Understanding Workspaces and Person Partitions

FYI

Marketo is now standardizing language across all subscriptions, so you may see lead/leads in your subscription and person/people in docs.marketo.com. These terms mean the same thing; it does not affect article instructions. There are some other changes, too. Learn more.

Workspaces

Caution

Workspaces can be complex to set up. Contact Marketo Support to find out if they’re right for you.

Workspaces are separate areas in Marketo that hold marketing assets like programs, landing pages, emails and more. They can be used by multiple people. Each user has access to one or more workspaces.

Example

Some reasons you might use a workspace:

- Geography: Europe, Asia and North America marketing departments each get a workspace
- Business Unit: Quicken, Quickbooks and TurboTax each get a workspace

In each case, the separation is because the marketing assets are completely different. If they share marketing assets, then workspaces may not be the right tool for you.

Deep Dive

Learn how to create a new workspace.
Sharing across Workspaces

Here’s how to share assets across workspaces. It works the same for anything you want to share; this example shows segmentations.

1. Create a new folder.

2. Name the folder you're going to share.
3. Move the asset(s) you want to share into the folder.
4. Right-click the folder and select **Share Folder**.
5. Select the workspace(s) you want to share the folder with and click **Save**. The Share Folder dialog box will only display workspaces you have permission to view.
You can share these items across workspaces.

- Email templates
- Landing page templates
- Models
- Smart campaigns
- Smart lists
- Segmentations
- Snippets

Note

The originating folder will now have a little green arrow, indicating it was shared. In the workspace shared, the folder will have a padlock, indicating read-only.

Cloning across Workspaces

For assets that aren't templates, its best to clone them as local assets inside of a program. With the proper access level, you can drag and drop these assets into another workspace:

- Programs
- Emails
- Landing Pages
- Forms
Moving Assets to other Workspaces

To move assets to a new workspace, put them into a folder and drag the folder over to the other workspace.

Note

You can't move a program that contains members from one workspace to another.

Person Partitions

Person partitions act like separate databases. Each partition has its own people that do not de-dupe or mix with other partitions. If you feel you have a business use case that may necessitate having duplicate records with the same email address, please contact Marketo Support.

You can assign person partitions to workspaces in the following configurations:

- one workspace to one person partition (1:1)
- one workspace to many person partitions (1:x)
- many workspaces to one person partition (x:1)

Example

Reasons you would use a person partition:

- Your workspaces only have different assets, but also don't share any people
- You want duplicates for other business reasons

Caution

Person partitions do not interact with each other, so be careful when setting them up.

Deep Dive

Learn how to create a person partition.