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Program description PM_Admin1

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1. General Information

The PM_Admin application contains all the essential central administration functions for the Meeting Report application. Generally, this application is only required for medium to large installations.

This application is only used in conjunction with one or more of the following functions:

- Database MS SQL
- Central Rights Control
- Authentication via Windows Accounts (or Active Directory)
- Group management (via PROMAN or via Windows groups)

2. First Steps

The application can be started via the link PM_Admin1.

If there is no shortcut yet, one must be created in the same way as the Meeting Report shortcut.

The easiest way to do this is to copy the Meeting Report shortcut and replace "PMBB30.exe" with "PM_Admin1.exe" in the Target area.
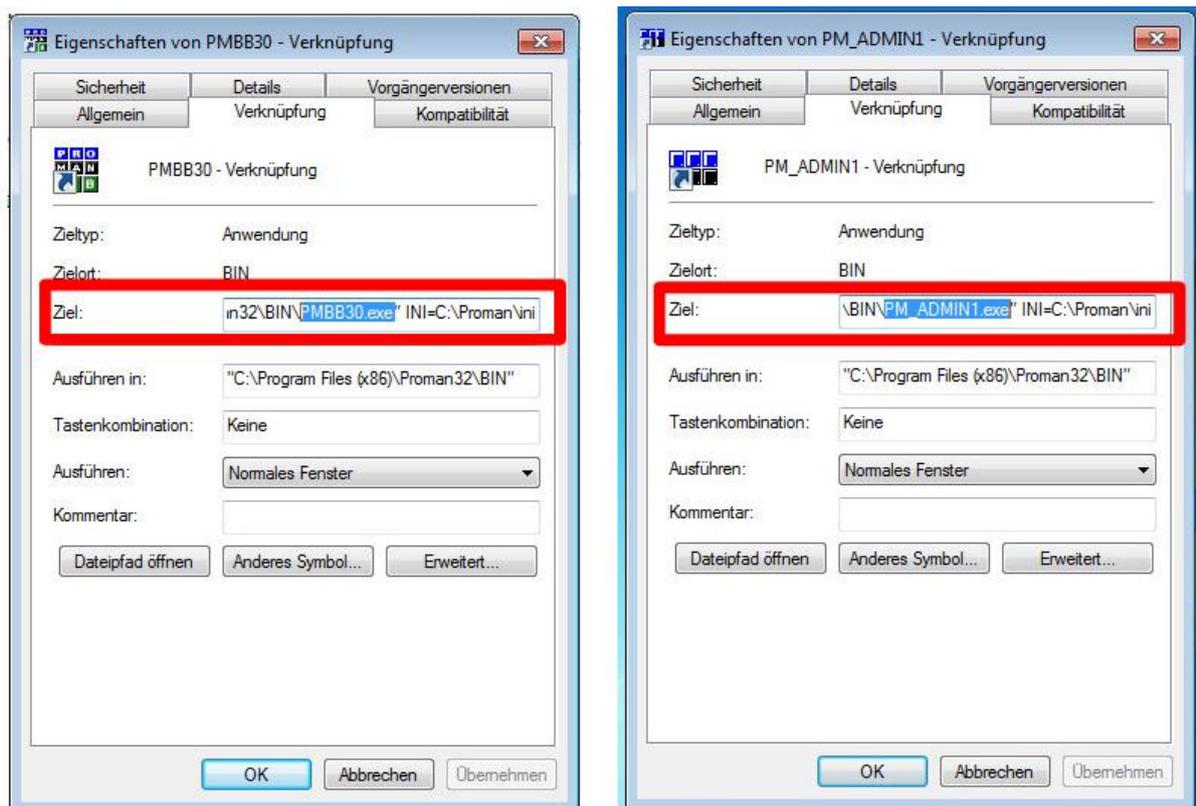
After starting the application, you will be asked for a user name. Since this application is only intended for central administration, only the administrator may log on.

