



User Guide

AWS Elemental MediaTailor



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What is AWS Elemental MediaTailor?

AWS Elemental MediaTailor is a scalable ad insertion and channel assembly service that runs in the AWS Cloud. With MediaTailor, you can serve targeted ad content to viewers and create linear streams while maintaining broadcast quality in over-the-top (OTT) video applications. MediaTailor ad insertion supports Apple HTTP Live Streaming (HLS) and MPEG Dynamic Adaptive Streaming over HTTP (DASH) for video on demand (VOD) and live workflows.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion offers important advances over traditional ad-tracking systems: ads are better monetized, more consistent in video quality and resolution, and easier to manage across multi-platform environments. MediaTailor simplifies your ad workflow by allowing all IP-connected devices to render ads in the same way as they render other content. The service also offers advanced tracking of ad views, which further increases the monetization of content.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor channel assembly is a manifest-only service that allows you to create linear streaming channels using your existing video on demand (VOD) content. MediaTailor never touches your content segments, which are served directly from your origin server. Instead, MediaTailor fetches the manifests from your origin, and uses them to assemble a live sliding manifest window that references the underlying content segments.

MediaTailor channel assembly makes it easy to monetize your channel by inserting ad breaks into your stream without having to condition it with SCTE-35 markers. You can use channel assembly with MediaTailor ad insertion, or another server-side ad insertion service.

MediaTailor concepts

Here's an overview of the concepts that are used throughout the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor User Guide*.

HLS playlist types

HTTP Live Streaming (HLS) uses two primary types of playlists: multivariant playlists and media playlists. Understanding the difference between these playlist types is essential for configuring and troubleshooting MediaTailor workflows.

Multivariant playlist

A multivariant playlist is the top-level index file in an HLS streaming workflow that lists all available renditions of the content. It contains references to media playlists but does not

contain any media segments itself. The multivariant playlist allows players to select the most appropriate rendition based on network conditions, device capabilities, or user preferences.

This playlist type is also known by several other names in various contexts:

- Master playlist (term used in older documentation)
- Master manifest (common industry term)
- Primary playlist
- Main playlist
- Index file
- Master M3U8

In MediaTailor workflows, the multivariant playlist is the entry point for playback requests and is where ad personalization begins.

Example Multivariant playlist example

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-INDEPENDENT-SEGMENTS
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=2665726,AVERAGE-
BANDWIDTH=2526299,RESOLUTION=960x540,CODECS="avc1.640029,mp4a.40.2",SUBTITLES="subtitles"
index_1.m3u8
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=4786126,AVERAGE-
BANDWIDTH=4547599,RESOLUTION=1280x720,CODECS="avc1.640029,mp4a.40.2",SUBTITLES="subtitles"
index_2.m3u8
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=8171787,AVERAGE-
BANDWIDTH=7768157,RESOLUTION=1920x1080,CODECS="avc1.640029,mp4a.40.2",SUBTITLES="subtitles"
index_3.m3u8
```

Media playlist

A media playlist contains the actual media segment information for a specific rendition (quality level) of the content. It includes timing information, segment URLs, and other metadata required for playback of a single rendition. Each media playlist represents a different combination of resolution, bitrate, and other characteristics.

This playlist type is also known by several other names:

- Variant playlist
- Child manifest (common industry term)

- Chunklist
- Media M3U8
- Rendition playlist

In MediaTailor workflows, media playlists are personalized to include both content segments and ad segments in the proper sequence.

Example Media playlist example

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:6
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:6
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:123456
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY-SEQUENCE:0
#EXTINF:6.0,
segment123456.ts
#EXTINF:6.0,
segment123457.ts
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXTINF:5.0,
ad-segment1.ts
#EXTINF:5.0,
ad-segment2.ts
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXTINF:6.0,
segment123458.ts
```

Note

Both multivariant and media playlists are text-based files that use the .m3u8 extension. The terminology for these files varies across different documentation and contexts, but the fundamental roles remain the same in the HLS streaming architecture.

When configuring MediaTailor, you typically provide the URL to the multivariant playlist in your content origin. MediaTailor then handles the personalization of both the multivariant playlist and the media playlists to insert ads according to your configuration.

For more information about HLS playlist specifications, see the [HTTP Live Streaming RFC](#).

DASH manifest types

Dynamic Adaptive Streaming over HTTP (DASH) uses a Media Presentation Description (MPD) manifest to deliver streaming content. Understanding the structure and components of DASH manifests is essential for configuring and troubleshooting MediaTailor workflows.

MPD (Media Presentation Description)

The MPD is the primary manifest file in DASH streaming that describes the structure and availability of media content. It contains information about periods, adaptation sets, representations, and segments that make up the streaming content.

This manifest type is also known by several other names in various contexts:

- DASH manifest
- DASH MPD
- Master manifest (when comparing to HLS)
- Presentation manifest

In MediaTailor workflows, the MPD is the entry point for playback requests and is where ad personalization begins.

Example MPD manifest example

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<MPD xmlns="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xsi:schemaLocation="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011 DASH-MPD.xsd" profiles="urn:mpeg:dash:profile:isoff-live:2011" type="dynamic" minBufferTime="PT5.000S" maxSegmentDuration="PT2.005S" availabilityStartTime="2020-01-01T00:00:00Z" publishTime="2020-01-01T12:30:00Z" minimumUpdatePeriod="PT2.000S" timeShiftBufferDepth="PT5M">
    <Period id="1" start="PT0.000S">
        <AdaptationSet id="1" contentType="video" segmentAlignment="true" bitstreamSwitching="true" frameRate="30000/1001" maxWidth="1920" maxHeight="1080" par="16:9">
            <Representation id="1" mimeType="video/mp4" codecs="avc1.640028" width="1920" height="1080" bandwidth="5000000">
                <SegmentTemplate timescale="90000" initialization="init-stream$RepresentationID$.m4s" media="chunk-stream$RepresentationID$-$Number%05d$.m4s" startNumber="1" duration="180000"/>
            </Representation>
        </AdaptationSet>
    </Period>
</MPD>
```

```
<Representation id="2" mimeType="video/mp4" codecs="avc1.4d401f" width="1280" height="720" bandwidth="2800000">
    <SegmentTemplate timescale="90000" initialization="init-stream
$RepresentationID$.m4s" media="chunk-stream$RepresentationID$-$Number%05d$.m4s"
startNumber="1" duration="180000"/>
</Representation>
<Representation id="3" mimeType="video/mp4" codecs="avc1.4d401e" width="640" height="360" bandwidth="1100000">
    <SegmentTemplate timescale="90000" initialization="init-stream
$RepresentationID$.m4s" media="chunk-stream$RepresentationID$-$Number%05d$.m4s"
startNumber="1" duration="180000"/>
</Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
<AdaptationSet id="2" contentType="audio" segmentAlignment="true" lang="eng">
    <Representation id="4" mimeType="audio/mp4" codecs="mp4a.40.2"
audioSamplingRate="48000" bandwidth="128000">
        <SegmentTemplate timescale="48000" initialization="init-stream
$RepresentationID$.m4s" media="chunk-stream$RepresentationID$-$Number%05d$.m4s"
startNumber="1" duration="96000"/>
    </Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
</Period>
</MPD>
```

Period

A Period is a temporal section of a DASH presentation. Each Period contains one or more adaptation sets and represents a span of media time. In ad insertion workflows, separate Periods are typically used to delineate between content and ads.

This component is also known by several other names:

- Content segment
- Timeline section
- Program segment

In MediaTailor workflows, Periods are used to separate main content from ad content, with each ad typically represented by its own Period.

Example Period example

