

Email Etiquette

Sending
professional emails

Parts of an email

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HIPAA Compliance

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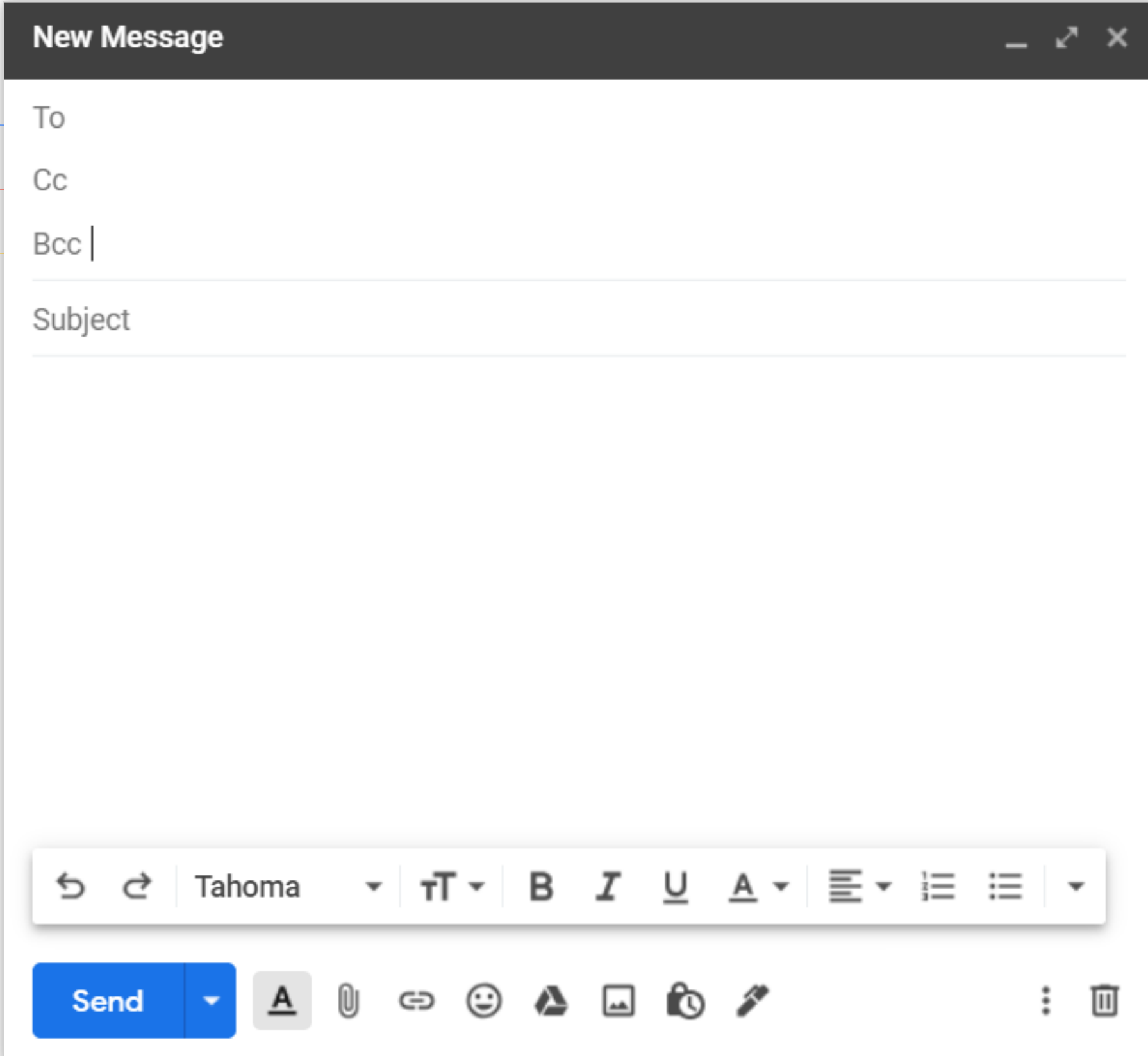
Other Reminders and Do's and Don'ts



