

Adobe® Marketing Cloud Video Analytics Implementation Guide 1.5 for Android

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# **Video Analytics Implementation Guide 1.5 for Android**

This section contains instructions to download the video heartbeat SDKs and developer guides for your platform. Make sure you also download the developer guide that is in the *docs* folder when you download the SDK as it contains the specific implementation instructions for video heartbeat.

Platform	Process
Android	Video heartbeat for Android requires that you first implement the Marketing Cloud SDK in your app. For details, see <i>Android SDK 4.x for Marketing Cloud Solutions</i> .
	After your Analytics implementation is configured using the Marketing Cloud SDK, visit the <i>Adobe Github Video Heartbeat</i> site to download the SDK and the developer guide.

# **Getting started on Android**

Before you can use Video Heartbeat 1.5x and 1.6.x in Android, you must complete a few tasks.

### **Setting up the Marketing Cloud account**

To set up the Marketing Cloud account, contact an Adobe representative. After the Marketing Cloud account is set for video analytics, you must enable the Visitor ID service to use Video Heartbeat.

### Prerequisites to implementing

Before you start implementing Video Heartbeat for Android in the next section, ensure that you have completed the following tasks:

• Valid implementation for ADBMobile for Android in your application.

For more information about the Adobe Mobile SDK documentation, see Android SDK 4.x for Marketing Cloud Solutions.

• Visitor ID service should be implemented.

For more information about the Visitor ID service, see Marketing Cloud ID Service.

• Valid configuration parameters for Video Heartbeat.

These parameters can be obtained from an Adobe representative after you set up the video analytics account.

- This guide is intended for a media integration engineer who has an understanding of the APIs and workflow of the media player being instrumented. Implementing these APIs requires that your media player provide the following:
- An API to subscribe to player events.

The media heartbeat requires that you call a set of simple APIs when events occur in your player.

• An API or class that provides player information, such as the media name and play head position.

#### **Download the SDK**

The video heartbeat library is distributed using a public Github repository.

- 1. Browse to Adobe Github Video Heartbeat and download the latest release for your platform.
- 2. Extract the zip and copy the video heartbeat library to a location accessible to your project.
- 3. Save the samples folder to a location where the sample project can be reviewed and tested.

Your next step is to Configure AdobeMobile Library.

### **Implement the Android library**

After you download the Android SDK and add it to your project, you can collect video metrics, such as initiates, content starts, ad starts, ad completes, content completes and so on.

#### **Get the Android SDK**

Before you get the SDK, you must set up a mobile SDK and download the Video Heartbeat SDK. For more information, see *Getting Started on Android*.

1. Expand the VideoHeartbeatLibrary-android-v2.\*.zip file that you downloaded.

For more information about downloading this file, see Getting Started on Android.

2. Verify that the VideoHeartbeat.jar file exists in the libs directory:

This library is used with Android devices and simulators for video heartbeat tracking APIs.

### Add the SDK to your project

To add the SDK to your IntelliJ IDEA project:

- 1. Right click your project in the **Project navigation** panel.
- 2. Select Open Module Settings.
- 3. Under **Project Settings**, select **Libraries**.
- 4. Click + to add a new library.
- 5. Select Java and navigate to the VideoHeartbeat.jar file.
- 6. Select the modules where you plan to use the mobile library.
- 7. Click **Apply** and then **OK** to close the Module Settings window.

To add the SDK to your Eclipse project:

- 1. In the Eclipse IDE, right-click on the project name.
- 2. Click Build Path > Add External Archives.
- 3. Select VideoHeartbeat.jar.
- 4. Click Open.
- 5. Right-click the project again, and click **Build Path** > **Configure Build Path**.
- 6. Click the **Order** and **Export** tabs.
- 7. Ensure that the VideoHeartbeat.jar file is selected.

#### **Adding app permissions**

The VideoHeartbeat Library requires the following permissions to send data in tracking calls:

- INTERNET
- ACCESS\_NETWORK\_STATE

To add these permissions, add the following lines to your AndroidManifest.xml file in the application project directory:

- <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
- <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS\_NETWORK\_STATE" />

# **Implementation Guide**

This guide describes how to add video heartbeat measurement to any video player that provides a Java API.

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Implementing video heartbeat requires that your video player provides a Java API with the following:

- An API to subscribe to player events. The video heartbeat SDK requires that you call a set of simple functions as actions occur in your player.
- An API or class that provides player information, such as video name and playhead location. The video heartbeat SDK requires that you implement an interface that returns current video information.

#### Requirements

• An existing Analytics implementation.

These instructions assume that you have an existing implementation of AppMeasurement that is also using the Marketing Cloud Visitor ID Service. **On Android these two components are bundled together in the AdobeMobileLibrary.** To implement Analytics or the Marketing Cloud Visitor ID Service, see the *Adobe Analytics Implementation Guide* and the *Marketing Cloud Visitor ID Service Guide*.

Video heartbeat library.

Download instructions are in the next section of this guide.



**Note:** Make sure your Analytics implementation is configured to send data to a development report suite before you start development.

#### **Example Implementations**

An example is available in the samples folder that is included with the video heartbeat library.

#### **Implementation Process**

Complete the following steps to add video heartbeat tracking to your player:

## **Configure AdobeMobile Library**

Information to help you configure the AdobeMobile Library.

AdobeMobileLibrary bundles the *AppMeasurement library* and *Marketing Cloud visitor ID service* components for mobile applications. The video heartbeat library uses these components to send calls to Adobe Analytics. The standard *Analytics Variables* are all available.

You must configure the AdobeMobileLibrary, using the JSON file described below.

Configure the AdobeMobileLibrary in the JSON config file included with your Adobe Mobile SDK. The following sample config file includes settings that you must obtain from your Adobe representative. These settings include the RSID, tracking-server URL, and Marketing Cloud visitor ID:

### ADBMobileConfig.json:

```
{
    "version" : "1.0",
    "analytics" : {
```

```
"rsids" : "<rsid>",
    "server" : "<tracking-server>",
    "charset" : "UTF-8",
    "ssl" : false,
    "offlineEnabled" : false,
    "lifecycleTimeout" : 30,
    "batchLimit" : 50,
    "privacyDefault" : "optedin",
    "poi" : []
},
"marketingCloud": {
    "org": "<marketing-cloud-org-id>"
},
"target" : {
    "clientCode" : "amsdk",
    "timeout" : 5
},
"audienceManager" : {
    "server" : ""
}
```

Your next step is to Implement VideoPlayerPluginDelegate.

# How the Android VideoPlayerPluginDelegate Works

Examples to understand the interaction between the player event listeners, the track functions, and the VideoPlayerPluginDelegate on Android.



Note: This video player plugin delegate was previously named PlayerDelegate in version 1.4.

If you have reviewed *Track Methods and Player Events*, you might have noticed that none of the track methods take any parameters. Instead of passing video name, playhead information, and chapter information directly to these methods, video heartbeat uses a VideoPlayerPluginDelegate class (ADB\_VHB\_VideoPlayerPluginDelegate on iOS) that is queried for this information instead. As part of your implementation, you are required to extend this class to provide specific information about your player.

To understand the interaction between the player event listeners, the track functions, and the VideoPlayerPluginDelegate, consider the following examples:

### VideoPlayerPlugin Track Functions

In the trackVideoPlay() Java function you assigned to handle the play event, you would call vpPlayer.trackPlay() to let video heartbeat know that playback has started:

```
private void trackVideoPlay() {
    vpPlugin.trackPlay();
};
```



**Note:** No video information is passed to the trackPlay().

### VideoPlayerPluginDelegate

When the video heartbeat track... methods are called, your implementation of VideoPlayerPluginDelegate is queried automatically as needed to provide any required details about the video, ad, or chapter. This removes the need for you to determine exactly what information is needed by each track function. You can provide a single object that returns the most current information available. The following is a simple example:

```
public class SampleVideoPlayerPluqinDelegate extends VideoPlayerPluqinDelegate {
    VideoPlayerDelegate(VideoPlayer player) {
        _player = player;
    @Override
    public VideoInfo getVideoInfo()
        VideoInfo videoInfo = new VideoInfo();
        videoInfo.id = _player.getVideoId(); // e.g. "vid123-a"
        videoInfo.name = _player.getVideoName(); // e.g. "My sample video"
        videoInfo.length = _player.getVideoLength(); // e.g. 240 seconds
        videoInfo.streamType = AssetType.ASSET_TYPE_VOD;
        videoInfo.playerName = _player.getName(); // e.g. "Sample video player"
        videoInfo.playhead = _player.getCurrentPlayhead(); // e.g. 115
        return videoInfo;
    }
    @Override
   public AdBreakInfo getAdBreakInfo() {
        return null; // no ads in this scenario
    @Override
    public AdInfo getAdInfo() {
        return null; // no ads in this scenario
    @Override
   public ChapterInfo getChapterInfo()
        return null; // no chapters in this scenario
    @Override
   public QoSInfo getQoSInfo() {
        return null; // no QoS information in this sample
   private final VideoPlayer _player;
```



**Note:** The onError callback that was part of the PlayerDelegate in version 1.4 is removed from the VideoPlayerPluginDelegate in version 1.5.