```
<Period id="ad-period-1" start="PT30.000S" duration="PT15.000S">
```

```
<AdaptationSet id="1" contentType="video" segmentAlignment="true"
bitstreamSwitching="true" frameRate="30000/1001" maxWidth="1920" maxHeight="1080"
par="16:9">
  <Representation id="1" mimeType="video/mp4" codecs="avc1.640028" width="1920"
height="1080" bandwidth="5000000">
    <SegmentTemplate timescale="90000" initialization="ad1/init-stream
$RepresentationID$.m4s" media="ad1/chunk-stream$RepresentationID$-$Number%05d$.m4s"
startNumber="1" duration="180000"/>
  </Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
</Period>
```

AdaptationSet

An **AdaptationSet** groups a set of interchangeable encoded versions of one or several media content components. For example, one **AdaptationSet** might contain multiple video quality levels, while another might contain multiple audio language options.

This component is also known as:

- Media component group
- Stream set
- Track group

In MediaTailor workflows, **AdaptationSets** are preserved during ad insertion to maintain consistent media types between content and ads.

Representation

A **Representation** is a specific encoded version of the media content within an **AdaptationSet**. Each **Representation** typically differs in bitrate, resolution, or other encoding parameters, allowing clients to select the most appropriate version based on network conditions and device capabilities.

This component is also known as:

- Rendition (similar to HLS)
- Quality level
- Bitrate variant
- Stream variant

In MediaTailor workflows, **Representations** in ad **Periods** are matched as closely as possible to the **Representations** in content **Periods** to ensure a smooth viewing experience.

Segment

A Segment is a unit of media data that can be referenced individually by a URL. Segments contain the actual media content (video, audio, etc.) and are referenced within the MPD. There are two main types of segments in DASH:

- **Initialization Segment:** Contains initialization information for a Representation, such as codec parameters and timing information.
- **Media Segment:** Contains the actual media data for a specific time range within a Representation.

In MediaTailor workflows, segment URLs are often modified to point to the appropriate content or ad media files.

Note

DASH manifests are XML-based files that typically use the .mpd extension. The terminology for these files and their components may vary across different documentation and contexts, but the fundamental structure remains the same in the DASH streaming architecture.

When configuring MediaTailor, you provide the URL to the MPD manifest in your content origin. MediaTailor then handles the personalization of the manifest, typically by inserting additional Periods for ads according to your configuration.

For more information about DASH manifest specifications, see the [DASH Industry Forum Implementation Guidelines](#).

Advanced DASH manifest concepts

When working with DASH manifests in MediaTailor, understanding the following advanced concepts can help you configure and troubleshoot your streaming workflows more effectively:

Period start time calculation

In DASH manifests, Period start times are calculated based on the MPD's availabilityStartTime attribute and the Period's start attribute. For live streams, the start time is relative to the availability start time, while for VOD content, it's typically relative to the beginning of the presentation.

When MediaTailor inserts ad Periods, it carefully calculates the start times to ensure seamless transitions between content and ads. This calculation takes into account:

- The original Period's start time
- The duration of preceding ad Periods
- Any time offset specified in the ad decision server response

Preroll timing calculations

Preroll ads in DASH manifests require special handling because they appear before the main content begins. MediaTailor inserts preroll ads as separate Periods at the beginning of the manifest with appropriate start times and durations.

For preroll ads, MediaTailor:

- Creates a new Period for each preroll ad
- Sets the first preroll Period's start time to 0
- Adjusts the start time of the main content Period to account for the total duration of all preroll ads

Live-to-VOD transitions

DASH manifests can transition from live to VOD (Video on Demand) format when a live stream ends. This transition involves changing the MPD's type attribute from dynamic to static and adjusting other attributes like `timeShiftBufferDepth` and `minimumUpdatePeriod`.

When MediaTailor processes manifests during live-to-VOD transitions, it ensures that:

- Ad markers are preserved in the VOD manifest
- Period start times are adjusted to maintain proper timing
- The manifest remains compatible with VOD playback clients

DRM handling

Digital Rights Management (DRM) information in DASH manifests is typically included in the `ContentProtection` elements within `AdaptationSets` or `Representations`. MediaTailor preserves these elements during ad insertion to ensure that content protection remains intact.

When processing DRM-protected content, MediaTailor:

- Maintains all `ContentProtection` elements from the original manifest
- Ensures that ad content uses compatible DRM schemes if applicable

- Preserves any DRM-related attributes and elements throughout the manifest

SCC flags

Supplemental Content Control (SCC) flags in DASH manifests provide additional information about content characteristics and playback requirements. These flags are typically included as attributes or elements within the MPD structure.

Common SCC flags that MediaTailor processes include:

- Content rating information
- Accessibility features (closed captions, audio descriptions)
- Content advisory notices
- Playback restrictions

MediaTailor preserves these flags during manifest processing to ensure that all content metadata is maintained in the personalized manifest.

Understanding these advanced concepts helps you configure MediaTailor for optimal performance and troubleshoot any issues that may arise in your DASH streaming workflows.

Ad insertion concepts

Here's an overview of the concepts that are related to ad insertion.

Ad avail

A specific unit of advertising time within an ad break that can be sold to advertisers. An ad break may contain multiple ad availabilities. When MediaTailor receives a VAST response from an ad decision server, it fills these availabilities with personalized ads.

Ad break

The time period during programming when commercials are shown. Ad breaks can occur before content (pre-roll), during content (mid-roll), or after content (post-roll). MediaTailor identifies ad breaks in manifests through markers like SCTE-35.

Ad decision server (ADS)

A server that provides advertising spot specifications based on criteria including current advertising campaigns and viewer preferences.

Configuration

An object in MediaTailor that you interact with. The configuration holds location information about the origin server and the ad decision server (ADS). The configuration also holds endpoints that provide access points in and out of MediaTailor.

Dynamic transcoding

A process that matches the ad quality and format to the primary video content when content is requested. Dynamic transcoding reduces storage requirements and ensures that playback seamlessly transitions between the ad and video content.

Manifest manipulation

The process of rewriting manifests from the origin server so that the manifests reference the appropriate ad and content fragments. Ads are determined by the VAST response from the ad decision server (ADS). As playback progresses, MediaTailor performs ad insertion or ad replacement into the content stream.

VAST and VMAP

Video Ad Serving Template (VAST) and Video Multiple Ad Playlist (VMAP) are XML responses that the ad decision server sends to ad requests from MediaTailor. The responses dictate what ads MediaTailor inserts in the manifest. VMAP also includes timing for ad breaks and the ad avails within them. For more information about the logic behind MediaTailor ad insertion, see [Understanding AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion behavior](#). For more information about how MediaTailor works with VAST, see [the section called “Requirements for ad server integrations”](#).

Channel assembly concepts

Here's an overview of the concepts that are related to channel assembly.

Channels

A channel assembles your source manifests into a linear stream. Each channel has one or more outputs that contain playback URLs accessed by players. The channel outputs correspond to the package configuration settings you create for your VOD sources. A channel contains a schedule, which determines when VOD sources will play in the channel's stream.

Package configuration

A packager configuration is a representation of your VOD source that contains specific packaged format characteristics. You associate your package configurations with channel outputs to create playback streams for your VOD source's packaged formats, such as HTTP Live Streaming (HLS).

Schedule

Each channel is made up of programs that are arranged into the channel's schedule. The schedule determines what time the programs will play in the channel's linear stream.

Source locations

A source location represents the origin server where your assets are stored. It can be Amazon S3, an HTTP server, a Content Delivery Network (CDN), or a packaging infrastructure such as MediaPackage.

VOD sources

A VOD source represents a single piece of content, such as a movie or an episode of a TV show. You associate VOD sources with programs to add them to your channel's linear stream.

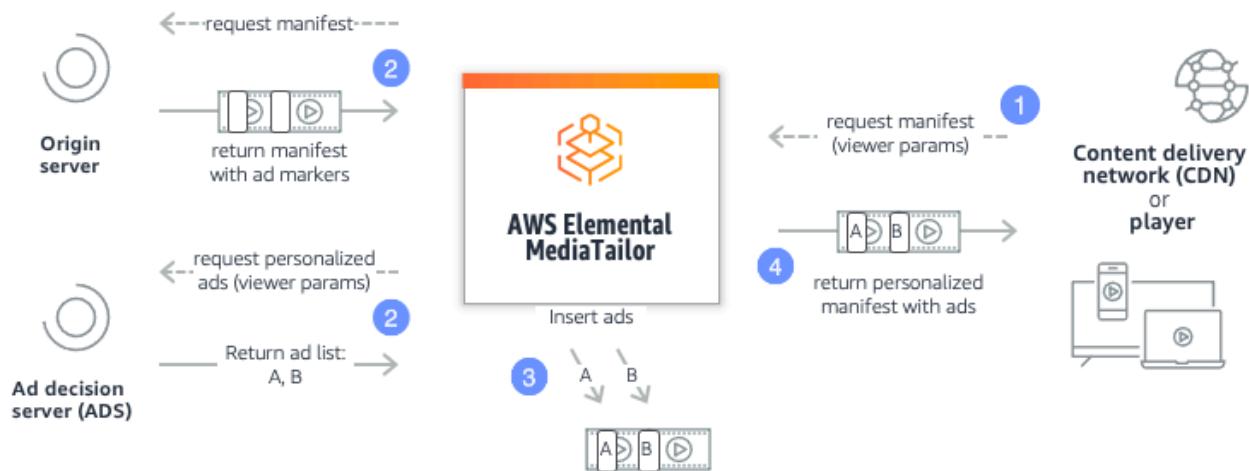
Audience

An audience defines a viewer cohort which can optionally have alternate content. You can define audiences on standard linear channels.

How MediaTailor ad insertion works

AWS Elemental MediaTailor interacts between your content delivery network (CDN), origin server, and ad decision server (ADS) to stitch personalized ads into ad breaks within live and video on demand content.

Here's an overview of how MediaTailor ad insertion works:



1. A player or CDN such as Amazon CloudFront sends a request to MediaTailor for HLS or DASH content. The request contains parameters from the player with information about the viewer, which is used for ad personalization.
2. MediaTailor sends a request to the ADS that contains the viewer information. The ADS chooses ads based on the viewer information and current ad campaigns. It returns the URLs to the ad creatives in a VAST or VMAP response to MediaTailor.

If you pre-conditioned the ads, the URLs point to the pre-transcoded ads. For information about ad stitching with pre-transcoded ads, see [Preconditioned ads](#).

3. MediaTailor manipulates the manifest to include the ad URLs returned from the ADS, transcoded to match the encoding characteristics of the origin content. If you're using preconditioned ads, it's your responsibility to ensure that the ad matches the template manifest.

If an ad hasn't yet been transcoded to match the content, MediaTailor will skip inserting it and use MediaConvert to prepare the ad so that it's ready for the next request.

4. MediaTailor returns the fully personalized manifest to the requesting CDN or player.

The ADS tracks the ads viewed based on viewing milestones such as start of ad, middle of ad, and end of ad. As playback progresses, the player or MediaTailor sends ad tracking beacons to the ADS ad tracking URL, to record how much of an ad has been viewed. In the session initialization with MediaTailor, the player indicates whether it or MediaTailor is to send these beacons for the session.

For information about how to get started with ad insertion, see [Getting started with MediaTailor](#).

AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion event flow

AWS Elemental MediaTailor processes manifest personalization for server-side ad insertion through a predictable sequence of events. Understanding this event flow helps you comprehend how MediaTailor transforms ad opportunities into personalized viewing experiences and provides a foundation for troubleshooting when issues occur.

Each ad insertion opportunity follows a chronological sequence of events that MediaTailor logs for visibility and monitoring. These events represent key milestones in the manifest personalization process, from detecting an ad opportunity to delivering tracking information.

Standard event sequence

When MediaTailor successfully processes an ad insertion opportunity, the following sequence of events typically occurs:

- 1. Ad opportunity detection** - MediaTailor detects an ad marker (such as SCTE-35) in the content manifest, indicating an ad personalization opportunity is available.
- 2. Ad decision server request** - MediaTailor sends a request to the configured ad decision server (ADS) to retrieve advertisements for the detected opportunity, including viewer parameters and ad break duration.
- 3. Ad response processing** - MediaTailor receives a response from the ADS containing ad creative information, tracking URLs, and metadata about the advertisements to be included. For more information about VAST, VMAP, and VPAID response formats, see [Requirements for ad server integrations](#).
- 4. Manifest personalization** - MediaTailor successfully processes the ad response, transcodes the advertisements if necessary, and generates a personalized manifest that includes relative URLs for both the ad segments and origin content. MediaTailor then sends the personalized manifest to the playback device.
- 5. Tracking beacon activation** - A tracking beacon is fired to report ad events (such as impressions, quartiles, and completion) back to the ad server or other measurement systems. In server-side reporting mode (default), MediaTailor fires the beacon based on player segment requests. In client-side reporting mode, the playback device fires the beacon using URLs provided in the personalized manifest.

Typical timing: This entire sequence usually completes within 2-5 seconds, depending on ad decision server response time and ad creative processing requirements.

Common event variations

Not all ad insertion attempts follow the standard successful sequence. MediaTailor handles various scenarios that can alter the event flow:

Empty ad response scenario

When the ad decision server returns no advertisements:

1. Ad opportunity detection occurs normally
2. Ad decision server request is sent successfully
3. ADS returns an empty response with zero ads
4. No ads are included in the personalized manifest for this opportunity

This is a normal scenario that can occur due to ad inventory availability, targeting criteria, or business rules configured in the ad decision server. In this case, the underlying content will be displayed unless the stream is a live or live-to-VOD stream and slate has been configured. For more information, see [Inserting slate](#).

Error scenarios

When technical issues prevent successful ad insertion, the event flow might be interrupted at various points:

- **Ad decision server timeout** - The request to the ADS exceeds the configured timeout threshold, preventing ad retrieval.
- **Communication errors** - Network or connectivity issues prevent MediaTailor from reaching the ad decision server.
- **Response parsing errors** - The ADS returns a response that MediaTailor cannot parse due to invalid VAST format or structure.

In error scenarios, MediaTailor typically continues with content playback without ads, ensuring uninterrupted viewer experience. For live or live-to-VOD streams with slate configured, slate content might be displayed instead. For more information, see [Inserting slate](#).

VAST redirect scenarios

When the initial VAST response contains a redirect to another ad server:

1. Ad opportunity detection and initial ADS request occur normally
2. Initial response contains a redirect instruction
3. MediaTailor follows the redirect to retrieve the final ad response
4. Manifest personalization proceeds with the final ad content
5. Tracking beacon activation occurs normally

VAST redirects are common in programmatic advertising and allow for ad server chaining and real-time decisioning. MediaTailor allows up to 7 wrapper redirects and unlimited HTTP redirects during the ad retrieval process.

Event timing overview

Understanding the timing characteristics of MediaTailor event flows helps set appropriate expectations for ad insertion performance:

- **Ad opportunity detection** - Occurs when MediaTailor receives a GetManifest request from the player and encounters the ad markers in the content manifest.
- **Ad decision server interaction** - Typically takes 100-500 milliseconds, depending on ADS response time and network conditions.
- **Manifest personalization** - Usually completes within 50-200 milliseconds after receiving the ADS response.
- **Tracking beacon timing** - Varies by reporting mode. For server-side beacons, timing is based on segment requests from the client player; client-side beacons fire based on player implementation.

Performance considerations: The total time from ad opportunity detection to manifest delivery should typically remain under 5 seconds to maintain optimal viewer experience. Individual components complete in milliseconds as described above. However, the 5-second threshold accounts for potential timeout values, retry attempts, and network variability that can occur during the complete ad insertion workflow. Longer delays might indicate ADS performance issues or network connectivity problems.

Using event flow knowledge

Understanding MediaTailor event flow provides the foundation for:

- **Implementation planning** - Knowing the event sequence helps in designing player integration and ad server configuration.
- **Performance optimization** - Understanding timing expectations enables identification of bottlenecks and optimization opportunities.
- **Troubleshooting preparation** - Familiarity with normal event flows makes it easier to identify when something goes wrong.

For detailed troubleshooting guidance using event flow analysis, see [Troubleshooting](#). For technical details about event logging and monitoring, see [Viewing logs](#).

Related services

- **Amazon CloudFront** is a global content delivery network (CDN) service that securely delivers data and videos to your viewers. Use CloudFront to deliver content with the best possible performance. For more information about CloudFront, see the [Amazon CloudFront website](#).
- **AWS Elemental MediaPackage** is a just-in-time packaging and origination service that customizes live video assets for distribution in a format that is compatible with the device that makes the request. Use AWS Elemental MediaPackage as an origin server to prepare content and add ad markers before sending streams to MediaTailor. For more information about how MediaTailor works with origin servers, see [How MediaTailor ad insertion works](#).
- **AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM)** is a web service that helps you securely control access to AWS resources for your users. Use IAM to control who can use your AWS resources (authentication) and what resources they can use in which ways (authorization). For more information, see [Setting up AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

Accessing MediaTailor

You can access MediaTailor using the service's console.

Access your AWS account by providing credentials that verify that you have permissions to use the services.

To log in to the MediaTailor console, use the following link: <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/home>.

Pricing for MediaTailor

As with other AWS products, there are no contracts or minimum commitments for using MediaTailor. You are charged based on your use of the service. For more information, see [MediaTailor pricing](#).

Regions for MediaTailor

To reduce data latency in your applications, MediaTailor offers regional endpoints to make your requests. To view the list of Regions in which MediaTailor is available, see [Regional endpoints](#).

Setting up AWS Elemental MediaTailor

This section guides you through the steps required to configure users to access AWS Elemental MediaTailor. For background and additional information about identity and access management for MediaTailor, see [Identity and Access Management for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

To start using AWS Elemental MediaTailor, complete the following steps.

Topics

- [Sign up for an AWS account](#)
- [Create a user with administrative access](#)

Sign up for an AWS account

If you do not have an AWS account, complete the following steps to create one.

To sign up for an AWS account

1. Open <https://portal.aws.amazon.com/billing/signup>.
2. Follow the online instructions.

Part of the sign-up procedure involves receiving a phone call or text message and entering a verification code on the phone keypad.

When you sign up for an AWS account, an *AWS account root user* is created. The root user has access to all AWS services and resources in the account. As a security best practice, assign administrative access to a user, and use only the root user to perform [tasks that require root user access](#).

AWS sends you a confirmation email after the sign-up process is complete. At any time, you can view your current account activity and manage your account by going to <https://aws.amazon.com/> and choosing **My Account**.

Create a user with administrative access

After you sign up for an AWS account, secure your AWS account root user, enable AWS IAM Identity Center, and create an administrative user so that you don't use the root user for everyday tasks.

Secure your AWS account root user

1. Sign in to the [AWS Management Console](#) as the account owner by choosing **Root user** and entering your AWS account email address. On the next page, enter your password.

For help signing in by using root user, see [Signing in as the root user](#) in the *AWS Sign-In User Guide*.

2. Turn on multi-factor authentication (MFA) for your root user.

For instructions, see [Enable a virtual MFA device for your AWS account root user \(console\)](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Create a user with administrative access

1. Enable IAM Identity Center.

For instructions, see [Enabling AWS IAM Identity Center](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide*.

2. In IAM Identity Center, grant administrative access to a user.

For a tutorial about using the IAM Identity Center directory as your identity source, see [Configure user access with the default IAM Identity Center directory](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide*.

Sign in as the user with administrative access

- To sign in with your IAM Identity Center user, use the sign-in URL that was sent to your email address when you created the IAM Identity Center user.

For help signing in using an IAM Identity Center user, see [Signing in to the AWS access portal](#) in the *AWS Sign-In User Guide*.

Assign access to additional users

1. In IAM Identity Center, create a permission set that follows the best practice of applying least-privilege permissions.

For instructions, see [Create a permission set](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide*.

2. Assign users to a group, and then assign single sign-on access to the group.

For instructions, see [Add groups](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide*.

Getting started with MediaTailor

To get started with MediaTailor, you can choose between two tutorials—one on setting up ad insertion, and another on channel assembly. The ad insertion tutorial will guide you through sending a playback request to MediaTailor to incorporate personalized ads into your content stream. The channel assembly tutorial will show you how to view your channel's stream, including the personalized ads, directly in a browser using a playback URL.

Topics

- [Getting started with MediaTailor ad insertion](#)
- [Getting started with MediaTailor channel assembly](#)

Getting started with MediaTailor ad insertion

To use AWS Elemental MediaTailor, you need an AWS account and permissions to access, view, and edit MediaTailor configurations. For information on how to do this, see [Setting up AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

This Getting Started tutorial shows you how to perform the following tasks:

- Prepare your HLS or DASH content streams
- Configure an ad decision server (ADS) template URL
- Create a MediaTailor configuration that contains a playback endpoint
- Use your player or content delivery network (CDN) to make a playback request to MediaTailor

When you're finished, you'll be able to send a playback request to MediaTailor for personalized ad content in your stream.

Topics

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Step 1: Access AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [Step 2: Prepare a stream](#)
- [Step 3: Configure ADS request URL and query parameters](#)
- [Step 4: Create a configuration](#)

- [Step 5: Test the configuration](#)
- [Step 6: Send the playback request to AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [Step 7 \(optional\): Monitor AWS Elemental MediaTailor activity](#)
- [Step 8: Clean up](#)

Prerequisites

Before you begin, be sure that you've completed the steps in [Setting up AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

Step 1: Access AWS Elemental MediaTailor

Using your IAM credentials, sign in to the MediaTailor console at [**https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/home**](https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/home).

Step 2: Prepare a stream

Configure your origin server to produce manifests for HLS or DASH that are compatible with AWS Elemental MediaTailor.

Prepare an HLS stream

HLS manifests must satisfy the following requirements:

- Manifests must be accessible on the public internet.
- Manifests must be live or video on demand (VOD).
- Manifests must have an EXT-X-VERSION of 3 or higher.
- For live content, manifests must contain markers to delineate ad availss. This is optional for VOD content, which can use VMAP timeoffsets instead.

The manifest file must have ad slots marked with one of the following:

- **#EXT-X-CUE-OUT / #EXT-X-CUE-IN** (more common) with durations as shown in the following example.

```
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT:60.00  
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
```

- **#EXT-X-DATERANGE** (less common) with durations as shown in the following example.

```
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="",START-DATE="",DURATION=30.000,SCTE35-OUT=0xF  
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="",START-DATE="",DURATION=30.000,SCTE35-OUT=0xF
```

All fields shown for #EXT-X-DATERANGE are required.

The way that you configure the ad markers in the manifest influences whether ads are inserted in a stream or replace other fragments in the stream. For more information, see [the section called "Understanding ad insertion behavior"](#).

- HLS multivariant playlists must follow the HLS specification documented at [HTTP live streaming: Master playlist tags](#). In particular, #EXT-X-STREAM-INF must include the fields RESOLUTION, BANDWIDTH, and CODEC.

After you have configured the stream, note the content origin URL prefix for the multivariant playlist. You need it to create the configuration in AWS Elemental MediaTailor, later in this tutorial.

Prepare a DASH stream

DASH manifests must satisfy the following requirements:

- Manifests must be accessible on the public internet.
- Manifests must be live or video on demand (VOD).
- Manifests must mark events as ad avail using either splice insert markers or time signal markers. You can provide the ad markers in clear XML or in base64-encoded binary. For splice insert, the out-of-network indicator must be enabled. For time signal markers, the segmentation type ID, located inside the segmentation UPID, must be a cue-out value recognized by AWS Elemental MediaTailor. The ad avail starts at the event start and lasts for the event duration, if one is specified, or until the next event starts.

The following example shows an event designated as an ad avail using splice insert markers. The duration for this ad avail is the event's duration.

