

# Sending SMS updates to users using Zapier and Twilio

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.Deskpro has Clickatell and Twilio SMS apps to allow you to send ticket update notifications to Agents  
You can also leverage the third party integration app [Zapier](#) alongside these platforms to send SMS updates directly to users  
In this example we're going to run through using Zapier to link Deskpro to Twilio and allow you to send out ticket replies as SMS messages

## Create accounts for Zapier and Twilio (1)

:You can create accounts for both platforms on their websites

<https://zapier.com>

[/https://www.twilio.com](https://www.twilio.com)

Both these companies offer a free trial period so you can setup and test out the integration before you need to sign up to a full account of either

They are premium apps so there may be a cost associated to using them. You can check out their pricing structures on their websites as well

<https://www.twilio.com/pricing>

<https://zapier.com/app/billing/plans>

## Open up Zapier and go to the 'Zap' editor (2)

Once you've signed up, log into Zapier and Hit 'Make a Zap' in the top right corner of your home page (a 'Zap' is :a term Zapier use to describe each integration you create

**MAKE A ZAP**

.Once selected you will be taken to the Zap creation page


It's structured along the lines of **Trigger > Action**

In this instance, we would like an occurrence in Deskpro to instigate an action in Twilio so we will setup the Deskpro side of the integration first

## Setup the Deskpro Integration (3)

### (a) Choose app & event (Deskpro Event)


In this example, we're going to use a 'New ticket Reply' to instigate our SMS message but there are also options to send a message when a new ticket or person are created




When this happens ...  
**1. New Ticket Reply in Deskpro**

### Choose App & Event

Choose App (required)

 Deskpro

Choose Trigger Event (required)

 New Ticket Reply
 

**New Person**  
Triggers when a new person is created.

**New Ticket**  
Triggers when a new ticket is created.

**New Ticket Reply**  
Triggers when a ticket is answered.

## b) Choose Account

:Choose 'Add new account' and you'll then be taken to an authentication page

# Allow Zapier to access your Deskpro Account?

**Platform** (required)

This is the full domain of your DeskPRO platform. Please include .deskpro.com if you're hosted on the cloud.

https://  /

**API Key** (required)

You can create a new API key in the Apps / Api Key section of the admin of your Deskpro platform. See [here](#) for help.

Yes, Continue

Cancel

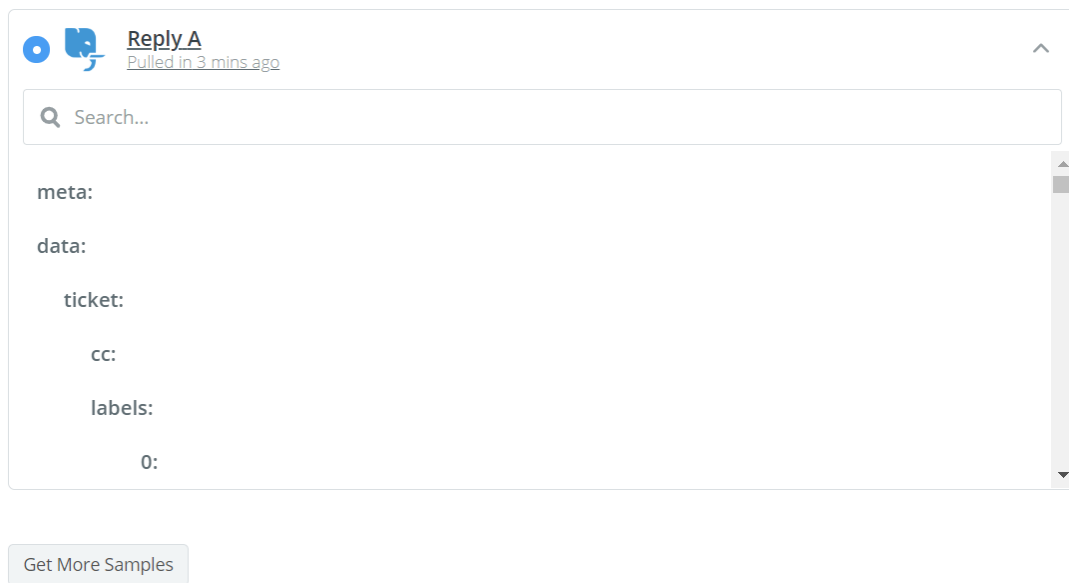
Specify your helpdesk URL and your api key (there's information on generating api keys [in our Guides](#) if needed).

## c) Find data

Once you've chosen your account you'll be given the option to Find Data. This step is important as it pulls sample data from your helpdesk into Zapier and defines the options that are available when setting up the Twilio side of the integration.

