Why the need for spaces, favourites and collections

Time goes by and the world around us changes. Seven years ago, when I last worked on designing access control for Qlik products we created a solution fit for the needs at the time.

But interacting with our customers over the years we see a couple of trends that has affected how we have chosen to do access control in our latest product releases.

Our users has evolved into a world where more people do more and self-management is a natural part of how you work with content. At the same time, we also see a world where we want to make more decisions on data quicker and hence need to maintain, or I would argue, increase the trust in our data and analytics.

To cater for the users changing needs we are introducing spaces, tags and favourites/collections as an eco system where more people can do more and still maintain trust in their data.
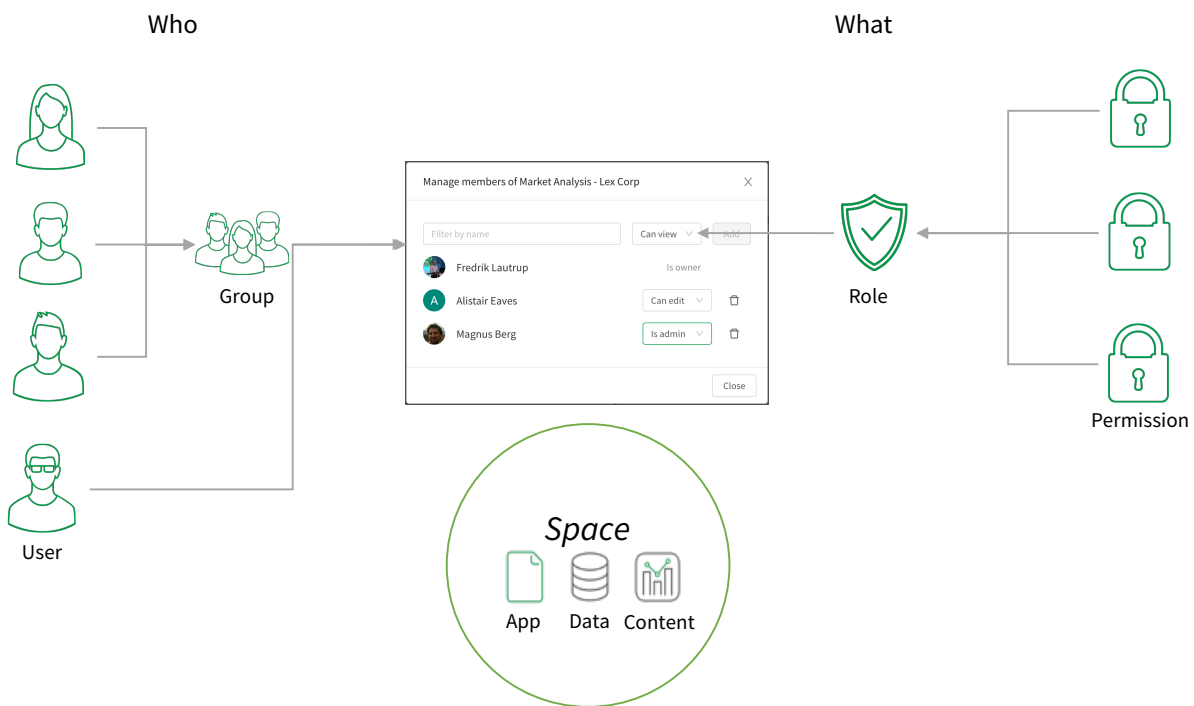
So, what is spaces, tags and favourites/collections? And how will they help you?

Favourites and collections are all about "you". This is your way to make sure you can find the content relevant to you with minimal effort. This is not a corporate view, or a view pushed on to you. It's about you finding what is relevant for you and organising it as you like.

Tags is a way for the developers/company to make sure you can find new content. Answering questions like "What finance apps exists?" or "Which apps are relevant for my department?". Once you have found the content you can use favourites/collections to make content easy and quick to find again.

So, if favourites/collections and tags is all about organising your content. Spaces is all about permissions and context. Spaces will help you maintain control and context around the who and the what.

Spaces contain content (data files, data connections, apps, links…) and users have roles (can view, can edit, is admin, can contribute, can manage, can publish) within the context of the space.

Who   What

Group

Manage members of Market Analysis - Lex Corp   ✕

Filter by name   Can view ⌄   Add

Fredrik Lautrup   Is owner

A   Alistair Eaves   Can edit ⌄   🗑

Magnus Berg   Is admin ⌄   🗑

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Role

User   Permission

Space

App   Data   Content

To help with the lifecycle of content in this world of spaces (which I will write more about in my next post) we have created different types of spaces.

Easy

Quick   Flexible

Intuitive
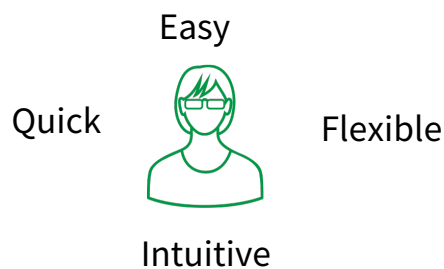
Personal spaces are a starting point for your personal experimentation and exploration of data and analytics. Here you can do whatever you like without having to think about other users. It's like testing out new recipes in your kitchen at home. Sometimes it's a miss and it will be put it in the trash other times it's a hit and I will invite others to taste it.

Collaborative

Context   Structured

Shared spaces are all about collaboration. Many times, we need a diversity of skills and people to get the best out of our data, shared spaces are where this magic happen and best of all the collaboration can both be centrally managed or self-organised. If I continue with the kitchen metaphor, it's like joining a cooking class. People bring their ingredients, skills and recipes and together you make it happen.

Compliant

Structured   Trusted

Controlled
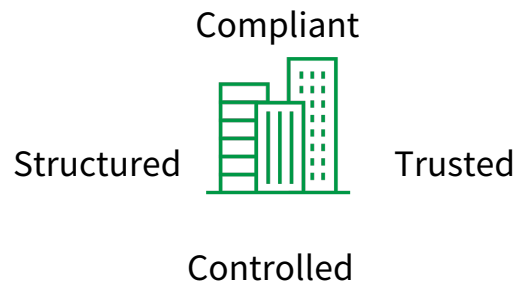
Managed spaces are about trust and control. Data and apps ending up in managed spaces has different levels of quality control applied to them and we can see what content is added by other users and what was part of the original content. As a contributor you can add new content through controlled master items. This is like going to the restaurant ordering data from the menu trusting that it will taste good.

I hope you have enjoyed getting an insight into how we think when designing this new eco system for content. If you have questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to share them with us. Next in this series of posts I will cover in a little more detail the content lifecycle.

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