

# Edit an Email's HTML

Sometimes you may need to modify an email's underlying HTML. Sometimes you may use an external system to design and build your email's code. Either way, you can easily import and/or edit code from within the email editor.

## What's in this article?

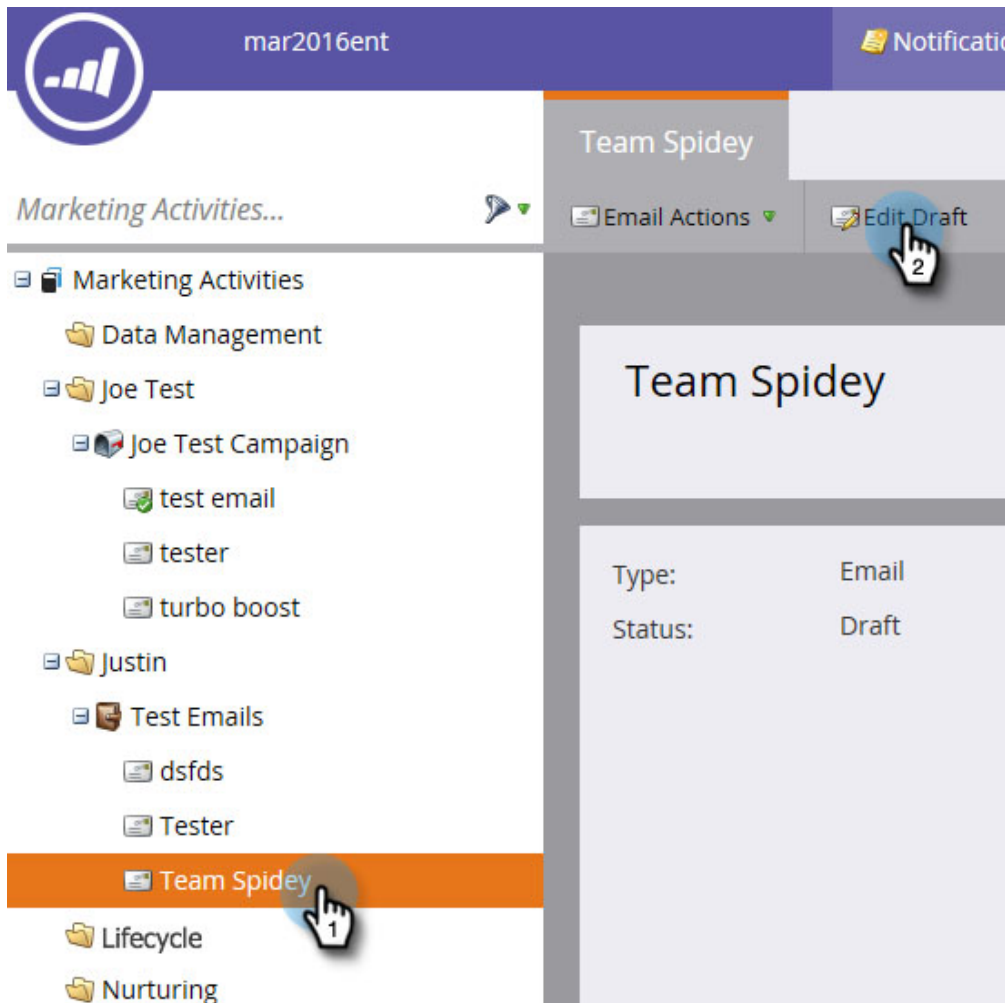
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## Edit HTML

