



# Online Advertising Specifications

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# **Creative Acceptance Policies**

NDM reserves the right to remove from rotation or request the removal/revision of any creative that is deemed unsuitable for the users of our sites.

NDM may at its absolute discretion refuse to publish any advertisement without giving any reason. In case of refusal, no charge to the advertiser shall be incurred.

NDM reserves the right to remove any rich media ad from rotation that does not meet our specifications, contravenes any of these guidelines or adversely affects the rendering of our site, other ad placements or user experience.

# NDM Advertising Terms and Conditions

http://sops.news.com.au/terms/NDM Display Terms and Conditions.pdf



#### **AD SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Creative and campaign setup turnaround times (commencing from receipt of all correct creative materials)

| creative type          | definition   | setup turnaround times |
|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| standard creatives     | site-served image/flash, non-rich media 3rd party redirects  | 2 full working days    |
| complex creatives      | large volumes (eight or more) of standard creatives, 3rd party rich media expanding/polite   | 3 full working days    |
| non-standard creatives | OTPs, in stream video, catalogues, page takeovers, re-skinning, advertorials, competitions, custom integration, trailer royales, pushdowns, iPad/mobile device | 5 full working days    |

#### 3RD PARTY AD SERVING

3rd party ad serving allows for greater flexibility and centralised reporting for advertisers and agencies when running campaigns across multiple publishers.

| type of ad                    | approved vendors   |
|-------------------------------|--|
| standard                      | Atlas Solutions, Doubleclick, Mediamind, Facilitate Digital, Mediaplex |
| non rich media                | Atlas Solutions, Doubleclick, Mediamind, Facilitate Digital, Mediaplex |
| rich media                    | Atlas Solutions, Doubleclick, Mediamind, Facilitate Digital, Eyewonder |
| (in page, expanding and OTPs) |  |

All 3rd party redirects must be live when submitted, to enable thorough testing before creatives go live. All 3rd party ad serving charges are the responsibility of the advertiser or agency. If you wish to use a vendor not listed here, please contact your Campaign Manager as early as possible to arrange testing/certification and provide detailed publisher trafficking instructions. Vendors who do not provide the ability for NDM to track clicks through DFP are not accepted.

The setting of 3rd party cookies on News Digital Media sites for re-targeting or any other user tracking purposes is not permitted without prior approval from NDM.



# STANDARD DISPLAY ADS: NETWORK-WIDE

Standard display ads refer to site-served Flash/GIF/JPG creatives and non-rich media 3rd party served creatives.

| Ad               | Dimensions | Maximum file size | Notes  |  |
|------------------|------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Au               | Dimensions | Flash/GIF/JPG     |  |  |
| leaderboard      | 728 x 90   | 40КВ              | mandatory for performance campaigns - CPA & CPC  |  |
| medium rectangle | 300 X 250  | 40КВ              | mandatory for performance campaigns - CPA & CPC  |  |
| half page        | 300 x 600  | 40КВ              | mandatory for performance campaigns - CPA & CPC  |  |
| short rectangle  | 300 x 100  | 20KB              | mandatory for performance campaigns - CPA & CPC  |  |
| text link        |            |                   | Heading - 25 characters, Body - 70 characters (incl. spaces & punctuation).  mandatory for performance CPC campaigns; not required for CPA |  |
| banner           | 468 x 6o   | 20KB              | optional for performance campaigns   |  |
| skyscraper       | 120 х боо  | 40КВ              | optional for performance campaigns   |  |
| wide skyscraper  | 160 x 600  | 40КВ              | optional for performance campaigns   |  |



# STANDARD DISPLAY ADS: SITE-SPECIFIC

| Ad                  | Dimensions | Maximum file size |         | Notes   |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------|---------|---|
| Au                  |            | Flash             | GIF/JPG | ivotes  |
| inline banner       | 460 x 65   | ——                | 20KB    | Carsguide (GIF/JPG ONLY, cannot be 3 <sup>rd</sup> party ad-served) |
| ticker              | 650 x 40   | 15KB              | 15KB    | News.com.au, Mastheads  |
| microbar            | 88 x 31    |                   | 5KB     | Taste   |
| double column block | 650 x 220  | 40КВ              | 4oKB    | News.com.au, The Australian   |
| strip ad            | 336 x 26   |                   | 15KB    | TrueLocal   |
| tile                | 138 x 100  |                   | 15KB    | TrueLocal   |



