

# FAQ

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Answers to frequently asked questions.

## Is it possible to archive or disable users for ex-employees?

You can remove users from being able to access confidential information without losing any historical data.

1. Navigate to the **Users** menu by using the search box for all menu items.
2. Select the user you want to set to *inactive*.
3. Select the **Edit** button to edit the user.

The screenshot displays the MESTEC Users management interface. On the left, a navigation sidebar includes a search box with 'users' and a menu structure. The 'Users' menu item under 'System Admin' is highlighted with a red arrow. The main content area shows a search for 'demo' with a 'Hide Inactive' dropdown and a 'Search' button. Below the search is a toolbar with various action buttons, including 'Edit', which is also highlighted with a red arrow. A table lists user details for 'user1111', showing they are 'Enabled' and last logged in on 09-Apr-2021. The table has columns for User Group, User Name, Name, License Type, Enabled, Last Login, and Manager. At the bottom, a pagination control indicates 'Page 1 of 1' and '20 items per page'.

4. Deselect the **Enabled** tick box.
5. Ensure you have the correct user information displayed and save your changes via the **Save** button.

6. To view a user that has been set to inactive (disabled), open the dropdown and select **Show Inactive**. Inactive users will be displayed crossed out.

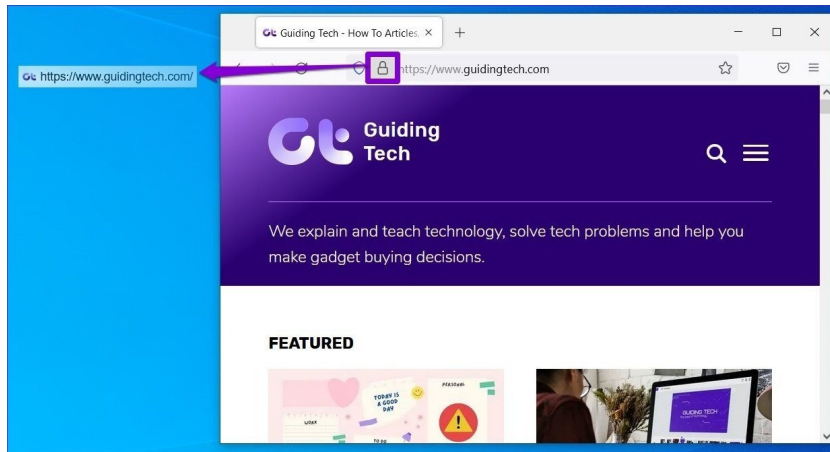
**How to configure your dashboard to automatically login?**

1. Set up a user with a license and the correct role/permissions to access the dashboard.
2. Set up a device for the dashboard with the default menu item of the chosen dashboard menu item.
3. Register the device on the machine that will be running the dashboard
4. Set up the device to load the URL in the format below in full-screen mode on startup.

**Task Scheduler** is a useful utility on Windows that you can automate almost any task on your computer. With it, you can launch programs, execute commands, or even schedule your PC to shut down when certain triggers and conditions are matched.

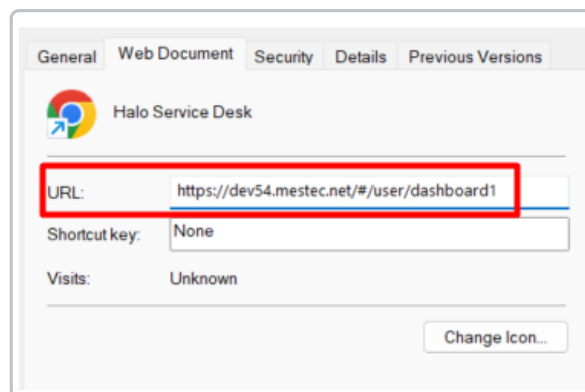
**Step 1:** Open up any web browser on your PC and navigate to the website you wish to launch at startup. Click on the lock icon to the left of its URL in the address bar, and drag it on the desktop. Update the URL on the shortcut to `https://[sitename].mestec.net/#/user/[username]`

- This format will input the username and try to sign in automatically when the page loads.

