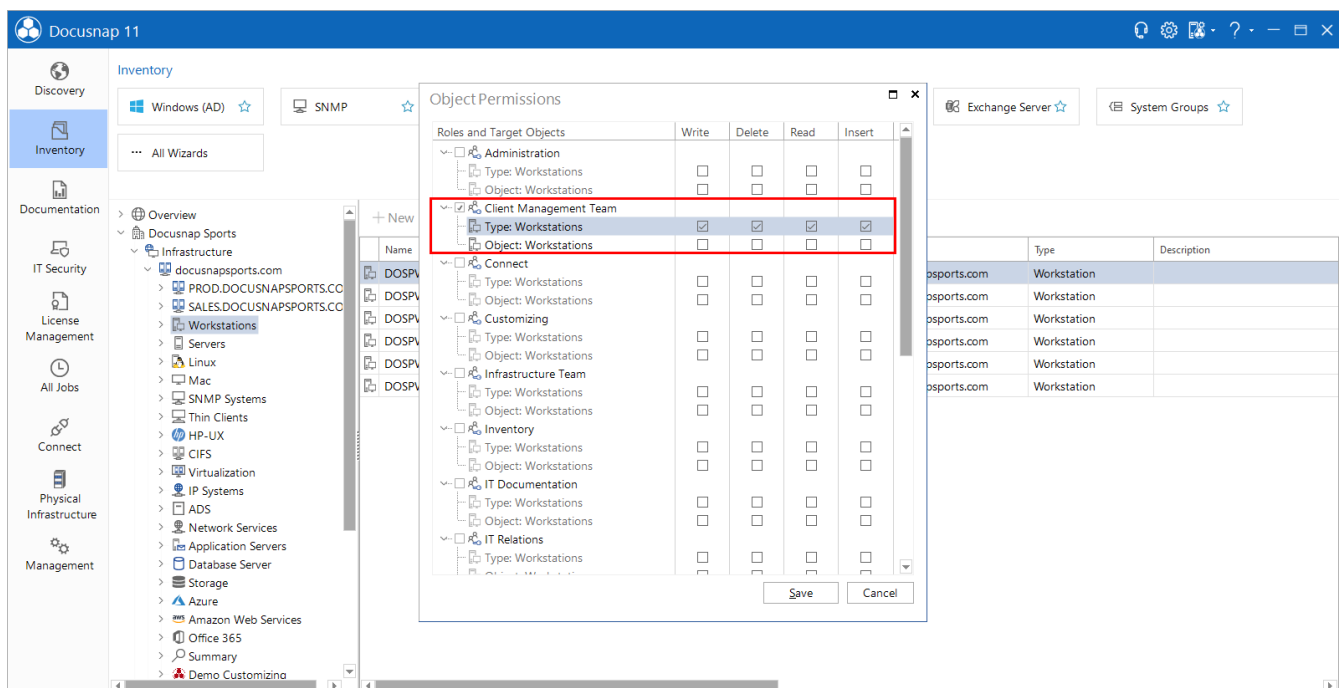
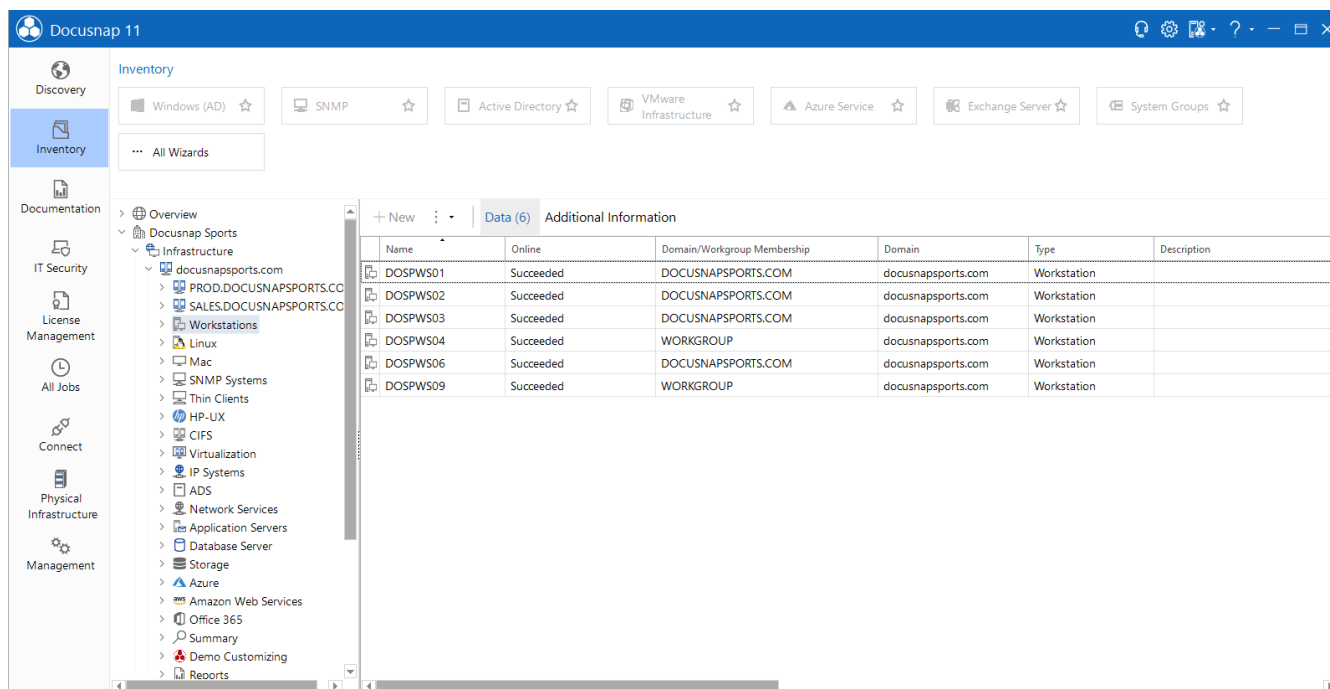


