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# DREAMmail Ad Manager User Guide Version 5.0



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# **Preface**

#### **About this Guide**

The Ad Manager Trafficking Guide is intended for online publishers and marketers who create and traffic ads and insert them into email messages.

This guide is part of the set of documents that describe *DREAMmail*. In addition to explaining how to create and traffic ads, this guide also explains how to access reports that display ad activity.

# How this Guide Is Organized

This guide is divided into the following chapters:

Chapter	Description
Overview of Ad Manager	Describes the <i>Ad Manager</i> user interface, terminology and concepts, and what you must do before you use the <i>Ad Manager</i> application.
Using Ad Manager	Explains how to create publications and issues, create an ad, and book ads within issues.
Ad Manager Reports	Explains how to access and use the Sponsor Activity and Publication Status reports.

#### **Related Documents**

Related documents include:

- DREAMmail 5.0 User Guide
- DREAMmail 5.0 Real-Time Messaging Guide
- DREAMmail 5.0 List Generator Guide
- DREAMmail 5.0 Programming Guide
- DREAMmail 5.0 Advanced Messaging Guide

### **Conventions Used in this Guide**

The following conventions are used in this guide:

Convention	Use
Boldface font	Menu options, button names, key words
Courier font	Code examples
Italic font	Section and document titles

# **Overview of Ad Manager**

Ad Manager is a module that enables online publishers and marketers to book and track ads in messages that are created in DREAMmail. These messages contain references to ads that you create in Ad Manager, and when messages are sent, the appropriate ad content is retrieved.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- About Ad Manager
- Terminology in Ad Manager
- Using Ad Manager with DREAMmail
- Accessing Ad Manager

#### **About Ad Manager**

Ad Manager is an optional module of DREAMmail that enables you to book ads in email messages. Epsilon recommends using Ad Manager for a series of regularly scheduled email messages, or newsletter-type publications, that share a common layout. However, Ad Manager can also be used to book individual ads in one-time mailings.

Ad Manager provides you with flexibility and control of your ads. It enables you to maximize ad revenue by defining multiple ad locations within a message. Ad Manager also enables you to prepare and manage ads from multiple sponsors in individual messages.

Ad Manager enables you to share ads between messages. You can book the same ads in multiple publications and multiple issues for use in different messages. If you have various newsletters or messages that share the same layout and sponsors, they can share the same issue.

This section discusses the following topics:

- Benefits of Ad Manager
- Navigating in Ad Manager
- Key Components of Ad Manager

## **Benefits of Ad Manager**

In Ad Manager you can:

- Create and maintain sponsors (advertisers)
- Prepare ad content so it is ready to insert into messages
- Schedule issues of publications
- Schedule the insertion of ad content, including default ads, in issues of publications
- Proof the ads as they appear in the email messages

The benefits of Ad Manager include:

- An easy-to-use interface Ad Manager provides a simple, web-based user interface for creating ads, booking ads, and reporting ad activity.
- Increased flexibility DREAMmail's impression-based Ad Manager enables you to sell
  email ad sponsorships without being limited to subscription list size.
- Online reports Ad-specific reports provide sponsorship metrics over and above the industry-leading reports provided by DREAMmail.

## **Navigating in Ad Manager**

The correct way to navigate through Ad Manager is to use the Menu that is on the left side of the window. Due to the way that browsers cache pages, Ad Manager does not respond to the web browser's Forward and Back buttons.

#### **Key Components of Ad Manager**

The following list describes the key components of Ad Manager:

- Ad Creative Manager The Ad Creative Manager enables you to create and maintain ad content (the creative) and sponsor information.
- Ad Contracts Ad Contracts enable you to book ads for an issue of a publication.
- **Publication Manager** The Publication Manager enables you to create and maintain a publication in which you sell and book ads.
- Publication Schedule The Publication Schedule enables you to view your scheduled
  publication issues in a calender format. With the Scheduling interface, you can quickly
  access reports for issues already sent or ad bookings for issues that have not yet been sent.
- **Reports** The Sponsor Activity report provides information about ads booked by a specific sponsor. The Publication Status report provides information about the issues booked for a publication.

# Terminology in Ad Manager

Ad Manager uses its own terminology, which is distinct from DREAMmail. The following list describes the key terms used in Ad Manager.

Term	Definition
contracts	In Ad Manager, a contract occurs when the ad is booked in an issue. The order in which ad contracts are booked in Ad Manager determines the order in which DREAMmail places ads in messages. For example, if Contract 1 for the top_full_banner location has 1500 impressions, then the first 1500 messages sent out by DREAMmail included the ad listed in Contract 1.  DREAMmail sends ads from all of the contracts listed, until the number of booked default ads ads in the messages.
default ads	Default ads are ads sent to a mailing list after all booked ads have been sent. Default ads are also used when an advertiser wants to sponsor all of the impressions for a given ad location.
sponsor	A sponsor is an advertiser on whose behalf ads are booked in the issues of a publication. Note that sponsors and their ads are client specific and can be used by all sites within that client.
publication	A publication is a series of issues that share the same characteristics such as the number of ad locations, placement and format of ads. It functions much like a periodical in traditional media (for example, the New York Times or Der Spiegel).
issue	In Ad Manager, an issue is an instance of a publication that is scheduled on a given date. Unlike a message in DREAMmail, an issue does not contain a body or subject line, instead it contains ad location references, and the ads booked to these locations, that are inserted in the message. Scheduling an issue does not send a message in DREAMmail. Instead, scheduling issues allows you to communicate with sponsors the days that messages are to be sent and to book and prepare ads for those days.
	<b>Note:</b> Multiple messages can reference a single issue so that the layout of ad locations and the ads booked to those locations are used in all of the messages.
message	A message is an email that is sent to a mailing list in DREAMmail. A message consists of a body, a subject line, and URL links to ecommerce or content websites. Messages can be in text, legacy AOL, or HTML formats, and can include one or more file attachments.
impression	An impression occurs when one ad inserted into one email message. For example, if an ad has 10,000 impressions recorded, it means that it was sent out in 10,000 individual email messages. Ad Manager records an impression when the ad servers determine which ad to place in the email. This takes place during the process by which the email is composed, before it is sent to subscribers. If the delivery of the email is not successful due to bounce backs, the impression is still counted. An impression is recorded whether the subscriber clicks on the ad or not.

