Hierarchical Security Models in Dynamics CRM 2015

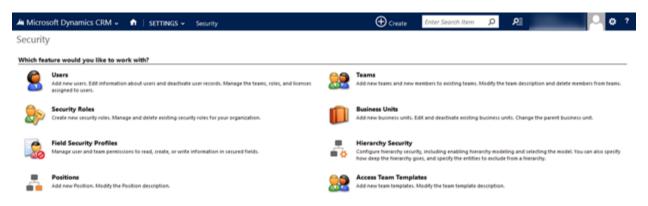
With the coming Microsoft Dynamics CRM 2015 a new addition has been made to the security model to provide hierarchical visibility based on the manager field in the user record. This new change will make it possible for managers to see records for the people under them.

This will let a direct manager of a person read, update, append and append to owned records, and read permissions to managers above the direct manager allowing for easier visibility of subordinates activities that can be used in dashboard and reporting easily.

With the addition of the new security items, the Security has been moved to its own section in the navigation under Settings:



Security related items have been moved to security along with the new Hierarchy settings:



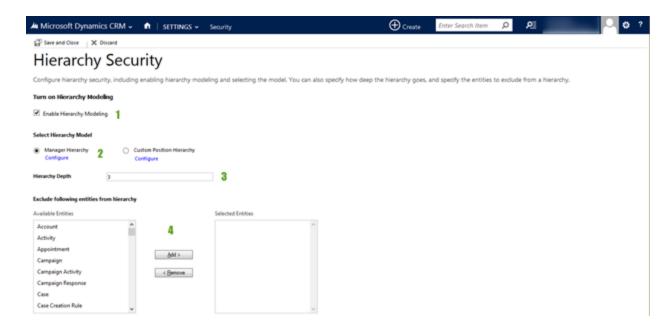
To enable the Hierarchy Security model select the **Hierarchy Security** item.



Hierarchy Security

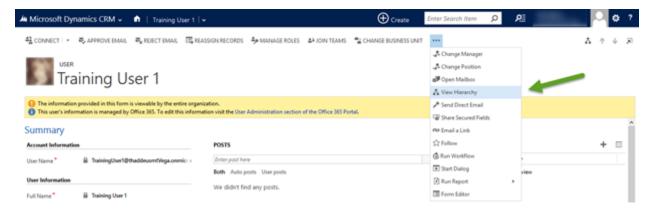
Configure hierarchy security, including enabling hierarchy modeling and selecting the model. You can also specify how deep the hierarchy goes, and specify the entities to exclude from a hierarchy.

This will bring up the settings:

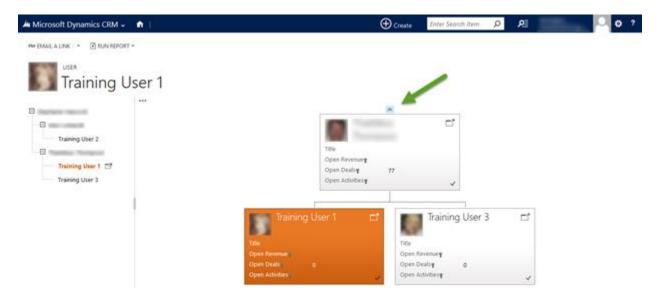


- 1. Turns on or off the Hierarchy Modeling
- 2. Sets the Hierarchy to Manager
- 3. Sets the depth the hierarch will be applied to (Note that there may be a performance impact on depths greater than 4)
- 4. Any entity that should be excluded from the hierarchy model can be set here

A new hierarchy view has been added that is available once the Manager Hierarchy is turned on and it can be viewed from the user record by opening a user and selecting View Hierarchy.

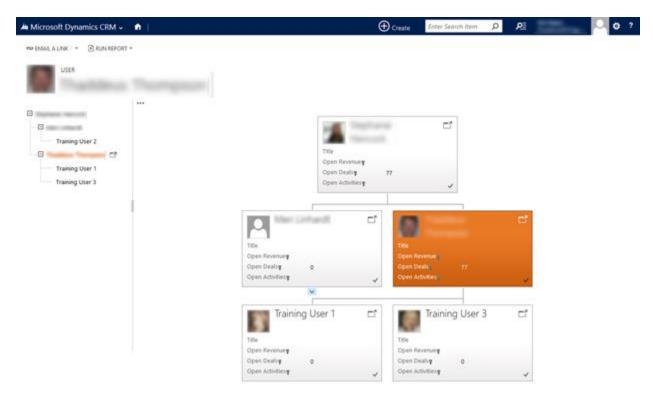


This will show the user in relation to the manager and other users within the scope of the current level.



This will show the user, the manager, and other people at the same level as the selected user.

By selecting the up arrow the Hierarchy View can be changed to show more of the structure and shift the focus from the originally selected user to the manager and show a larger portion of the tree.



The managers will then have rights to all the records owned by their direct reports without the need of a sharing model.

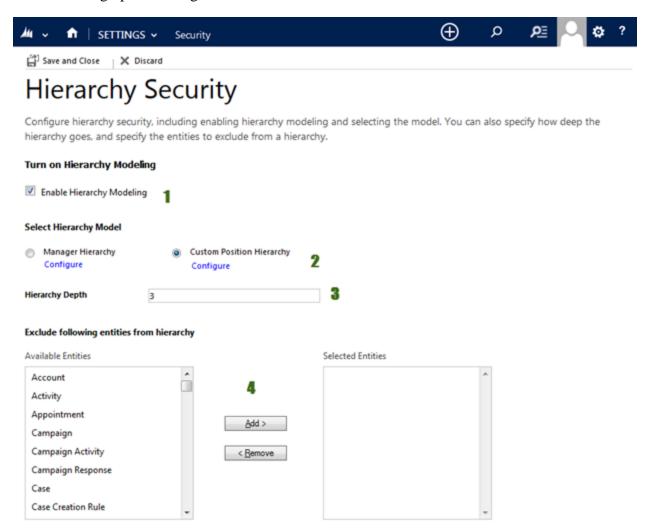
To enable the Positional Security model select the **Hierarchy Security** item.



