

Steelwise Licensing Handbook

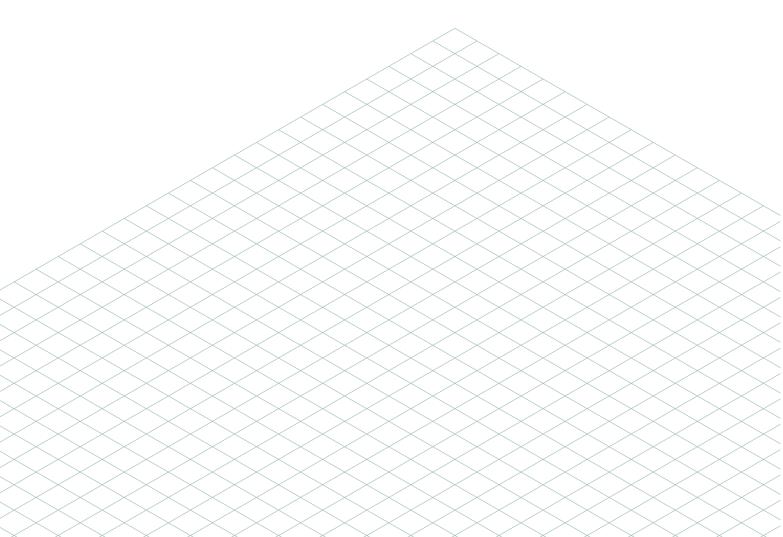




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1 Introduction

Steelwise offers the flexibility to license individual modules, enabling your business to provide different capabilities to different users and only buying what you need. If you purchase multiple license configurations, you will need to use the FRAMECAD Communities License Administrator tool to manage your software entitlements and assign them to your users.

At a glance, the four modules are:

Detail	Steelwise Detail is the base module. You gain access to all the high-productivity tools for steel detailing – importing standard 2D drawings, designing roofs, walls, and floors, automated generation of detail drawing sheets.
Import	Steelwise Import gives you access to integrations with 3D design and BIM applications such as Revit, Strucsoft, and SolidWorks using FRAMECAD's FIM format. Architectural designs or complete framing can be brought into Steelwise to complete the design and prepare for manufacturing. Detailed framing models can be sent from Steelwise to Revit for BIM coordination
Engineer	Steelwise Engineer adds FRAMECAD's world-leading steel framing engineering knowledge to your design. Select from a broad set of building codes, enter your localized engineering requirements for wind, snow, seismic and other loads, and the building code you design with, and Steelwise Detail will be engineered to meet your requirements. Steelwise Engineer also gives you full access to the detailed engineering reports for every frame and truss in your design.
CAM	Steelwise CAM has everything you need to prepare your model to be manufactured. Tooling is automatically generated for all intra-panel connections according to the capabilities of the roll-formers you have selected. Users can place explicit tooling for BIM coordination and site-specific operations. All the tooling can be viewed on your detail drawings, updated instantly with any design change. When review is complete, the manufacturing jobs are sent to production via FRAMECAD Nexa or an RFY file.



If you purchase the same quantity of each Steelwise module (e.g. two seats each of Detail, Engineer, and CAM), then all your users will simply have access to the same configuration (Detail+Engineer+CAM) when they open Steelwise. You need not do anything further with license administration.

If you instead purchase different configurations of Steelwise (e.g. configuration A with Detail + Engineer + CAM and configuration B with Detail + Engineer) then you will have multiple *entitlements* and you will establish license user *groups* to manage which users have access to each *entitlement*.

Use the FRAMECAD Communities License Administrator tool to manage your purchased software entitlements and assign them to your users.

You can, for example:

- Create and manage user groups for controlling access to licenses.
- Manage user access to licenses.
- Reserve seats from licenses for users.
- View the usage of licenses.

1.1 Access

To access Communities License Administrator, you need a user account and administrator access rights to your company's data.

For access, follow the URL provided by FRAMECAD or sign in to FRAMECAD Communities (https://communities.framecad.com) and select the **License Administrator** tile.





From here, you will be directed to another sign-in screen. Select **FRAMECAD Communities Login,** and the license administrator will automatically sign you in using your credentials from Communities.



If you or one of your organization's Steelwise users does not have access to License Administrator, please select "Request Support" to log a support ticket with the FRAMECAD team.

1.2 Navigation

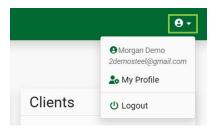
When you log in, you first come to the Dashboard. Use the sidebar navigation on the left to navigate the different features of License Administrator. Including:

- User Groups
- Users
- Licenses

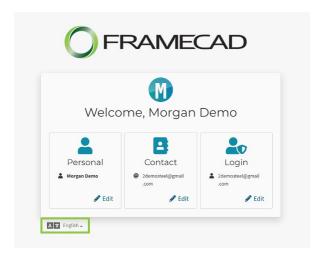


In the top toolbar on the right, you can access your profile settings and log out.





Select 'My Profile' to view your profile details or change the language preference of License Administrator.



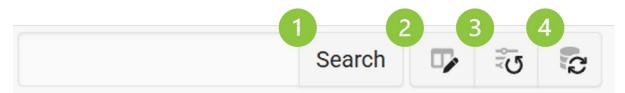
Note: You cannot edit any personal, contact, or login details here, as these details all come from your Communities account. Return to the Communities homepage to manage your profile settings.

1.3 List Views

All the list views (such as the list of users or licenses) have some common features.

Above the list, you have the following options:

- 1. Search the list content. Enter text in a search field and click **Search** to update the list.
- 2. Select which columns to show on the list. Click the column edit icon, select the columns you want, and the list is updated.
- 3. Reset the list to clear the search and restore the default set of columns.
- 4. Reload the list to update it with the latest data. The lists are not refreshed automatically.





A reload button is also available in several other places for refreshing the data.

Some list views have an additional filter option. For example, on the user list, you can filter users based on their status.

On the list itself, you can do the following:

- 1. Sort the list by column. Change the sorting order by clicking the double arrow next to a column title.
- 2. In the rightmost **Tools** column, you have a three-dot menu for each item on the list.



The menu has options for that item, such as viewing the item's details.