Hit Test and continue if you want to test the connection . Hit test and review if you want to take a look at the kind

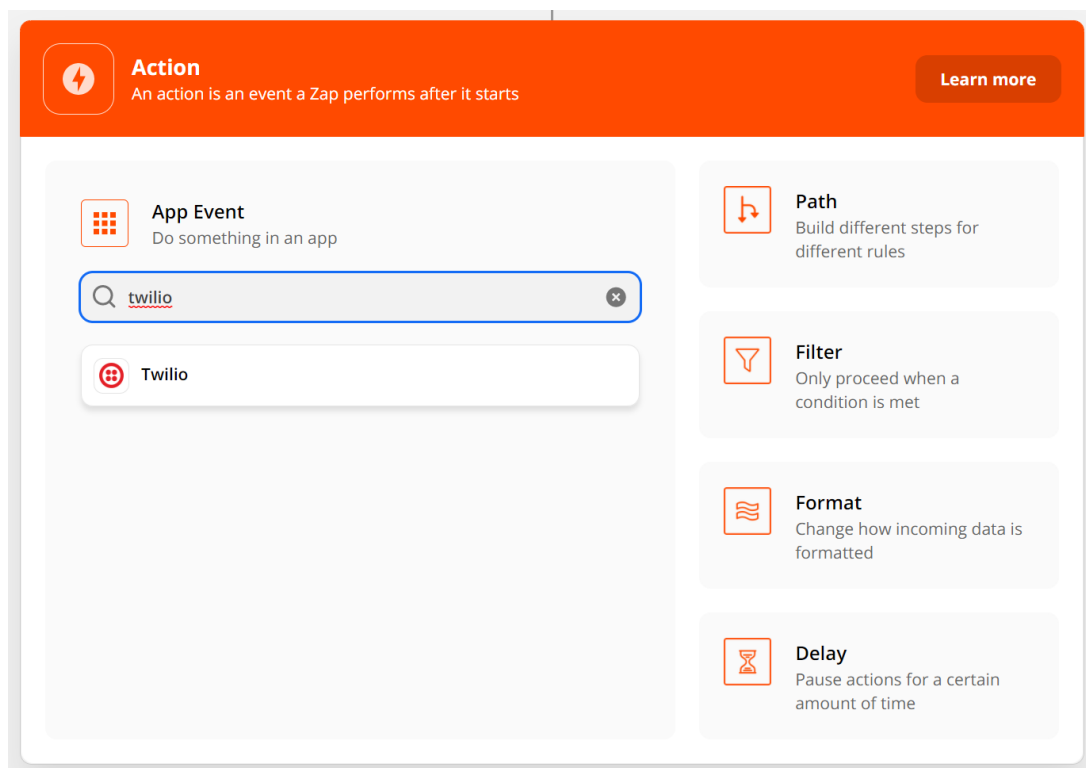
of data that's being pulled across or you want to Get more samples (you can read more about samples in [Zapier's](#) [own documentation](#) if you are interested



(-: If all is well with your test you have completed the Deskpro side of the integration