#### **Using Ad Manager with DREAMmail**

You can use DREAMmail and Ad Manager together to create messages and strategically place ads in the messages. The ads that you prepare in Ad Manager are sent in the messages that you create in DREAMmail.

This section discusses the following topics:

- Before you start
- How DREAMmail and Ad Manager Work Together
- The Ad Manager and DREAMmail Process
- Deploying a DREAMmail Message with Ads from Ad Manager

#### Before you start

Before using Ad Manager, make sure you have:

- Decided which messages will contain ads
- Know the number of ad locations are available in each message
- Obtained ad content from the sponsor, and created content for default ads

## **How DREAMmail and Ad Manager Work Together**

Ad Manager and DREAMmail work together to enable you to prepare, store, and send ads in messages. In Ad Manager you create a publication that contains ad locations. You then book ads for all of the ad locations. In DREAMmail you insert references to the ad locations into the message. These references act as placeholders for the ads. DREAMmail replaces the reference with the corresponding ads when you send the message, much like a personalizing a message where the appropriate content is inserted into pre-defined sections in a message.

**Note:** Ad Manager allows you to book multiple ads per location. Once the number of impressions of the first ad has been reached, Ad Manager inserts the next ad in that location, while DREAMmail continues to send the message.

#### The Ad Manager and DREAMmail Process

The following diagram show how Ad Manager and DREAMmail work together.

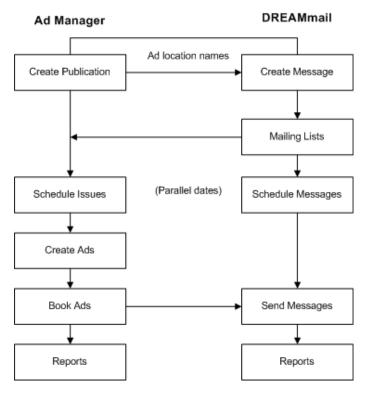


Figure: The Ad Manager and DREAMmail process

#### Deploying a DREAMmail Message with Ads from Ad Manager

The following table identifies the process for deploying messages using both Ad Manager and DREAMmail.

Stage	Description
1	Use Ad Manager to create a publication.
	This enables you to create the ad location references used by DREAMmail to insert ads into messages.  For more information, see "Creating a publication in Ad Manager" on page 13 and "Ad Location References" on page 11.
2	Use Ad Manager to schedule issues.
	See "Creating and Scheduling Issues of a Publication" on page 23.
3	Use Ad Manager create ads.
	See "Creating Ads" on page 18.
4	Use Ad Manager to book ads.
	See "Booking Ads" on page 27.

Stage	Description
5	Use DREAMmail to create a message and insert the ad location reference tags into the message.
	The ad location reference tag acts as a content segment tag. As DREAMmail sends the message, it encounters the tag and retrieves the content from Ad Manager. For more information, see "Ad Location References" on page 11, and the Message Management Guide.
6	Use DREAMmail to send the message.
	For more information about sending messages, see the <i>Message Management Guide</i> .
7	Use Ad Manager to generate reports about ads and sponsors, and DREAMmail to generate reports about message delivery.
	See "Ad Manager Reports" on page 36 and the Message Management Guide.

#### **Accessing Ad Manager**

To log into Ad Manager, you must use Internet Explorer 5.5 or higher. This section discusses the following topics:

- Logging in to Ad Manager
- Passwords

#### Logging in to Ad Manager

Your DREAMmail administrator or Epsilon representative creates and maintains user accounts. Before logging in to Ad Manager, obtain the Ad Manager URL and server name from this person. Your user name and password are the same as your DREAMmail account. You also have access to the same sites in Ad Manager as you do in DREAMmail.

To log in to Ad Manager:

Step	Action
1	Open a web browser.
2	In the <b>Address</b> field of the web browser, enter the Ad Manager URL.
	The Ad Manager login window opens.
3	In the <b>User ID</b> field, enter your user name.
	Your Ad Manager user name is the same as your DREAMmail user name.
4	In the <b>Password</b> field, enter your password.
	Your Ad Manager password is the same as your DREAMmail password.
5	In the <b>Server</b> field, select the name of the server that is assigned to you.
	Your Epsilon representative provides you with this information.
6	Click Enter.

You can quit Ad Manager at any time by clicking Log Out on the Ad Manager menu.

#### **Passwords**

Your Ad Manager password is the same as your DREAMmail password. When you change your DREAMmail password, your Ad Manager password automatically changes. You cannot change the password in Ad Manager, you must change it in DREAMmail. If you try logging into Ad Manager, and you get a password expired notification, you must first log into DREAMmail and change your password before you can log in to Ad Manager.

# **Using Ad Manager**

Ad Manager enables you to create ads that are served in email messages that are sent by DREAMmail. This section explains how to use Ad Manager so that you can create ads, create publications, schedule issues of publications to be sent, and book ads in issues.

This section discusses the following topics:

- Ad Location References
- About Publications
- Creating Ads
- Creating and Scheduling Issues of a Publication
- Booking Ads
- Producing Tear Sheets for Proofing Purposes

#### **Ad Location References**

Ad location references identify the space in a message where an ad is inserted when a message is sent by DREAMmail. After you create an ad location reference in Ad Manager, you include it in a message in DREAMmail so that an ad is dynamically inserted in the message as it is sent.

This section discusses the following topics:

- About Ad Location References
- Syntax of Ad Location references
- Multiple Ad Locations in Messages.

#### **About Ad Location References**

In the Ad Manager, you must create the name that DREAMmail uses to insert an ad into a message. This ad location reference is a reference to a content segment (in DREAMmail), where the content that is referenced is an ad. Because the ad location reference is a content segment reference, it must be unique within your DREAMmail site. Ad location references are, however, not case-sensitive.

#### Syntax of Ad Location references

Like content segment references, ad location references have a specific format. Ad location references are generated in the following format:

#Ad:name of ad location#

This format is automatically generated by Ad Manager when you specify a name for an ad location as you are creating the publication. "Creating a Publication in Ad Manager" on page 11 provides additional information.

