# **Email Strategy Best Practices**

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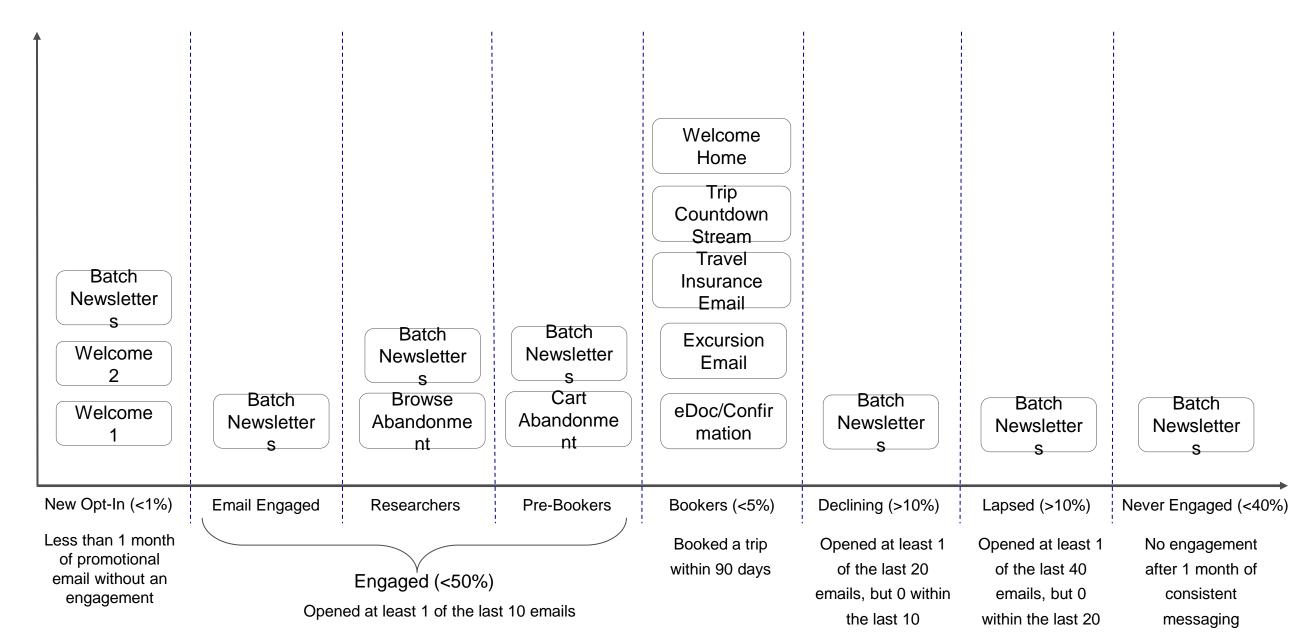


# Key Areas of Email Strategy

- Database
- Creative
- Content/Editorial
- Email lead gen



## Batch & Blast vs. Lifecycle Segments



### **Email Creative Improvements**

COLO Welcome to AppleVacations.com! Customize Your Experience.

#### AppleVacations

Sent: Friday, February 1, 2013 3:37 PM

To: Joanna Freeman

A You forwarded this message on 2/1/13 3:40 PM.

You made a great decision! Now that you've signed-up for Apple Vacations Specials, you'll be receiving the latest deals, best pricing and hottest destination news.

For an even better web experience at AppleVacations.com, you can now log in with the information below to customize your travel preferences:

Email: jfreeman@phenomenon.com
Password: Apple209
https://www.book.applevacations.com/register.do?command=showVacations

We'll do our best to tailor your emailed specials just to your liking.

Again, thanks for making Apple Vacations, America's Favorite Vacation Company!