Fig. 14 – Setting permissions to Workstations

Once you have closed the Object Permissions dialog, the changes become effective. This way, you can check whether the changes have been made as desired.

After you have made all desired changes, assign the Docusnap role(s) to the user or the corresponding ADS group again. Afterwards, you have access to the usual features again.



The screenshot shows the Docusnap 11 web interface. The left sidebar contains navigation menus: Discovery, Inventory (selected), Documentation, IT Security, License Management, All Jobs, Connect, Physical Infrastructure, and Management. The main area is titled 'Inventory' and includes a top bar with various discovery methods (Windows AD, SNMP, Active Directory, VMware Infrastructure, Azure Service, Exchange Server, System Groups) and a 'All Wizards' button. Below this, a tree view on the left shows the hierarchy: Overview > Docusnap Sports > Infrastructure > docusnapsports.com > Workstations. The main table displays a list of workstations with columns: Name, Online, Domain/Workgroup Membership, Domain, Type, and Description. The table contains 6 rows of data, all marked as 'Succeeded'.

Name	Online	Domain/Workgroup Membership	Domain	Type	Description
DOSPWS01	Succeeded	DOCUSNAPSPTS.COM	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	
DOSPWS02	Succeeded	DOCUSNAPSPTS.COM	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	
DOSPWS03	Succeeded	DOCUSNAPSPTS.COM	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	
DOSPWS04	Succeeded	WORKGROUP	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	
DOSPWS06	Succeeded	DOCUSNAPSPTS.COM	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	
DOSPWS09	Succeeded	WORKGROUP	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	

Fig. 15 – Checking the specified permissions

5. Permission Categories

Permission categories help you restrict the access to data that is stored in Docusnap as additional information (passwords, contracts, comments, etc.). Permission categories are assigned to Docusnap roles. When creating additional information, you select a corresponding category. This ensures that additional information can only be viewed by particular persons.

To begin, please read the following HowTo document which provides a detailed description of additional information in Docusnap: Additional information.

The following shows a possible application example:

- Our apprentices should not see the passwords stored in Docusnap

5.1 Managing Permission Categories

To find permission categories, go to Docusnap-Management – General tab – Permission Categories.