# **Multiple Ad Locations in Messages**

Messages can contain more than one ad. If you want to create a message with multiple ads, you create an ad location reference for each ad slot and then include an ad location reference tag for each slot in the message. For example, you create a publication with four ad locations. When you create the message in DREAMmail, you include the four ad location reference tags. In Ad Manager you book one or more ads for each location.

#### **About Publications**

A publication is a series of issues that share the same characteristics, such as the number of ad locations, placement, and format of ads. An issue is an instance of a publication that is scheduled for a given date. In DREAMmail, an issue determines which ads are served in a message.

The section discusses the following topics:

- Example of the New Publication Window
- Creating a Publication in Ad Manager
- Example of the Publication Selection Window
- Editing or Duplicating a Publication
- About the Publication Schedule
- Viewing the Publication Schedule

#### **Example of the New Publication Window**

You must create a new publication for each series of issues that you schedule for delivery so that you can create and book ads in messages in DREAMmail. In Ad Manager you create new publications, set the number of ad locations, and create the ad location references. The figure below shows the New Publication window.

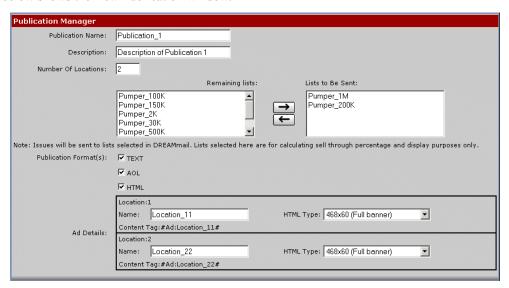


Figure: Example of the New Publication window

## **Creating a Publication in Ad Manager**

To create a publication:

Step	Procedure
1	Log in to Ad Manager.
2	Select the <b>Client</b> and <b>Site</b> for which you want to create a publication.
3	Click Publications > Publication Manager.
	The <b>Publication Selection</b> window opens.

Step	Procedure
4	Click Add Publication.
	The <b>New Publication</b> window opens.
5	In the <b>Publication Name</b> field, enter the name of the publication as you want it to be displayed in the <b>Issue Scheduler</b> .
	Use the following guidelines when assigning names:  Publication names must be unique within the site  Use dates when applicable. Do not use slashes.  Use underscores (_) instead of spaces. For example, Ad_Holiday.  The name must not exceed 30 characters.
6	Enter a <b>Description</b> of the publication.
	This information is displayed in the <b>Description</b> column of the <b>Publication Selection</b> window.
7	In the <b>Number of Ad Locations</b> field, enter the number of ads in each issue.
	You must know how many ad locations are in each issue of the publication. Enter a number between 1 and 98.
8	Click the arrow buttons to add mailing lists to or remove lists from the <b>Lists Selected</b> field.
	The lists you add to the right column are the mailing lists in DREAMmail that you want to receive this publication. The lists to which messages are sent are determined when the message is actually deployed in DREAMmail.
	This information is used to calculate the sell-through percentage only. "Calculation of the Sell-Through Rates" on page 34 provides additional information.
9	Select the format of the publication.
	You must specify the format in which the publication is sent: <i>Text</i> , <i>AOL</i> , or <i>HTML</i> . You can select more than one format.
10	In the <b>Ad Details</b> section, enter the name of each ad location in the <b>Name</b> fields.
	Use the following guidelines when assigning names:  Use underscores, not spaces.  Names must be unique within the site.
	The ad location reference is generated from this name. You use this name as a content segment reference in DREAMmail to insert the ad in a message. "About Ad Location References" on page 16 provides additional information.
11	Click Save.
	The <b>Publication Selection</b> window opens with the information you entered in the <b>New Publication</b> window.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Editing or Duplicating a Publication" on page 14 provides additional information.

#### **Publication Manager**

The Publication Manager main screen is displayed below.



**Inactivating** / **Reactivating a Publication.** The Active tab is displayed by default.

To inactivate a Publication:

Step	Action
1	Select the publication and click the <b>Make Inactive</b> button.
	A message displays asking you if you are sure you want to inactivate the selected publication.
2	Click <b>OK</b> .
	The publication is now displayed in the <b>Inactive</b> tab.

To Reactivate a publication:

Step	Action
1	Click the <b>Inactive</b> tab.
	The Inactive publications are displayed.
2	Select the publication you want to reactivate and click the <b>Make Active</b> button.
	A message displays asking you if you are sure you want to reactivate the selected publication.
3	Click <b>OK</b> .
	The publication is now be displayed in the <b>Active</b> tab.

Note: If the publication has issues for dates in the future, you will not be able to inactivate it.

#### **Example of the Publication Selection Window**

The figure below shows the Publication Selection window.

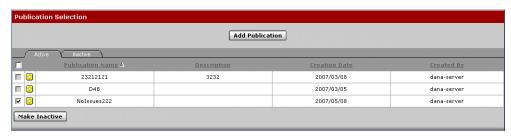


Figure: Example of the Publication Selection window

Click the yellow action button in the Publication Selection window to:

- Access the Issue Selection. "Viewing Issues of a Publication" on page 24 provides additional information.
- Edit or duplicate a publication. "Editing or Duplicating a Publication" on page 14 provides additional information.
- Access the Issue Scheduler. "Using the Issue Scheduler" on page 23 provides additional information.

#### **Editing or Duplicating a Publication**

If you want to send issues similar to ones that are scheduled for a publication, you can duplicate the publication to ensure the information remains consistent for the new publication. When you duplicate a publication, you must change the ad location reference names.

After you create a publication, you can edit the publication in the Publication Manager. Now the Publication Manager has more flexibility when it comes to editing publications. This allows you to easily correct mistakes and make changes up until the issues have been used in deployments.

Publications that have been created but not yet booked now support the ability to edit the following:

 Publication Name, Publication Description, Mailing Lists, Publication Format, Associated HTML Type (If Publication format is HTML), Number of Locations, and Location Name(s).

Publications that have been created and issues booked but not sent, supports the ability to edit the following:

• Publication Name, Publication Description, Mailing Lists, Publication Format, and Associated HTML Type (If Publication format is HTML).

Publications that have been created, booked and sent, supports the ability to edit the following: Publication Name, Publication Description, and Mailing Lists.