1.4 Dashboard

The Dashboard shows some key details on your company's data and provides quick links to commonly used functions:

User groups

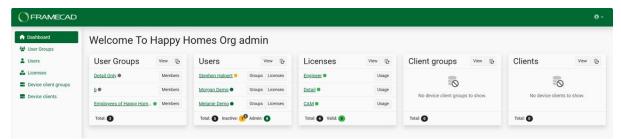
 Shows information on your user groups. Use the quick links to view all user groups, or users that belong to a specific group. You can also invite users to a group.

Users

 Shows information on your users. Use the quick links to view all users, or a specific user's groups or licenses.

Licenses

 Shows information on your purchased licenses. Use the quick links to view all licenses, or the usage of a specific license.





2 Users

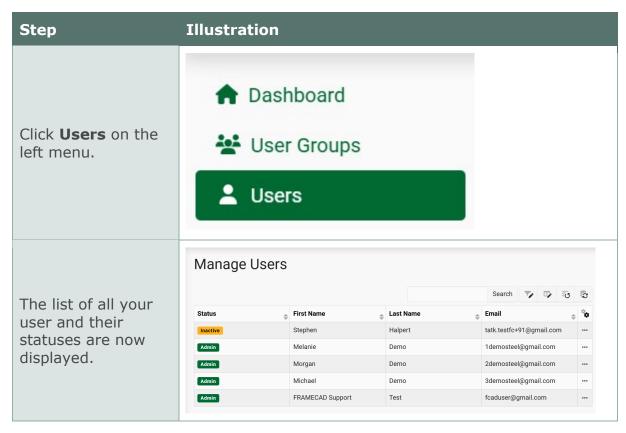
In License Administrator, you can view user accounts for your end users, which you then assign to the correct User Group. This is done as part of applying your purchased Steelwise license entitlement to your staff.

Currently, the creation of new users, granting administrator access to users, and the deletion of users are managed by FRAMECAD. Use the **Request Support** option on the Communities homepage to request any of these actions.

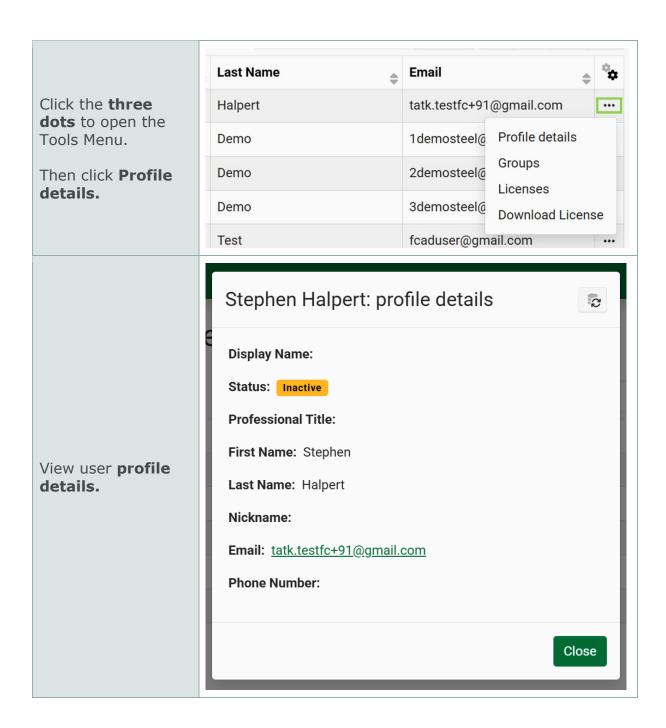
Please provide the user's First name, Last name, Job Title, and email address when making support requests.

2.1 View Users

Note: For non-administrator users, the user list shows the status: **Active** or **Inactive** (depending on whether they have been active within the past 30 days) or **Suspended** (the user's account has been disabled).









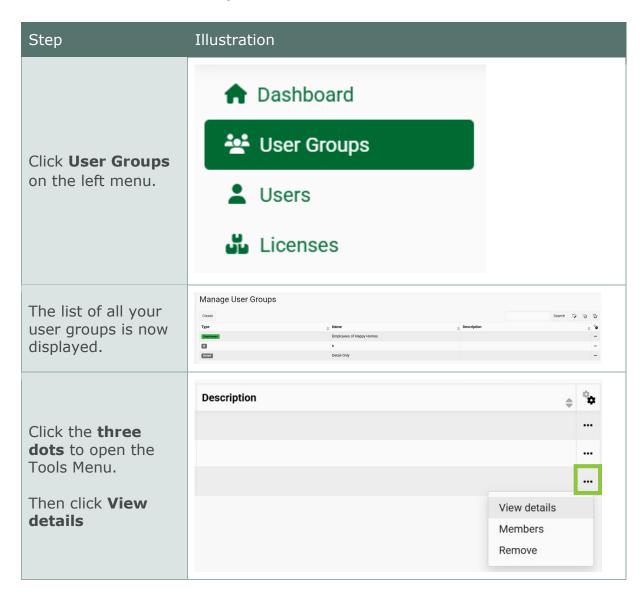
3 User Groups

In License Administrator, you can create user groups to control your users' access to licenses.

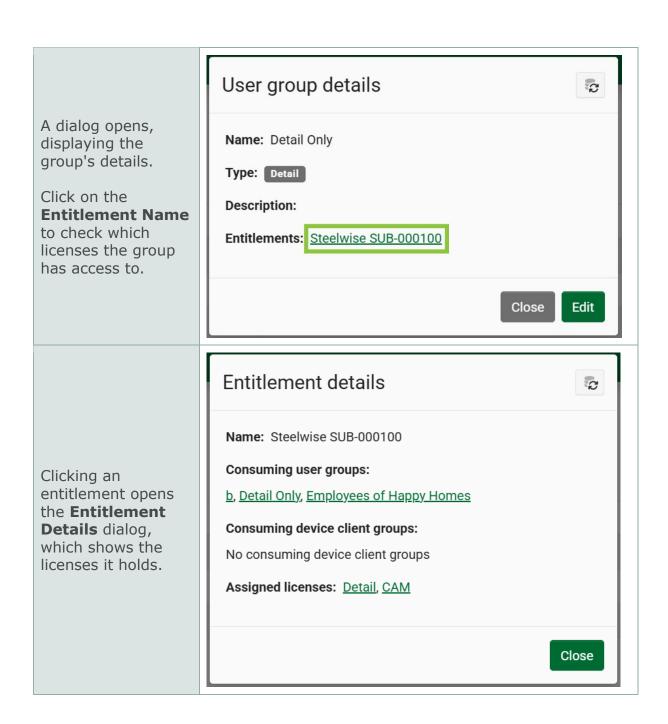
Create groups and assign users to them based on the user persona and which software entitlement they should have access to

You cannot grant an individual user access to licenses directly—the authorization always comes through a group.

