

# OPTIMIZING THE EMAIL EXPERIENCE

From Start to Finish





## Your Panel of Email Marketing Experts



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# Defining the "Email Experience"



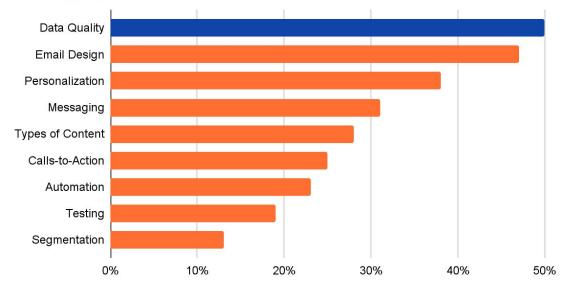
The Email Team's Experience

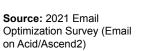






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#### **Data** is the *foundation* for:

- Segmentation
- Personalization
- Marketing automation
- Lifecycle marketing
- Measuring Success







#### The **Email Marketing Audit** ...

Why does it matter and how does it help?

To set a baseline, take a look at:

- Email sending systems
- Email marketing database
- Segmentations and lists
- Email marketing campaigns
- Email templates
- Email processes

Nout wrote <u>an article</u> about this on EoA's blog!







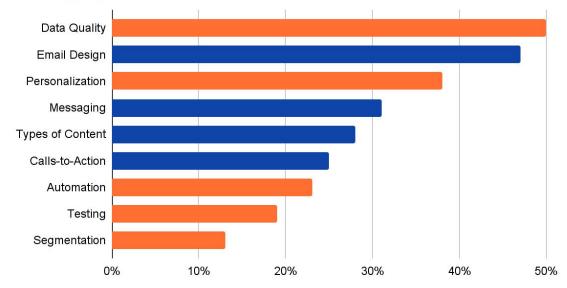
The **Email Marketing Brief** ...

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**Source**: 2021 Email Optimization Survey (Email on Acid/Ascend2)





#### Good Email Design vs Good Landing Page Design







#### **Copywriting Advice** for Email Marketers

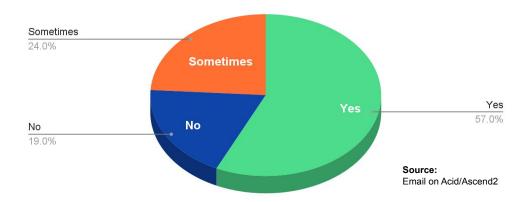


- Minimize cognitive load
- Employ a messaging hierarchy
- Make every word count, don't waste their time.
  Lead with value!
- Copy is about solving someone's problem, not listing product features



#### Design Considerations: Email Accessibility

Do you consider email accessibility factors such as color contrast, screen readers, and ADA compliance?







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Experience it for yourself

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Spad for accessibility

**Bad Contras** 

**Good Contrast** 

Contrast Ratio: 1.19:1

Contrast Ratio: 4.71:1

**Bad Contrast** 

**Good Contrast** 

Contrast Ratio: 2.39:1

Contrast Ratio: 9.46:1

**Bad Contrast** 

**Good Contrast** 

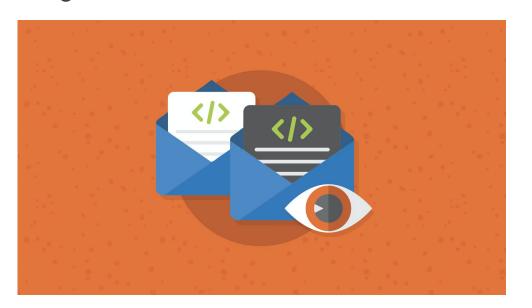
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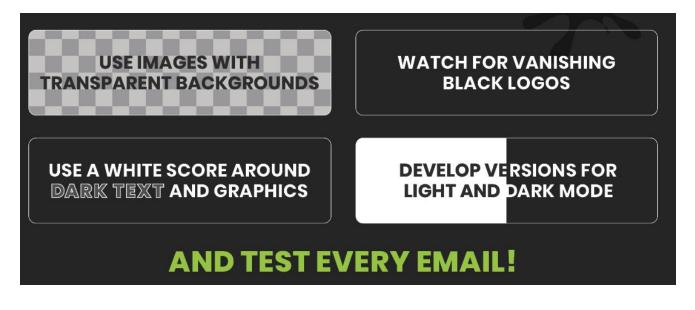
#### Design Considerations: Dark Mode Emails







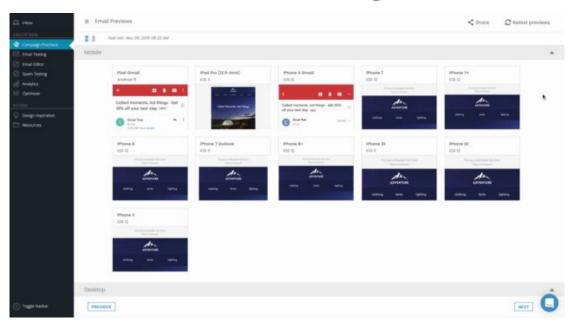
#### Dark Mode Email Design Tips:







#### Email Clients and Rendering Issues







## **Optimizing Testing & Measurement**



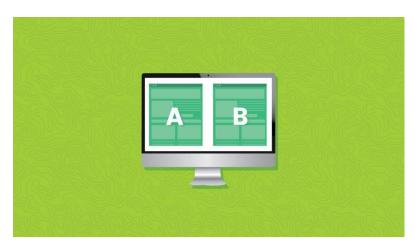
#### Which **Email Metrics** Matter?

- Opens & Clicks
- Click-to-Open Rate (CTOR)
- Read, Skim, Glance/Delete (Engagement Metrics)
- Subscriber Retention Rate
- Conversion Rate
- List Growth





## **Optimizing Testing & Measurement**



#### Is **A/B Testing** Worth the Time?

- Choose tests that impact business results.
- Consider audience size.
- Can you replicate the winning tests?
- What will you do with the results?





## **Optimizing Testing & Measurement**



#### Email **Pre-deployment Testing**:

- Eliminate email mistakes.
- Optimize inbox display.
- Improve deliverability.
- Check accessibility.
- Fix email client rendering issues ...

All *before* you hit send!

















Keep the Focus on Subscribers and the Customer Journey







How Does Your Email Strategy Support Business Goals?







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Q&A





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