



# **Appointment and Scheduling Customer User Guide**

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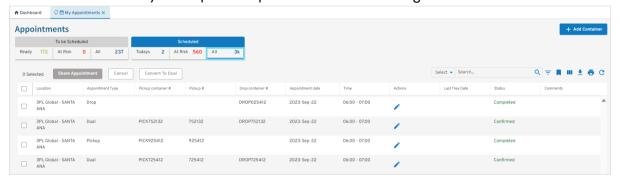


# 1. Working on Appointments

The Appointment Management solution enables the **Terminals** to manage locations and appointment slots from their end, and Motor Carriers are able to consume this data, to book appointments for their containers.

The solution enables the users to make appointments for Pick-up, Drop, and Dual moves. The users can make an appointment by selecting a **Location** and an **Appointment Type**.

The user can choose any location that supports appointments through the Blume platform and this list is fetched from the Blume Maps solution. In addition, the solutiona permits the users to save containers and get notified of the status changes, if the container is not ready to be picked up at the time of booking.



#### 1.1. Introduction

The Appointment Management solution integrates and provides a single solution for appointment configuration (for Locations) and appointment booking (for Motor Carriers/Beneficial Cargo Owners/Logistics Service Provider). Using this solution, **Terminals** is able to manage locations and appointment slots from their end, and Motor Carriers are able to consume this data to book appointments for their containers.

The Appointment Management solution enable truckers to make appointments to drop and pick-up international containers. At a grounded multi-mode terminal, container pick-up and drop is on a first-come, first-serve basis, and with no match between crane capacity and pick up times, drayage carriers can experience prolonged wait times.

The Appointment Management solution matches the capacity of the crane to incoming traffic, and enables Motor Carriers to make an appointment to pick up their selected container, improving the drayage carrier experience and flow of shipments through a facility.

The solution enables Location Owners and Operators to configure appointment windows, define constraints based on multiple parameters, manage users and communicate with their user base. It enables customers to add their containers, track





when they are ready for appointment and make appointments for Pick-up, Drop and Dual missions.

### 1.2. Login to the Appointment System

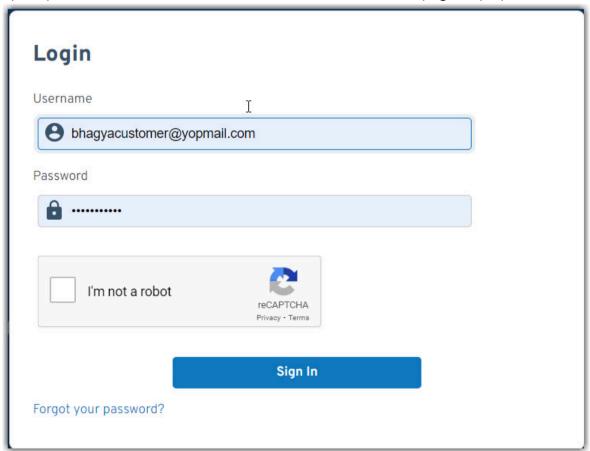
Users must be subscribed to the **Appointment Scheduling Solution** to have access to the **Appointment System**. The procedure outlined on the page enables the users to navigate to the **Appointment Scheduling Solution**.

Perform the following steps to navigate to the Appointment Scheduling Solution.

1. Navigate to https://apps.blumesolutions.com/cas/login



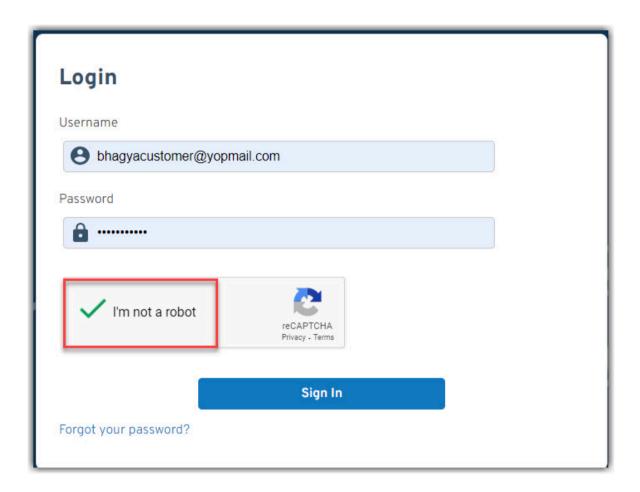
2. Specify the User name and Password on the Blume Solutions page displayed.



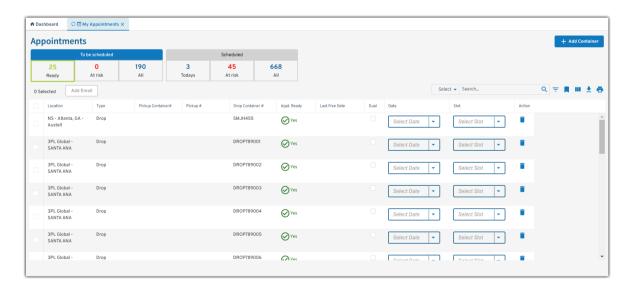
3. Enable the I'm not a robot reCAPTCHA check box and click Sign in.







