# 45 TACTICS TO TAKE YOUR SEMAIL FROM ZERO TO HERO



# Workbook CHECKLIST & EXERCISES



## Design CHECKLIST & EXERCISES



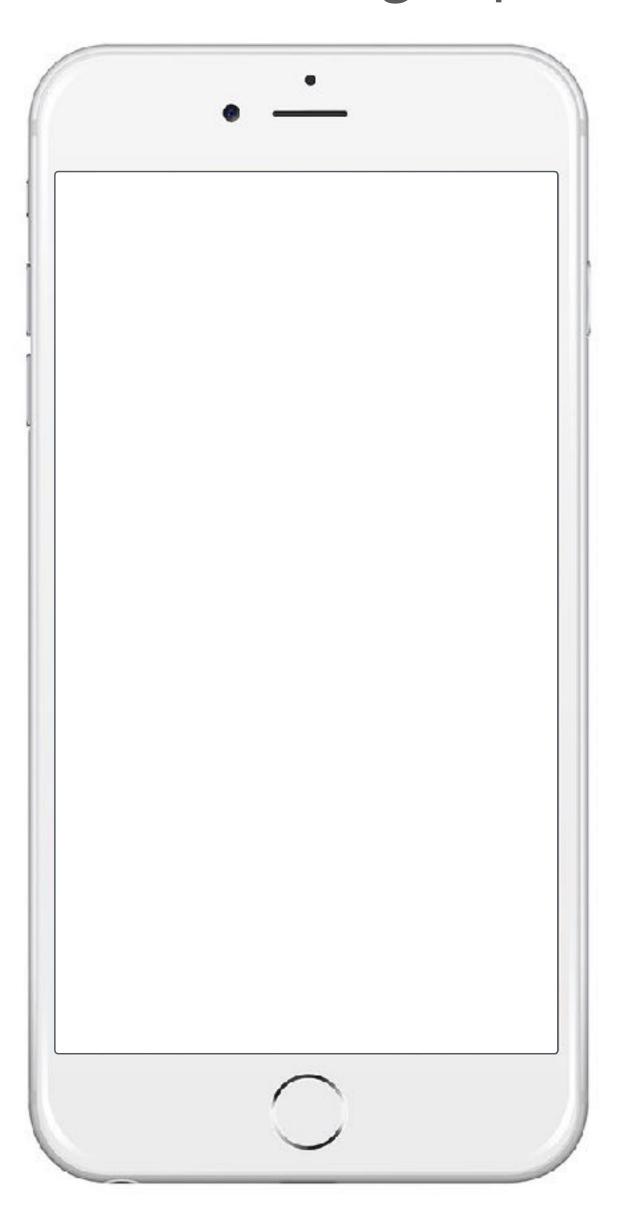
### Design. Be Ubiquitous.

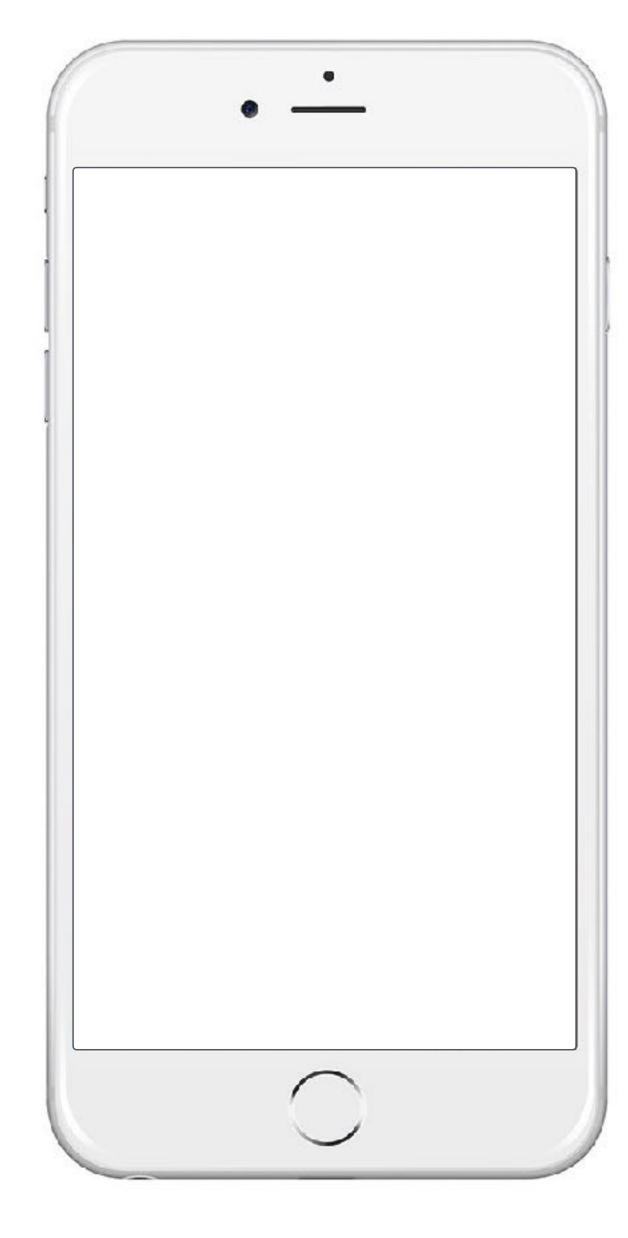
- From names matter a lot
- Single column "skinny" layouts
- \_\_\_\_ Fonts: headlines 30px+, body copy 16px+
- Buttons: 44x44 px+, with 18–20px of white space
- Let images do the talking
- Wearable devices make text relevant again

