

## BETTER EMAIL MARKETING: HOW TO STAND OUT IN CLUTTERED INBOXES

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# WEBINAR OVERVIEW

We are exposed to a staggering 4,000-10,000 ads daily + nearly 60 billion junk emails are sent each day!

Today we will learn how to cut through that noise and reach audiences to increase performance and drive results with email.

## This webinar will cover the following:

- Design & Content
- Relevance & Frequency
- Analytics & Optimizations
- Integrating with Digital Marketing
- And more!



# EMAIL MARKETING IS OVER? NOPE. IT'S BIGGER THAN EVER!

Why Email Matters



Source: Pew Research

	2019	2020	2021
Worldwide Email Users	3.9B	4.0B	4.1B
% Growth	3%	3%	3%
Worldwide Emails Sent/Received Per Day	293.6B	306.4B	319.6B
% Growth	4.4%	4.4%	4.3%

Source: Radicati Email Statistics Report, 2018-2022

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Source: IBM Watson Marketing Benchmark Report, 2018



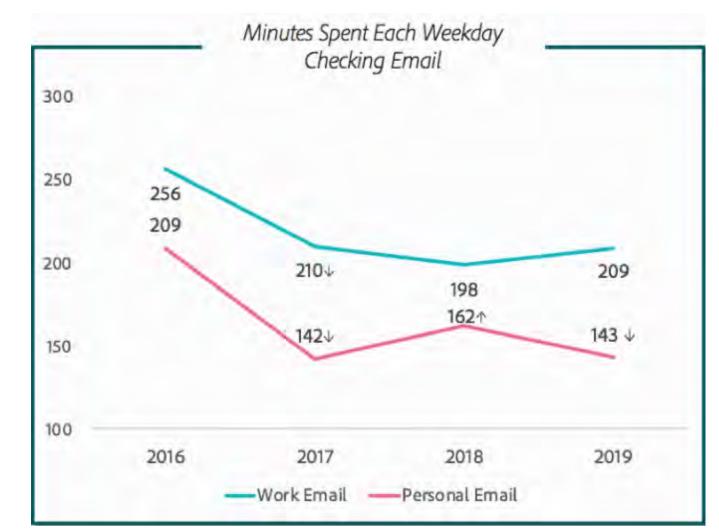
## TOP ESPS OVERALL

Source: Litmus State of Email Service Providers, 2019

Pre-Pandemic Conditions

Consumers say they spend a lot of time checking email: 3+ hours on work email and 2+ hours on personal email

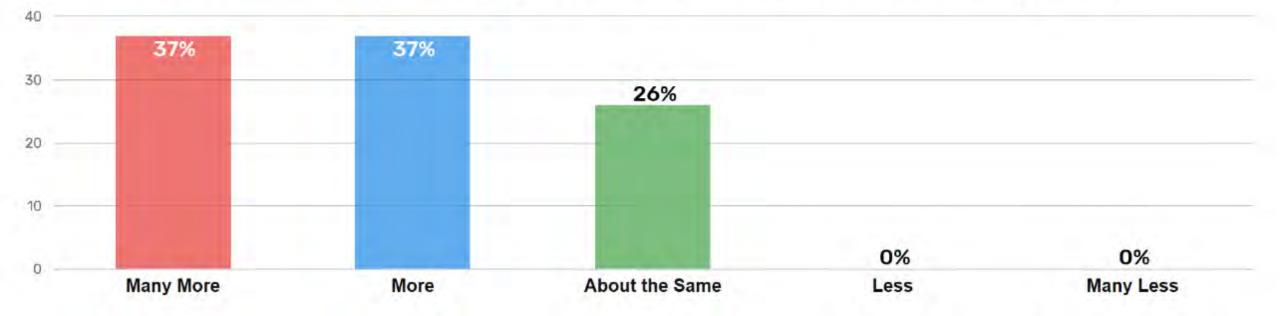
- Work emails are opened more frequently than personal emails (80% vs 57%)
- Only 25% of email offers from brands are interesting or compelling enough to open
- Frequency of email communications is the leading annoyance, followed by:
  - Incorrect marketing data about the recipient
  - Offers to buy an already-purchased product
  - Poorly written or wordy messages
  - Recommendations that don't match up to a recipient's interests



