- The simplest/esiest way is via email using a carrier specific addresses
- using an existing SMS provider options
- External services and third party APIs to send SMS messages

- using an existing SMS provider options
- negotiating with different providers the best way to get the best deal for your app
- different providers offer different services
- different features
- prices ranging from a few pence/cents for most Western countries pay in bulk
- negotiate with you for 'smaller-than-usual' batches
- a post-pay option



External services and third party APIs to send SMS messages:

<u>Twilio</u>

<u>TextMarks</u>

Plivo

sendHub

**Mogreet** 

<u>textMarketer</u>

TM4B

Etc.





#### SMS API for a high traffic website

- the cheapest
- the most reliable
- lower traffic website
- Bulk SMS
- Outreach (worldwide, EU, countries, US)
- security concerns
- App's outreach
- scalability
- options SMS, calls, VoIP, messaging
- deals with various platforms and languages (JavaScript, Php. etc.

Need to verify main 5 points before availing any API:

- Documentation (Complete API Integration documentation will be provided for better and easy understanding and to do all by yourself)
- Stability and Consistency
- Flexibility
- Security
- Ease of Adoption



via email using a carrier specific addresses

- ask the user in his profile to provide a phone number
- select user's carrier from a list
- send an email to number@provider which will send a text message with the subject/body of the email, free of charge

Most carriers have an email address connected to a phone number that will easily let you send texts to the number.

For example, if you have ATT and your phone number is

123-456-6789, an email to 1234566789 @txt.att.net will send you a text message with the subject/body of the email, free of charge. This technique will pretty much cover all of your US users for free.



#### Limitations

- Emailing carrier specific addresses has been abused by spammers
- Is less effective now
- experience lengthy delays between the time the email was sent and the time when the SMS messages arrives

the cellular carriers all prioritize SMS messages sent through their email gateways below other SMS traffic. Probably because they aren't getting paid by the sender for these. Don't use this method if minimizing latency is important to you

users will switch carriers

users will switch carriers and will forget to update the app settings. If the app goal is to reliably deliver SMS messages to the same people for months, simplest email will not work



emailSMS\_simple.html

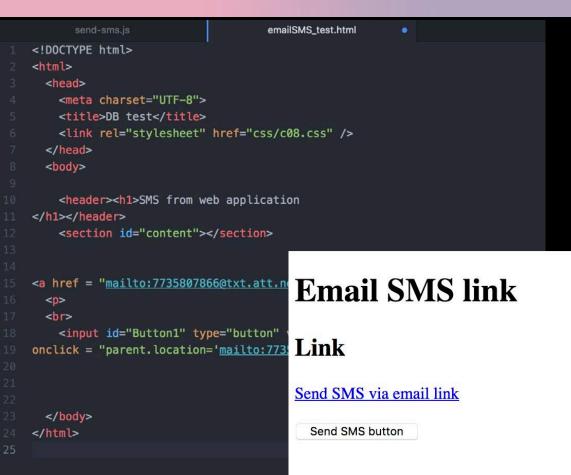
```
<a href = "mailto:1234567890@txt.att.net">Send SMS via email link</a>
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```

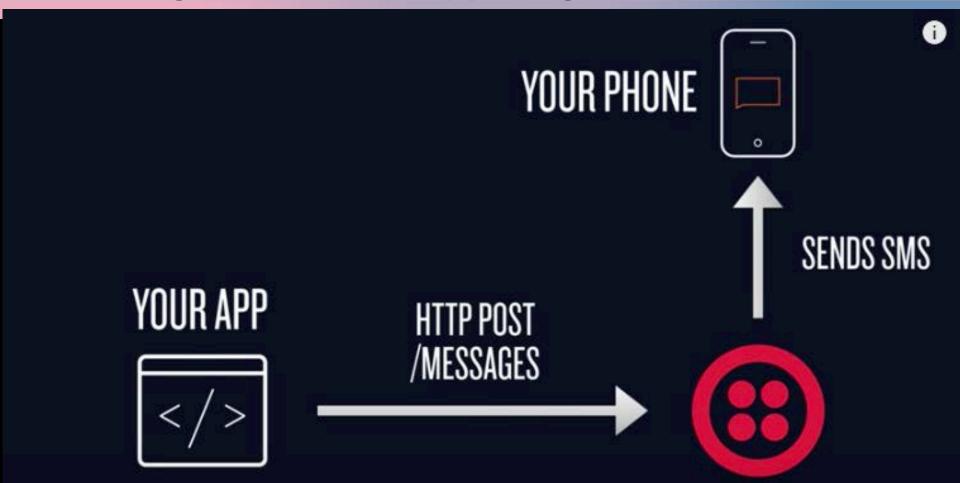
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"parent.location=' mailto:1234567890@txt.att.net "' />
```



```
send-sms.js
                                    emailSMS_test.html
<!DOCTYPE html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <title>DB test</title>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/c08.css" />
  </head>
  <body>
    <header><h1>SMS from web application
</h1></header>
    <section id="content"></section>
<a href = "mailto:7735807866@txt.att.net">Send SMS via email link</a>
  <br>
    <input id="Button1" type="button" value="Send SMS button"</pre>
onclick = "parent.location='mailto:7735807866@txt.att.net'" />
 </body>
</html>
```