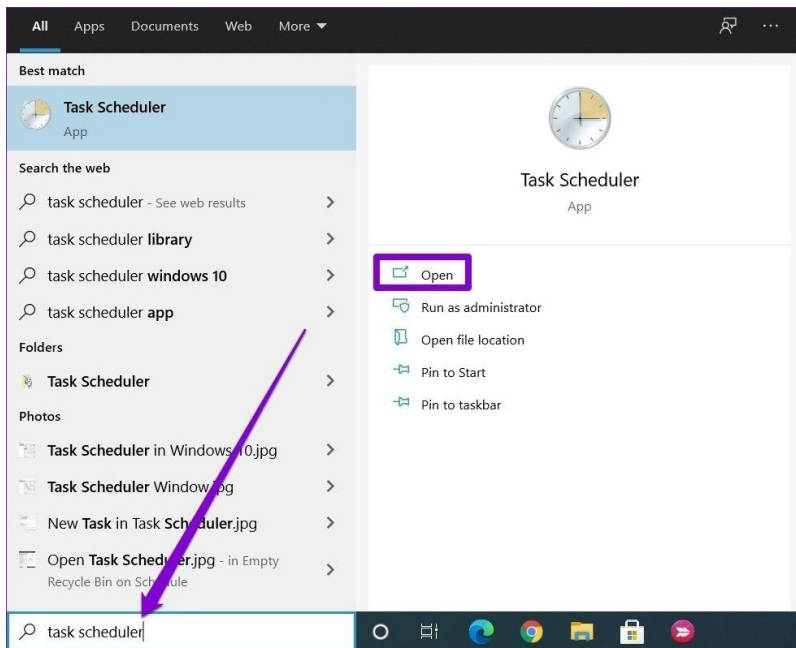


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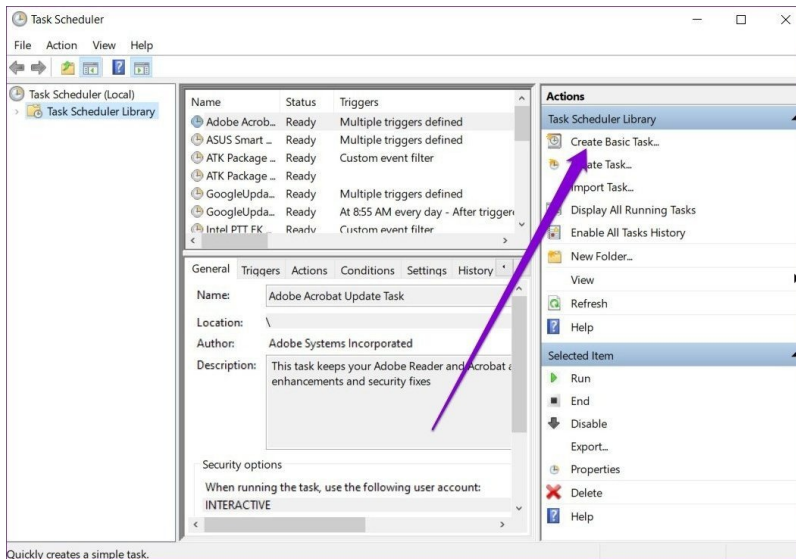
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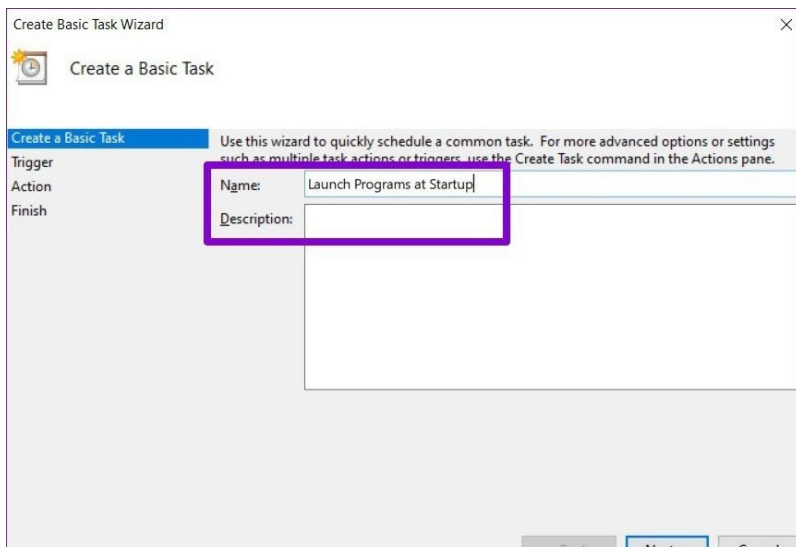
**Step 2:** Now open the Start menu, type in task scheduler, and press Enter.



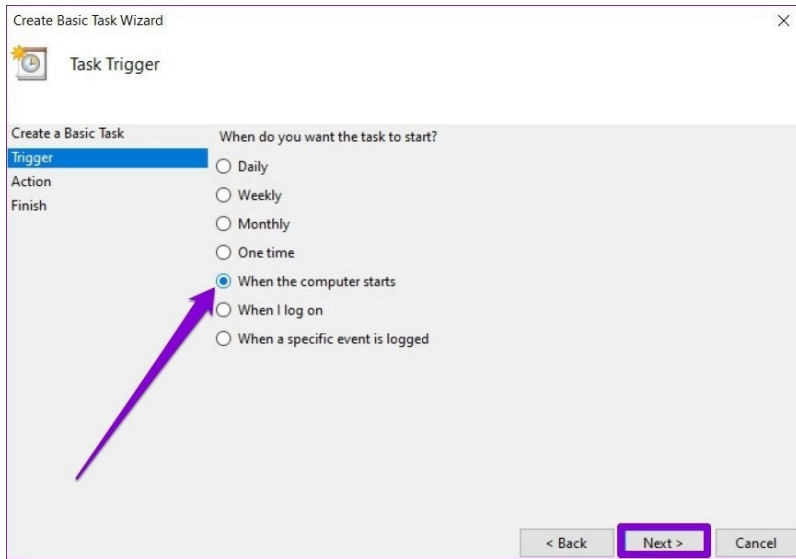
**Step 3:** Now, in the Actions pane on your right, click on the Create Basic Task option.



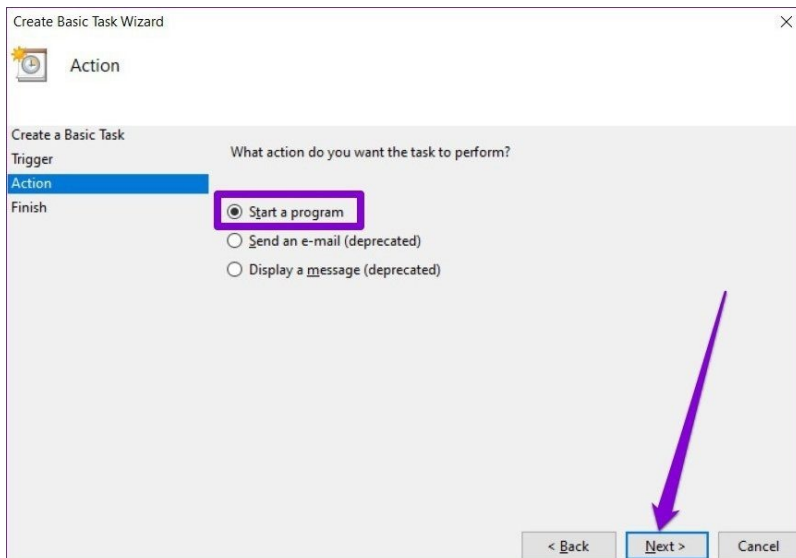
**Step 4:** In the Create Basic Task Wizard, enter a suitable name for the task. Optionally, you can also write a brief description of the task. Then click on Next.