To duplicate or edit a publication:

Step	Action
1	Log in to Ad Manager.
2	Select the <b>Client</b> and <b>Site</b> for which you want to create a publication.
3	Click Publications > Publication Manager.
	The <b>Publication Selection</b> window opens.
4	Click the yellow action button next to the publication that you want to duplicate.
	A dialog box appears.
5	Click <b>Duplicate</b> or <b>Edit</b> .
	The <b>New Publication</b> window opens.
	Note: If you click <b>Duplicate</b> , all the fields are prepopulated.
6	Modify the appropriate fields.
	<ul> <li>If you click <b>Duplicate</b> in Step 5, rename publication and all ad locations.</li> <li>Refer to the Note above this table for the various scenarios if you click <b>Edit</b> in Step 5.</li> </ul>
7	Click Done.

#### **About the Publication Schedule**

The Publication Schedule displays the scheduled issues for all the publications in the site. If more than two publications have issues scheduled for a given day, a More link is added after the second publication. Click the More link to open a dialog box that lists all the publication names. To view the details of a publication, click the publication name in the schedule to open the Contract Manager.



Figure: Example of the Publication Schedule window

# Viewing the Publication Schedule

To view the publication schedule:

Step	Action
1	Log into Ad Manager
2	Select the <b>Client</b> and <b>Site</b> for which you want to view the Publication Schedule.
3	Click Publications > Publication Schedule.
	The <b>Publication Schedule</b> for the current month appears.
4	Choose the month and year for which you want to view the publications scheduled.
	There are two ways to do this:  From the drop-down list, select the month and year.  Click the arrow buttons to go forward or backward one month.

#### **Creating Ads**

In Ad Manager, you create and store ads, create sponsors, and enter the content of an ad. Before you create an ad, make sure that the sponsor — or advertiser — has provided all necessary information, such as the content for the ads, including any image files.

This section discusses the following topics:

- Types of Accepted Ad Content
- Example of the Add / Edit an Advertisement Page
- Creating an Ad in Ad Manager
- Editing or Deleting Ads
- Duplicating Issues

## **Types of Accepted Ad Content**

The content of an ad can be in text, HTML and rich media, or AOL format.

- Text refers to characters that you type directly into the Content window.
- HTML and rich media is limited only by the email applications of your subscribers. For
  information on Macromedia Flash and other rich media, see the *Advanced Messaging*Guide.

You can use HTML Editor to create and edit HTML messages with ease, using the convenient toolbar. You can edit HTML as either source code or via a WYSIWYG editor. When you select the HTML tab, check the Enable HTML Editor box. To begin working in the HTML Editor:

- Click View/Edit Source. The Source Editor Web Page dialog box is displayed.
- Copy/Type in HTML source code into the Source Editor.
- Click OK.
- AOL format refers to a simplified version of HTML that legacy AOL subscribers (5.0 and earlier) can receive. Messages sent to legacy AOL subscribers can include tags for hypertext references, font size, font family, and font color.

#### **Ad Creative Manager**

The main Ad Creative Manager screen is shown below:

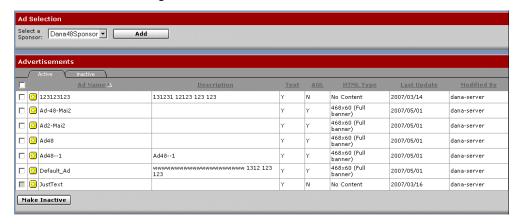


Figure: Active / Inactive Tab screen

#### Inactivating / Reactivating an Ad. The Active tab is displayed by default.

To inactivate an Ad:

Step	Action
1	Select the Ad and click the <b>Make Inactive</b> button.
	A message displays asking you if you are sure you want to inactivate the selected Ad.
2	Click <b>OK</b> .
	The Ad is now displayed in the <b>Inactive</b> tab.

#### To Reactivate an Ad:

Step	Action
1	Click the Inactive tab.
	The Inactive Ads are displayed.
2	Select the Ad you want to reactivate and click the <b>Make Active</b> button.
	A message displays asking you if you are sure you want to reactivate the selected Ad.
3	Click <b>OK</b> .
	The Ad is now displayed in the <b>Active</b> tab.

Note: If the Ad is scheduled for a future issues, you will not be able to inactivate it.

### **Example of the Add / Edit an Advertisement Page**

The figure below shows the Add / Edit an Advertisement page. This is where you perform all of the tasks for creating ads.



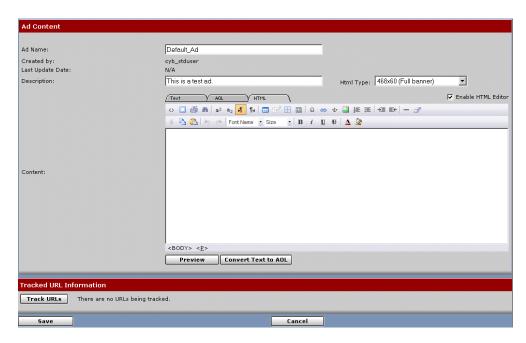


Figure: Example of the Add / Edit an Advertisement page

# Creating an Ad in Ad Manager

To create an ad:

Step	Action
1	Log in to Ad Manager.
2	Select the <b>Client</b> and <b>Site</b> for which you want to create ads.
3	From the menu, click <b>Ads</b> > <b>Ad Creative Manager</b> > <b>Add</b> .
	The Add / Edit an Advertisement window opens.
4	From the <b>Select a Sponsor</b> drop-down list, select the sponsor to which the ad belongs.
	<b>Note:</b> To create a new sponsor, select the <b>New Sponsor</b> radio button. Enter the new sponsor's name in the <b>New Sponsor</b> field.

