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HOW TO GROW YOUR EMAIL LIST

WHY GROW YOUR EMAIL LIST?

Maintaining a healthy list of engaged email subscribers is one of the best ways your business can maximise marketing efforts. Investing time and energy into growing your email list can change your social reach, conversions, clickthrough rate (CTR) and ROI.

You may assume that social media may be more of a priority when it comes to marketing than email. However, the reach of email far outweighs social media. There are an estimated 4 billion accounts in the world. it's used almost universally. This means email has a wider reach. opening rate and conversion rate than all of the different social media channels combined.

So that's the **why**, let's get into **how** you grow your email list.



ON YOUR WEBSITE YOU CAN...

- Include CTA on Multiple Pages: Don't make people have to search for ways to subscribe. Link to offers throughout your website that encourage email sign ups, like we do on our blog posts (don't forget about the About and Contact pages)
- **Create Hubs:** If you combine your popular blog topics into specific hubs, people can easily access the resources they need and subscribe through CTAs linked to the posts.
- **Identify High Traffic Pages:** Create resources to suit the needs of your audience according to what draws the most traffic.
- Use a Double Opt-In: In order to weed out poor quality subscribers, implement a double opt-in so that the user must confirm their subscription request twice, the second being through a confirmation email. Remember you are after quality, not quantity.

Other options that perform well are ...

- **Guest Blogging:** If you write guest blog posts for other sites, you can reach out to new audiences and draw them in with a CTA.
- **Hosting a Webinar:** Webinars are a great way of bringing in new subscribers by way of registering.

Don't forget...

- When it comes to CTAs, include **trigger words** like you, yes, new, stop, how and instantly to encourage action.
- Ensure all web forms are **mobile friendly**, so that people browsing on the go can also easily sign up to your email list.





MAKE SIGNING UP SIMPLE

To attract people to your email list, you not only need to give people reasons to subscribe, but you also need to simplify the process of signing up.

Here are some features you can add to your website to boost sign ups:

- Social Bar: This sits over the top of your content to link your visitors to your social media channels.
- Landing Page: This is a dedicated page visitors land on when clicking on an SEO result created for a marketing campaign.
- Pop-Ups: These focus the visitor's attention on a specific offer. A word of warning - ensure you perfect the timing, message and targeting of the pop-up as they can quickly become annoying.
- Slider: A slider is a small box that slides into the bottom corner of a page, not as invasive as a pop-up.
- **Feature Box:** This is a large optin CTA that sits above posts and below headers.
- Scrolling Header Bar: This sits at the top of your screen and stays fixed while people scroll.
- Checkout Forms: As people are checking out, add a tickable box for them to sign up as they are purchasing a product or service.

HELPFUL TOOLS

- Sniply: Helps you add CTAs to any page.
- Unbounce: Platform for designing landing pages.
- Sleeknote: Allows you to integrate on-site engagement tools.
- HelloBar: Allows you to add in feature boxes or pop-ups.
- Sumo: Also helps you add feature boxes and other email capture features.

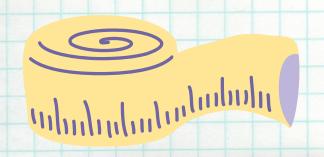


TOP TIP

Split test your landing page conversions, your paid ad campaigns promoting your content and your email sequence performance.

By doing this, and constantly improving based on the data, you will ensure that the efforts you put into growing your email list pay dividends.

At the end of the day, your goal in growing your list is to convert prospects to clients, not to gather thousands of emails in a database.



QUALITY CONTROL

- Monitor Bounce Rate:
 - Investigate which emails bounce back and unsubscribe those users so your list is as accurate as possible.
- Segment Mailing List: Your
 mailing list probably has a
 specific demographic, but
 there are even more niche
 audiences to target within this
 demographic. If you segment
 by buyer persona (age,
 location, interests), you can
 send out more targeted
 content and improve the CTR
 of your emails.
- Encourage Sharing: If your subscribers share and forward your mail-outs, this can bring in new subscribers. Include social sharing buttons in your emails to encourage this.
- Opt-In Campaign: You can also upgrade your list with an opt-in campaign, by creating an engaging opt-in message and send that through to your list of subscribers before removing those who don't respond.



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