Source: Adobe Email Usage Study, 2019

Current Pandemic Conditions

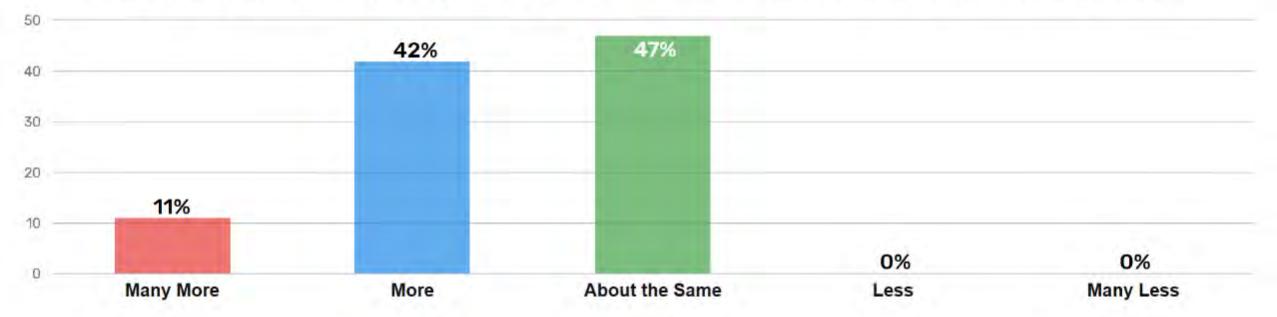
## Since the pandemic, have you received more or less marketing email?



Source: Live polling conducted during Better Email Marketing: How to Stand Out in Cluttered Inboxes webinar, June 2020

Current Pandemic Conditions

## Since the pandemic, has your organization sent more or less marketing email?



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WITH THE **<u>RIGHT</u>** CONTENT

AT THE **<u>RIGHT</u>** TIME.

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# ACHIEVING SUCCESS

Creating an Email Marketing Checklist



- Define audience & set list
- User journey & conversion strategy
- Review baseline metrics
- Outline goals & KPIs
- Create content
- Develop email
- Setup analytics & tracking
- Test email



- Create digital dashboard
- Monitor & report performance
- Compare performance
- Identify growth opportunities
- Share feedback with stakeholders for implementation

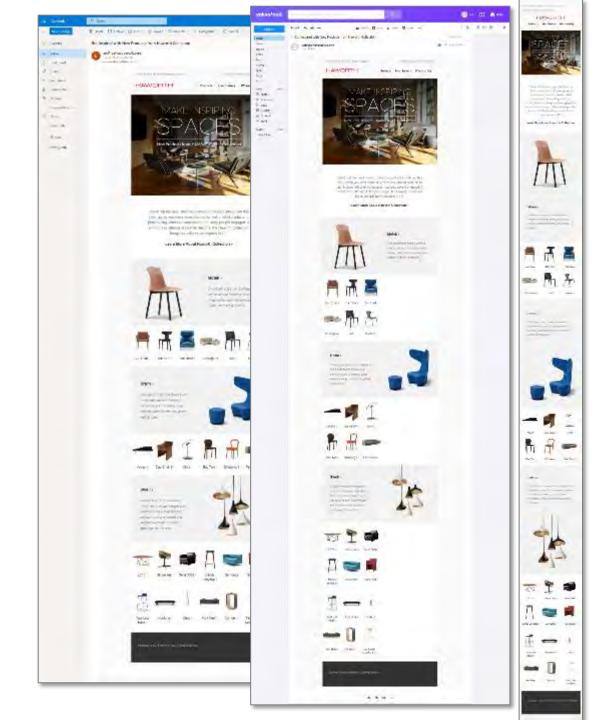


- Maintain email marketing calendar & promotional plan
- Monitor sender score
- Keep up with latest trends
- Create new content & assets
- Refine & test landing pages
- Refine & test email templates
- Audit email programs
- Integration with comprehensive digital strategy

# TOP REASONS EMAILS DON'T GET CLICKED: VOLUME, RELEVANCE, DESIGN

# EMAIL TEMPLATES

- Emails <u>must be responsive</u> and look great on every device and every platform
  - If an email displays poorly, no matter how good the content is, it's likely to be deleted in under 3 seconds
  - As many as 15% of users will even unsubscribe, instead of delete
  - Use tools available from Litmus.com and others to verify emails render well in multiple platforms and on a variety of devices







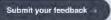
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Thank you for making Litmus Live Boston one of the best email marketing. conferences ever! Carry on the Litmus Live feeting by sharing your top. takeaways from the conference on the #LitmusLive heshtag-we can't wait to see them.