To create more permission categories, click the New button. The newly created permission categories will be available for the creation of additional information.

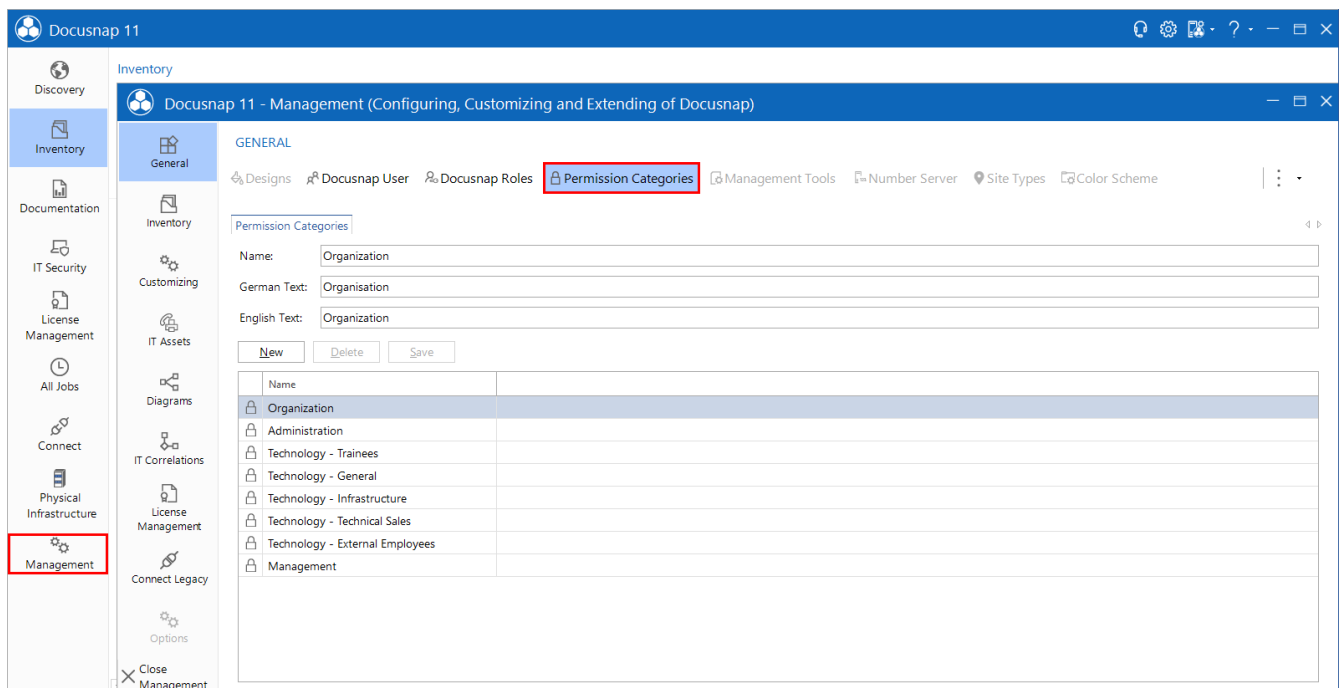
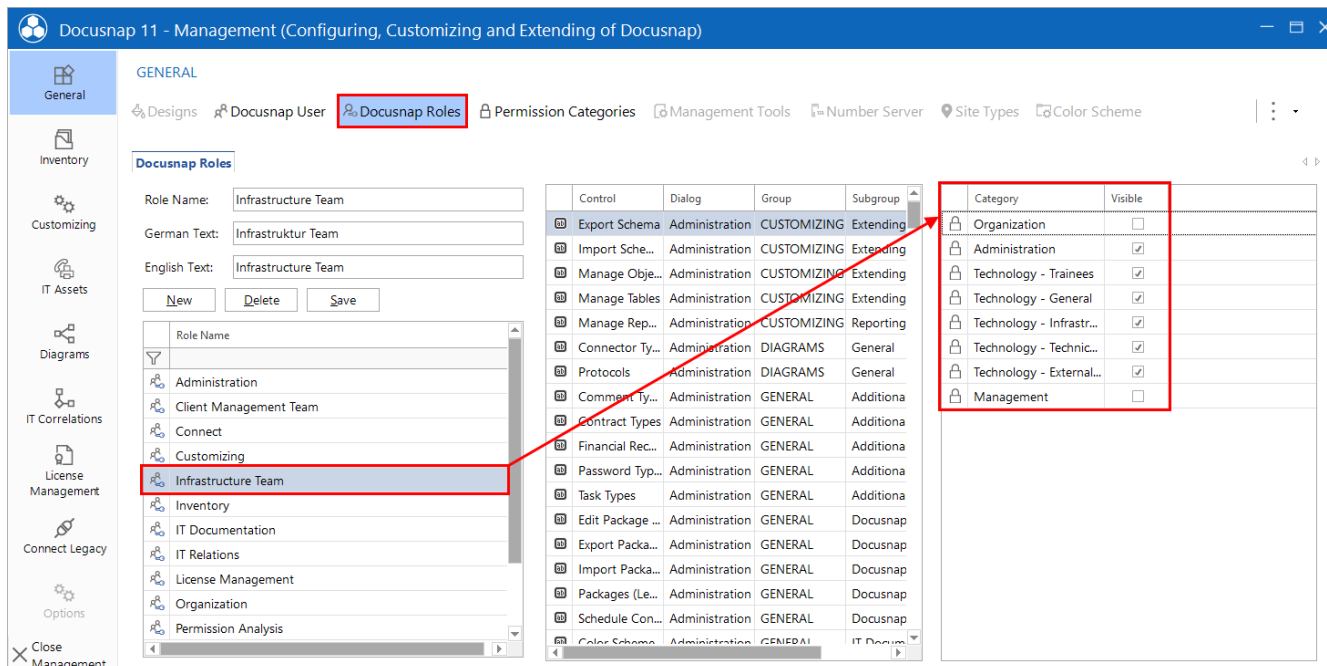