# FLASH REQUIREMENTS

NDM accepts Flash files published as version 9 and Action Script 2 or below for both site-served and 3rd party served creatives. Frame rate must be a maximum of 21 frames per second. Creative should not flash/blink more than three times in any one second to minimise risk to those who suffer from seizures and to minimise user distraction (<a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/2008/REC-WCAG20-20081211/#seizure">http://www.w3.org/TR/2008/REC-WCAG20-20081211/#seizure</a>)

Creatives that require connections to multiple Flash files should be served through an approved 3rd party ad server. For click-tag specifications in 3rd party served flash creatives, please refer to your vendor's documentation.

A click-tag is Flash action script used to enable publisher ad servers to count clicks on Flash creatives. It must be coded onto a Button layer in your Flash movie, not as a frame action.

For flash files, the click tag is case sensitive. Please ensure your action script matches the following:

```
_levelo.clickTag

If easier, please copy and paste this into the action script:

on (release) {

getURL ( levelo.clickTag, " blank");
```

For single flash files with multiple clickable areas & separate destination URLs, use the following convention up to a max. 10 instances:

```
_levelo.clickTag1
_levelo.clickTag2
levelo.clickTag3 etc
```

A backup GIF or JPG image of the same dimensions must be supplied, along with a click-through URL.



#### RICH MEDIA: IN PAGE AND EXPANDING ADS

These allow for larger, politely loaded file sizes and must be served by an NDM-approved 3rd party rich media vendor (page 2)

| Ad                  | In Page<br>Dimensions | Expanded<br>Dimensions | Expanded<br>Direction | Default Flash | GIF/JPG | Video | Expanded Panel<br>Rich Flash |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|-------|------------------------------|
| Leaderboard         | 728 x 90              | 728 x 250              | Down                  | 40КВ          | 40КВ    | 100КВ | 2MB                          |
| Medium<br>Rectangle | 300 X 250             | боо х 350              | Left & Down           | 40КВ          | 40КВ    | 100KB | 2MB                          |
| Half Page           | 300 x 600             | боо х боо              | Left & Down           | 40КВ          | 40КВ    | 100КВ | 2MB                          |
| Ticker              | 650x40                | 650x365                | Down                  | 15KB          | 15KB    | 100KB | 2MB                          |

All expanding ads must be user initiated and must not automatically expand upon page load. If initiated by a click, the ad can remain open (eg: to allow form entry or game play) provided a clearly defined 'close' button is visible. If the creative is mouse-over to expand, all expanding panels must close immediately when the user mouses off the creative and also when the 'close' button is clicked.

# **EXTRA REQUIREMENTS**

| Format                  | Audio Initiation   | Close button   | Mute button   | Video initiation   |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Expanding               | Can play when expansion is triggered by mouse click. Must mute when ad contracts | Required on <u>expanded panel.</u> Min. dimensions of 70 x 30 with "Close [X]" text Must be positioned on top right hand corner. | Required - min.<br>dimensions of 70 x 30<br>with "Sound on/off"<br>text | Can start automatically<br>with audio muted until<br>mouse click |
| In Page (non-expanding) | On Mouse click only  |  |   |  |

#### **VIDEO AND AUDIO – ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES**

Larger video assets beyond the 2MB initial streaming limit must not be pre-loaded and should be user initiated by a click.



### RICH MEDIA: OVER THE PAGE (OTP) ADS

| Ad size          | OTP<br>Dimensions<br>(W x H) | OTP<br>Max. File<br>Size | Reminder<br>Dimensions<br>(W x H) | Reminder Max File size<br>Flash/GIF | Max.<br>Duration | Positioning   |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Standard<br>OTP  | 500 X 500                    | 100KB                    | 300 X 250                         | 40КВ / 40КВ                         | 7 secs           | 50% of browser height & 25% of browser width (to avoid covering the medrec) |
| Full Page<br>OTP | 1000 X 750                   | 100KB                    | 300 X 250                         | 40KB / 40KB                         | 10 secs          | Underneath the site navigation bar  |

OTPs must be served by an NDM-approved 3rd party rich media vendor (page 2). An OTP can optionally remain open <u>only</u> if user initiated by a click (eg: to play a game, enter data in a form).