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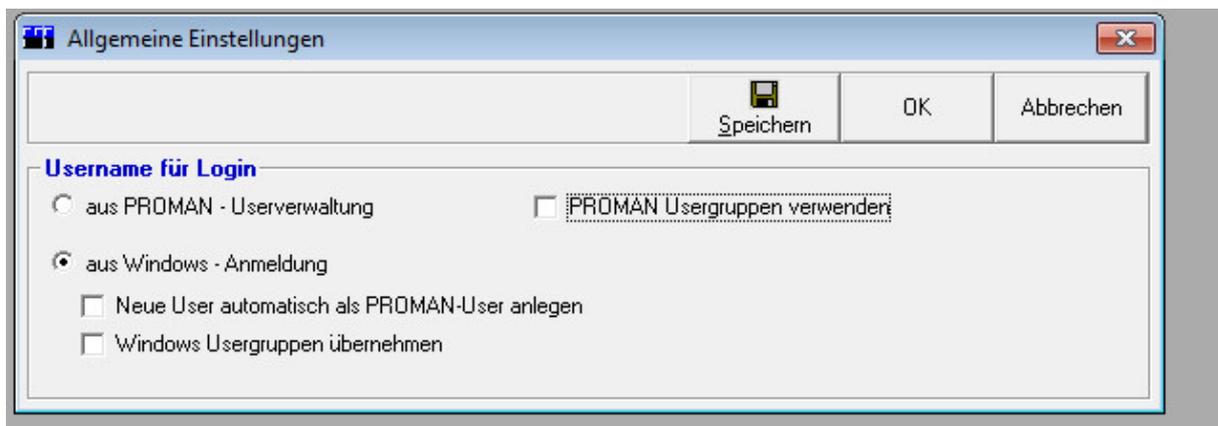After the start, the application opens, and all functions can be accessed via the upper menu control.

The individual functions are described in the following chapters.

3. Functions

3.1. Settings: program start

Here you can define the start options of the meeting report.

Here you can define the type and administration for the user management:

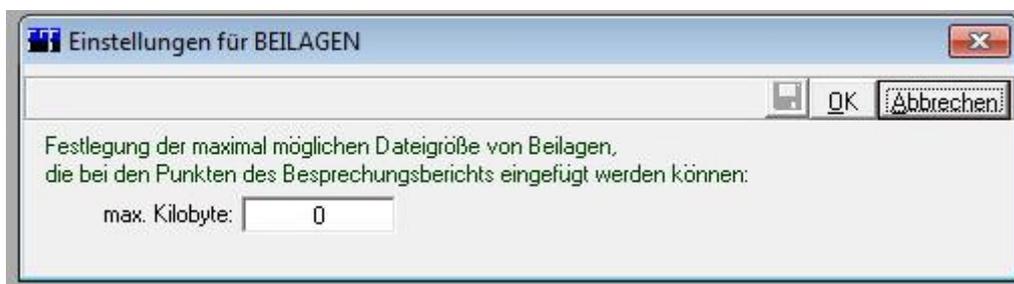- Windows (e.g. Windows Active Directory)
- PROMAN internal

In both cases it can be defined if the right controls will be managed at user or group level.

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If the Windows User Administration has been selected, the user data (user name) is automatically read from the Windows login and used in the meeting report.

If the username is not yet present, it can be created manually or automatically using the function "Create new users automatically as PROMAN users". In this case, the user will be created at the first login.

3.2. Settings: attachments

You can use the mask to define the maximum size of the attachments. That way you can avoid that these occupy too much space in the database.


3.3. Settings: default values

The screenshot is self-explanatory.

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3.4. Database Access

Here you can define the connection data to the database. This is only true if you are using a MS SQL database as repository.