Note: Click Forgot your password? URL if you have forgotten your password.



The **Appointments** page is displayed.





#### 1.3. Getting Started with the Appointment System

This section will provide details on the following information that enables the users to get started with working on the **Appointment Scheduling Solution**.

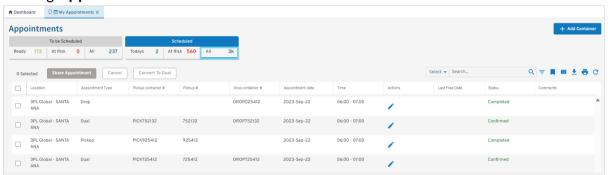
This guide is designed for the end users. The various modules and sections of the product are briefly explained, and the procedure to use them are described in a series of steps.

• Login to the Appointment System (on page 3)

#### 1.4. Appointments

The **Appointments** page displays all the appointment details in a grid view. Users can view **To be Scheduled**, and **Scheduled** appointments in this page.

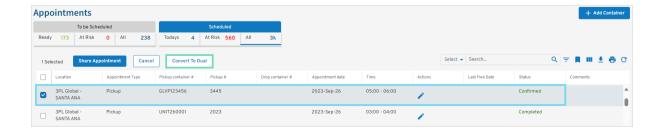
Users can Add a Container, book a New Appointment, Edit, Reschedule, or Cancel an existing Appointment.



Users can Edit Appointments, Filter Appointments, Manage Views, Manage Columns, Download Appointments, and Print Appointments on this page.



**Note:** Users can convert a single appointment to Dual under the **Scheduled** tab. Converting an appointment to Dual includes ensuring the appointment is in **Confirmed** or **Confirmed–Tentative** status and validating pickup and drop conditions. The **Appointment Ready** status is updated to **Yes** if both containers are ready for pickup and drop.









#### 1.5. How to book an Appointment

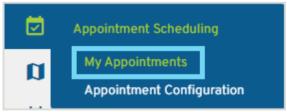
Blume's Appointment Management System enables the motor carriers can consume this data to book appointments for their containers. The system permits the users to save containers and get notified of the status changes if the container is not ready to be picked up at the time of booking.

Users can perform three types of booking.

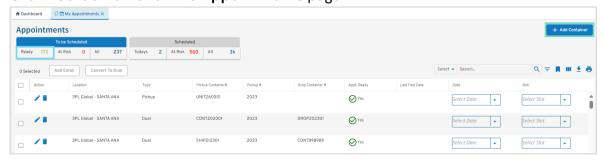
- Pick Up: Enables the users to book an Appointment only for Pick-up.
- Drop: Enables the users to book a Drop Appointment.
- Dual: Enable the users to Pick-up a container and Drop another in the same Appointment.

Perform the following steps to book an **Appointment**:

 Navigate to the Appointment SchedulingMy Appointment on the Blume Appointment Management System.



2. Click Add Container on the Appointments page.

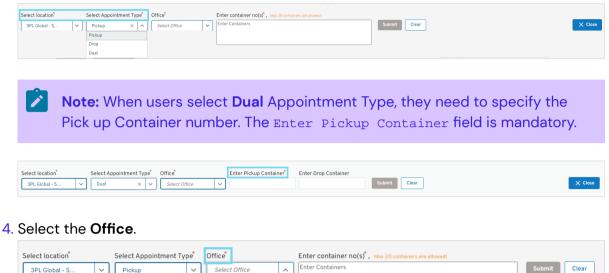






3. Select the Location and the Appointment Type.

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5. Specify the Container Number.



**Note:** The container number format allow users to enter container numbers with less than 6 digits. When a user enters a container number with less than 6 digits, the system will display the number as entered without adding any zeros.





**Note:** Users can add up to 20 container numbers. Users can either copy and paste the container numbers, or type the number in the field.

6. Click Submit.





**Note:** If the user added invalid container numbers, those containers will be left in the input box and only valid containers will be added to the **All Containers** list. Users can see the containers added in the **All Containers** column under the **To be Scheduled** tab.



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7. Specify the Pickup number.





**Note:** Once the user provides the valid pick up number, the container will move to ready for pick up status if it is ready. If the user provides an invalid pick up number, they will have an option to change it. If the ready for pick up is false, user will be informed in the UI and via email when the container will become ready.





**Note:** Users can edit or delete the container of their choice under the **Action** column.





Note: Create Dual Appointments from Watchlist: Users can now select two containers on the Watchlist under the To be Scheduled tab and click the Convert to Dual button. For creating Dual Appointments, it includes selecting exactly two containers, one pickup and one drop container, both belonging to the same location, having the same receiver (with matching SCAC), and sharing the same originator. A new Dual entry is displayed at the top of the Watchlist, highlighting the Dual status. The Appointment Ready status is automatically updated to Yes if both containers are ready for pickup and drop. Users can select a Date and Slot for the Dual appointment if the appointment status is Yes.





