

APS Developer Cheat Sheet

Single-page reference for Autodesk Platform Services APIs

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- Single-page reference for Autodesk Platform Services (APS) with RAPS CLI shortcuts**
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2 Authentication

3 OAuth Flow Comparison

2-Legged OAuth	3-Legged OAuth
Use: Server-to-server	Use: User-facing apps
Context: App identity	Context: User + app
BIM360: Limited access	BIM360: Full access
Grant: client_credentials	Grant: authorization_code
RAPS: raps auth login	RAPS: raps auth login --3legged

4 Essential OAuth Scopes

Scope	Purpose	RAPS Usage
data:read	Read files/projects	--scopes data:read
data:write	Modify metadata	--scopes data:read,data:write
data:create	Upload files	--scopes
		data:read,data:write,data:create
bucket:read	List buckets	--scopes bucket:read
bucket:create	Create buckets	--scopes bucket:read,bucket:create
viewables:read	View models	--scopes viewables:read
code:all	Design Automation	--scopes code:all
account:read	BIM360/ACC info	--scopes account:read

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5 Data Management API

6 Common Endpoints

Operation	Manual API Call	RAPS Command
List Hubs	GET /project/v1/hubs	raps dm hubs
List Projects	GET /project/v1/hubs/{id}/projects	raps dm projects
List Folders	GET /data/v1/projects/{id}/folders/{id}/contents	raps dm folders <project>
Upload File	Multi-step: Create storage → Upload → Create item → Create version	raps dm upload <file> --project <id>
Download	GET /data/v1/projects/{id}/downloads + download URL	raps dm download <item_id>

7 URN Formats

Context	URN Format	Example
OSS Object	urn:adsk.objects:os.object:{bucket}: urn:adsk.objects:os.object: mybucket:mo	

Context	URN Format	Example
Data Mgmt Encoded	urn:adsk.wipprod:dm.lineage:{item_id} Base64 URL-safe encoding	urn:adsk.wipprod:dm.lineage:abc123... dXJu0mFkc2sub2JqZWN0cy...

- URN Encoding:**

```
# Manual (error-prone)
echo -n "urn:..." | base64 | tr '+/' '-_' | tr -d '='

# With RAPS
raps urn encode "urn:adsk.objects:os.object:bucket/file.dwg"
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8 Object Storage Service (OSS)

9 Bucket Operations

Operation	Manual API	RAPS Command
List Buckets	GET /oss/v2/buckets	raps bucket list
Create Bucket	POST /oss/v2/buckets	raps bucket create <name>
Delete Bucket	DELETE /oss/v2/buckets/{key}	raps bucket delete <name>

10 Object Operations

Operation	Manual API	RAPS Command
List Objects	GET /oss/v2/buckets/{key}/objects	raps oss list <bucket>
Upload Object	PUT /oss/v2/buckets/{key}/objects/{name}	raps oss upload <file> <bucket>
Download	GET /oss/v2/buckets/{key}/objects/{name}	raps oss download <bucket>

11 Bucket Naming Rules

- 3-128 characters, lowercase, numbers, hyphens
- Must start/end with letter or number
- No spaces, underscores, IP addresses
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12 Model Derivative API

13 Translation Workflow

1. Upload → 2. Start Translation → 3. Poll Status → 4. Download Results

14 Translation Operations

Operation	Manual Process	RAPS Command
Start Translation	POST /modelderivative/v2/designdata/job svf2	raps translate <urn> --formats
Check Status	GET /modelderivative/v2/designdata/{urn}/manifest	raps translate status <urn>
Wait Complete	Manual polling with delays	raps translate <urn> --wait
Get Properties	GET /modelderivative/v2/designdata/{urn}/metadata/{guid}/properties	raps translate properties

15 Output Formats

Format	Use Case	RAPS Code
SVF2	Web viewer (modern)	svf2
SVF	Web viewer (legacy)	svf
OBJ	3D meshes	obj
STL	3D printing	stl
PDF	2D drawings	pdf
DWG	AutoCAD format	dwg

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16 Design Automation API

17 Engine Support

Engine	File Types	RAPS Command
AutoCAD	DWG, DXF	raps da engines --filter autocad
Revit	RVT, RFA	raps da engines --filter revit
Inventor	IPT, IAM	raps da engines --filter inventor
3ds Max	MAX	raps da engines --filter max

18 DA Components

AppBundle (code) + Activity (process) + WorkItem (execution)

Component	RAPS Management
AppBundle	raps da appbundle create
Activity	raps da activity create
WorkItem	raps da workitem submit

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19 Common Error Codes

Code	Cause	RAPS Solution
400	Invalid request format	Built-in validation
401	Invalid/expired token	raps auth refresh
403	Insufficient permissions	raps auth status --scopes
404	URN not found	raps urn encode
409	Bucket name conflict	raps bucket list first
429	Rate limit exceeded	Built-in rate limiting

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20 Rate Limits

API	Limit	RAPS Handling
Authentication	500/min	Automatic token reuse
Data Management	100/min	Intelligent batching
Model Derivative	20 concurrent	Queue management
OSS	500/min	Parallel optimization

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21 Quick Setup Commands

22 First-Time Setup

```
# Install RAPS
# Windows: scoop install raps
# macOS: brew install raps
# Linux: cargo install raps-cli

# Authenticate
raps auth login

# Test
raps auth status
```

23 Common Workflows

```
# Upload → Translate → View
raps oss upload model.rvt mybucket
raps translate $(raps urn encode "urn:adsk.objects:os.object:mybucket:model.rvt") --wait
raps view $(raps urn encode "urn:adsk.objects:os.object:mybucket:model.rvt")

# Batch Operations
raps oss upload-batch *.dwg --bucket mybucket
raps translate-batch --bucket mybucket --formats svf2
```

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24 Emergency Commands

```
# Authentication issues
raps auth refresh
raps auth login --force
raps auth status --verbose

# Operation failures
raps health check --comprehensive
raps logs --level error --last 1h
```

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25 Pro Tips

- Use `raps examples` for common workflows
- Set up profiles: `raps auth login --profile <name>`
- Enable verbose: `--verbose` flag for debugging

- Health check: `raps health check` for issues
- ** Support:** RAPS Discord | GitHub
- Resources:** rapscli.xyz | APS Docs
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