The Oracle connection is no longer supported!
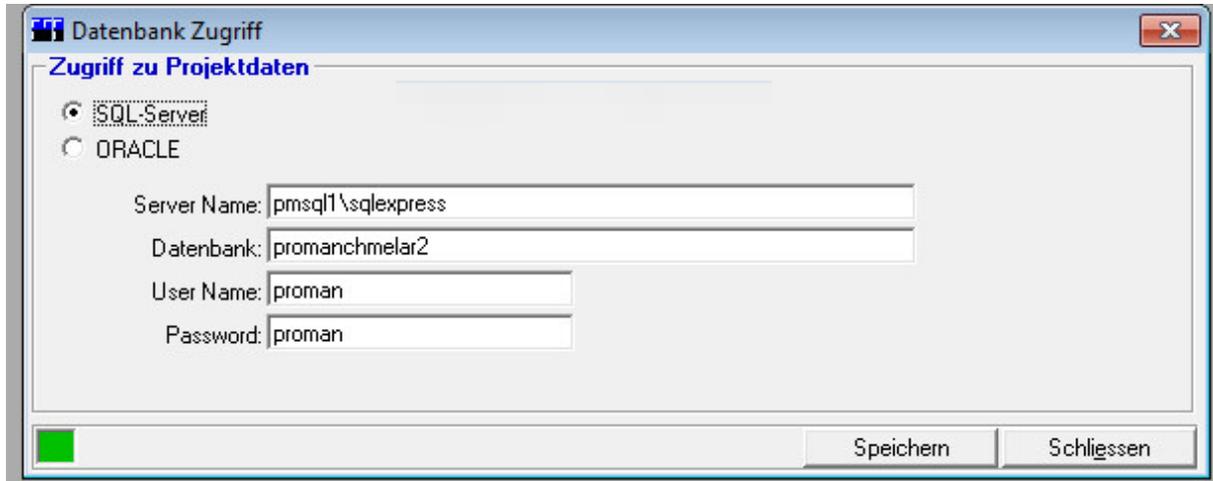
The following server name specifications can be used:

- Only "server name" (if there is only one instance, or the instance is defined as default)
- Server name\Instance e.g. PMSQL1\SQLExpress
- server name,port\instance e.g. PMSQL1,1433\SQLEXPRESS

3.5. User: Authorization Categories

The following mask lists the global rights in the meeting report. These can be managed in the "Rights per user group" or "Rights per user" functions.

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3.6. User: User Group Administration

This function is enabled if you have selected the PROMAN user administration incl. group control.

Groups can be entered, changed or deleted in this list.

System groups are displayed in yellow colour and cannot be changed or deleted.
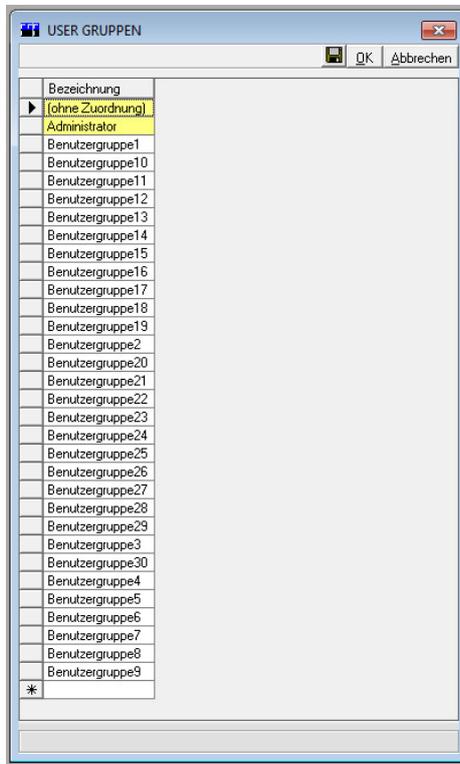
3.7. User: User per group

In the PROMAN user management with groups mode, you can use this mask to define the group membership.

First the target group must be selected in the left window. You can then add one or more users to this group by double-clicking them in the right list of users.