In this example, when trackPlay is called, your instance of VideoInfo is read to determine the current offset of the video to calculate time played. The querying happens automatically: you are required only to extend VideoPlayerPluginDelegate and provide an instance of the extended class as a parameter to VideoPlayerPlugin when you initialize video heartbeat.

Ensure that you look at the sample players to see how VideoPlayerPluginDelegate is extended.

### Implement VideoPlayerPluginDelegate

The VideoPlayerPluginDelegate is used by video heartbeat to get information about the currently playing video, ad, and chapter.



Note: This video player plugin delegate was previously named PlayerDelegate in version 1.4.

The VideoPlayerPluginDelegate interface is where you will typically spend the majority of your implementation time.

To get started creating your own VideoPlayerPluginDelegate implementation, instantiate an VideoPlayerPluginDelegate object:

```
VideoPlayerPluginDelegate vpPluginDelegate =
  new CustomVideoPlayerPluginDelegate(<my-player>);
```

Next, you need to define the functions that return information about your video and player:

```
public class VideoPlayerPluginDelegate {
   public VideoInfo getVideoInfo() {}
   public AdBreakInfo getAdBreakInfo() {}
   public AdInfo getAdInfo() {}
   public ChapterInfo getChapterInfo() {}
   public QoSInfo getQoSInfo() {}
}
```

With that framework in place, the following sections explain how to update these methods to return useful data from your player:

- Video Information
- Ad Break Information
- Ad Information
- Chapter Information
- Example

### **Video Information**

The getVideoInfo method returns a VideoInfo object that contains details about the video player and the currently playing video. Before you can define this object, you'll need to use the API documentation provided by your player to find out how video information is retrieved.

To implement your custom getVideoInfo method, you'll need the following information:

Parameter	Required?	Description	
playerName	Yes	The name of the video player that is playing back the main content.	
id	Yes	The ID of the video asset	
name	No	The name of the video asset (opaque string value).	

Parameter	Required?	Description	
length	Yes	The duration (in seconds) of the video asset. If streamType is set to vod, return t length of the video. For other video types, return -1 as the length.	
playhead	Yes	The current playhead location (in seconds) inside the video asset (excluding ad content) at the moment this method was called.	
streamType	Yes	The type of the video asset.	
resumed	No	Set to true if this is a resumed video playback session (for example, when playback of VOD content starts from where the user previously left it).	

After you have figured out how to get the required information, update your getVideoInfo method to return an VideoInfo object with the video information. How you populate each value is up to you, and varies based on your player.

#### **Ad Break Information**

Ad breaks provide insight as to when a particular ad was displayed. For example, if you have a pre-roll and a midpoint ad break, you can collect position data along with the specific ad data. If you have only one ad break, you can simply provide 1 for the position and leave the name blank.

Parameter	Required?	Description	
playerName	Yes	The name of the video player responsible with playing back the current advertisemer break.	
name	No	Γhe name of the ad-break.	
position	Yes	The position (index) of the pod inside the main content (starting with 1).	
startTime	No	The offset of the ad-break inside the main content (in seconds). Defaults to the playhead inside the main content at the moment of the trackAdStart call.	

#### **Ad Information**

Ad information is retrieved using a similar process used to retrieve video information, except you return an AdInfo object instead with details about the currently playing video ad. Use the API documentation provided by your Ad vendor to determine the following:

Parameter	Required?	Description	
id	Yes	The ID of the ad asset.	
length	Yes	The duration (in seconds) of the ad asset.	
position	Yes	The position (index) of the ad inside the parent ad-break (starting with 1).	
name	No	The name of the ad asset (opaque string value).	

After you have figured out how to get the required information, update the getAdInfo method to return an AdInfo object with the ad information.

### **Chapter Information**

If you are tracking chapters, you'll need to coordinate the chapter information returned with each call you make to trackChapterStart. Since chapters are likely defined by you and not your video player, you'll need a way to retrieve chapter definitions to populate this object.

Parameter	Required?	Description	
name	No	The name of the chapter (opaque string value).	
length	Yes	The duration (in seconds) of the chapter.	
position	Yes	The position of the chapter inside the main content (starting from 1).	
startTime	Yes	The offset inside the main content where the chapter starts.	

Update the getChapterInfo method to retrieve properties or call the required APIs.

#### **Example**

The following is a sample video player plugin delegate:

```
public class SampleVideoPlayerPluginDelegate extends VideoPlayerPluginDelegate {
   VideoPlayerDelegate(VideoPlayer player) {
        _player = player;
    }
    @Override
   public VideoInfo getVideoInfo() {
        VideoInfo videoInfo = new VideoInfo();
        videoInfo.id = _player.getVideoId(); // e.g. "vid123-a"
        videoInfo.name = _player.getVideoName(); // e.g. "My sample video"
        videoInfo.length = _player.getVideoLength(); // e.g. 240 seconds
        videoInfo.streamType = AssetType.ASSET_TYPE_VOD;
        videoInfo.playerName = _player.getName(); // e.g. "Sample video player"
        videoInfo.playhead = _player.getCurrentPlayhead(); // e.g. 115
        return videoInfo;
    }
    @Override
   public AdBreakInfo getAdBreakInfo() {
       return null; // no ads in this scenario
    }
    @Override
   public AdInfo getAdInfo() {
        return null; // no ads in this scenario
```

```
@Override
public ChapterInfo getChapterInfo() {
    return null; // no chapters in this scenario
}

@Override
public QoSInfo getQoSInfo() {
    return null; // no QoS information in this sample
}

private final VideoPlayer _player;
}
```

Your next step is Attaching Custom Metadata.

### **Attaching Custom Metadata**

You can attach your own metadata to calls made to Adobe Analytics.

The video heartbeat library provides support for custom metadata to be attached to the Analytics calls. The relevant APIs for this functionality are defined on the AdobeAnalyticsPlugin:

```
public void setVideoMetadata(Map<String, String> data) {}
public void setAdMetadata(Map<String, String> data) {}
public void setChapterMetadata(Map<String, String> data) {}
```

The integration code may call these methods on the AdobeAnalyticsPlugin to set custom metadata for the video, the ad, and/or the chapter. Note that the metadata for the video will automatically be associated with the ads and chapters as well.

You need to set the metadata prior to calling the relevant track...() method on the VideoPlayerPlugin, as follows:

- Set the video metadata before calling trackVideoLoad()
- Set the ad metadata before calling trackAdStart()
- Set the chapter metadata before calling trackChapterStart()

This will ensure that the metadata is taken into consideration by the video heartbeat library when processing the track...() call.

The code snippet below illustrates how to set custom metadata for video, ads and chapters:

```
// Before calling trackVideoLoad():
HashMap<String, String> videoMetadata = new HashMap<String, String>();
videoMetadata.put("isUserLoggedIn", "false");
videoMetadata.put("tvStation", "Sample TV station");
videoMetadata.put("programmer", "Sample programmer");
adobeAnalyticsPlugin.setVideoMetadata(videoMetadata);

// [...]
// Before calling trackAdStart():
HashMap<String, String> adMetadata = new HashMap<String, String>();
```

```
adMetadata.put("affiliate", "Sample affiliate");
adMetadata.put("campaign", "Sample ad campaign");
adobeAnalyticsPlugin.setAdMetadata(adMetadata);

// [...]

// Before calling trackChapterStart():
HashMap<String, String> chapterMetadata = new HashMap<String, String>();
chapterMetadata.put("segmentType", "Sample segment type");
adobeAnalyticsPlugin.setChapterMetadata(chapterMetadata);
```



Note: Clearing the custom metadata - The custom metadata set on the AdobeAnalyticsPlugin is persistent. It is not reset automatically by the video heartbeat library. To clear the custom metadata, you can pass null as the input argument for each of the set...Metadata() methods. For example, you should do this for ads and chapters once they are complete. Otherwise, the custom metadata will be applied to subsequent ads / chapters. It is your responsibility to ensure that the appropriate metadata is set before the trackVideoLoad()/trackAdStart()/trackChapterStart() call.