3.1 View User Groups



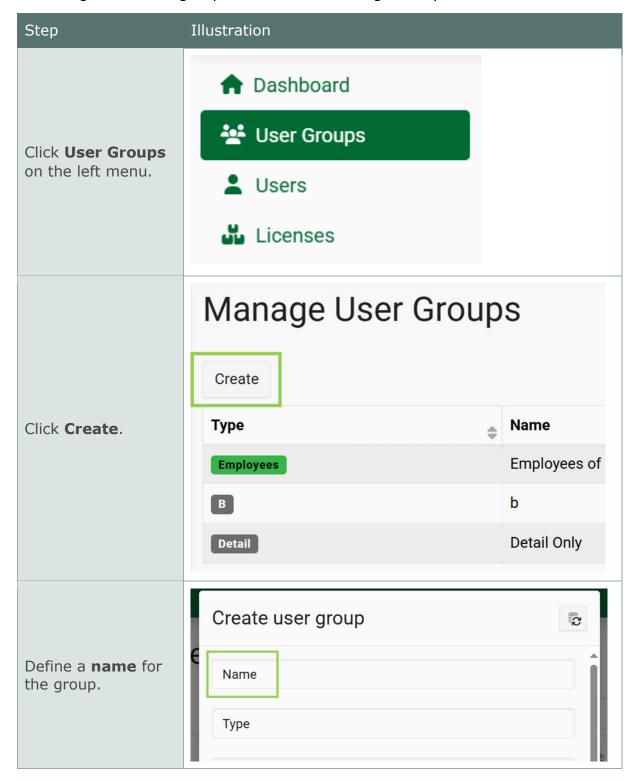




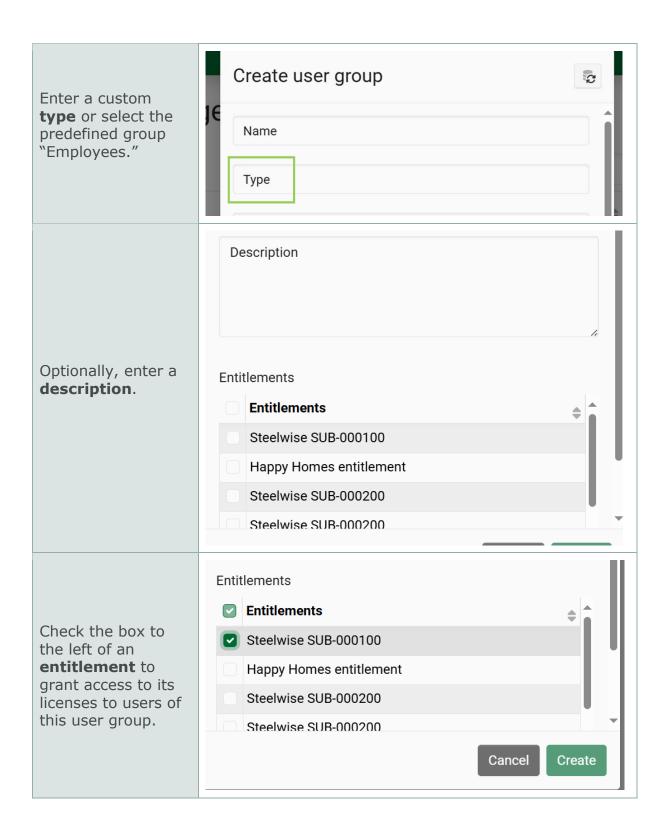


3.2 Create a User Group

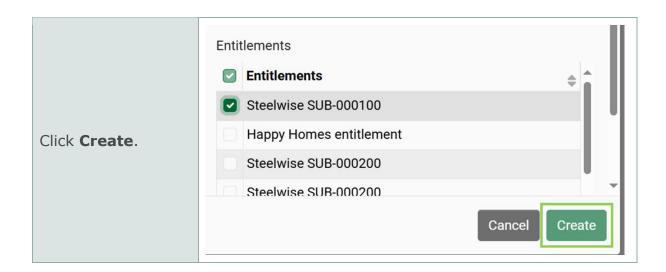
You can give the new group access to licenses right away or wait until later.