The use of streaming video in OTPs is not supported due to the time required to download large file sizes within a short ad duration, but can be present in a 3rd party served reminder creative.

OTPs must be frequency capped at 1 impression per user over the duration of the campaign.

# **EXTRA REQUIREMENTS**

|                 | Detail   | Dimensions<br>(W x H) | Position                     | Requirements  |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Close<br>button | Must include the word<br>'close' and a 'x'<br>symbol | 70 × 30               | Top right hand corner of OTP | Must be present for entire duration of OTP.  Must be a contrasting colour to the OTP background |
| Background      |  |                       |                              | At least 20% opacity 100% transparent executions are not permitted.                             |
| Sound           | Must provide a mute/un-mute button                   |                       |                              | User initiated by click   |



#### RICH VIDEO MULTIPLEX: RMX AND GALLERY PRE-ROLL

|                   | Dimensions<br>(W x H)            | 300x250<br>(RMX and Gallery Pre-Roll)   | зоохбоо<br>(RMX only)   |  |  |  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Header            | 300 x 85                         |   | Max file size 10KB. GIF/JPG/PNG accepted  |  |  |  |
| Video<br>Player   | 300 x 225<br>Aspect ratio<br>4:3 | Video encoded to FLV format by NDM. Submit in high quality digital format. Must have sound MOV (using Animation Codec) with bit rate above 800Kbps preferred. MPG and AVI accepted Large video files accepted via DVD, FTP or alternative file delivery service (eg. yousendit.com, Ads |   |  |  |  |
| Creative<br>Spots | 300 x 83<br>OR                   |   | Three spots. Max file size 10KB (each). GIF/JPG/PNG accepted Can be used to play individual videos or click through to individual URLs. |  |  |  |
|                   | 300 x 250                        |   | One spot. Max file size: 3oKB. GIF/JPG/PNG/SWF accepted   |  |  |  |
| Backup<br>Image   |                                  |   | Will appear as the leave behind after the video finishes<br>I appear across the bottom of the leave behind                              |  |  |  |

Individual creative components cannot be 3rd party served. 3rd party click or impression tracking is permitted.

No action script required in SWF creatives. All Flash files must have a minimum of two frames. The first frame of the timeline must be left blank (eg: no movie clips, sound or graphic objects on 1st frame).

FLA and other source files (eg: fonts) must be supplied if SWF creatives are submitted



# WALLPAPER

| Ad        | Dimensions<br>(W x H) | Max. file size /<br>Formats accepted          | Notes   |
|-----------|-----------------------|---|---|
| Wallpaper | 140 x 1050<br>(x2)    | 75KB total for both<br>images.<br>GIF/JPG/PNG | Non-clickable, not animated, not flash Left and right creative must be clearly defined in filenames. Must be used in conjunction with other high impact units. Cannot be bought separately. |

# **PAGE WRAP**

| Ad        | Dimensions<br>(W x H) | Max. file size /<br>Formats accepted | Notes   |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Top Strap | 1000 X 40             | 40KB GIF/JPG                         | Creative must be optimised by the most common screen resolution (1280x1024) |
| Wallpaper | 140 x 1050 (x2)       | 75KB<br>GIF/JPG/PNG                  | See wallpaper specs (above)   |

# **SIDESKINS**

| Ad        | Dimensions<br>(W x H) | Max. file size / Formats accepted | Notes  |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Sideskins | 115 x 850 (x2)        | 15KB each image                   | Maximum of 1 creative asset per sideskin.  |
|           |                       | SWF/GIF/JPG/PNG                   | Left and right creative must be clearly defined in filenames.                    |
|           |                       |                                   | No action script to be embedded in the SWF.                                      |
|           |                       |                                   | All Flash files must have a minimum of two frames.                               |
|           |                       |                                   | Capped at 5 per user, per day  |
|           |                       |                                   | The first frame of the timeline must be left blank (eg: no movie clips, sound or |
|           |                       |                                   | graphic objects on 1st frame).   |
|           |                       |                                   | Individual assets cannot be 3 <sup>rd</sup> party adserved                       |



