

### JUSTINE JORDAN

The Hidden Talents of Email: Creating Customer-Centric Messages

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Well, hello there!

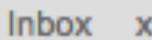
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#### HAPPY BIRTHAVERSARY, JUSTINE! Inbox x





#### robet575

to DAN11088, alysjordan, jennhoffman, nchls.jordan, me, DTJordan89, Nikhoffman, seajorda, jennyhoffman88 🖃

Enjoy your special day, Justine! Here's your B-day poem made with love from all of us. Happy Birthaversary! :)





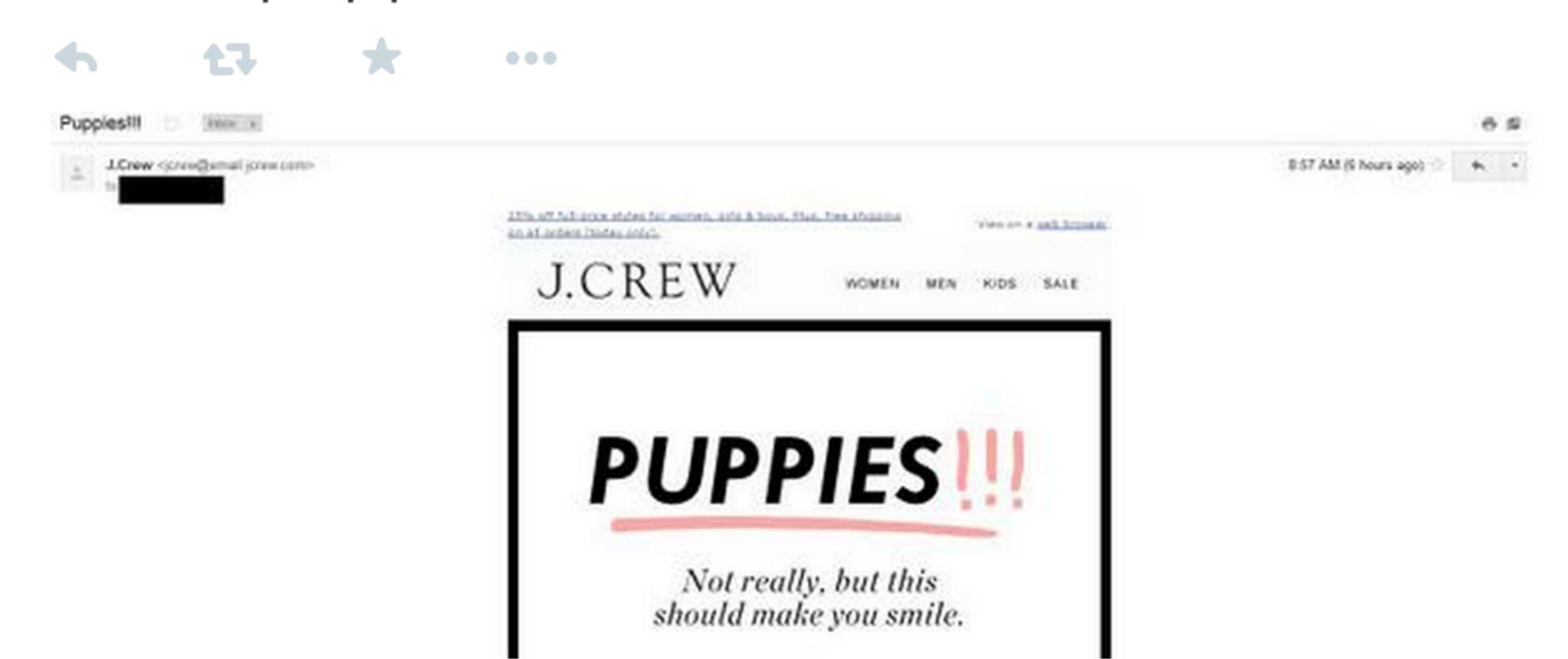


72	Rue La La	INDOX	Up to 75% off dresses. I wirls just wanna nave tu-un Also on? Steals for all.			
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	6pm.com	Inbox	Fall in love with Madden Girl up to 70% off! - http://click.email.6pm.com/?qs=			
	LOFT	Inbox	All new, all 40% OFF - 40% off NEW arrivals & EVERYTHING else http://mail.lof			
	Payless ShoeSource	Inbox	EXTRA 15% off + Boho Sandals + \$10 Flats = HOT Savings! - 15% off everyth			
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	Littlewoods	Inbox	Up to 50% off selected home & electricals! - Big home & electrical buys at little			
	Very.co.uk	Inbox	Up to 50% off selected home & electricals! - Big home & electrical buys at little			
	Timbuk2	Inbox	25% Off Almost Everything. Shop Now 25% Off Summer Essentials"> San Fi			
	Payless ShoeSource	Inbox	15% off for You + Semi-Annual Sale -   Days Left! - 40% off + an extra 15% of			
	Sierra Trading Post	Inbox	Top Secret Sale: EXTRA 40% OFF 24,000+ Items & Free Shipping! - 40% Off*			
	True&Co.	Inbox	Our 30% off Spring Sale Starts Now! - 30% off beautiful essentials. FREE RET			
	Payless ShoeSource	Inbox	15% off + Semi-Annual Sale - Final Weekend! - 40% off + an extra 15% off! vie			
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.@jcrew if you put "Puppies!" in the subject line of an email you better deliver on some damn puppies. #emailfail



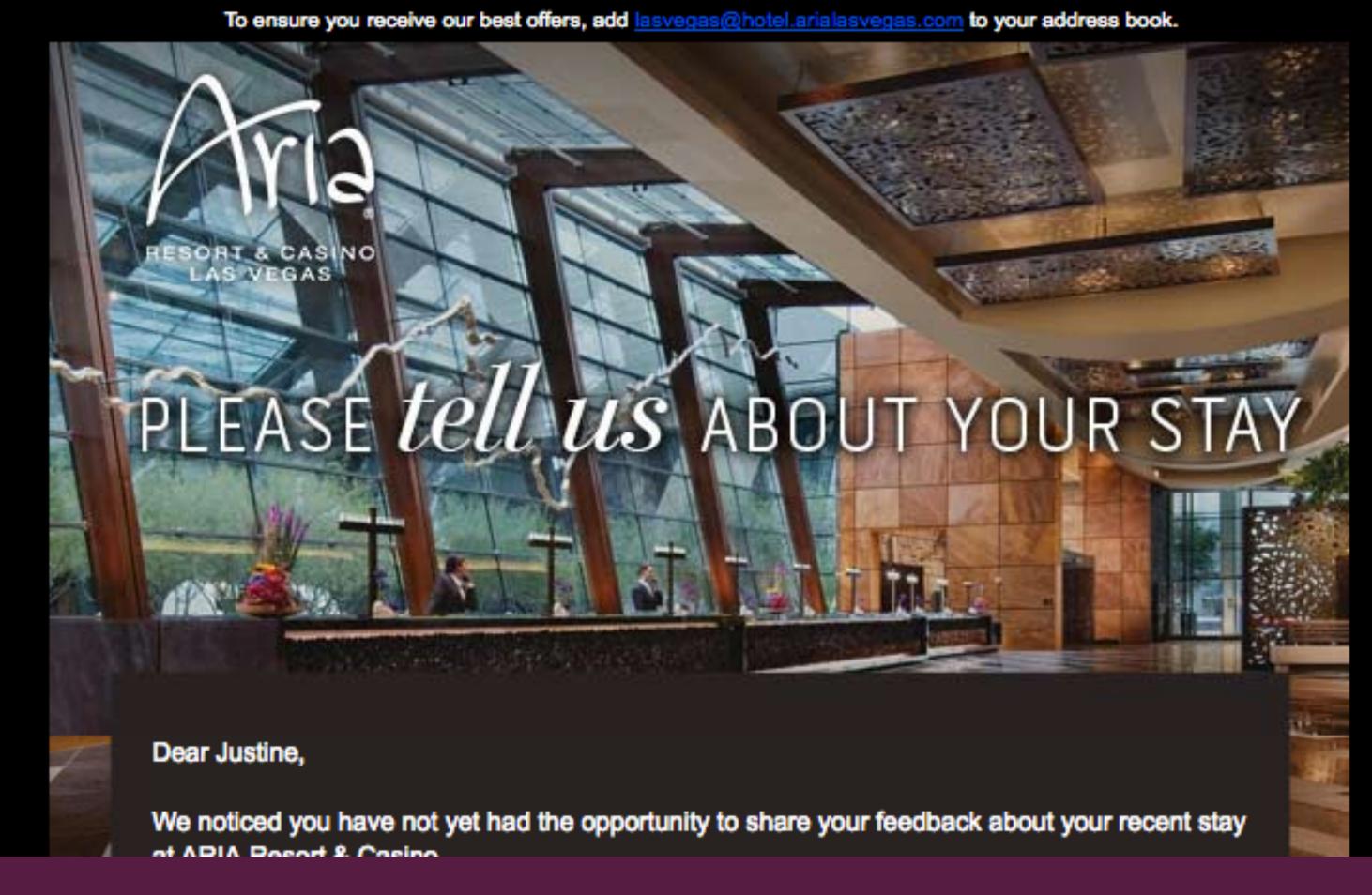


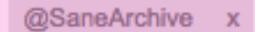


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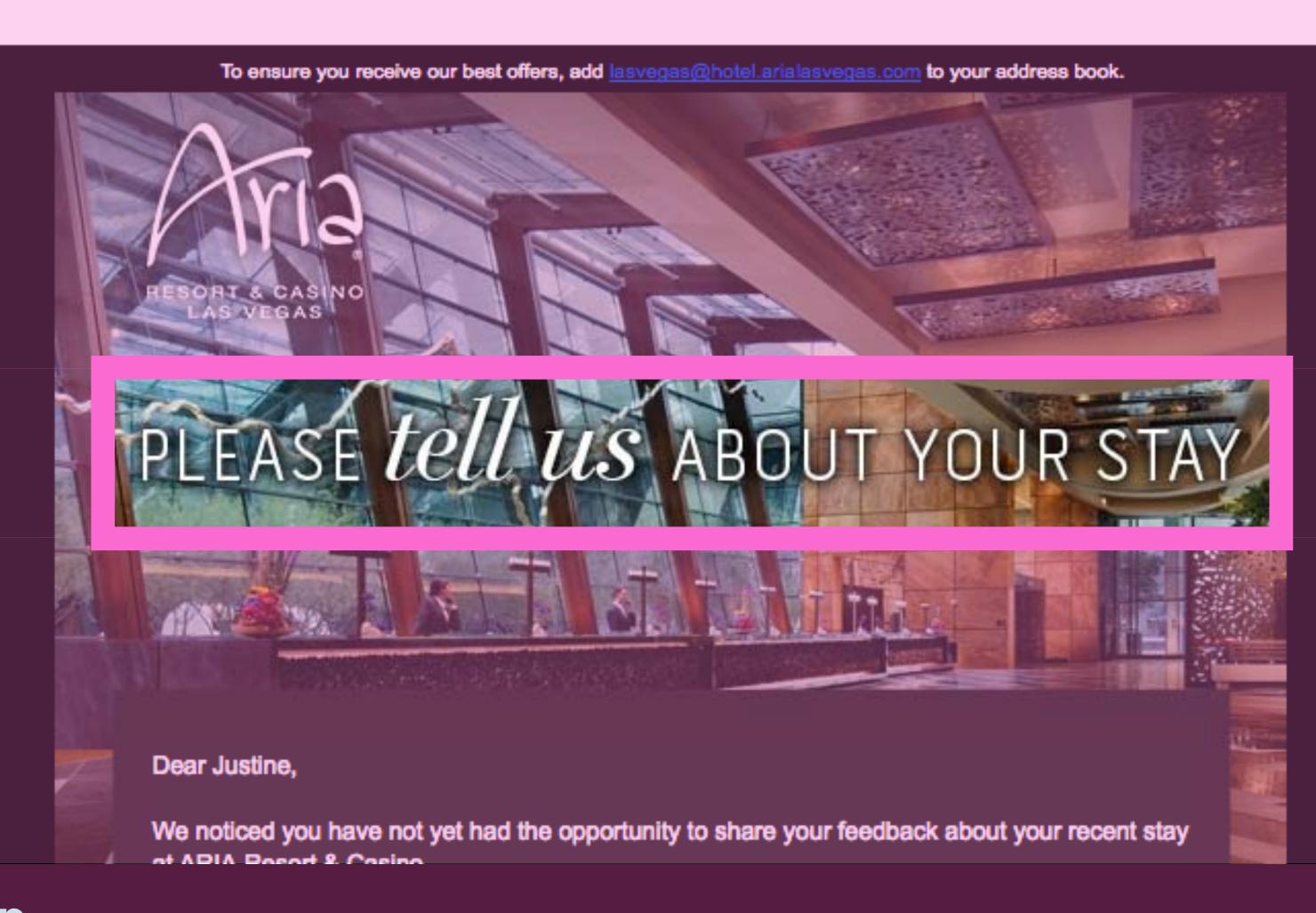






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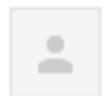