### **CAPPLE VACATIONS**

View this in your browser
(800) 517-2000

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Thanks for signing up to receive emails from Apple Vacations. You'll now be among the first to hear about our latest deals, hot new destinations, smart travel tips and much more. **Our experts are available to help you plan the perfect vacation 24/7 at (800) 517–2000.** 



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## **Dynamic Content by Behavior**

#### Person 1: •

- Opened 1 of the last ٠ 10 emails
- Self reported value ٠ seeking trips
- Previously searched ٠ **Riviera Maya**



from white sand beaches and ancient ruins to a thriving shopping dining and nightlife district, this coastal paradise truly has somethin for everyone. And with a number of top-rated yet affordable all-inclusive resorts, Riviera Maya has become one of our favorite vacation destinations

Riviera Maya's beautiful turquoise waters are perfect for snorkeling,

wimming or just observing while relaxing on white sand beaches

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A visit to Riviera Maya isn't

Xel-Hå, the world's largest natural aquarium where you

can swim with dolphins, and

\$630.99

7 NIGHT TOTAL \$1,230.99 Book it!

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\$320.99

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5 Reasons We Love Riviera Maya

with a drink in hand.

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Within close proximity of both

Tulum and Chichen Itsa Ione of the Seven Wonders of the World), Riviera Maya offers plenty of opportunities for

It's just a short cab ride from

Playa Del Carmen, which is

dining and nightlife.

known for its trendy shopping.

This Week's Best Deals

### **AV Need**

Searched

Content

### Person 2:

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- Opened 1 of the ٠ last 20 emails
- Self reported . Cancun as a destination of choice
- Self reported interest in Children's Program
- No recent search history

Four Great Family Getaways From \$499. Dur collection of family vacations offers affordable fan for the whole family at fabulous reports around the world.

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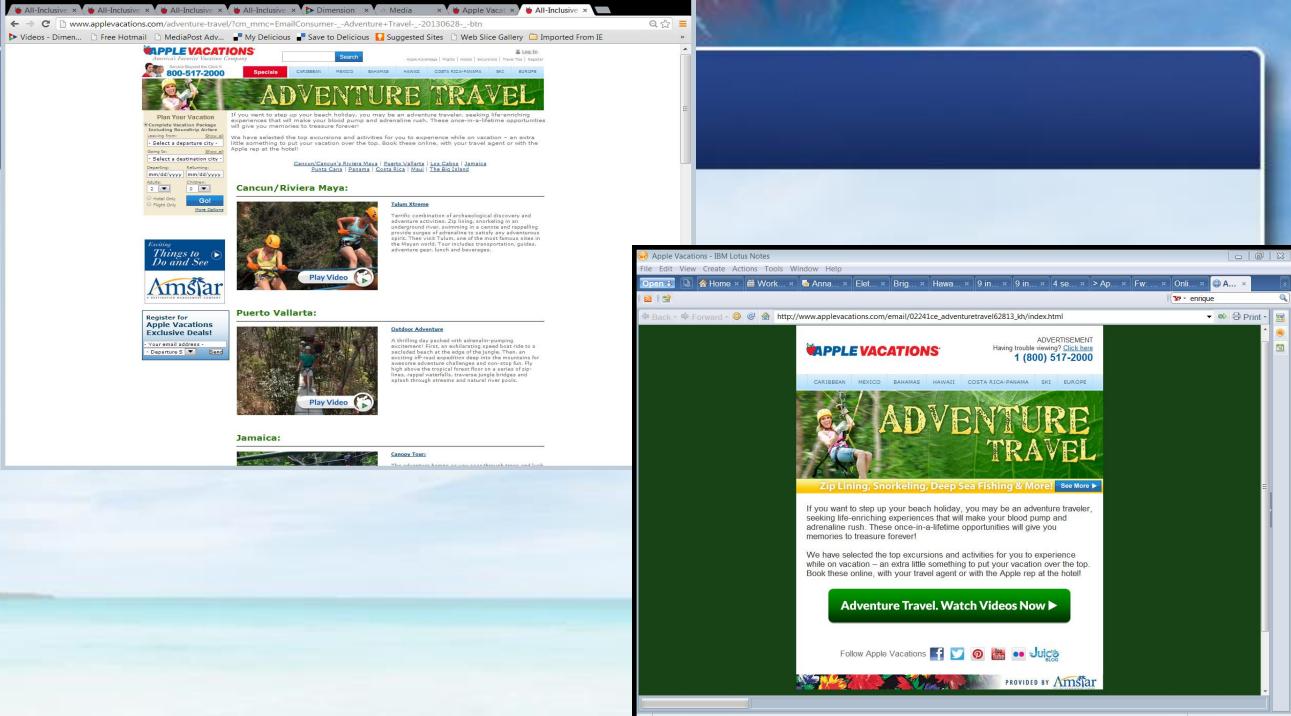
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## Content/Editorial for Email