## Design.



Sketch 3 design options for your email.





# Subject lines matter CHECKLIST & EXERCISES



### Subject Lines. Get Better or Be Boring.

Superlatives matter a lot Sell without being spammy Questions make a difference Action words, sales words & punctuation: context is the key Emojis make good subject lines better and bad subject lines worse Preheaders for everyone

### Subject Lines.

Rewrite six email subject lines.

| 1. | Original | 4. | Original |
|----|----------|----|----------|
|    | New      |    | New      |
| 2. | Original | 5. | Original |
|    | New      |    | New      |
| 3. | Original | 6. | Original |
|    | New      |    | New      |

# Let's get jazzy CHECKLIST & EXERCISES

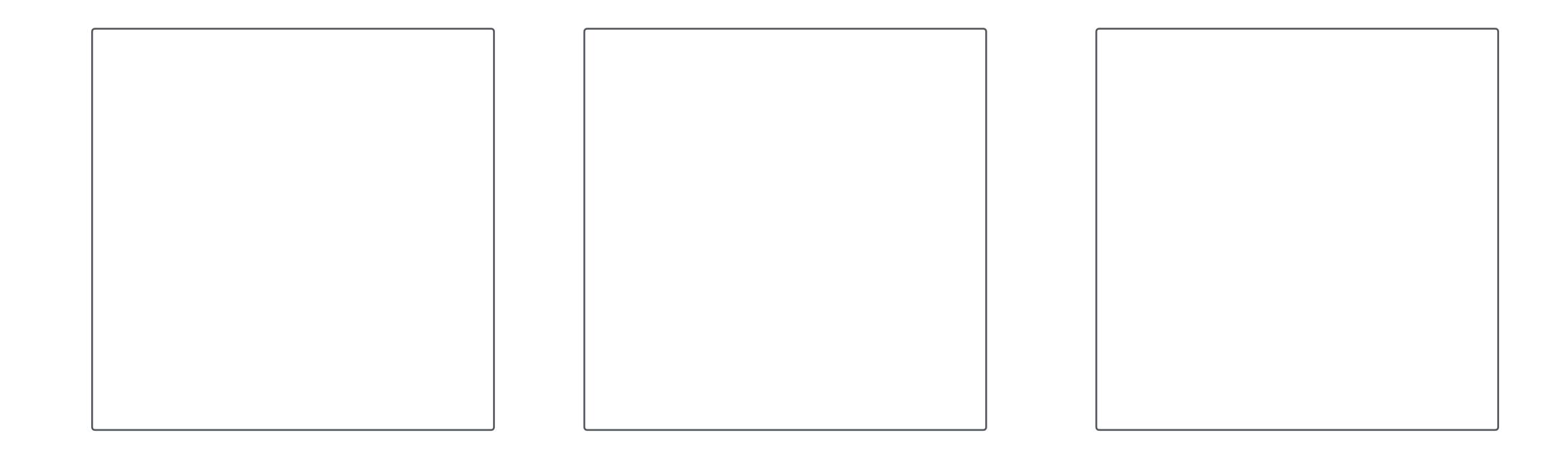


### Interactivity. Let's Get Jazzy.

- ☐ Greater engagement from users who receive interactive messages
- Real-time / Conversational data
- Interactive content
- GIFs FTW—work for B2B too
- "Mailable Microsites" via @chadswhite
- Web<>Inbox Inbox<>Web

### Interactivity.

Design a GIF for your campaign.