Your next step is to Configure the Video Heartbeat Library.

### **Standard Metadata Parameters**

List of data-collection parameters sent by video heartbeat.



Important: This feature is valid only on Mobile and JavaScript platforms.

This section contains the following:

- Video metadata
- Ad metadata

#### Video metadata

Name	Context data key	Description	Metadata key name
Show	a.media.show	Data type: String	SHOW
Season	a.media.season	Data type: String	SEASON
Episode	a.media.episode	Data type: String	EPISODE
Asset ID	a.media.asset	This is the TMS_ID, an industry standard ID to identify a piece of TV/video content. TMS = Tribune Media Service, which is now known as Gracenote.  Data type: String	ASSET_ID
Genre	a.media.genre	Data type: String	GENRE
First air date	a.media.airDate	Original TV air date of the asset.  Data type: String	FIRST_AIR_DATE

Name	Context data key	Description	Metadata key name
First Digital Date	a.media.digitalDate	First date when this video asset was available on Digital.	FIRST_DIGITAL_DATA
		Data type: String	
Content Rating	a.media.rating	Data type: String	RATING
Originator	a.media.originator	Data type: String	ORIGINATOR
Network	a.media.network	Data type: String	NETWORK
Show type	a.media.type	Data type: String	SHOW_TYPE
Ad Loads	a.media.adLoad	Data type: String	AD_LOAD
MVPD	a.media.pass.mvpd	Data type: String	MVPD
Authorized	a.media.pass.auth	Data type: String	AUTHORIZED
Day Part	a.media.dayPart	Data type: String	DAY_PART
Feed Type	a.media.feed	This determines the type of feed. For example, for living programming, the feed types are <i>East HD</i> or <i>West HD</i> .  Data type: String	FEED
Stream Format	a.media.format	Clip Classification. If the content is a full episode, pass a value of 1; otherwise pass a value of 0. The default value is 0.  Data type: String	STREAM_FORMAT

### Ad metadata

Property name	Context data key	Description	Metadata key name
Advertiser	a.media.ad.advertiser	The company or brand whose product is featured in the ad.  Data Type: String	ADVERTISER
Campaign ID	a.media.ad.campaign	Client paramaters.  Data Type: String	CAMPAIGN_ID

Property name	Context data key	Description	Metadata key name
Creative ID	a.media.ad.creative	Client paramaters.  Data Type: String	CREATIVE_ID
Placement ID	a.media.ad.placement	Client paramaters.  Data Type: String	PLACEMENT_ID
Site ID	a.media.ad.site	Client paramaters.  Data Type: String	SITE_ID
Creative URL	a.media.ad.creativeURL	The URL of the creative or ad that is being delivered.  Data Type: String	CREATIVE_URL

## Standard metadata keys for Android

Here are the standard metadata keys for Android:

Class: com.adobe.primetime.va.plugins.aa.VideoMetadataKeys

Here are the constants:

```
• public static final String SHOW;
• public static final String SEASON;
• public static final String EPISODE;
• public static final String ASSET_ID;
• public static final String GENRE;
• public static final String FIRST_AIR_DATE;
• public static final String FIRST_DIGITAL_DATE;
• public static final String RATING;
• public static final String ORIGINATOR;
• public static final String NETWORK;
• public static final String SHOW_TYPE;
• public static final String AD_LOAD;
• public static final String MVPD;
• public static final String AUTHORIZED;
• public static final String DAY_PART;
• public static final String FEED;
public static final String STREAM_FORMAT;
```

### Class: com.adobe.primetime.va.plugins.aa.AdMetadataKeys

### Here are the constants:

ullet public static final String ADVERTISER;

```
public static final String CAMPAIGN_ID;
public static final String CREATIVE_ID;
public static final String PLACEMENT_ID;
public static final String SITE_ID;
public static final String CREATIVE_URL;
```

### Sample implementation on Android

Here is a sample implementation on Android.

To set standard metadata or partner metadata information, the application must use context metadata APIs and set the expected key-value pair by using one of the following APIs on AdobeAnalyticsPlugin:

- setVideoMetadata for setting video metadata
- setAdMetadata for setting ad metadata

To attach custom metadata and standard metadata keys, see the following information:

- Attaching Custom Metadata
- Standard metadata keys for Android



Tip: The class that implements Video Analytics is VideoAnalyticsProvider.

```
import com. adobe.primetime.va.plugins.au.VideoMetadataKeys;

// Setting standard metadata for Video

MabNaps_Garting, Strings videoMetadata = new MashMapsString, Strings ();

VideoMetadata.put (VideoMetadataKeys, EPISOODE, 'Sample Spiacde');

VideoMetadata.put (VideoMetadataKeys, SENG, DIOTAL_DATE, 'Sample digital date');

VideoMetadata.put (VideoMetadataKeys, SENG, DIOTAL_DATE, 'Sample digital date');

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```

# **Configure the Video Heartbeat Library**

You can configure each of the video heartbeat library components on an individual basis.

After you *Implement VideoPlayerPluginDelegate*, and optionally attach any of your own custom metadata, you are ready to add the video heartbeat code to your project. Before you proceed, make sure you have the following:

- An instance of your custom VideoPlayerPluginDelegate object.
- A properly configured ADBMobileConfig. json file.

For more information, see *Configure AdobeMobile Library*.

• Your Marketing Cloud Org ID or Publisher ID (assigned by Adobe).



**Note:** Existing customers using the Publisher ID can continue using it, but we recommend that you start using your Marketing Cloud Org ID instead. Contact Adobe Customer Care to obtain a Marketing Cloud Org ID.

The following code sample illustrates how to instantiate and configure the video heartbeat components:

```
// Video Player plugin
VideoPlayerPluginDelegate vpPluginDelegate = new CustomVideoPlayerPluginDelegate(<my-player>);
VideoPlayerPlugin vpPlugin = new VideoPlayerPlugin(vpPluginDelegate);
VideoPlayerPluginConfig vpPluginConfig = new VideoPlayerPluginConfig();
vpPluginConfig.debugLogging = true; // set this to false for production apps.
vpPlugin.configure(vpPluginConfig);
// Adobe Analytics plugin
AdobeAnalyticsPluginDelegate aaPluginDelegate = new CustomAdobeAnalyticsPluginDelegate();
AdobeAnalyticsPlugin aaPlugin = new AdobeAnalyticsPlugin(aaPluginDelegate);
AdobeAnalyticsPluginConfig aaPluginConfig = new AdobeAnalyticsPluginConfig();
aaPluginConfig.channel = <syndication-channel>;
aaPluginConfig.debugLogging = true; // set this to false for production apps.
aaPlugin.configure(aaPluginConfig);
// Adobe Heartbeat plugin
AdobeHeartbeatPluginDelegate ahPluginDelegate = new CustomAdobeHeartbeatPluginDelegate();
AdobeHeartbeatPlugin ahPlugin = new AdobeHeartbeatPlugin(ahPluginDelegate);
AdobeHeartbeatPluginConfig ahPluginConfig = new AdobeHeartbeatPluginConfig(<tracking-server>,
 <publisher>);
ahPluginConfig.ovp = <online-video-platform-name>;
ahPluginConfig.sdk = <player-SDK-version>;
ahPluginConfig.debugLogging = true; // set this to false for production apps.
ahPluginConfig.ssl = false; // set this to true to enable Heartbeat calls through HTTPS
ahPlugin.configure(ahPluginConfig);
// Heartbeat
List<IPlugin> plugins = new ArrayList<IPlugin>();
plugins.add(vpPlugin);
plugins.add(aaPlugin);
plugins.add(ahPlugin);
HeartbeatDelegate heartbeatDelegate = new CustomHeartbeatDelegate();
Heartbeat heartbeat = new Heartbeat(heartbeatDelegate, plugins);
HeartbeatConfig heartbeatConfig = new HeartbeatConfig();
heartbeatConfig.debugLogging = true; // set this to false for production apps.
heartbeat.configure(heartbeatConfig);
```

The configuration of each of the video heartbeat components follows the builder pattern:

- A configuration object is built
- The configuration object is passed as a parameter to the configure method of the component

The list below describes all the configuration parameters:

- VideoPlayerPlugin
- debugLogging: activates logging inside this plugin. Optional. Default value: false
- AdobeAnalyticsPlugin
- channel: the name of the syndication channel. Optional. Default value: the empty string

• debugLogging: activates logging inside this plugin. Optional. Default value: false

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- trackingServer: the server to which all the heartbeat calls are sent. Mandatory. Use the value provided by your Adobe consultant.
- publisher: the name of the publisher. Mandatory. Use the value provided by your Adobe consultant.
- ovp: the name of the online video platform through which content gets distributed. Optional. Default value: "unknown"
- sdk: the version of the video player app/SDK. Optional. Default value: "unknown"
- debugLogging: activates logging inside this plugin. Optional. Default value: false

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• debugLogging: activates logging within the core Heartbeat component. Optional. Default value: false



**Note:** Setting the debugLogging flag to true on any of the video heartbeat components will activate fairly extensive tracing messaging which may impact performance. While these messages are useful during development and debugging, you should set all debugLogging flags to false for the production version of your player app. Note that the debugLogging flags default to false, so logging is disabled by default.

### **Test Your Configuration**

Before you continue, run your app and check that it runs without errors. Optionally, set the debugLogging flag to YES while you test:

```
heartbeatConfig.debugLogging = true; // remove or set to false for production!
```

After you test your configuration, continue to *Track Player Events*.

### **Track Player Events**

The next step is to call the video heartbeat track methods when specific events occur in your player. This typically involves subscribing to events, registering a callback function, and then calling the correct method in the callback. Review the *Track Methods and Player Events* sections for details on exactly which method you should call for each corresponding player event.

The following example shows a simple playback scenario:

```
trackVideoLoad(); // when a video is loaded
trackSessionStart(); // when the user clicks the 'Play' button
trackPlay(); // when playback begins (frames are being rendered)
trackComplete(); // when the playback reaches the end of the content
trackVideoUnload(); // after calling trackComplete()
```

Note that different players provide different ways to listen to events. Use the documentation provided by the player API to determine how to listen for player events.

Your next step is to Test Your Video Measurement Code.

### **Track Methods and Player Events**

Information about the correspondence between player events and the associated call exposed by the public API of the video heartbeat library.

The video player being instrumented must be capable of triggering a series of events through which any subscriber can be informed about what happens inside the video player. The following tables present the one-to-one correspondence between player events and the associated call exposed by the public API of the video heartbeat library.

This section contains the following information:

- Video Playback
- Rules and Practices
- Ad Playback
- Chapter Tracking
- QoS Tracking
- Error Tracking

#### Video Playback

Event	Method Call	Parameter List
Load the main video asset	trackVideoLoad()	None
Unload the main video asset	trackVideoUnload()	None
Autoplay ON, or user clicks play	trackSessionStart()	None
Playback start	trackPlay()	None
Playback stop/pause	trackPause()	None
Playback complete	trackComplete()	None
Seek start	trackSeekStart()	None
Seek complete	trackSeekComplete()	None
Buffer start	trackBufferStart()	None
Buffer complete	trackBufferComplete()	None

#### **Rules and Practices**

### • Methods to be called in pairs:

The following methods must be called in pairs (that is, each track...Start() must have a corresponding track...Complete()):

- ullet trackBufferStart() and trackBufferComplete()
- trackPause() and trackPlay() (note that if the player is closed before the pause resumes, the corresponding method might not be called)
- trackSeekStart() and trackSeekComplete() (with an exception: there may be multiple trackSeekStart() calls before a trackSeekComplete())
- trackAdStart() and trackAdComplete() (unless the user seeks out of the ad without playing it to completion)
- trackChapterStart() and trackChapterComplete() (unless the user seeks out of the chapter without playing it to completion)

The track...Start() call is not required to be followed by a track...Complete() call, as there may be other track...() method calls in between. For example, the following sequence of track...() method calls is valid and describes a user who is seeking through the stream while paused, and resumes playback after two seeks:

```
trackPause(); // Signals that the user paused the playback.
trackSeekStart(); // Signals that the user started a seek operation.
trackSeekStart(); // Signals that the user started another seek operation (before the first
```

