

## Current Trends in Email Marketing and Content Marketing: Theoretical Review

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### Abstract:

In this paper, we offer a theoretical approach review of the contemporary state of email marketing and content marketing, arguing that they both serve as fundamental components of digital marketing management. How technologically advanced marketing services, the behavior of potential customers and the wide range of marketing services available via the internet has reformed the marketing practices to become more segmented, sophisticated and oriented to the customer, is also discussed. The dissertation illustrates the evolution of email marketing from an indiscriminate mass communication channel to an extremely advanced and automated strategy for managing customers' relations with specialized degree of personalization, segmentation and deliverability. Understanding content marketing development also means understanding the growing importance of content that seeks to attract and retain specific audiences through the buyer's journey and is often delivered along with emails. Strategies for resolving problems brought by data protection laws, overflow of information, and audience participation in overstuffed markets are presented. The review also includes the impact of AI, mobile, and analytics on the evolution of these marketing patterns, thus providing reasons as to why these strategies are worth investing in, in order to achieve customer retention and improve business efficiency at very long horizons.

### Introduction:

Email marketing and content marketing are two of the cornerstones of digital marketing. Over the last few years, both email marketing and content marketing have changed significantly and then both have become highly complex, data-intensive, and consumer-centric. A part of this transformation is attributed to changes in technology, consumer behaviour, and the rapid growth and spread of digital platforms. As businesses increasingly shift towards a digital-first approach, strategic application of these marketing strategies is crucial for organizations that want to reach out to their target audience.

As a form of direct marketing, email marketing consists of transmitting commercial messages to groups of recipients as a direct private electronic message. Nominated as a highly effective and profitable marketing channel that businesses avail themselves of (Ellis, 2018), this medium has evolved dramatically from its early simple stages of mass communication to a very personalized and automated form of communication. Customer data is hence used in targeted and customised messages, based on user behaviour or preferences, and thus not only promotes email marketing but develops into a full-fledged relationship management tool in the study of CRM. In the wake of increasingly overflowing inboxes with overwhelming volumes of promotional content, brands are always looking for ways to make their emails stand out, through personalization, segmentation, or automation (Palmatier et al., 2020).

Meanwhile, content marketing is also equally gaining prominence with the ever-importance of being a content-hungry digital consumer. Content marketing is anchored on the process of creating and distributing relevant and valuable content aimed at capturing the attention of a particular target audience. Content marketing does not sell the brand or product itself but instead enables the prudent provision of useful information that answers most of the needs and concerns of potential customers. It takes many forms, from blogs and articles to infographics, videos, podcasts, and social media posts, as declared by Holliman & Rowley (2014). Content marketing is crucial for guiding customers throughout the customer purchase process being aware of a product or service, considering it and converting- when it can create long-term relationships and nurtures brand authority.

Content marketing, in connection with email marketing, provides new avenues for brands to achieve more coherent and personalized communication strategies. Although content marketing seems to be a perfect delivery channel for e-mail, email marketing provides content with substance relevant to, and enlightening for, the recipients. In their usage together, these two strategies will be of help in nurturing leads increasing customer loyalty and strengthening the overall customer experience (Hennig-Thurau et al., 2010). Given the trends currently dominating the face of the digital landscape, this theoretical review of both methods offers meaningful insights into their continuing relevance and long-term potential.

## **Theoretical Review:**

### **Factors Affecting Email Marketing**

Email marketing has been a trusted business tool since its inception and was sent directly into consumers' mailboxes decades ago; however, its significant success is owed to various factors. Understanding these factors is quite crucial in building effective email marketing campaigns that create engagement, conversion, and customer loyalty.

#### Subject Lines and Email Design:

The subject line is the first thing a recipient would find in an email hitting their inbox, and thus it might prove important in determining whether they will or will not open the email at all. An apt subject line that is clear, concise, and even catching can make their open rates fluctuate exceedingly, as held by Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick (2019). Conversely, vague and too promotional subject lines often result in emails being ignored or marked as spam. Its aesthetic appeal and format also draw a response from how to engage with its content. The email should be seen on the desktop and mobile. That can be achieved by using images, videos, and other interactive elements, however, too much information or cluttered visuals can make the recipient feel overloaded or cluttered (Hennig-Thurau et al., 2010).

