# Time Zones, Access Groups, Cards and Users

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- This Guide will discuss how to manage user access. This will include Access Groups, Cards and Users and Time Zones as they apply to access groups.
- The first section will discuss Access Groups and Time Zones, if the customer does not require this level of access control you may skip to adding users and cards.
- Access level control in AxtraxNG is done with Access Groups, this is where you
  define a users access rights i.e. which readers they can access and during what
  time period.
- An Access Group may uses an access control list (list of readers) to control which doors a user has access to, it may optionally include a time zone also. In the following example I will include both a Time Zone and Access List.

- The first step will be to create a Time Zone. By default there are 2 system generated time zones, Always and Never. The operator may not edit these.
- Most panels support up to 16 time segments per day for a total of 128 per time zone or schedule (7 weekdays plus the holiday schedule), the AC-215F is limited to 8 segments per day.
- In the first example I have created a simple time zone which is active Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4 PM and named it "Weekdays".
- The Holiday column controls the schedule on any date defined as a Holiday, if the column is left empty the user will not have access on holidays.
- The Time Zone will control when the cards will be active, in this example, cards will on be valid during the time period of 8 AM to 4 PM Monday though Friday, not on Holidays.

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# Adding Users, Cards

There are several ways to create users and add cards to the system

- Add Users and Cards one at a time, this option is usually reserved for those situations where random cards or fobs need to be entered. Alternately the cards may be scanned into the system from a reader then added to a user to activate.
- 2. Add Users and Cards at the same time automatically, this method is used for loading new cards (or fobs) into the system initially, it will create user names using the user number i.e. the first user will be named User 1 and so on. This method makes setting up the system quick but it is less secure in that all of the cards are now active and it is difficult to track who uses a card unless the list is managed off line.
- 3. Add cards in bulk but leave them inactive then add users one at a time. This method is for adding a new batch of cards or fobs to the system, this option takes more time but is more secure.
- 4. Import users and Cards from a spreadsheet. This option works well for new systems where the customer has a employee list in Excel format.





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- Users may also be added via a spreadsheet. The format of the spreadsheet is critical;
  - It must by in Excel 97-2003 workbook form (.XLS)
  - All columns must be in the proper order as shown in the example.
  - All cells must be formatted as text, they can not contain formulas or numeric values.
  - A template is available in the download package and from the support website at;

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• If the machine has Microsoft Excel installed, you may create a template from AxtraxNG by doing an export form the software with no users.

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- The Visitor tab under Users is essentially a predefined department, no special restrictions apply simply by putting a user in the Visitor group. It does make tracking Visitor badges and cards somewhat easier.
- There are options under the User tab which make limiting Visitor access easier. Aside from creating a Visitor Access Group to limit the timeframe and readers that Visitors may access there are the following special features;
  - Valid Date, the timeframe that a visitor badge will be active may be specified on a user by user basis.
  - Counter, you may define the number of times a visitor badge may be read. To use this function, there is an option on each reader that must be set to "deduct user counter", this allows outside entry doors to deduct the count while interior doors would not.
  - On the Visitor Options tab there is an option to have a badge automatically be disabled when the visitor exits a given area. This requires defining an entry and exit reader.

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