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Parts of an Email

Email Recipients



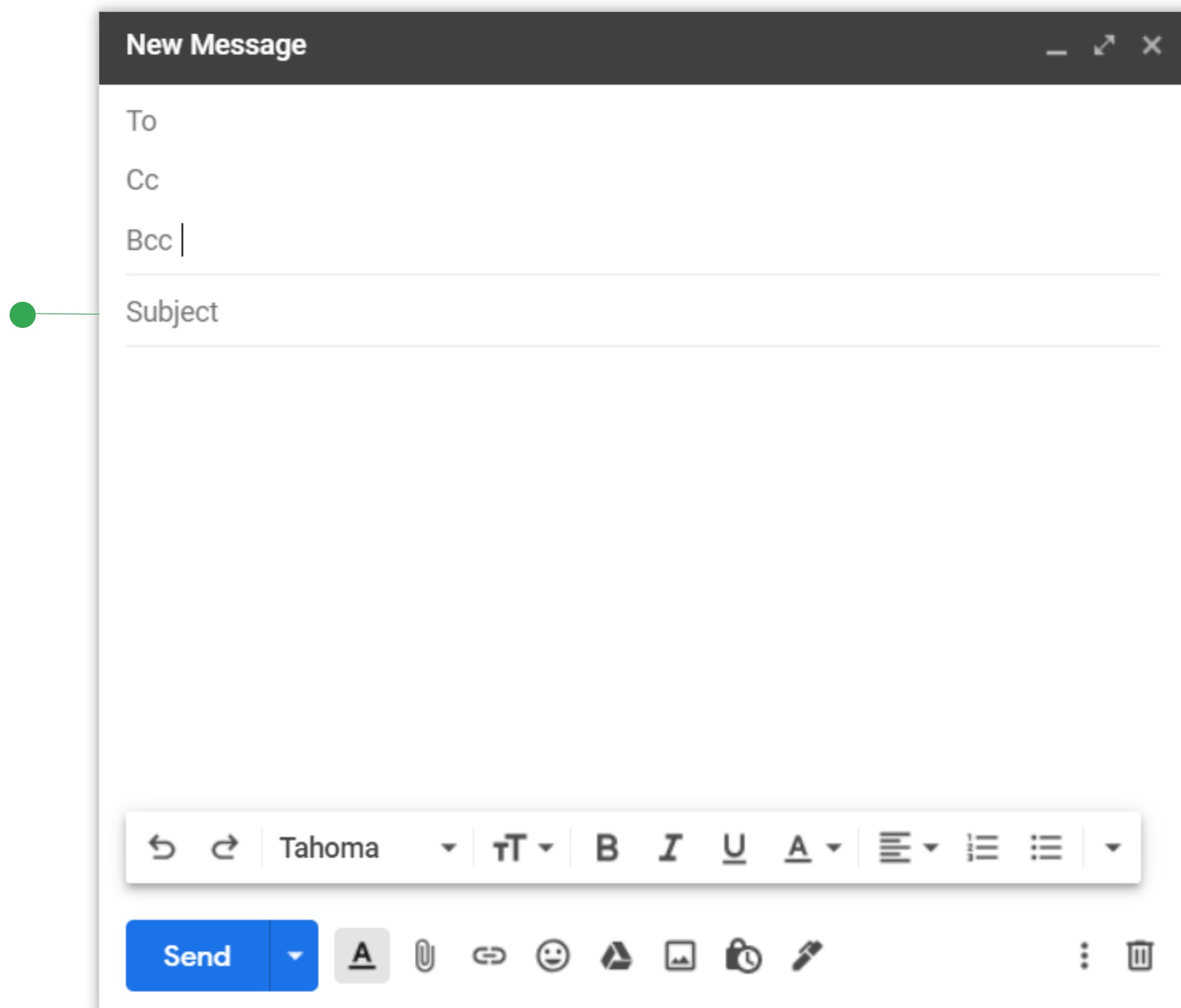
The image shows a screenshot of an email composition window titled "New Message". The window has a dark header bar with the title and window control icons. Below the header, there are four input fields: "To", "Cc", "Bcc", and "Subject". To the left of these fields, there are three colored circles (blue, red, and yellow) with lines pointing to the "To", "Cc", and "Bcc" fields respectively. Below the "Subject" field is a large text area for the email body. At the bottom of the window, there is a rich text editor toolbar with various icons for undo, redo, font face (Tahoma), font size, bold, italic, underline, text color, background color, bulleted list, numbered list, and link. Below the toolbar is a row of icons for text color, link, image, video, audio, and a "Send" button.

To field – Recipients that need to take action or provide information.

CC field (carbon copy) – Recipients that are only kept informed and does not need to take any action.

BCC field (blind carbon copy) – Recipients that are not visible to other recipients looped in the email.