If you want to delete a user, you must first select the group, in the lower part of the window all associated users are listed. After selecting the relevant line, press the DEL key to remove this user from the group.
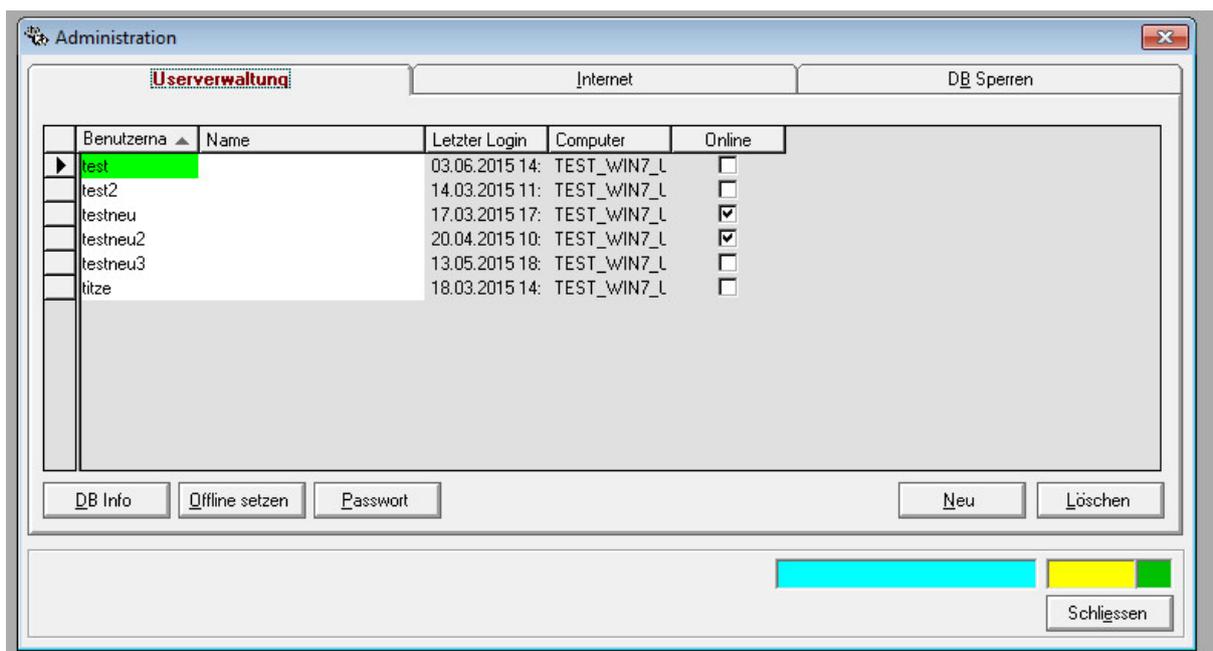
If the Windows authentication with Windows group is defined, this mask can only be used to check the membership.
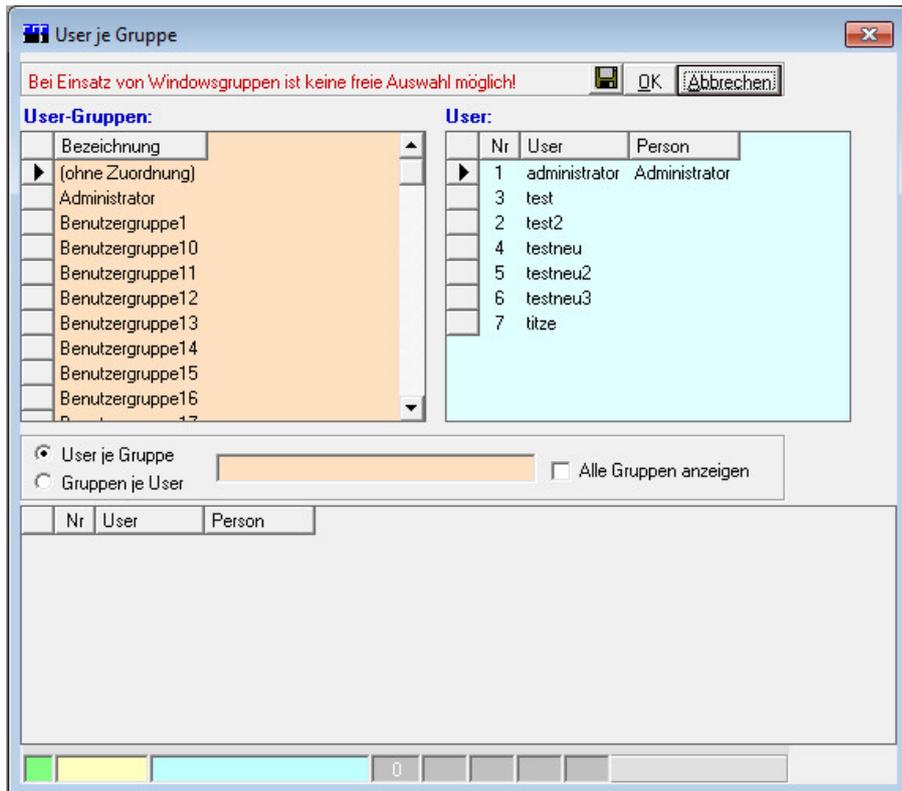
3.8. User: User Administration

