

# Overview

A TapeTrack User represents the identity of a task or person who is authorized to connect to a TapeTrack framework Server.

A User uses either their User-ID, or Email address, along with credentials such as a [password](#) to authenticate themselves before being granted access to the TapeTrack system.

## User-ID

A User-ID is a unique identifier that identifies each User to, and within the TapeTrack System.

The rules for creating a User-ID are:

1. Must be between one and 16 characters in length.
2. Must comprised of only alphanumeric characters but can also include periods or dashes as long as they are not the first character of the ID.
3. Must be unique.
4. Must be the same as the Active Directory User-ID when requiring Active Directory authentication.
5. Are case sensitive.
6. If an email address is associated with the User-ID, the email address will become an alternate key to the User-ID. As the email address is an alternate key, no two User-IDs can have the same email address associate with their User-ID.
7. The [User-ID tapemaster](#) is reserved for the inbuilt superuser account. The attributes of this User can be modified and also deleted, but in the event that the User is deleted, the system will automatically re-add the User when it is next restarted.
8. Each User (excluding the tapemaster User) must be associated with a [Group Object](#).

## Creating a User Object

A User Object can be created using either TapeTrack Lite or TapeTrack TapeMaster.

- [Creating a User Object with TapeTrack Lite](#)
- [Creating a User Object with TapeTrack TapeMaster](#).

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