

## Reminders

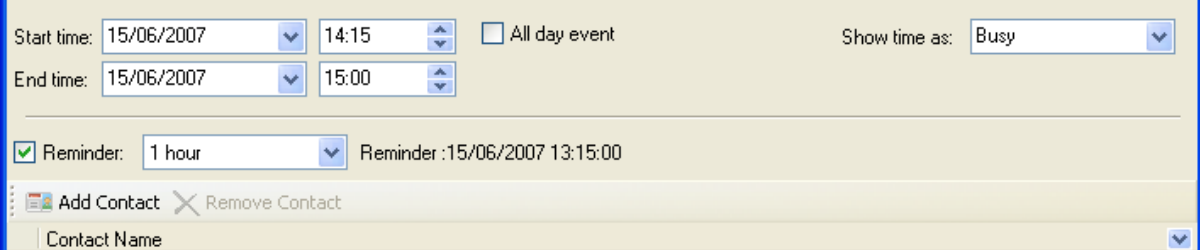
Reminders are used to ensure appointments and meetings are not missed, and tasks are completed on schedule.

When you first start using Forté CRM, a summary list provides a quick reminder of appointments and tasks due in the next 7 days. Overdue appointments and tasks are also shown.

A reminder is usually set up when creating a new appointment or task. A reminder can also be added to an existing appointment or task, if not previously set. The timing of a reminder can be changed at any time.

### To create a reminder:

Reminders are set up on the Appointment or Task screen. A reminder can be set when the appointment or task is initially created or at any later stage prior to the appointment start time or task completion time.



The screenshot shows a form for setting a reminder. It includes fields for 'Start time' (15/06/2007, 14:15) and 'End time' (15/06/2007, 15:00). There is a checkbox for 'All day event' and a 'Show time as' dropdown set to 'Busy'. A 'Reminder' section is checked, with a dropdown set to '1 hour' and a text field showing 'Reminder :15/06/2007 13:15:00'. Below this are 'Add Contact' and 'Remove Contact' buttons, and a 'Contact Name' dropdown.

- If the Reminder box is not already checked, click on it. A green tick will appear in the box.
- A drop down box containing a list of time periods is used to select when the reminder is generated. Time periods range from 0 minutes up to 2 weeks. One of the allowable options must be selected. If 0 minutes is selected, the reminder will be displayed at the due time of the appointment or task.
- For an appointment, select how long before the start of the appointment you would like to receive a reminder. For a task, select how long prior to the due completion (or start) time of the task you would like to be reminded.
- The scheduled date and time for the reminder is displayed.

**To change the scheduled time of a reminder:**

- Select the required appointment or task.
- Select the new time period from the drop down box.
- The new scheduled date and time for the reminder is displayed.

**To delete a reminder:**

- Select the required appointment or task.
- Click on the Reminder check box. The green tick and reminder details will disappear. A reminder will no longer be generated for this event. The remaining appointment or task details are unchanged.

**Dealing with Reminders**

If you are working in Forté CRM, a pop up reminder will be displayed on the screen at the selected time. If you are working in another application, a reminder will flash in orange on the task bar at the bottom of the screen. Click on the reminder item on the task bar to display the pop up reminder screen.

Current reminders are displayed, along with any previous items that have not yet been dealt with. The due time of the appointment or task is shown in the reminder. Clicking on a selected item will show all details for that appointment or task.

**Dismiss Reminders**

A selected item can be dismissed by clicking on the 'Dismiss' button. This clears the reminder from the system. All, or a number of, selected items can be dismissed by clicking on the 'Dismiss All Ticked' button.

**Snooze**

The reminder can be set to display again at a later time by using the Snooze function. Select the time period required until the next reminder and click the 'Snooze' button. The reminder will pop up again on the screen at the set time.

**View Outstanding reminders**

Any reminders that have not yet been dealt with can be viewed by clicking 'Tools' at the top of the screen and selecting 'Show Reminder'.