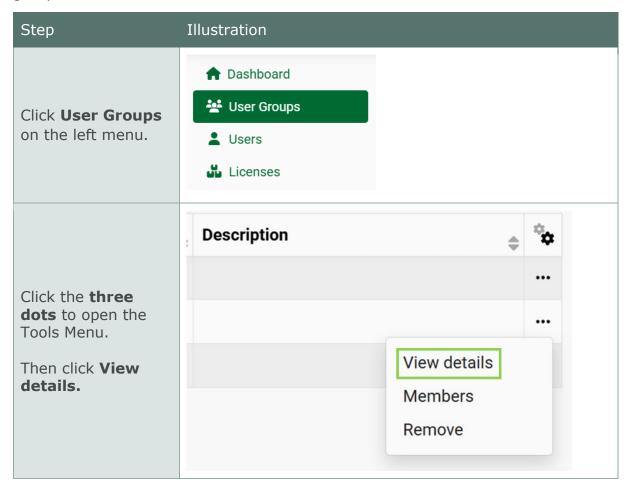




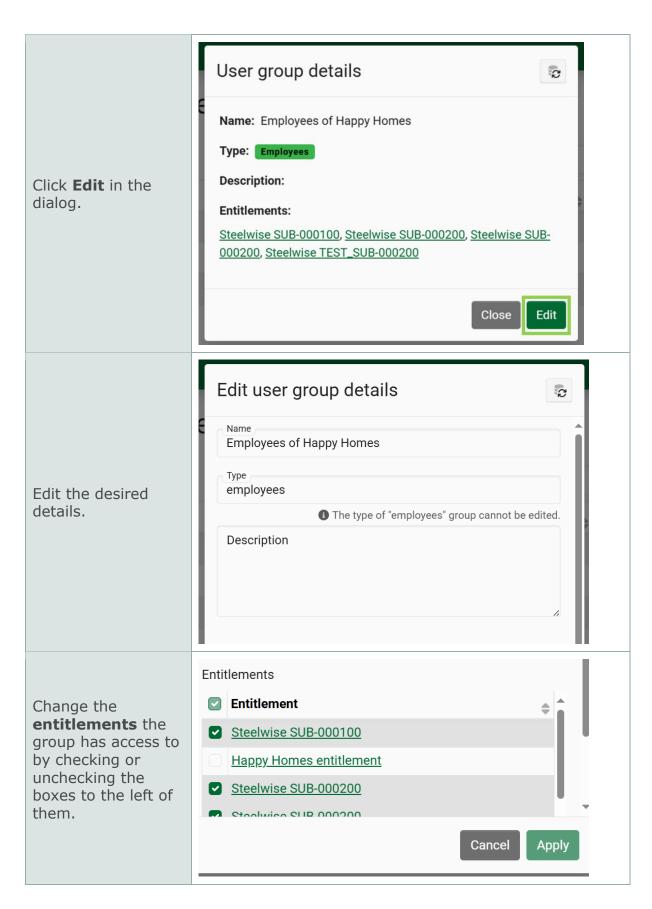


3.3 Edit a User Group

You can edit a user group's details and define which entitlements (licenses) the group can access:











3.4 Delete a User Group

You can delete user groups, if needed, except for the predefined **employees** group. Deleting a user group does not delete the users who belonged to that group.

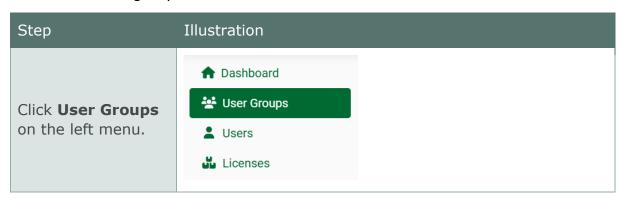
The users in the deleted group lose access to the licenses that the group had access to, unless they still have access to the licenses through some other group. If the users have any seat reservations to the licenses, those are also released.

Note: If a user no longer belongs to any group, they will not be visible anymore.

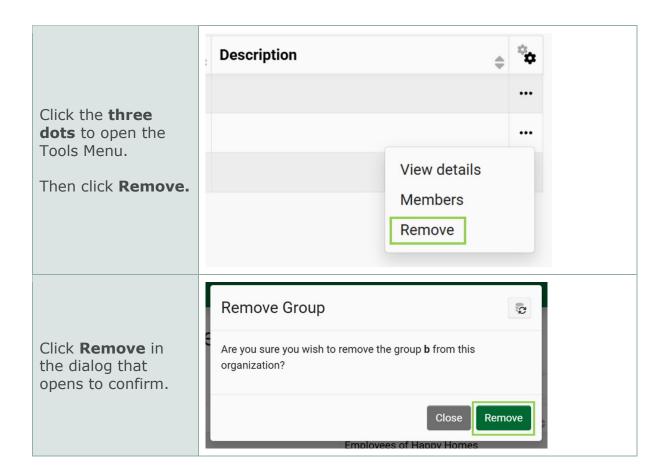
If an administrator user no longer belongs to any of your user groups, this
does not automatically remove their administrator access. If needed,
make sure to first remove their administrator access, and then delete the
user group.

Instead of deleting a user group, you also have the option of removing the group's access to licenses. See above how to edit a group.

To delete a user group:







Note: If a user is currently using a license they no longer have access to, they are able to continue using the license until the license lease expires or the software application attempts to refresh the license lease, whichever comes first.



4 License Entitlements

4.1 Manage Access to Licenses

Access to licenses is based on group access to entitlements:

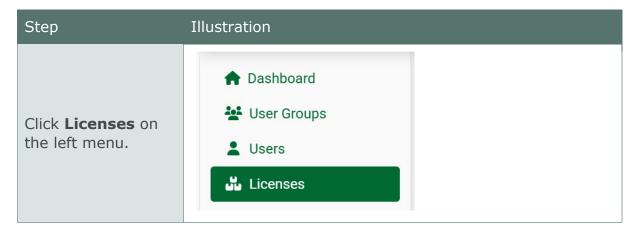
- 1. You set up user groups and grant the groups access to the entitlements that hold licenses.
- 2. Then you associate users with applicable groups. This allows them to use the licenses that their groups have access to.

Note: if a user belongs to multiple groups, they will have access to all licenses from all the entitlements assigned to all the groups they belong to. When the user launches Steelwise, they will be assigned (check out) licenses for all available modules from the entitlements they have been given access to.

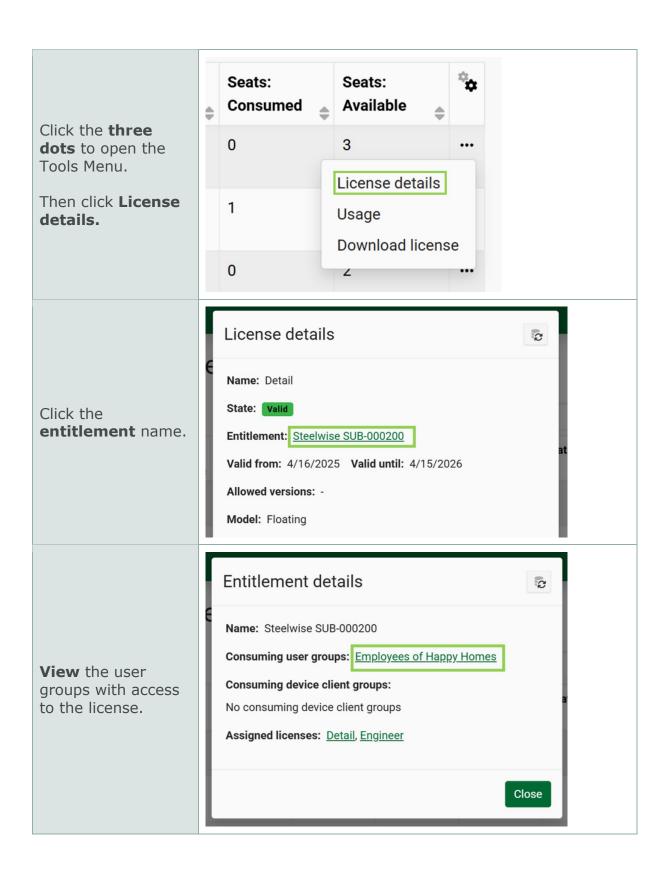
See instructions below on how to add existing users to groups. You can also remove a user from the whole company (all user groups) in one step.