#### Deliverability and Spam Filters:

Even the best-crafted e-mail messages won't get the job done if they never make it to your recipient's inbox. Deliverability refers to how well an e-mail message makes it through to a recipient without getting blocked or filtered into the spam folder. The factors that shape deliverability include, foremost, the credibility of the sender, proper authentication, and following best practices in building your e-mail content and format (Pulizzi, 2020). More advanced technologies that create better forms of spam filters would encourage e-mail with much fewer promotional words, misleading subject lines, and the presence of suspicious link additions to spam, as argued by Tucker (2020).

#### Data Privacy and Regulations:

With the dawn of data protection regulations like GDPR and CCPA, email marketing happens to be one of the toughest areas to brook across this privacy ocean.

These laws demand companies to obtain explicit consent from consumers before collecting and using their data for marketing purposes (McKinsey & Company, 2021). Along with that, there is also a need to be transparent on how they use customer data and easy options to opt-out so marketers can respect customer privacy. Increasingly, privacy means marketers must find a balance between personalization and respect for customer data (Ellis, 2018).

### **Factors Affecting Content Marketing**

Content marketing is something of the game now in a business's communication strategy to engage well with their audiences; just like email marketing, however, its success depends on a few important factors. These are what will determine how well the content resonates with an audience; how effectively it drives traffic; and determines the eventual influence on the brand.

#### Content Quality and Relevance:

Probably, the most important aspect of content marketing is the quality and relevance of material created. Such material, which takes value for the audience, would be shared more often with other people, interacted with, and remembered (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick, 2019). Moreover, irrelevant and poorly written content can provide a pretty hard blow to the brand's reputation and cause distrust as well. The specific needs, pain points, and interests of the target audience are addressed through relevant content. Businesses must invest time in understanding audiences to produce appropriate and aligned content with their goals, challenges, and aspirations, Holliman & Rowley, 2014).

#### Audience Engagement and Interaction:

The other significant factor of content success marketing is audience engagement. Generating engaging content, including comments, likes, shares, and user-generated content, can engrossively increase the levels of engagement (Holliman & Rowley, 2014). Interactive content, for example, can be in the form of quizzes, polls, and surveys to relate to the customers. Meaningful relationships can be made with the customers by interacting with them through proper comments social media conversations, and user feedback, when brands are active in their comments regarding customer loyalty. Further, the promotion of user-generated content provides social proof, which can be able to convince prospects leading towards higher conversions (Palmatier et al., 2020).

#### Analytics and Performance Measurement:

And finally, regardless of the success of content marketing, results need to be measured. Analytics tools provide marketing insights in terms of how content is generating traffic, engagement, and all forms of conversion (McKinsey & Company, 2021). They will give some of the following KPIs like bounce rate, time on page, click-through rates, etc., showing which content the audience would rather resonate with, or which ones were lacking. Continuous monitoring and optimization of content strategies based on performance data are essential for long-term success (Tucker, 2020).

## Global Trends in Email Marketing

While email marketing is still the best tactic for digital marketers, the tactics used are constantly changing due to the influence of technology, consumer behaviour, and even the laws in the marketing environment. A clear perspective on what is happening globally is an advantage to a marketer who operates in an increasingly dynamic environment.

### Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics in Enabling Hyper-Personalization:

The other part of the world is about email messaging where the use of most artificial intelligence (AI) and data analytics to enhance personalization is becoming the order of the day. Today, with the help of AI and such tools, email marketers can sift through volumes of data on a target market to create more effective email copies. Using this technology, content may be created based on the preferences, activities and purchase history of the individual addresses (Zhang & Wedel, 2020). In this case, a lot of organizations have included the use of predictive analytics to help them understand the purpose of the customer and do extreme personalization of products at that moment. The same improvement in personalization engenders higher rates of customer engagement and lower conversion rates as the emails expect the reader to feel more relevant rather than like an intrusion (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick, 2019).

### The Need for Mobile Optimization and Responsive Design:

Due to the increased smartphone and tablet usage among people conducting email activities, especially checking email messages, mobile optimization is now considered an inevitable phenomenon. In the contemporary consumer generation where customers expect to experience everything right across informative well-designed interfaces, mobile devices that are unoptimized to such structures stand a chance of being disregarded or discarded (Statista, 2023). Currently, responsive design which is a design that changes the layout, as well as the content of an email to different screen sizes, is of a very high standard in the email marketing field. Marketers are also quite concerned with the time emails take to load on the consumers' hand-held devices because even the slightest of such instances leads to increased bounces (Tucker, 2020).