```
<Period start="PT444806.040S" id="123586" duration="PT15.000S">  
  <EventStream timescale="90000" schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml">  
    <Event duration="1350000">  
      <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="180832"  
        tier="4095">
```

```
<scte35:SpliceInsert spliceEventId="4026531855"
spliceEventCancelIndicator="false" outOfNetworkIndicator="true"
spliceImmediateFlag="false" uniqueProgramId="1" availNum="1" availsExpected="1">
    <scte35:Program><scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="5672624400"/></
scte35:Program>
    <scte35:BreakDuration autoReturn="true" duration="1350000"/>
</scte35:SpliceInsert>
</scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
</Event>
</EventStream>
<AdaptationSet mimeType="video/mp4"
...
</AdaptationSet>
</Period>
```

- Ad avails must have the same AdaptationSet and Representation settings as content streams. AWS Elemental MediaTailor uses these settings to transcode the ads to match the content stream, for smooth switching between the two.

After you configure the stream, note the content origin URL prefix for the DASH manifest. You need it to create the configuration in AWS Elemental MediaTailor, later in this tutorial.

Step 3: Configure ADS request URL and query parameters

To determine the query parameters that the ADS requires, generate an ad tag URL from the ADS. This URL acts as a template for requests to the ADS, and consists of the following:

- Static values
- Values generated by AWS Elemental MediaTailor (denoted by session or avail query parameters)
- Values generated by players, obtained from the client application (denoted by player_params . query parameters)

Example Ad tag URL from an ADS

```
https://my.ads.com/ad?
output=vast&content_id=12345678&playerSession=[session.id]&cust_params=[player_params.cust_params]
```

Where:

- **output** and **content_id** are static values
- **playerSession=[session.id]** is a dynamic value provided by AWS Elemental MediaTailor. The value of **[session.id]** changes for each player session and results in a different URL for the VAST request for each session.
- **cust_params** are player-supplied dynamic values

The multivariant playlist request from the player must provide key-value pairs that correspond to the **player_params**. query parameters in the ADS request URL. For more information about configuring key-value pairs in the request to AWS Elemental MediaTailor, see [Using dynamic ad variables in MediaTailor](#).

Enter the configured "template" URL when you create the origin server/ADS mapping in MediaTailor, in [Step 4: Create a configuration](#).

Testing

You can use a static VAST response from your ADS for testing purposes. Ideally, the VAST response returns a mezzanine quality MP4 rendition that AWS Elemental MediaTailor can transcode. If the response from the ADS contains multiple playback renditions, MediaTailor picks the highest quality and resolution MP4 rendition and sends it to the transcoder.

Step 4: Create a configuration

The AWS Elemental MediaTailor configuration holds mapping information for the origin server and ADS.

To create a configuration (console)

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. On the **Configurations** page, choose **Create configuration**.
3. In the **Configuration** section at the bottom of the page, for **Configuration name**, enter a unique name that describes the configuration. The name is the primary identifier for the configuration. The maximum length allowed is 512 characters.
4. For **Video content source**, enter the URL prefix for the HLS multivariant playlist or DASH manifest for this stream, minus the asset ID. For example, if the multivariant playlist URL

is `http://origin-server.com/a/master.m3u8`, you would enter `http://origin-server.com/a/`. Alternatively, you can enter a shorter prefix such as `http://origin-server.com`, but then you must include the `/a/` in the asset ID in the player request for content. The maximum length is 512 characters.

 **Note**

If your content origin uses HTTPS, its certificate must be from a well-known certificate authority. (It can't be a self-signed certificate.) Otherwise, AWS Elemental MediaTailor fails to connect to the content origin and can't serve manifests in response to player requests.

5. For **Ad decision server**, enter the URL for your ADS. This is either the URL with variables as described in [Step 3: Configure ADS request URL and query parameters](#), or the static VAST URL that you are using for testing purposes. The maximum length is 25,000 characters.

 **Note**

If your ADS uses HTTPS, its certificate must be from a well-known certificate authority. (It can't be a self-signed certificate.) The same is true for mezzanine ad URLs returned by the ADS. Otherwise, MediaTailor fails to retrieve and stitch ads into the manifests from the content origin.

6. (Optional as needed for DASH) For **Location**, choose **DISABLED** if you have CDN routing rules set up for accessing MediaTailor manifests and you are either using client-side reporting or your players support sticky HTTP redirects.

For more information about the **Location** feature, see [the section called “Location feature”](#).

7. (Optional) If your origin server produces single-period DASH manifests, choose **DASH mpd manifest origin type**, and then choose **SINGLE_PERIOD**. By default, MediaTailor handles DASH manifests as multi-period manifests. For more information, see [the section called “Integrating an MPEG-DASH source”](#).
8. Choose **Create configuration**.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor displays the new configuration on the **Configurations** page.

Step 5: Test the configuration

After you save the configuration, test the stream using a URL in the appropriate format for your streaming protocol:

- Example: HLS

```
playback-endpoint/v1/masterhashed-account-id/origin-id/master.m3u8
```

- Example: DASH

```
playback-endpoint/v1/dash/hashed-account-id/origin-id/manifest.mpd
```

Where:

- **playback-endpoint** is the unique playback endpoint that AWS Elemental MediaTailor generated when the configuration was created.

Example

```
https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
```

- **hashed-account-id** is your AWS account ID.

Example

```
777788889999
```

- **origin-id** is the name that you gave when creating the configuration.

Example

```
myOrigin
```

- **master.m3u8** or **manifest.mpd** is the name of the manifest from the test stream plus its file extension. Define this so that you get a fully identified manifest when you append this to the video content source that you configured in [the section called "Step 4: Create a configuration"](#).

Using the values from the preceding examples, the full URLs are the following.

- Example: HLS

```
https://77778889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/master/  
AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE/myOrigin/master.m3u8
```

- Example: DASH

```
https://77778889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/dash/  
AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE/myOrigin/manifest.mpd
```

You can test the stream using one of the following methods.

- As shown in the preceding example, enter the URL in a standalone player.
- Test the stream in your own player environment.

Step 6: Send the playback request to AWS Elemental MediaTailor

Configure the downstream player or CDN to send playback requests to the configuration's playback endpoint provided from AWS Elemental MediaTailor. Any player-defined dynamic variables that you used in the ADS request URL in [Step 3: Configure ADS request URL and query parameters](#) must be defined in the manifest request from the player.

Example

Assume your template ADS URL is the following.

```
https://my.ads.com/ad?  
output=vast&content_id=12345678&playerSession=[session.id]&cust_params=[player_params.cust_params]
```

Then define [player_params.cust_params] in the player request by prefacing the key-value pair with ads.. AWS Elemental MediaTailor passes parameters that aren't preceded with ads. to the origin server instead of the ADS.

The player request URL is some variation of the following HLS and DASH examples.

```
https://77778889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/master/  
AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE/myOrigin/master.m3u8?ads.cust_params=viewerinfo
```

```
https://77778889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/dash/AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE/  
myOrigin/manifest.mpd?ads.cust_params=viewerinfo
```

When AWS Elemental MediaTailor receives the player request, it defines the player variables based on the information in the request. The resulting ADS request URL is some variation of this.

```
https://my.ads.com/ad?  
output=vast&content_id=12345678&playerSession=<filled_in_session_id>&cust_params=viewerinfo
```

For more information about configuring key-value pairs to pass to the ADS, see [Using dynamic ad variables in MediaTailor](#).

Step 7 (optional): Monitor AWS Elemental MediaTailor activity

Use Amazon CloudWatch and Amazon CloudWatch Logs to track AWS Elemental MediaTailor activity, such as the counts of requests, errors, and ad availss filled.

If this is your first time using CloudWatch with AWS Elemental MediaTailor, create an AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) role to allow communication between the services.

To allow AWS Elemental MediaTailor access to CloudWatch (console)

1. Open the IAM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/iam/>.
2. In the navigation pane of the IAM console, choose **Roles**, and then choose **Create role**.
3. Choose the **Another AWS account** role type.
4. For **Account ID**, enter your AWS account ID.
5. Select **Require external ID** and enter **midas**. This option automatically adds a condition to the trust policy that allows the service to assume the role only if the request includes the correct **sts:ExternalID**.
6. Choose **Next: Permissions**.
7. Add a permissions policy that specifies what actions this role can complete. Select from one of the following options, and then choose **Next: Review**:
 - **CloudWatchLogsFullAccess** to provide full access to Amazon CloudWatch Logs
 - **CloudWatchFullAccess** to provide full access to Amazon CloudWatch
8. For **Role name**, enter **MediaTailorLogger**, and then choose **Create role**.
9. On the **Roles** page, select the role that you just created.

10. Edit the trust relationship to update the principal:

1. On the role's **Summary** page, choose the **Trust relationship** tab.
2. Choose **Edit trust relationship**.
3. In the policy document, change the principal to the AWS Elemental MediaTailor service. It should look like this.

```
"Principal": {  
    "Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"  
},
```

The entire policy should read as follows.