With this mask you can:

- create new users
- delete users
- licenses can be manually released (e.g. if the PC crashed and the license could not be released automatically)

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3.8.1.Release of licenses

If the application cannot be closed correctly (e.g. PC crash), the license reserved for this user will not be released automatically.

If the same user logs on to the same PC again, the system automatically releases this license.

After 24 hours without any acknowledgment of the client, the license will be release automatically.

If the license is needed immediately by another user, you can release it with the button "Set Offline". Attention: the user is not logged out automatically, only his license is released.

3.8.2.eMail Settings

The setting is made directly in the PROMAN X under Settings.

3.9. User: Administrator Password

This mask can be used to change the administrator password.

3.10. User: Windows Group Assignment

If you have chosen Windows authentication with Windows group assignment this mask can be used to assign the PROMAN internal groups to the Windows groups.

This means that for each Windows group, a PROMAN internal group must be created and mapped.

As soon as the mapping Windows Group -> PROMAN Group is set, the user affiliation is queried and mapped at the next login. This means that the membership is checked by the meeting report at each start.
ATTENTION: depending on the Microsoft Policy settings, group membership or new groups are only registered on the client computer after a reboot or on the following day.

If an AD group is subsequently deleted, it will be marked red the next time the mask is called. When entering, the system checks whether the group exists.

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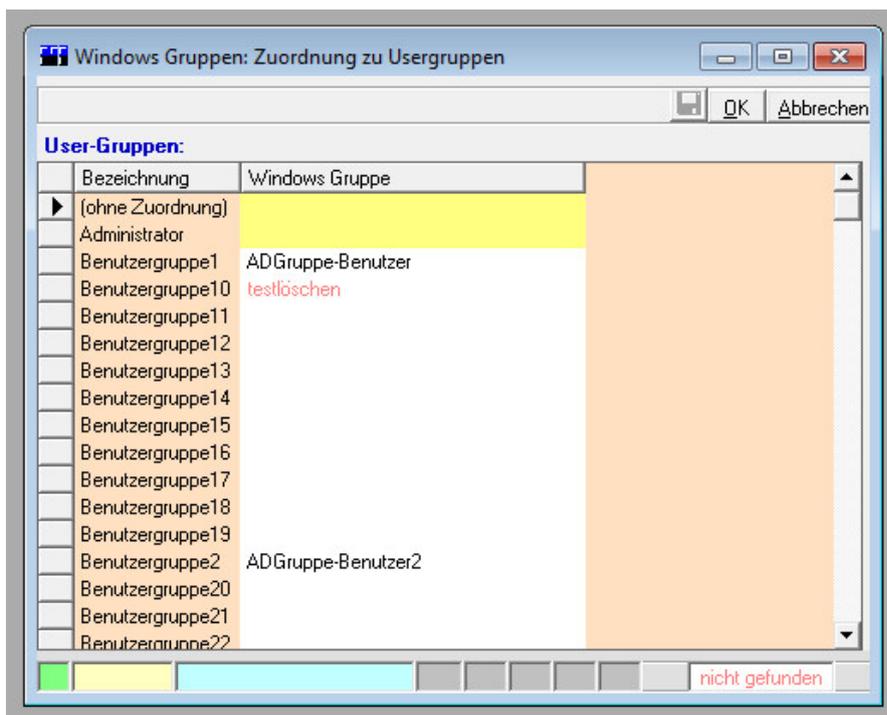
3.11.   Projects: Rights in the project - general