#### Apologies from GoodData CMO





Blaine Mathieu, GoodData trish@gooddata.com via mktomail.com

to me 🔻

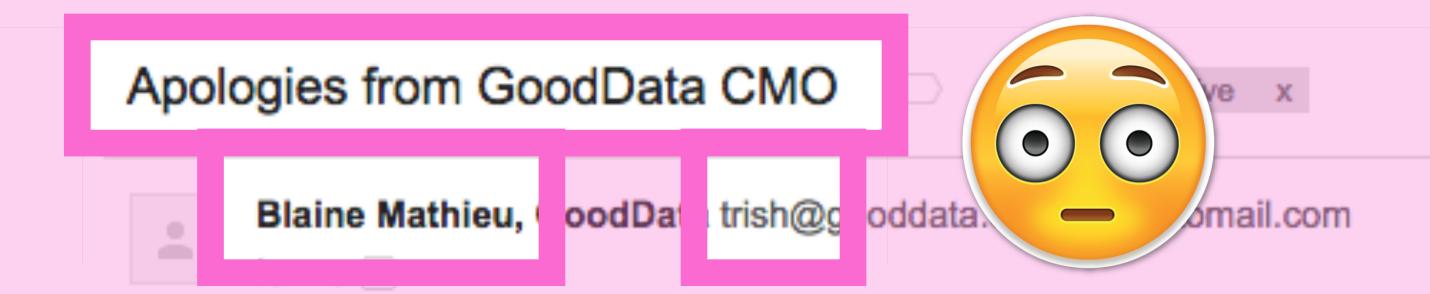


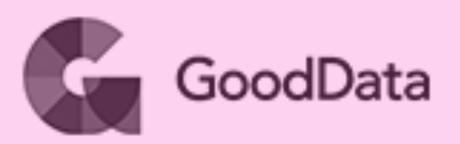
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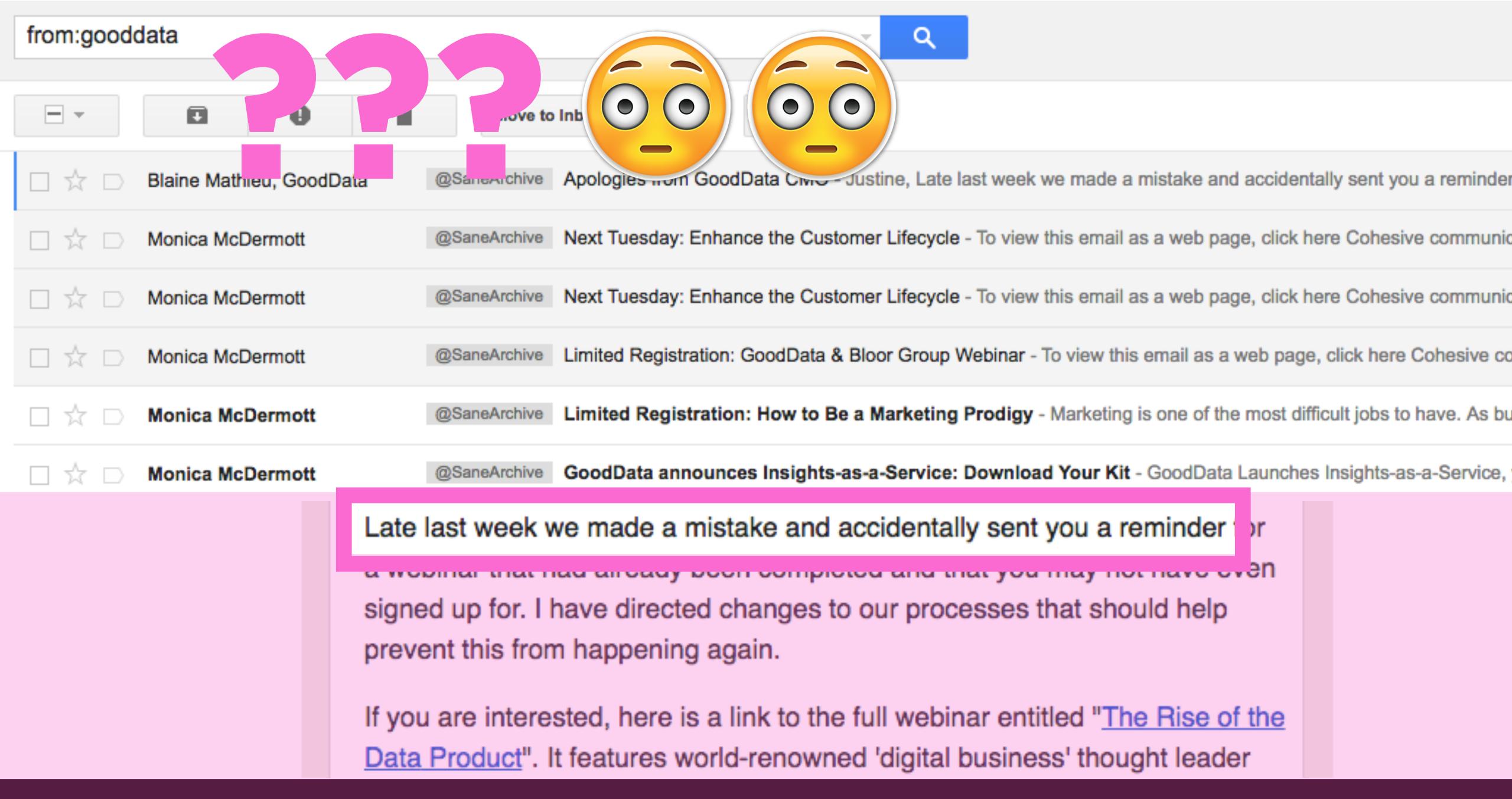




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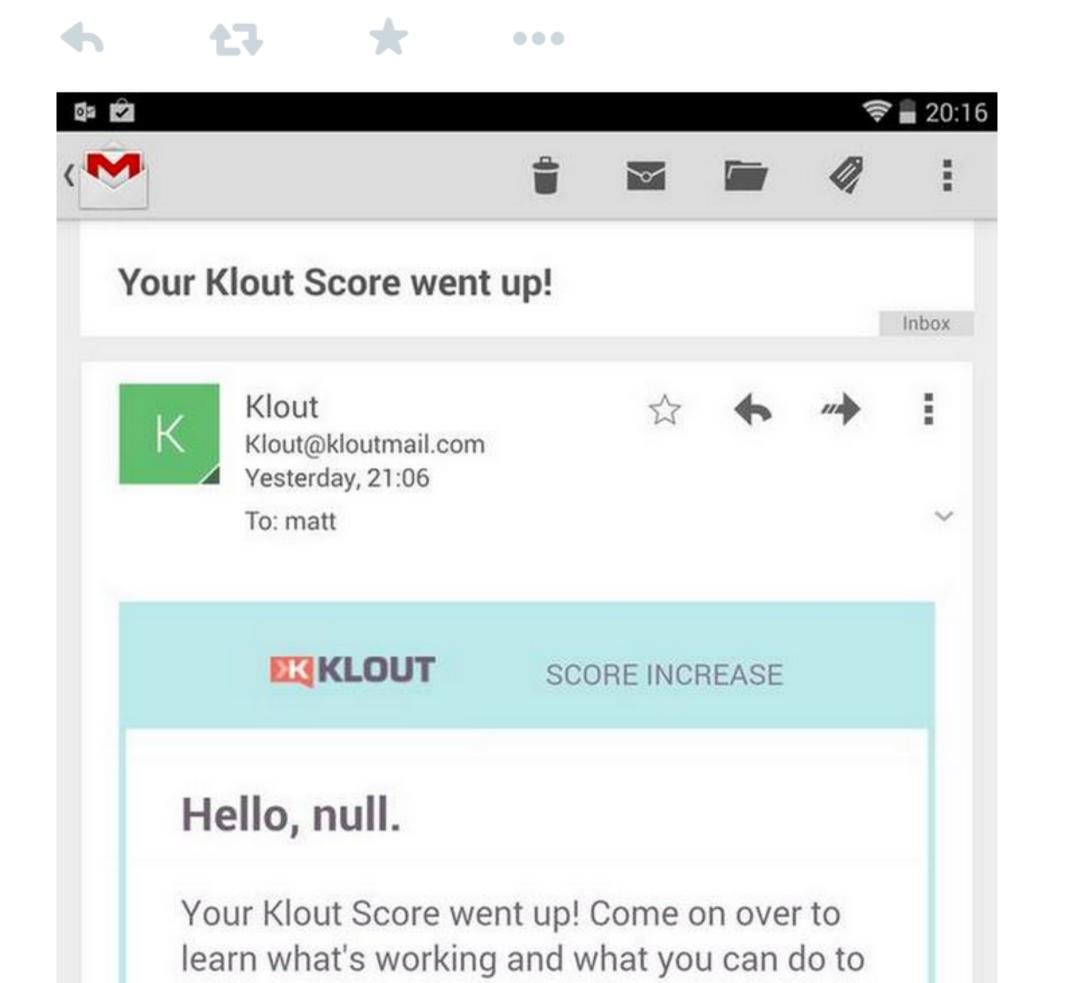




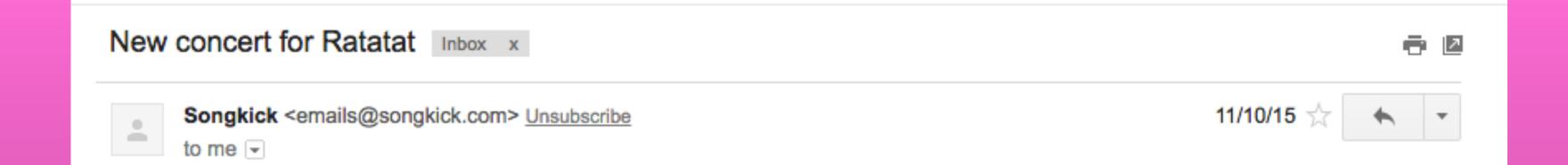




Hello, null! Not feeling the love @klout #emailfail







#### songkick

#### Hi meladorri,

Here is a new event for stuff in your <u>tracker</u>.

Check out your <u>upcoming events calendar</u> to see them all.





#### Ratatat

House of Blues, Boston, MA, US





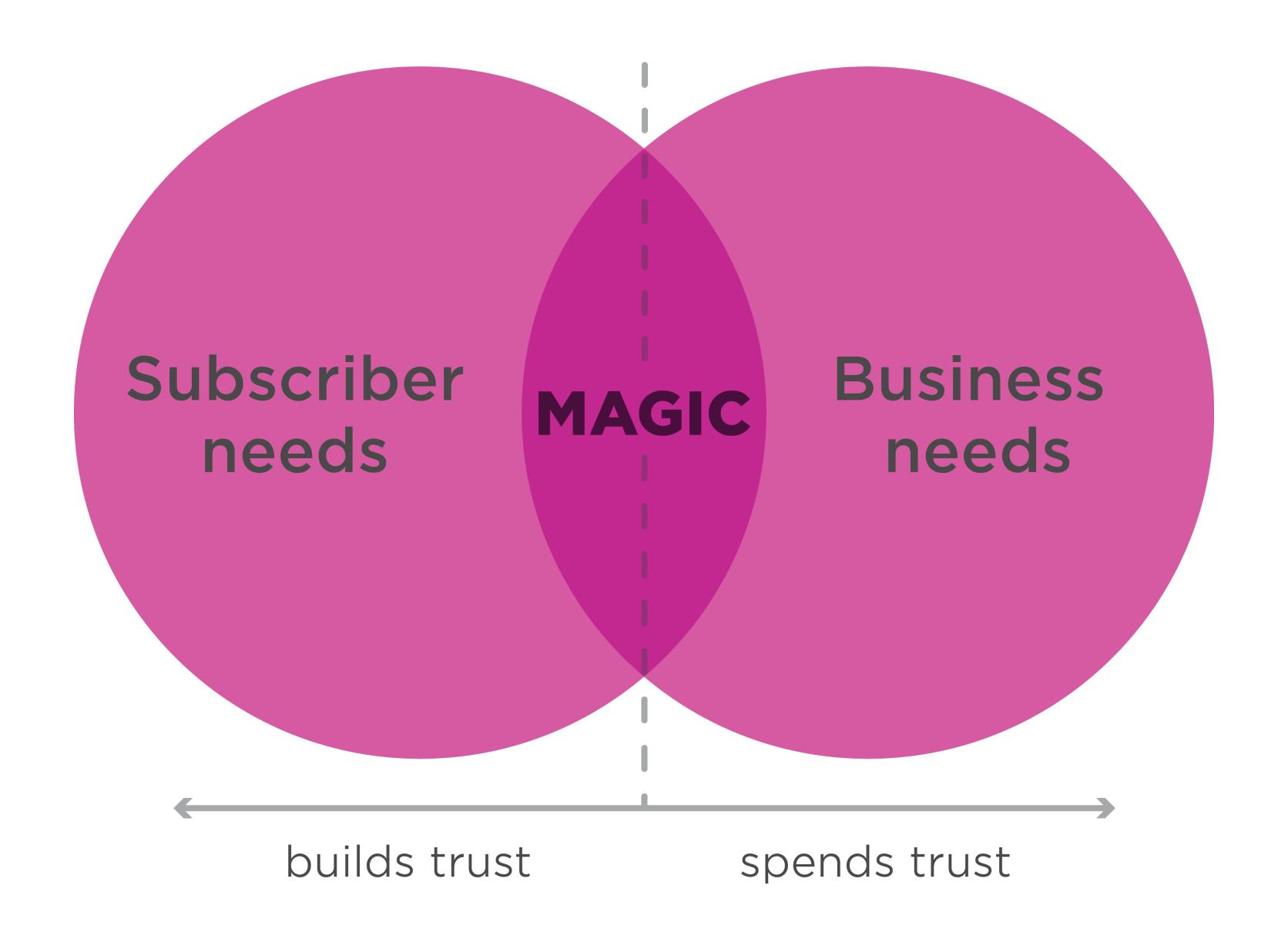


Preferred. Measurable. Direct. Personal.



# Humans want to connect with real people.

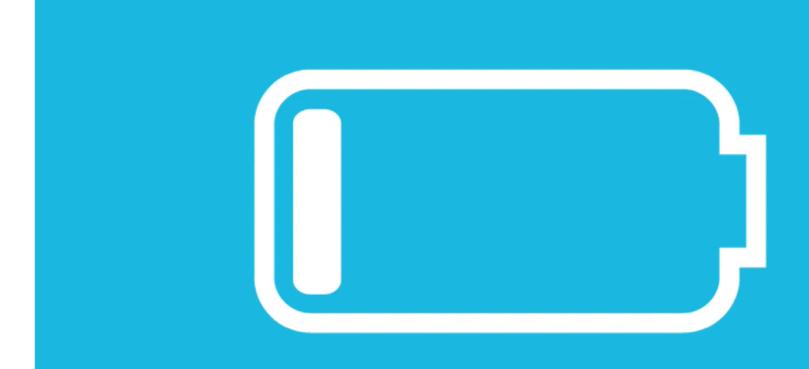
Harron Walter





Quick, find an outlet.

### YOUR BATTERY IS DYING.



Hey Justine,

Just a heads up, your Karma Go battery has dropped below 30%. Be sure to plug it into power soon.



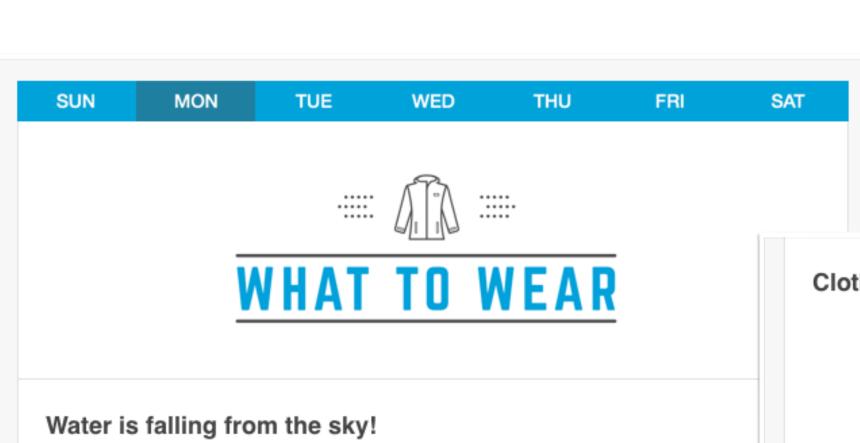
Subject:

Charge Your Karma Battery Soon.

From:

Karma < <a href="mailto:notifications@yourkarma.com">notifications@yourkarma.com</a>>

If any questions or feedback pop into your head, hit reply on this email.



So now the Patriots are on a roll we can relax for a few days, right? Well, a until Black Friday, which is 11 days away (but who's counting?) Have a dry Monday - Josh

#### Weather - Boston ▲53° ▼38°

6	Bam	8am	10am	12pm	2pm	4pm	6pm	8pm
ı	100%				60%		20%	
3	38°	38°	41°	45°	47°	49°	52°	53°

Rain throughout the day. Starting off in the high 30s. High of 53°. 100% char of moderate rain on the way to work (7am-11am) and 80% chance of light ron the way home (4pm-8pm). Temps this evening in the 40s. Tomorrow: Mocloudy until afternoon.

Humidity: **Very Dry**Drink more water than usual today.

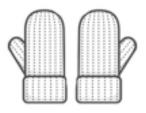
Wind: Light breeze (~6mph)
Leaves begin to rustle.