# Personalization matters

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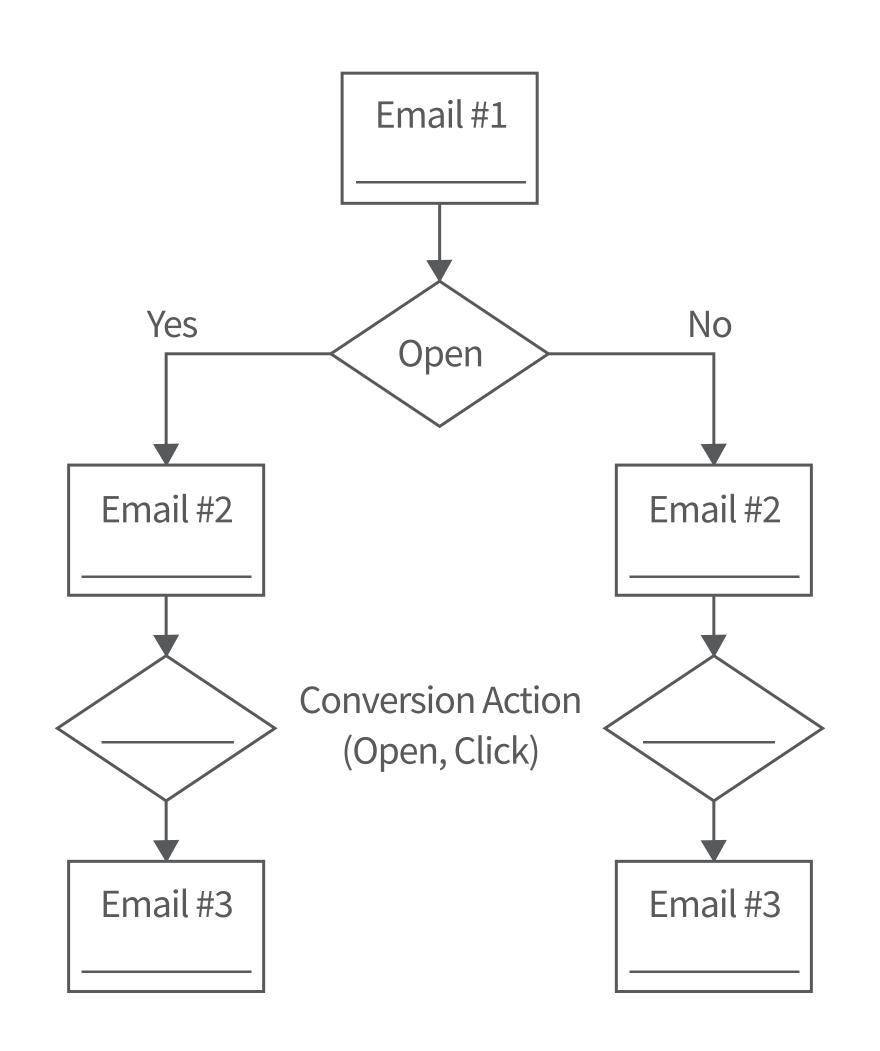