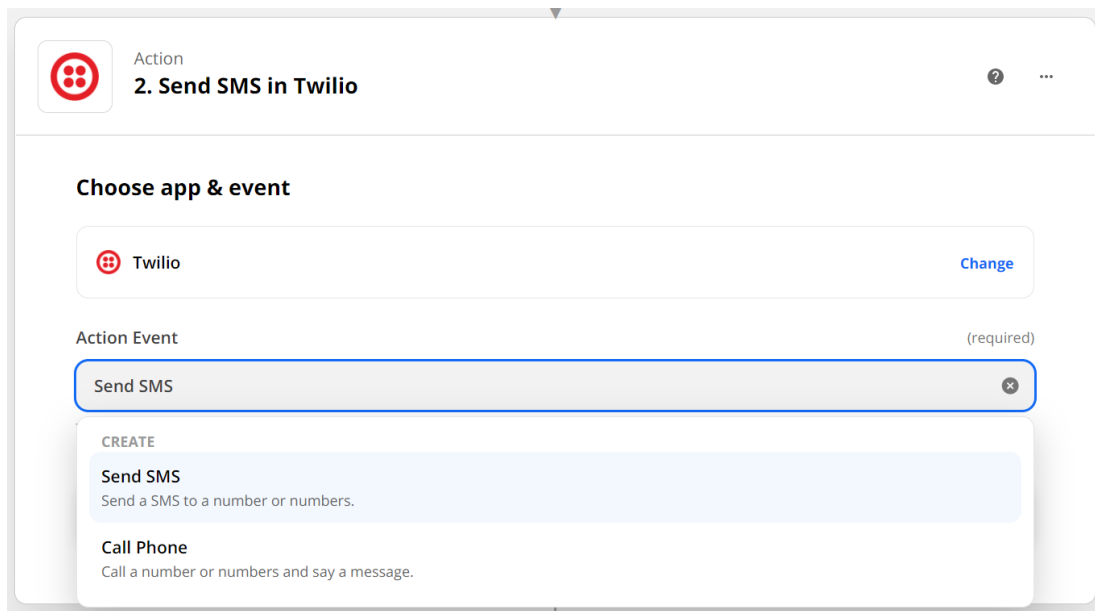
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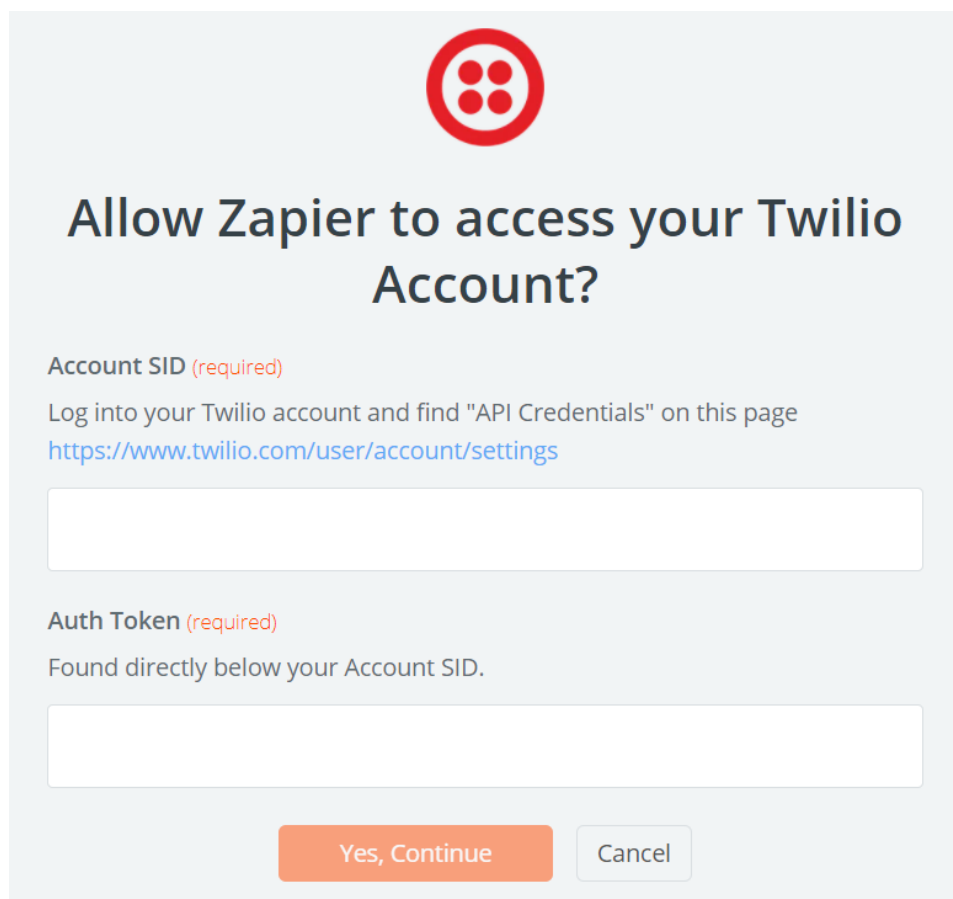


The screenshot shows the Zapier 'Action' configuration page for Twilio. The title is '2. Send SMS in Twilio'. Under 'Choose app & event', 'Twilio' is selected. The 'Action Event' dropdown is set to 'Send SMS'. A 'CREATE' dropdown menu is open, showing 'Send SMS' (Send a SMS to a number or numbers.) and 'Call Phone' (Call a number or numbers and say a message.).

**b) Choose Account**

.'Click on 'Sign in to Twilio

You'll then be taken to an authentication page to key in Account SID and Auth Token which can be found on your [Twilio](#) account



The screenshot shows a Twilio authentication modal titled 'Allow Zapier to access your Twilio Account?'. It features the Twilio logo at the top. Below the title, it asks for 'Account SID (required)' and provides instructions to log into the Twilio account and find 'API Credentials' on the page <https://www.twilio.com/user/account/settings>. There is an empty text input field for the Account SID. Below that, it asks for 'Auth Token (required)' and notes it is found directly below the Account SID. There is another empty text input field for the Auth Token. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Yes, Continue' (orange) and 'Cancel' (grey).

**c) Set up action**