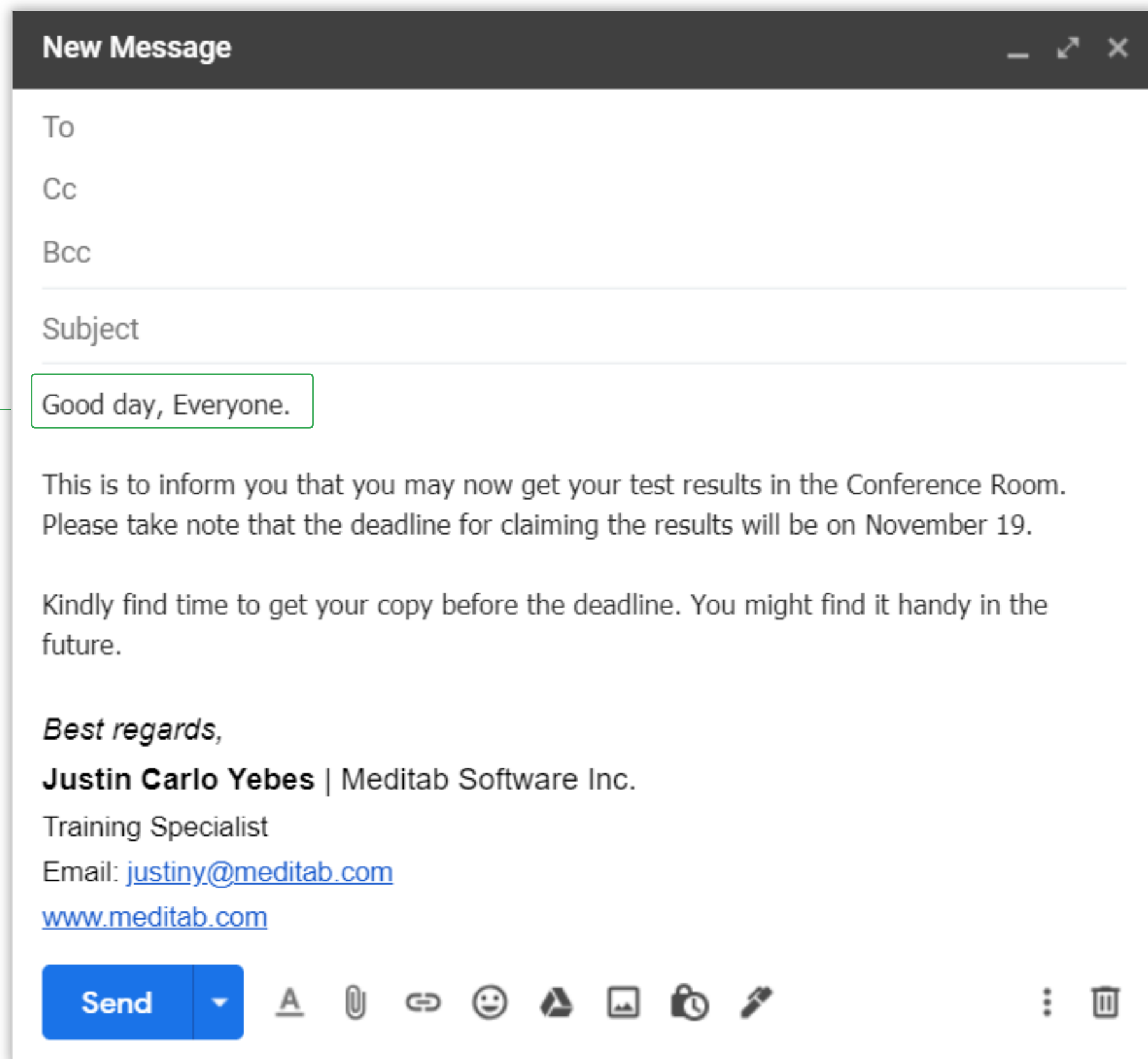
Subject Line



The **Subject Line** is what the email is all about. It is the first statement that the recipient sees when they receive the email. When making the subject line, make sure it is:

- Concise – It should not be too long to read, but it should also be complete.
- Relevant – The words you use should grab the attention of your recipients.

Greetings



The screenshot shows a 'New Message' window with fields for To, Cc, Bcc, and Subject. The body of the email contains a greeting, two paragraphs of text, and a signature block. A green circle with a line points to the greeting text.

New Message

To
Cc
Bcc

Subject

Good day, Everyone.

This is to inform you that you may now get your test results in the Conference Room. Please take note that the deadline for claiming the results will be on November 19.

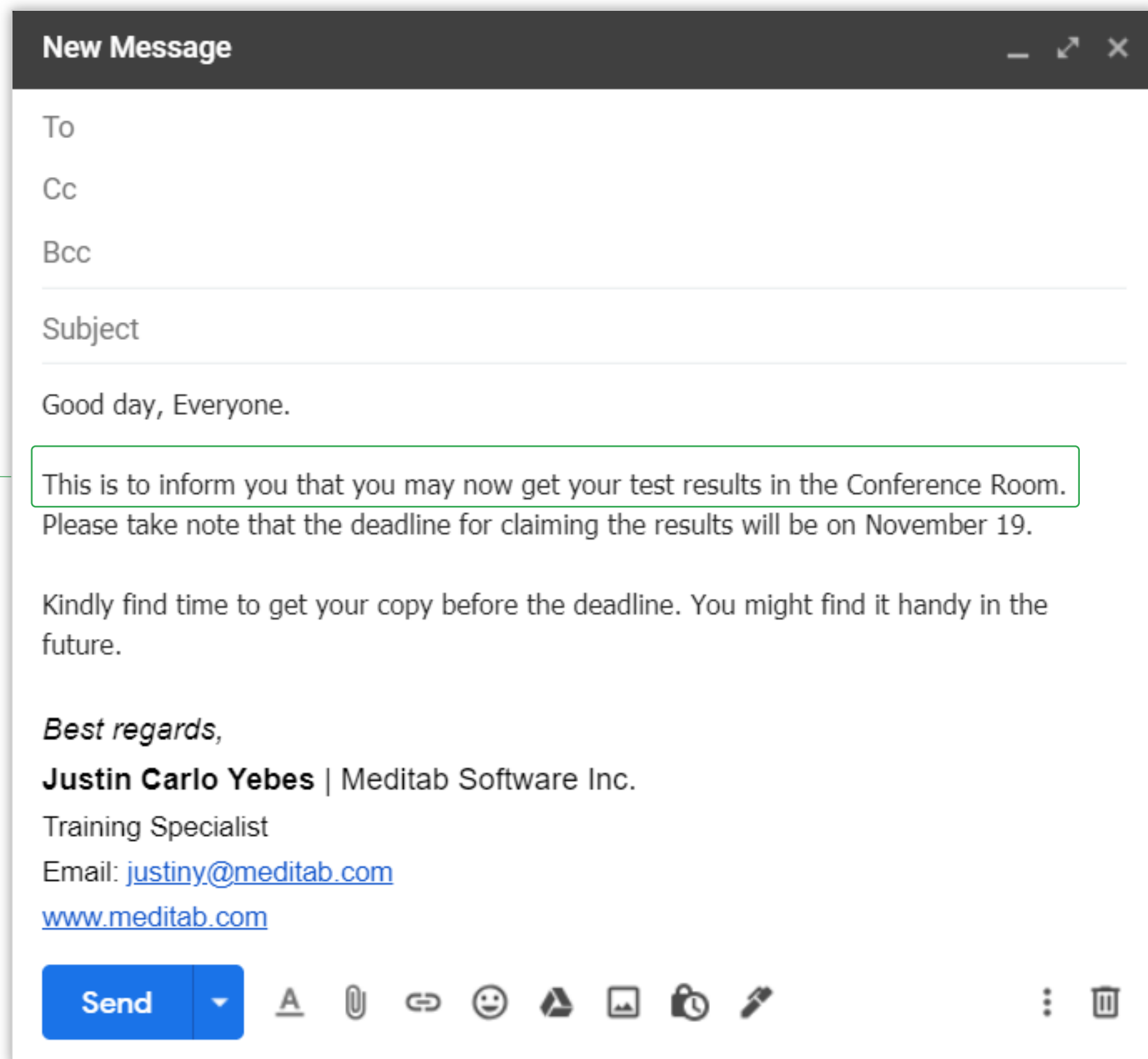
Kindly find time to get your copy before the deadline. You might find it handy in the future.

