

## Automatically create tasks with relative due dates

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You don't just need to use your helpdesk for support, and increasing number of clients use Deskpro for change, workflow and [task management](#). A common example we see in [HR and Recruitment](#) would be a set of tasks to complete when a new employee joins or leaves a company - however you can apply this process in practically any working environment.

### What has been changed?

As part of our continuing efforts to improve [tasks and automations](#) you are now able to configure ticket triggers and escalations which can create a set of tasks for an agent, with **relative due dates**.

## Criteria

The criteria section is a list of terms that must match before the actions are applied to the ticket.

**when** The following conditions are met:

Department is

**+ Criteria**

*Annotation: A ticket comes into a certain department*

## Actions

These actions will apply when all of the criteria pass.

**then** The following actions will run:

**Create Task**

Task Title:

Due Date:  None  Relative time  On a specific date  
 Hour(s) later

Public:  Yes

Creator:

Assignee:

Link to ticket:  Yes

**Create Task**

Task Title:

Due Date:  None  Relative time  On a specific date

Public:  Yes

Creator:

Assignee:

Link to ticket:  Yes

*Annotation: Urgent tasks may require immediate action*

*Annotation: Flexible timeframe units for different tasks*

**Create Task**

Task Title:

Due Date:  None  Relative time  On a specific date

Public:  Yes

Creator:

Assignee:

Link to ticket:  Yes

**+ Action**

*Annotation: A choice between relative and specific dates still exists*

## When would we use this?

In the above example, we can see there are some main tasks to complete for a new hire.

1. The employee must immediately be familiarised with the fire exits and basic safety guidelines. **Within 24 hours of ticket creation.**
2. A suitable line manager must be chosen for the employee, after they have had a change to settle in. **Within 7 days of ticket creation.**

3. The management team must review the employees Annual Bonus on a specific date.

This has infinite application, from IT Service Management, Sales and Government/Public Sector applications which require robust automation in their tasks and workflows.

### **In summary?**

This is a very powerful enhancement to the tasks management system, allowing you to fully automate what has previously been delicate and tiresome workflow. There is now no need for a support manager to repeatedly create or enforce deadlines, the helpdesk will take care of this.

### **How do we get started?**

This feature will apply automatically after upgrading to 2019.7. The "Create Task" feature is available in all types of ticket trigger and escalation.