### Privacy Control and protective of the data:

In the wake of global data privacy laws such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in Europe and the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) in the US, becoming an email marketer is no longer as easy as it used to be (Zhang & Wedel, 2020). Certain regulations specify that obtaining consent before collecting and using customer data will be used more strictly than before. As a result, many marketers are shifting towards less invasive forms of data collection and even empowering the recipients to manage how or whether their data is used.

## Global Trends in Content Marketing

The content strategy seems to be on the rise and is already an indispensable way of enhancing branded communications, retention or acquisition of customers' interest and ultimately sales conversion. Like email marketing, the global practices of content marketing reach many facets including sociability and within the technology and socialization of the user.

### The Upsurge of Usage of Video as a Content:

The explosive growth of video content is perhaps one of the most significant trends in content marketing globally. Reports indicate that video content has overtaken all other forms of content by far among consumers, with the help of platforms like YouTube, Instagram and TikTok (Pulizzi, 2021). This quality is coupled with the fact that videos are flexible by nature, such that they enable the marketers to tell a story through infomercials, how to do videos, client feedback once the product has been used and even how things are done in the company. Broadcast video innovations, such as Facebook Live, are popular since they enable the brand to connect with its audience as it communicates. However, it is not only the live videos that are trending or overtaking the live videos as the short videos are also considered viable and a recent trend thanks to the likes of TikTok and Instagram reels since they allow a lot of content to be pumped in a short time and at a fast rate (HubSpot, 2022).

### People in Content Creating and Building Social Media Strategy:

User-generated content globally is becoming an integral part of content marketing strategies. UGC stands for any type of content for businesses that their customers create, such as comments, reviews, pictures or videos displaying the brand (Pulizzi, 2020). UGC is particularly powerful because it acts as social proof, showcasing genuine interactions and experiences to persuade the prospective customer to the brand. Some countries resort to building countries around the brand and encourage users to social media on users's pictures by taking even photo shoots and setting challenges through its use. This has been very effective in countries like fashion fitness and technology where the end users help in making edits on their use of the product (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick, 2019).

### Technology Content Creation and Automation:

Artificial intelligence (AI) is making its Mark in the content marketing space as well. Such AI-based tools are being integrated into the process for large-scale inclusion of content, elimination of human effort such as content distribution and evaluation of the content through law analytics and strategizing (Zhang & Wedel, 2020). Content creation, whether it is article writing, social media posting or even video scripting, can now be done using artificial intelligence, allowing marketers to dedicate their efforts towards strategy and other creative aspects of marketing. In addition, there is the assistance of Artificial Intelligence in understanding how consumers behave, which in turn helps them create content for the consumers and send it at the most opportune time. AI authorship of content has a long way to go but the advances are swift and any brand that needs to churn out volume content faster appreciates it (Tucker, 2020).

## Common Challenges in Email Marketing

Email marketing is a powerful online promotional tool; however, its use does present some issues. The growing complexity of digital marketing means that marketers must rise to multiple challenges to optimize any efforts to increase the effectiveness of email campaigns.

### Decreasing Open Rates:

As already noted above, one of the main problems facing email marketers today is the decreasing open rates. Customers have become choosy since they have to contend with the fact that many promotion emails fill in the customers' email boxes and a good percentage of such emails are deleted (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick, 2019). Besides irrelevant subject lines and bad senders, the timing of delivery is a serious issue. Moreover, filters present in email applications tend to classify marketing emails under the "Promotions" section or put them in spam boxes, thus increasing the chances of those emails not being viewed. Marketers should be more concerned with writing good subject lines and ensuring the email's context is pertinent and of value to solve this defiance.

### Email Deliverability and Spam Filters:

Another typical deficiency in the email marketing technique is related to whether the emails sent arrive at the intended recipients' inboxes or not. Email deliverability describes the rate at which an email sent is directed to a particular person's inbox as opposed to being lost in the spam in the case of an email campaign (HubSpot, 2022). The email spam filter system has also changed over the years as it can now filter out certain emails with trigger word phrases or even with too much marketing content or even unorthodox patterns. Such spam filters can even filter out genuine messages if the anti-spam measurements include inappropriately designed content. Some of the best practices marketers will need to adopt to prevent this are keeping the email lists clean, making sure emails are authenticated correctly, and restricting the use of marketing language as much as possible (Zhang & Wedel, 2020).