Best regards,
Justin Carlo Yebes | Meditab Software Inc.
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Keep your greetings short. Don't forget to observe proper punctuation and capitalization. Take note that "day, morning, afternoon, and evening" should not be capitalized.

Opening Statement



New Message

To

Cc

Bcc

Subject

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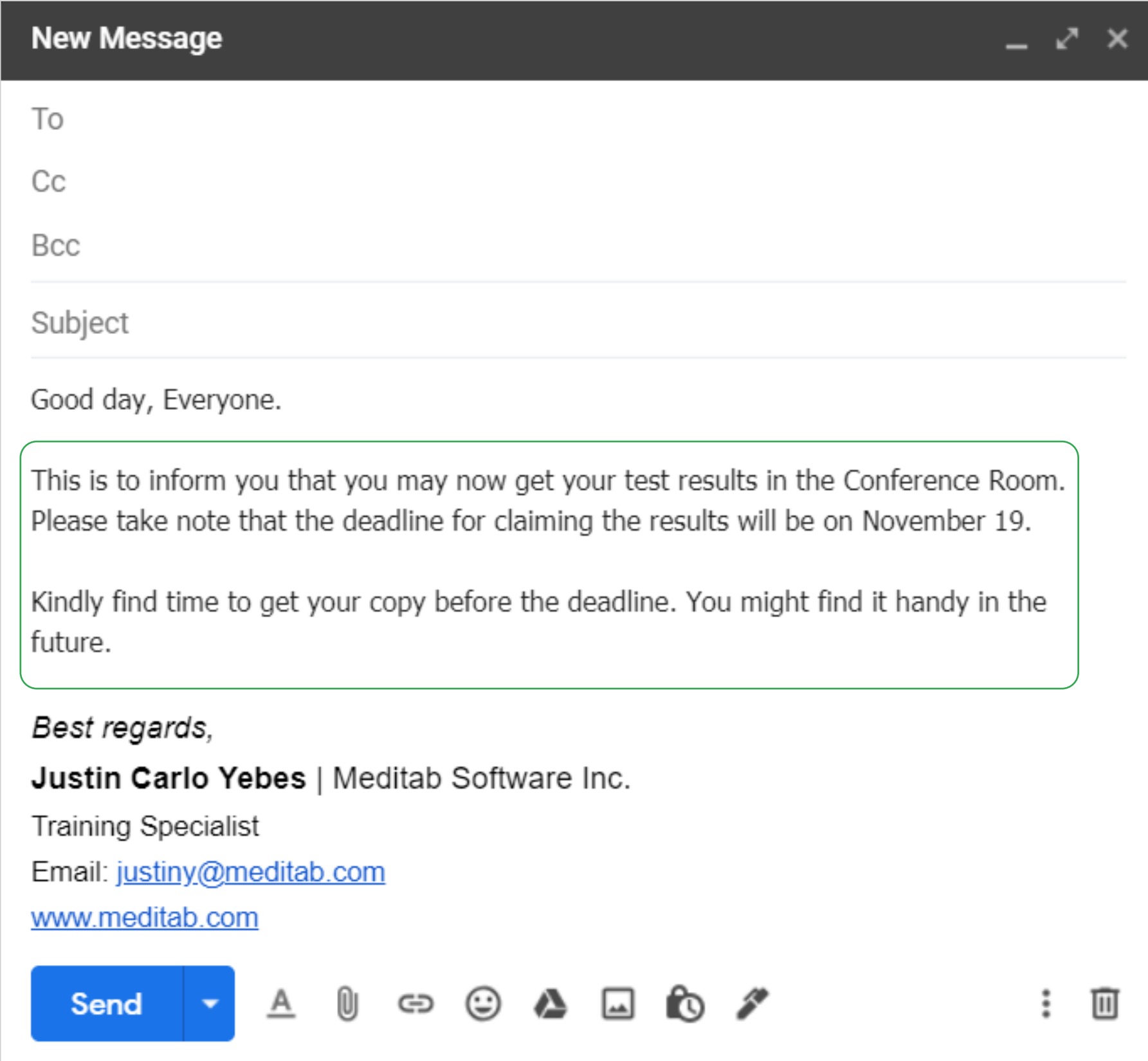
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The opening statement should immediately state the purpose of the email. This makes it easier to understand the rest of the email.

Body of the Email



The screenshot shows an email composition window with a dark header bar labeled 'New Message'. Below the header, there are fields for 'To', 'Cc', 'Bcc', and 'Subject'. The main body of the email contains the following text:

Good day, Everyone.

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At the bottom, there is a blue 'Send' button and a toolbar with icons for text formatting, attachments, links, emojis, and other email functions.

Do not make your emails too long. Also, break several sub-ideas into paragraphs so it is easier to read for your recipients.