Step	Action
5	In the <b>Ad Name</b> field, enter a name for the ad.
	Use the following guidelines:  Ad names must be unique for each sponsor.  Use underscores, not spaces.  The name must not exceed 32 characters.
6	In the <b>Description</b> field, enter a brief explanation of the ad.
7	In content body of the <b>Add / Edit an Advertisement</b> form, click the tab that corresponds to the format in which you want to compose the ad — <b>Text</b> , <b>AOL</b> , or <b>HTML</b> — and type text for the content.
	<ul> <li>For legacy AOL and HTML content, you must type the code in addition to the content.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>For legacy AOL content, you can type the ad content in the Text tab and then click the Convert Text to AOL button to convert the text to AOL format.</li> </ul>
	Each format has its own requirements and restrictions. The <i>Message Management Guide</i> provides additional information on message formats.
8	In the <b>HTML Type</b> drop-down list, select the size of the ad.
	Ad sizes are expressed in pixel width times pixel height; for example, 468x60 is the size of a full banner.
	<b>Note:</b> This field is disabled while you enter content in the Text and AOL tabs.
9	Once you have created the ad, you can preview the same by clicking the <b>Preview</b> button.
10	If the ad includes URLs that you want to track, click <b>Track URLs</b> .
	<ul> <li>Select the URLs and formats that you want to track and click Save.</li> <li>You can also assign a label to the URL. A descriptive label makes it easier to organize and easily identify tracked URLs.</li> </ul>
	URLs must start with http:// or https://. The Message Management Guide provides additional information on URL tracking.
	Important: DREAMmail cannot a track a URL in a text format ad if you enter a period (.) after the URL. If you need to add a period after the URL, ensure that you leave a space between the URL and the period; for example <pre>www.Epsilon</pre> Interactive.net.
11	When you finish creating the ad, click <b>Save</b> .

# **Editing or Deleting Ads**

You can edit the ad if it requires modification.

You can also delete ads that you do not plan to use. You should not delete ads that have already been booked, but not sent. Instead, remove the ad from the issue(s) that have the ad booked so that you can maintain copies of all ads for future reference. You cannot delete an ad once it has been sent. "Using the Contract Manager to Remove Ads" on page 30 provides information about removing a specific ad from an issue.

#### To edit or delete an ad:

Step	Action
1	Log in to Ad Manager.
2	Select the <b>Client</b> and <b>Site</b> for which you want to delete ads.
3	In the menu, click Ads > Ad Creative Manager.
	The <b>Ad Selection</b> window opens.
4	From the <b>Select a Sponsor</b> drop-down list, select the sponsor to which the ad belongs.
5	Click the yellow action button next to the ad name that you want to edit or delete.
	A dialog box is displayed.
6	Select <b>Edit</b> or <b>Delete</b> depending on the task you want to complete.  If you click <b>Edit</b> , the <b>Add / Edit an Advertisement</b> window is displayed.  If you click <b>Delete</b> , Ad Manager prompts you to confirm that you want to delete the ad.
7	Do one of the following, if you click:  Edit in Step 6, edit the information in the ad.  If you click Delete in Step 6, click <b>OK</b> . The ad is removed from Ad Creative Manager.
8	Click Save or OK.

#### Creating and Scheduling Issues of a Publication

An issue is an instance of a publication that is scheduled for a given date. You create the ad locations in the publication, but you book the ads in specific issues. Therefore, you must create issues to schedule ads. You create an issue of a publication by selecting a date in the Issue Scheduler.

This section discusses the following topics:

- About the Issue Scheduler
- Using the Issue Scheduler
- Viewing Issues of a Publication
- Removing Issues from the Issue Scheduler

#### About the Issue Scheduler

The Issue Scheduler enables you to view scheduled issues of a publication, and to schedule new issues of a publication.

**Note:** Scheduling an issue does not cause a message to be sent by DREAMmail. By scheduling issues, the sponsor can know which days a publication is to be sent and consequently prepare ads to be booked for those days.

The figure below shows the Issue Scheduler.

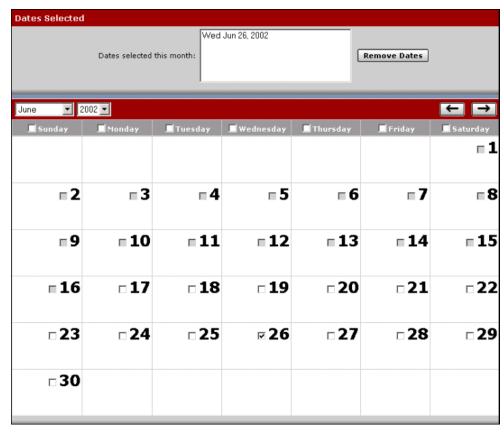
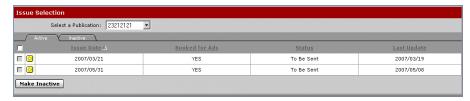


Figure: Example of the Issue Scheduler

#### **Ad Contracts**

The Ad Contracts screen is displayed below.



Inactivating / Reactivating an Issue. The Active tab is displayed by default.

To inactivate an Issue:

Step	Action
1	Select the Issue and click the <b>Make Inactive</b> button.
	A message displays asking you if you are sure you want to inactivate the selected Issue.
2	Click <b>OK</b> .
	The Issue is now displayed in the <b>Inactive</b> tab.

To Reactivate an Issue:

Step	Action
1	Click the Inactive tab.
	The Inactive Issues are displayed.
2	Select the Issue you want to reactivate and click the <b>Make Active</b> button.
	A message displays asking you if you are sure you want to reactivate the selected Issue.
3	Click <b>OK</b> .
	The Issue displays in the <b>Active</b> tab.

**Note:** If the status is set to "To be Sent," you will not be able to inactivate the issue. When inactivating a publication all its issues will be automatically inactivated.

# Using the Issue Scheduler

To schedule issues for a publication:

Step	Actions
1	Log in to Ad Manager.
2	Select the <b>Client</b> and <b>Site</b> of the publication that you want to schedule.
3	From the menu, click <b>Publications</b> > <b>Publication Manager</b> .
	The <b>Publication Selection</b> window opens.

Step	Actions
4	Click the yellow action button next to the publication that you want to schedule.
	A dialog box is displayed.
5	Select Issue Scheduler.
	The <b>Issue Scheduler</b> window opens. If you have scheduled any issues their dates are displayed in the <b>Dates selected this month</b> field.
6	In the drop-down lists, select the month and year on which you want to schedule the issues.
7	To schedule the issues of publication for which you want to sell ad space, click the check boxes for the dates on which you book the ads.
	The issues of a publication are created, and the name of the publication is entered on the calender. To view the details of a publication, click the publication name in the scheduler.
	If you want issues to be sent the same day every week, click the check box next to the day at the top of the calendar.
	<b>Note:</b> This does not create message in DREAMmail. You have to log into DREAMmail and create your message there.
8	Click Done.
	The <b>Publication Selection</b> window opens.