### Personalization but not intrusiveness on privacy:

Today's consumers would, therefore, expect that their emails are personalized to that level. However, marketers have to balance personalization with the emergence of privacy issues-this is a continued challenge. With increased global regulations and data protections, such as GDPR in Europe and CCPA in California, the marketer is tasked with navigating a sometimes complex legal framework to become and stay compliant (Ellis, 2021). Customers have now become too cautious about divulging personal details, and using too much-personalised data can make the mail sound invasive or even "creepy." Finding the right balance between personalization and the maintenance of consumer privacy will help in creating such trust and also provide the message with relevant content (Tucker, 2020).



## **Common Challenges in Content Marketing**

Although content marketing has grown to be an integral element of most digital marketing strategies, it has its wealth of challenges. For one to create and promote useful content effectively, which leads to engagement and therefore, conversion, several issues must be tackled.

### Persistently Creating Quality Content:

Delivering Content Marketing is one of the most common challenges among marketing professionals. Today, the thirst for relevant and recently produced content is at its peak, making it difficult to sustain a constant stream of interesting content, especially among smaller teams or companies with limited staff. Producing high-value content is a lengthy process that includes detective work, writing, creating layout, and polishing the material. It is easy to compromise on quality due to the available resources and focus on producing more content for the sake of it, which can affect how people perceive the brand away from even engaging them.

### Trends Content:

The pressure of competition means that a content marketer cannot just wait and produce content but must learn current content trends and, even more, predict their future. This is especially because these trends come with innovations such as customers consuming video content instead of large and thick books or even short interactive content instead of long texts. It is also important to know that updates in the faces of formats, avenues of marketing and the public's demand can be very daunting, particularly to small companies. In addition, some trends, such as content generated by artificial intelligence or content in the form of virtual reality, demand competent specialists and additional expenditures to implement, which not all marketers can afford.

### Content Overload and Search Engine Optimization:

With more and more organizations embracing content as a marketing tool, the level of content consumption has reached alarming heights. It is growing more challenging to cut through the noise of content as any average consumer is encroached upon by information from all angles (Tucker, 2020). Content fatigue is a common experience whereby audiences become unresponsive because of too much content being fed to them. In this aspect, marketers must shift their strategies from content creation to producing unique content that addresses the issues of their audience logically. Nevertheless, such exceptional content comes only with immense research, innovation, and knowledge of the audience that is being targeted (Ellis, 2021).

## Strategies Adopted by Corporate Clients in Email Marketing

Business enterprises often employ sophisticated strategies in their email marketing campaigns for them to be noticed and to reach their target audience. Such strategies aim at improving relevance, enhancing response rates and tackling new challenges, for instance, deliverability.

### Personalization and Segmentation:

Personalization has become an integral part of email marketing strategies in this age. Corporate clients are turning to statistical insights to facilitate U-shape targeting in emails being sent. This entails categorizing email databases into groups that age, purchasing history and level of retention, which allows content focused on the audience (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick 2019). For example, in the context of an online retail store, a customer is typically shown additional products based on their previous searches or purchases. This increases not only the number of clicks received but also the number of loyal customers because they appreciate such treatment. Similarly, sophisticated companies deployed geographic targeting content which enables them to display a unique email design to different email recipients (HubSpot, 2022).

### Automation and Drip Campaigns:

The email marketing automation capabilities enable many corporate clients to improve the efficiency of marketing operations. Drip-type strategies have gained traction in corporate email marketing implementation. These are a series of prewritten emails delivered to prospects or customers depending on their actions or inactions within a given timeframe (Pulizzi, 2020). For instance, if a prospective client fails to check out on his or her shopping cart, there is a triggered email drip sequence that reminds them of the items locked in the cart and tries to entice them to finalize the purchase. Also, this type of campaign is often employed at the onboarding stage for new customers or leads, who are gradually engaged in the marketing efforts (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick 2019).

### Mobile Optimization:

More and more emails are being opened on mobile devices, and thus, business clients have embraced mobile-first email marketing strategies. This involves the creation of fully responsive, optimized emails for smaller screens, which ensures that content is readable and navigable on a mobile device (Tucker, 2020). This also may cause a highly bounced email and low engagement levels as the users will delete these emails that are not well designed for mobile devices and are hard to read or navigate. Businesses tend to test their email design on various devices to ensure cross-device compatibility, and they will optimize their call-to-actions for mobile users (HubSpot, 2022).

### A/B Testing and Data Analytics:

One very common strategy corporate email marketer use is called A/B testing. It means sending two different versions of an email to tiny segments of the audience to check which one performs better when it comes to open rates, click-through rates, or conversion. By analyzing these results, the business can make data-driven decisions and refine the content of its emails, subject lines, and CTAs for the main campaign. This will also mean that the corporate client will track the performance of its email campaigns using analytics, the performance of their key metrics, and necessary adjustments made based on the results from analytics (Pulizzi, 2020).