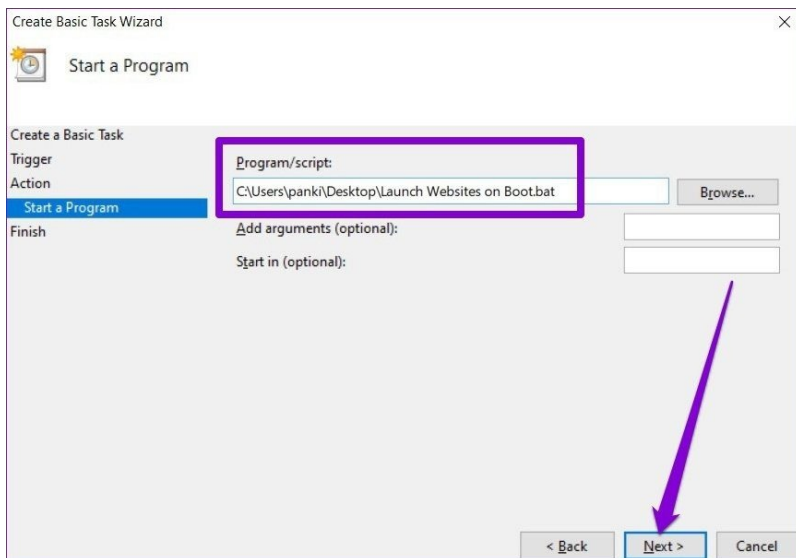
**Step 5:** Under Trigger, since we want to launch the website at startup, select the 'When the computer starts' option from the list and click on Next.



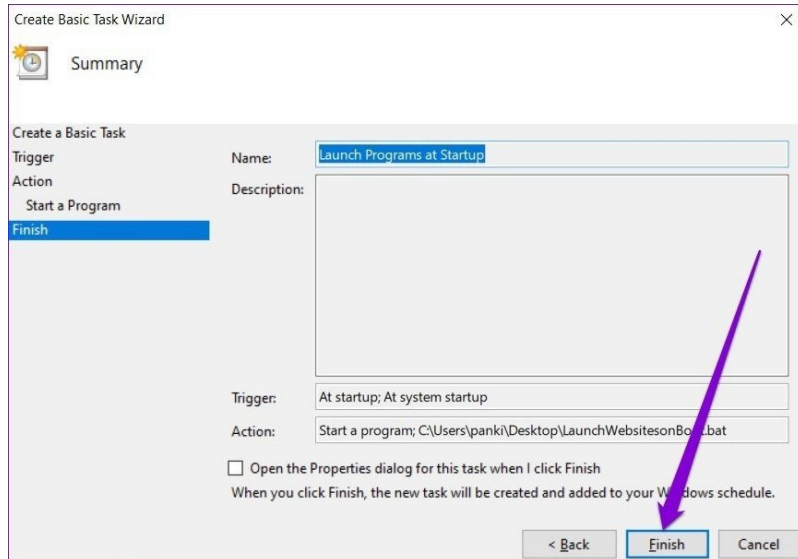
**Step 6:** In the Action tab, select Start a program. Then hit Next.



**Step 7:** Now, under Program/script, browse the website shortcut created earlier.



**Step 8:** Lastly, in the Finish tab, verify the task details and click on Finish.

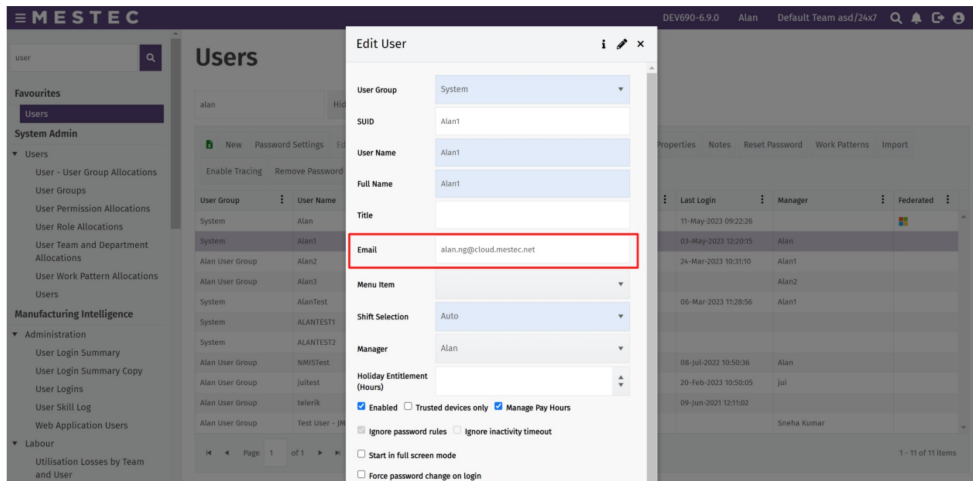


Once you complete the steps above, Task Scheduler will run the shortcut or the batch file every time your PC starts.

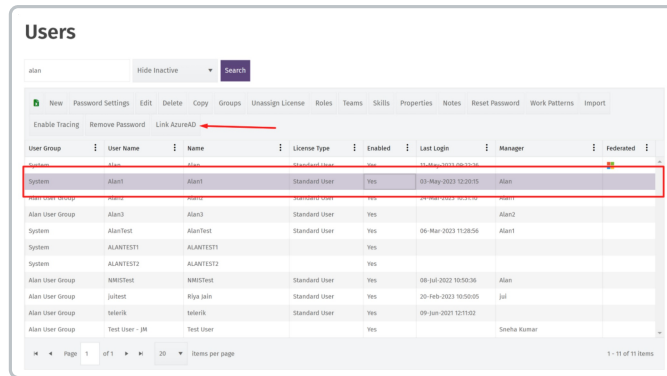
## How to register a user for SSO?

To register an existing user for SSO:

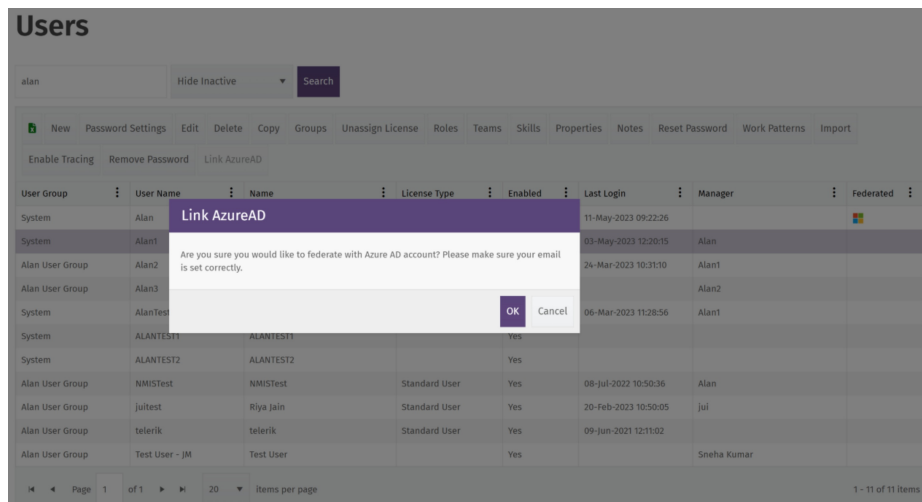
1. Sign in to MESTEC with user account permission for user management.
2. Go to the Users page.
3. Locate the user and make sure the email has been entered (email account for SSO).