If needed, you can also block users from using a license.

4.1.1 View which Groups can Access a License









4.1.2 Assign Users to Groups

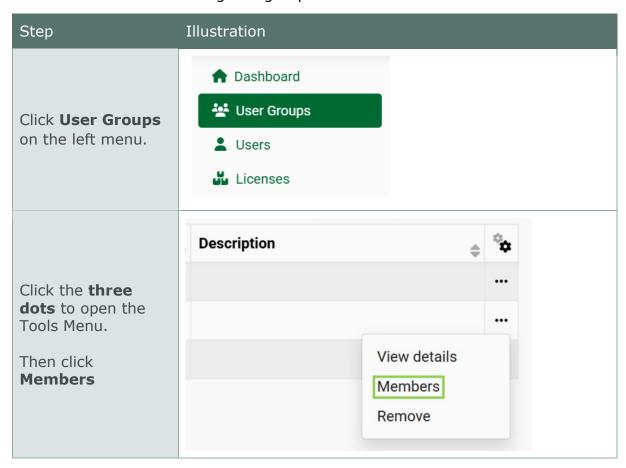
Add users to a group to give them access to the licenses that a user group has access to.

If you remove a user from a group, they lose access to the group's licenses and their seat reservations for the licenses are released, unless they belong to another group that still allows them access to those licenses.

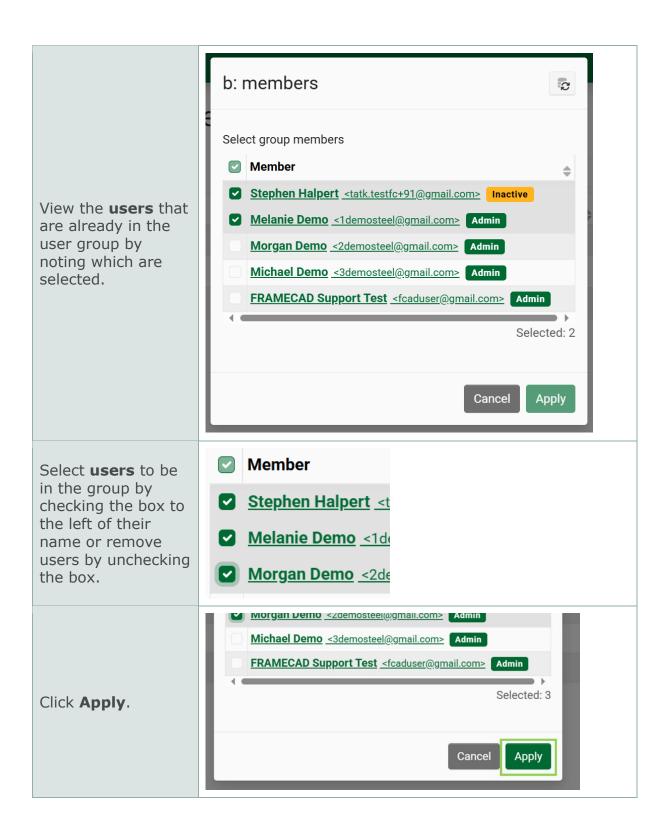
If the removed user is currently using a license they no longer have access to, they are able to continue using the license until the license lease expires or the software application tries to refresh the lease, whichever comes first.

Note: If you remove a user from all your user groups, they will not be visible anymore.

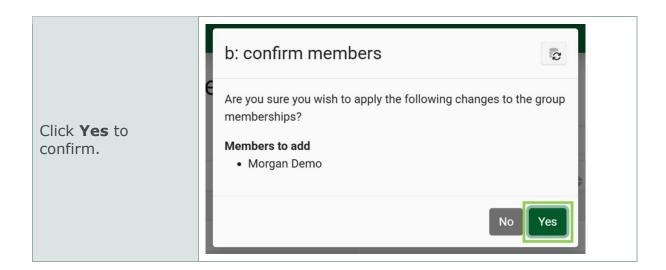
To define which users belong to a group:



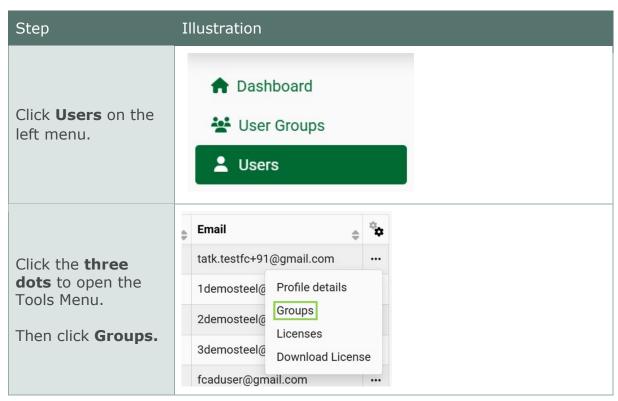




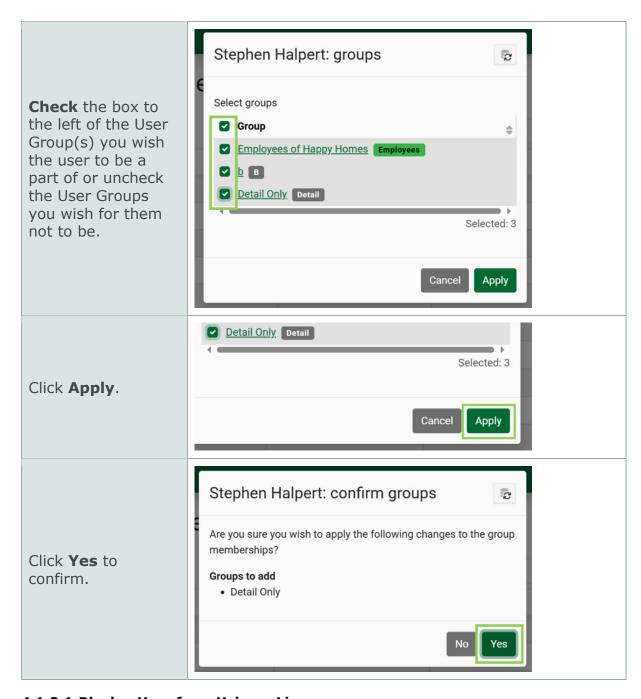




Or, change which groups a specific user belongs to:







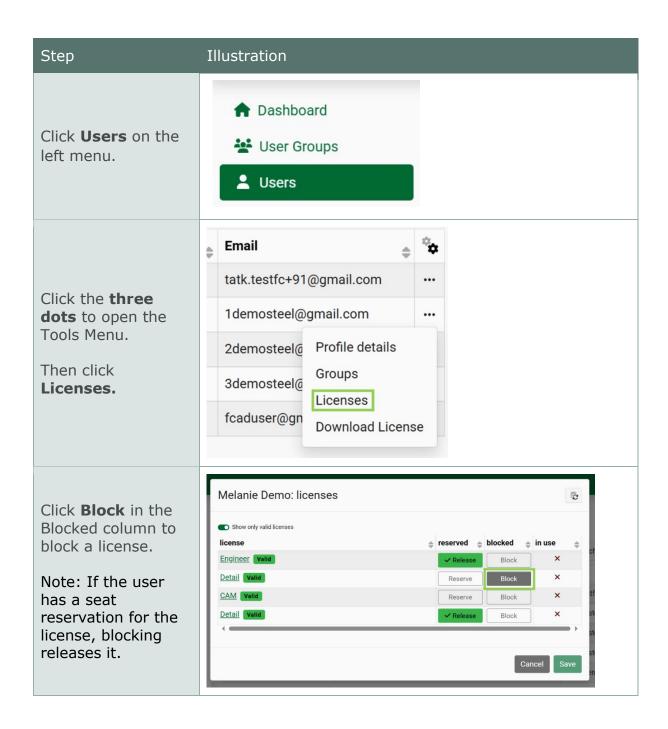
4.1.2.1 Block a User from Using a License

If needed, you can block a user from using a seat-based license. The user cannot use the blocked license even if they have access to it through a group. The user is also blocked from downloading an offline license.

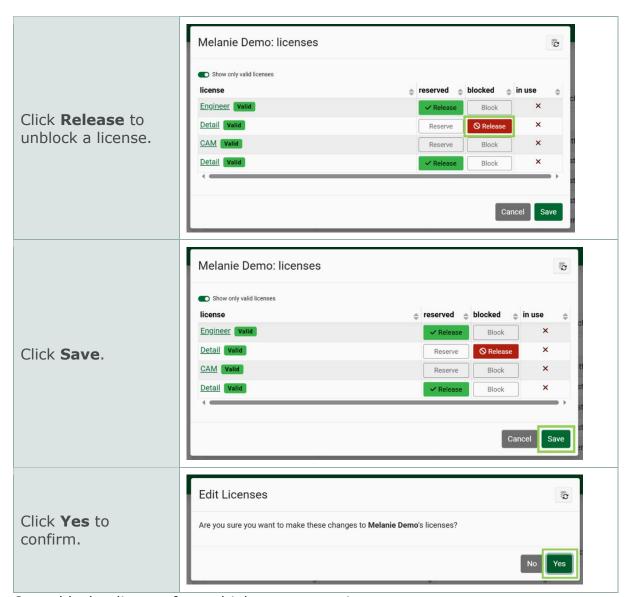
If the user is currently using a license that you block for them, they can continue using the license until the license lease expires or the software application tries to refresh the lease, whichever comes first.

To block licenses for a user:

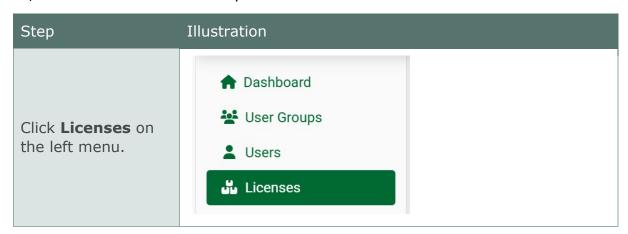




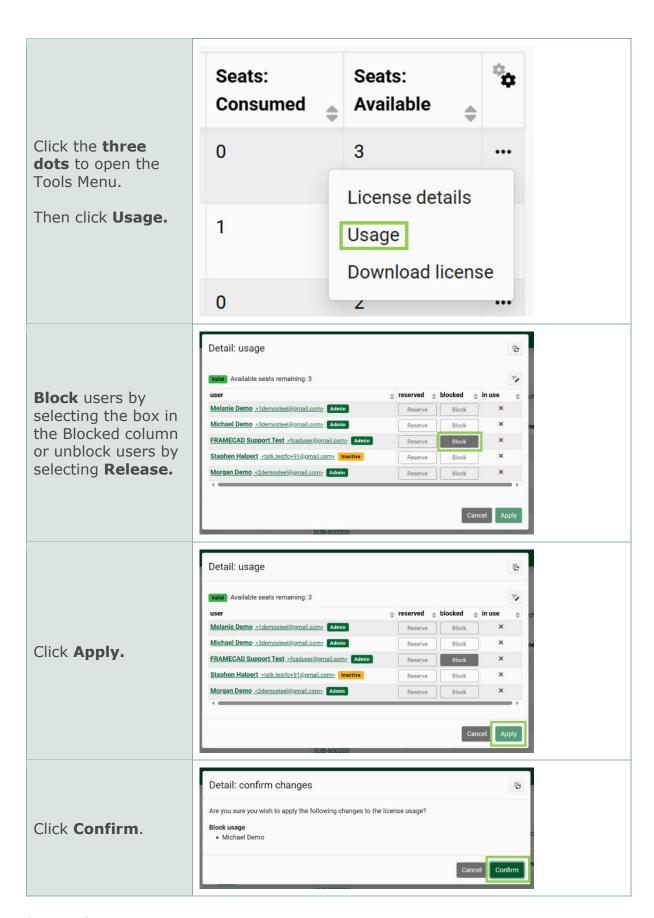




Or, to block a license for multiple users at a time:









4.2 Manage Licenses

You can view information on the licenses you have purchased, for example, how many seats you have.

Your licenses are organized into one or more entitlements: containers that hold the licenses and that you also use for managing user access to the licenses.