Clothing - Women's (Men's)

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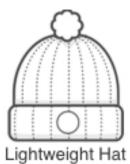
Extras





Ligh

Lightweight gloves



Umbrella

Tops





Jacket





N

Jeans or Pants

Skirt with Tights

Shoes

Bottoms





Casual boots

Sneakers



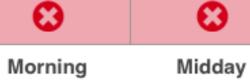




Sunrise: 6:38am Sunset: 4:22pm













Afternoon









#### Commute



Bike: Not a good day to bike to work today: 100% chance of light rain in the morning (6-10am), 60% chance of drizzle in the evening

## Hierarchy of Subscriber Needs

REMARKABLE

exceptional content + experiences

**VALUABLE** 

targeted, relevant, personalized

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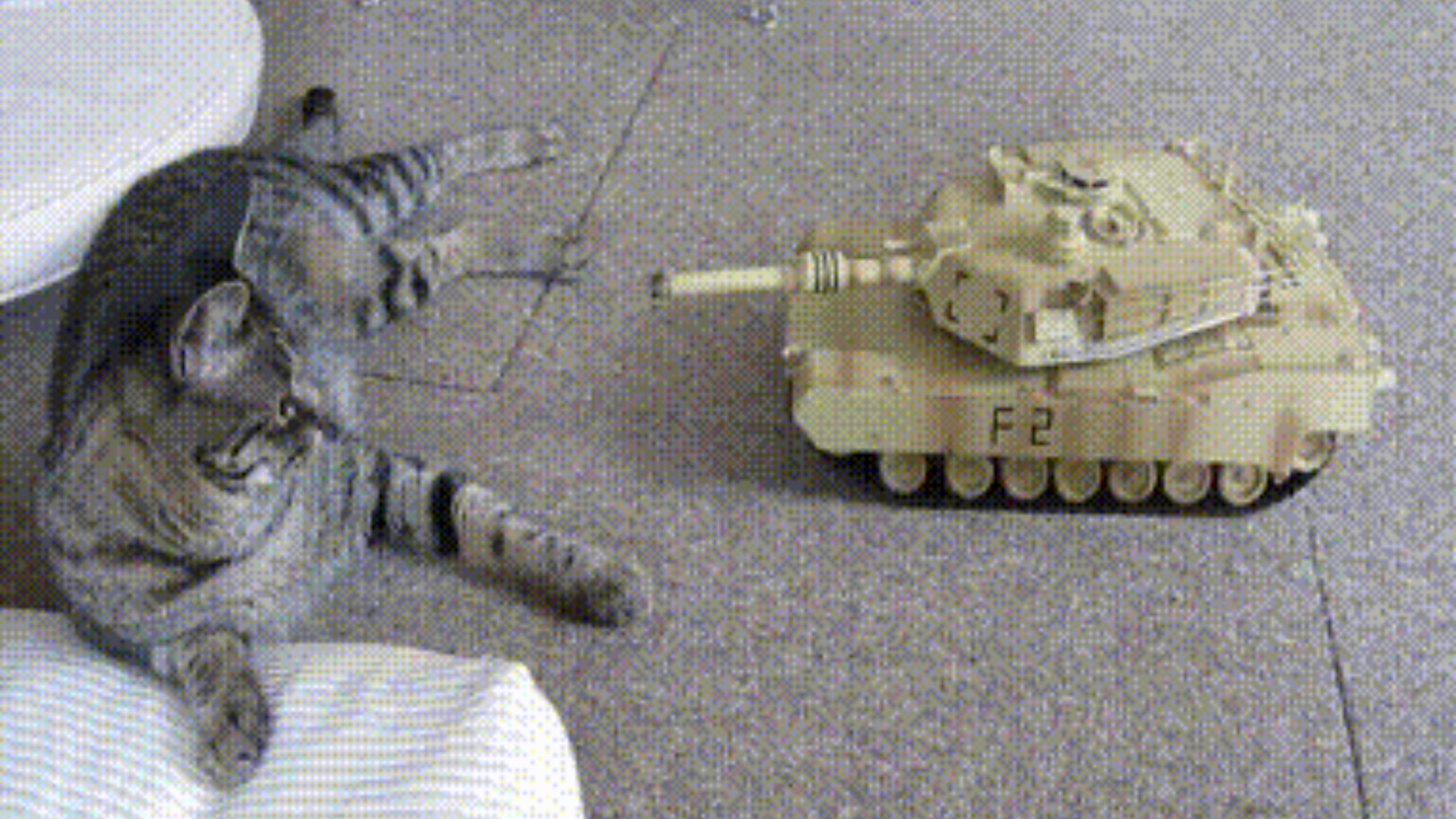
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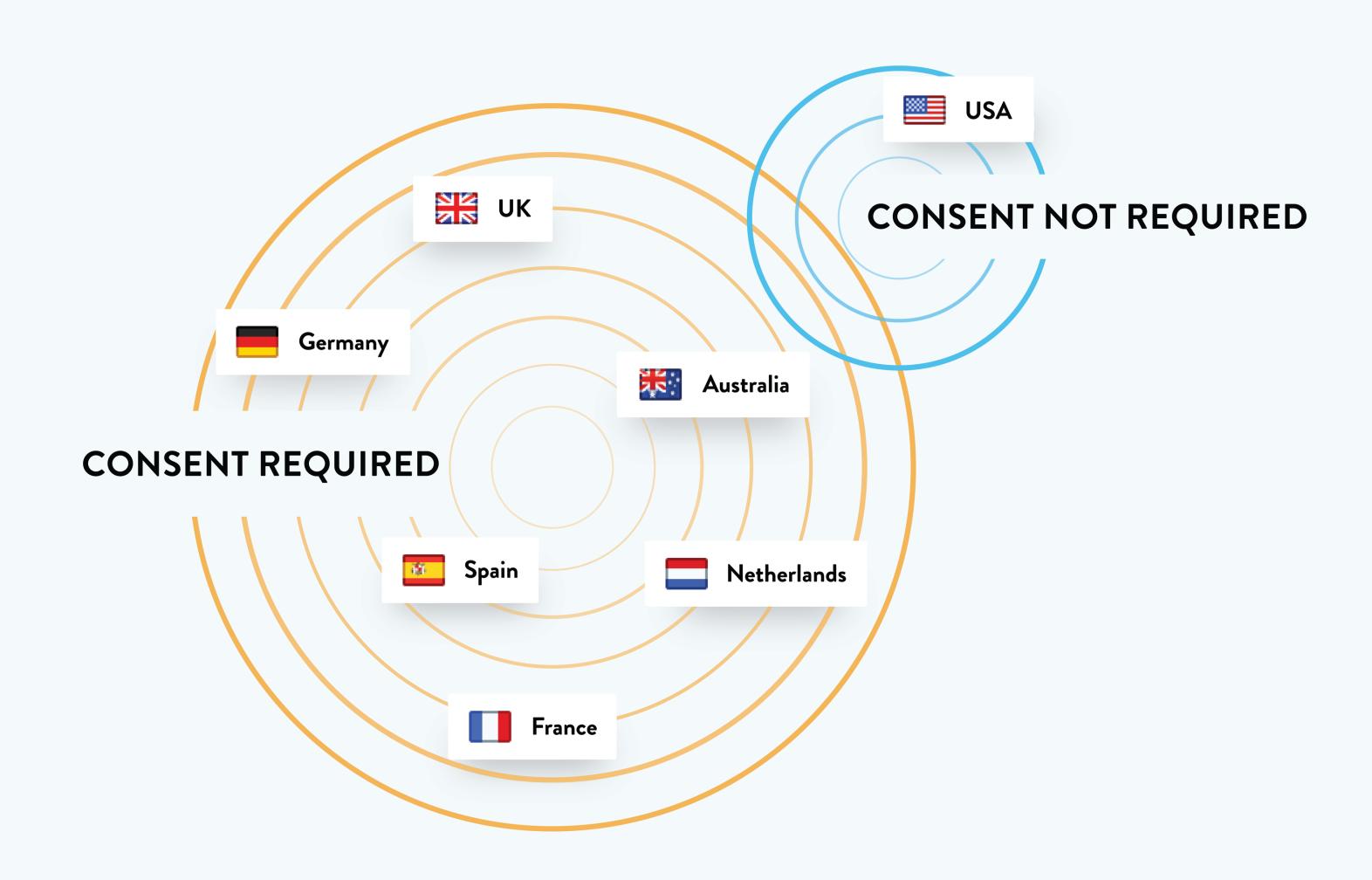








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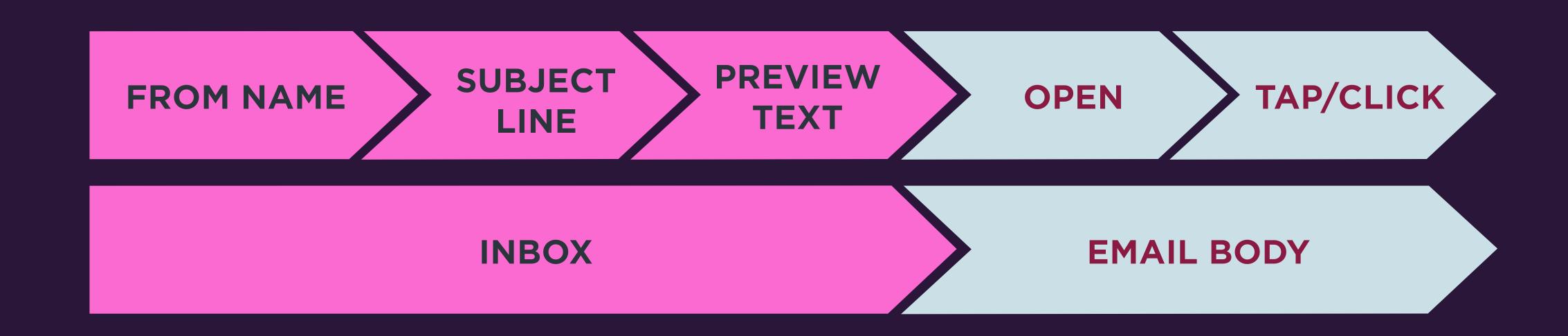
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#### Permission is...

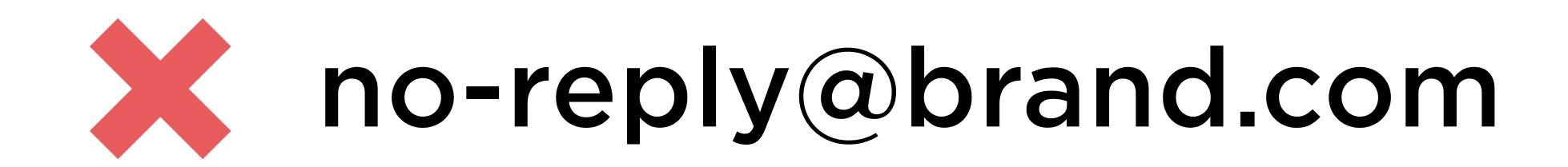
- Opt-in
- Not implied
- Not purchased
- Not forever

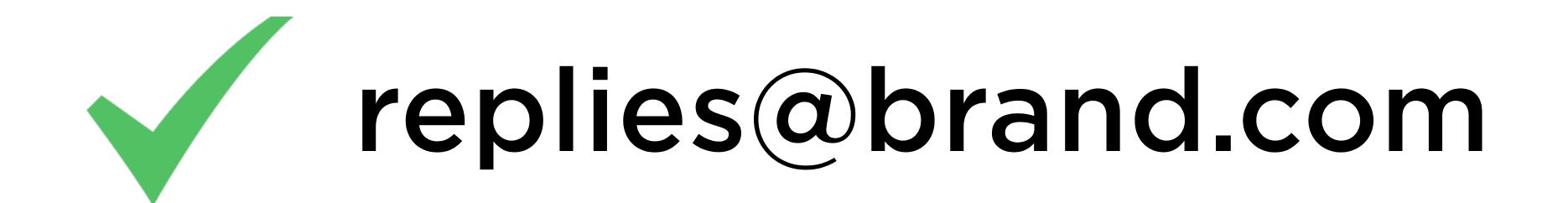
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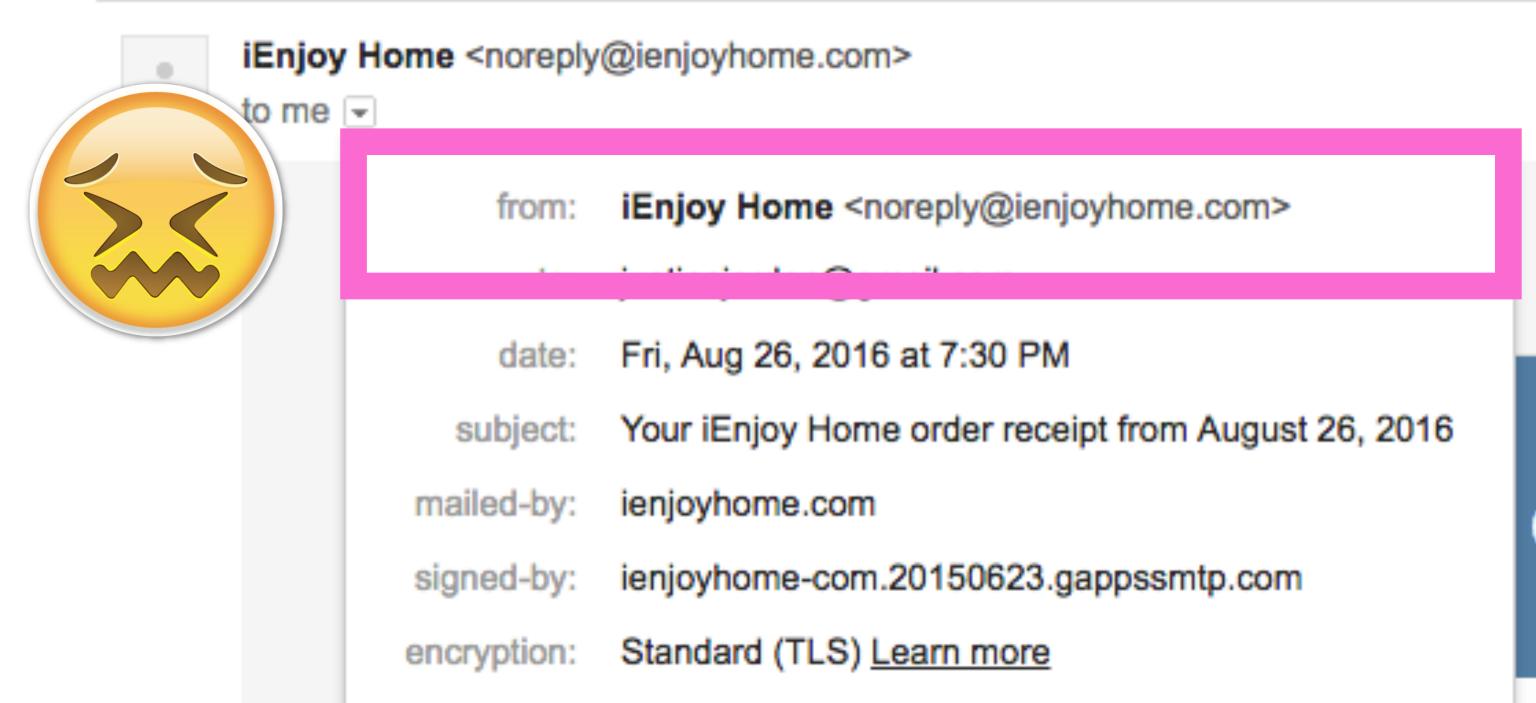
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☐ ☆ Quora	Inbox Patty Wilson followed you on Quora - Patty Wilson followed you on Quora Patty Wilson Patty
☐ ☆ Quora People You Follow	Inbox Jonathan Kim recently answered "What is the more important skill to be a front-end deve
☐ ☆ Quora Digest	Inbox Those who are under 30 and make \$300k+ a year, what do you do? - Quora - Answer: Ther
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## Behind every from name...