Fig. 16 – Accessing Docusnap Management

In order to be able to use permission categories, you must assign them to the desired Docusnap roles. This assignment is made in the **Docusnap Roles** area.



Docusnap 11 - Management (Configuring, Customizing and Extending of Docusnap)

GENERAL

Designs | Docusnap User | **Docusnap Roles** | Permission Categories | Management Tools | Number Server | Site Types | Color Scheme

Docusnap Roles

Role Name: Infrastructure Team
 German Text: Infrastruktur Team
 English Text: Infrastructure Team
 [New] [Delete] [Save]

Control	Dialog	Group	Subgroup
Export Schema	Administration	CUSTOMIZING	Extending
Import Sche...	Administration	CUSTOMIZING	Extending
Manage Obje...	Administration	CUSTOMIZING	Extending
Manage Tables	Administration	CUSTOMIZING	Extending
Manage Rep...	Administration	CUSTOMIZING	Reporting
Connector Ty...	Administration	DIAGRAMS	General
Protocols	Administration	DIAGRAMS	General
Comment Ty...	Administration	GENERAL	Additional
Contract Types	Administration	GENERAL	Additional
Financial Rec...	Administration	GENERAL	Additional
Password Typ...	Administration	GENERAL	Additional
Task Types	Administration	GENERAL	Additional
Edit Package ...	Administration	GENERAL	Docusnap
Export Packa...	Administration	GENERAL	Docusnap
Import Packa...	Administration	GENERAL	Docusnap
Packages (Le...	Administration	GENERAL	Docusnap
Schedule Con...	Administration	GENERAL	Docusnap
Color Scheme	Administration	GENERAL	IT Docu...

Category	Visible
Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Technology - Trainees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Technology - General	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Technology - Infrastr...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Technology - Technic...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Technology - External...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Management	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fig. 17 – Assigning permission categories to Docusnap roles

5.2 Creating Additional Information Using Permission Categories

Create a new piece of additional information – e.g. a password. The dialog includes a selection list called **Category**. You can select a suitable permission category from this selection list.

Additional information to which no permission category has been assigned can be viewed by any user in Docusnap.

Additional information with a permission category assigned can only be viewed by users with a role to which a corresponding permission category has been assigned.

