

Salesforce Contacts & Marketing Cloud Subscribers ^[1]

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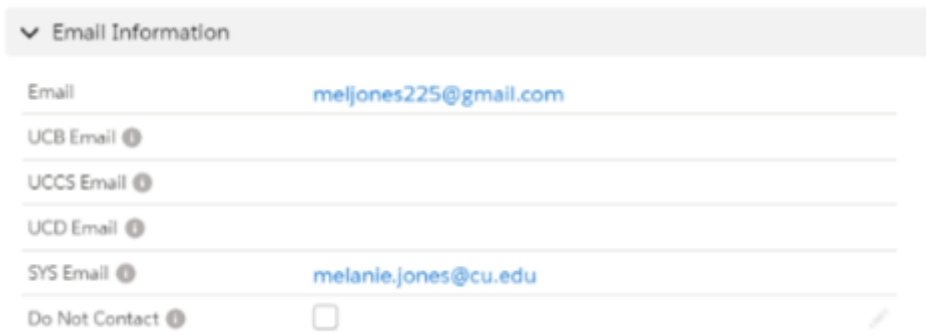
Salesforce Contacts and Marketing Cloud Subscribers share a 1:1 relationship but behave differently than one another. Checkout the scenario below to better understand the intricacies between the two.

To start, it's important to understand:

1. **Salesforce Contacts** can have multiple email addresses on their record (Email, UCB, UCCS, SYS, etc).
2. **Marketing Cloud Subscribers** can only have one email address on their record at any one time.
 - *By way of sending to a Report or starting a Data Extension, a different email address can be associated to the same Subscriber.*

For example, my Salesforce Contact has two different email fields populated:

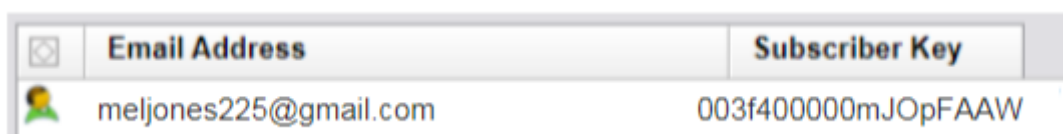
- Email = meljones225@gmail.com ^[3]
- SYS Email = melanie.jones@cu.edu ^[4]



A screenshot of the 'Email Information' section in a Salesforce contact record. It shows several email fields: 'Email' (populated with meljones225@gmail.com), 'UCB Email', 'UCCS Email', 'UCD Email', 'SYS Email' (populated with melanie.jones@cu.edu), and a 'Do Not Contact' checkbox which is unchecked.

Email Information	
Email	meljones225@gmail.com
UCB Email	
UCCS Email	
UCD Email	
SYS Email	melanie.jones@cu.edu
Do Not Contact	<input type="checkbox"/>


Let's say I just sent an Email through Marketing Cloud to a Report. The email address associated to my Subscriber reflects what's populated in the Email field (meljones225@gmail.com ^[3]) of my Salesforce Contact.



A screenshot of a Marketing Cloud subscriber list. It shows a table with two columns: 'Email Address' and 'Subscriber Key'. The first row shows the email address meljones225@gmail.com and the subscriber key 003f400000mJOpFAAW.

Email Address	Subscriber Key
meljones225@gmail.com	003f400000mJOpFAAW

Now, I 'Start' a Data Extension pointing to the SYS Email field. Once processed successfully, the email address associated to my Subscriber is now what's populated in the SYS Email field (melanie.jones@cu.edu ^[4]) of my Salesforce Contact.

Email Address	Subscriber Key
 melanie.jones@cu.edu	003f400000mJOpFAAW

For best results search for Subscribers in Marketing Cloud with the 18 Digit Contact ID found in Salesforce.

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If you come across any subscribers with any status ^[5] other than a green shirt (like red or gray), they are likely not receiving emails. Submit a help ticket ^[6] to remedy this (select *Tell us what you need help with: **Marketing Cloud** >> **Resubscribe Contact***).

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