BULK EMAIL SOFTWARE REVIEW JULY 2007

ASP systems:

The most used ASP system is dotMailer. This system received consistently excellent rating, easy to use, requiring little technical skills and cheap price band costing. All tools are available and it has excellent reporting.

Rating

System / Provided By		Rating									
System	Provider	overall rating	Usability	Technical	Costing	Costs					
cheetahmail	cheetahmail	Good	OK	A little	per email	OK					
Communicator	Communicator	Good	OK	A little	fixed cost	High					
Dotmailer	CharityeMail, CTT (CTTMail)	Excellent	Easy	A little	price band	Cheap					
Frontwire	CTT (CTTM@il Professional)	OK	Hard	Very	price band	Cheap					
GraphicMail	GraphicMail	Excellent	Easy	A little	fixed cost	Cheap					
Interact	Responsys	Excellent	Easy	A little	per email	OK					
Newsweaver	Newsweaver	Good	OK	A little	price band	High					

Tools

System/ Provided	System/ Provided By					sends		address books					management			
System	Provider	Template manager	WYSIWYG editor	Image manager	Link manager	Person- alisation	Test send	Address books	Sign up form	Auto reply	Soft Bounces	Hard bounces	Un- subscribe	Replies	Forwards	Reports
cheetahmail	cheetahmail	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	Good
Communicator	Communicator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NO	NO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Dotmailer	CharityeMail, CTT (CTTM@il)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Frontwire	CTT (CTTM@il Professional)	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Poor
GraphicMail	GraphicMail	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	OK
Interact	Responsys	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Newsweaver	Newsweaver	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	OK

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Email Management Tools:

Both Mailman and phplist were in use by roughly the same number of charities

Rating:

System/P	rovided By	Rating									
System	Provider	Overall rating	usability	technical	costing	costs					
Mailman	greennet, mailman	Good	OK	A little	fixed cost	OK					
phplist	phplist tincan, phplist		OK	A little	fixed cost	OK					

Tools:

System/ Provided By		editor			sends		address books			management						
System	Provider	Template manager	WYSIWYG editor	Image manager	Link manager	Person- alisation	Test send	Address books	Sign up form	Auto reply	Soft Bounces	Hard Bounces	Un- subscribe	Replies	Forwards	Reports
mailman	greennet, mailman	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	OK
phplist	tincan, phplist	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	OK

Which Bulk Email Software Do You Use?

If you use one of the above systems or another not mentioned, please let us know so that we an either amend the listings or add a new one. Please add a comment to the main article at www.ictknowledgebase.org.uk/bulkemailsoftware so that we can keep it up to date. If you would like to add a system to the charts please complete the questionnaire at www.suefidler.com/email_questionnaire so that we will have comparable information.



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