Additional Information

Title:

DOSPWS01 - Local Admin

Password Type:

User Password

System Name:

DOSPWS01

Password:

URL:

Description:

B

/

U

abc

Arial

Category:

Technology - Infrastructure

Technology - External Employees

Technology - General

Technology - Infrastructure

Technology - Technical Sales

Technology - Trainees

User Name:

Administrator

☐

Password unlimited valid

Valid Until:

/ /

New

Edit

Delete

Read File

Check Out

Check In

Title	File Name	Path	File Size	User

Assigned Objects

Inventory

Overview

DocuSnap Sports

Infrastructure

docusnapports.com

PROD.DOCUSNAPSPTS

SALES.DOCUSNAPSPTS

Workstations

DOSPWS01

DOSPWS02

DOSPWS03

DOSPWS04

DOSPWS06

DOSPWS09

Servers

Linux

Mac

SNMP Systems

Thin Clients

HP-UX

CIFS

Virtualization

IP Systems

ADS

Network Services

Application Servers

Database Server

Storage

Azure

Amazon Web Services

Office 365

Save

Close

Fig. 18 – Permission categories available for additional information

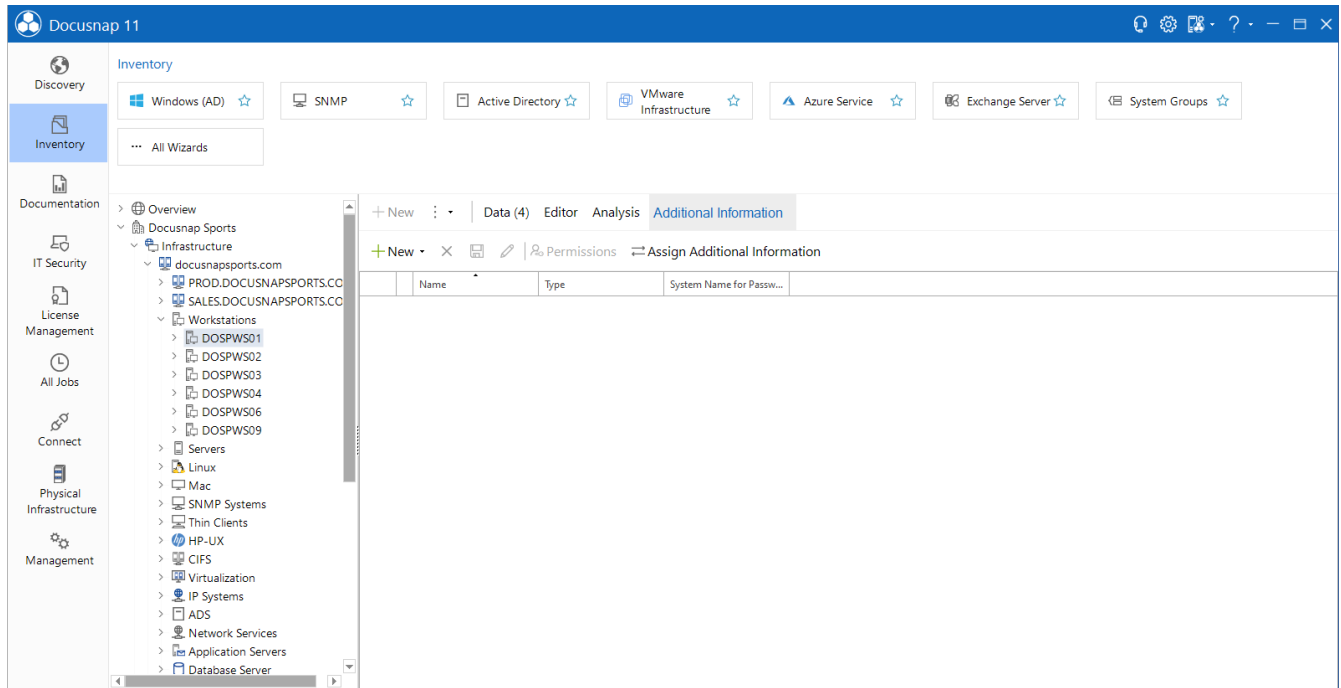


Fig. 19 – View as seen by a user without a permission category assigned

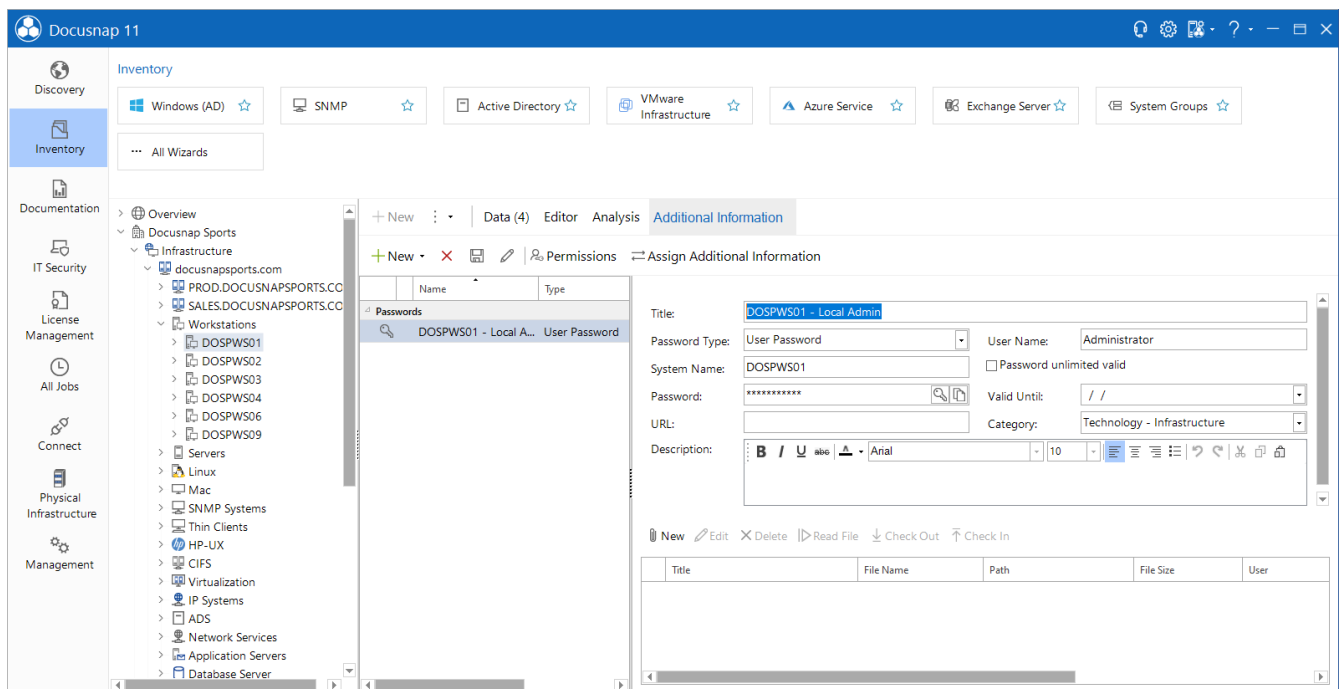
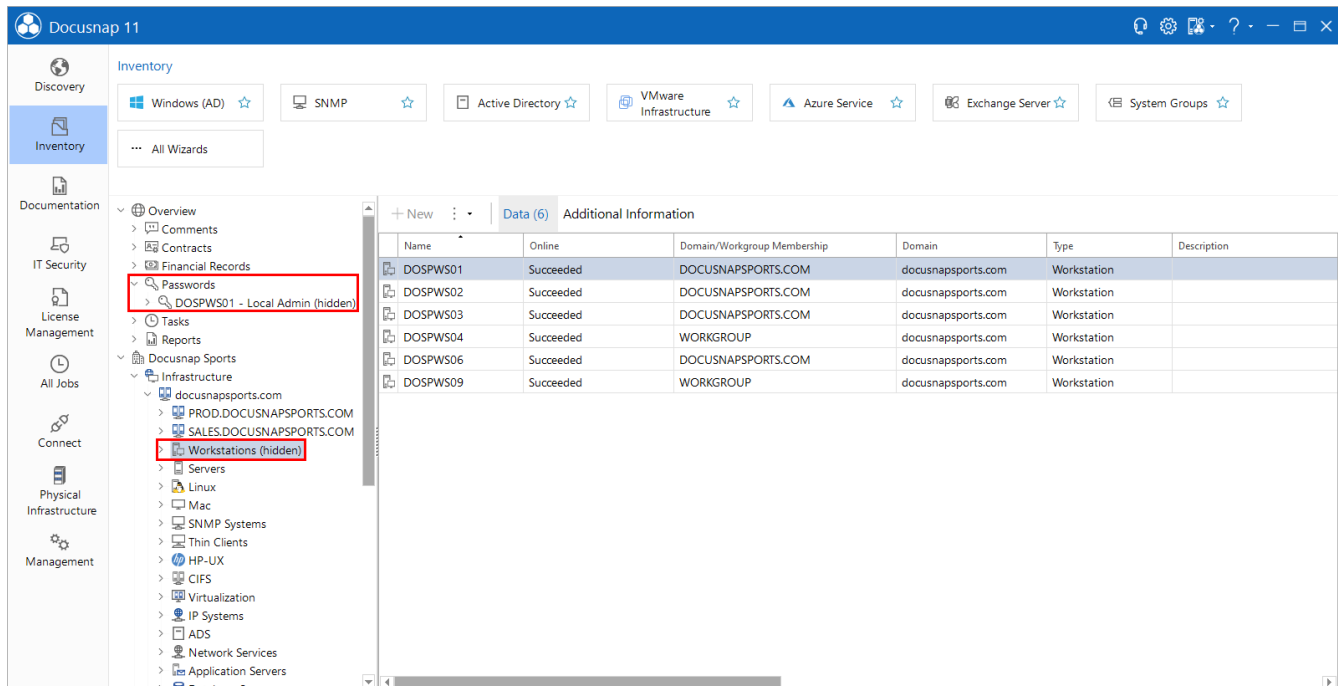


