



## Better Monitoring with WebWatchBot Series

### Taking Action: Cell / Mobile Phone Alerts

At 3 a.m. the last thing anyone wants to hear is their mobile phone ringing. In most cases this is true if the person on the other end is calling to complain that a server is down and something has to be done RIGHT NOW. If a cell phone is going to ring at 3 a.m., most people would agree that receiving a short text message is preferred to an angry voice.

Receiving a short text message, SMS message, or even a full-blown email message on a mobile phone today is easier than ever and costs less than a call on a pay-phone. In Europe, most mobile phone carriers enable SMS for messaging and in the United States and Canada, cell phone carriers provide each and every phone an email address, making the sending of email a snap.

Cellular phone carriers in the United States offer customers an easy way to send an email text message. Most mobile phone carriers assign an email address to the cell phone in the form `phonenumber@carrier.com/net`:

Carrier	Cell Phone Number	Format Message Length
Cingular	0001112222@mobile.mycingular.net	160 characters - From, Message, Call Me Back
At phone number and Subject		
AT&T Wireless	0001112222@mobile.att.net	110 chars for message. Subject length
restriction is not provided by AT&T		
Nextel	0001112222@page.nextel.com	140 characters for message
Sprint PCS	0001112222@messaging.sprintpcs.com	160 characters for message
T-Mobile	0001112222@tmomail.net	140 characters for message
Verizon Wireless	0001112222@vtext.com	160 characters for message

The following is a short list of Email to SMS services that you can use to send email alerts to your SMS enabled phone or device:

SMS enabled mobile phones outside of the United States, can still receive email alerts through SMS services:

[TextMagic](#) - sets up an email address with their domain. You send an email to that email address and the message is relayed to your mobile number.

[Free SMS Text](#) - allows you to send 10 free SMS text messages every day (visit site for details).

[StreetData \(Australia\)](#) - provides an email to SMS gateway service for Australia.

Not being in front of a computer at all times, does not mean that you cannot be connected. By using your mobile phone as a always-connected device, problems can be resolved quickly when notification is a phone call away.