Call to Action



New Message

To

Cc

Bcc

Subject

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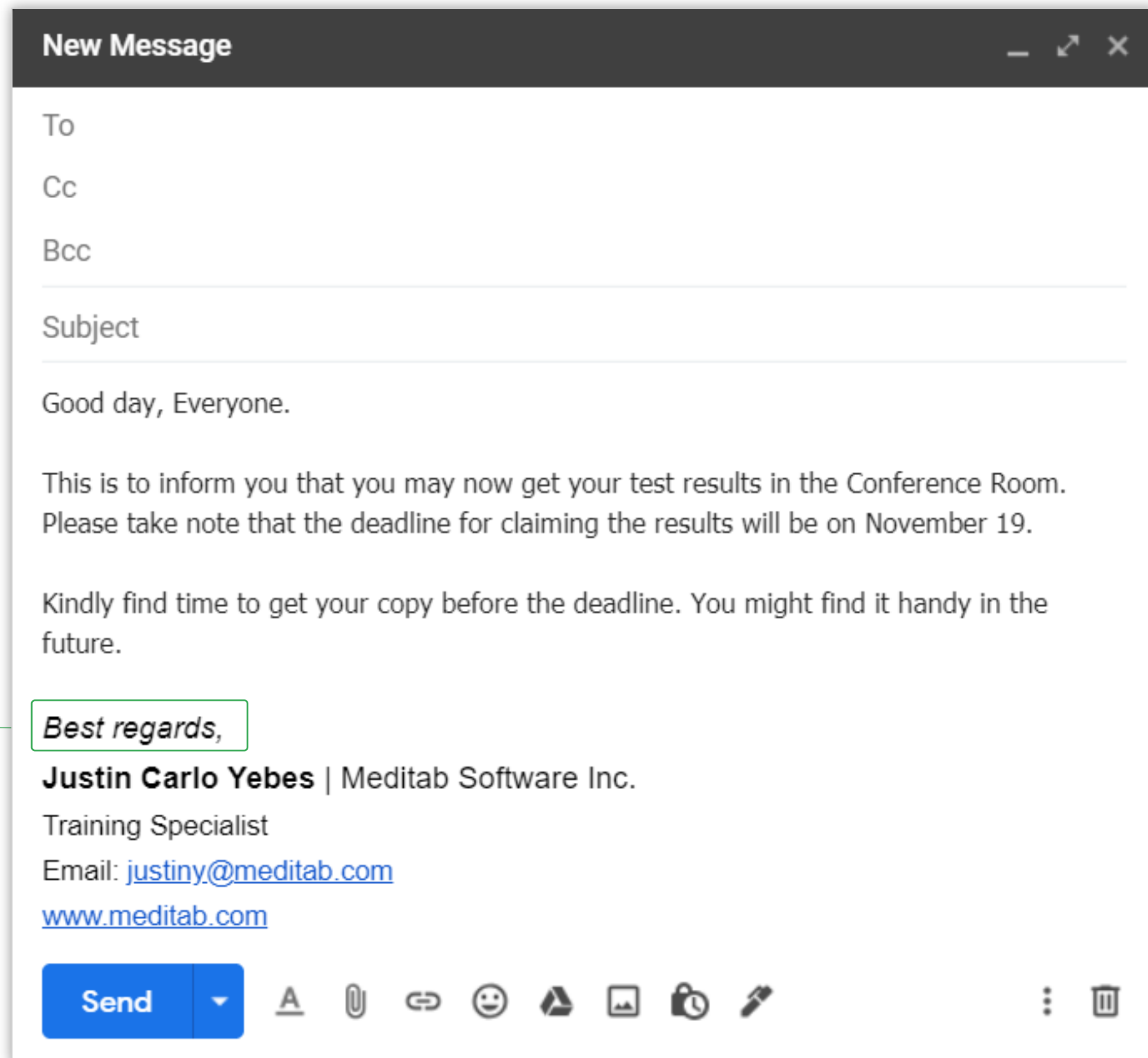
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Send

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End your email by clearly stating an action step for your recipients, so they know what to do after reading the email.