```
{  
    "Version": "2012-10-17",  
    "Statement": [  
        {  
            "Effect": "Allow",  
            "Principal": {  
                "Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"  
            },  
            "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",  
            "Condition": {  
                "StringEquals": {  
                    "sts:ExternalId": "Midas"  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    ]  
}
```

4. Choose **Update Trust Policy**.

Step 8: Clean up

To avoid extraneous charges, delete all unnecessary configurations.

To delete a configuration (console)

1. On the AWS Elemental MediaTailor **Configurations** page, do one of the following:

- Choose the **Configuration name** for the configuration that you want to delete.
 - In the **Configuration name** column, choose the radio button, and then choose **Delete**.
2. In the **Delete configuration** confirmation box, enter **Delete**, and then choose **Delete** again.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor removes the configuration.

Getting started with MediaTailor channel assembly

This Getting Started tutorial shows you how to perform the following tasks:

- Create a source location, and add source content to it
- Create a channel
- Create a program list to play your channel's content on a schedule
- Add personalized ads to the channel stream using AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion

When you're finished, you'll be able to open a browser, enter the playback URL for your channel, and view your channel's stream containing personalized ads.

This tutorial walks you through the basic steps to get started with MediaTailor channel assembly. For more advanced information, see [Using AWS Elemental MediaTailor to create linear assembled streams](#).

Estimated cost

- The fee for an active channel is \$0.10 per hour. You aren't charged for channels that are inactive.

Topics

- [Prerequisites](#)
- [Step 1: Create a source location](#)
- [Step 2: Add VOD sources to your source location](#)
- [Step 3: Create a channel](#)
- [Step 4: Add programs to your channel's schedule](#)
- [Step 5 \(optional\): Use MediaTailor to insert personalized ads into your stream](#)
- [Step 6: Start your channel](#)

- [Step 7: Test your channel](#)
- [Step 8: Clean up](#)

Prerequisites

Before you begin this tutorial, you must complete these requirements:

- Be sure that you've completed the steps in [Setting up AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).
- You must have assets available for both VOD source content and ad slate. You must know the path to the manifests for the assets.

 **Note**

If you are using automated adaptive bitrate (ABR) or per title encoding, you must encode your assets so that all variants are the same length and have the same number of child tracks. We recommend that you use an encoding template with a minimum segment length of one second.

Step 1: Create a source location

A source location represents the origin server where your content is stored. It can be Amazon S3, a standard web server, a content delivery network (CDN), or a packaging origin, such as AWS Elemental MediaPackage.

MediaTailor fetches the content manifests from your source location, and uses them to assemble a live sliding manifest window that references the underlying content segments.

To create a source location, perform the following procedure.

To create a source location

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Source locations**.
3. On the navigation bar, choose **Create source location**.
4. Under **Source location configuration**, enter an identifier and the location of your source content:

- **Name:** An identifier for your source location, such as **my-origin**.
 - **Base URL:** The base URL of the origin server where your content is hosted, such as **https://111111111111.cloudfront.net**. The URL must be in a standard HTTP URL format, prefixed with **http://** or **https://**.
5. Choose **Create source location**.

Step 2: Add VOD sources to your source location

Now that you've defined one or more source locations for your channel, you can add one or more *VOD sources*. Each VOD source represents a single piece of content, such as a single movie, an episode of a TV show, or a highlight clip.

You must create at least one *package configuration* for your VOD source. Each package configuration contains the packaged format and manifest settings for your VOD sources. You then add your package configurations to your channel to create outputs.

You can use multiple package configurations to create different channel outputs. For example, if your VOD source is packaged as both HLS and DASH, you can create two package configurations for each format. You can then use the package configuration's source groups to create two channel outputs: one for HLS, one for DASH.

To add VOD sources and create package configurations

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Source locations**.
3. In the **Source locations** pane, choose the source location that you created in the [To create a source location](#) procedure.
4. Choose **Add VOD source**.
5. Under **VOD source details**, enter a **Name** for your VOD source, such as **my-example-video**.
6. Under **Package configurations** > *source-group-name* enter information about the package configuration:

Note

Your source's package configurations must all have the same duration, as determined by the source's manifest. And, all of the sources within a package configuration must

have the same number of child streams. To meet these requirements, we recommend that you use an encoding template for your assets. We recommend that you use an encoding template with a minimum segment length of one second. MediaTailor doesn't support per title or automated adaptive bitrate streaming (ABR) because these encoding methods violate these requirements.

- **Source group:** Enter a source group name that describes this package configuration, such as HLS-4k. Make a note of this name; you'll reference it when you create your channel's output. For more information, see [Using source groups with your channel's outputs](#).
- **Type:** Select the packaged format for this configuration. MediaTailor supports HLS and DASH.
- **Relative path:** The relative path from the source location's **Base HTTP URL** to the manifest. For example, `/my/path/index.m3u8`.

7. Choose **Add source**.
8. Repeat steps 4-7 in this procedure to add the VOD source for your ad slate.

Step 3: Create a channel

A channel assembles your sources into a live linear stream. Each channel contains one or more outputs that correspond to your VOD source's package configurations.

First you create a channel, then you add your VOD sources to the channel's schedule by creating programs.

To create a channel

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Channels**.
3. On the navigation bar, choose **Create channel**.
4. Under **Channel details**, enter details about your channel:
 - **Name:** Enter a name for your channel.
 - **Playback mode:** Determines what kind of program transitions are allowed and what happens to a program after it finishes. Use the default loop mode.
5. Choose **Next**.

6. Under **Output details**, define the settings for this output:

- **Manifest name:** Enter a manifest name, such as **index**. MediaTailor will append the format extension, such as .m3u8 for HLS.

 **Note**

You must enter a unique manifest name per channel output.

- **Format type:** Select the streaming format for the channel. DASH and HLS are supported. Choose the format that corresponds to the package configuration that you created in [Step 1: Create a source location](#).
- **Source group:** Enter the name of the source group that you created in [Step 1: Create a source location](#).

7. Under **Manifest settings**, enter additional information about your manifest settings:

- **Manifest window (sec):** The time window (in seconds) contained in each manifest. The minimum value is 30 seconds, and the maximum value is 3600 seconds.

8. Choose **Next**.

9. Under **Channel policy**, select **Do not attach channel policy**. This option restricts playback to only those who have access to your AWS account credentials.

10. Choose **Next**.

11. Review your settings on the **Review and create** pane.

12. Choose **Create channel**.

 **Note**

Channels are created in a stopped state. Your channel won't be active until you start it.

Step 4: Add programs to your channel's schedule

Now that you have a channel, you'll add *programs* to the channel's schedule. Each program contains a VOD source from a source location in your account. The channel schedule determines the order that your programs will play in the channel's stream.

Each program can have one or more ad breaks. You insert an ad break, by specifying a VOD source to use as an ad slate. The duration of the ad break is determined by the duration of the slate. You can optionally use a server-side ad insertion server, such as MediaTailor ad insertion, to personalize your ad breaks.

To add programs to your channel's schedule

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Channels**.
3. In the **Channels** pane, choose the channel that you created in the [Step 3: Create a channel](#) procedure.
4. Under **Program details**, enter details about your program:
 - **Name:** This is the name of the program to add to your channel's schedule.
 - **Source location name:** Choose **Select an existing source location**, and select the source location that you created in the [Step 1: Create a source location](#) from the **Select a source location** drop-down menu.
 - **VOD source name:** Choose **Select an existing VOD source** and select the VOD source that you created earlier in this tutorial.
5. Under **Playback configuration**, define how and when a program is inserted in a channel's schedule:
 - **Transition type:** This value is fixed at **Relative**. The relative transition type indicates that this program occurs relative to other programs within the program list.
 - **Relative position:** If this is the first program in your channel's schedule, you can skip this setting. If it's not the first program in your channel's schedule, then choose where in the program list to append the program. You can select **Before program** or **After program**.
 - **Relative program:** If this is the first program in your schedule, you can skip this setting. If it's not the first program in your channel's schedule, the choose **Use existing program**, select the program name that you created in [To add programs to your channel's schedule](#).
6. Select **Add ad break**. Under **Ad breaks**, configure the settings for the ad break:
 - **Slate source location name:** Choose **Select an existing source location** and choose the source location where your slate is stored that you created earlier in this tutorial.

- **VOD source name:** Choose **Select an existing VOD source** and choose the VOD source you're using for slate that you added earlier in this tutorial. The duration of the slate determines the duration of the ad break.
- For **Offset in milliseconds:** This value determines the ad break start time in milliseconds, as an offset relative to the beginning of the program. Enter any value that's less than the duration of the VOD source, and that aligns with a segment boundary on all tracks within the program's VOD source (all audio, video and closed caption tracks), otherwise the ad break will be skipped. For example, if you enter **0**, this creates a pre-roll ad break that plays before the program begins. Note: .

7. Choose **Add program**.

For more information about programs, see [Configuring ad breaks for your program](#).

For more advanced information about using ads with your linear stream, see [Optional configuration settings](#).

Step 5 (*optional*): Use MediaTailor to insert personalized ads into your stream

You now have a channel with programs. If you want, you can use MediaTailor to insert personalized ads into the ad breaks in your programs in the channel's stream.

Prerequisites

Before you proceed, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must have an ad decision server (ADS).
- You must have configured **Ad break** settings in the [Adding a program to a channel's schedule](#) procedure.

To add personalized ads to your channel's stream using MediaTailor

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Configurations**.
3. Under **Required settings**, enter the basic required information about your configuration:
 - **Name:** The name of your configuration.

- **Content source:** Enter the playback URL from your channel's output, minus the file name and extension. For advanced information about MediaTailor configuration, see [Required settings](#).
 - **Add decision server:** Enter the URL for your ADS.
4. You can optionally configure the **Configuration aliases**, **Personalization details**, and **Advanced settings**. For information about those settings, see [Optional configuration settings](#).
 5. On the navigation bar, choose **Create configuration**.

For more advanced information about using MediaTailor ad insertion, see [Using AWS Elemental MediaTailor to insert ads](#).

Step 6: Start your channel

You now have a channel. But before you can access the channel's stream, you need to start your channel. If you try to access a channel before it is active, MediaTailor returns an HTTP 4xx error code.

Start your channel

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Channels**.
3. On the navigation bar, choose **Start**.

Step 7: Test your channel

To verify that your channel is working correctly, open a web browser and enter the URL from your channel's output. You should see your channel's stream.

In some cases, you might need to clear the cache to see the expected behavior.

Step 8: Clean up

After you've finished with the channel that you created for this tutorial, you should clean up by deleting the channel.

You'll stop incurring charges for that channel as soon as the channel status changes to stopped. To keep your channel for later, but not incur charges, you can stop the channel now and then start it again later.

To delete your channel

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Channels**.
3. Select the channel that you want to delete.
4. If your channel is running, from the **Actions** drop-down menu, choose **Stop**. You must stop your channel before you can delete it.
5. When your channel is stopped, from the **Actions** drop-down menu, choose **Delete**.

Using AWS Elemental MediaTailor to insert ads

A configuration is an object that you interact with in AWS Elemental MediaTailor. The configuration holds the mapping information for the origin server and the ad decision server (ADS). You can also define a default playback for MediaTailor to use when an ad isn't available or doesn't fill the entire ad avail.

If you use a content delivery network (CDN) with MediaTailor, you must set up the behavior rules in the CDN before you add CDN information to the configuration. For more information about setting up your CDN, see [Using a CDN to optimize MediaTailor ad personalization and content delivery](#).

Topics

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- [Reporting ad tracking data](#)
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Supported audio and video codecs

MediaTailor supports the following codecs.

- Audio codecs: mp4a, ac-3, and ec-3
- Video codecs: h.264 (AVC), h.265 (HEVC), av01 (AV1)

Understanding AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion behavior

AWS Elemental MediaTailor stitches ads into live or video on demand (VOD) content by either replacing or inserting ads into the origin manifest. Whether ads are inserted or replaced depends on how the ad breaks are configured in the origin manifest, and whether the content is VOD or live. An ad break is the time period during programming when commercials are shown, while ad availss are the specific units of advertising time within an ad break that can be filled with ads.

- With ad replacement, MediaTailor replaces content segments with ads.
- With ad insertion, MediaTailor inserts ad content where segments don't exist.

For information about how MediaTailor stitches ads into live and VOD content, select the applicable topic.

Topics

- [Ad stitching behavior for VOD](#)
- [Live ad stitching behavior](#)

Ad stitching behavior for VOD

MediaTailor inserts or replaces ads in VOD content based on how ad markers are configured in the origin manifest, and if the ad decision server (ADS) sends VMAP responses.

For ad behavior by marker configuration, see the following sections.

If ad markers are present

AWS Elemental MediaTailor inserts ads where SCTE-35 ad markers are present in the origin manifest. Ad markers with an EXT-X-CUE-OUT value of 0 duration indicate ad insertion.

HLS ad marker guidelines

Follow these guidelines for post-roll and ad pod SCTE signaling:

Pre-roll ads

For HLS post-rolls, CUE-OUT/IN markers must precede the last content segment. This is because the HLS spec requires tag decorators to be explicitly declared before a segment.

For example, consider the following declaration.

```
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT: 0
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXTINF:4.000,
Videocontent.ts
#EXT-X-ENDLIST
```

AWS Elemental MediaTailor inserts a post-roll like the following.

```
#EXTINF:4.000,
Videocontent.ts
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXTINF:3.0,
Adsegment1.ts
#EXTINF:3.0,
Adsegment2.ts
#EXTINF:1.0,
Adsegment3.ts
#EXT-X-ENDLIST
```

Example 2: Ad pods

CUE-OUT/IN tags must be explicitly attached to a segment. You can't use multiple CUE-OUT/IN tags in succession to mimic ad pod behavior.

For example, the following declaration is a valid use of CUE-OUT/IN to portray an ad pod.

```
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT: 0
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXTINF:4.000,
Somecontent1.ts
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT: 0
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXTINF:4.000,
Somecontent2.ts
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT: 0
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXTINF:4.000,
Videocontent.ts
```

The preceding declaration results in an output like the following.

```
Ad 1
Somecontent.ts
Ad 2
Somecontent2.ts
Videocontent.ts
Post-Roll Ad 3
```

The following declaration is invalid.

```
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT: 0
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT: 0
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT: 0
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXTINF:4.000,
Videocontent.ts
```

If no ad markers are present

Ad markers are the recommended way of signaling ad breaks in a manifest. However, ad markers aren't required. If the manifest doesn't contain ad markers for DASH or HLS, MediaTailor makes a single call to the ADS and creates ad breaks based on the response:

- If the ADS sends a VAST response, then MediaTailor inserts all ads from the response in an ad break at the start of the manifest. This is a pre-roll.

- If the ADS sends a VMAP response, then MediaTailor uses the ad break time offsets to create breaks and insert them throughout the manifest at the specified times (pre-roll, mid-roll, or post-roll). MediaTailor uses all ads from each ad break in the VMAP response for each ad break in the manifest.

 **Note**

When a segment overlaps an insertion point with VMAP for VOD content, MediaTailor rounds down to the nearest insertion point.

 **Tip**

If you want to create mid-roll ad breaks but your ADS doesn't support VMAP, then ensure that there are ad markers in the manifest. MediaTailor inserts ads at the markers, as described in the following sections.

Live ad stitching behavior

In live streams, AWS Elemental MediaTailor always performs ad replacement, preserving the total time between the ad markers as closely as possible. When ad markers include the DURATION attribute, MediaTailor uses the value to determine the duration of the ad break. Every CUE-OUT indicator must have a duration or a matching CUE-IN indicator in live workflows.

MediaTailor performs ad replacement for HLS and DASH live content. For information on how MediaTailor calculates ad break placement and timing, see [the section called "Ad markers"](#) and [the section called "Ad markers"](#).

Ad selection and replacement

AWS Elemental MediaTailor includes ads from the ad decision server (ADS) VAST response as follows:

- If a duration is specified, MediaTailor selects a set of ads that fit into the duration and includes them.
- If no duration is specified, MediaTailor plays as many ads as it can until it encounters an ad marker that indicates a return to the main content.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor adheres to the following guidelines during live ad replacement:

- MediaTailor tries to play complete ads, without clipping or truncation.
- Whenever MediaTailor encounters an ad marker that indicates an end to the ad break, it returns to the underlying content. This can mean shortening an ad that is currently playing.
- At the end of the duration, MediaTailor returns to the underlying content.
- If MediaTailor runs out of ads to play for the duration of an ad break it either plays the slate, if one is configured, or resumes playback of the underlying content stream. This usually happens when there aren't enough transcoded ads to fill up the duration of the ad break.

 **Tip**

You can define the limit of unfilled ad time allowed in an break with the personalization threshold configuration setting. For more information, see the [PlaybackConfiguration reference](#).

Examples

- If the ad break has a duration set to 70 seconds and the ADS response contains two 40-second ads, AWS Elemental MediaTailor plays one of the 40-second ads. In the time left over, it switches to the configured slate or underlying content. At any point during this process, if MediaTailor encounters a cue-in indicator, it cuts immediately to the underlying content.
- If the ad break has a duration set to 30 seconds and the shortest ad provided by the ADS response is 40 seconds, MediaTailor plays no ads. If an ad slate is configured, MediaTailor plays that for 30 seconds or until it encounters a cue-in indicator. Otherwise, MediaTailor plays the underlying content.

Understanding AWS Elemental MediaTailor server-guided ad insertion

Server-guided ad insertion (HLS interstitials) is an alternative to server-side ad insertion. Rather than stitching ads directly into media playlists, ads are referenced as a separate primary playlist. This allows for faster video start times and reduced manifest latencies.

For information about how to use server-guided ad insertion with MediaTailor, select the applicable topic.

Topics

- [Enable in the playback configuration](#)
- [Create a server-guided session](#)

Enable in the playback configuration

In order to allow players to use server-guided ad insertion, you must set `Insertion Mode` to `PLAYER_SELECT` in the MediaTailor playback configuration. This allows players to select either stitched or guided ad insertion at session-initialization time.

Create a server-guided session

When creating playback sessions, choose guided mode. The way to do this depends on whether your players use implicit or explicit sessions.

Implicitly created server-guided sessions

Append `aws.insertionMode=GUIDED` to the HLS multivariant playlist request. Example:

```
playback-endpoint/v1/master/hashed-account-id/origin-id/index.m3u8?  
aws.insertionMode=GUIDED
```

Where:

- `playback-endpoint` is the unique playback endpoint that AWS Elemental MediaTailor generated when the configuration was created.

Example

```
https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com
```

- `hashed-account-id` is your AWS account ID.

Example

- `origin-id` is the name that you gave when creating the configuration.

Example

```
myOrigin
```

- `index.m3u8` or is the name of the manifest from the test stream plus its file extension. Define this so that you get a fully identified manifest when you append this to the video content source that you configured in [the section called “Step 4: Create a configuration”](#).

Using the values from the preceding examples, the full URLs are the following.

- Example:

```
https://77778889999.media.tailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/master/  
AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE/myOrigin/index.m3u8?aws.insertionMode=GUIDED
```

Explicitly created server-guided sessions

Add `insertionMode=GUIDED` to JSON metadata the player sends in the HTTP POST to the MediaTailor configuration's session-initialization prefix endpoint.

The following example shows the structure of the JSON metadata:

```
{  
    # other keys, e.g. "adsParams"  
    "insertionMode": "GUIDED"      # this can be either GUIDED or STITCHED  
}
```

With this initialization metadata, the playback session will use server-guided ad insertion.

Requirements for ad server integrations with AWS Elemental MediaTailor

To integrate your ad server with AWS Elemental MediaTailor, your ad server must send XML that conforms to the IAB specifications for the supported versions of VAST and VMAP. You can use a public VAST validator to ensure that your tags are well-formed.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor supports VAST and VMAP responses from ad decision servers. AWS Elemental MediaTailor also supports the proxying of VPAID metadata through our client-side reporting API for client-side ad insertion. For information about client-side reporting, see [Client-side ad tracking](#).

MediaTailor supports the following versions of VAST, VMAP, and VPAID:

- Up to [VAST 4.3](#)

MediaTailor accepts response versions through VAST 4.3, but some advanced features from VAST 4.0 and up are not supported.

- [VMAP 1.0](#)
- [VPAID 2.0](#)

VAST requirements

Your ad server's VAST response must contain IAB compliant TrackingEvents elements and standard event types, like impression. If you include non-standard tracking events, AWS Elemental MediaTailor rejects the VAST response and doesn't provide an ad for the avail.

VAST 3.0 introduced support for ad pods, which is the delivery of a set of sequential linear ads. If a specific ad in an ad pod is not available, AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs an error on CloudWatch, in the interactions log of the ADS. It then tries to insert the next ad in the pod. In this way, MediaTailor iterates through the ads in the pod until it finds one that it can use.

Targeting

To target specific players for your ads, you can create templates for your ad tags and URLs. For more information, see [Using dynamic ad variables in MediaTailor](#).

AWS Elemental MediaTailor proxies the player's user-agent and x-forwarded-for headers when it sends the ad server VAST request and when it makes the server-side tracking calls. Make sure that your ad server can handle these headers. Alternatively, you can use [session.user_agent] or [session.client_ip] and pass these values in query strings on the ad tag and ad URL. For more information, see [Using session variables](#).

Ad calls

AWS Elemental MediaTailor calls your VAST ads URL as defined in your configuration. It substitutes any player-specific or session-specific parameters when making the ad call. MediaTailor follows up to seven levels of VAST wrappers and redirects in the VAST response. In live streaming scenarios, MediaTailor makes ad calls simultaneously at the ad avail start for connected players. In practice, due to jitter, these ad calls can be spread out over a few seconds. Make sure that your ad server can handle the number of concurrent connections this type of calling requires. MediaTailor supports prefetching VAST responses for live workflows. For more information, see [Prefetching ads](#).

Creative handling

When AWS Elemental MediaTailor receives the ADS VAST response, for each creative it identifies the highest bitrate MediaFile for transcoding and uses this as its source. It sends this file to the on-the-fly transcoder for transformation into renditions that fit the player's multivariant playlist bitrates and resolutions. For best results, make sure that your highest bitrate media file is a high-quality MP4 asset with valid manifest presets. When manifest presets aren't valid, the transcode jobs fail, resulting in no ad shown. Examples of presets that aren't valid include unsupported input file formats, like ProRes, and certain rendition specifications, like the resolution 855X481.

For a list of supported formats for media file inputs, see the **MP4** row of [Supported input formats](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaConvert User Guide*.

Creative indexing

AWS Elemental MediaTailor uniquely indexes each creative by the value of the `id` attribute provided in the `<Creative>` element. If a creative's ID is not specified, MediaTailor uses the media file URL for the index.

The following example declaration shows the creative ID.