We'll send out recordings and slides in a few weeks. Keep your eyes on your inbox-all attendees will receive an email when the slides are ready for clownload.

#### Sessions Survey

Tell us what you thought about the sessions you attended at Lithrus Live. Boston and help us build an even better Litmus Live 2020.



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#### Looking back at 2019

site logins

via autofill

This year was full of growth and a whole lot of securely stored digital items. Before diving into the excitement of 2020, let's look back on all we accomplished together in 2019.

It was a busy year of creating and saving strong, secure passwords; in 2019 alone, there were:



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LastPass can protect much more than just passwords. In 2019, we released an updated interface making it easier to save, store, and secure:



of item categories such as addresses, insurance cards, passports, and more to save in your Vault.

#### And you shared a ton of these with your friends and family:



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# Checklist

Believe it or not, CJU19 is less than a week away-here's art interactive checklist of things to keep in mind as you prepare for the event and the Santa Barbara climate.

#### **Business Cards**

Bring a big stack-with a 1,000+ attendees, there will be a whole lot of networking going on

**Comfortable Shoes** 

You're going to put in some miles, your feet will thank you. And don't forget those flip-flaps.

#### Impressive Dress

Turn it up to 11 for the Cocktail Hour & 1/2 and the Cl Excellence Awards Dinner.

#### **Some Long Sleeves**

Grab something warm. Session and conference rooms can get chilly and it cools down at right.

#### Download the App -+

Put the CJ Universe in your pocket-it's an essential tool to help you make the most of CJU.

#### A Smile for the Camera

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#### Your Red-hot Summer Reading List



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MORE HOT PICKS

### **YEAR-END REVIEW**

# 18 types

# EMAIL IS EVOLVING: DARK MODE

- More email clients are offering a "Dark Mode" accessibility setting to improve readability, especially at nighttime
  - Shifts the interface's color palette to display content in high contrast using dark background colors, light-colored typography, UI elements and iconography
  - Minimizes blue light and enhances readability to reduce eye strain
  - Available on Gmail, Outlook, Apple Mail + others on the way
  - Email clients offer default Dark Mode color schemes, but you can now apply your own via CSS



# EMAIL DESIGN & CONTENT

- Give emails a consistent voice and style
- Use headings and subheadings to break up content and make it easier to scan
  - Provide enough information to get the recipient to click on the main CTA
- Balance text content with images
  - For maximum deliverability, try 60% text + 40% images
  - Don't make emails too big  $\rightarrow$  [Message clipped] View entire message
- Only use one or two different fonts
  - Use sans serif fonts for body text; either sans serif or serif fonts works for headers and subheads
  - Size body copy fonts at 14- to 16-point, headline fonts at 22- to 24-point
- Personalize emails with dynamic content, CRM data, and relevant, well-written content
  - Location, interests, pages visited, past engagement, past purchases, etc.



# CREATE RELEVANT CONTENT FOR YOUR AUDIENCES

Let data help define your audiences and guide your content creation strategy

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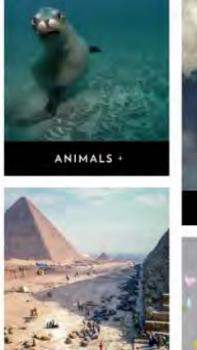


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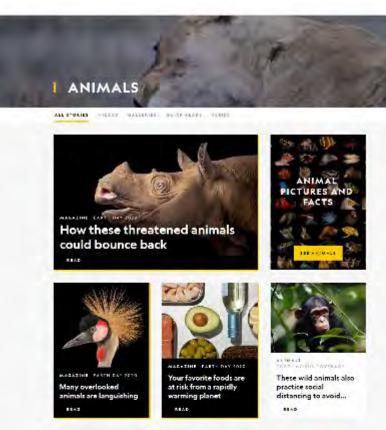
We're glad you've joined us on this exciting journey and we look forward to getting to know you a little better. It's our goal to get your inbox experience right, sending you emails tied to your interests.

Click on the images below to let us know what topics inspire and interest you. Interested in a variety of things? Click on them all!











