

# Configuring daily, weekly and monthly monitoring

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## Overview

By default, Uptime Infrastructure Monitor continuously collects data from monitored systems. If you only need to collect data from a system at a particular interval, you can configure *monitoring periods* and apply them to a service monitor. Monitoring periods are times during which a service monitor will actively monitor a host and send alerts.

You can easily create monitoring periods to suit your specific requirements. For example, you can create a monitoring period named Weekends that only monitors a host from 12:00 AM on Saturday to 11:59 PM on Sunday.

This article explains how to configure [daily](#), [weekly](#) and [monthly](#) monitoring periods.

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## Getting Started

To configure monitoring periods:

1. On the Uptime Infrastructure Monitor tool bar, click Services.
2. In the Services tree panel, click Add Monitoring Period.

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Click the Help on Time Formats link in the Add Monitoring Period window for more examples.

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## Configuring a Daily Monitoring Period

A daily monitoring period will check a system once per day during a range of times that you specify. To configure a daily monitoring period:

1. In the Add Monitoring Period window, enter a descriptive name in the Name field.
2. To create a monitoring period to run every day of the week from 8 AM to 6 PM, enter: Sun-Sat 8am-6pm.  
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3. Click Save

You can now [Apply the monitoring period to a monitor](#).

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## Configuring a Weekly Monitoring Period

A weekly monitoring period will check a system once or more over a seven-day period during a range of times that you specify. To configure a weekly monitoring period:

1. In the Monitoring Periods window, enter a descriptive name in the Monitor Period Name field.
2. The following example shows how to create a weekly monitoring period that covers Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the entire day. A single day of the week could be similarly specified.  
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3. Click Save.

You can now [Apply the monitoring period to a monitor](#).

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## Configuring a Monthly Monitoring Period

A monthly monitoring period will check a system once or more over a month, during a range of times that you specify. To configure a monthly monitoring period:

1. In the Monitoring Periods window, enter a descriptive name in the Monitor Period Name field.
2. It is possible to specify a numerical day of the month or the day of the week in a specific week of the month. An example of each follows.  
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3. Click Save.

You can now [Apply the monitoring period to a monitor](#).

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## Applying Monitoring Periods to Monitors

When creating a new service monitor, simply select the desired monitoring period in the Monitoring Period section. The process to change the monitoring period for a service monitor is similar: open the service monitor for editing, scroll down to the monitoring period section, select the desired monitoring period and click Save.

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