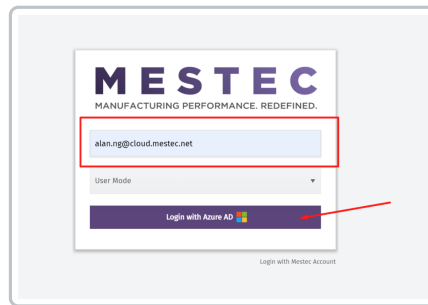
4. Click the [Link AzureAD](#) button for the selected user account.



4. Confirm the link.



7. Now, you could try login with the SSO account just registered.



7. On successful login, the user is now federated with Azure AD on MESTEC. A small Windows logo should appear on the Users page. (The logo won't appear until a successful login attempt).

# Users

alan Hide Inactive Search

New Password Settings Import

User Group	User Name	Name	License Type	Enabled	Last Login	Manager	Federated
System	Alan	Alan	Standard User	Yes	11-May-2023 09:22:26		
System	Alan1	Alan1	Standard User	Yes	11-May-2023 09:33:24	Alan	
Alan User Group	Alan2	Alan2	Standard User	Yes	24-Mar-2023 10:31:10	Alan1	
Alan User Group	Alan3	Alan3	Standard User	Yes		Alan2	
System	AlanTest	AlanTest	Standard User	Yes	06-Mar-2023 11:28:56	Alan1	
System	ALANTEST1	ALANTEST1		Yes			
System	ALANTEST2	ALANTEST2		Yes			
Alan User Group	NMISTest	NMISTest	Standard User	Yes	08-Jul-2022 10:50:36	Alan	
Alan User Group	juitest	Riya Jain	Standard User	Yes	20-Feb-2023 10:50:05	Jul	
Alan User Group	telerik	telerik	Standard User	Yes	09-Jun-2021 12:11:02		
Alan User Group	Test User - JM	Test User		Yes		Sneha Kumar	

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New Password Settings Edit Delete Copy Groups Unassign License Roles Teams Skills Properties Notes Reset Password Work Patterns Import

Enable Tracing Remove Password Link AzureAD

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Alan User Group	Alan3	Alan3	Standard User	Yes		Alan2	
System	AlanTest	AlanTest	Standard User	Yes	06-Mar-2023 11:28:56	Alan1	
System	ALANTEST1	ALANTEST1		Yes			
System	ALANTEST2	ALANTEST2		Yes			
Alan User Group	NMISTest	NMISTest	Standard User	Yes	08-Jul-2022 10:50:36	Alan	
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### Link AzureAD

Are you sure you would like to federate with Azure AD account? Please make sure your email is set correctly.

OK Cancel

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DEV690-6.9.0 Alan Default Team asd/24x7

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### Edit User

User Group: System

SUID: Alan1

User Name: Alan1

Full Name: Alan1

Title:

Email: alan.ng@cloud.mestec.net

Menu Item:

Shift Selection: Auto

Manager: Alan

Holiday Entitlement (Hours):

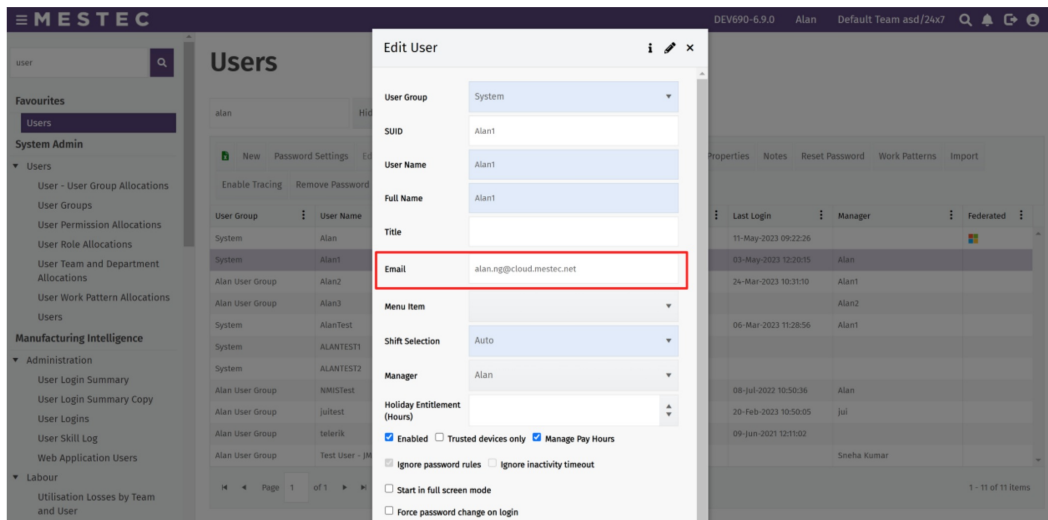
Enabled  Trusted devices only  Manage Pay Hours

Ignore password rules  Ignore inactivity timeout

Start in full screen mode

Force password change on login





## Shopfloor user cannot login.

The user will receive the information below when unsuccessfully trying to login:

*Login Failed. Either:*

- *The credentials you have entered are incorrect.*
- *The user account is locked (you may have exceeded the maximum failed login attempts).*
- *The user account is not licensed.*
- *You are attempting to log into a non-trusted device when your account is permitted.*

*Please contact your system administrator.*

## MESTEC

MANUFACTURING PERFORMANCE. REDEFINED.

This device is Demo Device.

user1111

Password

Device Mode

Log In

**Login Failed. Either:**

- The credentials you have entered are incorrect
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- The user account is not licensed
- You are attempting to log in to a non-trusted device when your account is not permitted

**Please contact your system administrator.**

## Resolution

Check if the device is registered. To confirm, the login screen should say: "This device is <Device Name>". If it does not say this unregister then reregister the device.

If the above step is confirmed, navigate to the **Users** screen and do the following checks.

Ensure the user account is enabled on the **Users** screen. Ensure the dropdown list is configured to **Show Inactive** users. If the

user account is not enabled, **Edit** the user and tick the **Enabled** box.