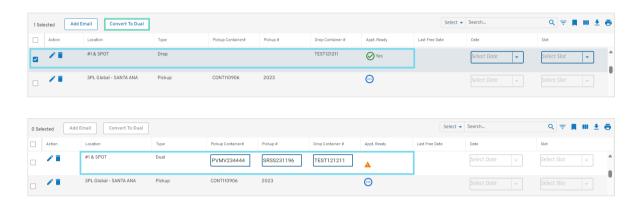
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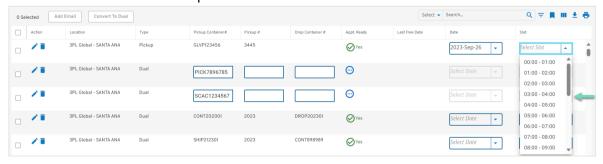
Note: Saving a Container as Dual: Users can save a container on the Watchlist as a Dual by clicking the Convert to Dual button. For saving a container as Dual, it includes validating its readiness for pickup and drop. The Appointment Ready status is updated accordingly. Users can select a Date and Slot for the Dual appointment if the appointment status is Yes.



8. Select the **Date** from the drop-down.



9. Select the **Slot** from the drop-down.





Note:







 Once the users select a Slot, Appointment Ready status will change in to Confirmed.



- The appointment **Date** and Time **Slot** drop-down will show only the dates with available slots, within the configured range of advance appointment limit.
- Users will get email notification when the Appt. Ready status changes from:
  - Yes to No
  - No to Yes
- Users can view the status as Confirmed or Action Required on the Appt.
  Ready column

An **Appointment** is created.

#### 1.6. How to Add an Email to an Appointment

Users can Add Email to a single or multiple appointment and are enabled with greater flexibility and convenience, allowing you to easily manage email notifications for multiple containers at once.

Perform the following steps to **Add Email** to an Appointment:

1. Select the **check box** next to the Location column for any appointment of choice.





**Note:** Users can select a single **check box** or multiple **check boxes** next to the location column and provide multiple email entries. If only one container is selected and the **Add Email** button is clicked, the box will pre-populate with

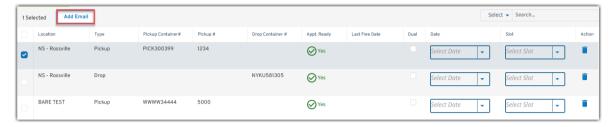




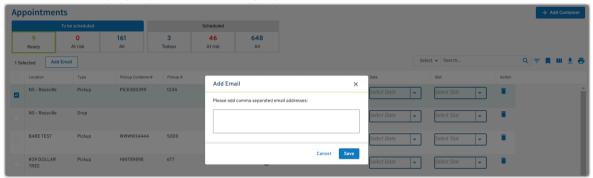


the emails already assigned to that container and in case of multiple entries are selected, the email entered will apply to all selected containers.

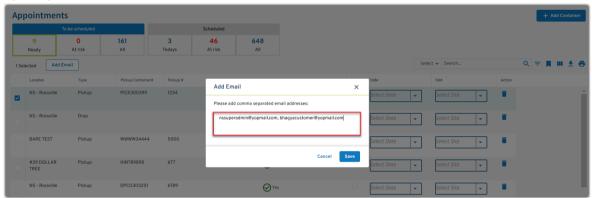
#### 2. Click Add Email.



#### The Add Email pop-up window is displayed.



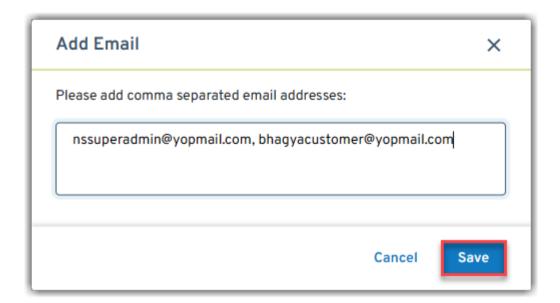
3. Specify the email addresses in the field.



4. Click Save.



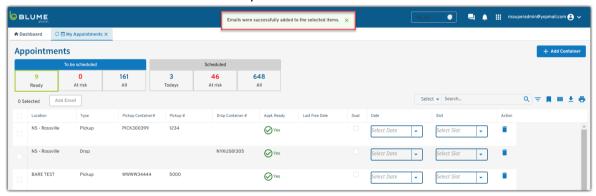






Note: Click Cancel to go back to the My Appointments page.

The email addresses are successfully added.



## 1.7. How to Cancel an Appointment

Users can cancel appointments that have a future date in the Appointments page.

Perform the following steps to cancel an appointment:

1. Navigate to the My Appointments page.

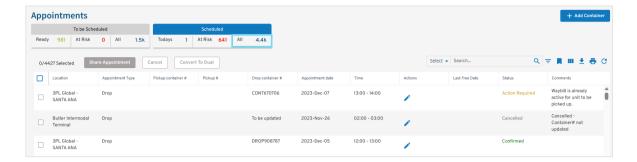


2. Click on the All tab in the Scheduled section.

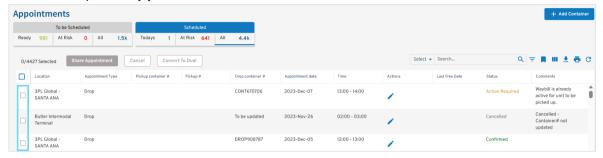


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3. Tick the required Appointment check-box to Cancel.

