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API - EMAIL

User Guide

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Introduction

The Red Oxygen API for Email provides an easy way to generate an SMS message just by sending an email.

The Email API is also advertised as 'Red Alert'

Uses for the Red Oxygen Email API:

- Send an SMS to your support staff from system monitoring software so that any problem with your servers is resolved quickly.
- Easily send an SMS from any email client regardless of vendor or operating system.
- Set up email forwarding rules to send important emails to a mobile phone as an SMS message. (To do this from Outlook, IP address authentication is required and only the subject and originating email address will be sent).

Replies from the SMS messages are automatically sent as emails back to the originator's email address.

Note: Prior to sending SMS, ensure that your email client is set to only send plain text. MIME encoded HTML messages may not be interpreted correctly.

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FORMAT 1 – (<mobileNo>@redoxygen.net)

Format 1: Send to <MobileNo>@redoxygen.net (NOT redoxygen.com)

To send an SMS using Red Alert you must first setup your IP address or obtain an AccountId from Red Oxygen.

If you signed up by credit card over the internet, you will not be able to use IP authentication without first contacting the Red Oxygen Support staff to have your IP address registered.

TO: The mobile number in the following format:
<Mobile Number>@redoxygen.net

SUBJECT: SMS message text

BODY: SMS message text

SMS message text in the body will be appended to SMS message text in the subject of the email. If the combined message length exceeds 160 characters it will be truncated to 160 characters. Format 1 does NOT support long SMS.

If you are authenticated by IP address then that is all you have to do.

If you are authenticated by authorisation code then you must also put the following at the start of the body of your email.

BODY: [SENDER]
ID=<Auth Code>
PW=<Password>

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Format 1 examples:

Example 1 – Using IP authentication

Email	
TO:	6141999999@redoxygen.net
FROM:	Joe.bloggs@company.com
SUBJECT:	System Alert
BODY:	The C: drive is below 5mb of disk space. Contact system administrator immediately.

SMS sent to +61419999999

System Alert The C: drive is below 5mb of disk space.
Contact system administrator immediately.

Example 2 – Using password authentication

Email	
TO:	6141999999@redoxygen.net
FROM:	Joe.bloggs@company.com
SUBJECT:	System Alert
BODY:	[SENDER] ID=123456 PW=secret The C: drive is below 5mb of disk space. Contact system administrator immediately.

SMS sent to +61419999999

System Alert The C: drive is below 5mb of disk space.
Contact system administrator immediately.

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FORMAT 2 – (msggateway@redoxygen.net)

Format 2: Send to msggateway@redoxygen.net (NOT redoxygen.com)

The second method is a little more difficult to use but is more suited to bulk message transmission. It allows SMS messages to be sent to many recipients from a single email.

Email format specification:

TO: msggateway@redoxygen.net

FROM: Email address replies are to be sent to.

SUBJECT: SMS: ; Include the colon ':'

BODY: [SENDER]

ID=<Auth Code>

PW=<Password>

[1]

Name=<Destination Name> ; Used in replies

Number=<Destination Mobile>

Message=<SMS Message>

[2]

Name=<Destination Name>

Number=<Destination Mobile>

Message=<SMS Message>

.....

[50]

Name=<Destination Name

Number=<Destination Mobile>

Message=<SMS Message>

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Format 3 – (Alternative to Format 2)

This format provides similar functionality to Format 2 but the different layout might be easier for customers migrating from another SMS service provider.

Format 3: Send to smsmail@redoxygen.net (NOT redoxygen.com)

It allows SMS messages to be sent to many recipients from a single email.

Email format specification:

TO: smsmail@redoxygen.net

FROM: Email address replies are to be sent to.

SUBJECT: <Not used>

BODY: X-Cellphone: 9999999999
X-Cellphone: 04xxxxxxxx
X-Cellphone: 04xxxxxxxx

SMS Message text

Format:

- There must be no blank lines between cell phone numbers.
- There must be exactly one blank line between the cell phone list and the message text.

Parameters:

X-Cellphone: The recipients mobile phone number. This is best written in full international format, eg: 61417999999 for Australian destinations. If expressed in domestic format, eg: 0417999999 then your country code in your account on the Red Oxygen server must be set to the appropriate country.

Message Text The SMS message text must appear exactly one row below the list of cellphone recipients. The message text must be between 1 and 765 characters. Messages greater than 160 characters in length will be charged at the rate of one message / 153 characters sent. Long sms greater than 160 character will be concatenated together into one long SMS by most modern handsets.

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Format 4 – CSV Attachments for Bulk SMS

Another easy way to send multiple SMS messages is to put them into a .CSV file which can be easily generated.

Format 4: Send to bulksms@redoxygen.net (NOT redoxygen.com)

In the body your account details

BODY: [SENDER]
ID=<AccountId>
PW=<Password>

These details combined with the 'FROM' address of the email

For users that have authentication by IP address, the account details are optional.

The SMS messages must be contained in an attachment with a filename that has a .CSV extension.

The .CSV file must be formatted exactly as follows.

- One recipient per row
- Message text must appear on each row
- Recipient mobile number must be in column 1
- Message text must be in column 2

Example....

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61408000000,Message 1
61419000001,"Message 2 with a comma , in the middle"
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Authentication

Red Oxygen performs two authentication checks on all Red Alert messages. These are:

1. Email Address and IP Address
or
Email address, Authorisation Code and Password.

Email Address

The 'From' email address is used to identify the person sending the message to Red Oxygen. It is always used in conjunction with another method of identifying the user such as IP address or Auth Code and password.

IP Address

IP Address authentication examines the IP address of the computer that connects to the Red Oxygen email server. This is usually the external IP address configured on the firewall of the network that contains the SMTP relay or server that sends the email.

This is intended to be used by organisations that run their own email server and have been assigned a static IP address.

It is not intended to be used by organisations that have their email hosted by an ISP or hosting service. This is because the IP address of the SMTP server that sends the email to Red Oxygen could be used by many different companies. In that scenario all of these companies appear to have the same IP address and therefore can't be used to uniquely identify your company.

Authentication

Account ID:

The Account ID is a number that is assigned to your account when the account is created. It is the same for all users within a Company's Red Oxygen account. The Auth Code will be provided by your Red Oxygen Account Manager when your account is set-up.

Password:

The Password is unique to each user.

Users authenticated by IP address are generally not required to supply an Account ID and Password.