## **Strategies Adopted by Corporate Clients in Content Marketing**

Global corporations implement content marketing to enhance their businesses, inform their audience, and boost their sales. They aim at producing worthwhile content, using a variety of means to reach it out, and assessing the results of those efforts.

### Formulating a Full Content Strategy:

Formulating a full content marketing strategy is among the most powerful... embattlements posed to corporate clients. This requires the establishment of objectives, the identification of target market demographics, and the assessment of which content types would work the best. A content strategy is like a guiding principle or a set of rules on how content will be produced and where such content will be presented and helps make sure that such content has the right tone. Most companies do not only take such an integrated marketing approach but also carry out content reviews to see the available content, its state and any chances towards the targeted audience. Clark, S. (2021).

### Developing Useful and High-Quality Content:

When it comes to content development, corporate clients emphasise conducive and high-grade content that centres on the challenges and needs of the consumers. Businesses nowadays do not stick only to adverts and other promotional materials. They include other useful materials that help the audiences respond to certain problems or get information concerning a subject (Sardeshmukh, Gupta, & Kim, 2016). For example, typically B2B businesses will produce whitepapers, case studies, and industry reports, whereas B2C companies will concentrate on using blogs and vlogs as well as garnish them with steps explaining how to do things. Content aimed at B2B or even B2C clients is highly informative and encourages trust in the audience as it helps enhance the authority of the business in the sector (Pulizzi, 2020).

### Multi-Channel Content Distribution:

Corporate clients realize that multi-channel content distribution maximizes content reach. Businesses do not rely on any one particular platform to create content but instead distribute content on various channels such as blogs, social media platforms, email, and paid advertising (HubSpot, 2022). Hence, their content reaches the target audience wherever they go online. Businesses also design content following the unique nature of each channel. For example, while long content may be more suitable for the company's blog, Instagram and Twitter are relatively shorter and based on imagery only (Ellis, 2021).

### Measuring return on investment and aligning strategies:

Corporate clients do care for ROI on content marketing efforts. They may track key performance indicators, such as website traffic, engagement rates, and conversion rates in evaluating the effectiveness of their content and basing optimization decisions for their strategy on that metric (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick, 2019). Companies use advanced analytics tools, which track every move of the customer journey, plus understand all steps of the sales funnel to see how that content drives each step. Based on such insights, companies continually update content strategies by optimizing performance and marketing goals (Ellis, 2021).

## **The Future of Email Marketing in India**

India seems poised to break into the email market in due course owing to the growing number of people logging into the internet and having access to smartphones. Digitization has been creeping into every aspect of life in India and all the business ventures are shifting and restructuring the way they communicate to the customers and email marketing is one of such. With the Emergence of Email Marketing In India, there are several growing trends in drastic changes in the scope of email marketing as well.

### Hyper Personalization and AI Integration:

The envelope should finish with content that is relevant to the market at the right time in the right context with an emphasis on artificial intelligence. This is true because the future of email marketing in India may fat lady sing with personalized content but with the help of artificial intelligence and machine learning concepts. Brand research will not stop at quite the addressing of the name of the recipient who will be sent the email. There will be content specific to that customer's activity and related previous purchases such as what the customer liked or did not (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick, 2019). Embedded AI will ensure accurate profiling of the customers concerning the business thus more contextualised and tailored emails sent out to individual customers. There's also a more business-oriented side to it in that they are betting that this hyper-personalization will result in immediately better engagement rates and deeper customer loyalty. The other benefit is that thanks to AI, predictive analytics will be more powerful for Businesses as it will enable sending pre-programmed messages in places where they will serve their purpose best. According to research, it has been established that an email marketing platform powered by artificial intelligence (AI) can monitor customers' behaviour and know when a user is leaving some items in the shopping cart without completing the purchase and quickly send an email to offer help (Pulizzi, 2020).

### Tends to place more emphasis on mobile optimization:

Given the heavy prevalence of India's population browsing the internet through mobile devices, email marketing will have to become mobile-first in the future. As Indians become increasingly mobile-dependent, companies will need to ensure that their email campaigns are mobile-friendly, according to HubSpot (2022). Emails will have to be lightweight, easy to navigate on small screens, and lead customers quickly with mobile-friendly calls-to actions. The increased user downloads of mobile wallets and mobile payment solutions will merge with email marketing. Brands will get the chance to use mobile-optimized email campaigns, prompting the click-throughs of users for direct transactions on their handheld devices, thus facilitating convenient shopping experiences.