### TRAILER ROYALE

| Component        | Dimensions (W x H) Max. file size / Formats accepted   |                                |  |  |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Wallpaper        | Please see Page 9 - Wallpaper Specs  |                                |  |  |
| Expanded Panel   | 1000 x 465   | 100KB. GIF/JPG                 |  |  |
| Medium Rectangle | Please see Page 3 – Standard Display Ad Specs  |                                |  |  |
| Leaderboard      | If supplying flash for medium rectangle, please supply FLA in CS3 with all fon do not include a click tag. |                                |  |  |
| Video            | ı6:9 aspect ratio  | 2MB streaming. MPG, AVI or MOV |  |  |

Must use the following PSD: <a href="http://sops.news.com.au/images/trailer-royale-template.zip">http://sops.news.com.au/images/trailer-royale-template.zip</a>

Cannot be  $3^{\rm rd}$  party ad served. Creatives can be impression and/or click tracked.

Creatives should be optimised for most common screen resolution 1280 x 1024 (W x H).

Please consider placing any branding/call-to-action above the fold as the Trailer Royale only opens when the medium rectangle is clicked.

All Flash files must have a minimum of two frames. The first frame of the timeline must be left blank (eg: no movie clips, sound or graphic objects on 1st frame).



### **PUSHDOWN**

| Ad                    | Dimensions<br>(W x H) | Max. file size / Formats accepted | Notes  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Medium Rectangle      | 300 X 250             | 40KB SWF/GIF/JPG                  |  |
| Leaderboard           | 728 x 90              | 40KB SWF/GIF/JPG                  |  |
| Non Expanded<br>Panel | 1000 X 40             | 40KB SWF/GIF/JPG                  |  |
| Expanded Panel        | 1000 X 300            | 100KB SWF/GIF/JPG                 | Must open immediately upon page load and not scroll open gradually Must remain open and not close when user rolls off creative Frequency capped at 1 Subsequent impressions require click initiation |

The pushdown must be served by an NDM-approved 3<sup>rd</sup> party rich media vendor (Atlas, Doubleclick-Motif, MediaMind, Facilitate and Eyewonder).

Larger file sizes, including video assets must only commence loading politely after creative is fully expanded

Video files can be up to 2MB in size and must not auto-play

# **EXTRA REQUIREMENTS**

|                 | Detail   | Dimensions<br>(W x H) | Position                                | Requirements  |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|---|---|
| Close<br>button | Must include the word 'close' and a 'x' symbol | 70 x 30               | Top right hand corner of expanded panel | Must be present for entire duration and must be a contrasting colour to the expanded panel background |



### **IN STREAM VIDEO ADS**

In Stream video ads appear before, during and around NDM video content along with companion and leave behind ads where applicable. Cannot be 3<sup>rd</sup> party ad served.

| Product Component |           | Max. file size / Formats accepted | Notes                    |   |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Pre-Roll          | Video     | Aspect Ratio<br>4:3               | Max duration:<br>15 secs | Video encoded to FLV format by NDM: Submit in high quality digital format. MOV (using Animation Codec) with bit rate above 800Kbps preferred. MPG and AVI accepted. |
|                   |           |                                   |                          | Video encoded to FLV format by Client: See FLV encoding settings on page 12   |
|                   | Companion | 300 x 250                         | 40KB SWF/GIF/JPG         | Can be 3 <sup>rd</sup> party ad served  |
| Overlay           | Companion | 450 x 50                          | 15KB GIF/JPG             | Can be 3 <sup>rd</sup> party ad served, Textlinks also accepted.  |

# **VIDEO PLAYER SKINNING**

| Ad        | Dimensions<br>(W x H)               | Max. file size / Formats accepted | Notes   |  |  |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Wallpaper | Please see Page 7 - Wallpaper Specs |                                   |   |  |  |
| Skinning  | 486 x 320 175KB GIF/JPG/PNG         |                                   | Non-clickable. No messaging to be placed in the center or bottom of skinning as it will be covered by the Medium Rectangle. |  |  |



# **VIDEO ENCODING STANDARDS**

All streaming video served by NDM utilises the Flash Video (FLV) format. FLV creative submitted by clients must conform to the following encoding standards, to ensure consistency of quality. All three stream speed variations must be submitted.

