

How can I run an email-only helpdesk?

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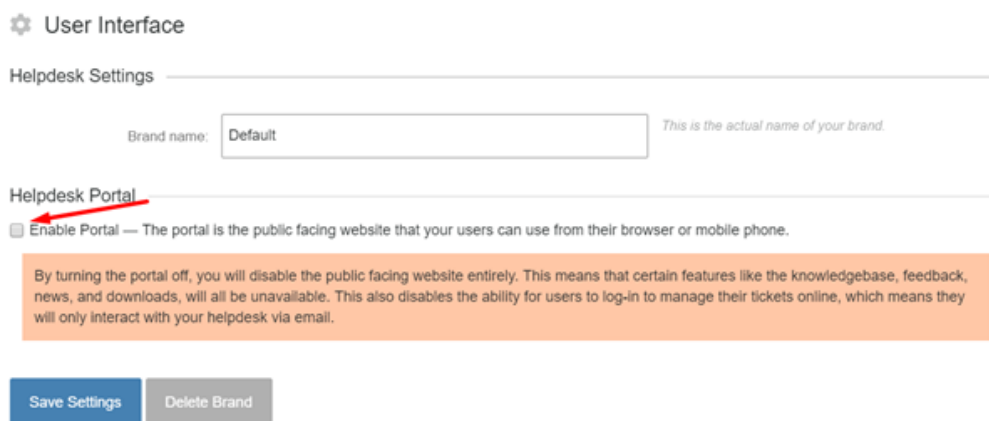
Question:

I'd like to have my users interact with the helpdesk by email *only*, with no use of the portal/web at all. How do I set that up?

Answer:

These are the steps you need to take in the admin interface to set up an email-only helpdesk:

1. Make sure users don't have to validate their accounts. In **Ticket > Settings > Email Validation** and disable all the registration and validation requirements.
2. Disable the portal from **Admin > User Interface > Setup** by unticking the below option:



User Interface

Helpdesk Settings

Brand name: This is the actual name of your brand.

Helpdesk Portal

Enable Portal — The portal is the public facing website that your users can use from their browser or mobile phone.

By turning the portal off, you will disable the public facing website entirely. This means that certain features like the knowledgebase, feedback, news, and downloads, will all be unavailable. This also disables the ability for users to log-in to manage their tickets online, which means they will only interact with your helpdesk via email.

3. In **Tickets > Satisfaction**, make sure the ticket satisfaction survey is disabled.

When the portal is disabled, Deskpro will not show links to the portal in user-facing emails.

Portal enabled but without links in user emails

You may want to leave the portal enabled, but without linking to it in user-facing emails (for example, if you only want some of your users to know about it).

You can remove links to the portal in emails by editing the following templates in **Admin > Tickets > Email Templates**:

- Layout > Footer
- New Ticket Confirmation

- New Ticket Created by Agent
- New Agent Reply
- User Reply Auto-Response

In each template, delete the section of code from

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{% if app.isPortalEnabled() %}
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to the next

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{% endif %}
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inclusive.

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The  
email-only  
portal
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