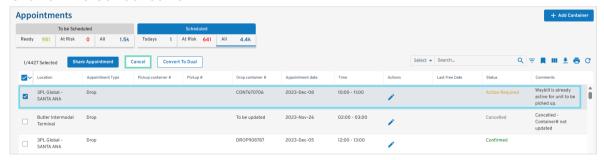




#### Note:

• Upcoming appointments having **Confirmed** and **Confirmed-Tentative** statuses can only be cancelled. Users can select multiple appointments together to cancel.

4. Click on the Cancel button.



5. Enter the reason for cancellation in the **Cancel Appointment** pop-up window.







6. Click Save.



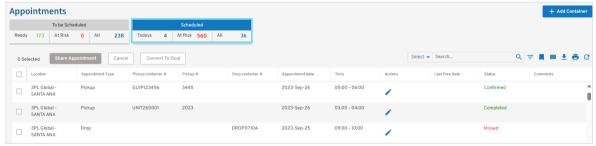
The **Appointment** is cancelled.

#### 1.8. How to Edit an Appointment

Blume's Appointment Management System enables the users to edit Appointments.

Perform the following steps to edit an **Appointment**:

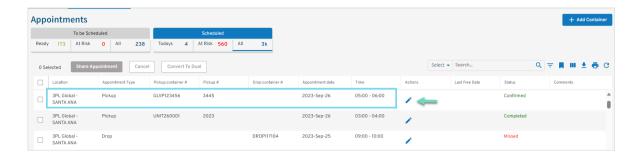
1. Navigate to the Appointments under the **Scheduled** tab.



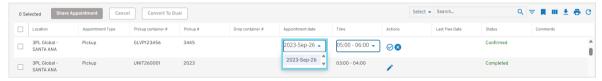
2. Click the **Edit** icon to edit the specific choice of appointment under the **Action** column.



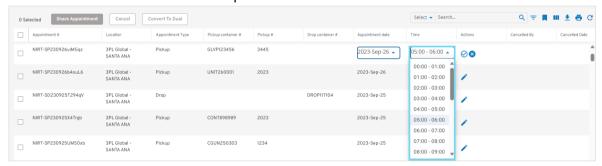




3. Select the Appointment date from the drop-down.



4. Select the Time slot from the drop-down.





**Note:** Users can **Reschedule** appointments with the status Missed or Cancelled and a new entry with a different appointment ID will be created, while the old entry will still remain visible on the **My Appointments** page.

An **Appointment** is edited. Additionally, users can share the appointment details by clicking on the **Share Appointment** button.

## 1.9. How to Share Appointment Details

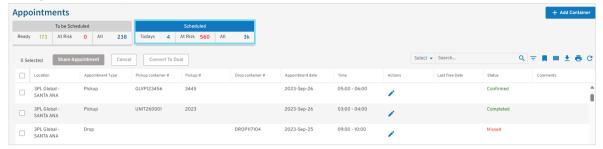
Users can share the specific appointment details of choice with the individuals or drivers through email.

Perform the following steps to share the appointment details:





1. Navigate to the Appointments under the **Scheduled** tab.



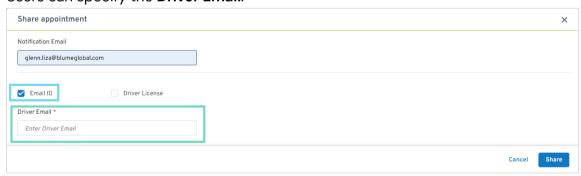
2. Click the check box next to the specific appointment of choice.



The Share appointment pop-up window is displayed.



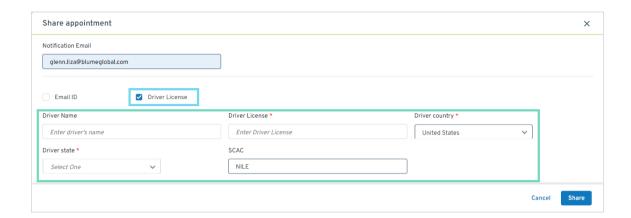
• Click on the **Email ID** check box to share the appointment details through email id. Users can specify the **Driver Email**.



 Click the Driver License check box to share the appointment details. Specify the details for Driver License, Driver Country, Driver state.



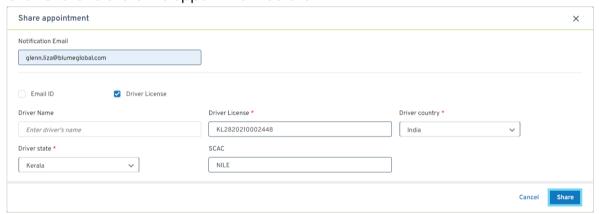






Note: The fields marked with \* are mandatory

3. Click **Share** to share the appointment details.





Note: Click Cancel to go back to the My Appointments page.

The appointment details are successfully shared.

