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We are excited to share our new feature, Shifts. It is designed to streamline managing agent work status and increase control over ticket assignment based on working hours and agent availability.

The **Shifts** feature introduces the concept of work statuses for agents in Deskpro. Agents' work status can either be manually applied in the Agent Profile section of the Admin interface or enabled and disabled automatically based on the Shifts that an Agent is assigned to.

You can access this new feature and set up Shift Patterns by going to **Business Rules > Shifts**.

The screenshot shows a configuration box for a shift pattern. On the left, there is a toggle switch labeled 'US Eastern Shift'. To the right, a table lists the days of the week and their corresponding working hours:

Mon	09:00 → 17:00
Tue	09:00 → 17:00
Wed	09:00 → 17:00
Thurs	09:00 → 17:00
Fri	09:00 → 17:00

On the far right of the table, there are several agent avatars, including one with a blue 'AB' badge.

Set up Shift Patterns that dictate which agents, or teams of agents, are working which hours so that tickets in the helpdesk can be routed accordingly. And we have automated enabling and disabling working status, allowing for a smooth transition between shifts.

You can automate the helpdesk Round Robins to assign tickets based on agents' work status or activity. To enable this seamless interaction, set up your Ticket Queues to only assign tickets if agents are **Working** or **Online**. You can do this from **Business Rules > Round Robin** in the Admin interface.

The screenshot shows a configuration form for a ticket queue. It has a 'Title*' label above a text input field containing 'Support Queue'. Below the input field, there is a descriptive text: 'This is the title as it will appear throughout the agent and user interfaces.' At the bottom, there are two radio button options:

- ☒ Only assign to agents that are online
- ☐ Only assign to agents that are Working

Shifts can also control Chat and Voice status, automatically turning an Agent's activity on or off based on their Shift Pattern's start and finish time. This ensures your agents are only available to assist customers on live tickets during their scheduled working hours.

And can help avoid agents accidentally leaving themselves online after a shift, reducing the number of missed chats or calls if they have logged out of the helpdesk.

Chat and Voice Settings

- ☒ Set Chat as On at start of shifts and disable at end of shifts
- ☒ Set Voice as On at start of shifts and disable at end of shifts

For instructions on setting up Shift Patterns for your helpdesk, see more in the [Shifts Guide](#).