Closing Remarks



New Message

To

Cc

Bcc

Subject

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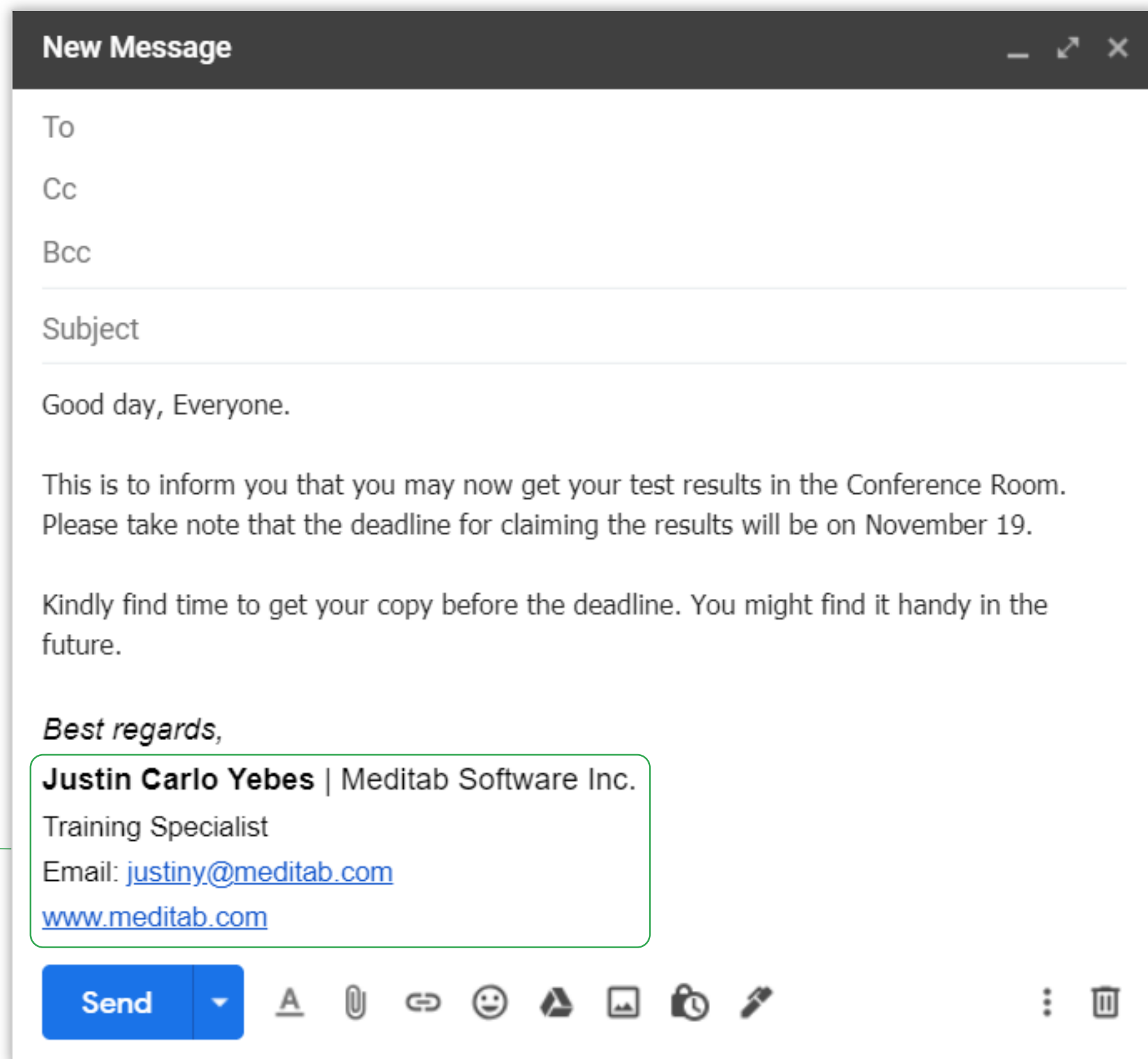
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Send


Icons: Text, Attachments, Links, Emojis, Images, Video, and Trash

Make sure to use a formal closing remark.

Signature



You can configure Gmail to include your signature every time you compose an email. To do that:

Click on  Icon and select **See All Settings**. Under **General**, find **Signature** and then use the text box to create an auto-inserted signature.



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HIPAA Compliance

Setting up




Reply Behavior

Click on  Icon and select **See All Settings**. Under **General**, find **Default Reply Behavior** and select **Reply**.

This set up prevents you from accidentally sending sensitive information with all the recipients looped in the email.

Disabling Auto-Forwarding

Click on  Icon and select **See All Settings**. Under **Forwarding and POP/IMAP**, go to **Forwarding** and make sure there are **NO** Forwarding address added.

This set up prevents automatically sending your work emails, which may contain sensitive information, to your personal email account, which is inherently not secure.

Sending Screenshots



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F 1960 57y 10m 1w 125 lbs BMI:20.8 No Known Drug Allergies

Nov 08, 2017 (Proc.: Office Visit Case: General) QReminder ☒

General:
Office: Meditab - General Practice EMR
Provider: Ronald Higgins, MD
Encounter Date: 2017

Patient:
Sex: Female DOB: 1960 Age: Race: White
Address: Pref. Phone(H):