# 1.10. How will the System notify you when there are changes to your Appointments or Containers

**Appointment Management System** trigger Email notifications to the users on multiple occasions.

Following are the use cases where the Appointment Management System trigger Email notifications.

- The container added to the watch list becomes available for Pickup
- Appointment Successfully Booked

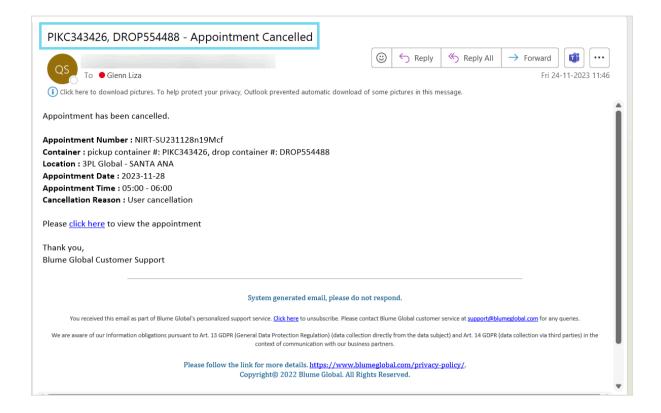




- The appointment Cancelled from Terminal
- Broadcast Message
- Message from terminal to a specific Appointment
- Missed Appointment
- Notification one hour before an appointment is auto cancelled Drop container not updated
- Notification one hour before an appointment is auto cancelled Drop off not ready
- Notification one hour before an appointment is auto cancelled Storage not paid
- Cancelled by end user/customer
- Auto Cancellation
- 1. Container Not updated
  - 2. Drop not ready
  - 3. Storage not paid
  - 4. Pickup not ready







### 1.11. How to add a Motor Carrier to your Appointment

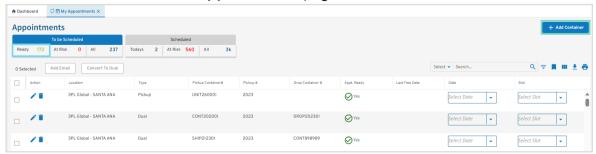
The users can add a Motor Carrier to the watch list.

Perform the following steps to add a Container to the watch list.

1. Navigate to **Appointment SchedulingMy Appointments** on the **Blume Appointment Management System**.



Click Add Container on the Appointments page.









**Note:** Three parameters will be displayed once you click on the **Add Container**. By default, **Select Location**, and **Select Appointment Type** will be selected. The users can change **Select Location** and **Select Appointment Type** from the drop-down.

3. Select the Location and the Appointment Type.



4. Specify the Container Number.





**Note:** Users can add up to 20 container numbers. Users can either copy and paste the container numbers, or type the number in the field.

5. Click Submit.

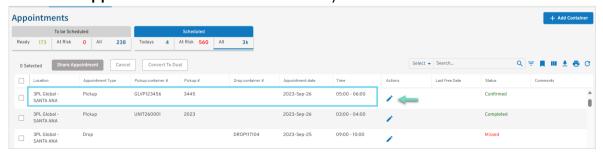




**Note:** Users can add a **Motor Carrier** from the All Appointments section , using the edit option.

Perform the following steps to add a Motor Carrier from the Appointments section.

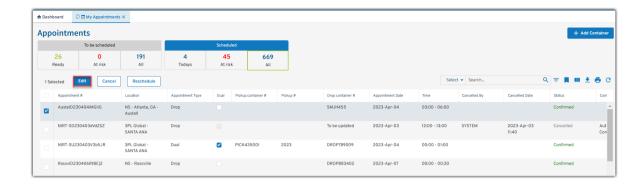
6. Select the **Appointment** from the list view that you want to attach a motor carrier.



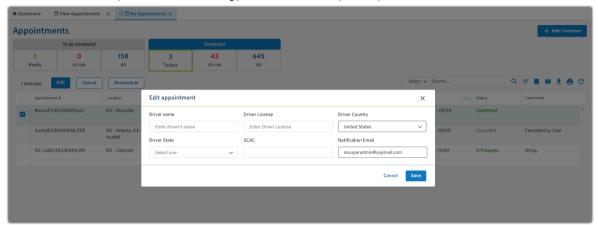
7. Click Edit.



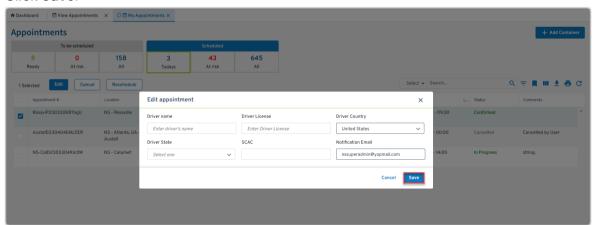




8. On the pop-up window displayed, specify the Container number, Driver Name, Driver Licence, Driver Country, Driver State, SCAC, and the Notification Email.



9. Click Save.



The Motor Carrier is added to the Appointment.