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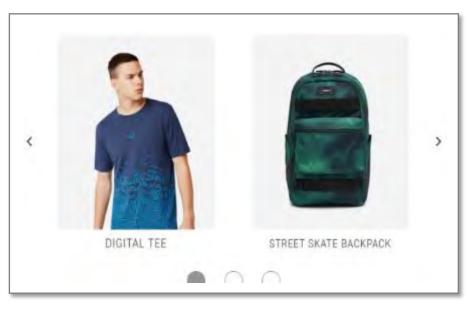


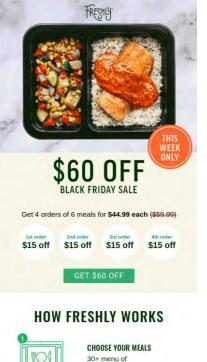
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# EMAIL DESIGN: IMAGES & ALT TEXT

- To be safe, assume emails will not open with images fully rendered
  - It's important to add alt text to images
    - Provide details about image, but don't go crazy
    - Style alt text whenever possible
    - Adjust font size or color and background color for a better look
  - Improves the experience for users that can't see your images
  - Don't use images as CTA buttons
- Optimize image sizes to ensure quicker load times
  - Images should be 72ppi/dpi and optimized for the web
- Insert video stills and link to the video on your site
  - Email clients don't allow videos to play within the email
- Use animated GIFs
  - Great alternative to videos in email and really stand out
  - Now widely accepted by most common email clients







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# STAND OUT WITH ANIMATION









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## HOW RAKUTEN OPERATES A GLOBAL EVENTS PROGRAM

December 3, 2019 @11am PT / 1PM EST

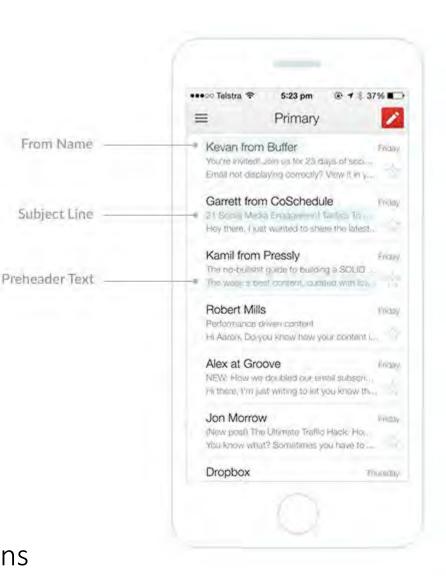
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Save Your Seat

# ONGOING TESTING + OPTIMIZATION

When trying out new templates or starting new email campaigns, it's a perfect time to test!

- A/B test your subject lines
  - Keep around 41 characters or 7 words
- Don't forget to test the pre-header text
  - Keep between 85 and 100 characters
- Segment email lists by audience and test copy, images, and subject lines
- Compare dynamic content vs. static content
- Try different links, CTAs, and button designs
- Send emails on different days and times of the week to determine optimal send times
- Don't forget to revisit nurture or automated campaigns



# A CLOSER LOOK AT SUBJECT LINE LENGTH

Sweet Spot: Around 40 Characters or 7 Words

	4 Words	5 Words	6 Words	7 Words	8 Words	9 Words	10+ Words
Sent	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Open Rate	18.26%	17.10%	15.30%	15.20%	12.20%	10.30%	13.70%
Opens	18,260	17,100	15,300	15,200	12,200	10,300	13,700
Click to Open	8.00%	7.90%	10.10%	10.80%	6.60%	10.60%	7.90%
Clicks	1,461	1,351	1,545	1,642	805	1,092	1,082

Source: Adobe Marketing Engage Blog, 2018

# SUBJECT LINES THAT RESONATE

### Post-Pandemic Emails: Empathy, Relevance, Utility, and Looking Ahead

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# **CONVERSION PERFORMANCE**

- Most ESPs have decent email performance reporting built directly within their platforms (e.g., Bounces, Opens, Clicks, Opt-outs, etc.)
- But what about what happens after recipients click through to your site?
  - Add UTM parameters to the end of your URLs to track performance in Google Analytics
  - ?utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=marketo&utm\_campaign= 2020-fall-new-students-welcome&utm\_content=button-CTA&utm\_term=view-list-of-welcome-activities
- Create meaningful goals, KPIs, and baselines (e.g., Leads per 1K, Revenue per Email, Bounce Rate, Time on Site, Conversion Rate, etc.)
- Combine GA and ESP data into an easy-to-review dashboard for a more complete picture