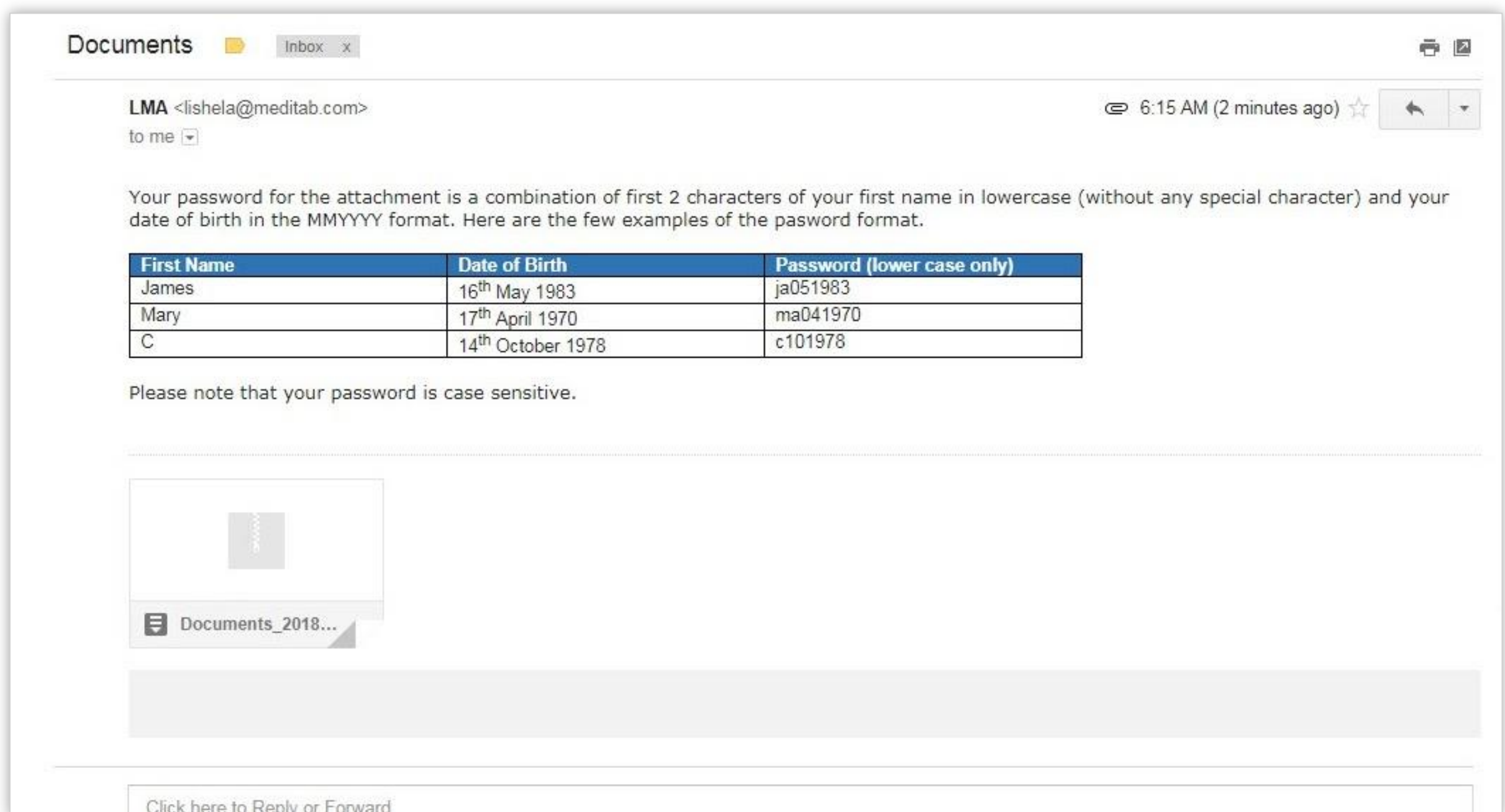
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1 Macrobid 100 Mg Capsule SIG: Take 1 twice a day
2 Bactrim 400-80 Mg Tablet SIG: 1 tablet Q12 hrs

Diagnosis: [Prev. Visit] [Add/Edit Note]
F51.04 ICD-10 Psychophysiologic insomnia

Make sure to **blur information** that are not requested or are **not needed** when sending a screenshot of a patient's medical record or electronic record.

Under the Minimum Necessary Rule of the HIPAA law, we should only give out patient information that are requested by the other party.

Attaching Patient Documents



When attaching patient documents to the email, make sure that the documents are encrypted to ensure that only the intended recipient will be able to access the said documents.

Because of the Security Rule of the HIPAA law, we must ensure that all electronic we send over a network is adequately protected.

Phishing Emails

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: PayPal <paypal@notice-access-273.com>

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10:13 AM

Subject: Your Account Has Been Limited (Case ID Number: PP-003-153-352-657)

PayPal

Dear Customer,

We need your help resolving an issue with your account. To give us time to work together on this, we've temporarily limited what you can do with your account until the issue is resolved.

We understand it may be frustrating not to have full access to PayPal account. We want to work with you to get your account back to normal as quickly as possible.

What the problem's?

We noticed some unusual activity on your PayPal account.

As a security precaution to protect your account until we have more details from you, we've placed a limitation on your account.

How you can help?

It's usually pretty easy to take care of things like this. Most of the time, we just need a little more information about your account.

To help us with this and to find out what you can and can't do with your account until the issue is resolved, log in to your account and go to the Resolution Center.

[Log In](#)

[Help](#) | [Contact](#) | [Security](#)

This email was sent to you, please do not reply to this email. Unfortunately, we are unable to respond to inquiries sent to this address. For immediate answers to your questions, simply visit our Help Center by clicking Help at the bottom of any PayPal page.

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Phishing emails are a form of cyber attack designed to gather sensitive information about the unsuspecting victim such as their log in credentials or credit card number