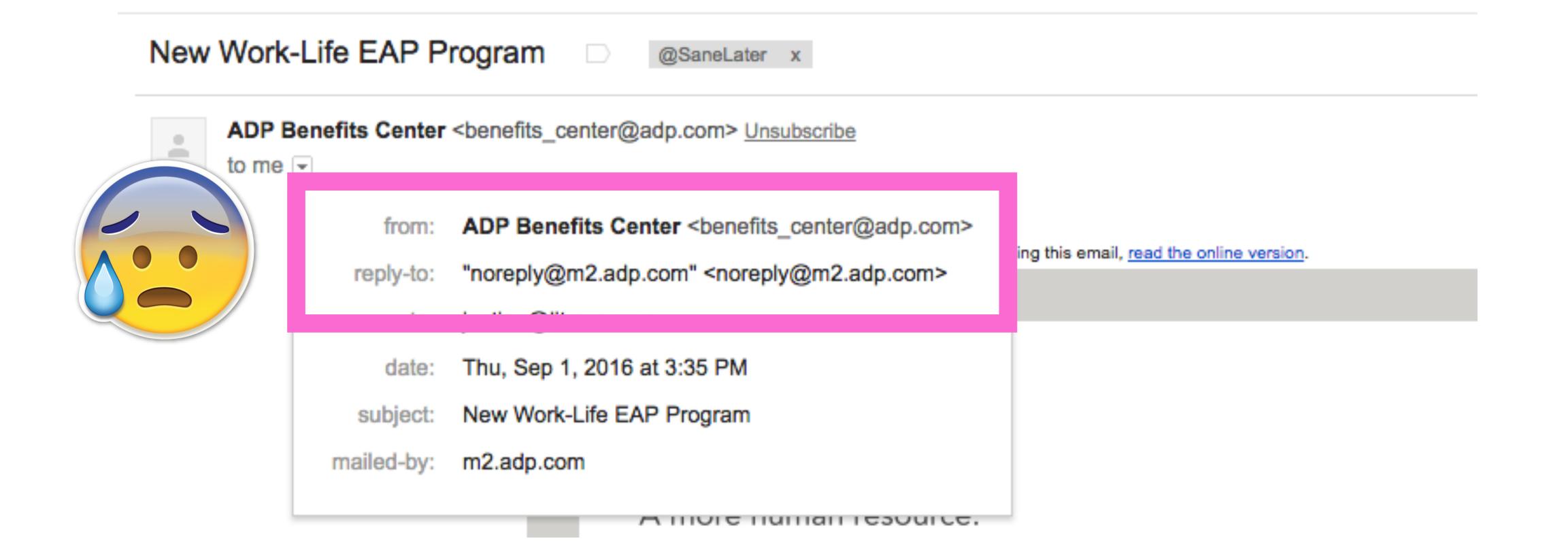




#### Your iEnjoy Home order receipt from August 26, 2016 Inbox x



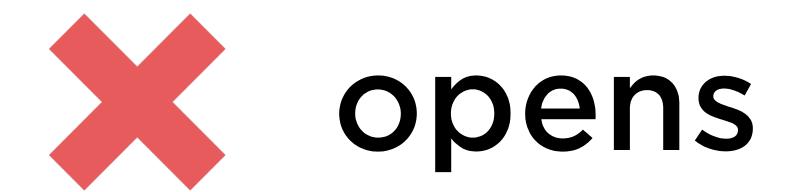
order



#### Justine, your August TrueBlue statement is ready! Inbox x

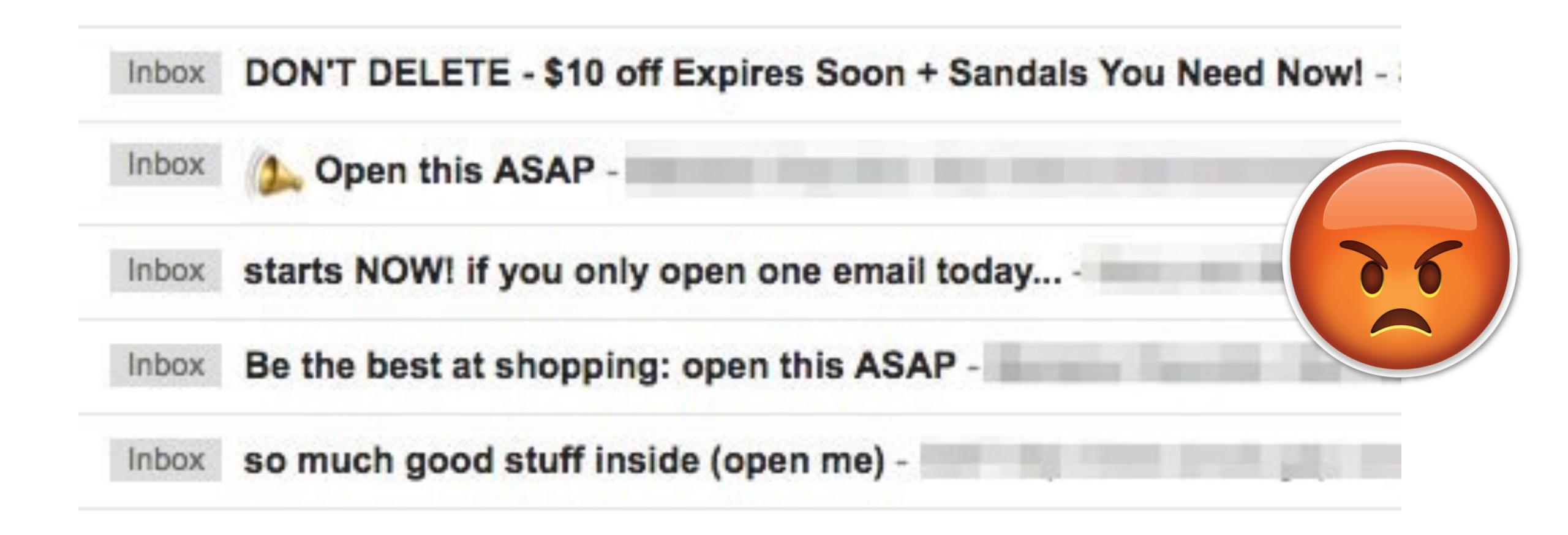


# Subject line optimization





clicks, conversions

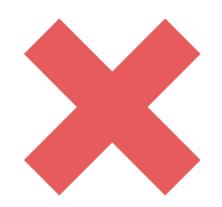


Too many exclamation marks, unnecessary punctuation, etc.	17%
ANYTHING IN ALL CAPS	24%
Spelling and grammatical errors	35%
Overly sales-y and promotional language	12%
Misused or broken personalization (Hi, [name]!)	12%

Personalization. Something that sounds like it's for ME!	25%
Creative, fun language.	15%
Mystery. I like teasers about what's inside.	5%
Relevancy. Make it matter.	50%
Urgency, like a limited-time sale.	4%

Source: Grammarly & Movable Ink

# Preview text optimization



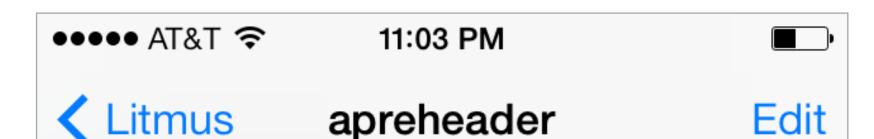
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actionable, trackable







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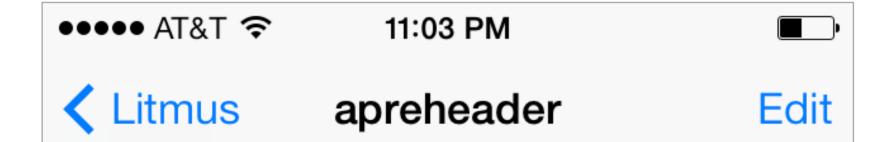
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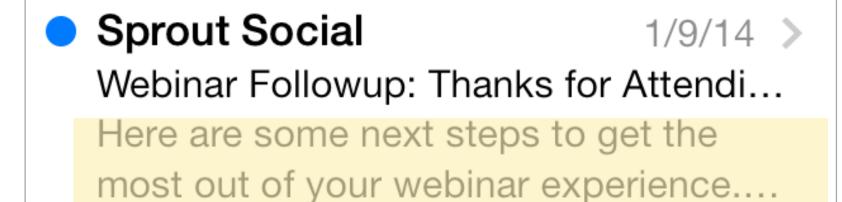
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 of 05 Jan, 2014 Total Stats + Weekly...

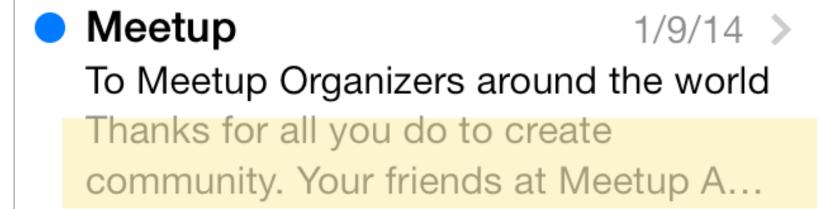
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 How can we improve Help Scout for y...
 Please take a few minutes to answer some questions that will help us impr...

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 Scrappy Beginnings
 We all started somewhere. Early videos and lessons learned from Wistia and f...