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- 1. In Terminal run the command:
- \$ nmp install twilio

- 2. Create js file send-sms.js in the same directory
- 3. Register Free trial account with twilio
- 4. Request free phone number to use (area code 312/773)
- 5. Create Javascript code to send SMS file send-sms.js (atom editor)



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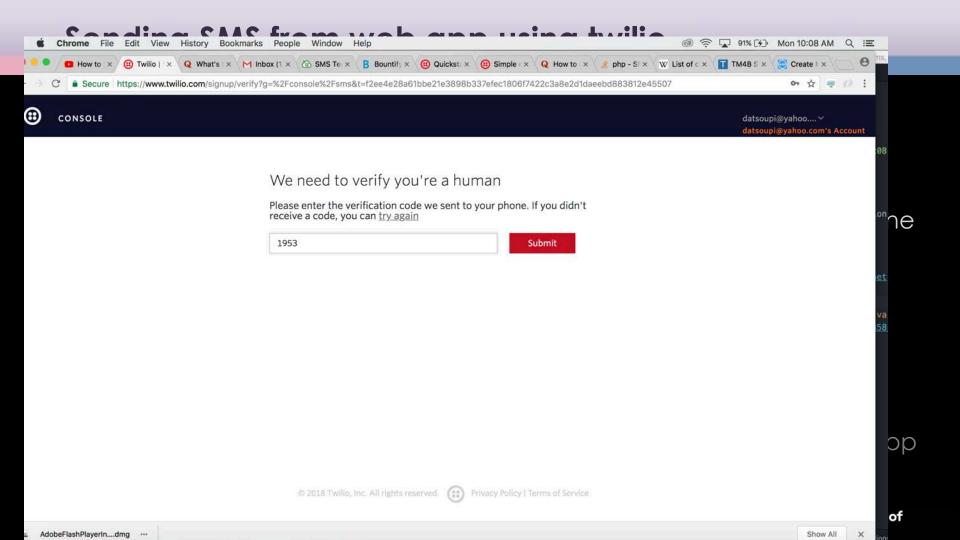
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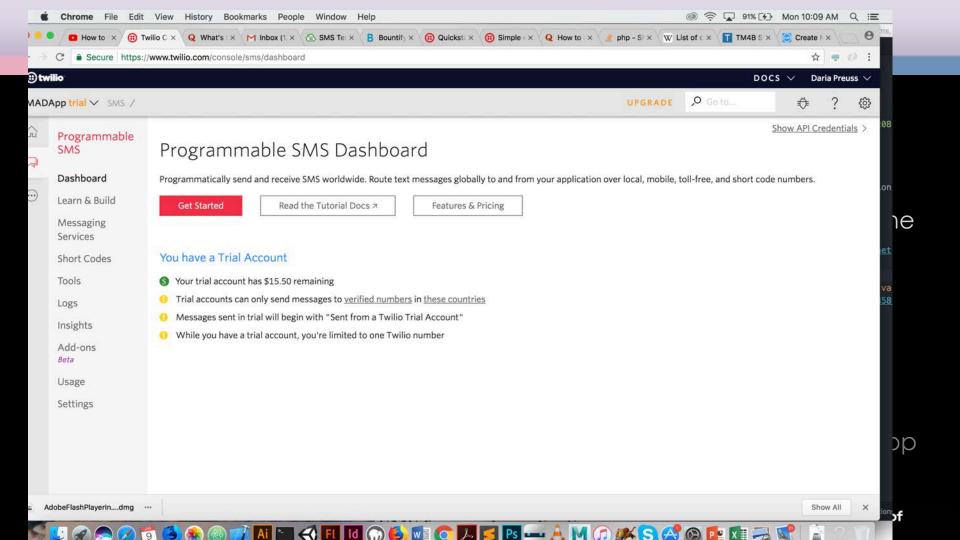
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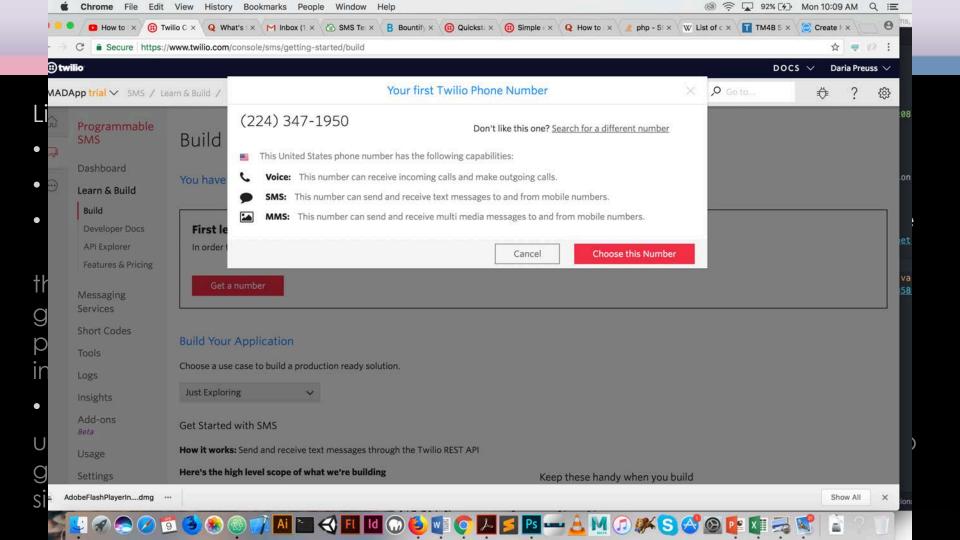
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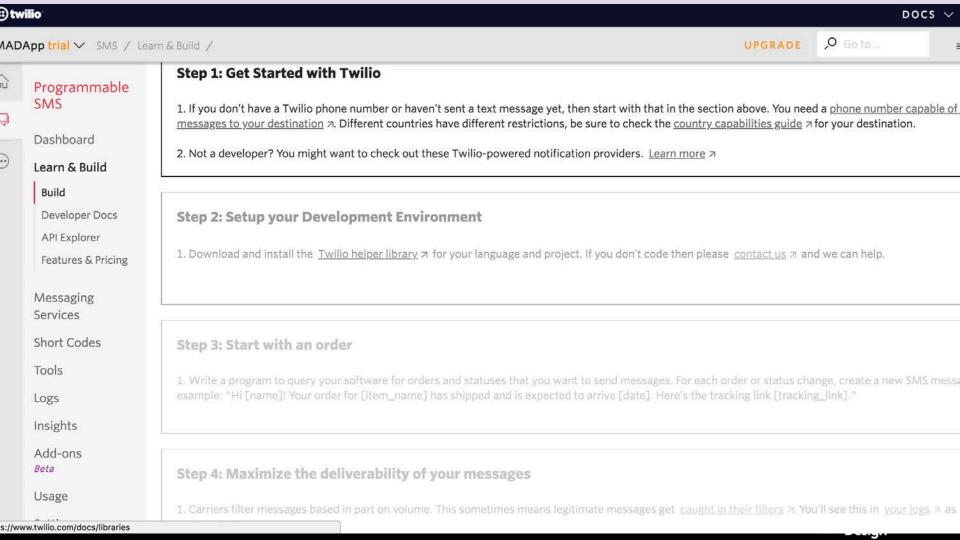
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SDKs