```
<Creatives>
  <Creative id="57859154776" sequence="1">
```

If you define your own creative IDs, use a new, unique ID for each creative. Don't reuse creative IDs. AWS Elemental MediaTailor stores creative content for repeated use, and finds each by its indexed ID. When a new creative comes in, the service first checks its ID against the index. If the ID is present, MediaTailor uses the stored content, rather than reprocessing the incoming content. If you reuse a creative ID, MediaTailor uses the older, stored ad and doesn't play your new ad.

VAST extensions provided by ad-serving partners

To help prevent collisions with creative IDs, you can use extensions provided by ad-serving partners for the VAST response. MediaTailor supports extensions from SpringServe, Publica, and FreeWheel. When you enable VAST extension overrides, MediaTailor replaces the default creative ID with the extension value.

To enable this feature, [submit an AWS Support ticket](#) to request VAST extension-based creative IDs to be enabled. Include the following information in the Support ticket:

- AWS Region
- AWS account ID
- MediaTailor playback configuration names

To validate that VAST extension-based creative IDs are enabled on your account, we recommend that you also request RAW_ADS_RESPONSE logging to be enabled on a staging or testing playback configuration. With logging, you can view the original VAST response that the ADS receives and confirm that the correct creative IDs are used.

VPAID requirements

VPAID allows publishers to serve highly interactive video ads and to provide viewability metrics on their monetized streams. For information about VPAID, see the [VPAID specification](#).

AWS Elemental MediaTailor supports a mix of server-side-stitched VAST MP4 linear ads and client-side-inserted VPAID interactive creatives in the same ad avail. It preserves the order in which they appear in the VAST response. MediaTailor follows VPAID redirects through a maximum of seven levels of wrappers. The client-side reporting response includes the unwrapped VPAID metadata.

To use VPAID, follow these guidelines:

- Configure an MP4 slate for your VPAID creatives. AWS Elemental MediaTailor fills the VPAID ad slots with your configured slate, and provides VPAID ad metadata for the client player to use to run the interactive ads. If you don't have a slate configured, when a VPAID ad appears, MediaTailor provides the ad metadata through client-side reporting as usual. It also logs an error in CloudWatch about the missing slate. For more information, see [Inserting slate](#) and [Creating a configuration](#).
- Use client-side reporting. AWS Elemental MediaTailor supports VPAID through our client-side reporting API. For more information, see [Client-side ad tracking](#).

It is theoretically possible to use the default server-side reporting mode with VPAID. However, if you use server-side reporting, you lose any information about the presence of the VPAID ad and the metadata surrounding it, because that is available only through the client-side API.

- In live scenarios, make sure that your ad avail, denoted by EXT-X-CUE-OUT: Duration, are long enough to accommodate any user interactivity on VPAID. For example, if the VAST XML specifies a VPAID ad that is 30 seconds long, consider configuring your ad avail to be more than 30 seconds. This additional time gives users more chance to interact with the ad. If you don't add time, you could lose the VPAID metadata because the remaining duration in the ad avail is not long enough to accommodate the VPAID ad.

Working with AWS Elemental MediaTailor playback configurations

This section covers the key tasks for managing MediaTailor playback configurations. You can learn how to create a new configuration to set up content streams and provide access for playback devices, view details of an existing configuration, edit a configuration to update settings like origin servers and ad decision servers, and delete a configuration that is no longer needed.

Topics

- [Creating a configuration](#)
- [Viewing a configuration](#)
- [Editing a configuration](#)
- [Deleting a configuration](#)

Creating a configuration

This topic shows how to create a configuration to start receiving content streams. It also shows how to provide an access point for downstream playback devices to request content.

You can use the AWS Elemental MediaTailor console, the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI)>, or the MediaTailor API to create a configuration. For information about creating a configuration through the AWS CLI or MediaTailor API, see the [AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference..](#)

When you create a configuration, don't put sensitive identifying information into free-form fields such as the **Configuration name** field. Identifying information can include things like customer account numbers. In addition, don't use identifying information when you work in the MediaTailor console, REST API, the AWS CLI, or AWS SDKs. Any data that you enter into MediaTailor might get picked up for inclusion in diagnostic logs or Amazon CloudWatch Events.

To add a configuration (console)

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. On the **Configurations** page, choose **Create configuration**.
3. Complete the configuration and additional configuration fields as described in the following topics:
 - [Required settings](#)
 - [Optional configuration settings](#)
4. Choose **Create configuration**.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor displays the new configuration in the table on the **Configurations** page.

5. (Recommended) Set up a CDN with AWS Elemental MediaTailor for manifest and reporting requests. You can use the configuration playback URLs for the CDN setup. For information about setting up a CDN for manifest and reporting requests, see [Using a CDN to optimize MediaTailor ad personalization and content delivery](#).

Required settings

When you create a configuration, you must include the following required settings.

Name

Enter a unique name that describes the configuration. The name is the primary identifier for the configuration. The maximum length allowed is 512 characters.

Content source

Enter the URL prefix for the manifest for this stream, minus the asset ID. The maximum length is 512 characters.

For example, the URL prefix `http://origin-server.com/a/` is valid for an HLS multivariant playlist URL of `http://origin-server.com/a/main.m3u8` and for a DASH MPD URL of `http://origin-server.com/a/dash.mpd`. Alternatively, you can enter a shorter prefix such as `http://origin-server.com`, but the `/a/` must be included in the asset ID in the player request for content.

 **Note**

If your content origin uses HTTPS, its certificate must be from a well-known certificate authority. It can't be a self-signed certificate. If you use a self-signed certificate, AWS Elemental MediaTailor fails to connect to the content origin and can't serve manifests in response to player requests.

Ad decision server

Enter the URL for your ad decision server (ADS). This is either the URL with variables as described in [Step 3: Configure ADS request URL and query parameters](#), or the static VAST URL that you are using for testing purposes. The maximum length is 25,000 characters.

 **Note**

If your ADS uses HTTPS, its certificate must be from a well-known certificate authority. It can't be a self-signed certificate. The same also applies to mezzanine ad URLs returned by the ADS. If you use a self-signed certificate, then AWS Elemental MediaTailor can't retrieve and stitch ads into the manifests from the content origin.

Optional configuration settings

You can optionally configure **configuration aliases**, **personalization details**, and **advanced settings** in the MediaTailor console, MediaTailor API, or the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI).

Configuration aliases

The following are optional configuration aliases that you can configure in the MediaTailor console, or with the MediaTailor API.

Player parameter variable

For dynamic domain configuration during session initialization, add one or more player parameter variables.

For more information about using player parameter variables to dynamically configure domains, see [Using domain variables to configure multiple content and ad sources](#).

Log configuration

The following are log configuration settings.

Percent enabled

Sets the percentage of playback configuration session logs that MediaTailor writes to CloudWatch Logs. For example, if your playback configuration has 1000 sessions, and you set percent enabled to **60**, MediaTailor writes 600 session logs to CloudWatch Logs.

When you enable this option, MediaTailor automatically creates a service-linked role that allows MediaTailor to write and manage session logs in your CloudWatch Logs account. For more information, see [Using service-linked roles for MediaTailor](#).

Logging strategies

Indicates the method used for collecting logs that MediaTailor emits. To send logs directly to CloudWatch Logs, choose LEGACY_CLOUDWATCH. To send logs to CloudWatch Logs, which then vends logs to your destination of choice, choose VENDED_LOGS. Supported destinations are a CloudWatch Logs log group, Amazon S3 bucket, and Amazon Data Firehose stream.

Additional set up is required for vended logs. For set up, see [Using vended logs](#).

ADS interaction log opt-in events

Indicates that MediaTailor will emit RAW_ADS_RESPONSE logs for sessions that are initialized with this configuration.

The RAW_ADS_RESPONSE log event contains the entire VAST or VMAP response from the ADS. As such, the logs can be extensive and might increase your logging costs.

ADS interaction log exclude events

Indicates that MediaTailor won't emit the selected events in the logs that describe interactions with the ADS.

For a description of ADS log events, see [ADS logs](#).

Manifest service interaction log exclude events

Indicates that MediaTailor won't emit the selected events in the logs that describe interactions with the manifest service.

For a description of manifest service log events, see [Manifest logs](#).

Ad conditioning

The following determine what actions MediaTailor takes to condition ads before stitching them into a content stream.

Streaming media file conditioning

Determines the logic that MediaTailor uses when deciding which ads to stitch.

- When **Streaming media file conditioning** is set to **Transcode**, MediaTailor transcodes the media files with progressive delivery and stitches them into the manifest. If there aren't enough ads with progressive delivery media files to fill the avail, MediaTailor transcodes and uses those with streaming delivery.
- When **Streaming media file conditioning** is set to **None**, MediaTailor stitches ads with streaming delivery media files into the manifest without transcoding them. If there aren't enough ads with streaming delivery media files to fill the avail, MediaTailor transcodes and uses those with progressive delivery.

Personalization details

The following are personalization details that you can configure in the MediaTailor console or with the MediaTailor API.

Slate ad

Enter the URL for a high-quality MP4 asset to transcode and use to fill in time that's not used by ads. AWS Elemental MediaTailor shows the slate to fill in gaps in media content. Configuring the slate is optional for non-VPAID configurations. For VPAID, you must configure a slate, which MediaTailor provides in the slots designated for dynamic ad content. The slate must be a high-quality MP4 asset that contains both audio and video. For more information, see [Inserting slate](#).

Note

If the server that hosts your slate uses HTTPS, its certificate must be from a well-known certificate authority. It can't be a self-signed certificate. If you use a self-signed certificate, then AWS Elemental MediaTailor can't retrieve and stitch the slate into the manifests from the content origin.

Start bumper

The URL of the start bumper asset location. Bumpers are short video or audio clips that play at the beginning or end of an ad break. They can be stored on Amazon's S3, or a different storage service. To learn more about bumpers, see [Inserting bumpers](#).

End bumper

The URL of the end bumper asset location. Bumpers are short video or audio clips that play at the beginning or end of an ad break. They can be stored on Amazon's S3, or a different storage service. To learn more about bumpers, see [Inserting bumpers](#).

Personalization threshold

Defines the maximum duration of underfilled ad time (in seconds) allowed in an ad break. If the duration of underfilled ad time exceeds the personalization threshold, then the personalization of the ad break is abandoned and the underlying content is shown. For example, if the personalization threshold is 3 seconds and there would be 4 seconds of slate in an ad break, then personalization of the ad break is abandoned and the underlying content is shown. This feature applies to *ad replacement* in live and VOD streams, rather than ad insertion, because it relies on an underlying content stream. For more information about ad break behavior, including ad replacement and insertion, see [Understanding AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion behavior](#).

Live pre-roll ad decision server

To insert ads at the start of a live stream before the main content starts playback, enter the URL for the ad pre-roll from the ad decision server (ADS). This is either the URL with variables as described in [Step 3: Configure ADS request URL and query parameters](#), or the static VAST URL that you are using for testing purposes. The maximum length is 25,000 characters.

Note

If your ADS uses HTTPS, its certificate must be from a well-known certificate authority. It can't be a self-signed certificate. The same also applies to mezzanine ad URLs returned by the ADS. If you use a self-signed certificate, then AWS Elemental MediaTailor can't retrieve and stitch ads into the manifests from the content origin.

For information about how pre-roll works, see [Inserting pre-roll ads](#).

Live pre-roll maximum allowed duration

When you're inserting ads at the start of a live stream, enter the maximum allowed duration for the pre-roll ad avail. MediaTailor won't go over this duration when inserting ads. If the response from the ADS contains more ads than will fit in this duration, MediaTailor fills the avail with as many ads as possible, without going over the duration. For more details about how MediaTailor fills avails, see [Live ad stitching behavior](#).

Avail suppression mode

Sets the mode for avail suppression, also known as ad suppression. By default, ad suppression is off and MediaTailor fills all with ads or slate. When the mode is set to BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE, ad suppression is active and MediaTailor doesn't fill ad breaks on or behind the avail suppression value time in the manifest lookback window. When the mode is set to AFTER_LIVE_EDGE, ad suppression is active. MediaTailor doesn't fill ad breaks on or behind the avail suppression period, which is the live edge plus the avail suppression value plus buffer time.

Avail suppression value

The avail suppression value is a live edge offset time in HH:MM:SS. MediaTailor won't fill ad breaks on or behind this time in the manifest lookback window.

Insertion Mode

Insertion Mode controls whether players can use stitched or guided ad insertion. The default, STITCHED_ONLY, forces all player sessions to use stitched (server-side) ad insertion. Setting InsertionMode to PLAYER_SELECT allows players to select either stitched or guided ad insertion at session-initialization time. The default for players that do not specify an insertion mode is stitched.

Advanced settings

The following are optional settings are advanced. You can configure these in the MediaTailor console, with the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI), or using the MediaTailor API.

CDN content segment prefix

Enables AWS Elemental MediaTailor to create manifests with URLs to your CDN path for content segments. Before you do this step, set up a rule in your CDN to pull segments from your origin server. For **CDN content segment prefix**, enter the CDN prefix path.

For more information about integrating MediaTailor with a CDN, see [Using a CDN to optimize MediaTailor ad personalization and content delivery](#).

CDN ad segment prefix

Enables AWS Elemental MediaTailor to create manifests with URLs to your own CDN path for ad segments. By default, MediaTailor serves ad segments from an internal Amazon CloudFront distribution with default cache settings. Before you can complete the **CDN ad segment prefix** field, you must set up a rule in your CDN to pull ad segments from the following origin, like in the following example.

