

Email to SMS

Through any client, from any PC

In addition to being able to send SMS through your Internet browser and directly from your desktop, FASTSMS also offers the facility to send an SMS in the form of an email.

You can send a text message to any mobile phone from within any email client, including Microsoft Outlook and Outlook Express, Eudora, AOL, Google Mail, Hotmail and Pegasus by following a simple format (see below).

This means that wherever in the world you are you can send and receive text messages provided you have access to email.

You can even receive texts into your email Inbox by adding a Virtual Mobile Number (VMN) allowing you to manage your texts along with your emails.

By using Email to SMS you will have access to all the same great features as any FASTSMS solution, including...

- Send SMS from any email client
- Send to multiple recipients in your 'To' field
- Signature / disclaimer removal making it easy to use
- Send linked SMS messages of up to 459 characters (3 credits)
- Personalise messages with a text label (sender ID)
- Send from a VMN to receive direct replies to your messages
- Integrate into any application with email functionality
- Respond directly to SMS messages that are forwarded to your email

Although Email to SMS is a great way to send a text manually, it is particularly suited to automated applications that are already enabled to send email alerts, such as server failure notification, environmental alert systems, appointment reminders, reservation information and personal alerts such as birthday reminders.

How it works...

Enter the recipient's number in the "To" field of your email message composer. The number must be formatted as, 447890123456@email2sms.fastsms.co.uk, where 07890 123456 is the mobile number you want to text to (447890123456@email2sms-m.fastsms.co.uk where you are sending to multiple numbers).

Enter who the message is from in the subject of the email message (This is the message label that appears on the recipient's handset and must be no longer than 11 alpha numeric characters).

The message body of the email must be in plain text format & include your username on the first line, password on the second line and SMS message on the third.

Once complete send the message as you would a normal email message.

This email will be received immediately as a text message by the phone specified.

Want to know more...

Get texting right away: Specifically designed so that no additional software or training is required – working solely within your existing email client and with your existing email contact list.

Retain control over employee activity: Add SMS to any application that already supports email, increasing options for effective communication. This is an ideal method of communication if you want your staff to have their Internet access limited to their software-based email client – limiting unwanted activities.

Communicate quickly and effectively: Experience two way SMS communication in an environment familiar to you – send and receive SMS just as you would an email. The extensive FASTSMS feature list is still available to you in this medium meaning that Email to SMS can meet most if not all requirements for a mass communication tool.

We're always there for you: You will have immediate access to the full range of online help documentation, built up over years of working closely with users; this means you will never be lost or dependent on someone else's help - but if what you need isn't there, we're only on the other end of a phone.

Add a Virtual Mobile Number...

By adding a Virtual Mobile Number (VMN) you enable two way messaging. This gives you an 11 digit number resembling a UK mobile number that is yours and yours alone. Any messages sent to that number then go directly to your FASTSMS account, straight into your inbox, just like an email.

A VMN can be positioned with your general contact details as a textline for people to text in requesting information, call backs or contacting you outside of normal working hours. You can even use your VMN in conjunction with your mobile marketing as a means of immediate response; your audience can simply then select 'reply' in their phone.

There really are very few instances where we would not recommend the use of two way messaging which is why we make them so readily available to our users. For more information visit our pages on Virtual Mobile Numbers.

Try NetMessenger Instead...

If you don't think Email to SMS is right for you, we also offer our browser based software, NetMessenger to all our users. This connects you directly to the FASTSMS system, so you have the same level of reliability as any of our other SMS tools.

NetMessenger has the advantage that it is completely mobile, just like you – all you need is your login details and any PC can then be used to access your account.

NetMessenger also offers a multi-user level where you can manage your own sub-accounts as a master administrator, ideal if you have several people using your account and you want to keep an eye on credit use. You can even generate reports on individual or overall usage.

NetMessenger is becoming more feature rich all the time, with our developers constantly working from our user feedback making it all it can be.

With no software to download or maintain, NetMessenger is the ideal method of SMS communication if you want to use it on the move.

Try SMSLook instead...

If you don't think the browser-based message platform, NetMessenger is for you we also provide our users with free desktop software – SMSLook. Available as a standalone application on your PC, SMSLook communicates with the NetMessenger platform giving you the same great features as the browser-based platform as well as a few only available with SMSLook.

SMSLook is also neatly integrated with MS Outlook, allowing you to open your SMS software from where you manage your emails – you can even share contact information between the two. SMSLook is also being constantly developed to add in more messaging features and make it better for you.

If you think this desktop software would be a better solution to your needs take a look at our SMSLook pages or give us a call.

Become a Reseller...

You can also become a FASTSMS reseller – all our SMS products are available rebadged in your own branding with no mention of our involvement. Benefit from a business in a box with the highest level of support from SMS experts. Find out more about this by browsing our site or giving us a call.

Become an Affiliate...

We now offer our users the opportunity to become an affiliate; this means you gain commission in the form of cash for any referrals as well as any purchases they then make from then on. For more information visit our affiliate page.

What to do next...

Getting started is quick and easy, you can get yourself a free account online or give us a call on 0800 954 5305 and we'll set you up with a free demo within minutes. Alternatively for more information email helpdesk@fastsms.co.uk and we'll advise you on the best solutions for you.