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Google offers a free URL builder: <u>https://ga-dev-</u> <u>tools.appspot.com/campaign-url-builder/</u>

# AUTOMATED EMAIL PROGRAMS

## WHAT IS AN AUTOMATED EMAIL PROGRAM?

- Programs are automated conversations that marketers design to create one-on-one personal relationships with their customers based on actions and behaviors
- Featuring multi-step, multi-action routing
- Programs create a unique experience for each email recipient
- Programs allow marketers to listen, react, and direct customers down a particular path to reach a specific goal

## TYPES OF PROGRAMS

- Welcome/Onboarding
- Cart Remarketing
- Search Remarketing
- Birthday/Anniversary
- Post-Purchase Reviews
- Replenishment Reminders
- Thank You/Appreciation
- Conferences/Events
- Form Abandonment

# AUTOMATED EMAIL PROGRAMS

## WHY USE AUTOMATION?

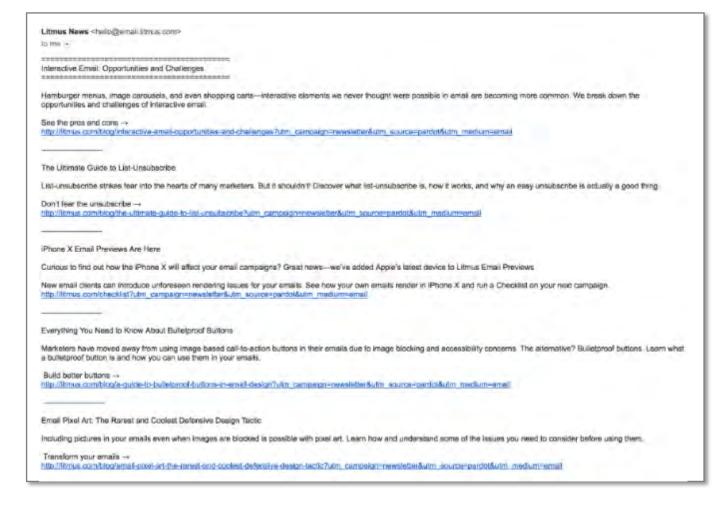
- Delivers timely, relevant, and personalized content
- Engagement 24/7
- Guides user journeys
- Increases deliverability
- Boosts overall email stats

## PERSONAL RESULTS

- Targeted, low-volume sends with big impact
  - Avg. Unique Open Rate is 88% > Traditional Emails
  - Avg. Unique Click Rate: 109% > Traditional Emails
  - Avg. Orders Per 1,000 Emails: 137% > Traditional Emails
- Top program: 65% UOR
- Top program: 35% CTR
- Deliverability Increased 10%

# MULTI-PART MIME IS WORTH THE TIME

- Take the time to send a plain text and HTML version in the same email
  - Most ESPs bundle these together via multi-part MIME (Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) for increased deliverability rates
  - Most spammers only send HTML versions
  - Some email clients can't handle HTML
  - Few recipients prefer text-only, but it's more about deliverability



# EMAIL VOLUME & FATIGUE

Focus On Relevance Over Volume

- The relevance of each email to each recipient is vital
- Frequency of email sends is important to consider, but relevancy trumps frequency think about AMAZON
- Avoid email blasting your entire contact targeted lists perform better
- Determine email fatigue with **Disaffection Index (DI)** 
  - DI is a better way of measuring the true unsubscribe rate
  - Measures who clicked for the sole purpose of not being sent similar emails again
  - DI = (unsubscribes / unique clicks) \*100



# EMAIL COMPLIANCE

- Add a physical mailing address and contact information in the footer of the email per CAN-SPAM
- Always include an "unsubscribe" link in the footer
  - Make opting out of emails as easy as possible no trickery
  - An opt-out is way better than being flagged as spam
  - Ensure opt-outs are handles within 10 days to be in compliance with CAN-SPAM laws
- Providing an email preference center on your site that allows students to easily opt-in/opt-out and specific the types of messages they'd like to receive is key

## 👰 QUICK TIP

Become familiar with CAN-SPAM, CASL, GDPR, and individual state laws and how they impact your email program