#### 1.12. Advance Filters

The Advance Filter icon on the Appointments page enables you to filter the Appointments details. You can filter Appointments details based on Appointment,

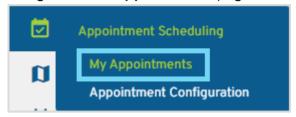




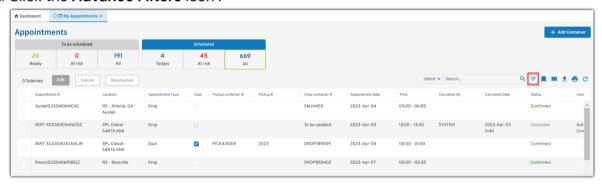
Location, Appointment Type, Container, Pickup, Appointment Slot, Last Free Date, and Status.

Perform the following steps to filter the **Appointments**:

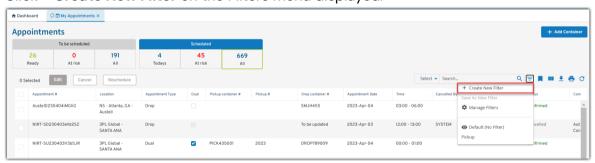
1. Navigate to the **Appointments**page.



2. Click the Advance Filters icon.



3. Click + Create New Filter on the Filters menu displayed.



4. Click + Add Filters on the Filter pop-up page displayed.







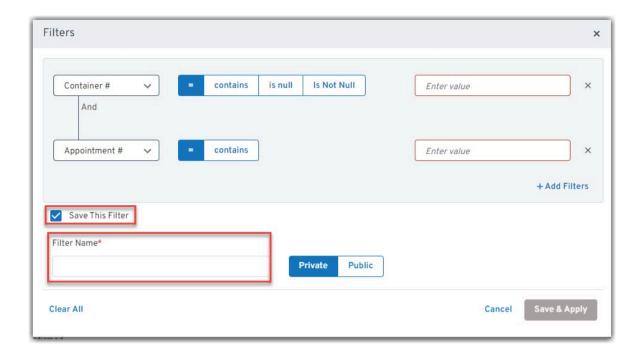
5. Select the applicable columns and set their respective details as per your requirement to filter the Appointment details.



6. Enable the **Save this Filter** option and specify the filter name under the Filter Name field to save the filter in the list of filters.

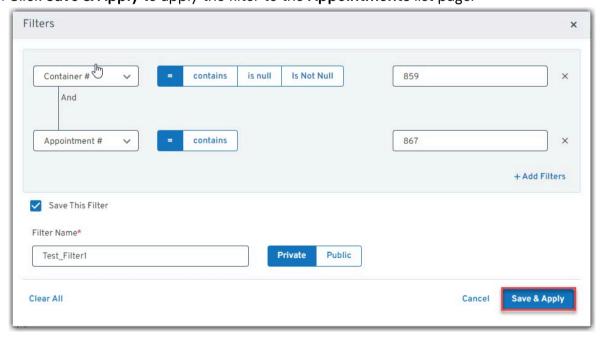






Note: To control visibility of the Filter, toggle either the Private or Public options.

7. Click Save & Apply to apply the filter to the Appointments list page.



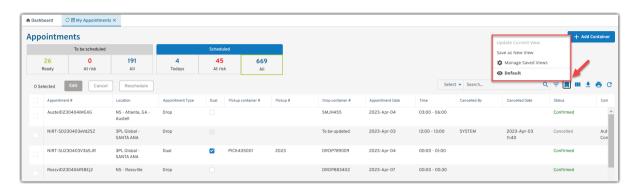
The filter is successfully created and is now available on the list of filters. Users can view the new filter under **Advance Filters**.





## 1.13. Managing Views

The Managing Views enables you to manage multiple dashboard views.



The following options are available for View Management.

- Update Current View: Updates the current view from the recently saved view.
- Save as New View: Enables you to save the Current View. Specify a name for the view in the New View Name field and click Save.
- Manage Saved Views: Enables you to add or remove the saved views and click Save to update the changes.
- Default: Sets the current view to the default view.

### 1.14. Managing Columns

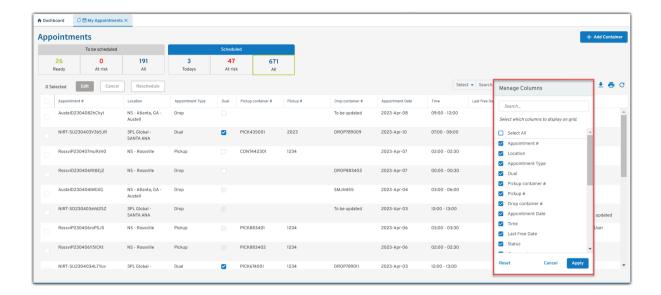
This option allows you to customize the columns that are displayed on the **Appointments** page according to its preferences.

Click **Manage Columns** icon to manage columns. You can add or remove the columns by selecting the desired column check box. For example, Appointment, Location, Appointment Type, Container, Pickup, Appointment Slot and so on. and click **Apply**.