Hierarchy Security

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This will bring up the settings:



- 1. Turns on or off the Hierarchy Modeling
- 2. Sets the Hierarchy to Custom Position
- 3. Sets the depth the hierarch will be applied to (Note that there may be a performance impact on depths greater than 4)
- 4. Any entity that should be excluded from the hierarchy model can be set here

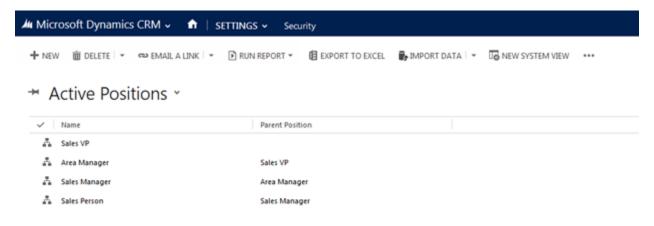
Go back to the security main page and click Select.

Positions



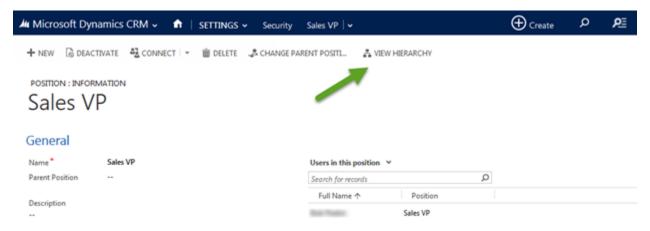
Add new Position. Modify the Position description.

Which will bring up the position definition list:

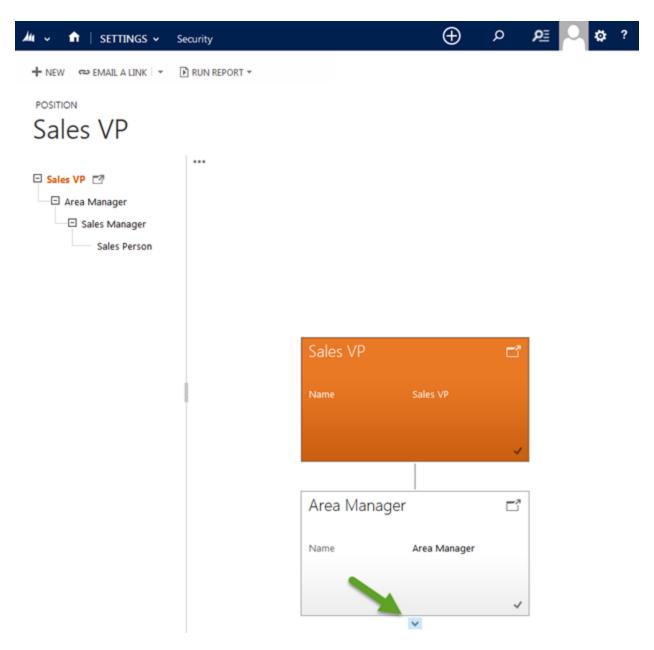


Where you can define positions and which position reports to another position. This model is best for an organization that is based on one or more manager needs access to records of a group of people in a position below that manager.

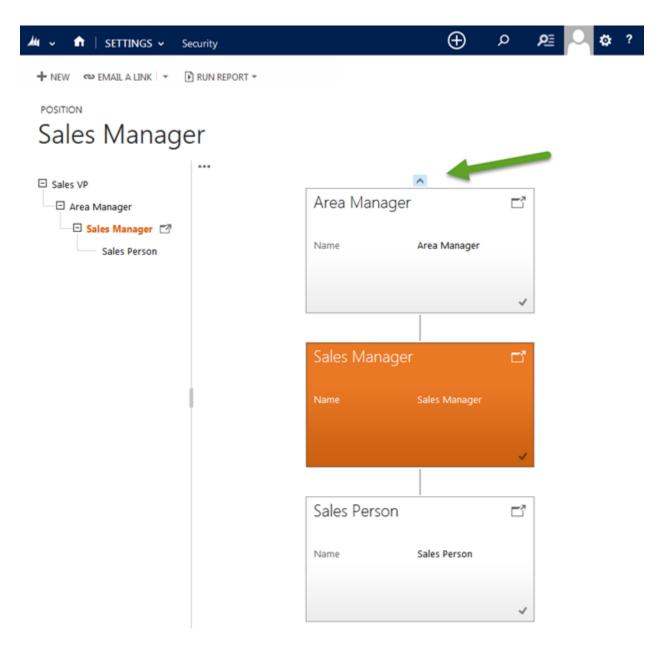
Defining a position is simple in that it needs a name, and a parent position if it applies. Once this is saved, users can be added to the position using the sub grid.



You can look at the positional hierarchy by selecting View Hierarchy item.



This will bring up a view of the relationship of the positions and can be navigated with the blue arrows, similar to the manager hierarchy.



These two models are in addition to the current security models and will adhere to business unit restrictions or if using a team model, the teams the person is on. This adds visibility based on the hierarchical structure to allow for an easier way for managers to see the records for their people and those below them.