### Users

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User Group	User Name	Name	License Type	Enabled	Last Login	Manager
System	user1111	Demo User		No	09-Apr-2021 11:47:06	

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If the user is allowed to log in without a password, ensure the **Trusted devices only** and **Ignore password rules** tick boxes are ticked.

### Edit User

User Group: System

SUID:

User Name: user1111

Full Name: Demo User

Title:

Email:

Menu Item:

Shift Selection: Auto

Manager:

Holiday Entitlement (Hours):

Enabled  Trusted devices only

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By adding a named user account, you are enabling the collection and storage of personal data for that user. You accept responsibility for the purposes for which and the manner in which any personal data are processed.

OK Cancel


After saving your changes, to ensure they do not have a password set against the account, select the user and click the **Remove Password** button on the **Users** screen.

## Users

demo  Show Inactive

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System	user1111	Demo User		Yes	09-Apr-2021 11:47:06	

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If the user is still having trouble logging in, contact [support@mestec.net](mailto:support@mestec.net) for further assistance.

## A user cannot log into MESTEC.

The user will receive the information below when unsuccessfully trying to login:

*Login Failed. Either:*

- *The credentials you have entered are incorrect.*
- *The user account is locked (you may have exceeded the maximum failed login attempts).*
- *The user account is not licensed.*
- *You are attempting to log in to a non-trusted devices when your account is permitted.*

*Please contact your system administrator.*

**MESTEC**  
MANUFACTURING PERFORMANCE. REDEFINED.

This device is **Demo Device**.

user1111

Password

Device Mode

**Log In**

**Login Failed. Either:**

- The credentials you have entered are incorrect
- The user account is locked (you may have exceeded the maximum failed login attempts)
- The user account is not licensed
- You are attempting to log in to a non-trusted device when your account is not permitted

Please contact your system administrator.

## Resolution

- 1) The username or password is incorrect. If the password is lost, see related article to reset the user's password.
- 2) The user account is locked due to the incorrect credentials being entered multiple times in succession. See system log example below and related article to unlock the user account.
- 3) The user account you are trying to log into does not have a license to access MESTEC. Please read the related article.
- 4) The device used is not considered a trusted device. The registration may be lost. Please see the related article to reregister the device.

### Example of a user account locking

The system log screen records incorrect password attempts which may lead to the user account being locked. Navigate to the **System Logs** screen. Search for "User Validation" in the search box. All user validation errors will be displayed.

Right-click the error so we can get more information then click details.

As we can see in this example the user entered their password incorrectly once.

Depending on the error message you will be able to narrow down what is preventing the user from logging in.

## How do I assign a license to a user?

The following document will help you to assign a License to a user.

## Resolution

First we shall check if the user has a license assigned to them.

Go to the Users screen and find your user. Type the username into the text box highlighted :

On this screen we will be able to see if the user has a licenses and what type it is.

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New Password Settings Edit Delete Copy Groups Assign License Roles Teams Skills Properties Notes Reset Password Work Patterns Import

Enable Tracing

User Group	User Name	Name	License Type	Enabled	Last Login	Manager
Alan User Group	DRTestuser	DRTestuser		Yes		

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In our example the user does not have one so we will need to assign them one.

If your user does not have a license you will need to add one to allow them access. To do this we click the assign license button:

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Enable Tracing

User Group	User Name	Name	License Type	Enabled	Last Login	Manager
Alan User Group	DRTestuser	DRTestuser		Yes		

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When you do this the assign user screen will be shown:

### Assign User License

Assign

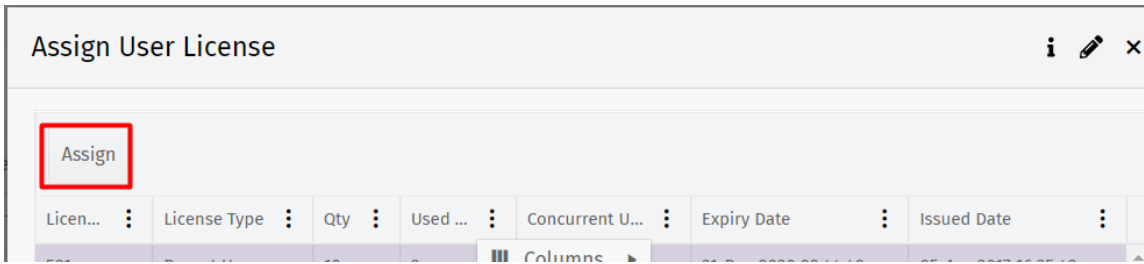
Licen...	License Type	Qty	Used ...	Concurrent U...	Expiry Date	Issued Date
581	Report User	10	2		31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	05-Apr-2017 16:35:48
621	Standard User	1	1		31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	26-Jun-2017 09:19:23
483	Standard User	6	6		31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	29-Jun-2017 08:38:15
541	Standard User	10	10		31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	29-Jun-2017 08:39:41
-1	Standard User	1	18			21-May-2021 15:02:55
761	Standard User	3	3		31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	26-Sep-2019 10:49:32
781	Standard User	5	4		31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	22-Nov-2019 13:33:57
803	Standard User	1	1		31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	13-Dec-2019 12:28:39
804	Standard User	1			31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	13-Dec-2019 12:30:31
841	Standard User	78	18		31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	02-Jan-2020 15:13:30
865	Standard User	79	1		31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	02-Jan-2020 15:13:30
889	Standard User	111	2		31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	06-Jan-2020 13:47:24
890	Standard User	113	1		31-Dec-2030 09:44:40	06-Jan-2020 13:47:24

Close

Find the license you wish to assign to your user:

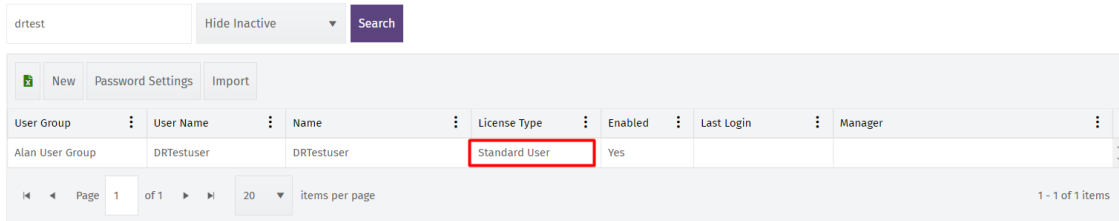
Make sure that you have enough of the license to assign to your user. You can check this by making sure the 'Qty' is more than the 'Used Qty' if the number is the same you will not be able to assign more license of this type and will have to buy more.

