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Time Forge Scheduling

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Pros
TimeForge Scheduling offers more than 40 individual reporting options. This application ↗ also features text and email ↗ messaging options, along with the ability to post schedules online.

Cons
It is difficult to set up departments and locations in TimeForge; there is a learning curve. Also, this employee scheduling software ↗ lacks a time clock.

The Verdict: 9.58/10
TimeForge Scheduling will easily save you time and help you better communicate ↗ with your employees. This scheduling software features extensive scheduling capabilities, and its reporting tools are some of the best we tested for this type of application.

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| Reporting Score | Ease of Use Score | Cost for 10 Employees | Cost for 25 Employees | Cost for 50 |

A score based on the software's reporting options and ability to create reports.

Percentage (More is better)

	Percentage
Time Forge Scheduling	100

Compare to the Top 3 Employee Scheduling Software

	Percentage
#1 ShiftPlanning	95
#2 Time Forge Scheduling	100
#3 NimbleSchedule	90
Category Average	70

| Percentage | 0 | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 | 100 | 120 |

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TimeForge Scheduling has the tools you need to easily create a flexible schedule for your business or agency. This employee scheduling software is a hosted service, making it easy to post schedules online and grant easy access for employees to view the schedule, no matter where they may be. TimeForge Scheduling blows many similar products away with its extensive reporting options. It provides a time clock, email and text messaging capabilities, and auto-scheduling tools, helping it win our TopTenREVIEWS Silver Award.

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Scheduling Capabilities: 9.4/10

ShiftPlanning	Time Forge Scheduling	NimbleSchedule	Work Schedule.Net	Hello Scheduling	Snap Schedule	WhenToWork	DRoster	Time Tracker	Schedule24

10	9.4	9.6	9.4	8.8	8.1	8.8	7.5	6.3	5.6

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TimeForge Scheduling provides the basic features we look for in an online schedule maker, along with many advanced tools that enhance this application's functionality. TimeForge Scheduling is a hosted service, meaning you do not have to install any software on your computer – all of your information is stored in databases on the cloud.

Using this scheduling software, managers and supervisors can easily approve employees' time-off requests and shift-swap requests. Employees can enter their availability into the program so that as managers create upcoming shifts, they can eliminate absenteeism and avoid shift-swapping requests.

Advanced versions of TimeForge offer extensive integration capabilities via data API with major payroll providers such as QuickBooks and ADP. However, the basic product includes neither time clock nor payroll integration tools. Whether you pay the lowest price or the highest, the software is fully scalable and practical for any size of company. You should note that the price of this service is dependent upon the number of employees you schedule. The monthly price is quite low compared to desktop scheduling software, but it will add up over time.

The scheduling capabilities of TimeForge Scheduling provide yet another opportunity for this application to shine. As a new user, you are directed to a schedule set-up wizard that guides you through creating an employee list, identifying positions and setting up schedules. While set-up wizards are common among employee-scheduling tools, the simplicity of the TimeForge wizard is notable. You can add positions and schedules one at a time or import your data from a Microsoft Excel file.

With TimeForge, you have access to features that allow for unparalleled flexibility. You can improve communication with your staff with this application's ability to send out emails and SMS text messages regarding upcoming shifts. You can do this by adding employees' telephone and email information in the set-up wizard and publishing your schedules online. Your workers can then log in to the application from anywhere with an internet connection. In addition to seeing their shifts, they can set email or text alerts to remind themselves of upcoming shifts. This capability is one of the best tools TimeForge offers.

Schedule conflicts are a thing of the past with TimeForge Scheduling. Instead of simply notifying you of a conflict, the software actually prevents you from scheduling a person for two shifts at a time or scheduling them when they have approved time off. If an employee is already scheduled for a date and they try to set it as unavailable, the software will prevent the change. Of course, you have ultimate control in that you can delete those assigned shifts to allow the requested time off.

Time Forge Scheduling doesn't meet our full expectations when it comes to its features because it lacks a time clock. A time clock would make it easy to track employees' hours directly within the program and would help make this type of application a more all-in-one product.

Reporting: 10/10

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The highlight of this schedule maker is its reporting capabilities. TimeForge Scheduling offers more than 40 individual reports that compile varying types and levels of data. You can track from a diverse list of details such as shift swapping, employee retention, attendance and more. The reporting features available make this an incredibly user-friendly service for tracking productivity and identifying potential issues from an administrative standpoint. Recent additions to the reporting suite of this application include labor-cost tracking and a time-off summary.

Ease of Use: 9.4/10

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TimeForge Scheduling is a fairly simple employee scheduling application. However, this product does have a bit of a learning curve. As we tested the application, it took us some time to find the different features and tools we were looking for. Once we found the tools and spent some time using the software, it was a breeze and enjoyable to use.

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One drawback of this application is that you cannot import a template for a business such as "restaurant" or "hospital." Instead, you have to set up your business profile from scratch.

Help & Support: 9.4/10

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Support is one of TimeForge Scheduling's many strong suits. The most helpful information we found is contained in video tutorials. And in addition to the video help, TimeForge offers a short FAQs section. You can contact the company with questions by phone and email, but not live chat. To get the most out of this web service, we recommend visiting the manufacturer's blog regularly. You'll find information there about labor-management techniques for different kinds of businesses, employee turnover calculation and managing breaks and meal periods within the web service.

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Summary:

With TimeForge Scheduling, you'll find solutions to many of your scheduling and HR woes. The product is reliable, comprehensive and easy to use. There are a few downsides to it, which is why it didn't land the top spot on our lineup. However, this employee scheduling software's many features and capabilities identify it as a growing industry leader, and it continues to make great strides with regular updates.

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