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Tim Walsh 1/8/14 >





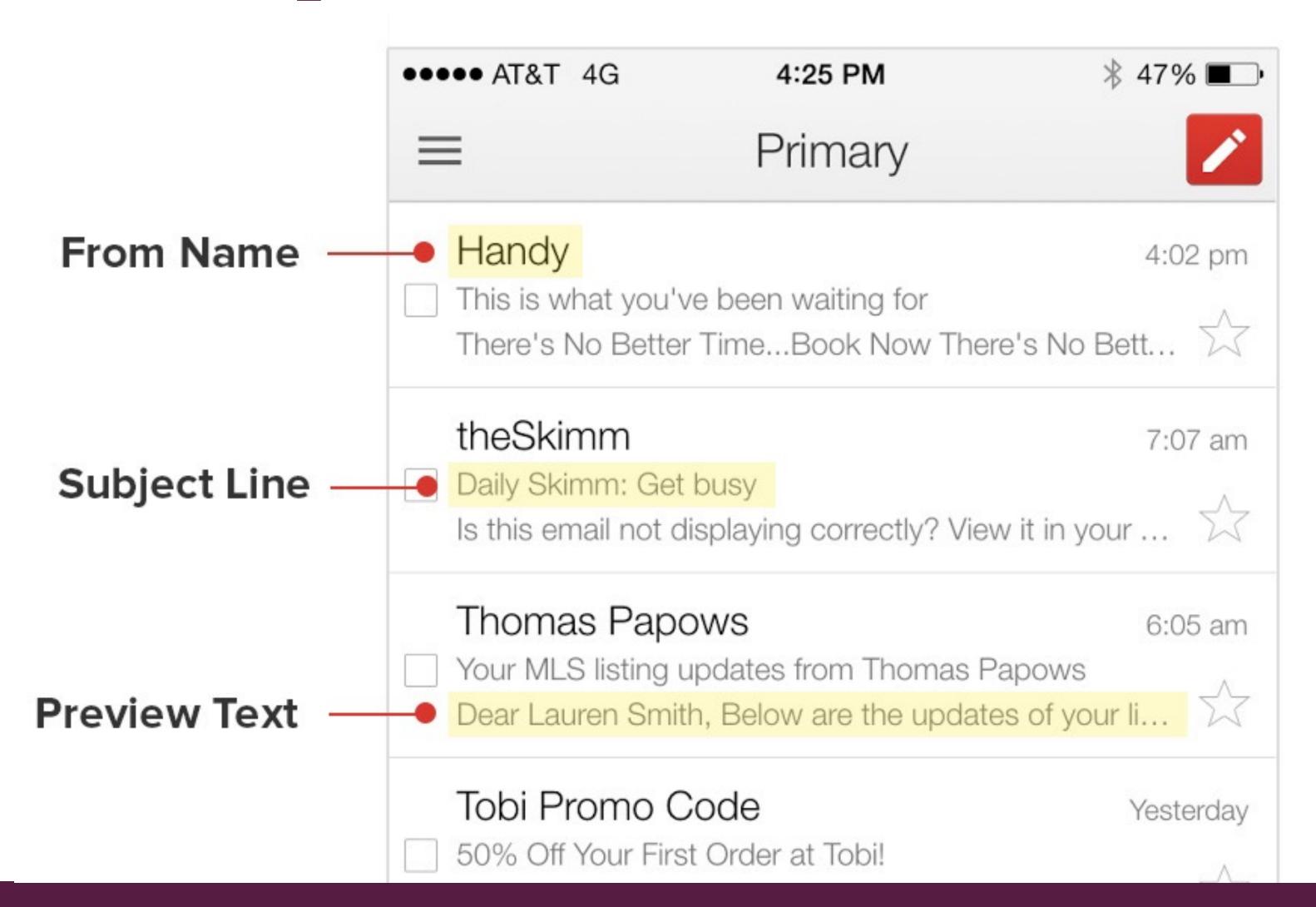


## Shows up in the inbox, but not in the email

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height: 0px; max-width: 0px; opacity:
0; overflow: hidden; ">
  Insert preview text here.
</div>
```

Guide to preview text >> bit.ly/preview-text

# An optimized inbox



# Don't be these guys

#### Groupon Goods

11:14 AM

Dodge the Mall with Last-Minute Jew...

Greek Council 7:09 PM > [ALLSTU] LAST DAY TO GET A BUTT... It's National Hazing Prevention Week Hazing can occur in any campus orga...

#### Olive Garden

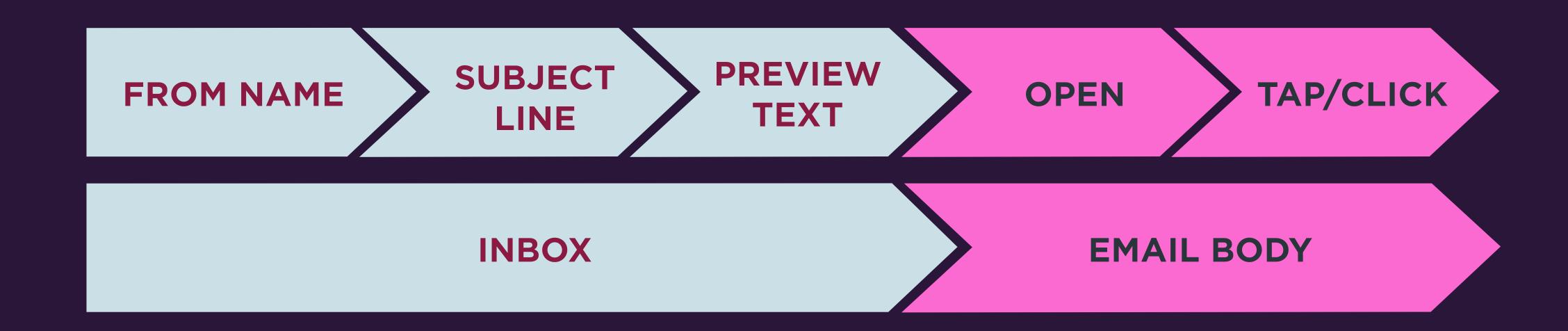
1:04 AM

Don't forget! Go Olive Garden for Fat...

Having trouble viewing this email? Click
here. Refer a Friend Please add olivegard...

Interaction Design Ass... 6:28 PM
 Purho backstage pictures from "M...
 We are glad to share with you the latest pictures taken inside our master

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## CONTEXT-AWARE EMAIL

What do we know about the user to create a better experience?

Technology: What device is being used?

**Environment:** Where and when is the user?

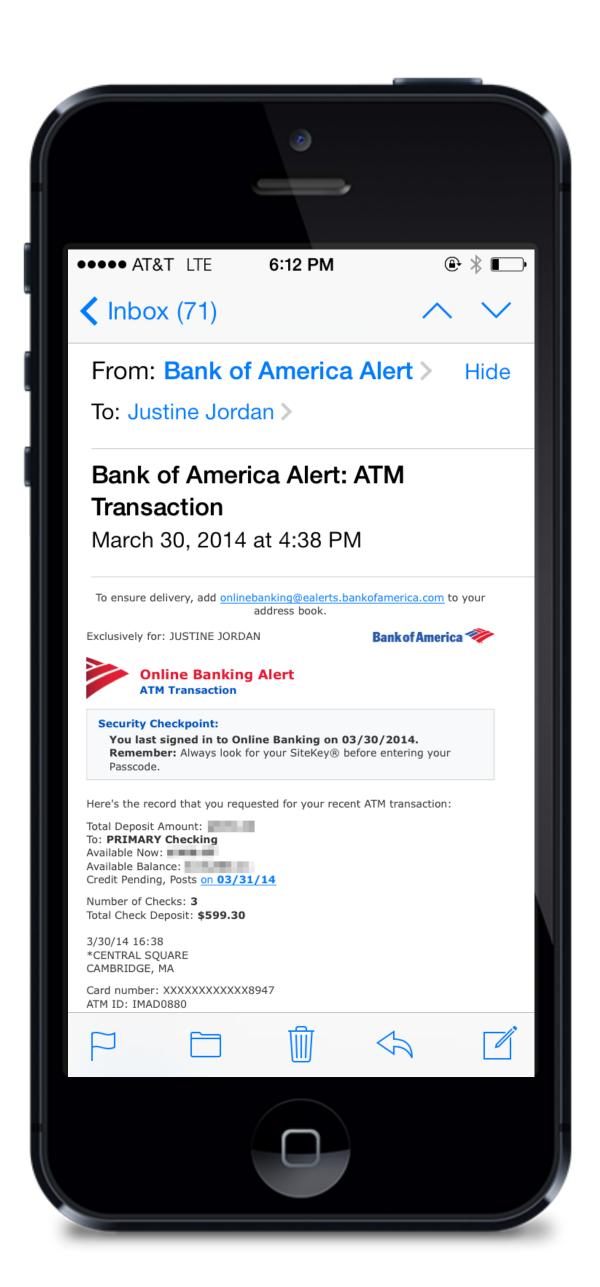
Task: What is the user trying to accomplish?

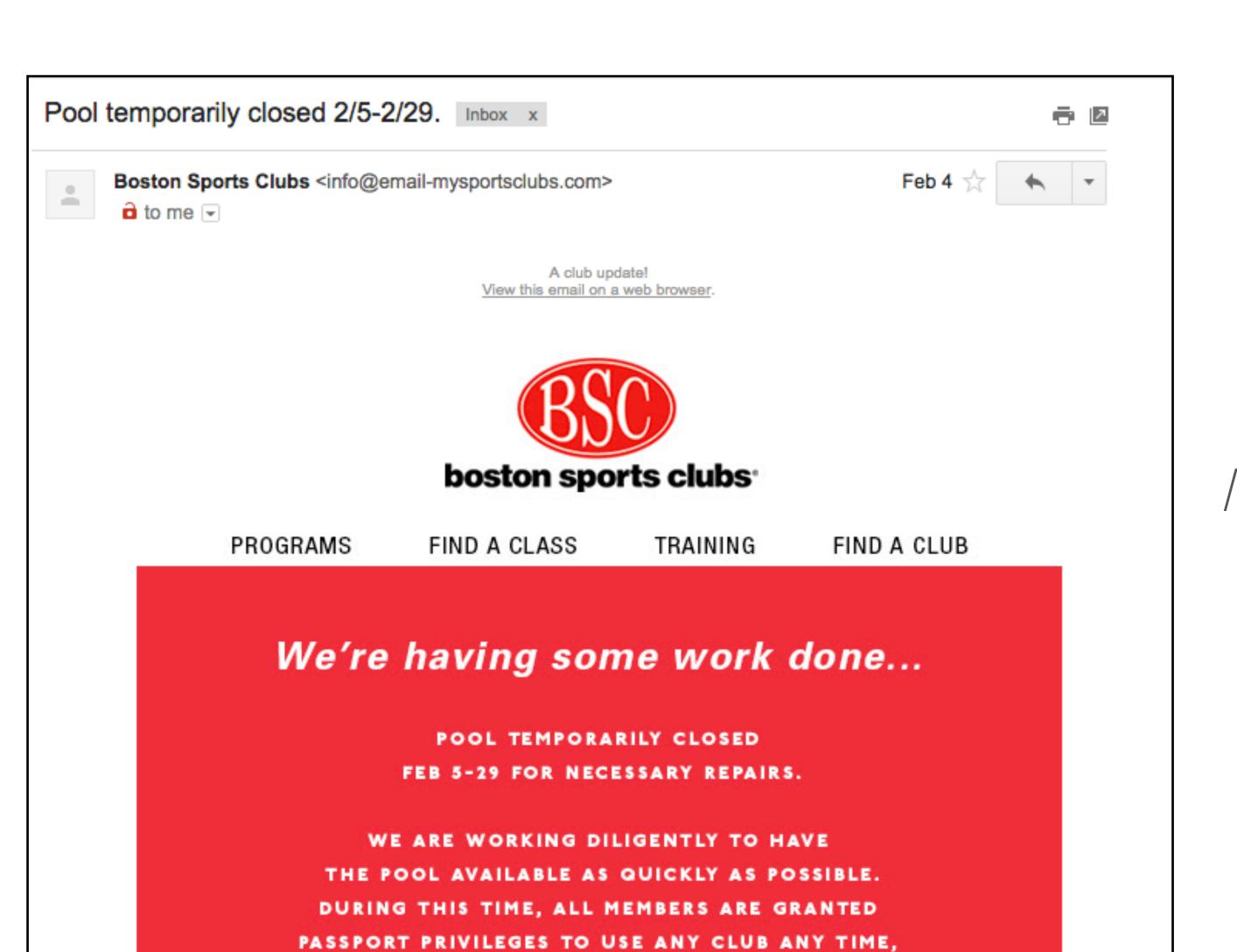
## TECHNOLOGY



## ENVIRONMENT

email from an ATM transaction!





AT NO ADDITIONAL FEE. THE CLOSEST CLUBS

