

MODERN EMAIL

MARKETING AND SEGMENTATION



BUILD PROFITABLE LIST WITH THESE MODERN
E-MAIL MARKETING AND SEGMENTATION TECHNIQUES

Modern Email Marketing & Segmentation Cheat Sheet

Step 1: Finding WHO to market to

Find niches:

(FILTER your niche ideas using process below – start with long list, end up with very short list)

- * You are personally passionate about
- * Existing demand (load keywords/topics into **Google Keyword Planner Tool** to determine volume)
- * Determine advertiser/commercial value of related keywords using **Google Keyword**

Planner Tool

- * Find competition level by entering niche keywords into **Google Search**
- * Determine if niche is GROWING, SHRINKING, or STABILIZED by entering kws into **Google**

Trends

Find where your audience is CURRENTLY hanging out online

- * forums?
- * facebook groups?
- * Twitter hashtags?
- * Instagram hashtags?
- * Google + communities?
- * Subreddits?

Visit these places and explore how your audience members

- * talk about their niche problems
- * current solutions being offered

Find existing competitors and reverse engineer them

Run search of all your niche keywords and find

- * information sites with mailing lists
- * any other competitor currently reaching this audience

Visit their sites

Sign up to their lists

Read their updates

Make a giant list of competitors

Compile the following information after doing the above:

* The 'industry standard':

- 1) squeeze page layout
- 2) sales funnel layout
- 3) list recruitment method
- 4) updates
- 5) product upsells

Step 2: Find the Right Email Marketing Platform

- Common Features

- * automated signup/unsubscribe
- * list backup (downloadable database of emails)
- * pre-scheduled email submissions
- * open tracking
- * link click tracking
- * individualized tracking
- * list stat summaries

- Key providers

- * Aweber / Getresponse / Constant Contact – charge based on list size

- * MailChimp – charge based on email sends

- Just How Useful are Platforms' ready-made Email Templates?

- * Aweber: Not very

- * Getresponse: Quite good

- * The bottom line: It depends on your needs

- * There ARE alternatives: leadpages

SHORTCUT: Just use the same provider as your competitors

Step 3: Decide on your list INCENTIVE

- Incentive: freebie / value-add that gets people to join your list / digital 'bribe'

- Start with your INDUSTRY STANDARD INCENTIVE: but try to OUTDO it : come up with something better or has perception of greater value

- Avoid this problem: People joining for the FREEBIE not your list's content

- * Nip this in the bud by SELLING the VALUE Of your list as well – in addition to the FREEBIE in your squeeze page

- * Prevents people from being 'surprised' by your email updates after they have downloaded your INCENTIVE

SHORTCUT: Use the most common incentive used by your competitors

Step 4: Create and Feature Topnotch List incentives

- Reverse engineer your competitors' incentives

- * Pick the industry standard incentive type BUT...

- * Create something better

- How to produce a better incentive?

- * Complete
- * Longer
- * More engaging
- * Better production values

- Reverse engineer your competitors' squeeze pages

- Blow them out of the water with:

- * better design
- * better focus on your incentive
- * clearer value proposition

- Make sure to do this:

- * Emphasize the value of the updates of your list

- Create a TWO STEP list recruitment setup

* instead of just 'enter your email here' - the visitor is asked to CLICK a button to get to the form

* this FILTERS out curiosity seekers: more motivated people because 1) they read an ad or text that spells out the Opportunity and benefit 2) they click to get the squeeze page form – which then talks about the benefits in more detail

* MODERN EMAIL MARKETING: 2 step email recruitment means PEOPLE ASK to opt in after becoming AWARE of incentives - instead of going to a page filled with forms – less intimidating, they feel they call the shots.

* KEY: 2 step emails also allow you to offer different INCENTIVES at different parts of your BLOG page to get people to DIFFERENT LISTS (see segmentation)

SHORTCUT: Improve the SAME INCENTIVE used by most of your competitors / Improve on their squeeze page

Step 5: Decide between updates versus pre-scheduled emails

Step 6: Optimize your list by Targeting your Traffic Source

SHORTCUT 1: Finetune your squeeze page using FREE traffic

SHORTCUT 2: Use different squeeze page designs to fit your traffic sources

SHORTCUT 3: Apply tweaks that produced IMPROVEMENTS to other lists or updates

Step 7: Optimize your squeeze page sign up rate

- Ask your list members for improvement ideas

* Do direct outreach

* Ask for suggestions

* Offer incentives for feedback but be careful.... (warning: some people might give you sloppy or even fake info just to get incentives)

* What should you ask feedback for? : squeeze page / updates

- Actions speak louder than words

* Change elements one at a time and check actual statistics (make variations / test with traffic / pick winner / make variations / test until no further improvement possible > move to next element)

* Statistical actions speak louder than words

SHORTCUT: Finetune your squeeze page ELEMENT by ELEMENT

Step 8: Identify your list segmentation strategy

What is segmentation?

- Separating your email subscribers into different sub-lists based on their interests / preferences

How to segment

- You CAN Segment your list members' emails using the following criteria
- * location (send only updates related to a specific region to people who LIVE in that region)
- * activity level (frequent openers vs less frequent openers) – ask them to sign up for another list in exchange for a reward
- * lack of activity (people signed for AR series but haven't opened after X emails) – system sends a 'reminder' email
- * Send different updates based on INCENTIVE downloaded by list member
- * Separate INFO list members from BUYERS by sending \$1 info product offers – send different updates to the 2 lists – Info = get them to buy \$1 products / buyers' list = more in depth solutions = get them to buy higher priced products / services
- * Segment your list based on MOBILE versus DESKTOP – different appearances/size - Make your SQUEEZE PAGE mobile-ready – OPTIMIZE for both environments.

Step 9: Optimize your segmentation strategy

- Pay attention to your results
- Run small experiments
- Identify and scale up segmentation alternatives that produce better results