- Consumers are distracted these days
- Adding fresh content and editorial to your marketing campaigns can revive old topics
- More distribution channels for marketing messages mean more competition for buyers' attention
- Email allows marketer one on one "my time" with consumer
- Consumer database segments
  - New Opt ins
  - Email Engaged/Researcher/Pre Bookers
  - Bookers
  - Declining
- Adventure Travel Example





Office (Network) -

## Content - Campaigns built for action

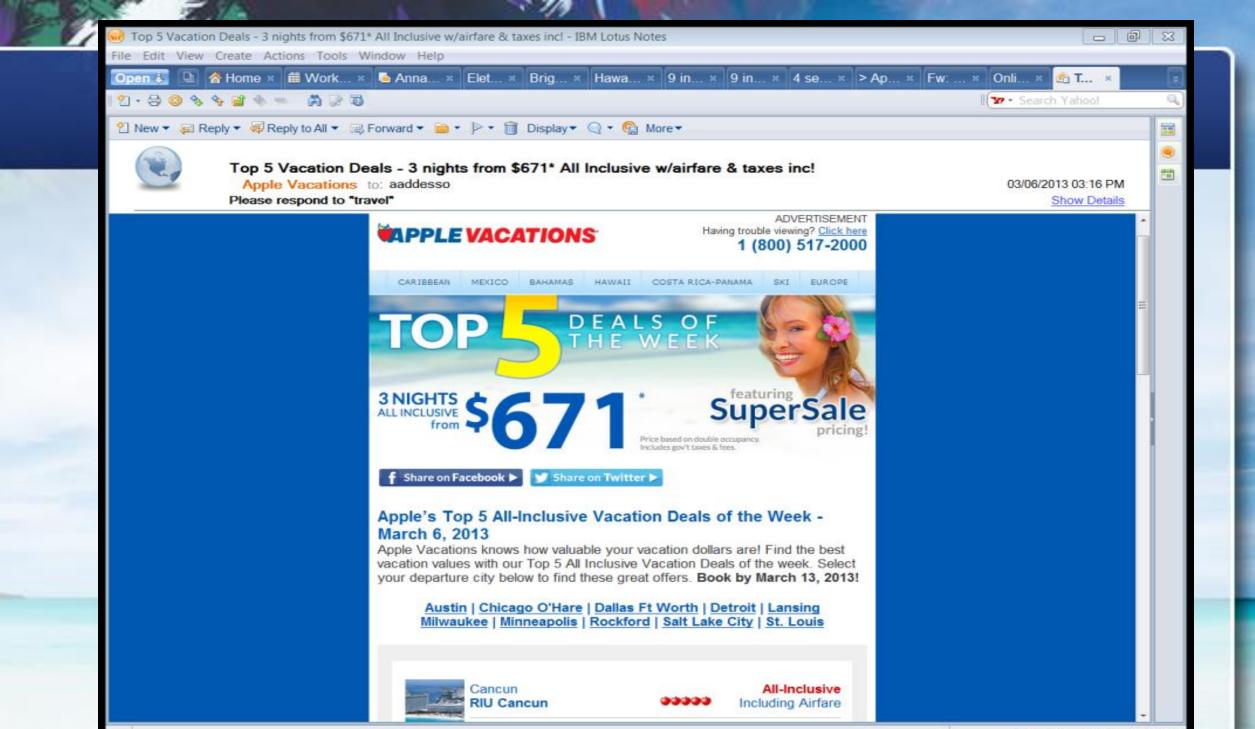
- One subject adapted for each consumer segment
  - New Opt In's
    - "Take an Apple Vacation and never sit still"
  - Email Engaged/Researcher/Pre Bookers
    - "Reach beyond the beach with the most adventurous excursions"
  - Bookers
    - "Get ready for adventure. Book your excursions now for best availability"
  - Declining
    - "Explore your adventurous side with Apple Vacations. Watch our new videos"
- Includes no pricing low sell approach
- Allows for forwarding and sharing
- Consumers more apt to save