```
https://segments.mediatailor.<region>.amazonaws.com
```

For **CDN ad segment prefix**, enter the name of your CDN prefix in the configuration.

For more information about integrating MediaTailor with a CDN, see [Using a CDN to optimize MediaTailor ad personalization and content delivery](#).

DASH origin manifest type

If your origin server produces single-period DASH manifests, open the dropdown list and choose **SINGLE_PERIOD**. By default, MediaTailor handles DASH manifests as multi-period manifests.

For more information, see [the section called “Integrating an MPEG-DASH source”](#).

DASH mpd location

(Optional as needed for DASH) The media presentation description (mpd) location. Choose **DISABLED** for the following situation:

- You set up CDN routing rules for accessing MediaTailor manifests.
- You use client-side reporting, or your player supports sticky HTTP redirects.

For more information about the **Location** feature, see [the section called “Location feature”](#).

Transcode profile name

The name that associates this configuration with a custom transcode profile. This name overrides the dynamic transcoding defaults of MediaTailor. Complete this field only if you have already set-up custom profiles with the help of AWS Support.

Ad marker passthrough

For HLS, enables or disables ad marker passthrough. When ad marker passthrough is enabled, MediaTailor passes through EXT-X-CUE-IN, EXT-X-CUE-OUT, and EXT-X-SPLICEPOINT-SCTE35 ad markers from the origin manifest to the MediaTailor personalized manifest. No logic is applied to the ad marker values; they are passed from the origin manifest to the personalized manifest as-is. For example, if EXT-X-CUE-OUT has a value of 60 in the origin manifest, but no ads are placed, MediaTailor won't change the value to 0 in the personalized manifest.

Viewing a configuration

In addition to the values provided when the configuration was created, MediaTailor displays the name of the configuration, playback endpoints, and relevant access URLs. To view a configuration, use the following procedure.

To view a configuration

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. On the **Configurations** page, choose the **Configuration name** for the configuration to view.

Editing a configuration

You can edit a configuration to update the origin server and ad decision server (ADS) mapping, or change how AWS Elemental MediaTailor interacts with a content distribution network (CDN).

To edit a configuration

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. On the **Configurations** page, choose the name of the configuration that you want to edit.
3. On the configuration details page, choose **Edit**, and then revise the configuration settings as needed. You can't edit the configuration name. For information about configuration attributes, see [Creating a configuration](#).

4. Choose **Save**.

Deleting a configuration

You can delete a configuration to make it unavailable for playback.

To delete a configuration

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. On the **Configurations** page, do one of the following:
 - Choose the name of the configuration that you want to delete.
 - In the **Configuration name** column, choose the option next to the name, and then choose **Delete**.
3. In the **Delete** confirmation box, enter **Delete**, and then choose **Delete**.

Integrating a content source for MediaTailor ad insertion

This topic covers integrating different types of video content sources with MediaTailor. MediaTailor supports both HLS and DASH streaming protocols for live and on-demand content. The service can perform ad insertion or replacement during designated ad breaks, and has specific requirements for the structure and formatting of the input video manifests to enable these capabilities. The following topics provide details on the input source requirements and steps for integrating HLS and DASH content with MediaTailor to enable personalized ad experiences.

Topics

- [Input source requirements for MediaTailor ad insertion](#)
- [Integrating an HLS source](#)
- [Integrating an MPEG-DASH source](#)
- [Securing AWS Elemental MediaTailor origin interactions with SigV4](#)

Input source requirements for MediaTailor ad insertion

A input source must meet the following requirements to work with MediaTailor:

- Use Apple HLS (HTTP Live Streaming) or MPEG DASH (Dynamic Adaptive Streaming over HTTP)

- Use live streaming or video on demand (VOD)
- Be accessible on the public internet and have a public IP address
- Contain ad markers in one of the formats described in the [Getting started with MediaTailor ad insertion tutorial](#)

Integrating an HLS source

AWS Elemental MediaTailor supports .m3u8 HLS manifests with an EXT-X-VERSION of 3 or higher for live streaming and video on demand (VOD). When MediaTailor encounters an ad break, it attempts ad insertion or replacement, based on the type of content. If there aren't enough ads to fill the duration, for the remainder of the ad break, MediaTailor displays the underlying content stream or the configured slate. For more information about HLS ad behavior based on content type, see [Understanding AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion behavior](#).

The following sections provide more information about how MediaTailor handles HLS manifests.

Topics

- [HLS supported ad markers](#)
- [Enabling ad marker passthrough](#)
- [HLS manifest tag handling](#)
- [HLS manifest examples](#)

HLS supported ad markers

AWS Elemental MediaTailor identifies ad avail boundaries in an HLS manifest by parsing the input manifest for supported ad markers. The following sections describe what markers MediaTailor uses.

EXT-X-ASSET

The EXT-X-ASSET tag contains metadata that's used by the ad decision server (ADS) to personalize content for the viewer. EXT-X-ASSET parameters are comma-separated key-value pairs.

To use this tag, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must URL-encode the EXT-X-ASSET *values* in the origin manifest. The following example shows the EXT-X-ASSET tag with keys and URL-encoded values.

```
#EXT-X-ASSET:GENRE=CV,CAID=12345678,EPISODE="Episode%20Name%20Date",SEASON="Season%20Name%20and%20Number",SERIES="Series%2520Name"
```

- You must include the dynamic [asset.] variable and the keys in your MediaTailor ADS configuration. The following example shows an MediaTailor ADS configuration using the dynamic [asset.] variable and keys.

```
https://myads.com/stub?  
c=[asset.GENRE]&g=[asset.CAID]&e=[asset.EPISODE]&s=[asset.SEASON]&k=[asset.SERIES]
```

Example VAST request

The following example shows a VAST GET request to an ADS.

```
https://myads.com/stub?c=CV&g=12345678&e=Episode%20Name%20Date&s=Season%20Name%20and%20Number&k=Series%2520Name
```

EXT-X-CUE-OUT and EXT-X-CUE-IN

This type of ad marker is the most common. The following examples show options for these cue markers.

```
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT:DURATION=120  
...  
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
```

```
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT:30.000  
...  
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
```

```
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT  
...
```

```
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
```

EXT-X-DATERANGE

With EXT-X-DATERANGE ad marker tags, you use SCTE35-OUT attributes to specify the timing of the ad avail.

 **Note**

AWS Elemental MediaTailor ignores any START-DATE attributes that are provided for EXT-X-DATERANGE ad markers.

You can specify the ad avail in one of the following ways:

- EXT-X-DATERANGE tag with SCTE35-OUT and DURATION specifications.

Example

```
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="splice-6FFFFFF0",START-DATE="2019-01T00:15:00Z\" ,DURATION=60.000,SCTE35-OUT=0xF
```

- Paired EXT-X-DATERANGE tags, the first with a SCTE35-OUT specification and the second with a SCTE35-IN specification.

Example

```
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="splice-6FFFFFF0",START-DATE="2019-01T00:15:00Z\"",SCTE35-OUT=0xF  
...  
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="splice-6FFFFFF0",START-DATE="2019-01T00:15:00Z\"",SCTE35-  
IN=0xF
```

- A combination of the prior options. You specify an EXT-X-DATERANGE tag with SCTE35-OUT and DURATION specifications followed by an EXT-X-DATERANGE tag with a SCTE35-IN specification. In this case, MediaTailor uses the earliest cue-in setting from the two specifications.

Example

```
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="splice-6FFFFFF0",START-DATE="2019-01T00:15:00Z\" ,DURATION=60.000,SCTE35-OUT=0xF
```

```
...
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="splice-6FFFFFF0",START-DATE="2019-01T00:15:00Z\",SCTE35-
IN=0xF
```

EXT-X-SPLICEPOINT-SCTE35

You append the EXT-X-SPLICEPOINT-SCTE35 ad marker tag with a SCTE-35 payload in base64-encoded binary. The decoded binary must provide a SCTE-35 splice_info_section containing the cue-out marker `0x34`, for provider placement opportunity start, and the cue-in marker `0x35`, for provider placement opportunity end.

The following example shows the splice point specification with base64-encoded binary payloads that specify the cue-out and cue-in markers.

```
#EXT-X-SPLICEPOINT-SCTE35:/DA9AAAAAAAAAP/wBQb+uYbZqwAnAiVDVUVJAAAKqX//  
AAEjW4AMEU1EU05CMDAxMTMyMjE5M190NAAAmXz5JA==  
...  
#EXT-X-SPLICEPOINT-SCTE35:/DA4AAAAAAAAAP/wBQb+tTeaawAiAiBDVUVJAAAKqH+/  
DBFNRFNOQjAwMTEzMjIxOTJfTjUAAIiGK1s=
```

Enabling ad marker passthrough

By default for HLS, MediaTailor personalized manifests don't include the SCTE-35 ad markers from the origin manifests. When ad marker passthrough is enabled, MediaTailor passes through the following ad markers from origin manifests into personalized manifests:

- EXT-X-CUE-IN
- EXT-X-CUE-OUT
- EXT-X-SPLICEPOINT-SCTE35

Ad marker passthrough is an optional setting. Use ad marker passthrough if you want the SCTE ad markers to be included in the MediaTailor personalized manifest. Common use cases include the following:

- Content replacement - Perform content replacement or content restriction.

- Ad tracking - Trigger ad tracking information based on the presence or absence of one or more ad markers.
- Player settings - Enable scrubbing or countdown timer functionality in the player's UI, based on the presence or absence of ad markers.

Note

MediaTailor doesn't change the values for these markers. For example, if EXT-X-CUE-OUT has a value of 60 in the origin manifest, but no ads are placed, MediaTailor won't change the value to 0 in the personalized manifest.

Enable ad marker passthrough

You can enable ad marker passthrough using the AWS Management Console or the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI).

To enable ad marker passthrough using the console

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. Select either **New Configuration** or **Edit Configuration**.
3. In the **Advanced Settings** section, select **Enable** from the drop down menu.

To enable ad marker passthrough using the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI)

Use the [put-playback-configuration](#) command.

HLS manifest tag handling

This section describes how AWS Elemental MediaTailor manages tags in the personalized output manifest.

EXT-X-CUE tags

MediaTailor replaces EXT-X-CUE-OUT, EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT, and EXT-X-CUE-IN tags in the input manifest with EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY tags in the output manifest. The DISCONTINUITY tags mark the following boundaries:

- Where the main content transitions to an ad

- Where one ad transitions to another ad
- Where an ad transitions back to the main content

EXT-X-DATERANGE tags

MediaTailor passes through EXT-X-DATERANGE tags from the input manifest to the output manifest. MediaTailor also inserts EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY tags that correspond to the DATERANGE tags. The DISCONTINUITY tags mark the following boundaries:

- Where the main content transitions to an ad
- Where one ad transitions to another ad
- Where an ad transitions back to the main content

EXT-X-KEY tags

MediaTailor passes through EXT-X-KEY tags from the input manifest. These tags indicate that the main content is encrypted. Since ads aren't encrypted, MediaTailor inserts EXT-X-KEY:METHOD=NONE at the start of an ad avail. When playback returns to the main content, MediaTailor re-enables encryption by inserting the EXT-X-KEY tag with the METHOD value defined as the encryption type.

Unrecognized tags

MediaTailor passes through all unknown and custom tags from the input manifest to the output manifest.

HLS manifest examples

The following sections provide examples of HLS origin manifests and personalized manifests. Understanding these examples can help you configure and troubleshoot your MediaTailor workflows.

Understanding HLS playlist types

HTTP Live Streaming (HLS) uses two primary types of playlists:

Multivariant playlist

A multivariant playlist is the top-level index file that lists all available renditions of the content. It contains references to variant playlists but does not contain any media segments itself. This

playlist allows players to select the most appropriate rendition based on network conditions, device capabilities, or user preferences.

This playlist type is also known by several other names in various contexts, including master playlist, master manifest, primary playlist, main playlist, index file, or master M3U8.

In MediaTailor workflows, the multivariant playlist is the entry point for playback requests and is where ad personalization begins.

Variant playlist

A variant playlist contains the actual media segment information for a specific rendition (quality level) of the content. It includes timing information, segment URLs, and other metadata required for playback of a single rendition.

This playlist type is also known as media playlist, child manifest, chunklist, media M3U8, or rendition playlist.

In MediaTailor workflows, variant playlists are personalized to include both content segments and ad segments in the proper sequence.

For more detailed information about HLS playlist types, see [HLS playlist types](#).

HLS origin manifest examples

The following example shows an HLS multivariant playlist that AWS Elemental MediaTailor received by HLS from the content origin.

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-INDEPENDENT-SEGMENTS
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=2665726,AVERAGE-
BANDWIDTH=2526299,RESOLUTION=960x540,FRAME-
RATE=29.970,CODECS="avc1.640029,mp4a.40.2",SUBTITLES="subtitles"
index_1.m3u8
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=3956044,AVERAGE-
BANDWIDTH=3736264,RESOLUTION=1280x720,FRAME-
RATE=29.970,CODECS="avc1.640029,mp4a.40.2",SUBTITLES="subtitles"
index_2.m3u8
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=995315,AVERAGE-
BANDWIDTH=951107,RESOLUTION=640x360,FRAME-
RATE=29.970,CODECS="avc1.4D401E,mp4a.40.2",SUBTITLES="subtitles"
index_3.m3u8
```

```
#EXT-X-MEDIA:TYPE=SUBTITLES, GROUP-
ID="subtitles", NAME="caption_1", DEFAULT=YES, AUTOSELECT=YES, FORCED=NO, LANGUAGE="eng", URI="index_
```

In this multivariant playlist example:

- The #EXT-X-STREAM-INF tags define different renditions with varying resolutions and bitrates
- Each rendition references a variant playlist (e.g., index_1.m3u8)
- The #EXT-X-MEDIA tag defines a subtitle track

The following example shows an HLS variant playlist that AWS Elemental MediaTailor received by HLS from the content origin. This example uses EXT-X-CUE-OUT and EXT-X-CUE-IN tags to describe ad avail opportunities.