# Viewing Issues of a Publication

An issue is an instance of a publication that is sent on a given date. To view issues that are booked for a publication:

Step	Procedure
1	Log in to Ad Manager.
2	Select the <b>Client</b> and <b>Site</b> for in which the publication is created.
3	Click Publications > Publication Manager.
	The <b>Publication Selection</b> window opens.
4	Click the yellow action button next to the publication for which you want to view issues.
	A dialog box is displayed.
5	Click Issues.
	The <b>Issue Selection</b> window opens.

## Removing Issues from the Issue Scheduler

There are two ways to remove an issue from the schedule in the Issue Scheduler:

- Deselect the check boxes in the scheduler and click Done
- Highlight dates in the Dates selected this month field, then click Remove Date(s).

Note: You cannot remove issues from dates in the past.

If you have ads booked for an issue that you want to remove, you must remove all of the booked ads first, and then you can remove the issue. "Using the Contract Manager to Remove Ads" on page 30 provides additional information about removing ads from an issue.

#### **Booking Ads**

Booking ads refers to the process of assigning an ad to a location within an issue and specifying the number of impressions for the ad. An impression is an ad inserted in an individual message when the message is sent.

This section discusses the following topics:

- Steps in Booking an Ad
- Booking Multiple Ads for one Location
- When are Default Ads Served?
- Example of the Contract Manager
- Using the Contract Manager to Book Ads
- Calculation of the Sell-Through Rates
- Duplicating Issues
- Using the Contract Manager to Remove Ads
- Overriding Issue Dates

#### Steps in Booking an Ad

The table below shows the steps that must be performed to book ads.

Stage	Description
1	Create a publication.
	This includes scheduling issues and defining ad locations.
2	Create ads.
3	Book ads.
	Book ads and specify the number of impressions for each ad in the selected ad locations.

### **Booking Multiple Ads for one Location**

Ad Manager enables you to book multiple ads to the same location. When you book an ad into the issue, you enter the number of impressions for which the ad has been booked. You can book as many ads as you want in any location. When you send out the message in DREAMmail, Ad Manager inserts the first ad into the ad location. Once the number of impressions of the first ad has been reached, Ad Manager inserts the next ad in that location, while DREAMmail continues to send the message. The order that you book the ads into a location is the same order that they are inserted into the message.

#### When are Default Ads Served?

After the number of impressions booked for ads to a specific location is reached, default ads are sent to the remainder of the mailing list. A default ad must be assigned for each ad location prior to sending. If an advertiser wants to sponsor all of the impressions for a given ad location, create the ad as the default ad for that location.

### **Example of the Contract Manager**

The figure below shows the Contract Manager. This is where you book ads.

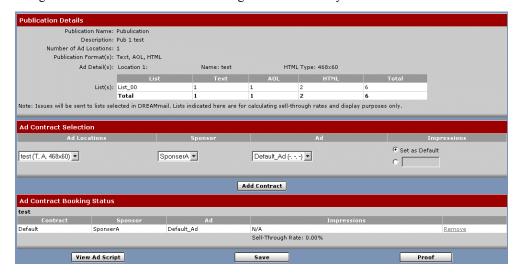


Figure: Example of the Contract Manager

## **Using the Contract Manager to Book Ads**

To book an ad:

Step	Action
1	Log in to Ad Manager.
2	Select the <b>Client</b> and <b>Site</b> of the issue for which you want to book ads.
3	From the Ad Manager menu, click <b>Ads</b> > <b>Ad Contracts</b> .
	The <b>Ad Publication Manager</b> is displayed.
4	Click the yellow action button next to the issue for which you want to book ads and select <i>Ad Contracts</i> .
	The <b>Ad Issue Contract Manage</b> r is displayed.
5	From the <b>Sponsor</b> drop-down list, select the sponsor that owns the first ad to be inserted in that location.
6	From the <b>Ad Locations</b> drop-down list, select an ad location.
	Ad location references are created when you create the ad locations in a publication. "About Ad Location References" on page 10 provides additional information.
7	From the <b>Ad</b> drop-down list, select the first ad content to be inserted in the selected ad location.

Step	Action
8	In the <b>Impressions</b> field, enter the number of impressions contracted with the sponsor or select <b>Set as Default</b> .
	<b>Note:</b> Set as Default is enabled by default. You may turn it off by deselecting it.
	<ul> <li>Set as Default means that the ad is sent out only after all booked ads are sent. If the advertiser wants to sponsor all of the impressions of a location with a single ad, then use Set as Default.</li> <li>Number of impressions is the number of times the ad is placed in the location.</li> </ul>
	Note: All ad locations must have a default ad specified.
9	Click Add Contract.
10	To book the next ad, return to Step 5.
11	Click <b>Proof</b> to proof the ads in the publication.
	This step is optional. The <b>Proof</b> page displays all the ads booked in the publication grouped first by format, and then grouped by ad location. In the example of the Contract Manager above, all of the proofs of the text format ads, then of all the AOL format ads, and then finally of all the HTML ads grouped together by ad location are displayed.
	Note: Click Back when you are finished.
12	To save your contracts, click <b>Done</b> .

## **Calculation of the Sell-Through Rates**

For each ad location, a sell-through rate is calculated and displayed below the Ad Contract Booking Status tables. The sell-through rate is the percentage of available advertising space that has been sold in a publication. Ad Manager calculates the sum of the ad impressions that are sold for each ad location and divides it by the total number of subscribers that are projected to receive the issue that contains the ad. The formula for calculating the sell-through rate is:

(Sum of impressions, all ad locations) / (Total size, all lists)

Default ads do not factor into the calculation of the sell-through rate.

#### **Duplicating Issues**

You will now be able to duplicate many of the working objects which makes setting up and executing messages more easily. Once you select Duplicate, as shown in the screen below, a new issue is displayed with all the properties of the original issue and this is available for edit.



Publication Details

Publication Name: 23212121
Description: 3232
Number of Ad Locations: 1
Publication Format(s): Text, AOL, HTML
Ad Detail(s): Location1: Name: rwewer HTML Type: 468x60

List(s): List Text AOL HTML Total
MyListals 5 0 1 8
Note: Issues will be sent to lists selected in DREAMmail. Lists indicated here are for calculating sell-through rates and display purposes only.