### Compliance with Privacy Laws and Data Protection:

This will change the face of email marketing in India, as the issue is global. In consideration of India's Personal Data Protection Bill, companies must prove that they collect, store, and utilize the data appropriately for email marketing, hence being more transparent (Zhang & Wedel, 2020). Improved opt-in procedures will contribute towards fewer unwanted emails for the consumer. Brands, that respect data privacy and enforce compliance with such regulations, stand to gain the trust of customers, while in the long run, the emails that are least likely to receive responses are those that have the lowest visibility of trust from consumers.

## **The Future of Content Marketing in India**

Similar trends are seen in the landscape of content marketing in India today, with enhanced internet access, expansion of digital various channels and consumer migration being the main drivers of the changes. A few critical trends are going to define the future of content marketing in India, and they are tech and data-enabled content marketing trends that are focused on elevating the experience the consumers get from marketing content.

### AI and Automation in Content Marketing:

As seen with email marketing, it can be expected that AI and automation will be at the forefront of the evolution of content marketing in India. Such tools are anticipated to enhance the efficiency of content development and its management as a whole, whereby businesses will be in a position to deliver the best quality of content faster (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick 2019). For example, there is AI that can collect vast amounts of data and draw out the types of content that the targeted audience would prefer the most allowing marketers to create content fitting that audience. This will also be useful in making sure that the content is available in every channel where consumers may be at the right time and with the right content. For instance, ready-made content distribution mechanisms publish articles, movies and social media updates together so that the brand's online activity will remain daily without any extra effort (Pulizzi, 2020).

### Understanding the Voicing Content Strategy and the Suggestion to Speak Content:

As more getters in the voice search concerning India, especially with smart speakers and virtual assistants like Google Assistant and Amazon Alexa emerge, the content marketing plans will have to change. It is projected that the brands would create content that adheres to the voice search norm which is more conversational than formal (Tucker, 2020). Voice search optimization will also involve the use of long-tail keywords as well as providing short answers to user queries. More so, companies that will engage in content voice-activated, like audio podcasts or audio blogs will stand better chances of offering reach out to the increasing number of voice search users.

### Content in Regional Languages:

India is regarded as a plurilingual society, and so the content marketing industry will have vast prospects for the generation of content in regional languages. In the context of more and more people from rural and semi-urban areas coming on board, businesses will also have to consider content in languages other than English (Zhang & Wedel, 2020). Those organizations that develop content such as in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, or Bengali, will avail of even more opportunities and engage with people from many regions of the country. Such a new approach concerning addressing the audiences in their native languages will also reflect in the suffix structures, bearing in mind that traffic will be driven from search engines of different languages. In addition, the intended audience will dictate the brand's message, and it will not suffice that it is clear, it should also cater to the tastes of a certain language group (Pulizzi, 2020).

## Conclusion:

To summarize, email and content marketing will remain core tactics even as the digital marketing environment keeps on changing. Competition has made the application of these strategies more sophisticated, as there is a great emphasis on using statistics, personalizing services and automating processes. Unlike email marketing in the past which was a one-way mass communications technique, marketers today are focused on consumer preference and behavior in delivering messages to the target audience to increase engagement and returns on investment (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick, 2019). On the other hand, content marketing, where the focus is on quality content distribution, effectively assists in the consumers' buying process and in securing their loyalty for longer periods (Holliman & Rowley, 2014). They recommend here the so-called content email marketing which indeed demonstrates high results in lead generation, customer retention and customer service optimization (Palmatier et al., 2020).

Alongside developments in technology and the growing use of the internet, the aspects of mobile app focus, artificial intelligence and regulation of data privacy are major determinants of the success of the two strategies respectively (Pulizzi, 2020). Notably, as smartphones have become ubiquitous, mobile-first strategies addressed in both email content strategies and content marketing strategies have become the order of the day to counter the provision of services that transcend devices (Tucker, 2020). Equally, companies do have to comply with different privacy laws such as GDPR or CCPA that are in place to protect customers (Ellis, 2021). In the years to come, the advocacy of hyper-personalization which is AI and machine learning-driven would go a long way in ensuring that those engaging in marketing attain high standards in both the relevance of the content and the accuracy in the delivery of that content (Zhang & Wedel, 2020).

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