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:7
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:8779957
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_8779957.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_8779958.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:5.372,
index_1_8779959.ts?m=1566416212
#EXT-OATCLS-SCTE35:/DA1AAAAAsvhAP/wFAXwAAAGf/+AdLfiP4AG3dAAEBAQAAxYtxmQ==
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT:20.020
#EXTINF:0.634,
index_1_8779960.ts?m=1566416212
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=0.634, Duration=21, SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAsvhAP/wFAXwAAAGf
+/*AdLfiP4AG3dAAEBAQAAxYtxmQ==
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_8779961.ts?m=1566416212
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=6.640, Duration=21, SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAsvhAP/wFAXwAAAGf
+/*AdLfiP4AG3dAAEBAQAAxYtxmQ==
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_8779962.ts?m=1566416212
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=12.646, Duration=21, SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAsvhAP/wFAXwAAAGf
+/*AdLfiP4AG3dAAEBAQAAxYtxmQ==
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_8779963.ts?m=1566416212
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=18.652, Duration=21, SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAsvhAP/wFAXwAAAGf
+/*AdLfiP4AG3dAAEBAQAAxYtxmQ==
```

```
#EXTINF:1.368,
index_1_8779964.ts?m=1566416212
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXTINF:4.638,
index_1_8779965.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_8779966.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_8779967.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_8779968.ts?m=1566416212
```

In this variant playlist example:

- The #EXTINF tags specify the duration of each segment
- The #EXT-X-CUE-OUT tag marks the beginning of an ad break
- The #EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT tags provide information about the ongoing ad break
- The #EXT-X-CUE-IN tag marks the end of the ad break

HLS personalized manifest examples

The following example shows an HLS multivariant playlist that AWS Elemental MediaTailor personalized.

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-MEDIA:LANGUAGE="eng",AUTOSELECT=YES,FORCED=NO,TYPE=SUBTITLES,URI="../../../../manifest/43f3e412052f2808dd84ea1da90e92e914edddee/external-canary-hls/ee1696a8-4f7f-4c4c-99de-9821131847e8/3.m3u8",GROUP-ID="subtitles",DEFAULT=YES,NAME="caption_1"
#EXT-X-INDEPENDENT-SEGMENTS
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:CODECS="avc1.640029,mp4a.40.2",AVERAGE-BANDWIDTH=2526299,RESOLUTION=960x540,SUBTITLES="subtitles",FRAME-RATE=29.97,BANDWIDTH=2665726
../../../../manifest/43f3e412052f2808dd84ea1da90e92e914edddee/external-canary-hls/ee1696a8-4f7f-4c4c-99de-9821131847e8/0.m3u8
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:CODECS="avc1.640029,mp4a.40.2",AVERAGE-BANDWIDTH=3736264,RESOLUTION=1280x720,SUBTITLES="subtitles",FRAME-RATE=29.97,BANDWIDTH=3956044
../../../../manifest/43f3e412052f2808dd84ea1da90e92e914edddee/external-canary-hls/ee1696a8-4f7f-4c4c-99de-9821131847e8/1.m3u8
```

```
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:CODECS="avc1.4D401E,mp4a.40.2",AVERAGE-
BANDWIDTH=951107,RESOLUTION=640x360,SUBTITLES="subtitles",FRAME-
RATE=29.97,BANDWIDTH=995315
../../../../manifest/43f3e412052f2808dd84ea1da90e92e914edddee/external-canary-hls/
ee1696a8-4f7f-4c4c-99de-9821131847e8/2.m3u8
```

Notice how MediaTailor has modified the variant playlist URLs to include session-specific information that enables personalized ad insertion.

The following example shows a variant playlist that AWS Elemental MediaTailor personalized.

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:6
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:7
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:8779957
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY-SEQUENCE:0
#EXTINF:6.006,
https://777788889999.mediacommonapis.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/v1/
e309ffd02ba8498d864dcaacff7a5ad9/index_1_8779957.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:6.006,
https://777788889999.mediacommonapis.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/v1/
e309ffd02ba8498d864dcaacff7a5ad9/index_1_8779958.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:5.372,
https://777788889999.mediacommonapis.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/v1/
e309ffd02ba8498d864dcaacff7a5ad9/index_1_8779959.ts?m=1566416212
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXTINF:3.066667,
../../../../segment/43f3e412052f2808dd84ea1da90e92e914edddee/external-canary-hls/
ee1696a8-4f7f-4c4c-99de-9821131847e8/0/8779960
#EXTINF:3.0,
../../../../segment/43f3e412052f2808dd84ea1da90e92e914edddee/external-canary-hls/
ee1696a8-4f7f-4c4c-99de-9821131847e8/0/8779961
#EXTINF:3.0,
../../../../segment/43f3e412052f2808dd84ea1da90e92e914edddee/external-canary-hls/
ee1696a8-4f7f-4c4c-99de-9821131847e8/0/8779962
#EXTINF:3.0,
../../../../segment/43f3e412052f2808dd84ea1da90e92e914edddee/external-canary-hls/
ee1696a8-4f7f-4c4c-99de-9821131847e8/0/8779963
#EXTINF:2.966667,
../../../../segment/43f3e412052f2808dd84ea1da90e92e914edddee/external-canary-hls/
ee1696a8-4f7f-4c4c-99de-9821131847e8/0/8779964
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXTINF:6.006,
```

```
https://777788889999.mediacompackage.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/v1/
e309ffd02ba8498d864dcaacff7a5ad9/index_1_8779963.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:1.368,
https://777788889999.mediacompackage.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/v1/
e309ffd02ba8498d864dcaacff7a5ad9/index_1_8779964.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:4.638,
https://777788889999.mediacompackage.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/v1/
e309ffd02ba8498d864dcaacff7a5ad9/index_1_8779965.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:6.006,
https://777788889999.mediacompackage.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/v1/
e309ffd02ba8498d864dcaacff7a5ad9/index_1_8779966.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:6.006,
https://777788889999.mediacompackage.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/v1/
e309ffd02ba8498d864dcaacff7a5ad9/index_1_8779967.ts?m=1566416212
#EXTINF:6.006,
https://777788889999.mediacompackage.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/v1/
e309ffd02ba8498d864dcaacff7a5ad9/index_1_8779968.ts?m=1566416212
```

In this personalized variant playlist example:

- MediaTailor has inserted ad segments between the content segments
- The #EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY tags mark the transitions between content and ads
- Content segments are served from the origin server (MediaPackage in this example)
- Ad segments are served from MediaTailor's ad segment storage

Key differences in personalized manifests

When MediaTailor personalizes HLS manifests, it makes several important changes:

Multivariant playlist changes

- Variant playlist URLs are rewritten to point to MediaTailor-managed URLs that include session information
- The order of tags may be reorganized for optimal playback

Variant playlist changes

- Ad markers (EXT-X-CUE-OUT, EXT-X-CUE-IN) are replaced with actual ad segments
- Discontinuity markers (EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY) are added at content/ad boundaries
- Content segment URLs are rewritten to point to the origin or CDN
- Ad segment URLs are added to point to MediaTailor's ad segment storage

Understanding these changes can help you troubleshoot issues in your MediaTailor workflows and ensure proper configuration of your CDN and player.

Related topics

For more information about HLS manifests and MediaTailor, see the following topics:

- [HLS playlist types](#) - Detailed explanation of HLS playlist types
- [Using a CDN to optimize MediaTailor ad personalization and content delivery](#) - Information about using a CDN with MediaTailor
- [How MediaTailor ad insertion works](#) - Overview of how MediaTailor ad insertion works

Integrating an MPEG-DASH source

AWS Elemental MediaTailor supports .mpd live and video on demand (VOD) manifests that follow the guidelines for the DASH dynamic profile. MediaTailor accepts multi-period and single-period DASH-compliant manifest inputs, and delivers multi-period DASH-compliant manifest outputs.

Input manifests must have the following:

- SCTE-35 event streams with splice info settings for either `splice insert` or `time signal`. The settings can be provided in clear XML or in base64-encoded binary.
- Segment templates with segment timelines.

For published manifests, MediaTailor requires that updates from the origin server leave the following unchanged:

- Period start times, specified in the `start` attribute.
- Values of `presentationTimeOffset` in the segment templates of the period representations.

As a best practice, give the ad avails the same `AdaptationSet` and `Representation` settings as the content stream periods. AWS Elemental MediaTailor uses these settings to transcode the ads to match the content stream, for smooth switching between the two.

The following sections provide more information about how MediaTailor handles ads in DASH manifests.

Topics

- [DASH ad markers](#)
- [DASH ad avail duration](#)
- [DASH manifest segment numbering](#)
- [DASH MPD examples](#)
- [DASH location feature](#)

DASH ad markers

MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor uses SCTE-35 cue-out markers to identify ad avails in the DASH manifest using the following logic:

- **Multi-period DASH:** MediaTailor inserts ads for the first Event in each Period that contains either SpliceInsert or TimeSignal cue-out markers. MediaTailor ignores additional Event markers in the Period.
- **Single-period DASH:** MediaTailor inserts ads each Event in the Period that contains either SpliceInsert or TimeSignal cue-out markers.

By default, AWS Elemental MediaTailor manages DASH manifests as multi-period manifests. You can change your configuration to handle single-period DASH manifests from your origin server. For information, see [the section called “Creating a configuration”](#).

The following sections provide additional detail about DASH ad marker handling and provides decorated manifests from the origin.

DASH origin manifest XML requirements

Ad markers in DASH manifests from the origin must be formatted properly for MediaTailor to identify ad breaks. The following topics describe these formatting requirements in clear XML.

SpliceInsert in clear XML

SpliceInsert ad markers in clear XML must contain the following:

- EventStream must have the following attribute:
`schemeIdUri=urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml`
- Event must hold scte35:SpliceInfoSection

- scte35:SpliceInfoSection must hold scte35:SpliceInsert
- scte35:SpliceInsert must have the following attribute:
outOfNetworkIndicator="true"

Example SpliceInsert in XML

In the following example, required SCTE markers are in bold.

```
<Period start="PT444806.040S" id="123586" duration="PT15.000S">
  <EventStream timescale="90000" schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml">
    <Event duration="1350000">
      <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="180832" tier="4095">
        <scte35:SpliceInsert spliceEventId="4026531855"
        spliceEventCancelIndicator="false" outOfNetworkIndicator="true"
        spliceImmediateFlag="false" uniqueProgramId="1" availNum="1" availsExpected="1">
          <scte35:Program><scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="5672624400"/></scte35:Program>
          <scte35:BreakDuration autoReturn="true" duration="1350000"/>
        </scte35:SpliceInsert>
      </scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
    </Event>
    .
    .
    .
  </EventStream>
</Period>
```

TimeSignal in clear XML

TimeSignal ad markers in clear XML must contain the following:

- EventStream must have the following attribute:
schemeIdUri=urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml
- Event must hold scte35:SpliceInfoSection
- scte35:SpliceInfoSection must hold scte35:TimeSignal
- scte35:SpliceInfoSection must also hold scte35:SegmentationDescriptor
- scte35:SegmentationDescriptor must have the following attribute, where the value is a valid [Cue-out numbers](#): segmentationTypeId="**xx**"
- scte35:SegmentationDescriptor must hold scte35:SegmentationUpid

Cue-out numbers

The following are supported cue-out numbers for the `segmentationTypeId`.

Segmentation message	<code>segmentationTypeId</code> value	Hexadecimal value
Distributor advertisement end	51	0x51
Distributor advertisement start	50	0x32
Distributor placement opportunity end	55	0x37
Distributor placement opportunity start	54	0x36
End break	35	0x23
Provider advertisement end	49	0x31
Provider advertisement start	48	0x30
Provider overlay placement opportunity end	57	0x39
Provider overlay placement opportunity start	56	0x38
Provider placement opportunity end	53	0x35
Provider placement opportunity start	52	0x34
Start break	34	0x22

Example `TimeSignal` in XML

In the following example, required SCTE markers are in bold.

```
<Period start="PT346530.250S" id="178443" duration="PT61.561S">
  <EventStream timescale="90000" schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml">
    <Event duration="5310000">
      <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="183003" tier="4095">
        <scte35:TimeSignal>
          <scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="3442857000"/>
        </scte35:TimeSignal>
        <scte35:SegmentationDescriptor segmentationEventId="1414668" segmentationEventCancelIndicator="false" segmentationDuration="8100000" segmentationTypeId="52" segmentNum="0" segmentsExpected="0">
          <scte35:DeliveryRestrictions webDeliveryAllowedFlag="false" noRegionalBlackoutFlag="false" archiveAllowedFlag="false" deviceRestrictions="3"/>
          <scte35:SegmentationUpid segmentationUpidType="12" segmentationUpidLength="2">0100</scte35:SegmentationUpid>
        </scte35:SegmentationDescriptor>
      </scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
    </Event>
    .
    .
    .
  </Period>
```

DASH origin manifest base64-encoded binary requirements

Ad markers in DASH manifests from the origin must be formatted properly for MediaTailor to identify ad breaks. The following topics describe these formatting requirements in base64-encoded binary.

Both TimeSignal and SpliceInsert ad markers in base64-encoded manifests must contain the following:

- EventStream must have the following attribute: urn:scte:scte35:2014:xml+bin
- Event must hold scte35:Signal
- scte35:Signal must hold scte35:Binary that contains a base64-encoded binary.

The decoded binary must provide a splice_info_section with the same information as what's required for clear XML ad markers.

- The command type must be either splice_insert() or time_signal()

- The additional settings must comply with those described in [TimeSignal in clear XML](#) and [SpliceInsert in clear XML](#).

The decoded binary must provide a `splice_info_section` with the same set of information as the clear XML would provide in a `scte35:SpliceInfoSection` element. The command type must be either `splice_insert()` or `time_signal()`, and the additional settings must comply with those described previously for clear XML delivery.

The following example shows this option, with the required markers in bold.

```
<Period start="PT444806.040S" id="123586" duration="PT15.000S">
  <EventStream schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2014:xml+bin" timescale="1">
    <Event presentationTime="1541436240" duration="24" id="29">
      <scte35:Signal xmlns="http://www.scte.org/schemas/35/2016">
        <scte35:Binary
```

The following is the decoded binary for the first event listed in the preceding example. The setting for `splice_command_type` is 5, which indicates `splice_insert`.

```
{
  "table_id": 252,
  "section_syntax_indicator": false,
  "private_indicator": false,
  "section_length": 33,
  "protocol_version": 0,
  "encrypted_packet": false,
  "encryption_algorithm": 0,
```

```
"pts_adjustment": 0,
"cw_index": 0,
"tier": "0xFFFF",
"splice_command_length": 16,
"splice_command_type": 5,
"splice_command": {
    "splice_event_id": 448,
    "splice_event_cancel_indicator": false,
    "out_of_network_indicator": true,
    "program_splice_flag": true,
    "duration_flag": true,
    "splice_immediate_flag": false,
    "utc_splice_time": {
        "time_specified_flag": false,
        "pts_time": null
    },
    "component_count": 0,
    "components": null,
    "break_duration": {
        "auto_return": false,
        "duration": {
            "pts_time": 2160000,
            "wall_clock_seconds": 24.0,
            "wall_clock_time": "00:00:24:00000"
        }
    },
    "unique_program_id": 49152,
    "avail_num": 0,
    "avails_expected": 0
},
"splice_descriptor_loop_length": 0,
"splice_descriptors": null,
"Scte35Exception": {
    "parse_status": "SCTE-35 cue parsing completed with 0 errors.",
    "error_messages": [],
    "table_id": 252,
    "splice_command_type": 5
}
}
```

DASH ad avail duration

During playback, when AWS Elemental MediaTailor encounters an ad avail, it replaces some or all of the avail with ads. MediaTailor starts ad replacement at the beginning of the ad avail and includes ads as follows:

- If the ad avail specifies a duration, MediaTailor includes as many ads as it can fit inside the duration boundary, without overwriting content that follows.
- If no duration is provided, MediaTailor includes ads until it reaches the end of the ad avail. For multi-period manifests, this is the end of the period. For single-period manifests, this is the end of the event. MediaTailor doesn't play ads past the end of the ad avail and, when it encounters the end, truncates the current ad instead of overwriting the content that follows.

How AWS Elemental MediaTailor looks for the ad avail duration

AWS Elemental MediaTailor searches for a duration setting in the following order:

1. Event duration
2. For splice insert, the scte35:BreakDuration duration
3. For time signal, the scte35:SegmentationDescriptor segmentationDuration

If AWS Elemental MediaTailor doesn't find any of these settings, it manages ad inclusion without a duration.

The following example shows an Event that has a duration.

