

Allow Existing Schedule Assignment


Preference Overview

In the original schedule, there may be cases where two consecutive trips are assigned to a specific vehicle with overlap between them. It may be that the duration of the first trip is over estimated or if the second trip is expected to be delayed.

Normally, you would expect the optimization process to override and reschedule overlapped trips.

If however, such overlaps are deliberate, we can assign them a zero penalty. Otherwise, we define a non zero penalty in the usual way for not overriding them.

This preference allows you to maintain consecutive trips assigned to a single vehicle, including operator scheduled overlaps.


Note

There are two preference templates available only one of which may be used and then only as a single instance.

Templates Available from Optibus

Table 1-1: Templates Summary

| Template Name | Purpose | Reference |
|---|--|---|
| Allow Existing Schedule Assignment by Route Group | Maintain consecutive trips, including operator scheduled overlaps for a nominated Route Group. | Allow Existing Schedule Assignment by Route Group |
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Allow Existing Schedule Assignment by Route Group

Purpose:

Maintain consecutive trips, including operator scheduled overlaps for a nominated Route Group.

Prerequisites: You should have already defined your route groups. See Miscellaneous Assignments, [Route Groups](#).



Tip

This template can only be used once, so you might need to set up a special Route Group containing all of the routes needed for this purpose.

Opening Dialog:

Points to note:

- » **Penalty:** The zero default penalty reflects allowing deliberate overlaps. A non zero penalty is imposed for maintaining non-deliberated overlaps.
- » **Route Group:** The **Route Group** field is mandatory

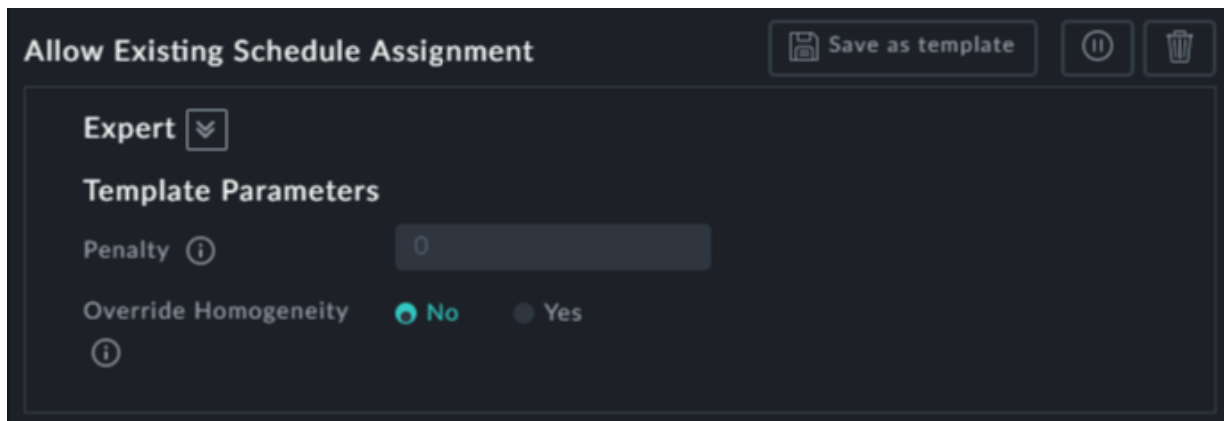
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Purpose:

Maintain consecutive trips, including operator scheduled overlaps.

Prerequisites: None.

Opening Dialog:



The screenshot shows a dark-themed dialog box titled "Allow Existing Schedule Assignment". In the top right corner, there are three buttons: "Save as template" (with a floppy disk icon), a pause button (with a double vertical line icon), and a delete button (with a trash can icon). Below the title bar, there is a section labeled "Expert" with a dropdown arrow. Underneath, the "Template Parameters" section contains a "Penalty" field with a value of "0" and an information icon (i). Below the penalty field, there is a toggle for "Override Homogeneity" with "No" selected (indicated by a teal circle) and "Yes" (indicated by a grey circle). An information icon (i) is located below the toggle.

Points to note:

- » **Penalty:** The zero default penalty reflects allowing deliberate overlaps. A non zero penalty is imposed for maintaining non-deliberated overlaps.
- » **Override Homogeneity:** If this is set to Yes, then the new schedule will maintain consecutive trips overriding any homogeneity conditions (see [Homogenic Vehicle Schedule](#)). This applies to any homogeneity conditions already in force for the schedule or any that may be implemented after using this preference.