# THE TWILIO NODE HELPER LIBRARY

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**Deprecation notice:** New functionality will only be added to the new library (Node Helper Library 3.x). The old library (2.x) will be officially supported until **8/31/2017**. After that day, Twilio will stop providing bug fixes and Support might ask you to upgrade before debugging issues. Learn how to migrate your existing application.

The twilio-node helper library lets you write Node is code to make HTTP requests to the Twilio API.

This library is open source, so if you find a feature missing or a bug, we encourage you to file an <u>issue</u> or contribute back to the twilio-node project.

#### Installation

The easiest way to install **twilio-node** is from NPM. You can run the command below from your project directory to install the library:

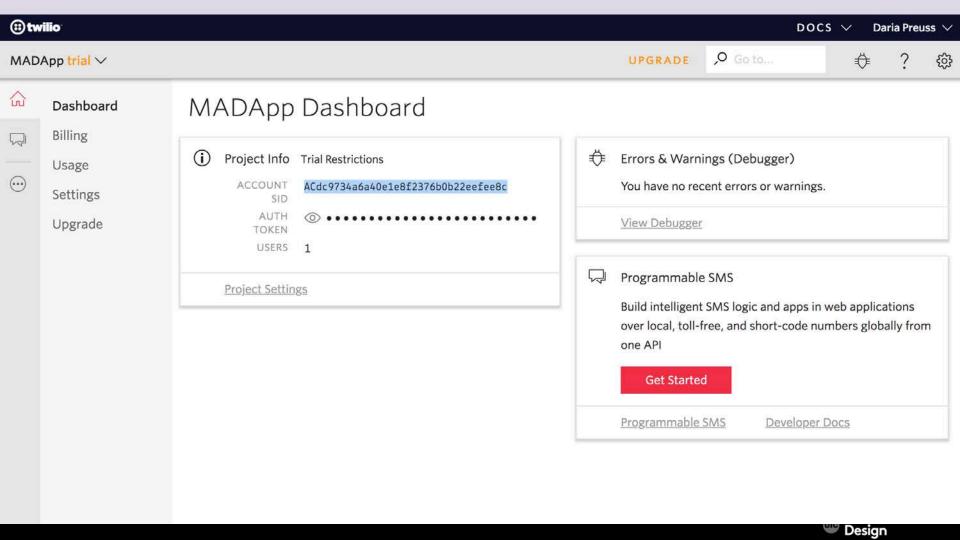
1 npm install twilio

Then in your code:

1 var twilio = require('twilio');

#### send-sms.js

```
send-sms.is
var accountSid = 'ACdc9734a6a40e1e8f2376b0b22eefee8c'; // Your Account SID from www.twilio.com/console
var authToken = 'f0c7fbe98a763df79bea6ef7709116fa'; // Your Auth Token from www.twilio.com/console
var twilio = require('twilio');
var client = new twilio(accountSid, authToken);
client.messages.create({
    body: 'Hello from MAD-twilio account',
    to: '+17735807866', // Text this number
    from: '+17738303608' // From a valid Twilio number
})
.then((message) => console.log(message.sid));
```



6. In Terminal run the command:

Node send-sms.js