

## Beginner's Guide to Email Campaigns with Mailchimp

# **CREATING YOUR CAMPAIGN**

## Create Your Campaign

Any time you want to create an email campaign, go to the Campaigns menu and click on the "Create Campaign" button in the top left hand corner.

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Create an Email	Create an Ad Create a Landing Page	Create a Postcard

You will be given the option as to the type of campaign you want to send.

1. Select Create an Email

## There are 5 types of email to choose from

- 1. Regular Campaign
- 2. Automated these are triggered by events e.g. send a Happy Birthday email or an order update
- 3. Plain Text = Just a plain text email
- 4. A/B Split Campaign = Test your email with 10% of full intended audience before sending to all. Test subject line, from name, time, day.

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#### Who are you sending the campaign to?

- 1. Click Add Recipients Button
- 2. Select the mailing list you want to use

You have an option to use at this point you can also select a segment of your list to send the campaign to. For example, you can send your campaign to a group you have set up by selecting "send to a segment" and then choosing the group name you have set up.

(See LISTS support materials for more information on segments)

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## Who is sending the campaign?

- 1. Use a name subscribers will instantly recognize, like your company name.
- 2. Select a reply email address so you can reply to any queries

## What is the subject line?

- 1. Snappy and succinct are the best approach.
- 2. There is the option to add a snippet of text will appear in the inbox after the subject line. (150 characters)

## Review your Campaign Info (setup section) before you move onto picking the template

- 1. You can also link to your **Social Media** accounts and automatically tweet or post to Facebook your campaign once it goes live.
- 2. Review the settings and tracking options to make sure you are tracking opens and clicks. You can also link your Mailchimp account to your Google Analytics account to show campaign traffic in your Analytics account.

You now have the option to select a template to design your email.



Basic: Drag & drop editor that is mobile responsive

Themes: Pre-designed, pre-branded templates

Saved Templates: To create and use templates see the Templates section later in the document.

**Recently Sent:** Use a previous email as the basis for your new email **Code your Own:** Copy & paste in html code

#### **Basic Templates**

Preview and choose from a number of different layouts that should all look good when viewed on a desktop PC as well as on a smartphone.

Once you've chosen your template you'll be able to drag and drop content modules from the right hand column into your email template on the left hand side of the screen.

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You can create unique layouts by placing a variety of content blocks in different sections of your template. Use the "design" tab to set styles like background colors and borders. If you need a bit of inspiration, you can see what other MailChimp users are doing, or learn about email design and blaze your own trail. Drop an image or Browse		Image Card	Image + Ca	aption	Social Share	Social	Follow Ct Rec	Button
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There are 3 areas of your new template you can manage using these buttons in the right hand window.

Content	Design	Comments
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## **Content Button**

You can select any of the elements and drag and drop them into your template e.g. image groups Social share buttons, blocks of text.

## **Design Button**

You can also use the Design menu on the right hand side to customise and brand many other parts of the email such as the page background colour, header, body and footer of the email.

#### **Comments Button**

There is also an option in the Comments menu to collaborate with colleagues to send them a test email and receive their comments back within the Mailchimp campaign editor.

#### Adding content to your email campaign

When you click on a content module in the left hand window your email it will produce a new editor field on the right hand side. The *Content Button* allows you to type new content. The *Style Button* allows you to edit font styles and Settings Button enables you to change the number of columns to add more next.



Click on the "Save & Close" button at the bottom of the right hand column to come out of the editor for that content module.

## Adding Images

If you choose an image module in your email design, Mailchimp will ask you to browse your files to choose an image from your File Manager or upload a new image.



#### Editing the image

Once you have inserted your image you will see new options in the Content Editor in the right hand column. If you select edit you have the option to edit your image within Mailchimp if you wish and opens a Photo Editor to resize, crop or enhance your image.

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#### **Additional Options**

- You can preview your campaign anytime by clicking the "preview & test" button in the • top right hand corner. This will show you how your email design will look on desktop PC and mobile. You can also open a link checker.
- Save as Template useful option •
- Save and Exit gets you one step nearer sending out •

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Once you have saved and closed Mailchimp has an automatic content checker that will flag up issues – like you are using the default text or you have forgotten to add your logo.

You can now do a test send to yourself and colleagues before you send your email out.

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#### Sharing on Social Media

Make sure that your social media is connected so you can share new content easily through different channels.

Now you can either press the "Send" button or you can "Schedule" your campaign to be sent at a later date/time

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	Batch Delivery For paid accounts only Deliver your campaign to a large list in batches to prevent website-crushing click floods.	
	Send with TimeWarp For paid accounts only Delivers your campaign at the recipient's local time.	
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## Create and use a campaign template

Once you have created a campaign you have the option to Save As Template or the next time you create a campaign you can review and pick previous campaign templates you have used.

Alternatively you can start from scratch using the create template button which takes you back to the campaign editor template section, we have already looked over.



## NOTES