| Stream speed | Aspect ratio | Video settings      | Audio settings  |  |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Low          | 4:3          | 8oKbps              | 48KBps/44.1KHz  |  |
|              | 16 : 9       | 2-Pass VBR (On2Vp6) | Mono (Mp3)      |  |
| Mid          | 4:3          | 256KBps             | 64KBps/44.1KHz  |  |
| MIIG         | 16 : 9       | 2-Pass VBR (Оп2Vpб) | Mono (Mp3)      |  |
| High         | 4:3          | 576Kbps             | 128Kbps/44.1KHz |  |
| 1 11511      | 16 : 9       | 2-Pass VBR (Оп2Vp6) | Stereo (Mp3)    |  |



### **NEWSLETTERS**

Whilst NDM does accept animated GIF creatives for newsletters, please be aware these do not always animate in all email clients and correct viewing is dependent on an individual's computer settings and choice of email software. If you are supplying an animated GIF for a newsletter please ensure your call to action is on the first frame of the GIF creative

| Site / Newsletter   | Dimensions<br>(W x H)     | Max<br>File<br>Size | Formats accepted  |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|---|
| The Australian Capital Circle, The Australian Business Briefing,                                | 300 X 250                 | 40КВ                | GIF/JPG or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party standard image re-directs only |
| The Australian IT Ping, The Mercury, PerthNow Business  | 2x 468 x 60               | 15KB                | GIF/JPG or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party standard image re-directs only |
| AdelaideNow, Courier Mail, Daily Telegraph, Herald Sun,<br>News.com.au, PerthNow                | 2x 300x250                | 40КВ                | GIF/JPG or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party standard image re-directs only |
| Carsguide, Getprice, News.com.au Travel, Taste, SA Business<br>Journal, SportingPulse (monthly) | 1x 300 x250               | 40КВ                | GIF/JPG or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party standard image re-directs only |
| The Punch   | 1x 300x250                | 40КВ                | GIF/JPG or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party standard image re-directs only |
| THE F SHETT   | 1х 468х6о                 | 15KB                | an /jr a or y porty storiodra image re anects only              |
| Homelife  | 1x 600x74<br>1x 300x250   | 40КВ                | GIF/JPG or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party standard image re-directs only |
| Weekly Times  | 2 x 468x60<br>2 x 300x250 | 40КВ                | GIF/JPG or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party standard image re-directs only |



# **CUSTOM NEWSLETTERS**

| Site / Newsletter                       | Assets required | Dimensions<br>(W x H)   | Max File size | Notes   |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|---|
| Moshguide<br>(weekly)                   | Custom:         | 620x300                 | 100КВ         | <ul> <li>Self contained HTML file which will be inserted into the Moshguide template</li> <li>All images to be hosted on clients own server</li> <li>Tracking and click through links are the responsibility of the client</li> <li>HTML must be as simple as possible (ie, only text, images and hyperlinks)</li> <li>No embedded swf files or video will be accepted</li> </ul> |
|   | Standard:       | 2x 300x250,<br>1x468x60 | 40КВ          | GIF/JPG or 3 <sup>rd</sup> party standard image re-directs only   |
| SportingPulse Club<br>Offers (standard) | Custom:         | 176х75                  | 15KB          | <ul> <li>Title: 25 characters (including spaces)</li> <li>Advertorial Text: 120 Characters (including spaces)</li> <li>GIF/JPG or 3<sup>rd</sup> party standard image re-directs only</li> </ul>  |
| Vogue -<br>Club Vogue<br>(weekly)       | Custom:         | 185 x 125               | 40КВ          | <ul> <li>Heading – 25 characters (not including spaces)</li> <li>Body – 65 characters (not including spaces)</li> <li>GIF/JPG or 3<sup>rd</sup> party standard image re-directs only</li> </ul>   |



#### **SOLUS EDMS**

#### Important note:

HTML email documents have a tendency to render with slight inconsistency among a variety of email clients. The information presented in this document is essential in ensuring a quality, consistent outcome across the most common email platforms. Please note that failure to adhere to these recommendations may impact campaign effectiveness, delivery scheduling / timelines and end-customer experience.