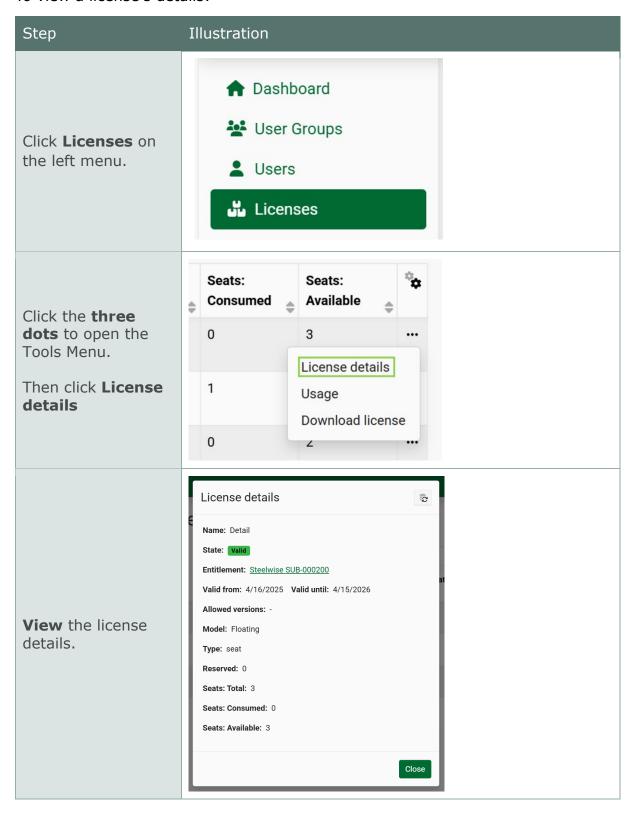
When a user starts using a license, this starts a license lease in the system—a time-limited authorization for that user to use the license. The lease defines how the license allows using the software application, for example, which features are allowed, and when the authorization expires.

4.2.1 View Licenses

- 1. In the left sidebar, go to **Licenses**.
 - a. The list of your company's licenses opens, displaying information on each license:
 - State: The license status: Valid, Scheduled (the validity period has not started yet), Expiring (the validity ends within 7 days), Expired, or Deactivated.
 - ii. Valid from and Valid until: The validity start and end date.
 - iii. Name: The name of the license.
 - iv. **Entitlement**: The entitlement that holds the license.
 - v. **Model**: How seats in a seat-based license are handled: We use **Floating Licenses**: Either the license seats are used from a floating pool, or the license uses named seats but no advance reservations are needed.
 - vi. **Type**: The type of credit the license has: seats, use count, or use time (currently only "seats" type is use).
 - vii. **Reserved**: The number of seats that have been reserved from a seat-based license.
 - viii. **Seats: total**: The total number of seats in a seat-based license.
 - ix. **Seats: consumed**: The number of seats in a seat-based license that are currently in use.
 - x. **Seats: available**: The number of seats in a seat-based license that are currently not being used. Reserved seats are excluded from the available seats.
 - xi. **Allowed versions**: The software versions that the license allows to use (not currently used by FRAMECAD).



To view a license's details:





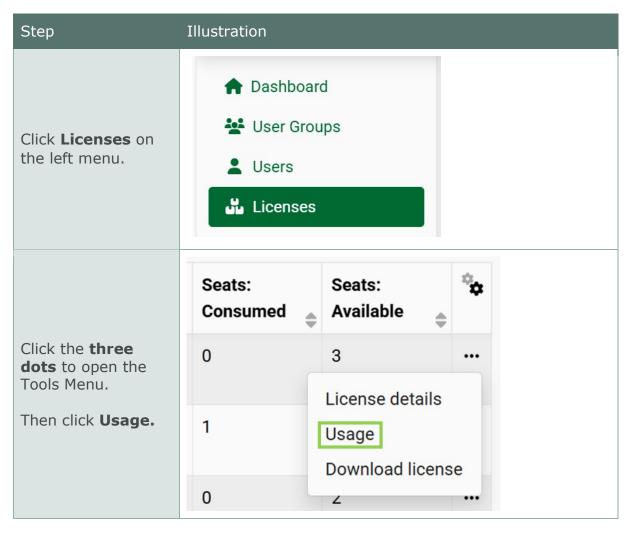
4.2.2 Reserve License Seats

With seat-based licenses, you can reserve a seat for a user.

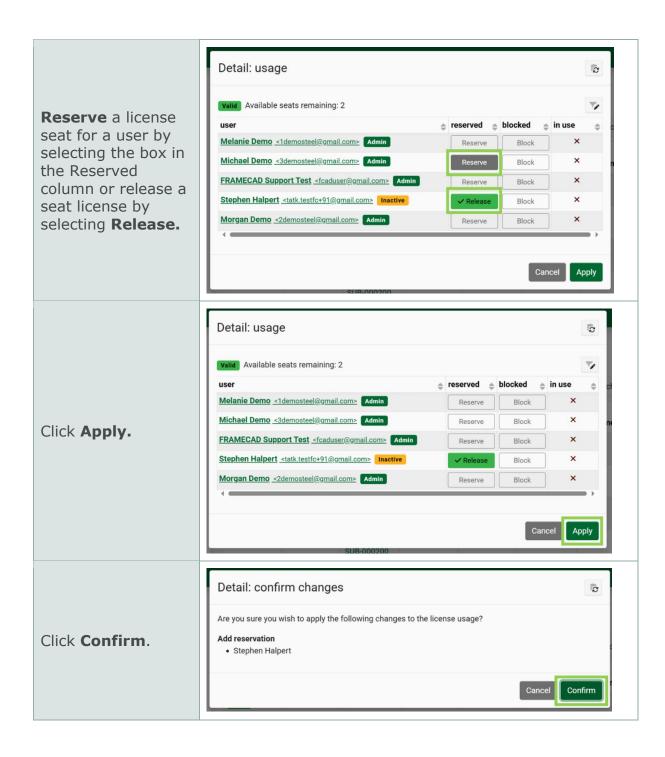
Steelwise uses floating seats, so reservations are not mandatory. You may choose to use seat reservations, for example, to make sure certain users always have access to the software application.

To change seat reservations for a license:

Note: When reserving a license seat, if the Reserve button is disabled, there are no available seats left in the license.