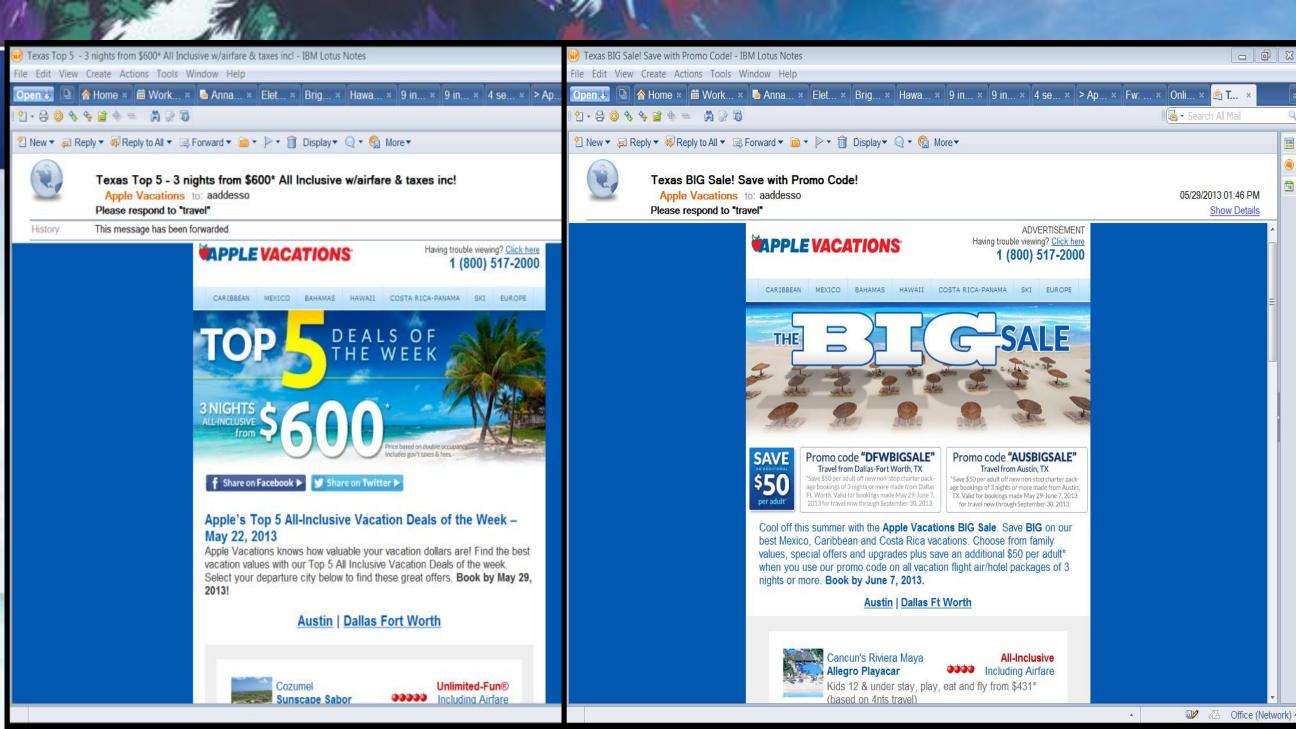


## Editorial – Become a Thought Leader

- Grows your audience to become donors, more loyal customers and supporters of your brand
- Allows the ability to grow the reputation of your organization as a thought leader around your core strategy
- Apple Vacations Top 5 Deals of the Week
  - We are picking the best of the best every Wednesday
  - Customer comes to us a "leader" in travel
  - Email is customized by gateway
- Texas Test Example







# Growing your database

- Contests, giveaways, sweepstakes
- Work with other media to collect leads
- Surveys and polls
- Social media