```
one was completed).
trackSeekComplete(); // Signals that the second seek operation has completed.
trackPlay(); // Signals that the user resumed playback.
```

#### • Tracking the completion of content:

The trackComplete() method is used to signal the completion of the video (i.e., the content was played to the end). You should call trackComplete() before calling trackVideoUnload() if the video was completed. When the user quits the video before its completion (e.g., by switching to another video in a playlist), you should not call trackComplete(). Instead, you should simply close the tracking session by calling trackVideoUnload().

### **Ad Playback**

Event	Method Call	Parameter List
An ad starts	trackAdStart()	None
An ad completes	trackAdComplete()	None

The trackAdStart() and trackAdComplete() methods are the only track methods required in order to signal the beginning and completion of an ad.

You do not need to (and should not) call any additional track methods to signal the transition from ad to content or vice-versa. For instance, you should not signal the pause of the main video (via trackPause()) when an ad starts. This is handled automatically by the VideoPlayerPlugin when you call trackAdStart().

### **Chapter Tracking**

Event	Method Call	Parameter List
A new chapter starts	trackChapterStart()	None
A chapter completes	trackChapterComplete()	None

### **QoS Tracking**

Event	Method Call	Parameter List
A switch to another bitrate occurs	trackBitrateChange()	None

### **Error Tracking**

Event	Method Call	Parameter List
An error occurs at the player level	trackVideoPlayerError()	String errorId - unique error identifier
An error occurs at the application level	trackApplicationError()	String errorId

#### **Test Your Video Measurement Code**

A simple way to test your video heartbeat implementation is to run the code in a demo environment.

 Load your code in a test environment and use a packet analyzer to verify that Analytics server calls and heartbeat calls are being sent. You should see an initial call to your data collection server, and then multiple calls to the Video Heartbeat tracking server. In the initial call to your Analytics data collection server:

- Verify that pe=ms\_s.
- 2. Test your implementation thoroughly to make sure you haven't missed any events. For example, if your player provides a pause event handler and you do not call trackPause, your time played metrics will be inflated.
- 3. In a packet analyzer, inspect the calls and use the *Scenarios* to make sure events are being sent as expected. For example, you should see an s:event:type of load and then start when the video begins, and complete when the video completes.

### **Video Measurement Parameters**

List of data-collection parameters sent by video heartbeat.

This section contains the following information:

- Video Core Parameters
- Video Ad Parameters
- Video Chapter Parameters
- Video Quality Parameters
- Other Parameters

#### **Video Core Parameters**

Label	Required?	Variable Type	Context Data Variable	Clickstream/API Variable Name	Sent With
Video Name	No	classification	a.media.friendlyName	N/A	Video Start
Video Length	Yes	classification	a.media.length	N/A	Video Start
Content	Yes	eVar	a.media.name	video	Video Start
Content Segment	Yes	eVar	a.media.segment	videosegment	Heartbeat
Content Type	Yes	eVar	a.contentType	videocontenttype	Video Start
Content Player Name	Yes	eVar	a.media.playerName	videoplayername	Video Start
Content Channel	No	eVar	a.media.channel	videochannel	Video Start
Video Initiates	Yes	event	a.media.view	videostart	Video Start
Content Starts	No	event	a.media.play	videoplay	Heartbeat
Content Completes	No	event	a.media.complete	videocomplete	Heartbeat
Content Segment Views	Yes	event	a.media.segmentView	videosegmentviews	Heartbeat
Content Time Spent	Yes	event	a.media.timePlayed	videotime	Heartbeat

Label	Required?	Variable Type	Context Data Variable	Clickstream/API Variable Name	Sent With
Video Time Spent	Yes	event	a.media.totalTimePlayed	videototaltime	Heartbeat
10% Progress Marker	No	event	a.media.progress10	videoprogress10	Heartbeat
25% Progress Marker	No	event	a.media.progress25	videoprogress25	Heartbeat
50% Progress Marker	No	event	a.media.progress50	videoprogress50	Heartbeat
75% Progress Marker	No	event	a.media.progress75	videoprogress75	Heartbeat
95% Progress Marker	No	event	a.media.progress95	videoprogress95	Heartbeat
Average Minute Audience	No	event	a.media.averageMinuteAudience	videoaverageminuteaudience	Heartbeat
Video Path	Yes	prop	a.media.name	videopath	Video Start
Paused Impacted Streams	No	event	a.media.pause	videopause	Heartbeat
Pause Events	No	event	a.media.pauseCount	videopausecount	Heartbeat
Total Pause Duration	No	event	a.media.pauseTime	videopausetime	Heartbeat
Content Resumes	No	event	a.media.resume	videoresume	Heartbeat

# **Video Ad Parameters**

Label	Required?	Variable Type	Context Data Variable	Clickstream/API Variable Name	Sent With
Ad Name	No	classification	a.media.ad.friendlyName	N/A	Ad Start
Ad Length	Yes	classification	a.media.ad.length	N/A	Ad Start
Ad	Yes	eVar	a.media.ad.name	videoad	Ad Start
Pod Name	No	classification	a.media.ad.podFriendlyName	N/A	Ad Start
Pod Position	Yes	classification	a.media.ad.podSecond	N/A	Ad Start
Ad Pod	Yes	eVar	a.media.ad.pod	videoadpod	Ad Start
Ad in Pod Position	Yes	eVar	a.media.ad.podPosition	videoadinpod	Ad Start

Label	Required?	Variable Type	Context Data Variable	Clickstream/API Variable Name	Sent With
Ad Player Name	Yes	eVar	a.media.ad.playerName	videoplayername	Ad Start
Ad Starts	Yes	event	a.media.ad.view	videostart	Ad Start
Ad Completes	Yes	event	a.media.ad.complete	videocomplete	Heartbeat
Ad Time Spent	Yes	event	a.media.ad.timePlayed	videoadtime	Heartbeat

# **Video Chapter Parameters**

Label	Required?	Variable Type	Context Data Variable	Clickstream/API Variable Name	Sent With
Chapter Name	No	classification	a.media.chapter.friendlyName	N/A	Heartbeat
Chapter Position	Yes	classification	a.media.chapter.position	N/A	Heartbeat
Chapter Offset	No	classification	a.media.chapter.offset	N/A	Heartbeat
Chapter Length	No	classification	a.media.chapter.length	N/A	Heartbeat
Chapter	Yes	eVar	a.media.chapter.name	videochapter	Heartbeat
Chapter Starts	Yes	event	a.media.chapter.view	videochapterstart	Heartbeat
Chapter Completes	No	event	a.media.chapter.complete	videochaptercomplete	Heartbeat
Chapter Time Spent	Yes	event	a.media.chapter.timePlayed	videochaptertime	Heartbeat

# **Video Quality Parameters**

Label	Required?	Variable Type	Context Data Variable	Clickstream/API Variable Name	Sent With
Time to Start	No	eVar	a.media.qoe.timeToStart	videoqoetimetostartevar	Heartbeat
		event		videoqoetimetostart	·
Buffer Events	No	eVar	a.media.qoe.bufferCount	videoqoebuffercountevar	Heartbeat
		event		videoqoebuffercount	
Total Buffer	No	eVar	a.media.qoe.bufferTime	videoqoebuffertimeevar	Heartbeat
Duration		event		videoqoebuffertime	'
Bitrate	No	eVar	a.media.qoe.bitrateChangeCount	videoqoebitratechangecountevar	Heartbeat
Changes		event		videoqoebitratechangecount	

Label	Required?	Variable Type	Context Data Variable	Clickstream/API Variable Name	Sent With
Average Bitrate	No	eVar	a.media.qoe.bitrateAverageBucket	videoqoebitrateaverageevar	Heartbeat
Errors / Error	No	eVar	a.media.qoe.errorCount	videoqoeerrorcountevar	Heartbeat
Events		event	-	videoqoeerrorcount	
Dropped No Frames	No	eVar	a.media.qoe.droppedFrameCount	videoqoedroppedframecountevar	Heartbeat
	event	-	videoqoedroppedframecount	1	
Drops before Start	No	event	a.media.qoe.dropBeforeStart	videoqoedropbeforestart	Heartbeat
Buffer Impacted Streams	No	event	a.media.qoe.buffer	videoqoebuffer	Heartbeat
Bitrate Change Impacted Streams	No	event	a.media.qoe.bitrateChange	videoqoebitratechange	Heartbeat
Average Bitrate	No	event	a.media.qoe.bitrateAverage	videoqoebitrateaverage	Heartbeat
Error Impacted Streams	No	event	a.media.qoe.error	videoqoeerror	Heartbeat
Dropped Frame Impacted Streams	No	event	a.media.qoe.droppedFrames	videoqoedroppedframes	Heartbeat

### **Other Parameters**

Label	Required?	Variable Type	Context Data Variable	Clickstream/API Variable Name	Sent With
SDK Version	No	N/A*	a.media.sdkVersion	N/A	Heartbeat
VHL Version	No	N/A*	a.media.vhlVersion	N/A	Heartbeat
Stalling Impacted Streams	No	N/A*	a.media.qoe.stall	N/A	Heartbeat
Stalling Events	No	N/A*	a.media.qoe.stallCount	N/A	Heartbeat

Label	Required?	Variable Type	Context Data Variable	Clickstream/API Variable Name	Sent With
Total Stalling Duration	No	N/A*	a.media.qoe.stallTime	N/A	Heartbeat

<sup>\*</sup> You must create your own processing rule if you want to use this parameter.

# Sample player

# **Debugging**

You can enable or disable logging for MediaHeartbeat.

## **Enable Debug Logging**

You can enable or disable logging for each video heartbeat component.

The video heartbeat library provides an extensive tracing/logging mechanism that is put in place throughout the entire video-tracking stack. You can enable or disable this logging for each video heartbeat component by setting the debugLogging flag on the configuration object.

The log messages follow this format:

```
Format: [<timestamp>] [<level>] [<tag>] [<message>]
Example: [16:01:48 GMT+0200.848] [INFO]
[com.adobe.primetime.va.plugins.videoplayer::VideoPlayerPlugin] \
    Data from delegate > ChapterInfo: name=First chapter, length=15, position=1, startTime=0
```

There are several sections delimited by pairs of square brackets as follows:

- **timestamp:** This is the current CPU time (time-zoned for GMT)
- level: There are 4 message levels defined:
- INFO Usually the input data from the application (validate player name, video ID, etc.)
- DEBUG Debug logs, used by the developers to debug more complex issues
- WARN Indicates potential integration/configuration errors or Heartbeats SDK bugs
- ERROR Indicates important integration errors or Heartbeats SDK bugs
- tag: The name of the sub-component that issued the log message (usually the class name)
- message: The actual trace message

You can use the logs output by the video heartbeat library to verify the implementation. A good strategy is to search through the logs for the string #track. This will highlight all the track. . . ( ) APIs called by your application.

For instance, this is what the logs filtered for #track could look like:

```
[17:47:48 GMT+0200 (EET).942] [INFO] [plugin::player] #trackVideoLoad()
[17:47:48 GMT+0200 (EET).945] [INFO] [plugin::player] #trackPlay()
[17:47:48 GMT+0200 (EET).945] [INFO] [plugin::player] #trackPlay() > Tracking session auto-start.
[17:47:48 GMT+0200 (EET).945] [INFO] [plugin::player] #trackSessionStart()
[17:47:49 GMT+0200 (EET).446] [INFO] [plugin::player] #trackChapterStart()
[17:47:49 GMT+0200 (EET).446] [INFO] [plugin::player] #trackChapterComplete()
[17:48:10 GMT+0200 (EET).771] [INFO] [plugin::player] #trackComplete()
[17:48:10 GMT+0200 (EET).774] [INFO] [plugin::player] #trackVideoUnload()
```

Using this validation method, you can easily spot implementation issues (e.g., the integration code never calls trackAdComplete() when an ad completes playback).

### Validate implementations

To validate your Media Heartbeat implementation it will be required to use a HTTP Proxy tool to view the HTTP / HTTPS traffic between the Application and Heartbeats/Adobe Analytics.

HTTP calls for video analytics tracking will be sent to 2 different tracking servers:

The different parameters related to video tracking for the Adobe Analytics HTTP calls are described in *Adobe Analytics* parameters.

• Heartbeats platform: Heartbeat platform hits (also known as heartbeats) are sent throughout the video tracking session at 10 seconds intervals (out of band events might be sent outside of the 10 seconds cycle). Tracking server example: <visitornamespace>.hb.omtrdc.net

The different parameters related to video tracking for the Adobe Analytics HTTP calls are described in *Heartbeats parameters*.

### **Adobe Debug**

Optionally, you can debug payloads (Heartbeat and Adobe Analytics) going out of Video Heartbeat Library using Adobe Debug tool which is a freely available tool from Adobe for Video Heartbeat customers.

To use Adobe Debug, you need to contact your Adobe representative for the initial setup and registration. After you gain access to Adobe Debug, go to *Adobe Debug help* to see the help information.

### **Heartbeats parameters**

	Name	Required/Optional	Data Source	Description
All Events	s:event:type	R	Heartbeat SDK	The type of the event being tracked.
	l:event:prev_ts	R	Heartbeat SDK	The timestamp of the last event of the same type in this session. The value is -1 if this is the first event of this type in this video session.
	l:event:ts	R	Heartbeat SDK	The timestamp of the event.
	l:event:duration	R	Heartbeat SDK	

Name	Required/Optional	Data Source	Description
l:event:playhead	R	VideoInfo object	The playhead is inside the currently active asset (main or ad), when the event was recorded
s:event:sid	R	Heartbeat SDK	Randomly generated string, the session id. All events in a certain session (video + ads) should be the same
l:asset:duration / l:asset:length	R	VideoInfo object	Video asset length of the main asset.
s:asset:publisher	R	AdobeHeartbeatPluginConfig object	Publisher of the asset
s:asset:video_id	R	VideoInfo object	ID uniquely identifying the video in the publisher's catalog
s:asset:type	R	Heartbeat SDK	Asset type (main or ad).
s:stream:type	R	VideoInfo object	The stream type. Can be one of the following: live, vod, linear.
s:user:id	О	Config object for mobile, app mesurement VisitorID	User's specifically set visitor id
s:user:aid	О		The user's analytics visitor id value.
s:user:mid	R	Marketing Cloud Org	The user's marketing cloud visitor id value.
s:cuser:customer_user_ids_x	О	AdobeAnalyticsPlugin	All customer user ids set on Audience Manager

Name	Required/Optional	Data Source	Description
l:aam:loc_hint	R	AdobeAnalyticsPlugin	AAM data sent on each payload after aa_start
s:aam:blob	R	AdobeAnalyticsPlugin	AAM data sent on each payload after aa_start
s:sc:rsid	R	Report Suit ID (or ids)	SiteCatalyst RSID where reports should be sent
s:sc:tracking_server	R	AdobeHeartbeatPluginConfig object	SiteCatalyst tracking server
h:sc:ssl	R	AdobeHeartbeatPluginConfig object	Whether the traffic is over HTTPS (if set to 1) or over HTTP (is set to 0).
s:sp:ovp	O	AdobeHeartbeatPluginConfig object	"primetime" for Primetime players, the actual OVP for other players
s:sp:sdk	R	AdobeHeartbeatPluginConfig object	OVP version string
s:sp:player_name	R	VideoInfo object	Video player name (the actual player software, used to identify the player)
s:sp:channel	O	AdobeAnalyticsPluginConfig object	The channel where the user is watching the content. For a mobile app, the app name. For a website, the domain name.
s:sp:hb_version	R	Heartbeat SDK	The version number of the VideoHeartbeat library issuing the call.

	Name	Required/Optional	Data Source	Description
	l:stream:bitrate	R	QosInfo object	The current value of the stream bitrate (in bps)
Error Events	s:event:source	R	Heartbeat SDK	The source of the error, either player-internal, or the application-level.
	s:event:id	R	s:event:id	Error id, uniquely identifies the error
s:asset:type=ad Events	s:asset:ad_id	R	AdInfo object	
	s:asset:ad_sid	R	Heartbeat SDK	
	s:asset:pod_id	R	Heartbeat SDK	Pod id inside the video. This value is computed automatically based on the following formula:  MD5(video_id) +  "_" + index of the pod.
	s:asset:pod_position	R	AdBreakInfo object	Index of the ad inside the pod (first ad has index 0, second ad index 1 etc.)
	s:asset:resolver	R	AdBreakInfo object	
	s:meta:custom_ad_metadata.x	О		Custom ad metadata
Chapter Events	s:stream:chapter_sid	R	Heartbeat SDK	Unique identifier associated to the playback instance of the chapter. Note: a chapter can be played multiple times due to seek-back operations

Name	Required/Optional	Data Source	Description
			performed by the user.
s:stream:chapter_name	О	ChapterInfo object	The chapter's friendly (i.e. human readable) name.
s:stream:chapter_id	R	Heartbeat SDK	The unique ID of the chapter. This value is computed automatically based on the following formula:  MD5(video_id) + "_" + chapter_pos.
l:stream:chapter_pos	R	ChapterInfo object	The chapter's index in the list of chapters (starting with 1).
l:stream:chapter_offset	R	ChapterInfo object	The chapter's offset inside main content, excluding ads. (expressed in seconds)
l:stream:chapter_length	R	ChapterInfo object	The chapter's duration (expressed in seconds)
smetacustom_chapter_metadata.x	О		Custom chapter metadata

# **Adobe Analytics parameters**

Events	Name	Heartbeat Mapping Parameter	Required/optional	Value Range
Content	pe		R	ms_s
	pe3		R	video
	cid.customer_user_ids_x	s:cuser:customer_user_ids_x	О	

Events	Name	Heartbeat Mapping Parameter	Required/optional	Value Range
	c.a.contentType	s:asset:type	R	
	c.a.media.channel	s:sp:channel	R	
	c.a.media.playerName	s:sp:player_name	О	
	c.a.media.vsid	s:event:sid	R	
	c.a.media.view		R	TRUE
	c.a.media.name	s:asset:video_id		
	c.customer_video_metadata	smetadata.ustome <u>r</u> vidko_metadata	О	
	c.customer_chapter_metadata	smetalitaustomer_drapter_metalita	О	
Ad	pe		R	msa_s
	pe3		R	videoAd
	cid.customer_user_ids_x	s:cuser:customer_user_ids_x	О	
	c.a.contentType	s:asset:type	R	
	c.a.media.channel	s:sp:channel		
	c.a.media.playerName	s:sp:player_name		
	c.a.media.vsid	s:event:sid	R	
	c.a.media.view		R	TRUE
	c.a.media.name	s:asset:video_id	R	
	c.a.ad.media.name	s:asset:ad_id	R	
	c.a.ad.media.playerName			
	c.a.ad.media.pod	s:asset:pod_id		
	c.a.ad.media.podPosition	s:asset:position		

Events	Name	Heartbeat Mapping Parameter	Required/optional	Value Range
	c.a.ad.media.view			TRUE
	c.customer_video_metadata	smetachtacustomer_vicko_metachta	O	
	c.customer_ad_metadata	smetadatacustomer_ad_metadata	О	

# **Ratings Partners Integration**

(Note: Certified Metrics description including certification, contract, etc included in "home page")

Parter	Documentation
Nielsen	Digital Content Ratings powered by Adobe
comScore	Certified Metrics powered by Adobe

# **Scenarios**

This topic provides a scenario to illustrate when video data is collected.

### **Scenario and Timeline Illustrations**

This topic describes a scenario to illustrate when video data is collected and contains illustrations to show the video and actions timelines.

This section contains the following information:

- Scenario Overview
- Video Timeline
- Actions Timeline

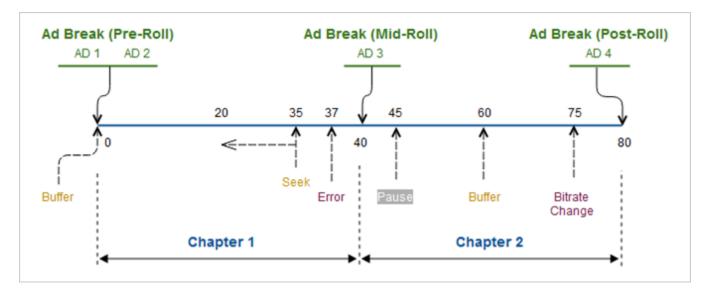
### **Scenario Overview**

A video (VOD) is loaded and played into a web page or application that has the following components:

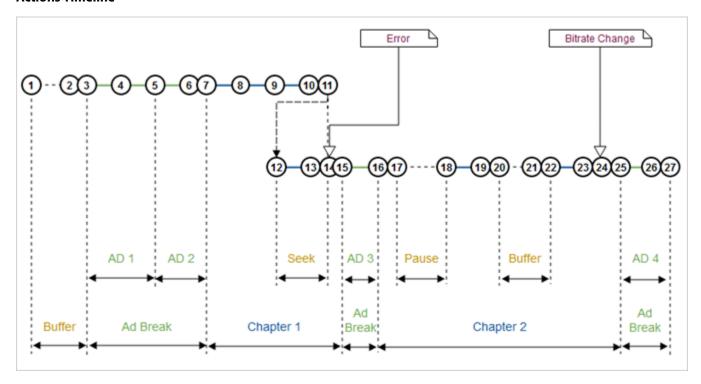
Component	Details
Playback content	Main content of 80 seconds split in two chapters.  • Chapter 1 - chapter duration: 40 seconds  • Chapter 2 - chapter duration: 40 seconds
	Three ad breaks:  • One pre-roll before first chapter that contains two ads:  • AD 1 - ad duration: 20 seconds

Component	Details			
	• AD 2 - ad duration: 15 seconds			
	One mid-roll between chapters that contains one ad:			
	• AD 3 - ad duration: 10 seconds			
	One post-roll at the end of the content that contains one ad:			
	• AD 4 - ad duration: 15 seconds			
User interactions	Start the content after it is loaded.			