WITH A POOL ARE SOUTH END AND BOYLSTON.

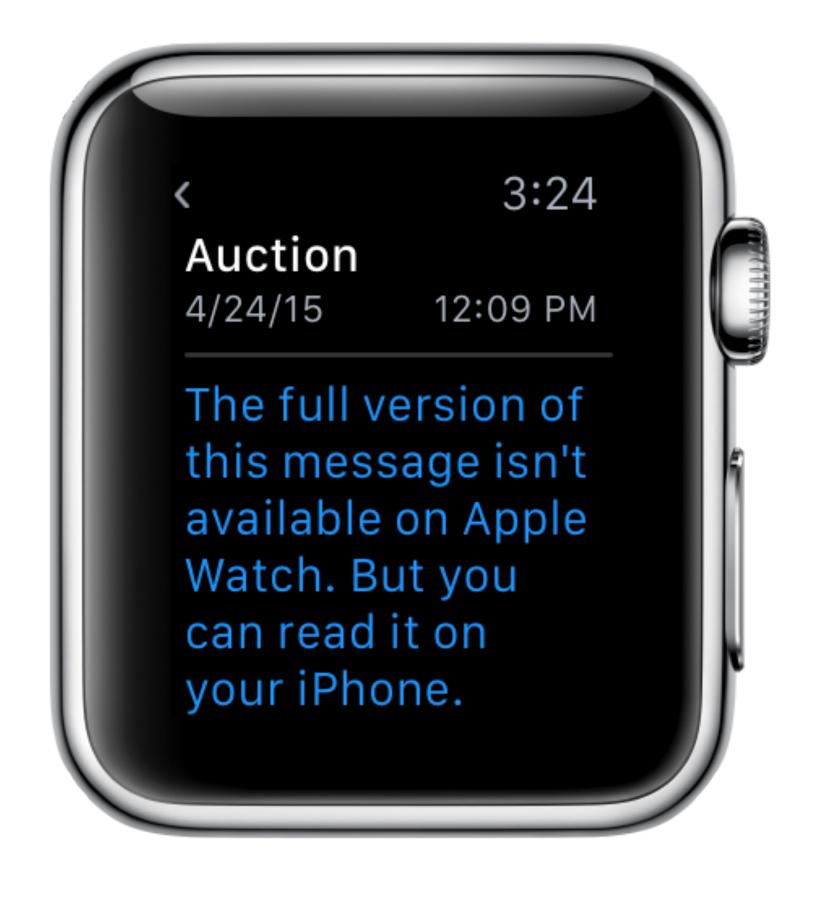
WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

**GET UPDATES** 

I want to swim.

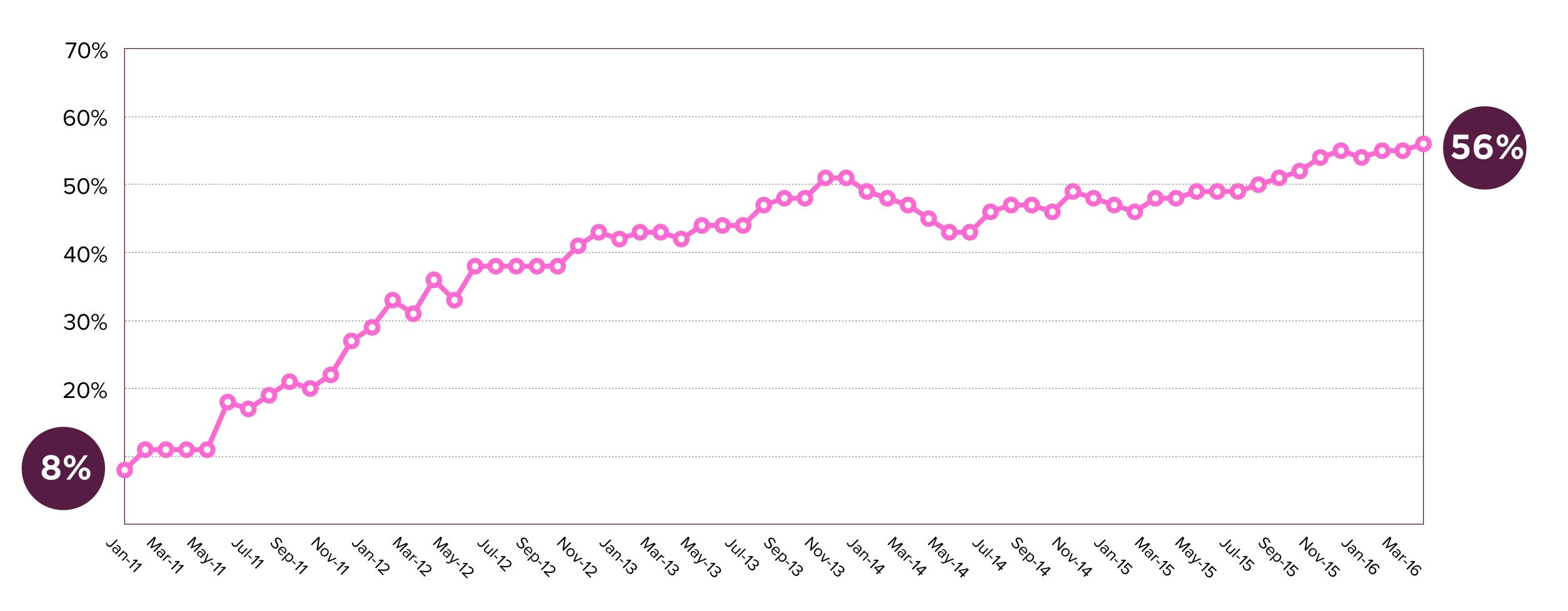
Which pool is closed?

TASK



# Apple Watch? No text version? No email.

### Mobile email opens: +600% in 5 years



Source: Litmus Email Analytics

# Know your audience



70%+ open on mobile

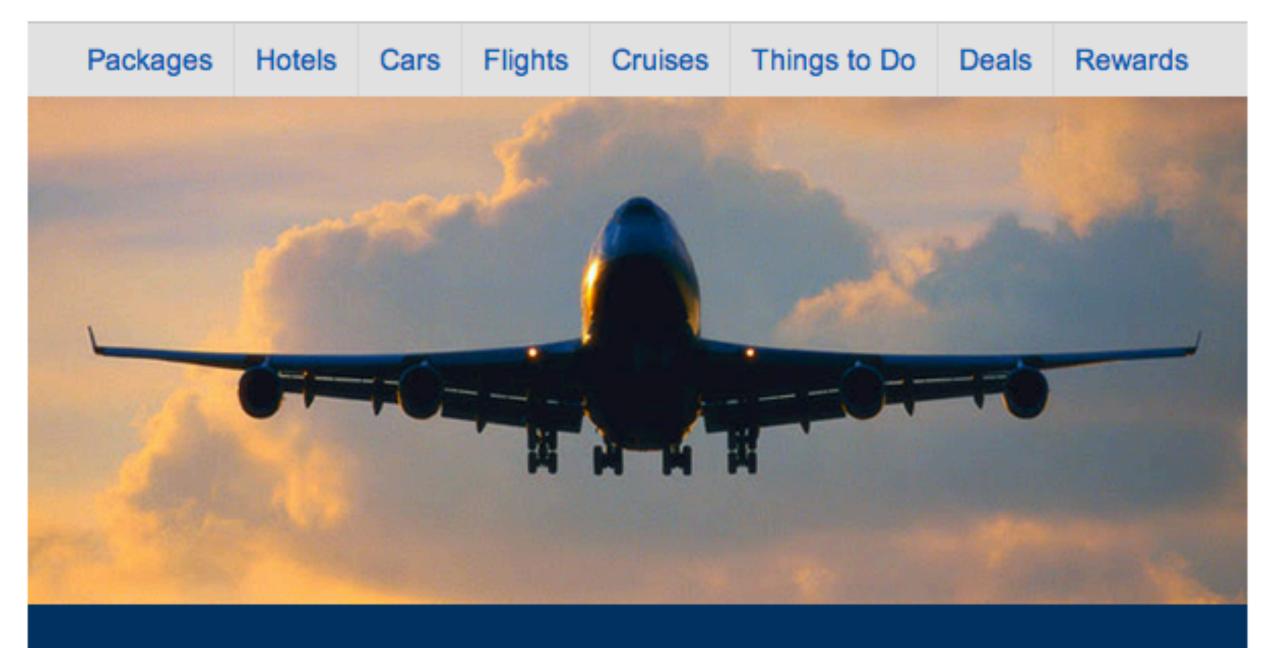


< 15% open on mobile



Fly last-minute & save | View email in web browser





#### **Last-Minute Deals**

Last-minute doesn't have to mean more money. Save big with today's flight deals and leave as early as tomorrow, this weekend, or next!

See Deals

#### Super low fares

March 31, 2014 at 10:16 AM

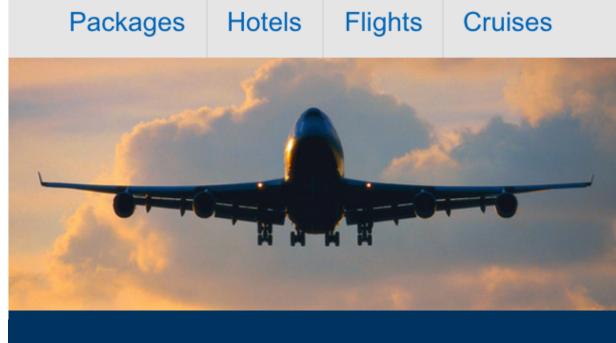
Inbox – Gmail

Download our award-winning app









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**See Deals** 



Book on our app & get TRIPLE Expedia Rewards points!

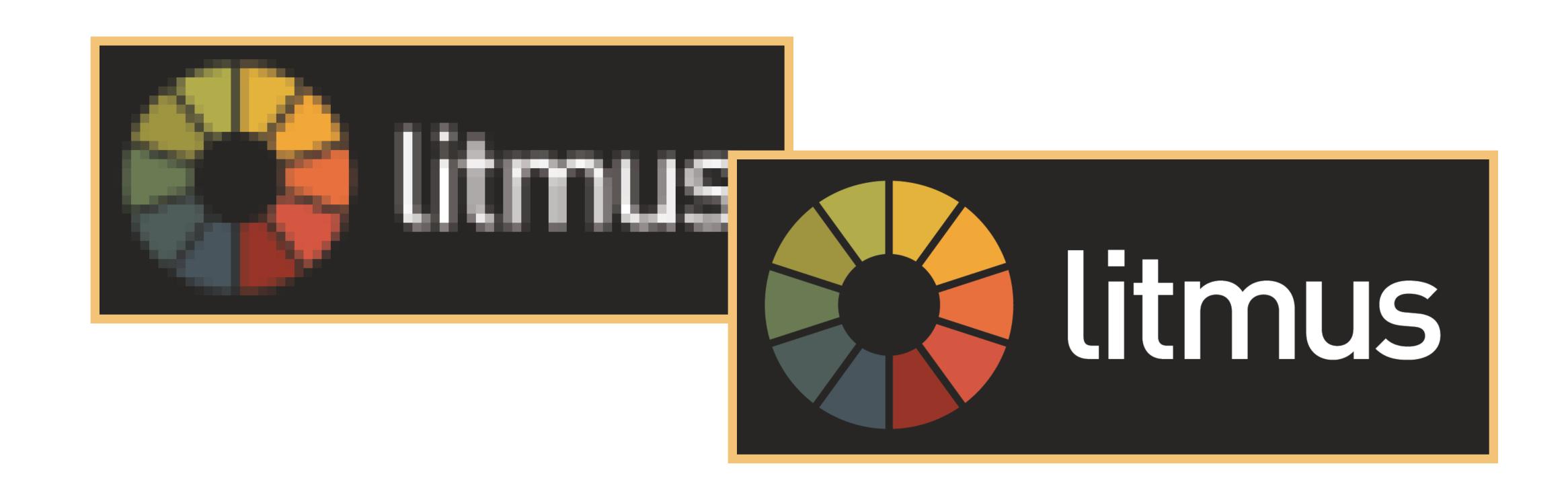


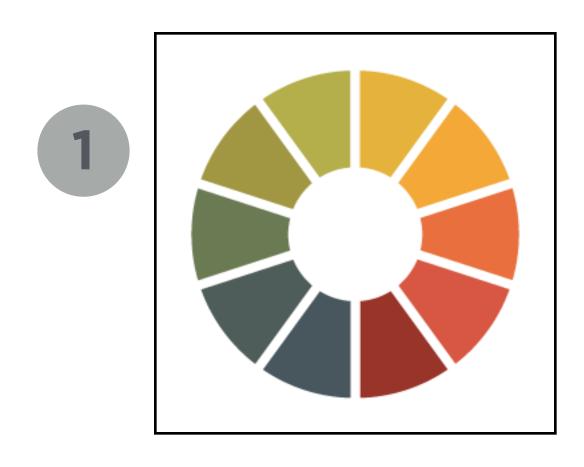






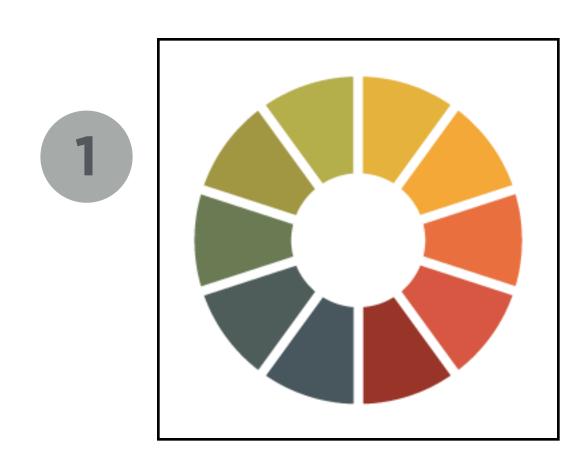
## Modern devices have sharp screens





Save image at 2x intended display size

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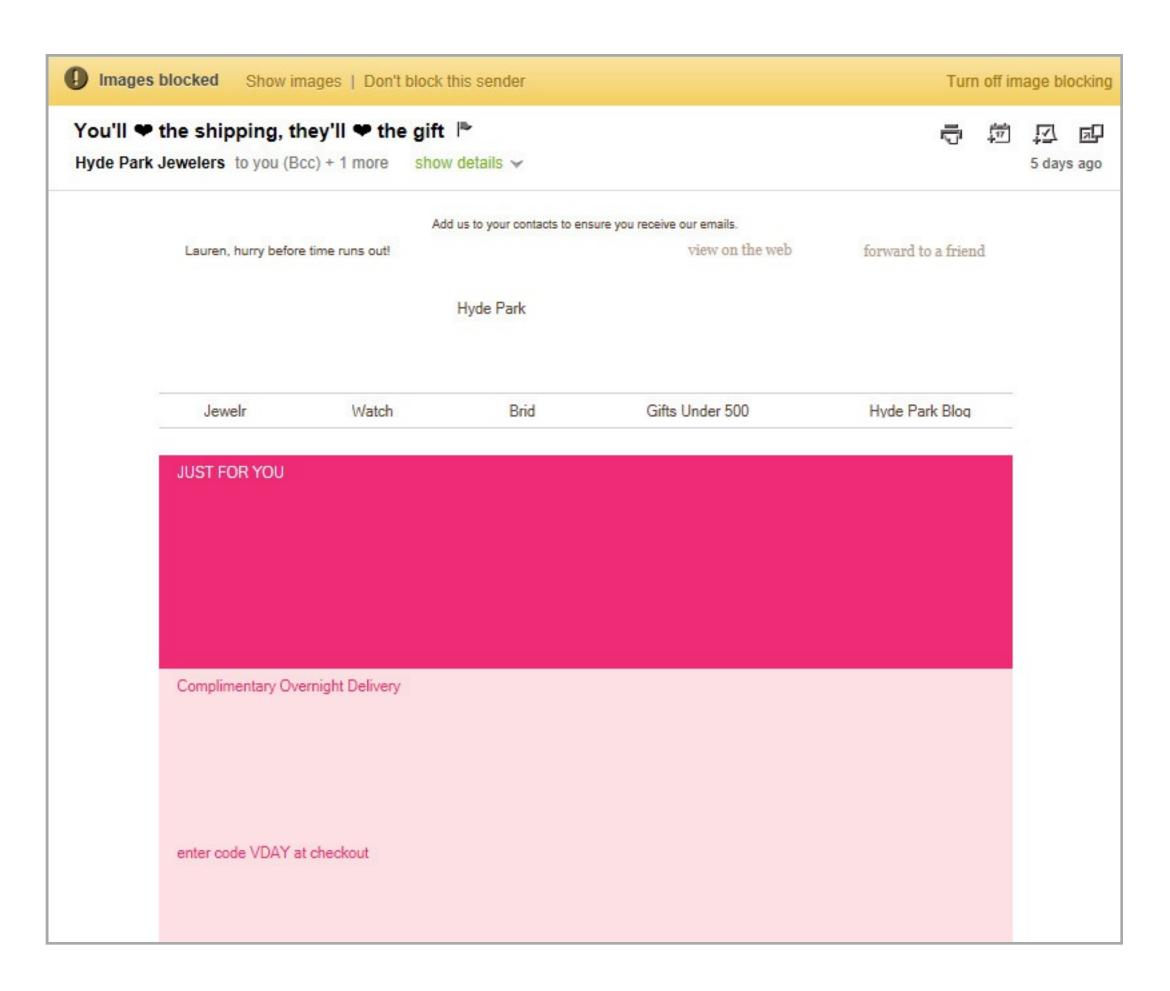
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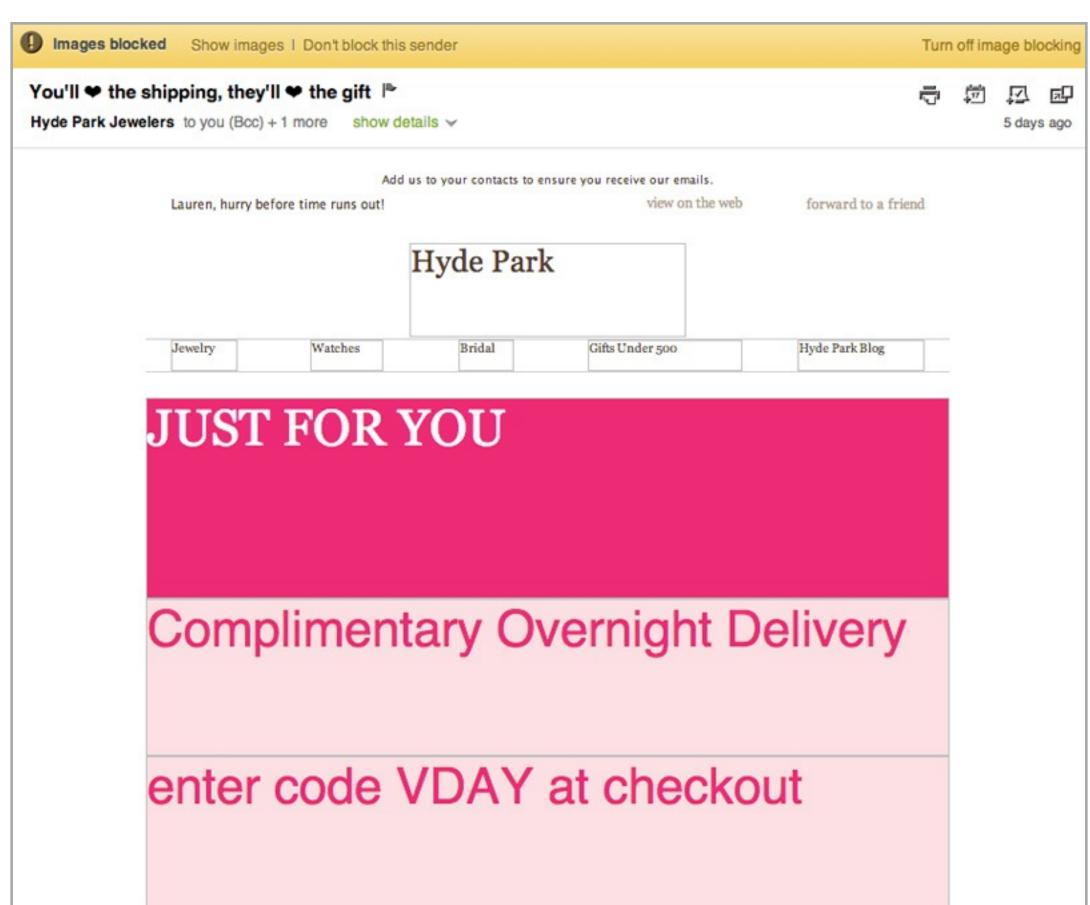
Your email



NEWS

## No images = no message?





## Style your ALT text