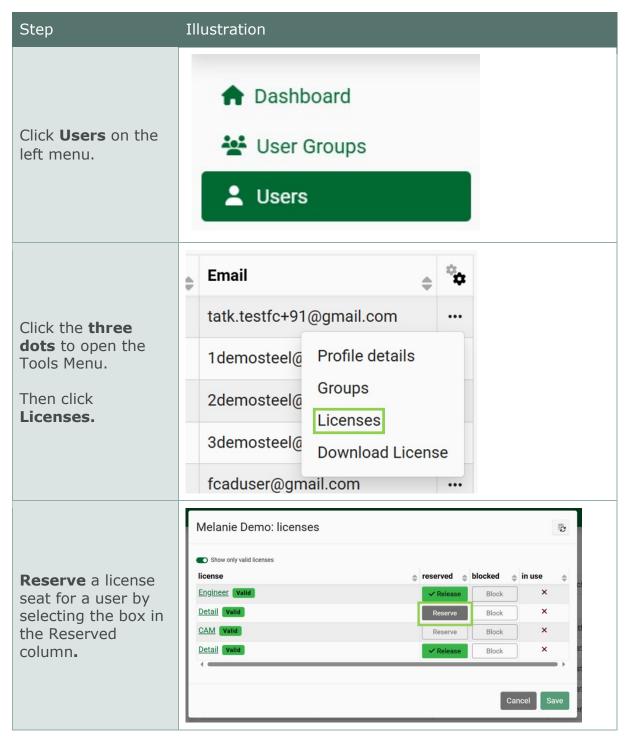




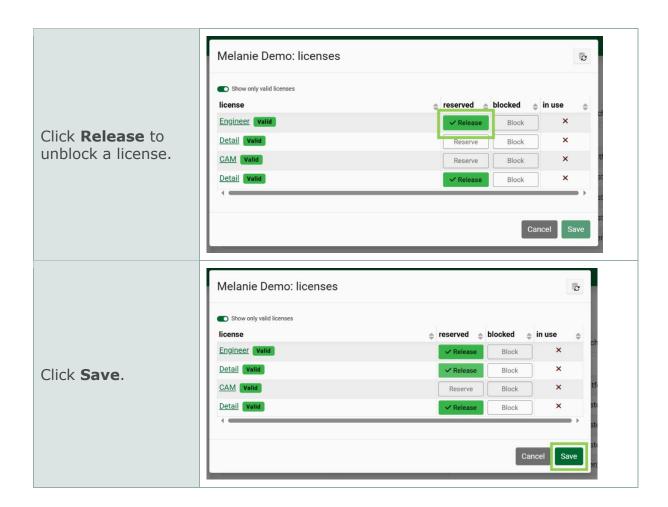




You can also change an individual user's seat reservations on the user list:









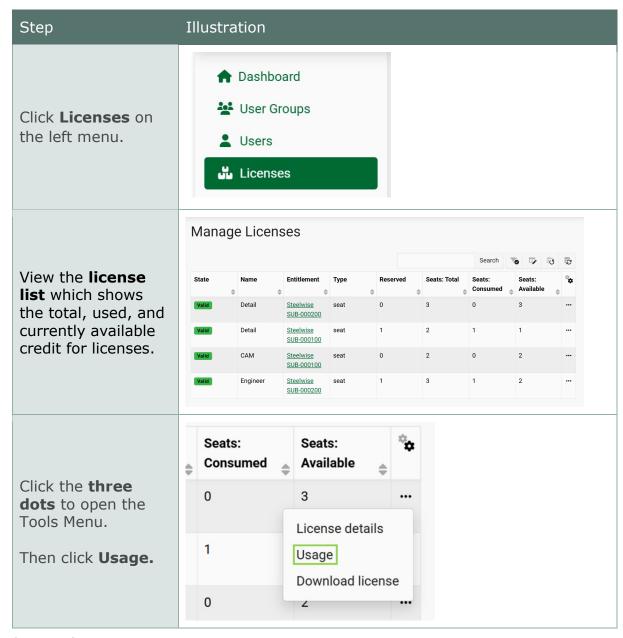
4.3 View License Usage

You can view usage information on your licenses.

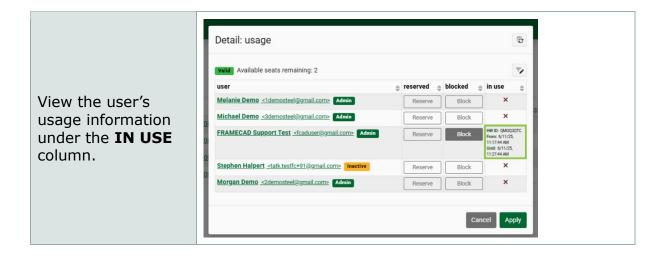
4.3.1 View Usage of a License

Note: The **IN USE** column shows usage information for the users currently using the license:

- 1. The hardware ID of the device on which the software application is being used.
- 2. The validity start and end of the user's current authorization to use the software (their license lease).

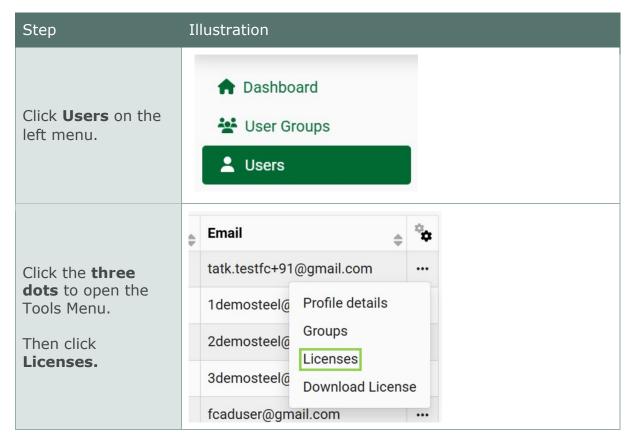






4.3.2 View Current License Usage for a User

- 1. In the left sidebar, go to **Users**.
- 2. Click the **Tools** menu > **Licenses** for the user.
 - a. A dialog opens, showing the same usage information as above for the licenses that the user has access to.





FRAMECAD Support Test: licenses ō Show only valid licenses license View the user's Engineer Valid Block HW ID: QMGQ3QTC From: 6/12/25, 9:11:09 AM Until: 6/12/25, 9:21:09 AM usage information Detail Valid Block under the **IN USE** column. CAM Valid Block Reserve Detail Valid Reserve Block