### Copy/Offer/Messaging:

- · Tailor your message. Your email messaging should be relevant and appealing to our masthead audience.
- · Clear Message & CTA. Offer for subscribers and CTA should stand out and be mentioned multiple times throughout your email.
- Offer Based. Must provide our subscribers with an exclusive offer and be relevant to the target audience. Think: What's in it for them? Ensure the offer is clear and concise. Copy needs reflect the exclusive nature of the offer e.g. "This is a special offer for news.com.au subscribers"
- Include personalisation. Email must include salutation "Dear XXX, We are letting you know about this exclusive offer from [advertiser]..."

### Design:

- · Images should not make up more than 50% of the email.
- Background images should be avoided because they will not display in some email clients, such as Outlook 2007. However, they might still be used with caution if they are not critical to your message, and can be removed without the email recipient noticing the missing image. There is limited support for background images that are specified in the body tag of the HTML, so if they are to be used in the eDM, certain contingency measures should be implemented such as having the background image on a 100% wide table within the body and using an appropriate fallback background colour for the HTML. Whichever method is used, please bear in mind of images being turned off by default in most email clients.



- Set maximum width to around 600 (inclusive of the News Digital Media template) pixels for best results (recommendation).

  Anything between 550 625 pixels is reasonable, but please bear in mind some email clients allow for very little horizontal widths in the preview pane compared to web pages. For mobile devices, this should be decreased even further, when possible.
- · Avoid vertically aligned content regions where height is determined by text, since some email clients, such as Outlook 2007, display blocks of text with slightly different leading and kerning.
- · Forms should always be avoided in emails are they are not supported due to security issues. A possible solution is having a click-thru in the email that links to a landing page housing the form.
- Email clients may render default colours differently than Web browsers; it may be important to explicitly define colour values in order to override defaults. Example, URLs and email addresses (even when not hyperlinked) will appear as links in GMAIL.
- Stretched images will not render correctly in some email clients such as Outlook 2007. All graphics should have their correct dimensions in the file properties. Therefore, all image tags should include width and height attributes.
- · Flash & animated gifs are not supported across email environments and should not be included.
- · Include at least one non-graphical call to action above the fold.
- Design for the potential of large and small font types because not all browser-based email clients have their default type set at a medium (or 12 pixels). Aim for flexible design robust enough to handle font scalability. This is especially relevant when it comes to Mobile email environments.

### HTML Code:

- · Avoid using <div> tags in email production as the box model is not supported by a majority of e-mail clients, instead use tables for e-mail layout.
- Do not use css classes as they are not supported across all email clients and will cause inconsistent rendering.
- · Avoid using rowspan as it won't render consistently.
- · It is recommended to set cellpadding and cellspacing to o on the table elements.
- · Use line-breaks (<br />) instead of paragraphs () to ensure a more consistent rendering.
- · Avoid css definitions in the head of the e-mail, use in-line css instead as this will ensure the highest specificity & correct rendering.
- · Avoid using decimal values for font size in the creative (use 15px instead of 15.5px).
- Avoid padding or margin attributes as some email clients, such as Outlook 2007 do not support them. Use blank s with spacer images, or clever alignment techniques with nested tables where necessary.



- 1px by 1px transparent GIFs may be stretched in order to define custom spacing within table cells. It is also advisable to define width (or height) for cells as well since some email clients render default spacing for tables differently
- · Avoid empty lines of code and spaces in between an <img> tag and tag. Some browsers may read this as an actual space in overall layout and this can lead to mis-aligned graphics.
- · Avoid commenting out HTML. Extraneous lines of code should be removed. This will also save valuable space in the HTML size. Another good way of saving file size is converting indentation to tabs, rather than spaces.
- · More email clients are blocking images by default. To combat this trend, include compelling alt tags to grab the user's interest and encourage them to click, "display images".
- Do not use negative tracking in the copy as this is not supported by email clients and will produce rendering inconsistencies during the production.
- File size considerations To reduce the likelihood of being caught in spam filter, the email weight should not be too excessive.

  Anything under 20-30KB is reasonable for a simple eDM; more space will be needed to more complex emails such as Newsletters.
- Because variations of code at an ISP/ Browser level is interpreted differently, HTML anchor target links may not work in BigPond email and GMAIL. Therefore, for eDMs consisting of HTML anchor targets, it is recommended that conditions be put in place to make such links not-clickable when read in those email clients.