Fig. 20 – View as seen by a user with a permission category assigned

6. Special Role: Administration

The Administration role in Docusnap is designed for users who may “see and do everything”.

For example, if you configure additional information or objects available in the Data Explorer in such a way that the members of the Administration role cannot access them, this setting has no effect, i.e. the members of this role still have access to this information or these objects. This situation is identified by the word **(hidden)** next to the corresponding object.



The screenshot shows the Docusnap 11 interface. The left sidebar contains a tree view of the inventory. The 'Workstations (hidden)' entry is highlighted with a red box. The main pane displays a table of workstations.

Name	Online	Domain/Workgroup Membership	Domain	Type	Description
DOSPW01	Succeeded	DOCUSNAPSPORTS.COM	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	
DOSPW02	Succeeded	DOCUSNAPSPORTS.COM	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	
DOSPW03	Succeeded	DOCUSNAPSPORTS.COM	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	
DOSPW04	Succeeded	WORKGROUP	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	
DOSPW06	Succeeded	DOCUSNAPSPORTS.COM	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	
DOSPW09	Succeeded	WORKGROUP	docusnapsports.com	Workstation	

Fig. 21 – Special role Administration

7. Adding Docusnap Roles

Under Docusnap > Management – General tab – Docusnap Roles, you can create your own Docusnap roles. This allows you to make exactly those features available to the users that these need for their work.

Please note that existing roles can neither be edited nor copied!

However, you can use the newly created roles to restrict the access to information as desired.

