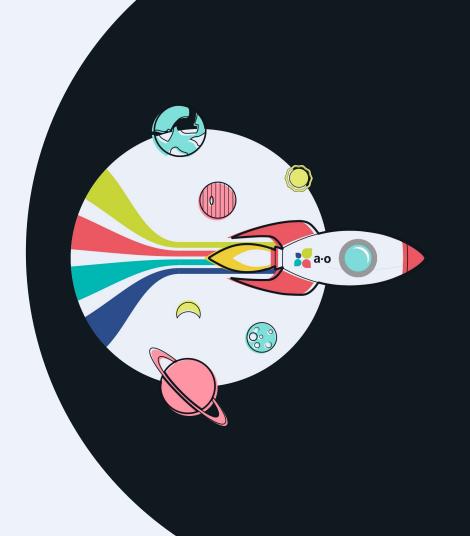


List Maintenance: Setting Your Year Up for Success



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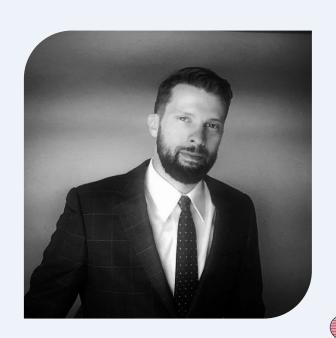
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Overall services

- Reporting and guidance
- Building strategy for deliverability
- Maintaining sender domain/s health
- Unblocking if blocklisted by ISPs or recovery from spam listings
- Deliverability tools
- Making sure your message gets to where it needs to be: your audience's inbox





Bad Data (Act-On Prohibited Data)

These data sources are a major pain source for deliverability and can ruin the reputation of a sender quickly.

It doesn't take a lot of bad data to turn good reputation into bad reputation, and good deliverability into bad deliverability.







Not all data is the same – the same holds true for data acquisition methods!

In Marketing and Sales, leads can be qualified at different levels as more or less valuable based on source and collection type.

The same rule applies with deliverability. Here, we rank all 9 data sources from the absolute best to worst.



Email Data Sources Ranked



1

Organic Confirmed Opt-In Email with Captcha

2

Organic Confirmed Opt-In Email

3

Organic Opt-In Email

4

Double Opt-In Email

5

Opt-In Email

6

Third-Party Opt-In Data



7

Scraped Data

8

Purchased (or Rented) Data

9

Unknown Data





Bad Data (Act-On Prohibited Data)

Scraped Data

Scraping is a technique in which an email visible on the web is "scraped" into a database.

Purchased (or Rented) Data

Many of these sources claim to have "opt-ins," but this data is either opted-in through misrepresentation, hidden or obfuscated terms, or simply scraped.







- How are you acquiring your audience?
 - Cleansing and validation
 - Higher risk sources require a higher-level of list maintenance
- How often do you email your list?
 - Limits and throttling
 - Review the age and activity level of contacts











List Validation & Cleansing

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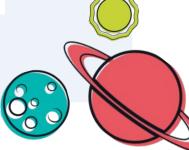
- Removing soft bounces
- Known spam traps
- Providing a deeper cleanse

Neverbounce

- Hard bounce issues
- Cost-effective





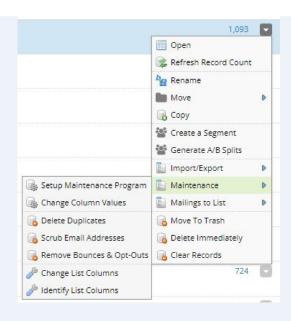




List Cleanup

List Maintenance In Act-On

- Maintenance Programs
- Remove Bounces & Opt-Outs
- Scrubbing Individual Addresses







Positive audience behavior

- Deliverability rate
- o Opens/Clicks
- o Data Studio
- Scoring/interests

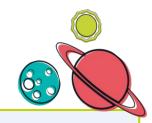
Negative audience behavior

- o Spikes in opt-out
- Spam complaints
- Spam traps
- o Bounces
- Sunsetting









List sources

- Organically grown list sources are ideal
- Be aware of issues that come from various list sources

List cleanse

- Regularly cleanse with
 Webbula or Neverbounce
- Removing unengaged and bounces
- Known spam traps
- Decide on a cleanse schedule

Engagement

- Create segmentation based on engagement and interest
- KPIs (such as delivery rate, engagement, opt-outs, spam)
- Let go of stale data





How can you reach our team?

Ask your AM or CSM to schedule a meeting with a Deliverability Consultant to discuss your deliverability and explore strategies to improve inboxing.







Thank You!



