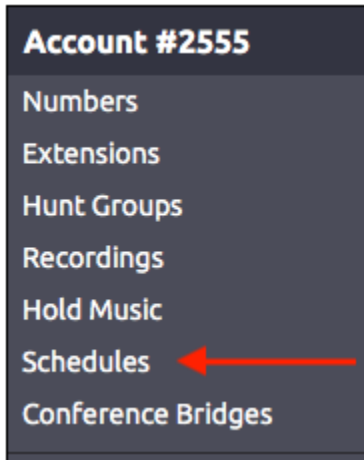


# Time of Day Routing and Schedules

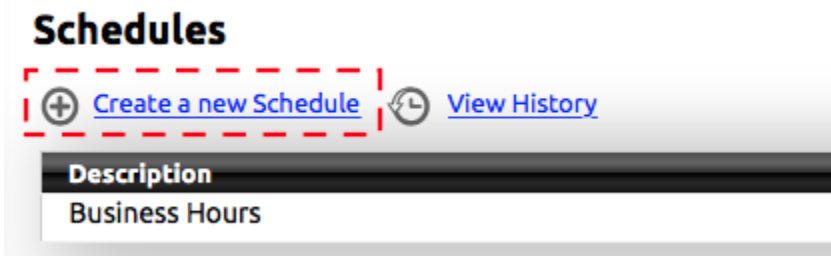
With the use of **Schedules** and the "**Perform Next Step Only if**" action in the inbound behavior section for extensions, call routing be configured to perform different actions based on the time of day. This could be used to have the phone ring during business hours while having it go to voicemail or sent to an answering service for times when a business is closed.

## Creating a Schedule

1. Log into the NocTel Control Panel
2. Click "**Schedules**" on the left-hand side of the NocTel Control panel.



3. Click the blue "**Create a new Schedule**" link at the top of the **Schedules** list.



4. In the **Edit Schedule** page enter the following information:
  - a. **Description:** give the schedule a distinct name.
  - b. **Belongs To:** using this you can assign the schedule to a specific extension. Most users should leave this set to Account. When this is configured as a specific user, users with rights to that extension can modify the schedule when they log into the control panel.
  - c. **Time Zone:** the time zone is automatically set to match your accounts default time zone. This can be changed if needed.
  - d. **Valid Days:** use the check boxes to select the days of the week that apply to the schedule. You can use the blue links to quickly select common groups of days such as:
    - i. **All:** selects all days
    - ii. **Weekdays:** selects only Monday through Friday.
    - iii. **None:** deselects all check boxes
  - e. **Start Time:** enter the time that the schedule starts in a 24-hour format. (Noon is entered as 12:00, 1:00 PM is entered as 13:00, and so on.)
  - f. **End Time:** enter the time that the schedule ends using 24-hour format.
  - g. **Start Date:** If the schedule is going to have a start and end date such as a holiday schedule enter the start date here, otherwise leave as is. Enter the date in a YYYY-MM-DD format.

- h. **End Date:** enter the end date in a YYYY-MM-DD format if the schedule will end on a certain date, otherwise leave as is.

**Edit Schedule**

Description:

Belongs To:

Time Zone:

Valid Days: ☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun [ [All Weekdays](#) [None](#) ]

Start Time:

End Time:

Start Date:

End Date:

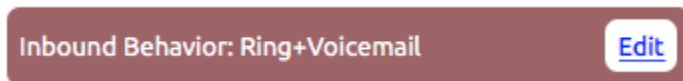
Red arrows point to the following fields:

- a. Description
- b. Belongs To
- c. Time Zone
- d. Valid Days
- e. Start Time
- f. End Time
- g. Start Date
- h. End Date

5. Click **Submit**, to save.

## Using Schedules in Inbound Behavior

1. Create a virtual extension or open an existing extension.
2. Click the **"edit"** link in the Inbound Behavior section.



3. For **Step #1** choose the option **"Perform Next Step Only If..."** from the drop-down list. This will change the background color of step 1 and 2 to light green.

**Step #1** Perform Next Step Only If...

Only perform the following step if all of the criteria are met:

INSIDE Routing Schedule -- ANY TIME --

AND Variable DOES EQUAL

You may add more criteria by following this immediately with another "Perform Next Step Only If..."