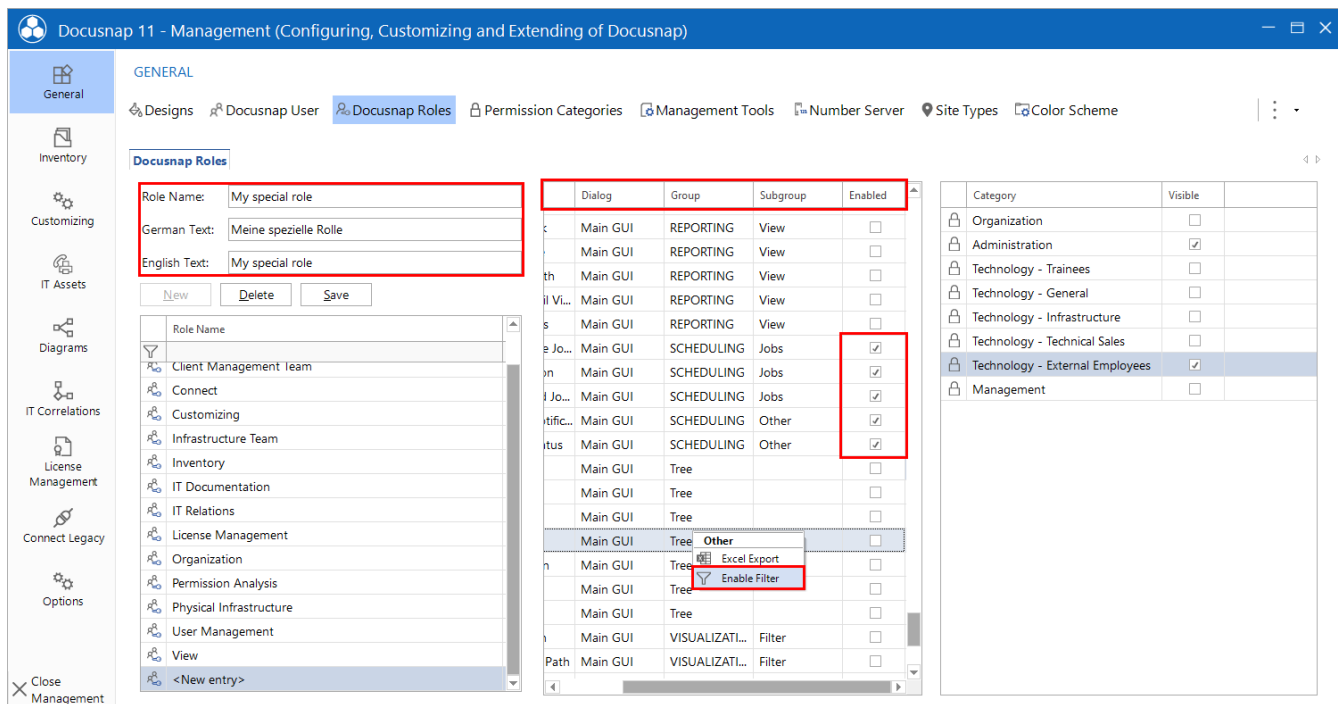


Fig. 22 – Creating custom roles

Once you have created a new role, you can select the desired controls in the center panel.

Initially, the controls are sorted by dialog, group, and subgroup.

- | | |
|----------|---|
| Dialog | This column indicates the Docusnap area where the control is located, e.g. the main GUI. |
| Group | This column identifies the functional group to which the control belongs, e.g. Reporting. |
| Subgroup | This is a further subdivision, e.g. Reporting – View |

8. Documenting the User Management Settings

Permission management in Docusnap is comprehensive and can soon become very complex. To enable you to check and document the implementation of these permissions, a report listing the permission settings is available in Docusnap.

The User Management report can be found under **Overview – Reports - Docusnap**. Once you have opened the report, you are prompted to select the users or groups that you added to the Docusnap User Management.

The other options allow you to specify the level of detail for the report:

Show Assigned Roles	The report will include the Docusnap roles associated to the selected users and groups.
Show AD User of Groups	The report will resolve the stored AD group from User Management.
Show Assigned Controls	The report will list the controls available to the selected users or groups.
Show Nodes in Tree with Permissions	The report will list objects and types that the users or groups may view.



Controls	Dialog	Group	Sub Group
Docusnap Roles	Administration	GENERAL	Permissions
Docusnap User	Administration	GENERAL	Permissions
Permission Categories	Administration	GENERAL	Permissions
Docusnap Management	Main GUI	Other	
Permission	Main GUI	Extensions	
Permission	Main GUI	Tree	

Fig. 23 – Excerpt from the Docusnap Permissions report

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