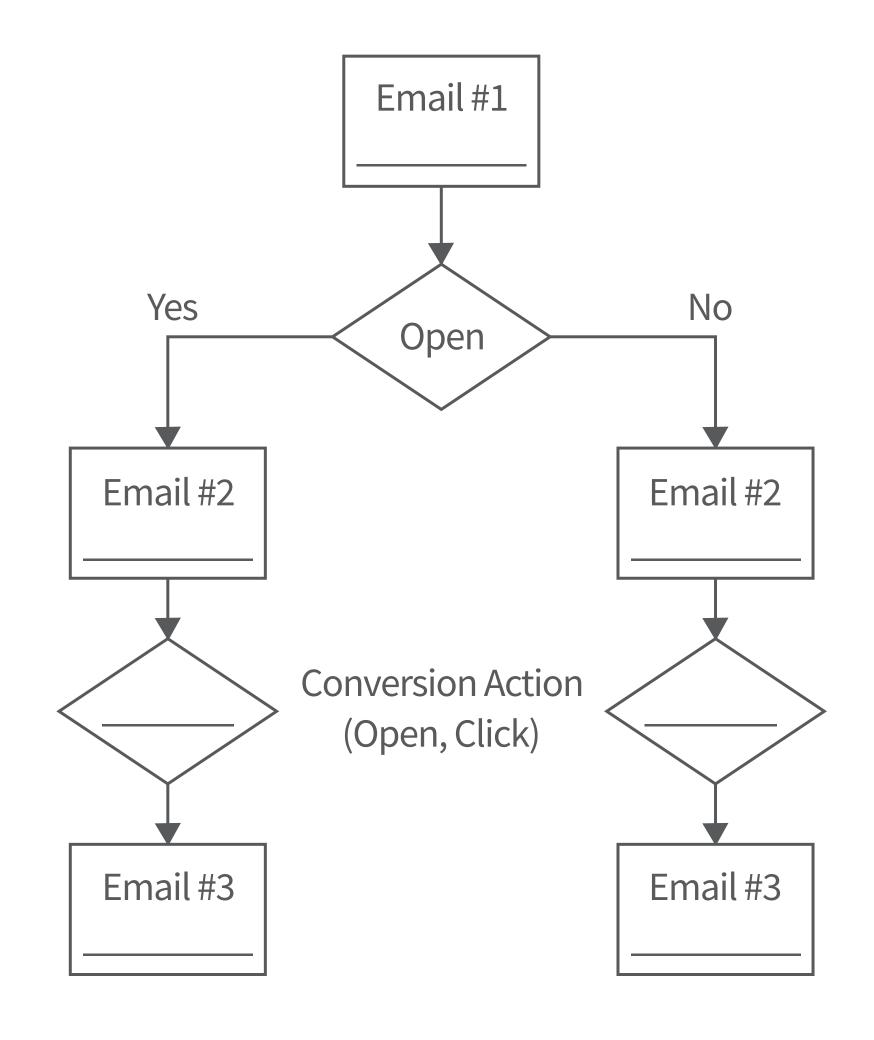
#### Automation & Triggers. Personalization Matters.

- Segmented campaigns make all the difference
- First name personalization matters
- Have data—use it
- Leverage dynamic content
- People prefer transactional emails
- Always give me more

### Automation & Triggers.

Develop one automated campaign and one trigger campaign.





# Always say hello CHECKLIST & EXERCISES



#### Always Say Hello. It's Polite and Works.

- Always give me more
- Transactional emails are preferred and matter
- Use triggers based on your data
- Leverage dynamic content
- First-name personalization matters
- Segmented campaigns make the difference

### Always Say Hello.

Create a redesign for your welcome.

| Email 1: | Email 3: |  |
|----------|----------|--|
| Timing:  |          |  |
| Content: | Content: |  |
|          |          |  |
|          |          |  |
| Email 2: | Email 4: |  |
| Timing:  |          |  |
| Content: |          |  |
|          |          |  |
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# Behuman CHECKLIST & EXERCISES



#### Be Human. Talk Normally.

- Ask and you shall receive
- Ask how often to send emails
- Give reasons to say hello
- Ask to engage again, but don't stop emailing
- Make it easy to opt out
- Give reasons to stay

#### Be Human.

Create 4 topics, content or changes to make your campaign more human.

| 1. | 3.   |  |
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|    | _    |  |
| 2. | _ 4. |  |
|    |      |  |
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# But, act like a scientist CHECKLIST & EXERCISES



#### Act Like a Scientist.

- Test automated and transactional emails too.
- Focus on things that move the needle
- Limit tests to one thing at a time
- Always have a hypothesis

#### Act Like a Scientist.

Make a plan of new tests and timing for the year.

| 1. Hypothesis:    | 3. Hypothesis:    |  |  |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Expected Outcome: | Expected Outcome: |  |  |
| Data to Measure:  |                   |  |  |
| 2. Hypothesis:    | 4. Hypothesis:    |  |  |
| Expected Outcome: | Expected Outcome: |  |  |
| Data to Measure:  | Data to Measure:  |  |  |
|                   |                   |  |  |