4. Inside step one is where the existing schedule will be used. Make sure that the first box under the text *"Only perform the following step if all of the criteria are met:"* is set to **INSIDE**.

**Step #1** Perform Next Step Only If...

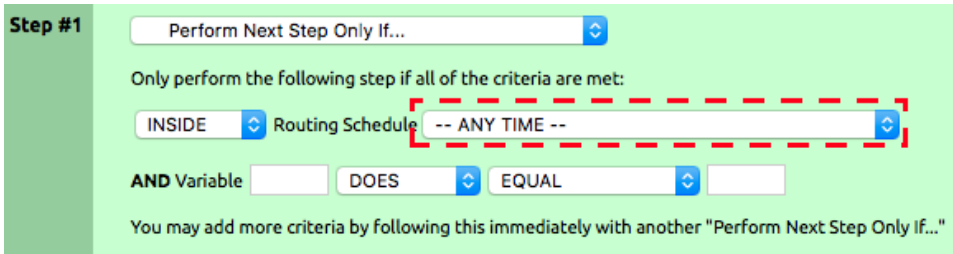
Only perform the following step if all of the criteria are met:

INSIDE Routing Schedule -- ANY TIME --

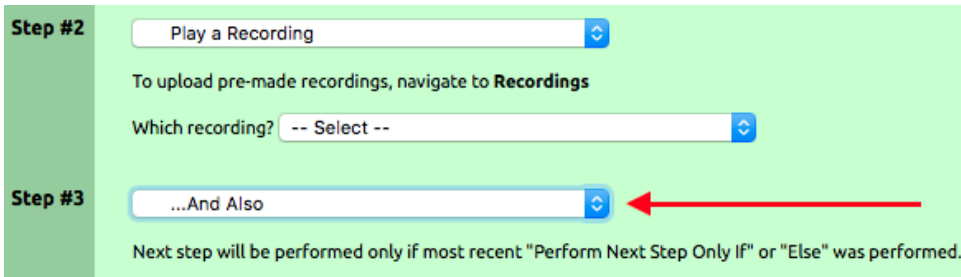
AND Variable DOES EQUAL

You may add more criteria by following this immediately with another "Perform Next Step Only If..."

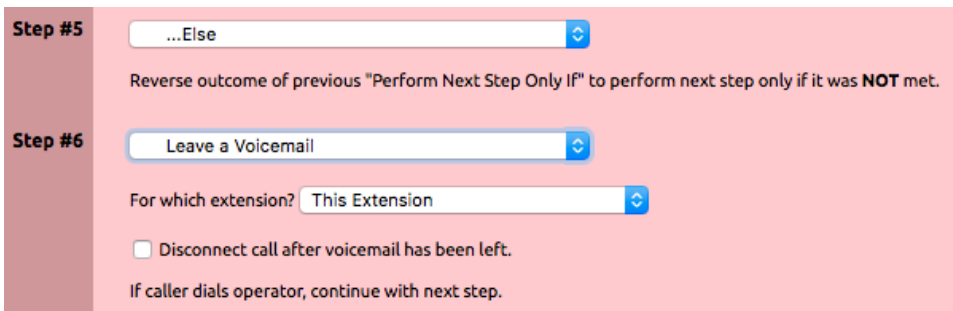
5. In the box labeled “—ANY TIME —” use the drop-down list to select the desired schedule. Leave the other boxes inside *Step #1* as is unless using them to perform more actions.



6. Set **Step #2** to the action you want the call to take if the criteria in **Step #1** is met. This could be a step such as “*ring a hunt group*” or “*play a recording*”
7. Multiple steps can be added to the scheduled action by using the action “... **And Also**” after the first step.



8. Once the actions have been set for what should happen during the schedule, set what should happen outside of the schedule with the action “...**Else**”. The “...**Else**” action should be used after the last action set within the green area. Actions that are set within the else section will only happen if the above criteria in the green section are not met. Actions will appear light pink in color.



9. Click **Submit**, to save.

## Related articles

- [24-hour Time Format for Poly Extension](#)
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- [Stopping Robocalls - Routing Solution](#)