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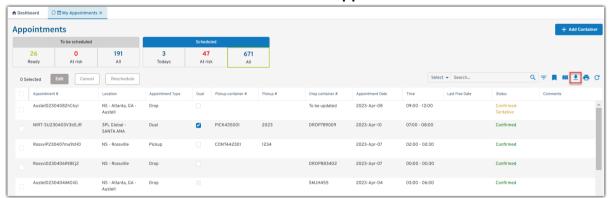


**Note:** Some of the columns can be sorted in ascending and descending orders by clicking the column name.

## 1.15. Downloading Appointments

This option enables you to download all the available information on the dashboard in excel format.

Users can click the **Download** icon to download **Appointment** details.



## 1.16. Printing Appointments

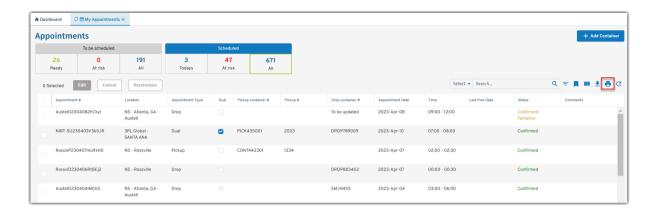
This option enables you to print all the available information on the **Appointments** Page.

Users can click the **Print** icon to print the **Appointment** details.











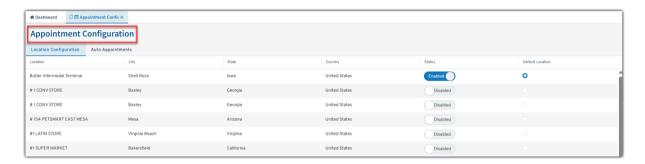


## 2. Configuring Appointments

Users can configure their appointments according to enabled locations and book appointments in bulk based on user-defined parameters.

On the Appointment Configuration page, users can view the following:

- Configuring Location (on page 28)
- Automating Appointments (on page 29)



#### 2.1. Configuring Location

Users can configure their locations for appointments by enabling or disabling specific locations to view a comprehensive list of all locations where appointment scheduling is supported.

Perform the following steps to configure location:

1. Navigate to the **Appointment Scheduling** on the left navigation menu.



2. Click on Appointment Configuration.



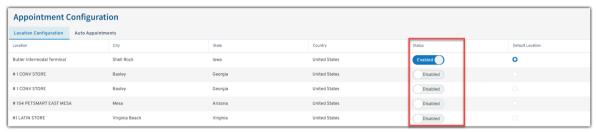




#### The Appointment Configuration page is displayed.



3. Click on the Status field to Enable or Disable locations.





**Note:** When a terminal is disabled, it will no longer appear in users' profiles for adding containers.

4. Click on the radio button on the Default Location field to enable a specific location to be default.





**Note:** When a default location is defined, the location selection option will be pre-populated with the default value.

The Locations are configured making it easier for users to quickly proceed with their appointments.

## 2.2. Automating Appointments

Users can automatically book appointments in bulk based on user-defined parameters.

Perform the following steps to automate appointments:





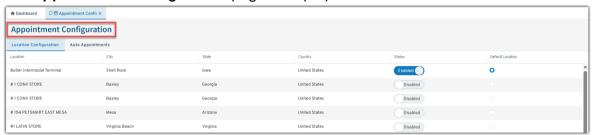
1. Navigate to Appointment Scheduling on the left navigation menu.



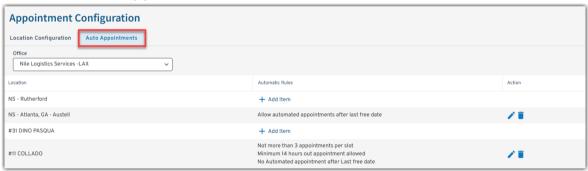
2. Click on the Appointment Configuration.



The Appointment Configuration page is displayed.



3. Click on the Auto Appointments.



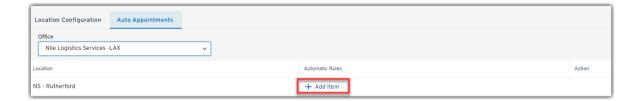


**Note:** The **Office** is automatically populated. Users can select their respective **location** as well.

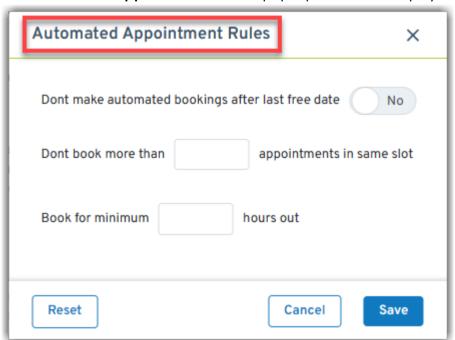
4. Click on + Add item under the Automatic Rules field.



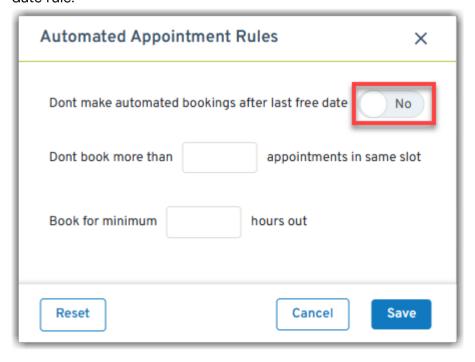




The Automated Appointments Rules pop-up window is displayed.