Once you have chosen the license click the 'Assign' button

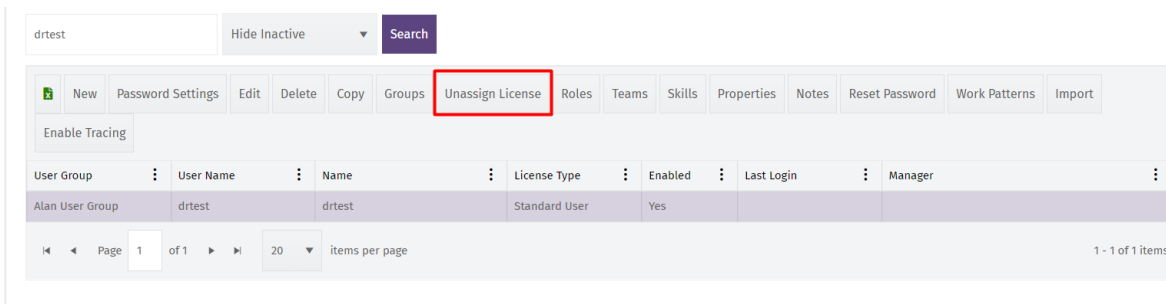


You should now see the user has a license type:

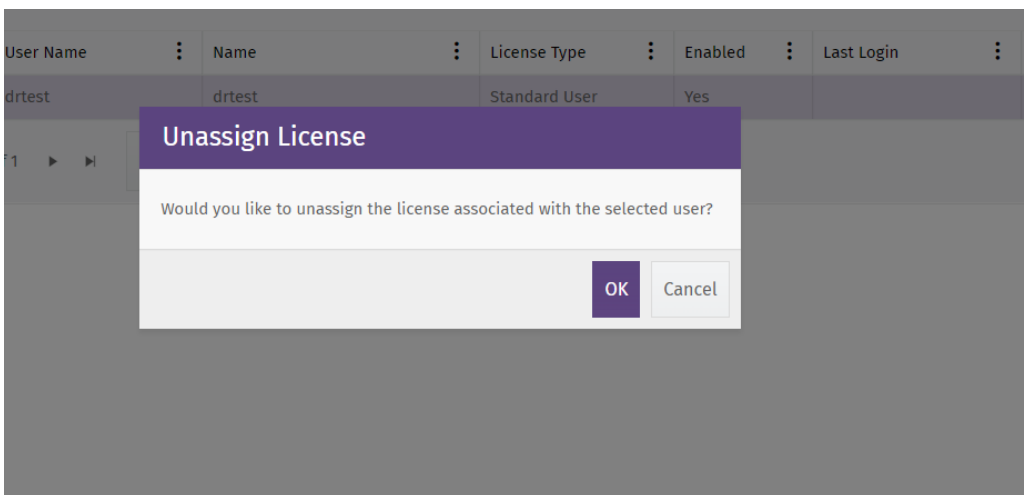
## Users



If you need to change the license or Unassign a License click the 'Unassign License' button:



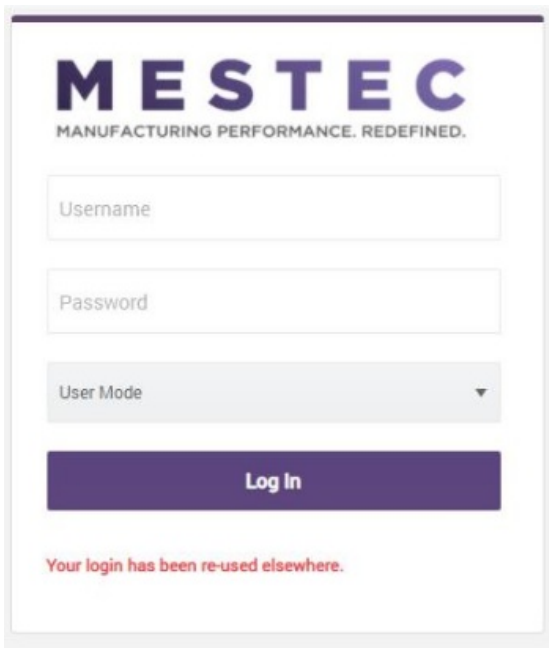
Then click OK:



## Your login has been re-used elsewhere.

This error could happen because of the following reasons:

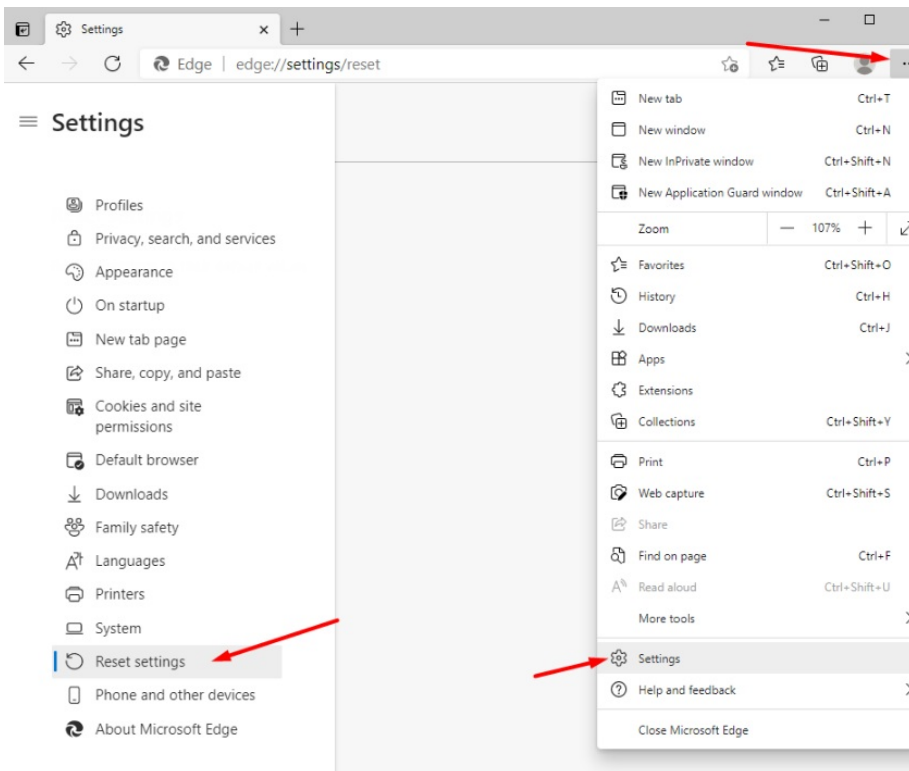
- You are logged into MESTEC on another device which will cause the first session to close.
- Bug on the browser. You will need to reset the browser settings [Resolution below].



