

Messaging Plus Unit (MPU) Ad Specification

Placement example



Availability

Builder UK, silicon.com, ZDNet UK

Definition

The Messaging Plus Unit (MPU) is a standard-sized ad unit that is part of the IAB's Universal Ad Package. This ad unit provides a platform for marketers to deliver a rich message.

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Ad Unit Dimensions

300w x 250h pixels or 336w x 280w pixels.

Maximum File Size

GIF/JPG: 20k

FLASH: 30k

Subsequent files can only be loaded upon user interaction maximum file limit 100k.

File Formats

GIF/JPG: Default GIF/JPG required for Flash submissions

FLASH: Macromedia Flash version MX/6 or Flash MX2004/7

Creative must be delivered as a .SWF (Flash Player File)

Please see our Flash Tracking guidelines for more information on flash tracking specifications (see flash tracking.pdf).

Animation

30 seconds maximum.

Frame Rate

12-15 frames per second maximum.

Image Rotation

Maximum of 6 creatives may be rotated per campaign.

Alt Text

Optional and must be limited to 60 characters.

Linking URL

An active URL must be provided and cannot exceed 128 characters.

Testing All creative must function uniformly on both Mac and PC platforms as well as multiple versions of Netscape and Internet Explorer.

Number of links

- Up to 10 maximum with CNET Networks UK tracking
- Unlimited links tracked in aggregate with CNET Networks UK tracking

Flash Tracking Please see our Flash Tracking guidelines for more information on flash tracking specifications (see flash tracking.pdf).

Forms

GIF/JPG: N/A

FLASH: CNET Networks UK accepts ads with forms built into the unit. All scripts are client-supplied. All data capture (sending text to log file/server) must be managed by client.

Note: A maximum of five fields may be used in a form. Possible fields include Name, Title, Company, E-mail address and Post code.

Image Maps

- Client-side image maps only
- Client must provide working HTML map

Rich Media Creative CNET Networks UK accepts rich media and third party creative from the following vendors:

- Atlas
- Bluestreak
- DoubleClick / DoubleClick Motif
- Eyeblander
- Eyewonder
- FlashTalking
- MediaPlex
- Pointroll
- TangoZebra

If you wish to submit creative from a different vendor, please ensure you email ukadops@cnet.com and allow 5 days for testing and approval.

Please note: All third party ad serving costs must be met by the agency or client unless previously agreed with the Sales Representative at the time of booking.

Expandable creative The use of expandable creative must be user initiated as a 'Click to Expand' unit.

Video Creative The use of video streams must be initiated by click only, with clearly labelled 'Click to Play' and 'Stop' functions, and must start in the off position.

Sound The use of audio streams must be initiated by click only, with clearly labelled 'Click to Play' and 'Stop' functions, and must start in the off position.

Submissions Please send all creative to ukadops@cnet.com and cc the relevant Sales Representative.

Note: If the submitted creative does not conform to the specifications, it will not be placed online and may result in a delayed launch date.

Deadlines CNET Networks UK requires that all creative files be submitted:

- **GIF/JPG:** 2 business days prior to launch date
- **FLASH:** 5 business days prior to launch date
- **Rich Media:** 5 business days prior to launch date

Questions If you have any questions regarding the development of your creative, please contact ukadops@cnet.com.