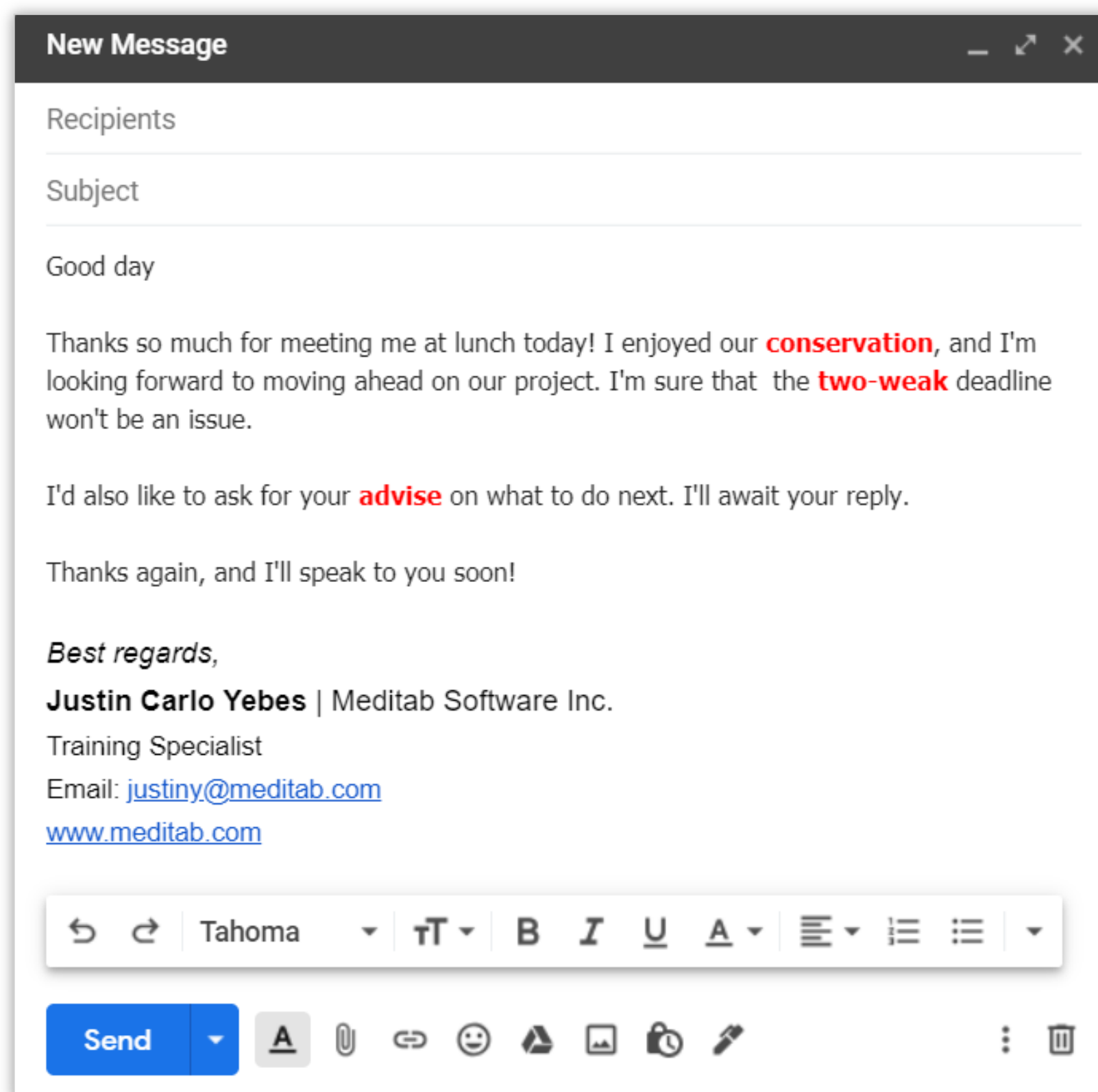
Never click on suspicious links in emails and always ask advice from IT regarding emails that wants to collect personal information.



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Other Reminders

Proofreading your Emails



Always make sure to review your email before sending it. Our brain tends to correct certain errors we make in our heads so we often make mistakes that we don't notice.

Gmail will only flag words that either don't exist or are grammatically incorrect, so you can't rely on it all the time to do the proofreading for you.

Undo Send



Making mistakes and not noticing them, even after proofreading, is unavoidable. That is why Gmail has a feature that will allow you to **undo the sending of your email within the first 30 seconds** after sending so you can correct it.

Click on  Icon and select **See All Settings**. Under **General**, find **Undo Send** and set it to **30 seconds**.

If you enable this setting, once you send a message, you will be able to see this pop in the bottom left of the screen.

Message sent. [Undo](#) [View message](#) 

If you click **Undo**, the sending of your email will be cancelled and you will be back to the composition window with your original email so you can make changes.

Sending undone. 

Spelling out Numbers



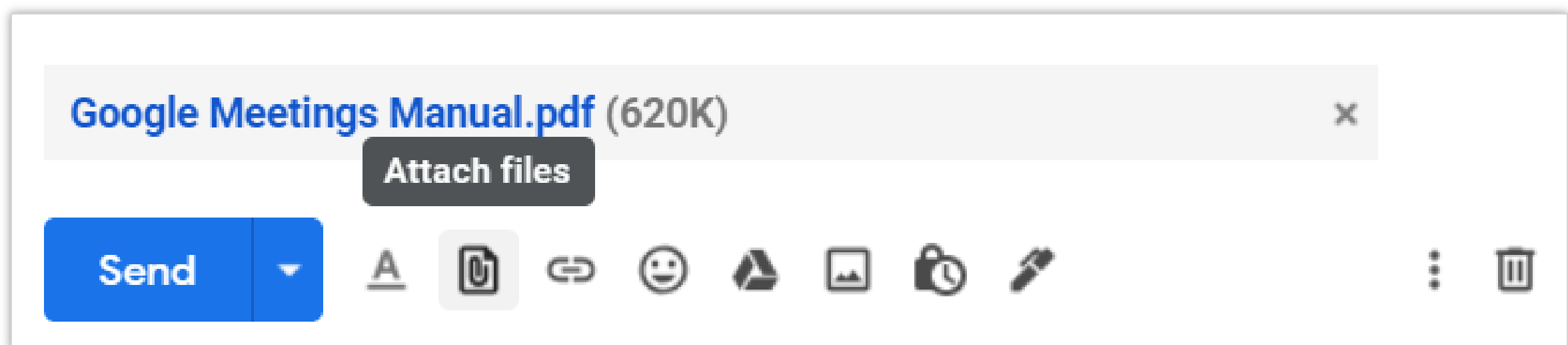
When to Spell out

- Numbers from zero to nine
- Fractions
- Numbers located at the beginning of the sentence
- Numbers that are close to each other

When to use the Numerical format

- Ages
- Dates
- Years and periods

Attachments



When you are sending an email with attachments, don't forget the following:

Never forget to attach the document to the email. Gmail will prompt you if you used the word “attached” in the email without attaching anything.

Never send an email with just an attachment. Always mention this, even if it's already a follow up after forgetting to attach it in the original email.

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