Dates Selected

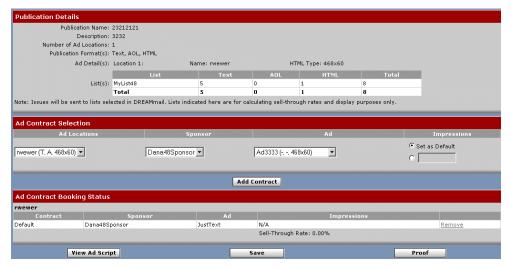
Thu May 24, 2007

Remove Dates

The duplicate issue screen is shown below.



In the above screen you can select a date for the issue and click the Next button to go to the Publication Details screen as shown on the next page.



In the above screen you can Add Contracts, View Ad Script, Proof or Save the Issue by clicking on the respective buttons.

## **Using the Contract Manager to Remove Ads**

You may want to remove an ad from an issue for any number of reasons. When you remove an ad from an issue, you are not deleting it from the system, merely removing its association with the issue. To remove an ad from an issue:

Step	Action
1	Log in to Ad Manager.
2	Select the <b>Client</b> and <b>Site</b> of the publication and issue for which you want to remove ads.
3	From the Ad Manager menu, click <b>Ads</b> > <b>Ad Contracts</b> .
	The <b>Ad Publication Manager</b> is displayed.
4	Click the yellow action button next to the issue for which you want to remove ads and select <b>Ad Contracts</b> .
	The <b>Ad Issue Contract Manager</b> is displayed.
5	Go to the ad that you wish to remove.
6	Click Remove.
	The ad is removed from that location in that issue.
7	Repeat Step 5 and Step 6 for all ads that you wish to remove in that issue.
8	When you have removed all the ads that you wish to remove, click <b>Done</b> .

## **Overriding Issue Dates**

By default, DREAMmail inserts the ads for an issue based on the date that a message is mailed from DREAMmail. For example, if you schedule a message to be deployed on May 10th, the ads booked for the May 10th issue are inserted in the message. If, however, the message is sent late because editorial content is not ready in time and is sent instead on May 11th, DREAMmail can still use the ads booked for the May 10th issue and not the May 11th ads.

To override issue dates:

Step	Action
•	Include a date processing instruction in the subject line of the message in DREAMmail. The format of this is:
	#Ad:Date:yyyy/mm/dd#
	where yyyy/mm/dd is the date of the issue to be used by the message.

#### **Producing Tear Sheets for Proofing Purposes**

A tear sheet is a proof of the message with all of the ads displayed in the layout of an actual message. By default, DREAMmail includes ads during proofing in the same order and combination as when they are deployed. Since proof lists are usually small, however, proof readers typically only see the first ad combination. You should check all the combinations of ads to see how they look in your message. You can have DREAMmail create various tear sheets so that you can proof all of the possible ad combinations.

The section discusses the following topics:

- Creating Different Ad Combinations for Proofing
- Determining Ad Combinations
- Proofing Multiple Combinations

#### **Creating Different Ad Combinations for Proofing**

When you send out your message, there can be different combinations of ads. You should create messages with each of the combinations to see how they look. To create different ad combinations for proofing:

Step	Description
1	Determine what ad combinations exist in your message and which ones you want to proof.
	"Determining Ad Combinations" on page 31 provides additional information about determining your ad combinations.
2	In the subject line of the message, enter the combination variable. The combination variable is as follows:
	#Ad:Comb:x#
	where $\boldsymbol{x}$ is a positive integer and is the value of the ad combination you want to proof.

## **Determining Ad Combinations**

Ad combinations are based on the total number of combinations of contracts and ad locations. For example, your message has two ad locations, top and bottom. The ad locations have been sold as follows:

Ad location	Impressions Sold	Contract
Тор	10,000 20,000 15,000 Default	Contract 1 Contract 2 Contract 3 Default Ad 1
Bottom	10,000 Default	Contract 4 Default Ad 2

The first 10,000 messages would have contract 1 in the top location and contract 4 in the bottom location. As most proofing lists are much smaller than 10,000, this is the only ad combination that would be proofed. From the table below, you can see that there are four different combinations of ads that you can proof:

Combination Variable	Location	Ad
1	Top Bottom	Contract 1 Contract 4
2	Top Bottom	Contract 2 Default Ad 2
3	Top Bottom	Contract 3 Default Ad 2
4	Top Bottom	Default Ad 1 Default Ad 2

# **Proofing Multiple Combinations**

To proof different ad combinations:

Step	Action
1	Determine how many combinations exist and that you want to proof.
2	In DREAMmail, duplicate the message.
	You need to duplicate the message so that you can add the combination variable to the subject line for each combination that you want to send to your proof list.
3	Add the combination variable to the subject line.
4	Save the message.
5	Repeat Step 2 and Step 3 for each combination that you want to proof.
6	Send each message to your proof list(s).

# **Ad Manager Reports**

Ad Manager provides reports that enable you to monitor the progress of ads booked in email messages.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- Publication Status Report
- Sponsor Activity Report
- Exporting Report Data

#### **Publication Status Report**

The Publication Status report displays a summary of issues that were or are scheduled for a publication, including whether the issue has any ads booked, the issue's status, total impressions, and the number of messages delivered.

This section discusses the following topics:

- Example of the Publication Status Report Query Page
- Viewing the Publication Status Report
- Publication Status Report
- Contracts Results report
- Mailings report

# **Example of the Publication Status Report Query Page**

The figure below shows the Publication Status report query page.

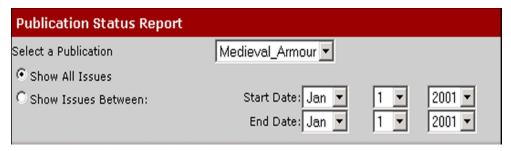


Figure: Example of the Publication Status report query page

### **Viewing the Publication Status Report**

To view the Publication Status report:

Step	Procedure
1	Log in to Ad Manager.
2	Click Reports > Publication Status.
3	From the <b>Select a Publication</b> list, select the publication you want to view.
	This list displays all of the publications that have been created.
4	Select the issues by either selecting <b>Show All Issues</b> or by selecting dates from the drop-down list.
5	Click Next.
	The <b>Publication Status</b> report is displayed.
6	To view the results for a specific issue, click the issue date.
	The <b>Publication Status Report Contract Results</b> report is displayed.