	• Skip back 15 seconds of content inside Chapter 1 at second 35.			
	• Pause the main content for 45 seconds during Chapter 2.			
Playback events	Buffering on start for 15 seconds.			
	• Player error occurs during Chapter 1 at second 37.			
	• Re-buffering for 15 seconds during Chapter 2 at second 60.			
	Bitrate changed during Chapter 2 at second 75.			

### **Video Timeline**



#### **Actions Timeline**



### **Tracking Explained**

This topic describes when video data is collected and contains information about the actions a user takes along with video heartbeat Library methods used, Analytics and video heartbeat library calls made, and implementation details.

See *Scenarios* to view illustrations depicting the processes explained below.

The scenario illustrated in the following table is a typical end-to-end playback where there is little interaction and content is played to the end.



**Note:** VideoPlayerPluginDelegate must provide the most up-to-date information it has when queried: VideoInfo (including playhead), AdBreakInfo, AdInfo, ChapterInfo, and QoSInfo.

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
1	0	0	Actions: Auto-play or Play button pressed  Video Heartbeat Library: trackVideoLoad trackSessionStart  Analytics Tracking Calls:

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
			SC Video Start Call
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:
			HB start event
			HB AA start event
			Implementation Details:
			• Start the tracking library internal session by calling trackVideoLoad
			Set VideoInfo before any tracking method is called
			• Start tracking the startup time by calling trackSessionStart method

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
2	10	0	Actions: N/A  Video Heartbeat Library: N/A  Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB start event  Implementation Details: This call is sent because the app takes longer than 10 seconds to start the
			stream (long buffering scenario).

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
3	15	0	Actions: Ad start (AD1)
			Video Heartbeat Library:

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
			trackAdStart
			trackPlay
			Analytics Tracking Calls:
			SC Ad Start Call
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:
			HB start event
			HB ad start event
			HB AA ad start event
			HB play event
			Implementation Details:
			• Set AdBreakInfo before the trackAdStart method is called for the first ad on the current ad break (pre-roll).
			• Set AdBreakInfo.position to 1 because the first ad break is inside the current main content.
			• Set AdBreakInfo.startTime to 0. The startTime is the offset in the main content (in seconds) where the ad break starts. This can also be seen as the value of the playhead when the ad break is reached.
			• Set AdInfo for AD 1 before the trackAdStart method is called.
			• Set AdInfo.position to 1 for AD 1 because the first ad is inside the current ad break.

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
4	25	0	Actions:  N/A  Video Heartbeat Library:  N/A  Analytics Tracking Calls:  N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:  HB ad play event
			Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
5	35	0	Actions:
			Ad complete (AD1)
			Ad start (AD2)
			Video Heartbeat Library:
			trackAdComplete
			trackAdStart
			Analytics Tracking Calls:
			SC Ad Start Call
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:
			HB ad play event
			HB ad complete event
			HB ad start event
			HB AA ad start event
			Implementation Details:
			• Set AdInfo to NULL for AD 1 after the trackAdComplete method is called.
			• Set AdInfo for AD 2 before the trackAdStart method is called.
			• Set AdInfo.position to 2 for AD 2 because the second ad is inside current ad break.

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
6	45	0	Actions: N/A  Video Heartbeat Library: N/A  Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB ad play event  Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
7	50	0	Actions: Ad complete (AD2)  Video Heartbeat Library: trackAdComplete trackChapterStart  Analytics Tracking Calls:
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:  HB ad play event  HB ad complete event  HB chapter start event  HB play event  Implementation Details:

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
			• Set AdInfo to NULL for AD 2 after the trackAdComplete method is called.
			<ul> <li>Set AdBreakInfo to Null for the current ad break (pre-roll) after the trackAdComplete method is called.</li> <li>Set ChapterInfo for Chapter 1 before the trackChapterStart method is called.</li> </ul>

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
8	60	10	Actions: N/A  Video Heartbeat Library: N/A  Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB play event  Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
9	70	20	Actions: N/A  Video Heartbeat Library: N/A  Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB play event
			Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
10	80	30	Actions:  N/A  Video Heartbeat Library:  N/A  Analytics Tracking Calls:  N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:  HB play event  Implementation Details:  N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
11	85	35	Actions: Seek Back 15"  Video Heartbeat Library: trackSeekStart  Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB play event
			Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
12	85	20	Actions: N/A
			Video Heartbeat Library:
			trackSeekComplete
			Analytics Tracking Calls:
			N/A
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:
			HB play event
			Implementation Details:
			Make sure VideoPlayerPluginDelegate will report the new playhead (20) after trackSeekComplete is called.

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
13	95	30	Actions:  N/A  Video Heartbeat Library:  N/A  Analytics Tracking Calls:
			N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB play event
			Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
14	102	37	Actions: Player error occurred  Video Heartbeat Library: trackError  Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB error event  Implementation Details:
			• Set error type and message on trackError method.

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
15	105	40	Actions: Ad start (AD3)  Video Heartbeat Library: trackChapterComplete trackAdStart  Analytics Tracking Calls:

Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
		SC Ad Start Call
		Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:
		HB play event
		HB chapter complete event
		HB ad start event
		HB AA ad start event
		Implementation Details:
		• Set ChapterInfo to NULL for Chapter 1 after the trackChapterComplete method is called.
		• Set AdBreakInfo before the trackAdStart method is called for the first ad on the current ad break (mid-roll).
		• Set AdBreakInfo.position to 2 because the second ad break is inside the current main content.
		• Set AdBreakInfo.startTime to 40. The startTime is the offset in the main content (in seconds) where the ad break starts. This can also be seen as the value of the playhead when the ad break is reached.
		• set AdInfo for AD 3 before the trackAdStart method is called.
		• Set AdInfo.position to 1 for AD 3 because the first ad is inside the current ad break.
	Timeline	Timeline Timeline

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
16	115	40	Actions: Ad complete (AD3)  Video Heartbeat Library: trackAdComplete trackChapterStart
			Analytics Tracking Calls:  N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
			HB ad play event
			HB ad complete event
			HB chapter start event
			HB play event
			Implementation Details:
			• Set AdInfo to NULL for AD 3 after the trackAdComplete method is called.
			• Set AdBreakInfo to Null for the current ad break (mid-roll) after the trackAdComplete method is called.
			• Set ChapterInfo for Chapter 2 before the trackChapterStart method is called.

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
17	120	45	Actions: Pause button is pressed  Video Heartbeat Library: trackPause  Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB play event HB pause event  Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
18	135	45	Actions:

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
			Play button is pressed after 15"
			Video Heartbeat Library: trackPlay
			Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:  HB play event
			Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
19	145	55	Actions: N/A  Video Heartbeat Library: N/A  Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB play event  Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
20	150	60	Actions:

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
			Buffer start event occurred
			Video Heartbeat Library: trackBufferStart
			Analytics Tracking Calls:
			N/A
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:
			HB play event
			HB buffer event