## Resolution

Reset browser on Edge:

- Go to the [...] menu.
- Under Settings > Reset settings



## Is there a template I can download to import users?

Import users file template with possible column values.

The Columns with headers including an asterisk are essential columns. Non-essential fields can be left blank.



# Resolution

Download the template

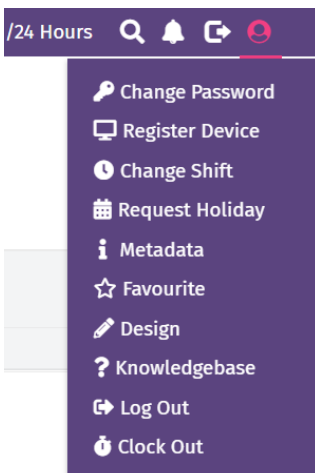
[Template\\_Users\\_Import\\_Mestec.xlsx](#) 

Field Type	Column Header	Possible Values
Non-essential	TEMPLATESUID	SUID of a user account that has commonly used settings and properties already configured.
Non-essential	EMAIL	XXXX@test.com
Essential	USERNAME*	Test
Non-essential	PASSWORD	TestPassword_1
Non-essential	SUID	T001
Non-essential	TITLE	Technician
Essential	FULL NAME*	Test User A
Essential	SHIFTSELECTIONMODE*	Auto / None / Prompt
Non-essential	HOLIDAYENTITLEMENT	TRUE / FALSE
Non-essential	TRUSTEDDEVICESONLY	TRUE / FALSE <b>NOTE:</b> <u>If False, the IGNOREPASSWORDRULES will also default to False.</u>
Non-essential	IGNOREPASSWORDRULES	TRUE / FALSE
Non-essential	LICENSE	Standard User
Non-essential	FULLSCREEN	TRUE / FALSE
Essential	DEFAULTUSERGROUP*	System / Any user group registered in Mestec
Essential	DEFAULTTEAM*	Default Team / Any team registered in Mestec
Non-essential	DEFAULTMENUITEM	Default screen to open on Login
Non-essential	ENABLED	TRUE / FALSE
Non-essential	MANAGERSUID	SUID of a user account that is a Manager

## How do I reset my password?

The following document will show you how to reset your password and another users.

For you own password when you login you need to click the top right symbol:



Then click change password.

### Change Password i ✎ ✕

The password must adhere to the following format:

- 2 categories must be used (symbol, upper text, lower text, number)
- It must be at least 7 characters long
- It cannot be your current or last password

Please note the new password will expire in 10 months.

**Current Password**

**New Password**

**Confirm New Password**

OK
Cancel

Add the password you used to login to the current password and what you want your new password to be in the new and confirm new boxes.

Click okay.

For another user you will have to do the following:

First go to the users screen. you can do this by typing user in the search bar:

Next using the text box Search for the user whose password you wish to reset.

Click the search button

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## Users

Hide Inactive
▼
Search

If the user has not logged in a few months they maybe an inactive user. if this is the case change the dropdown box from "Hide Inactive" to "Show Inactive".

Click on the user whose password you want to reset.

Click the Reset password button:

Hide Inactive
▼
Search

New
Password Settings
Edit
Delete
Copy
Groups
Assign License
Roles
Teams
Skills
Properties
Notes
Reset Password
Work Patterns
Import

Enable Tracing

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deletetest	TestDR	DRTest		Yes		

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click the okay button:

**Reset Password**

Are you sure you want to reset password for selected user?

A strong password will be created:

**New Password** ⓘ ✎ ✕

Please give this password to the user

New password

Copy the new password.

Next we check that the user can change the password to something they know for when they login.

Go back to the user screen and click the edit button:

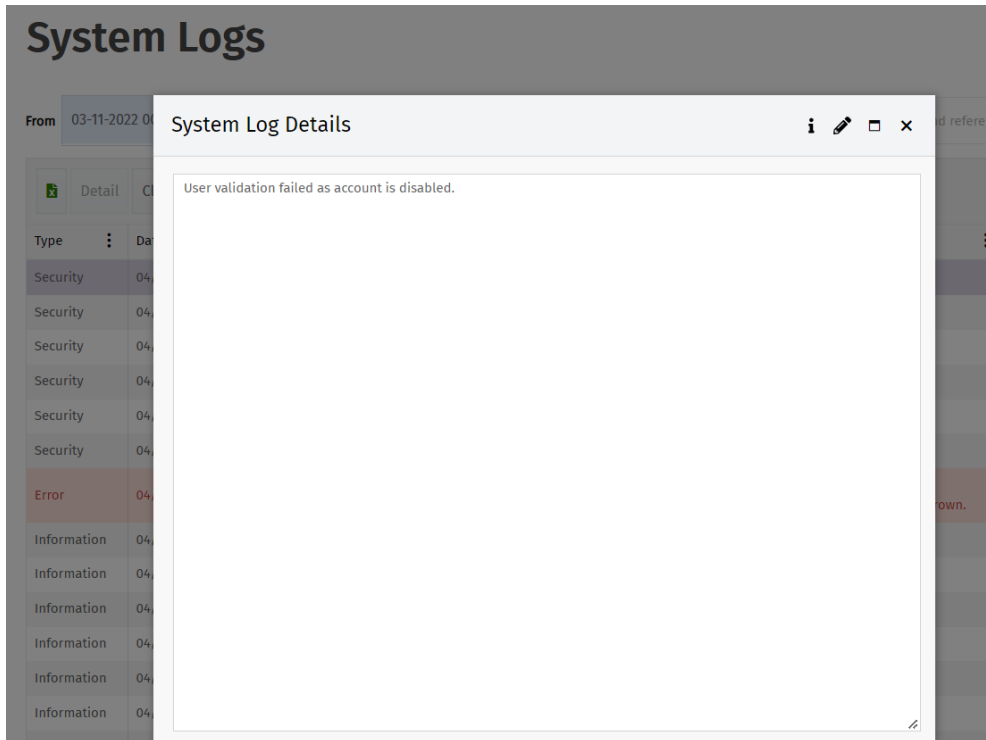
testdr Hide Inactive

User Group	User Name	Name	License Type	Enabled	Last Login	Manager
deletetest	TestDR	TestDR		Yes		

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Make sure the "Force password change on login" is ticked

**An account is locked.**



User validation failed as account is disabled.