```
<img src="logo.jpg" width="400"</pre>
height="149" alt="Litmus"
style="font-family: Georgia;
color: #697c52; font-style:
italic; font-size: 30px;">
```

Guide to styled ALT text >> bit.ly/styledALT

## Simple accessibility hack

http://blog.rebelmail.com/accessibility-in-email-part-ii/



#### Greetings from your new Nikon accour

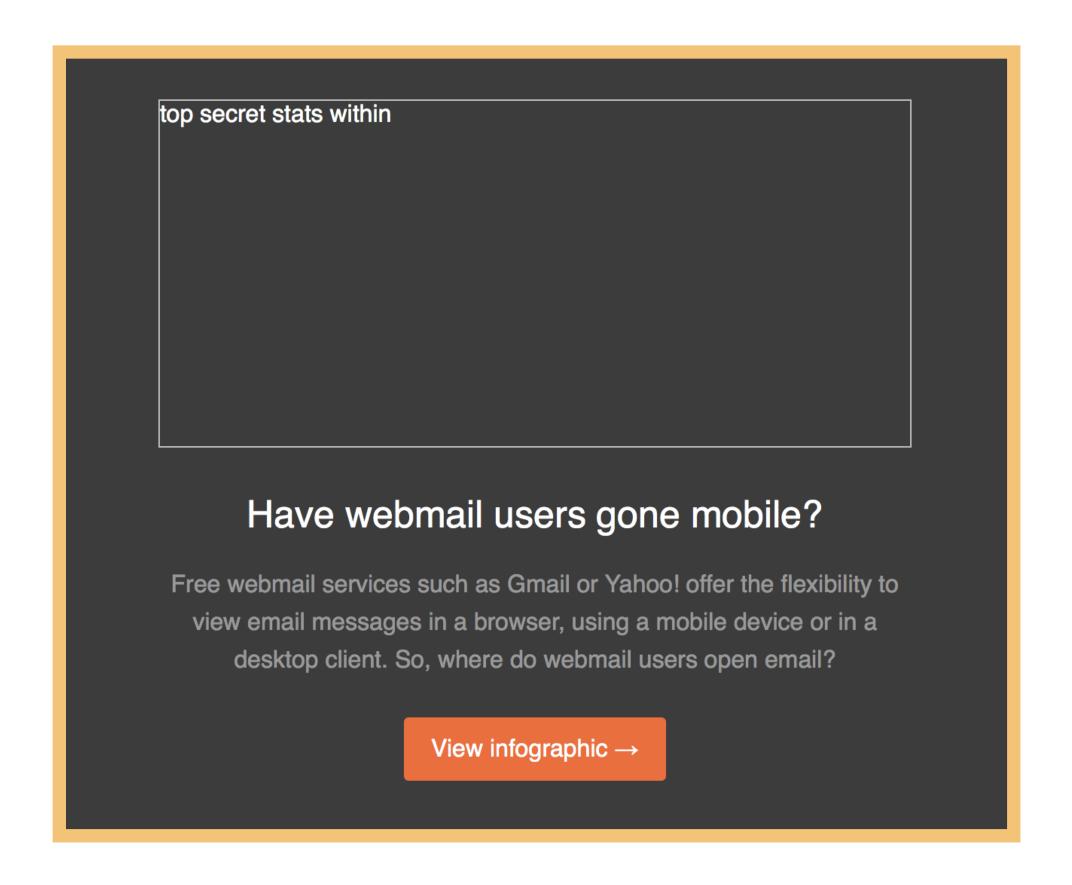
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Guide to bulletproof buttons >> bit.ly/bulletproof-buttons

Get the details →

## I like...

BIG BUTTONS

... and I cannot lie

# Create a great CTA

**Free Trial** 

See plans and pricing

# Create a great CTA

**Free Trial** 

See plans and pricing

200% increase in signups

# Stop saying 'click here'



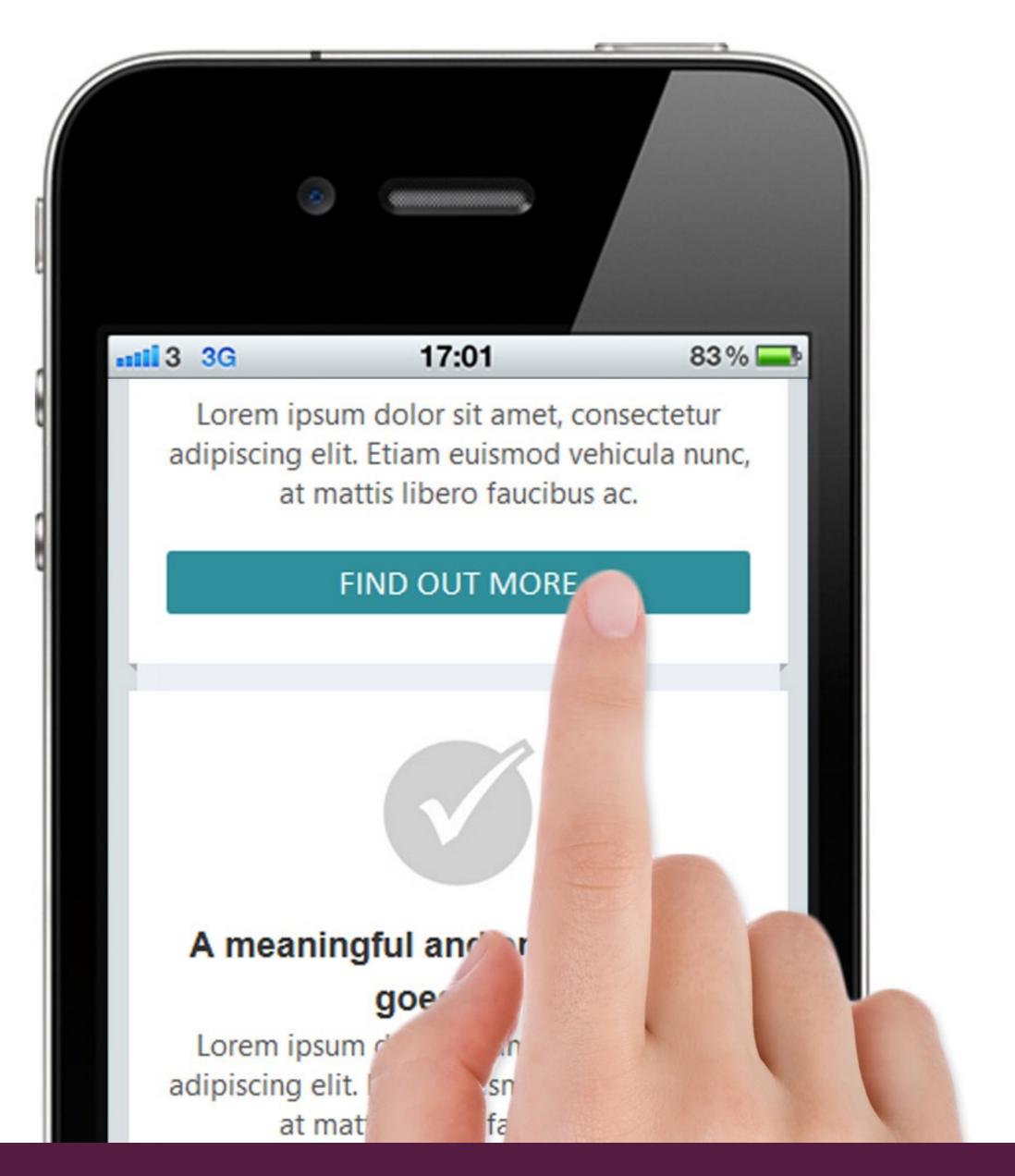
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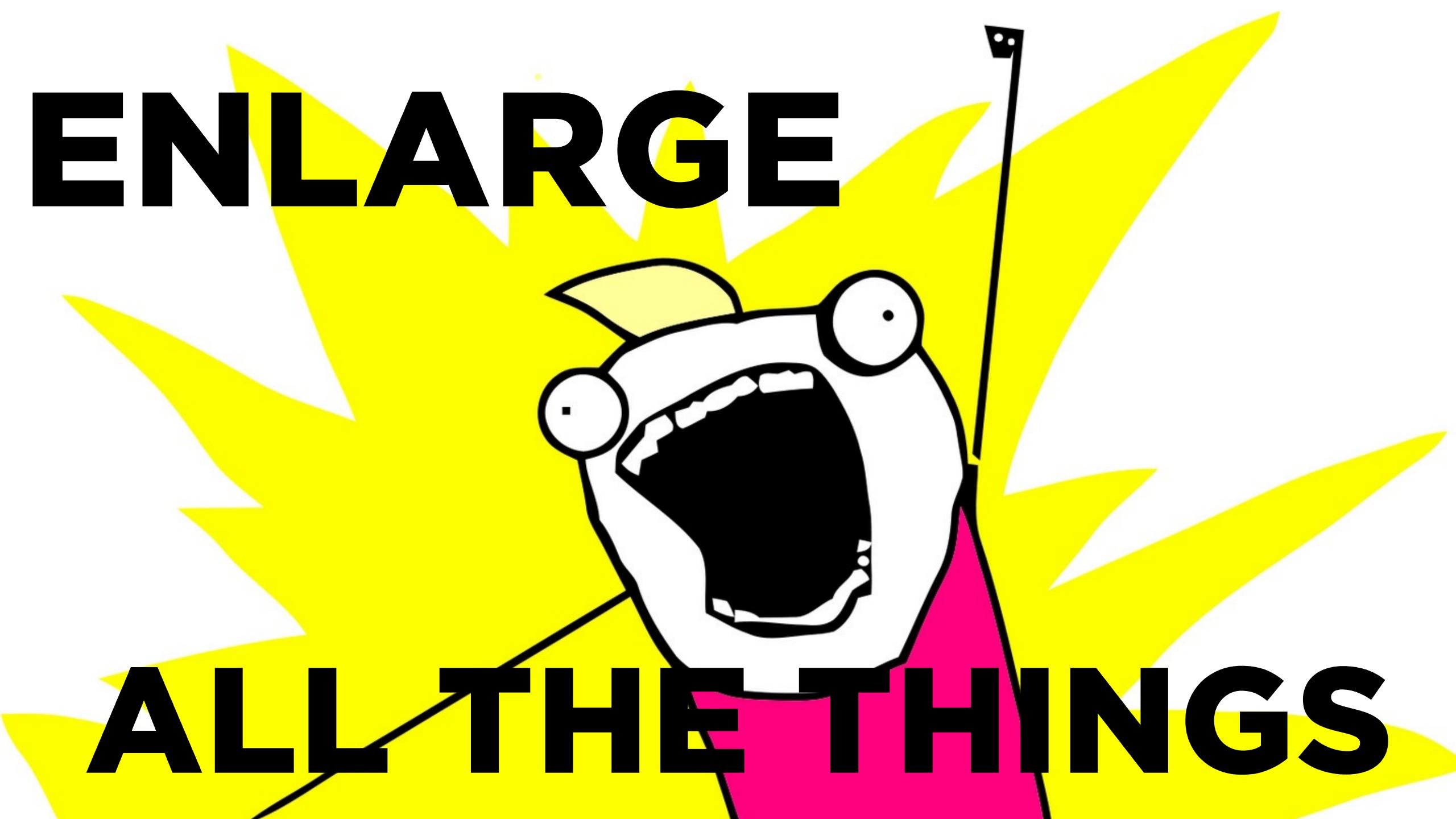


Read the full article.

# Bigger is better

- Body copy: 16px+
- Headlines: 22px+
- Buttons: 44px by 44px
- Space: 40px+
- Tappable touch targets



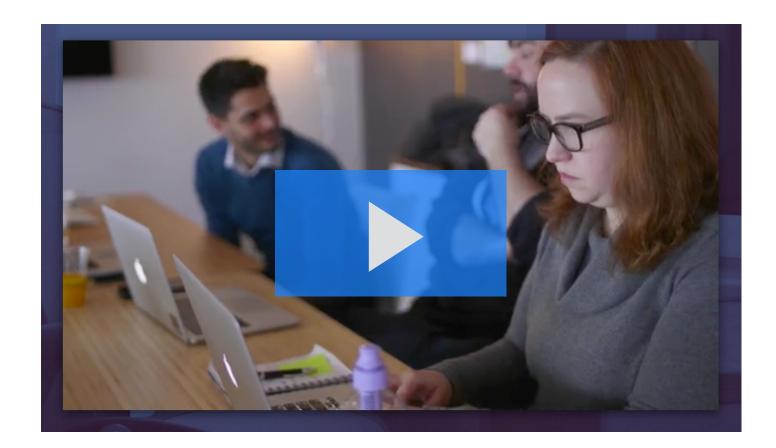


## Video

#### Video with email

Click to watch video on a landing page

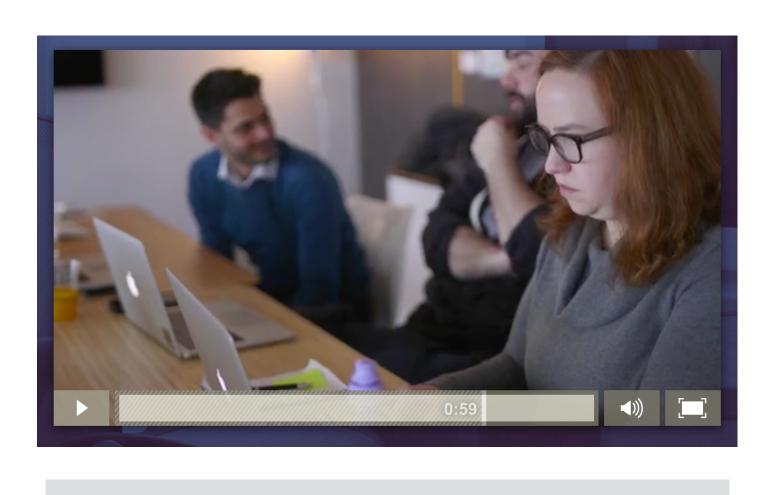
## NEWS



#### Video in email

Press play and watch without leaving the email

#### NEWS



#### Never click links when testing email again.

Landing page testing checks all the links for you.



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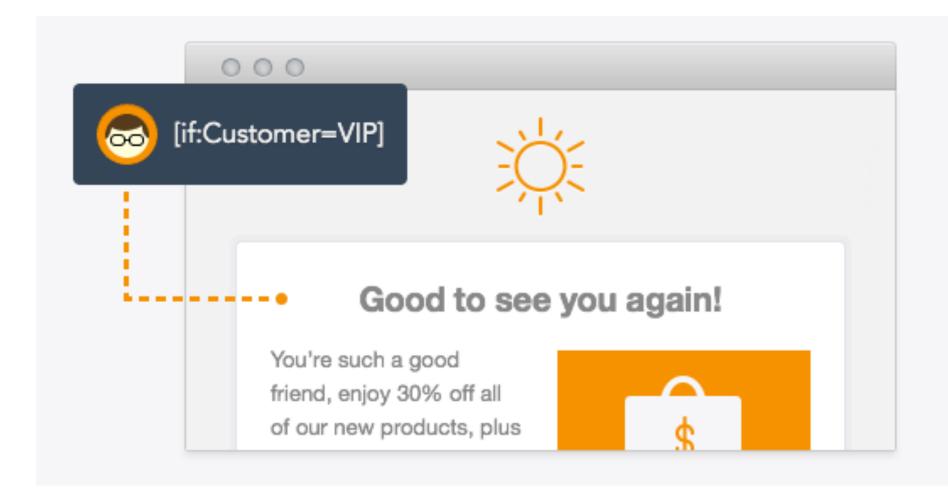
#### Entertaining



#### **Enticing**



#### Explaining

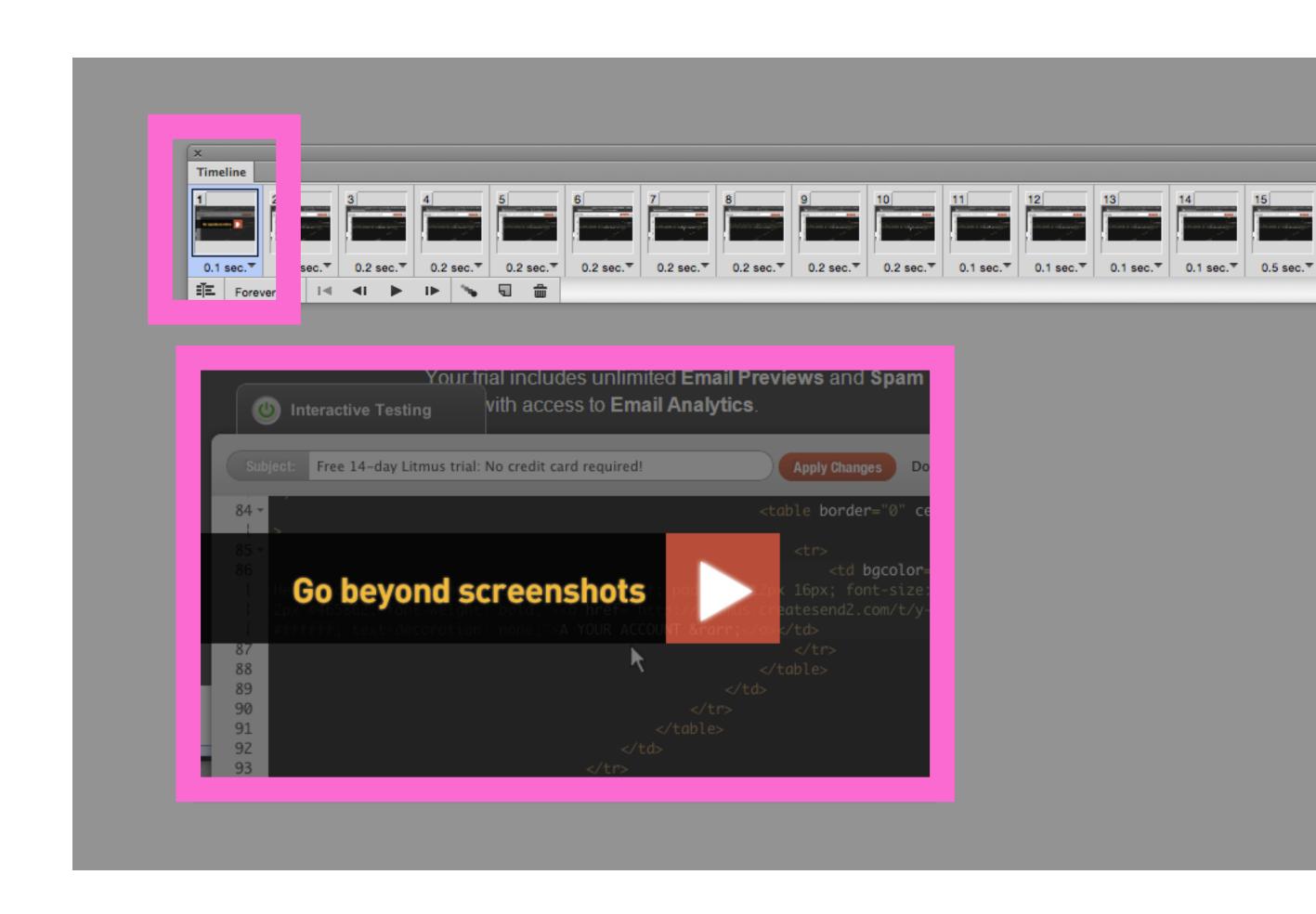


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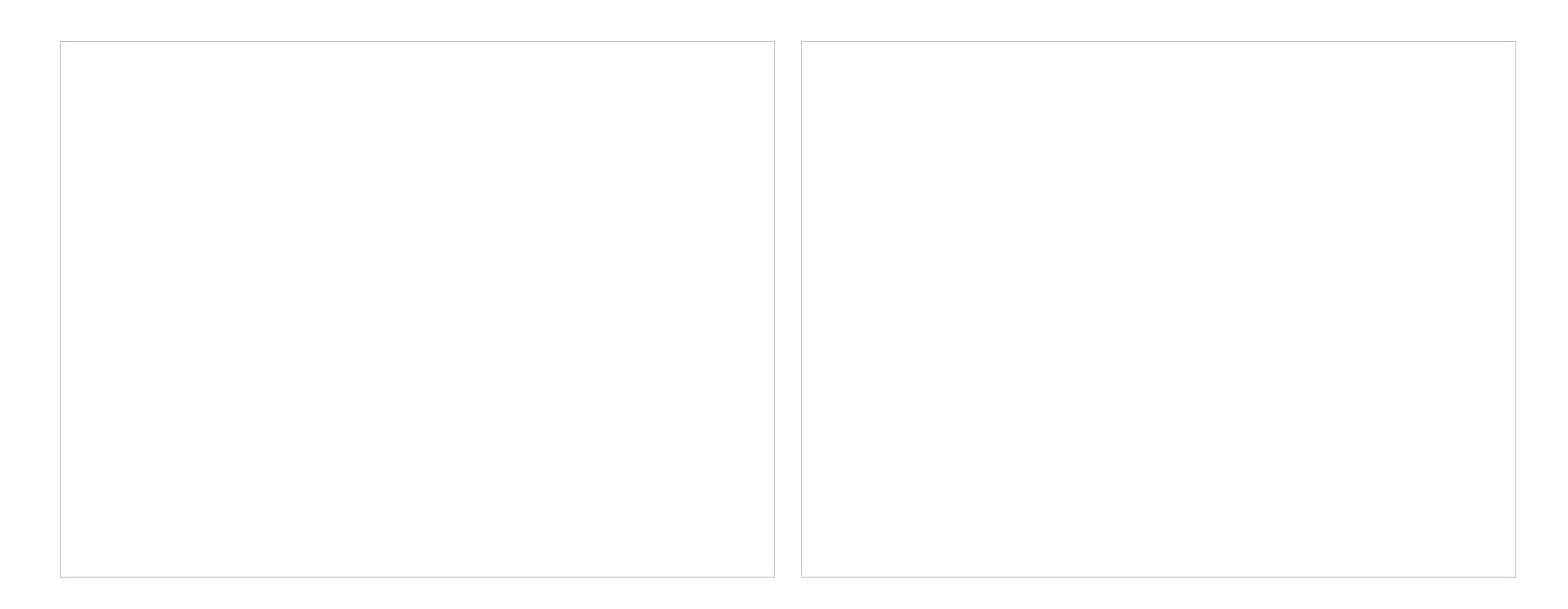


#### Include CTA in 1st frame

>>> bit.ly/gifs-email



## Animated GIFs



Outlook 2007+

Other programs

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How can it benefit us and them?



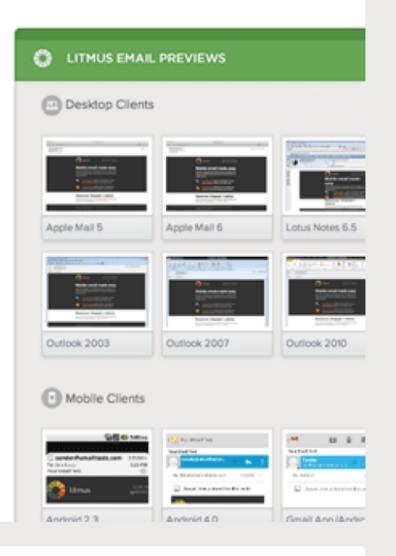
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Over the next week, we'll send occasional messages to help you create beautiful emails that look great on every device.

Get started by running an Email

Previews test! In a matter of minutes,
you'll have screenshots of your email
in 40+ email clients.

Log in to your account  $\rightarrow$ 



#### Need help?

We've created a quick <u>getting started guide</u> that will walk you through running a new Email Previews test.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to <u>drop us an email</u>. We'd love to help!



A guide to responsive design, changes to Gmail, subject line tips + more

#### Woohoo! You're in.

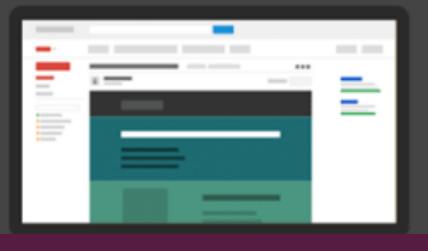
Thanks for subscribing to our monthly newsletter! We look forward to geeking out over email with you and sharing tips, case studies and resources to help you create awesome emails.

Here are a few of our recent favorites to get you started...

#### The how-to guide to responsive email design

See what's possible with responsive design, learn about media queries, and find out which mobile apps support responsive emails.

View the guide  $\rightarrow$ 







#### Contextual follow-up: Prospect vs. Customer

### Templates that work—and look great—in every inbox

Subscribers expect emails that are easy to read and easy to use, whether they're opening them on a computer or their favorite smartphone.

Rest easy knowing your emails look great in desktop, webmail, and mobile inboxes (yes, even in Outlook!) with these pre-tested responsive templates.

Download the templates →

### Take your mobile email strategy to the next step

Downloading our free templates was only the beginning! Take the next step toward mobile optimization with a free 14-day Litmus trial.



#### See your responsive design on iPhone, iPad, and Android

Litmus makes it easy to preview your campaigns in the most popular inboxes. Get screenshots of your emails in 40+ mobile, desktop, and webmail programs.