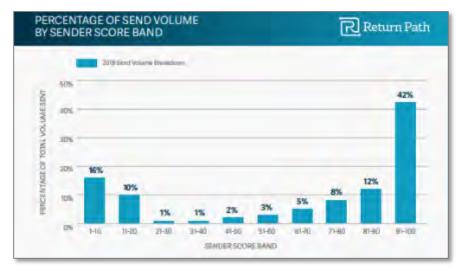
# EMAIL SENDER REPUTATION

- Mailbox providers take a lot of metrics into consideration to determine your sender reputation including spam complaints, mailing to unknown users, industry blacklists, and more
- Sender Score is a number between 0 and 100 that identifies your sender reputation and shows you how mailbox providers view your IP address
- Shoot for 90+ to maximize ability to reach inboxes

## QUICK TIP

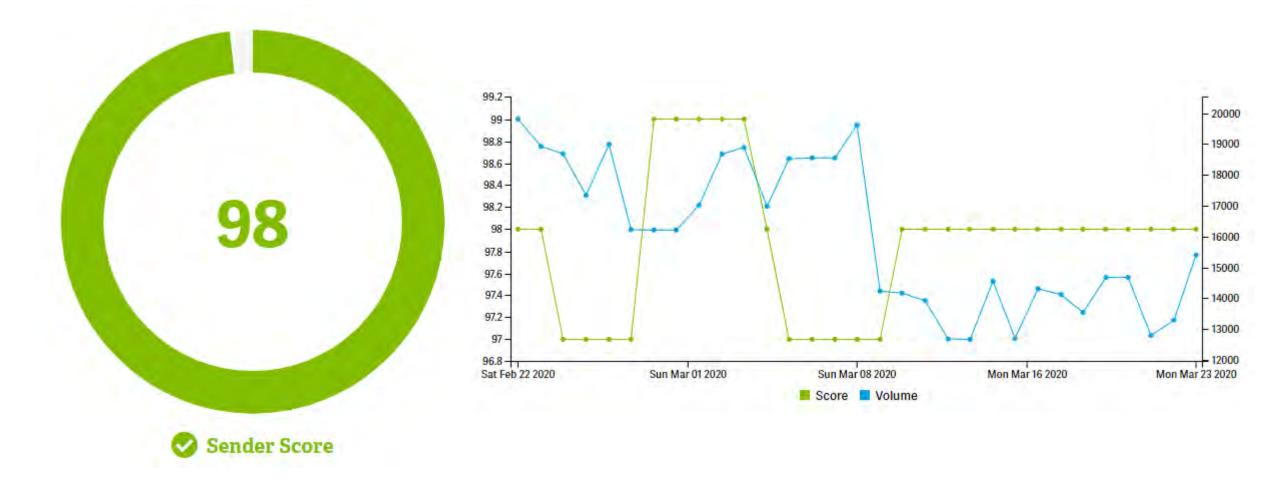
Create a plan to regularly review and clean up your email lists to avoid continual bounces and spam traps





# SENDER PERFORMANCE

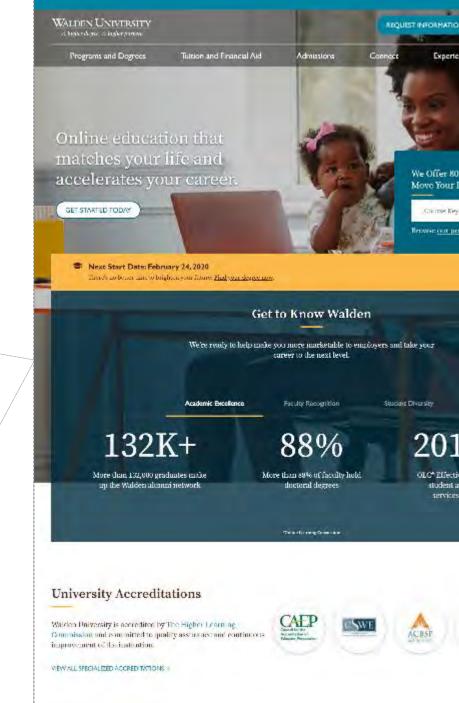
Sender Reputation Score (based on sender IP address)



# EMAIL + DIGITAL TACTICS

- Email is more effective when part of a larger strategy
- Utilize display, retargeting, SEM, social, SEO, video, etc.
- Build, nurture, and maximize your email list!





# IF TIME & RESOURCES ARE LIMITED, FOCUS HERE TO CREATE BIG RESULTS: <u>VOLUME</u>, <u>RELEVANCE</u>, <u>DESIGN</u>

## ANY QUESTIONS?



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