Specific rights (read, change, write, or locked) can be entered per user or group in the individual projects. These rights can be completely set back using this mask.
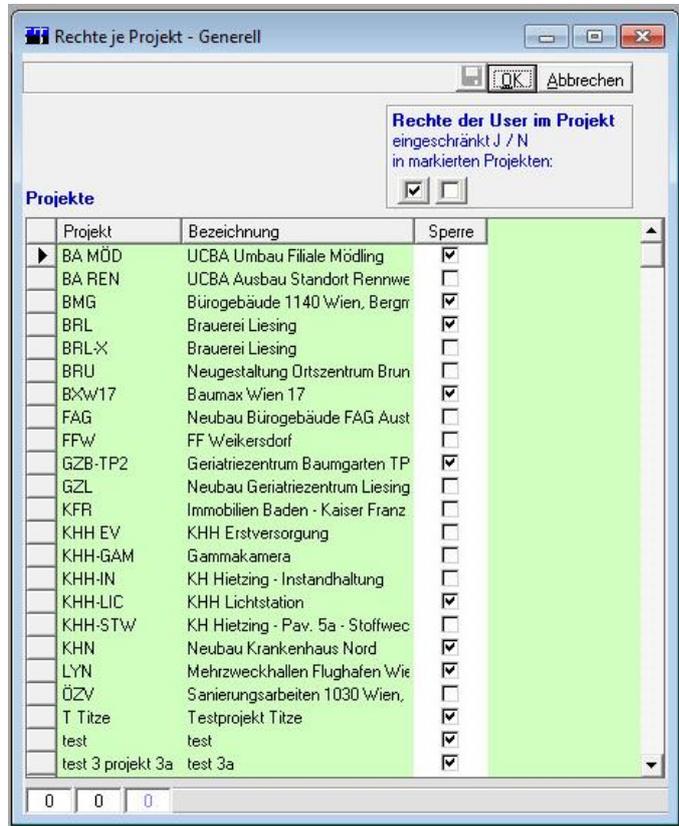
3.12.   Projects: Admin and Owner

When the project is created, the current user is automatically defined as the owner of the project.

The owner has all the rights in the project. He can also see the project even if the project visibility is disabled.

The owner can be changed via this mask. Owner must always be a user.

Additionally, you can use this mask to set which other users / groups are administrators of this project. Administrators have the right to change the rights control within the project and have read/ write rights.

These settings take effect the next time you start the meeting report.

If group rights are set, the following screen is displayed:

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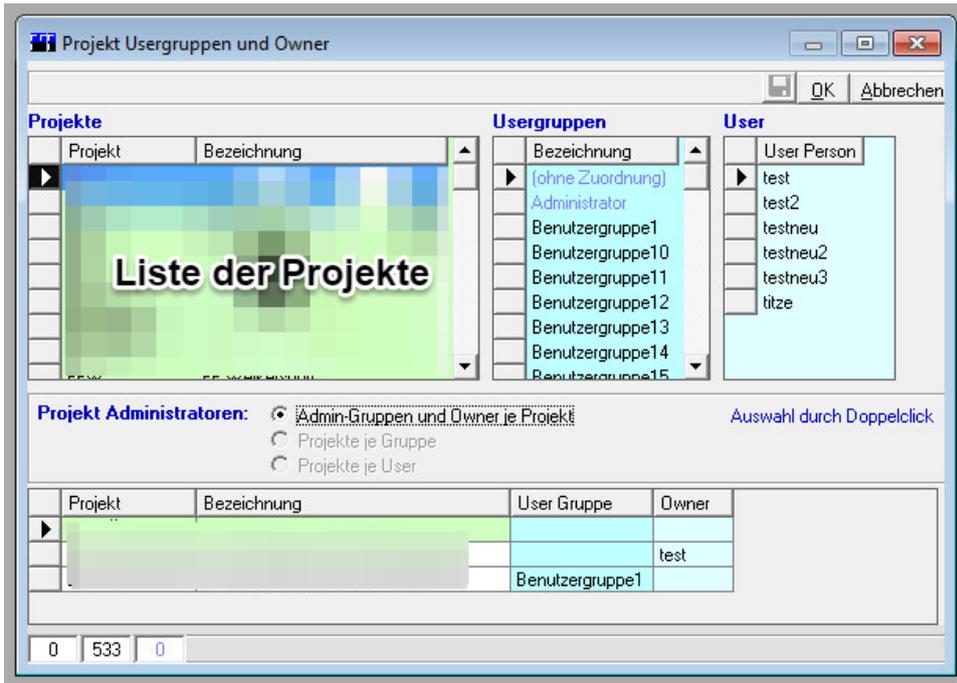
If you have disabled the group management, you will have the following mask to administer the user rights in the projects.