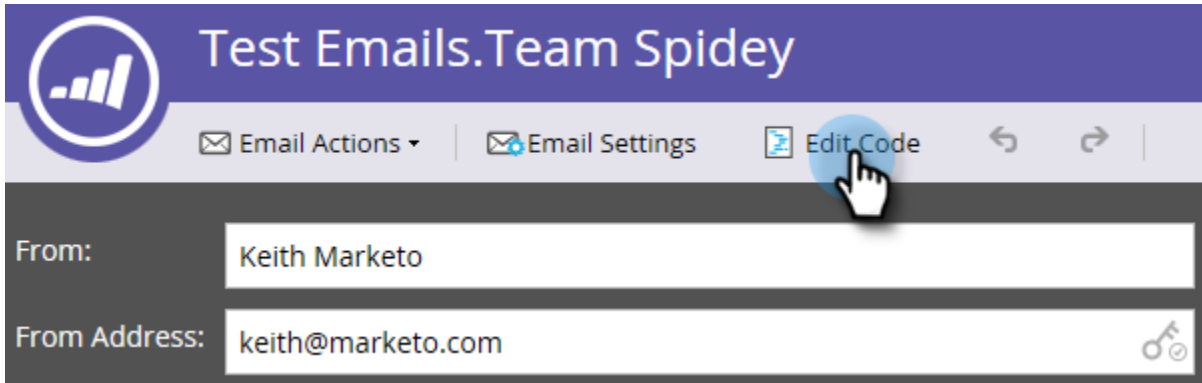
1. Select your email and click **Edit Draft**.



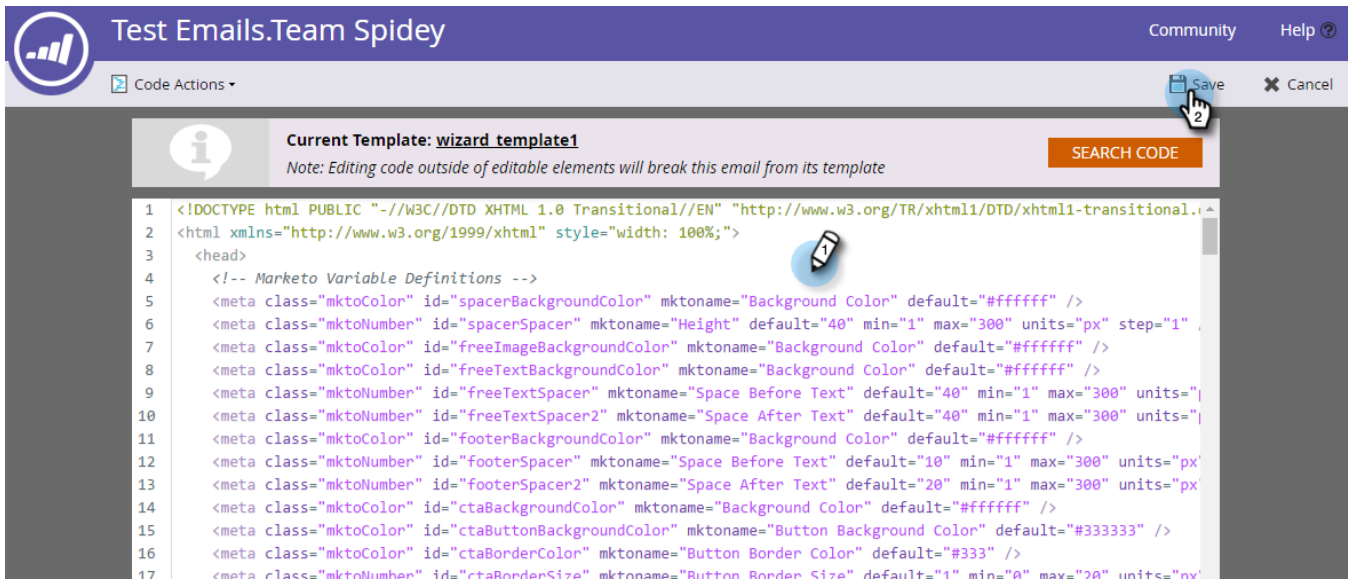
The screenshot shows a software interface with a purple header bar containing a logo and the text 'mar2016ent' and 'Notificatio'. Below the header is a navigation menu on the left and a main content area on the right. The navigation menu includes 'Marketing Activities...' and a list of folders and items: 'Marketing Activities', 'Data Management', 'Joe Test', 'Joe Test Campaign' (with sub-items 'test email', 'tester', 'turbo boost'), 'Justin', 'Test Emails' (with sub-items 'dsfds', 'Tester'), 'Team Spidey' (highlighted with an orange bar and a hand icon labeled '1'), 'Lifecycle', and 'Nurturing'. The main content area shows a details panel for 'Team Spidey' with a hand icon labeled '2' pointing to the 'Edit Draft' button. The details panel includes a table with the following information:

Type:	Email
Status:	Draft

2. Click **Edit Code**.



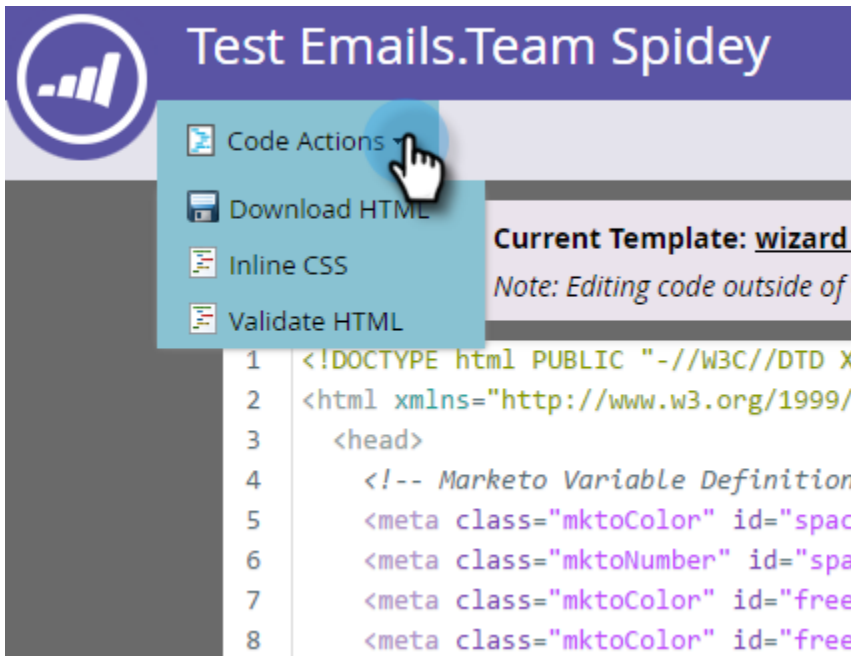
3. Make any changes. Click **Save** when done.



## Note

Change whatever you want. You can replace the entire HTML or make minor adjustments.

4. Click the **Code Actions** drop-down to download the code as an .html file, inline your CSS, or validate the HTML.



## Note

The best practice for emails is to make all your styles inline. Several email clients don't support CSS within the <head> section.

## Breaking an Email From its Template

These code changes **will not** break an email from its template:

- Editing the contents of any Module (including adding new Elements inside the Module)
- Adding a new Module to the Container
- Deleting a Module from the Container
- Changing mkto-specific attributes (for example, "mktoName" or "mktoImgUrl") of any Element outside of a Module
- Editing the contents of any Element (rich text, image, video, etc.) outside of a Module

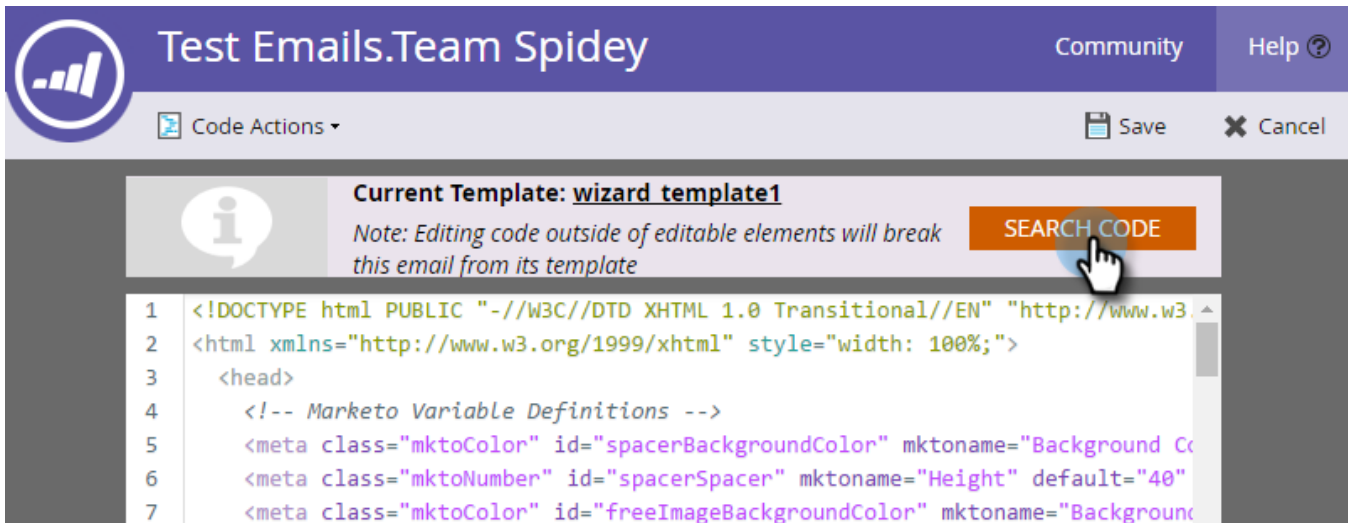
These things you can do in the code editor **will** break the email from its template:

- Changing anything in the code outside of an Element or Module
- Adding or changing non-mkto attributes (for example, "id" or "style") of any Element outside of a Module
- Deleting an Element that is outside of a Module

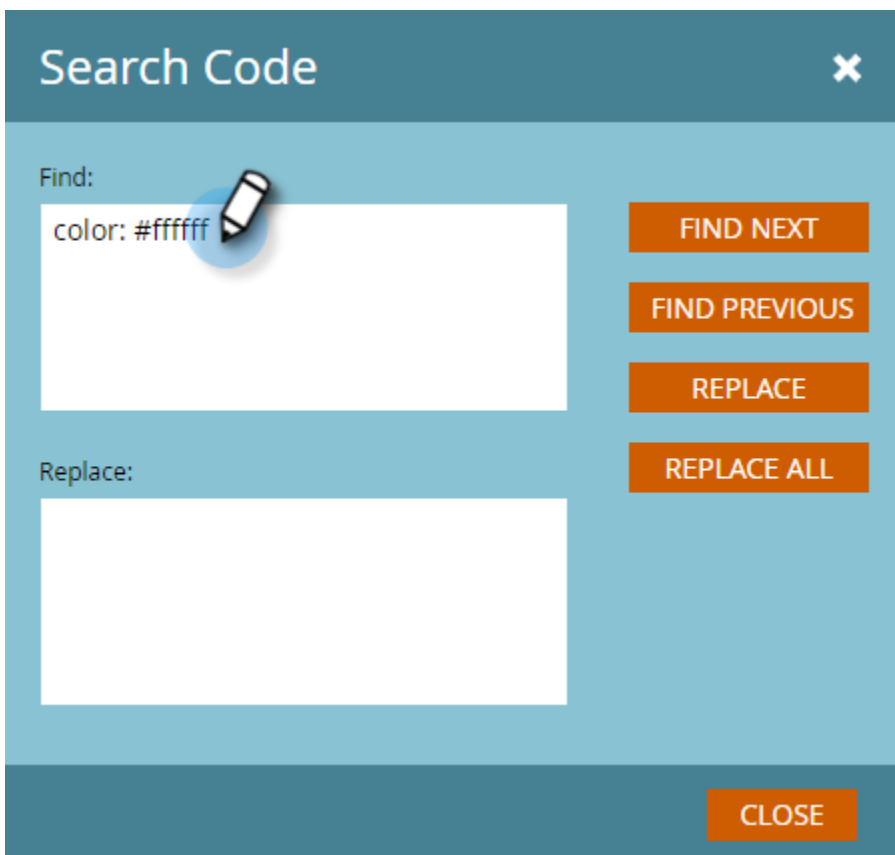
## Search Code

Use the Search Code functionality to efficiently find and replace content within your email's HTML code.

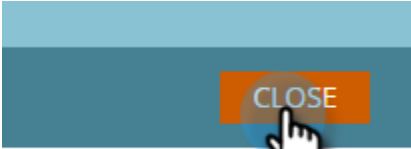
1. In your email's code, click **Search Code**.



2. Enter what you want to find and click **Find Next** to search forward or **Find Previous** to search backwards. You also have the option to **Replace** and **Replace All**.



3. Click **Close** when done.



**Note**

Search Code is also available in the [Email Template editor](#).

We recommend that you continue to edit your emails using Marketo's built-in functionality, but this code editor does provide flexibility if you need it.