			Implementation Details:
			N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
21	160	60	Actions:  N/A  Video Heartbeat Library:  N/A  Analytics Tracking Calls:  N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:  HB buffer event  Implementation Details:  N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
22	165	60	Actions: Buffer end event occurred after 15"  Video Heartbeat Library: trackBufferComplete  Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB buffer event HB play event
			Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
23	175	70	Actions: N/A  Video Heartbeat Library: N/A  Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB play event  Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
24	180	75	Actions: Bitrate change occurred  Video Heartbeat Library: trackBitrateChange  Analytics Tracking Calls: N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls: HB bitrate change event  Implementation Details: N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
25	185	80	Actions:
			Ad start (AD4)
			Video Heartbeat Library:
			trackChapterComplete
			trackAdStart
			Analytics Tracking Calls:
			SC Ad Start Call
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:
			HB play event
			HB chapter complete event
			HB ad start event
			HB AA ad start event
			Implementation Details:

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
			Set ChapterInfo to NULL for Chapter 2 after the trackChapterComplete method is called.
			• Set AdBreakInfo before the trackAdStart method is called for the first ad on the current ad break (post-roll).
			• Set AdBreakInfo.position to 3 because the third ad break is inside the current main content.
			• Set AdBreakInfo.startTime to 80. The startTime is the offset in the main content (in seconds) where the ad break starts. This can also be seen as the value of the playhead when the ad break is reached.
			<ul> <li>Set AdInfo for AD 4 before the trackAdStart method is called.</li> <li>Set AdInfo.position to 1 for AD 4 because the first ad is inside current ad break.</li> </ul>

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
26	195	80	Actions:  N/A  Video Heartbeat Library:  N/A  Analytics Tracking Calls:  N/A  Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:  HB play event  Implementation Details:  N/A

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)	
27	200	80	Actions:
			Ad complete (AD4)

Action #	Actions Timeline (seconds)	Main Content Timeline (seconds)		
			Video Heartbeat Library:	
			trackAdComplete	
			trackComplete	
			trackUnload	
			Analytics Tracking Calls:	
			N/A	
			Video Heartbeat Tracking Calls:	
			HB play event	
			HB ad complete event	
			HB complete event	
			Implementation Details:	
			• Set AdInfo to NULL for AD 4 after the trackAdComplete method is called.	
			• Set AdBreakInfo to Null for the current ad break (post-roll) after the trackAdComplete method is called.	
			Close the main content by calling trackComplete.	
			Close the tracking library internal session by calling trackUnload.	
			• Destroy the heartbeat library instance calling the destroy method.	

# **Non-Linear Tracking Scenarios**

This topic describes when video data is collected in non-linear scenarios and contains information about the actions a user takes along with video heartbeat Library methods used, Analytics and video heartbeat library calls made, and implementation details.

The scenario illustrated in *Tracking Explained* is a typical end-to-end playback where there is little interaction and content is played to the end.

The following table illustrates tracking scenarios where the user seeks around more or drops from the stream.

Use Case	Scenario	Video Heartbeat Library	Implementation Details
Skip to next video	playlist of videos, no ads, no chapters	• trackVideoLoad • trackSessionStart(optional) • trackPlay User clicks Next.	You can reuse one VHL instance but make sure to call trackVideoUnload/trackVideoLoad and update the player delegate videoInfo between the two clips.

Use Case	Scenario	Video Heartbeat Library	Implementation Details
Chapter seek	• one video content • 3 chapters • seek from chapter 1 to chapter 3	• trackVideoUnload • • trackVideoLoad • • trackVideoLoad • trackSessionStart(optional) • tracktrackChapterStart User seeks forward. • trackSeekStart • trackSeekComplete • tracktrackChapterStart • tracktrackChapterStart • tracktrackChapterComplete • trackComplete • trackVideoUnload	When the user starts seeking, wait until it completes then call trackChapterStart with the new chapter info. You should NOT call trackChapterComplete on the source chapter, because it was not seen through the end.
		• destroy	

## **Pause tracking**

The Pause tracking support was added on VHL 1.6. At the same time, the buffer and pause behaviors were unified to have the same way of tracking and same metrics. VHL will send a new pause Video Heartbeat event at each 10 seconds during pause and will stop after 30 minutes, at this point the session will be closed. If the playback is resumed after 30 minutes of pause, VHL will automatically create a new tracking session and send a resume event.

For the implementation that are not passing to VHL all information about the player state, a new artificial tracking event was build called "stall" in order to define a state of the player that VHL does not know about. One simple example is when the player is in buffer mode, the playhead has same value during that period but the VHL was not informed due to the fact that the player is not exposing the event or just because the buffer event was not properly instrumented. The stalling event is tracked in the same way as paused.

#### Pause duration less than 30 minutes

In this scenario, complete the following tasks:

- 1. Start playback for a content that is 10 minutes long.
- 2. Pause the playback after 3 minutes.
- 3. Resume the content after 20 minutes and play the content until the end.



#### **Expected events**

- An Analytics video initiate event after the session starts.
- A video heartbeats start event after the session starts.
- video heartbeats play events every 10 seconds until the session is paused.
- video heartbeats pause events every 10 seconds while the session is paused.
- video heartbeats play events every 10 seconds after pause;
- A video heartbeats complete event when the playback is complete.
- A complete video call sent to Analytics when a session has ended.

Add pause metrics to analytics: has paused and number of pauses.

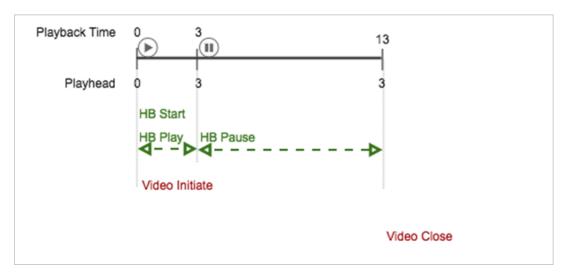
### **Expected metrics**

- 1 content start and 10 minutes of total time spent.
- All video solution events + has pause event, 1 pause event count.

#### **Abandon during pause**

In this scenario, complete the following tasks:

- 1. Start playback for a content that is 10 minutes long.
- 2. Pause the playback after 3 minutes;
- 3. Close the content after 10 minutes.



#### **Expected results**

• An Analytics video initiate event when the session starts.

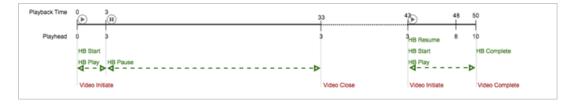
- A video heartbeats start event when the session starts.
- video heartbeats play events every 10 seconds until the session is paused.
- video heartbeats pause events every 10 seconds during the pause.
- A close video call sent to Analytics when a session has ended.

Add pause metrics to analytics: has paused and number of pauses.

#### Pause duration more than 30 minutes

In this scenario, complete the following tasks:

- 1. start playback for a content that is 10 minutes long.
- 2. pause the playback after 3 minutes.
- 3. resume the content after 40 minutes and play the content to the end.



#### **Expected events**

- An Analytics video initiate event after the session starts.
- A video heartbeats start event when the session starts.
- Video heartbeats play events every 10 seconds until the content is paused.
- Video heartbeats pause events every 10 seconds during pause for 30 minutes.
- A close video call sent to Analytics once a session has ended.

Add pause metrics to analytics: has paused and number of pauses.

- No video heartbeats event for 10 minutes until playback resumes.
- An Analytics video initiate event after a new tracking session starts after the playback resumes (including a new SID).
- A video heartbeats start event after the session starts (playback resumes).
- A video heartbeats resume event after the session starts (playback resumes).
- Video heartbeats play events every 10 seconds.
- A video heartbeats complete event after the playback is complete.
- A complete video call sent to Analytics after a session has ended.

Add resume metric to analytics: has resume.

#### **Expected metrics**

- 1 content starts and 3 minutes of total time spent.
- All video solution events + has pause event, and 1 pause event count.
- 1 content starts and 7 minutes of total time spent.
- All video solution events + has resume event.

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