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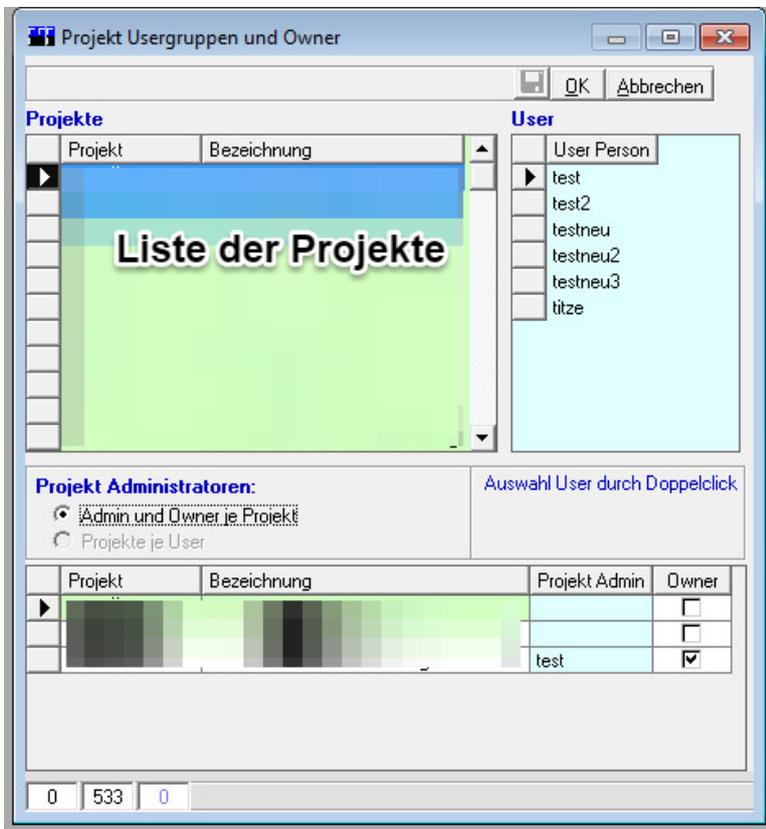
3.13.   Projects: Rights per user group

The following rights can be assigned globally per user or group:

- PM Administrator
- Create project
- Delete Projects
- Layout design
- Layout Assignment
- Central address management

PM Administrator has the right to release projects that are in laptop mode, i.e. offline, so that you can edit them again in stationary mode without synchronizing them back.

This can be used if, for example, a notebook is broken, or the employee is ill and a colleague has to continue working on the locked project.

ATTENTION: as soon as a project is unlocked again, the project data in the laptop mode cannot be synchronized back. If this is required, please contact the hotline.

" Layout gestalten" is the Layout Editor under Extras / "Layout Design". This means that only users with this right may call this application and create new print templates or modify existing ones.

"Layout Zuordnung" allows the user to change in the print layout settings in the "manage report collection" function.

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3.14. Projects: Projects per user group

With this mask you can define which projects are hidden from which users or groups. This list withdraws access rights. If nothing is selected, the user or group can see the projects.

New projects are visible for all users or groups. This also applies to new users.

These settings take effect the next time you start the meeting report.

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