#### Tracking

· It is assumed that all HTML creative files submitted to News Digital Media for deployment are final and will have the correct client click tracking tags implemented.



#### **TABLET DEVICES**

Creative guidelines are consistent across iPad and Android platforms to ensure maximum compatibility and to reduce design overheads for advertisers. Flash creatives are not permitted. For vector/line graphics based creatives, we recommend PNG format. For photo/complex graphics based creatives, we recommend JPG format. Large video files accepted via FTP or alternative file delivery service (eg. yousendit.com, Adstream). 3<sup>rd</sup> party serving of any creative elements is not permitted. 3<sup>rd</sup> party click-through tracking is accepted.

#### **FULL PAGE ADS**

- HTML, CSS and JavaScript must comply with HTML5 and W3C standards. A combined portrait/landscape ad creative will be served as a single orientation aware HTML5 creative, which will need to handle a change from portrait to landscape and vice-versa.
- Total size of a Full Page creative including inline images, HTML, CSS and JavaScript etc. must not exceed 256 Kb.
- Min. requirements for a full page ad are two static images in JPG or PNG format of landscape (970 x 728) and portrait (738 x 984) dimensions. In the event of creative development/submission delays, we strongly recommend that all HTML creatives are accompanied by this image-only option which can be served temporarily to avoid delays in your campaign commencement.
- · We recommended that all CSS and JavaScript be minified for optimal delivery and user experience. It is also recommended that lossless compression be applied to images via tools such as Smush-It or OptiPNG prior to base64 encoding.
- · All external resources (CSS, JavaScript, Fonts and Images etc.) must be inline within the HTML using base64 encoding. *This is required for ads to work correctly when the user is offline.*
- For optimum performance and readability you must ensure that external resources such as JavaScript and CSS are placed in the head tag rather than in the body of the HTML creative.
- A 100 x 55 pixel close button (not required in the creative) will be placed by the app on the top right corner of the ad. Close behaviour is handled by the app; please ensure that no advertiser branding or call-to-action content is present at this location.
- The authoring of all HTML, JavaScript or CSS code is the sole responsibility of the creative agency. Please ensure your code is run through a W<sub>3</sub>C HTML validation script before submission.
- · NDM will provide full testing upon receipt of all creative elements built to correct specifications. Non-compliant creative elements will be returned for revision and may result in scheduling delays.



#### TABLET DEVICES CONTINUED

#### **OVERALL DIMENSIONS - FULL PAGE ADS**

Creative will be served in a 4:3 aspect ratio inside the app and scaled down where required for smaller resolution devices. Overall dimensions are included below.

| App Name              | Portrait          | Landscape         |  |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| iPad – The Australian | 768 x 984 pixels  | 1024 x 728 pixels |  |
| iPad – other          |                   |                   |  |
| Mastheads             | 720 y 20 4 pivole | 070 y 700 olyala  |  |
| Android – The         | 738 x 984 pixels  | 970 x 728 pixels  |  |
| Australian            |                   |                   |  |

#### **VIDEO - FULL PAGE ADS ONLY**

- · Video files may be hosted and re-encoded by NDM for optimised delivery.
- · Video duration is limited to 60 seconds, irrespective of video delivery mechanism or hosting location.
- There is no limit to the bit rate currently, however the total data transferred for the video must not exceed 5 MB if hosted by NDM or not served by an external streaming server.
- Larger videos must be hosted at a client-provided streaming server and delivered to the iPad via MMS or RTSP protocols.
- · If the video is being streamed by the client then a 64kbps low bandwidth stream must be provided in addition to the primary stream.
- · Video container/player must show a loading indication while video is downloading or buffering.
- · Video must be user initiated and must not play automatically upon creative loading.
- · Video must be encoded using the H.264 codec in .m4v, .mp4 or .mov file formats.

#### **INLINE ADS**

- Formats accepted static image only in IPG or PNG format. Video, JavaScript, Flash or HTML is not permitted
- · Maximum file size 40kb
- · Dimensions 200 x 400 pixels
- · Creative does not need to be orientation-aware
- · Inline ads are not currently available in The Australian Android apps



#### REFERENCES FOR TABLET DEVICES

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