**Try it free!** Access all our testing and analytics tools for 14 days, no credit card required.

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### Trigger from action or inaction



#### Get your emails in to the inbox

It looks like you haven't <u>authenticated your domain</u> to tell people that Customer.io is trusted to send your mail.

Without authentication, it's not the end of the world, but authenticating will help more of the emails you send get to your recipients' inboxes and give you better deliverability. You might need to ask someone who has access to your DNS settings on your domain to help.

#### Improve your deliverability

**P.S.** If this all seems like mumbo-jumbo, just reply to this email and we can help you get more info.

#### Can we help you set up your account?

It looks like you were signing up for a Litmus account yesterday but didn't quite finish. If you have any questions, just <u>drop us an email</u>. We'd love to help!

Need a little convincing? All new Litmus accounts come with an allaccess free 7-day trial, which you can easily cancel at any time.

Continue setting up your account →

Happy testing, and see you soon!

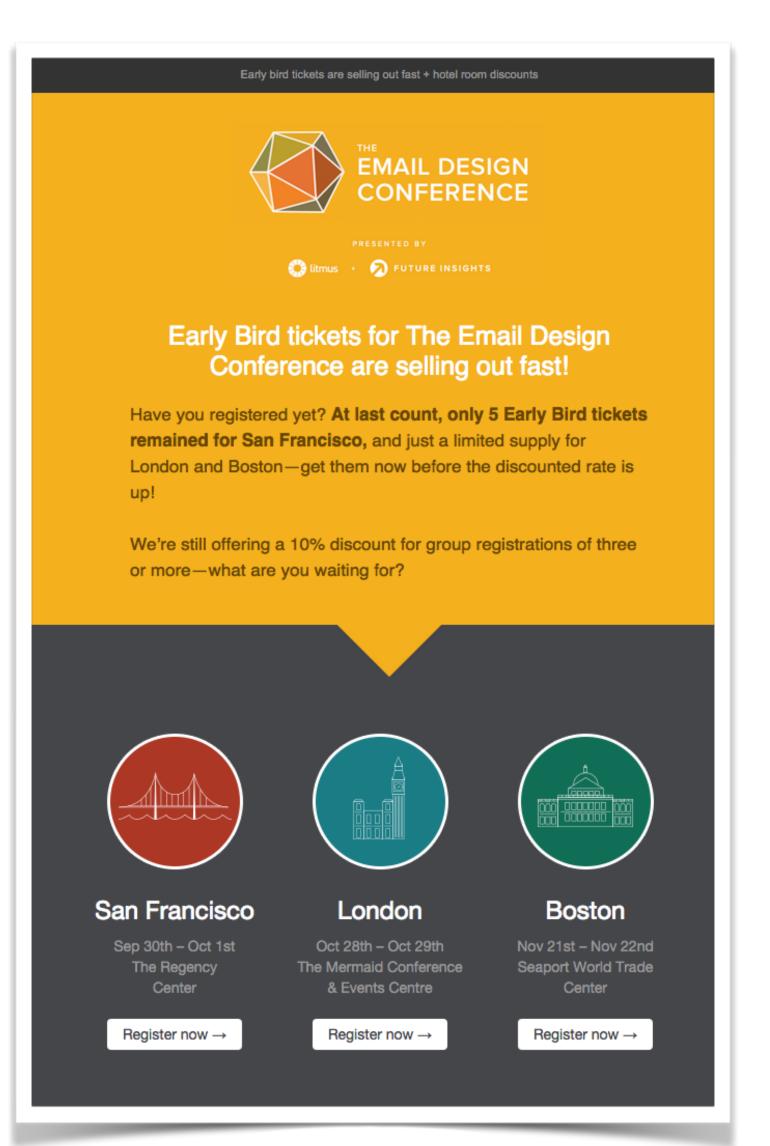
Cheers,

The Litmus team

All accounts come with a 7-day trial and our no-questions-asked refund policy. We'll send a reminder email two days before your trial is over, and canceling is <a href="mailto:stress-free">stress-free</a>, too.

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#### General email



Hi Justine,

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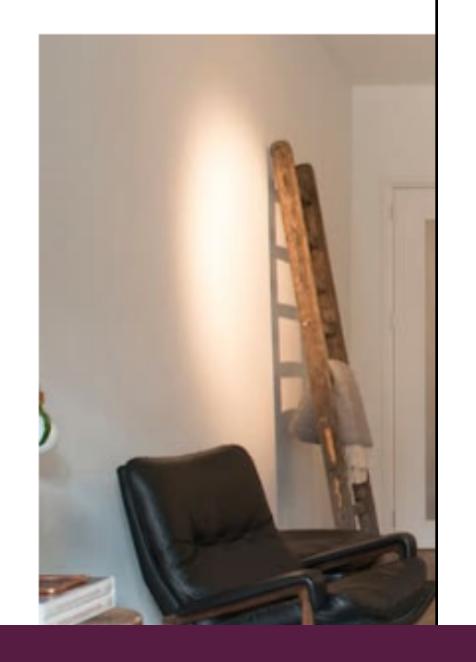
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## How did you feel about your stay at Josephine's place?

We won't share this information with Josephine.

Great :)

I would definitely recommend it.

Just OK
I don't have much to say.

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### Time to dust off yo suitcase

You booked a trip this time last year start thinking about your next adver

Start your search

#### Here are some places to get you i



Private room in San Francisco



## Where travelers like yo to escape

Here's where travelers in Boston go when t live elsewhere. Even if it's just for a week.

Get away



New York

Bright lights, long nights, a great slice, tall buildings, museums



San Fra The Gold steep hill

#### **airbnb**

## Just a short drive or flight away

This is where travelers in your area go relax for a day or two. Check out these spots or view all nearby weekend destinations.

See all weekend getaways



New York



Portland

jeans are definitely okay! From our experience, conference venues can be a bit cool, so packing a sweater



## CSS Animation

#### Sunshine or clouds?

Last we checked, it looked like an umbrella might be a good idea.

Get the latest weather updates.



Note to our American friends: these temperatures are in Celsius! You can expect highs in the 50s and lows in the 40s!

#### Conference location + logistics

The Mermaid Conference & Events Centre
Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, London, EC4V 3DB



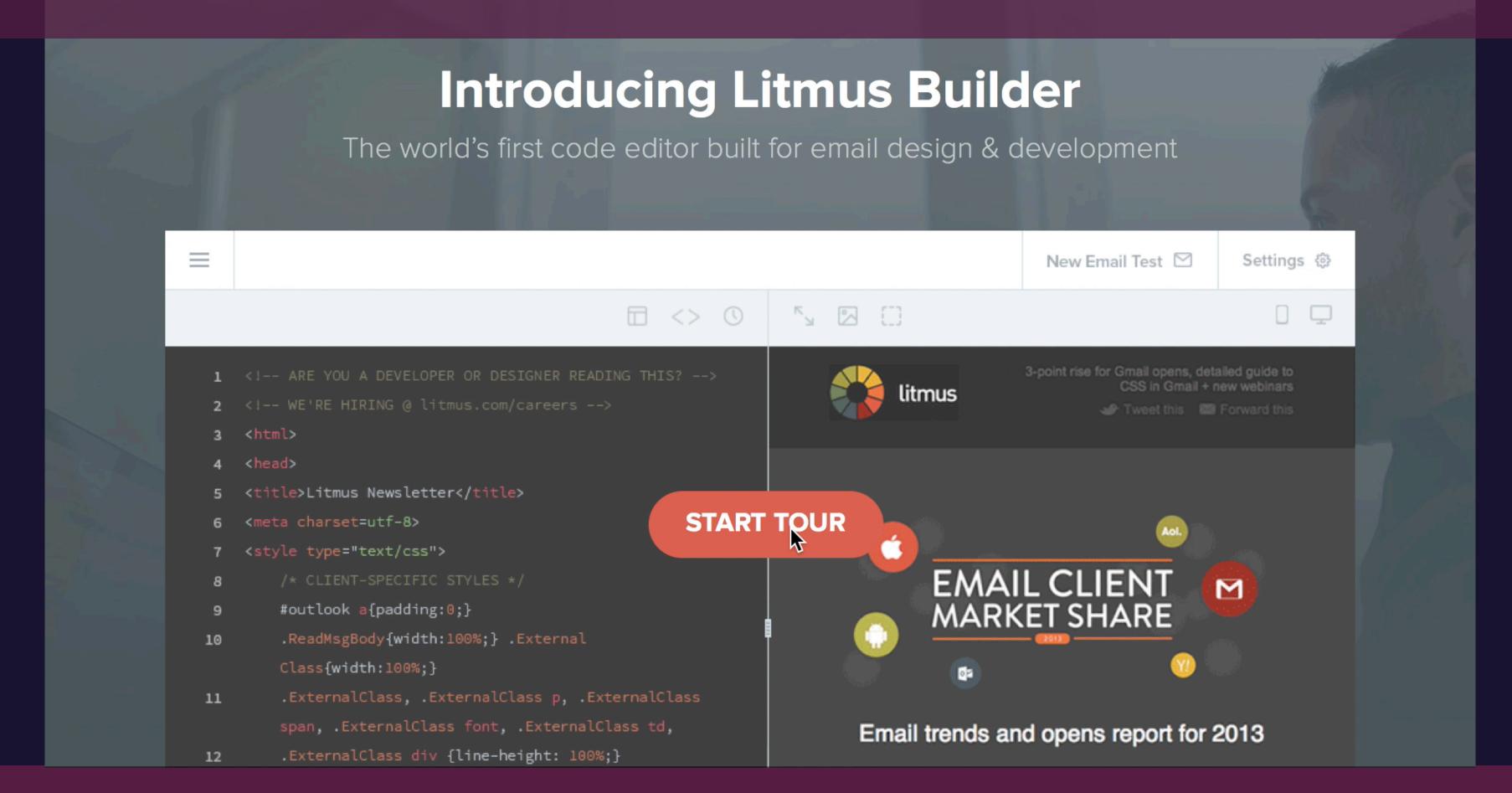
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s the place to get those questions answered.

Access the Community Now  $\rightarrow$ 

## Interactivity



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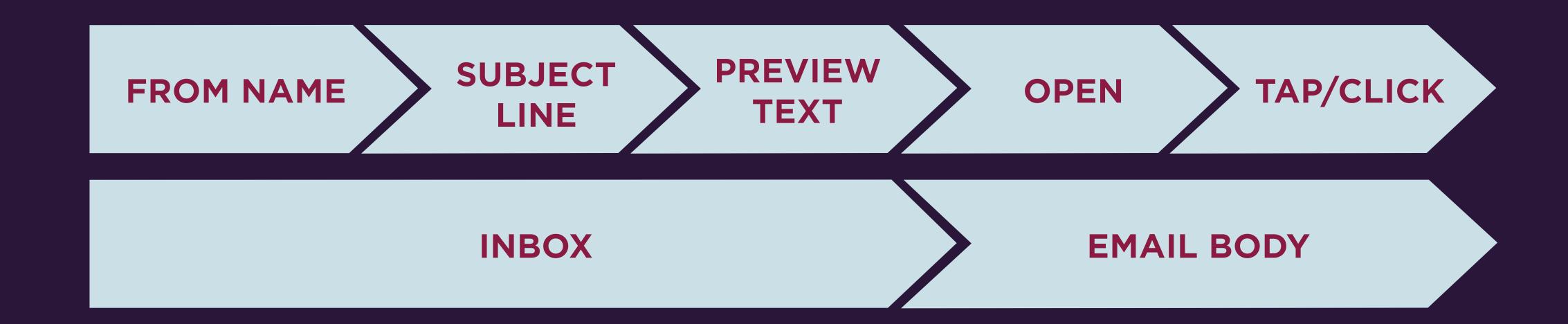
#### Here's how to reveal the surprise city and date:

(We could just tell you the third city, but where's the fun in that?)

- Tweet your guess with the #TEDC16 hashtag
- Forward this email to anyone you think will want to go to TEDC
- Tell us what you'd like to see at TEDC (sessions, networking, food, anything!)

Once we reach 500 shares, we'll reveal the surprise city here in the email!

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links and images work

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