5. Click on the toggle button to enable the Dont make automated bookings after last free date rule.



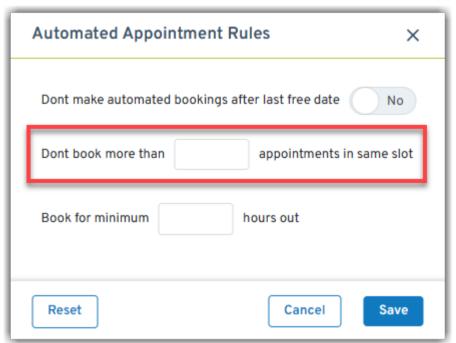






**Note:** Users can choose if they would want to enable automated bookings after last free date or not. By default, bookings will be made on the first available slot satisfied by the rules

6. Specify the number of appointments for Dont book more than X appointmts in same slot rule.



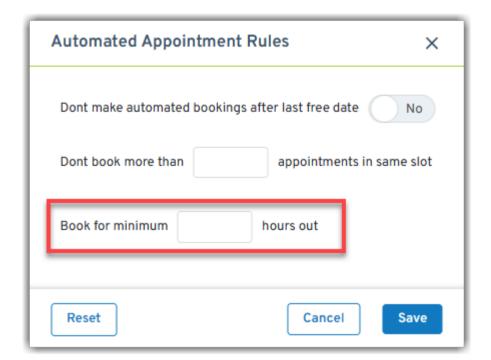


**Note:** Users can choose how many appointments they want in the same slot. For ex- If a user has 3 containers and there are multiple appointments available in a single slot then if the value of X = 1, then user will only be given 1 appointment in the slot.

7. Specify the number of hours for the Book for minimum X hours out rule.



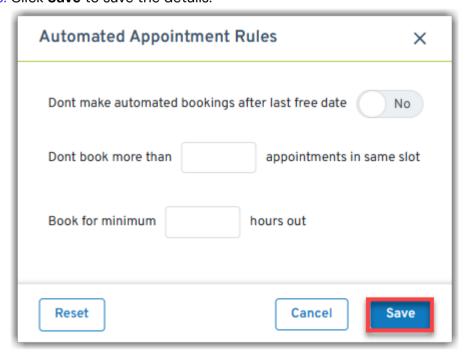




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**Note:** Users can define a minimum lead time before appointments are created, such as 12 or 24 hours in advance

8. Click Save to save the details.



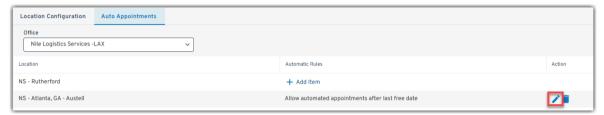
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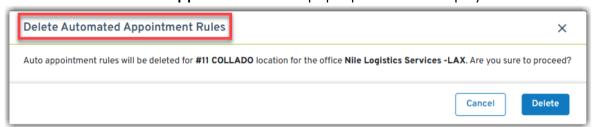
- Click Cancel to go back to the Auto Appointments tab.
- Click **Reset** to reset the details on the **Automated Appointment Rules** popup window.
- 9. Click Edit icon to edit the saved rules.



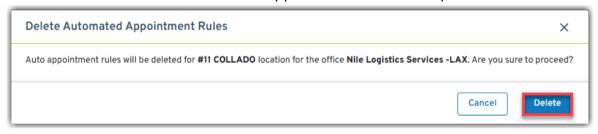
10. Click the **Delete** icon to delete the Automated Appointment Rules for a location.



The Delete Automated Appointment Rules pop-up window is displayed.



11. Click **Delete** to delete the Automated Appointment Rules for a specific location.





Note: Click Cancel to go back to the Auto Appointments tab.

The appointments are automated for a specific terminal location.





# 3. Video Tutorials

The video tutorials listed in this page provides step by step instructions on how to perform numerous operations on the Appointment Scheduling platform.

Topic	Description	Video Link
Introduction to Appointment and Scheduling	This video tutorial contains a high level overview to the Appointment and Scheduling solution. The features and key advantages of the solution are discussed in this training.	Watch
Introduction to Pick-up and Delivery	This video provides an overview to the Appointment Scheduling solution. Along with a walk through of the key features and benefits of using the application.	Watch
Booking An Appointment	This video tutorial will provide step by step instructions to booking an Appointment	Watch
Adding a Motor Carrier	This video tutorial will provide step by step instructions to add a motor carrier to the Appointment Scheduling system.	Watch
Editing An Appointment	This video tutorial will provide step by step instructions to edit an Appointment.	Watch
Cancelling An Appointment	This video tutorial will provide step by step instructions to cancel an Appointment	Watch
Login to the Appointment System	This video tutorial will provide step by step instructions to login to the Appointment Scheduling system.	Watch
Adding multiple users to an Appointment	This video tutorial will provide step by step instructions to add multiple users to an Appointment.	Watch