## **Publication Status Report**

The Publication Status report contains two sections: Report Details and Issues.

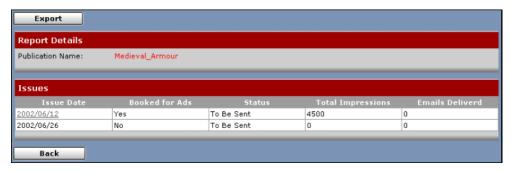


Figure: Example of the Publication Status report

Report Details. The Report Details displays the name of the publication.

**Issues.** The Issues table summarizes the status of each issue.

The fields in this report are explained below.

Field Name	Description
Issue Date	The date (yyyy/mm/dd) that the issue was sent or is to be sent.
	<b>Note:</b> Ad Manager tracks the ads in issues which are identified by the date sent. This is different from DREAMmail which tracks messages by message name.
	"Contracts Results report" on page 42 provides additional information.
Booked for Ads	The field displays:  • Yes if any ads are booked  • No if no ads have been booked.
Status	The status of the message, which can be:  To Be Sent  Error  Paused  Aborted.  Sent n times. If an issue has been deployed by DREAMmail multiple times, its status will show sent n times.  "Mailings report" on page 43 provides additional information.
Total Impressions	The number of impressions that have been booked for the publication.
Emails Delivered	The number of messages successfully delivered.

#### **Contracts Results report**

When you click on an issue date, the Contracts Results report displays information for each ad in the issue, broken down by ad location and providing the order that the ad was booked, the sponsor's name, the ad's name, format of the ads, and the number of impressions booked.

This report is broken into two tables: Report Details and Contracts.



Figure: Example of the Issue Details report

**Report Details.** The Report Details displays information about a specific issue. This information includes the publication name, the date the issue (yyyy/mm/dd) was scheduled to be sent, and the number of messages delivered.

**Contracts.** The Contracts table provides information on the ads booked into the issue. The information is organized by ad location.

For each ad location (top\_full\_banner is the first ad location in the example above), the fields in this report are explained below.

Field Name	Description
Contract	Indicates the order in which the ads were booked into that location. It also provides the number of ads booked for that location.
	<b>Note:</b> All locations must have a default ad. Default ads are placed in the message when all other ad impressions have been used. If there is only one ad booked for this location, it is listed as the default ad.
Sponsor	The name of the sponsor.
Ad	The name of the ad.  "Editing or Deleting Ads" on page 26 provides additional information on modifying the contents of the ad.

Field Name	Description
Format(s)	Lists the formats that the ad was created in. Formats are listed as T,A,WidthxHeight, where:  T indicates a text format ad  A indicates an AOL format ad  Width x Height (pixels) indicates an HTML or rich media format ad.  If an ad of a specific format is not present, the letter is replaced by a "-". For example, T,A,88x31 means that the ad was booked as a text ad, legacy AOL ad, and an 88 x 31 pixel HTML or rich media ad.
Impressions	Number of impression booked for the ad. All default ads display N/A in this field.

# **Mailings report**

The Mailings report lists the campaign and the messages that used the issue's ads.



Figure: Example of Mailings report

The fields in this report are explained in the table below.

Field	Description
Campaign	The name of the campaign in which the message was sent.
Message	The name of the message which used the issue's ads.

#### **Sponsor Activity Report**

The Sponsor Activity report provides information on ads booked by a specific sponsor. This information includes the publication and issue in which the ad was booked, the location of ad, the name of the ad, and the delivery status of the issue.

This section discusses the following topics:

- Example of the Sponsor Activity Report Query Page
- Viewing the Sponsor Activity report
- Sponsor Activity Report

#### **Example of the Sponsor Activity Report Query Page**

The figure below shows the Sponsor Activity report query page.



Figure: Example of the Select Sponsor report query page

### **Viewing the Sponsor Activity report**

To view the Sponsor Activity report:

Step	Procedure
1	Log in to Ad Manager.
2	Click Reports > Sponsor Activity.
3	From the <b>Select Sponsor</b> list, select the appropriate sponsor.
4	Choose which issues to view.  To show:  All issues, select the <b>Show All Issues</b> radio button.  Issues sent during a specific time interval, select the <b>Show Issues</b> Between radio button. Use the date fields to specify the time period that you want to view.
5	Click <b>Next</b> .  The <b>Sponsor Activity</b> report is displayed.

#### **Sponsor Activity Report**

The Sponsor Activity report contains two sections: Report Details and Contracts.



Figure: Example of the Sponsor Activity report

**Report Details.** This Report Details section displays the name of the sponsor and indicates the start and end dates of the data shown. If you chose All Issues instead of a start and end date, then the date display shows All Issues.

**Contracts.** The Contracts table displays information about all of the ads booked by the sponsor during the specified time period.

The fields in this report are explained below.

Field Name	Description
Publication	The name of the publication where the ad was booked.
Issue Date	The date (yyyy/mm/dd) that the issue was sent or is to be sent.
Location	The ad location reference in the publication.
Ad	The name of the ad.
Impressions	The number of impressions booked.
Status	The status of the issue, which can be:  To Be Sent  Error  Paused  Aborted  Sent n times. If an issue has been deployed by DREAMmail multiple times, its status will show sent n times.  "Mailings report" on page 43 provides additional information.

## **Exporting Report Data**

Ad Manager enables you to export report data for a specific report. Unlike DREAMmail, which enables you to export the contents of a report to a file in the My Data component, Ad Manager saves the report as a text file directly to your computer. You can import the text file to a spreadsheet or database application for further analysis.

Procedure for exporting report data

To export data for a specific Ad Manager report.

Step	Procedure
1	From the Ad Manager menu, click <b>Reports</b> .
	The "Sponsor Activity Report" on page 45 and "Publication Status Report" on page 41 provide additional information about specific Ad Manager reports.
2	Select a publication from the drop-down list and click <b>Next</b> .
3	Click Export.
	The <b>File Download</b> dialog box appears.
4	Click Save.
5	Click <b>OK</b> .
	The <b>Save in</b> dialog box appears.
6	Using the drop down list, select the directory and folder where you want to save the file.
7	Enter a filename in the <b>File name</b> field.
8	Click Save.
	The file is saved.

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