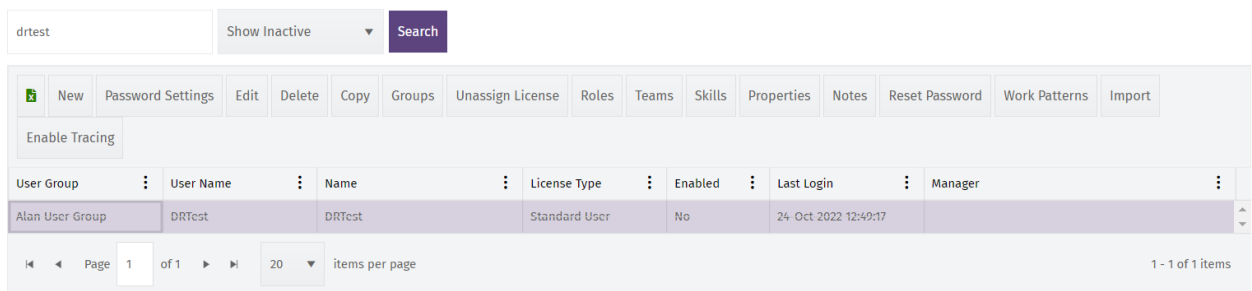
If you get the following error from the system logs, the user accounts you're looking into is locked. This is caused by too many attempts to log in using the wrong password over 5 attempts.

## Resolution

To fix this, go to the user screen. Search the name, change the drop-down to show inactive, click the user and use the edit button.

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## Users



Click the enable checkbox

### Edit User

**User Group** Alan User Group ▼

**SUID**

**User Name** DRTest

**Full Name** DRTest

**Title**

**Email**

**Menu Item** ▼

**Shift Selection** Auto ▼

**Manager** ▼

**Holiday Entitlement (Hours)** ▲▼

Enabled  Trusted devices only  Manage Pay Hours

Ignore password rules  Ignore inactivity timeout

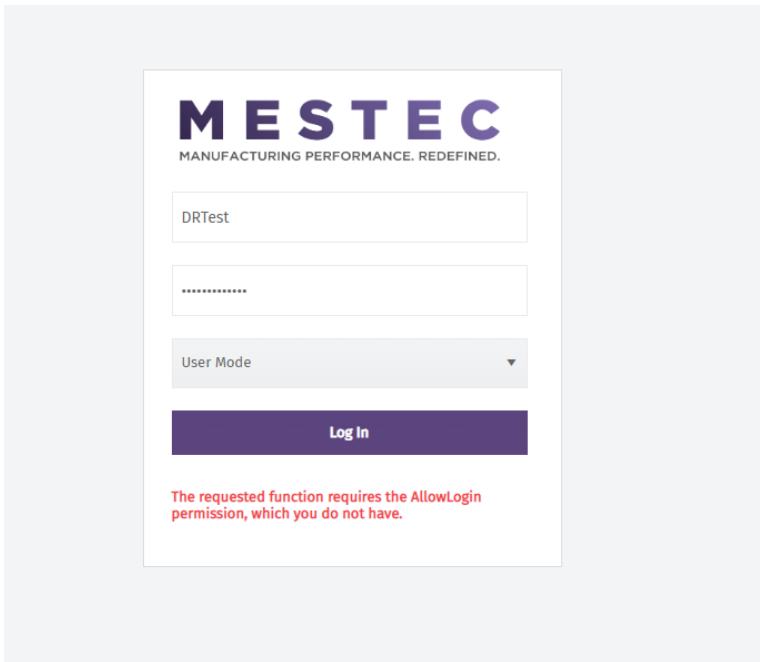
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Then click okay.

## Permission login failed



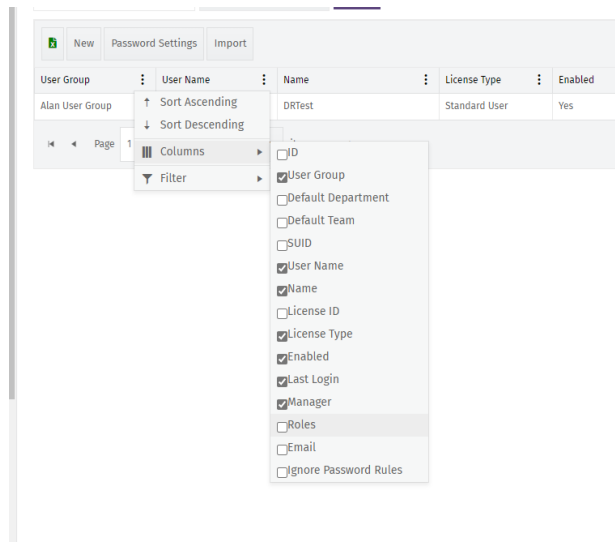
If you are trying to login and get the following error:

*The requested function requires the AllowLogin permission, which you do not have.*

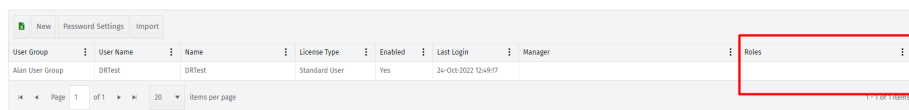
This could be that your user's account had all roles removed.

## Resolution

To fix this go to the user screen, find your user using the search box, click on the three dots as shown, go to columns and check the roles.



You should now have a column called Roles. check if your users roles are empty.



If it is empty go to the roles button and click it:

User Group	User Name	Name	License Type	Enabled	Last Login	Manager	Roles
Alan User Group	DRTest	DRTest	Standard User	Yes	24-Oct-2022 12:49:17		

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Find the correct role you wish to add then click the assign button at the top or right click assign.

### Assign Roles i ✎ ✕

Assign
User Role History

Role		Assigned
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