```
<Period start="PT444806.040S" id="123586" duration="PT15.000S">
    <EventStream timescale="90000" schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml">
        <Event duration="1350000">
            <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="180832"
tier="4095">
                <scte35:SpliceInsert spliceEventId="4026531855"
spliceEventCancelIndicator="false" outOfNetworkIndicator="true"
spliceImmediateFlag="false" uniqueProgramId="1" availNum="1" availsExpected="1">
                    <scte35:Program><scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="5672624400"/></
scte35:Program>
                    <scte35:BreakDuration autoReturn="true" duration="1350000"/>
                </scte35:SpliceInsert>
            </scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
```

```
</Event>
```

```
...
```

The following example shows ad avail with no duration specified. The Event has no duration and the scte35:SpliceInsert element doesn't contain a scte35:BreakDuration child element.

```
<Period start="PT444836.720S" id="123597" duration="PT12.280S">
  <EventStream timescale="90000" schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml">
    <Event>
      <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="180832"
tier="4095">
        <scte35:SpliceInsert spliceEventId="4026531856"
spliceEventCancelIndicator="false" outOfNetworkIndicator="true"
spliceImmediateFlag="false" uniqueProgramId="1" availNum="1" availsExpected="1">
          <scte35:Program><scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="5675385600"/></
scte35:Program>
        </scte35:SpliceInsert>
      </scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
    </Event>
  ...

```

DASH manifest segment numbering

MediaTailor supports media segments in `<SegmentTemplate>` that are defined using `<SegmentTimeline>` and the `media` attribute. You can specify the media segment list in the `media` attribute using either the `$Number$` identifier or the `$Time$` identifier.

The following example shows a `SegmentTemplate` with a `media` attribute setting that uses the `$Number$` identifier.

```
<SegmentTemplate initialization="index_subtitles_4_0_init.mp4?
m=1532451703" media="index_subtitles_4_0_$Number$.mp4?m=1532451703"
presentationTimeOffset="1062336677920" startNumber="2349899" timescale="90000">
  <SegmentTimeline>
    <S d="540540" r="2" t="1062338840080"/>
    <S d="69069" t="1062340461700"/>
  </SegmentTimeline>
</SegmentTemplate>
```

The following example shows a `SegmentTemplate` with a `media` attribute setting that uses the `$Time$` identifier.

```
<SegmentTemplate  
initialization="asset_720p_8000K_9_init.mp4" media="asset_720p_8000K_9_${Time}.mp4"  
startNumber="1" timescale="90000">  
    <SegmentTimeline>  
        <S d="180000" r="2" t="0"/>  
        <S d="147000" t="540000"/>  
    </SegmentTimeline>  
</SegmentTemplate>
```

DASH MPD examples

The following sections provide examples of DASH origin MPDs and personalized MPDs. Understanding these examples can help you configure and troubleshoot your MediaTailor workflows.

Understanding DASH MPD structure

Dynamic Adaptive Streaming over HTTP (DASH) uses a Media Presentation Description (MPD) manifest to deliver streaming content. The MPD is an XML document that describes the structure and availability of media content.

MPD (Media Presentation Description)

The MPD is the primary manifest file in DASH streaming that describes the structure and availability of media content. It contains information about periods, adaptation sets, representations, and segments that make up the streaming content.

This manifest type is also known by several other names in various contexts, including DASH manifest, DASH MPD, master manifest (when comparing to HLS), or presentation manifest.

In MediaTailor workflows, the MPD is the entry point for playback requests and is where ad personalization begins.

Period

A Period is a temporal section of a DASH presentation. Each Period contains one or more adaptation sets and represents a span of media time. In ad insertion workflows, separate Periods are typically used to delineate between content and ads.

In MediaTailor workflows, Periods are used to separate main content from ad content, with each ad typically represented by its own Period.

AdaptationSet

An AdaptationSet groups a set of interchangeable encoded versions of one or several media content components. For example, one AdaptationSet might contain multiple video quality levels, while another might contain multiple audio language options.

In MediaTailor workflows, AdaptationSets are preserved during ad insertion to maintain consistent media types between content and ads.

Representation

A Representation is a specific encoded version of the media content within an AdaptationSet. Each Representation typically differs in bitrate, resolution, or other encoding parameters, allowing clients to select the most appropriate version based on network conditions and device capabilities.

In MediaTailor workflows, Representations in ad Periods are matched as closely as possible to the Representations in content Periods to ensure a smooth viewing experience.

For more detailed information about DASH manifest types, see [DASH manifest types](#).

Live DASH MPD examples

This section provides examples of live DASH MPDs. Each example lists an MPD as received from the origin server and after MediaTailor has personalized the MPD with ads.

DASH MPD splice insert example

DASH origin MPD example for splice insert

The following example from an MPD shows an ad avail in a manifest received by DASH from the content origin. This example uses the SpliceInsert marker to indicate an ad avail.

```
<Period start="PT173402.036S" id="46041">
  <EventStream timescale="90000" schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml">
    <Event duration="9450000">
      <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="183265" tier="4095">
        <scte35:SpliceInsert spliceEventId="99" spliceEventCancelIndicator="false"
        outOfNetworkIndicator="true" spliceImmediateFlag="false" uniqueProgramId="1"
        availNum="1" availsExpected="1">
          <scte35:Program><scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="7835775000"/></scte35:Program>
          <scte35:BreakDuration autoReturn="true" duration="9450000"/>
```

```
</scte35:SpliceInsert>
<scte35:SegmentationDescriptor segmentationEventId="99"
segmentationEventCancelIndicator="false" segmentationDuration="9450000">
    <scte35:DeliveryRestrictions webDeliveryAllowedFlag="true"
noRegionalBlackoutFlag="true" archiveAllowedFlag="true" deviceRestrictions="3"/>
    <scte35:SegmentationUpid segmentationUpidType="8" segmentationUpidLength="0"/>
>
    <scte35:SegmentationTypeID segmentationType="52"/>
    <scte35:SegmentNum segmentNum="1"/>
    <scte35:SegmentsExpected segmentsExpected="1"/>
</scte35:SegmentationDescriptor>
</scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
</Event>
</EventStream>
<AdaptationSet mimeType="video/mp4" segmentAlignment="true"
subsegmentAlignment="true" startWithSAP="1" subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1"
bitstreamSwitching="true">
    <Representation id="1" width="960" height="540" frameRate="30000/1001"
bandwidth="1000000" codecs="avc1.4D401F">
        <SegmentTemplate timescale="30000" media="index_video_1_0_${Number
}.mp4?m=1528475245" initialization="index_video_1_0_init.mp4?m=1528475245"
startNumber="178444" presentationTimeOffset="10395907501">
            <SegmentTimeline>
                <S t="10395907501" d="60060" r="29"/>
                <S t="10397709301" d="45045"/>
            </SegmentTimeline>
        </SegmentTemplate>
    </Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
<AdaptationSet mimeType="audio/mp4" segmentAlignment="0" lang="eng">
    <Representation id="2" bandwidth="96964" audioSamplingRate="48000"
codecs="mp4a.40.2">
        <SegmentTemplate timescale="48000" media="index_audio_2_0_${Number
}.mp4?m=1528475245" initialization="index_audio_2_0_init.mp4?m=1528475245"
startNumber="178444" presentationTimeOffset="16633452001">
            <SegmentTimeline>
                <S t="16633452289" d="96256" r="3"/>
                <S t="16633837313" d="95232"/>
                <S t="16633932545" d="96256" r="4"/>
                <S t="16634413825" d="95232"/>
                <S t="16634509057" d="96256" r="5"/>
                <S t="16635086593" d="95232"/>
                <S t="16635181825" d="96256" r="4"/>
                <S t="16635663105" d="95232"/>
```

```
<S t="16635758337" d="96256" r="5"/>
<S t="16636335873" d="71680"/>
</SegmentTimeline>
</SegmentTemplate>
</Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
</Period>
```

In this origin MPD example:

- The `<EventStream>` element contains SCTE-35 markers that indicate ad avail
- The `<scte35:SpliceInsert>` element provides details about the ad avail
- The `<scte35:BreakDuration>` element specifies the duration of the ad break
- The `<AdaptationSet>` elements define the available video and audio streams

DASH personalized MPD example for splice insert

AWS Elemental MediaTailor personalizes the ad avail with advertising specifications. The personalizations reflect the viewer data that is received from the player and the advertising campaigns that are currently underway.

The following example shows an ad avail after AWS Elemental MediaTailor personalizes it.

```
<Period id="178443_1" start="PT96H15M30.25S">
  <BaseURL>http://111122223333.cloudfront.net/nbc_fallback_2/</BaseURL>
  <AdaptationSet bitstreamSwitching="false" frameRate="30/1" mimeType="video/mp4" segmentAlignment="true" startWithSAP="1" subsegmentAlignment="true" subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1">
    <SegmentTemplate startNumber="1" timescale="90000"/>
    <Representation bandwidth="10000000" codecs="avc1.640028" height="1080" id="1" width="1920">
      <SegmentTemplate initialization="nbc_fallback_ad_2_1080p_10init.mp4" media="nbc_fallback_ad_2_1080p_10_$Number%09d$.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
        <SegmentTimeline>
          <S d="180000" r="13" t="0"/>
          <S d="176940" t="2520000"/>
        </SegmentTimeline>
      </SegmentTemplate>
    </Representation>
    <Representation bandwidth="4000000" codecs="avc1.64001f" height="720" id="2" width="1280">
```

```

<SegmentTemplate initialization="nbc_fallback_ad_2_720p_9init.mp4"
media="nbc_fallback_ad_2_720p_9_${Number%09d}.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
  <SegmentTimeline>
    <S d="180000" r="13" t="0"/>
    <S d="176940" t="2520000"/>
  </SegmentTimeline>
</SegmentTemplate>
</Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
<AdaptationSet mimeType="audio/mp4" segmentAlignment="0" lang="eng">
  <Representation id="8" bandwidth="128000" audioSamplingRate="48000"
codecs="mp4a.40.2">
    <SegmentTemplate initialization="nbc_fallback_ad_2_audio_2init.mp4"
media="nbc_fallback_ad_2_audio_2_${Number%09d}.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
      <SegmentTimeline>
        <S d="180000" r="13" t="0"/>
        <S d="176940" t="2520000"/>
      </SegmentTimeline>
    </SegmentTemplate>
  </Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
</Period>

```

In this personalized MPD example:

- MediaTailor has created a new Period for the ad content
- The <BaseURL> element points to the ad content location
- The <AdaptationSet> elements maintain similar structure to the content
- The <Representation> elements provide different quality levels for the ad content

DASH MPD time signal example

DASH origin MPD example for time signal

The following example from an MPD shows an ad avail in a manifest received by DASH from the content origin. This example uses the TimeSignal marker to indicate an ad avail.

```

<Period start="PT173402.036S" id="46041">
  <EventStream timescale="90000" schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml">
    <Event duration="9450000">

```

```

<scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="183265" tier="4095">
    <scte35:TimeSignal>
        <scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="7835775000"/>
    </scte35:TimeSignal>
    <scte35:SegmentationDescriptor segmentationEventId="99"
segmentationEventCancelIndicator="false" segmentationDuration="9450000">
        <scte35:DeliveryRestrictions webDeliveryAllowedFlag="true"
noRegionalBlackoutFlag="true" archiveAllowedFlag="true" deviceRestrictions="3"/>
        <scte35:SegmentationUpid segmentationUpidType="8" segmentationUpidLength="0"/>
    >
        <scte35:SegmentationTypeID segmentationType="52"/>
        <scte35:SegmentNum segmentNum="1"/>
        <scte35:SegmentsExpected segmentsExpected="1"/>
    </scte35:SegmentationDescriptor>
</scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
</Event>
</EventStream>
<AdaptationSet mimeType="video/mp4" segmentAlignment="true"
subsegmentAlignment="true" startWithSAP="1" subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1"
bitstreamSwitching="true">
    <Representation id="1" width="960" height="540" frameRate="30000/1001"
bandwidth="1000000" codecs="avc1.4D401F">
        <SegmentTemplate timescale="30000" media="index_video_1_0_${Number
}.mp4?m=1528475245" initialization="index_video_1_0_init.mp4?m=1528475245"
startNumber="178444" presentationTimeOffset="10395907501">
            <SegmentTimeline>
                <S t="10395907501" d="60060" r="29"/>
                <S t="10397709301" d="45045"/>
            </SegmentTimeline>
        </SegmentTemplate>
    </Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
</Period>

```

In this origin MPD example:

- The `<scte35:TimeSignal>` element is used instead of `<scte35:SpliceInsert>`
- The `<scte35:SegmentationDescriptor>` provides additional information about the ad avail

DASH personalized MPD example for time signal

AWS Elemental MediaTailor personalizes the ad avails with advertising specifications. The personalizations reflect the viewer data that is received from the player and the advertising campaigns that are currently underway.

The following example shows an ad avail after AWS Elemental MediaTailor personalizes it.

```
<Period id="178443_1" start="PT96H15M30.25S">
  <BaseURL>http://111122223333.cloudfront.net/nbc_fallback_2/</BaseURL>
  <AdaptationSet bitstreamSwitching="false" frameRate="30/1" mimeType="video/mp4" segmentAlignment="true" startWithSAP="1" subsegmentAlignment="true" subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1">
    <SegmentTemplate startNumber="1" timescale="90000"/>
    <Representation bandwidth="10000000" codecs="avc1.640028" height="1080" id="1" width="1920">
      <SegmentTemplate initialization="nbc_fallback_ad_2_1080p_10init.mp4" media="nbc_fallback_ad_2_1080p_10_$Number%09d$.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
        <SegmentTimeline>
          <S d="180000" r="13" t="0"/>
          <S d="176940" t="2520000"/>
        </SegmentTimeline>
      </SegmentTemplate>
    </Representation>
  </AdaptationSet>
</Period>
```

The personalized MPD for time signal is similar to the one for splice insert, with MediaTailor creating a new Period for the ad content.

VOD DASH MPD examples

This section provides examples of video on demand (VOD) DASH MPDs. Each example lists an MPD as received from the origin server and after MediaTailor has personalized the MPD with ads.

VOD DASH MPDs follow the same structure as live MPDs, but they typically have a type="static" attribute in the MPD element and may contain multiple Periods for different content segments.

For examples of VOD DASH MPDs, see the MediaTailor documentation on [DASH ad markers](#).

Key differences in personalized MPDs

When MediaTailor personalizes DASH MPDs, it makes several important changes:

Period handling

- New Periods are created for ad content
- Period start times are adjusted to maintain timeline continuity
- EventStream elements with SCTE-35 markers are processed and removed

AdaptationSet and Representation handling

- AdaptationSets in ad Periods are created to match content AdaptationSets
- Representations are created for different quality levels of the ad content
- SegmentTemplate elements are updated to point to ad content

Understanding these changes can help you troubleshoot issues in your MediaTailor workflows and ensure proper configuration of your CDN and player.

Related topics

For more information about DASH MPDs and MediaTailor, see the following topics:

- [DASH manifest types](#) - Detailed explanation of DASH manifest types
- [Using a CDN to optimize MediaTailor ad personalization and content delivery](#) - Information about using a CDN with MediaTailor
- [How MediaTailor ad insertion works](#) - Overview of how MediaTailor ad insertion works

DASH location feature

This section provides information about the location feature for DASH, which is enabled by default in AWS Elemental MediaTailor. Read this section if you create content delivery network (CDN) routing rules for accessing MediaTailor manifests. Also read this section if you use server-side reporting with players that don't support sticky HTTP redirects.

What is the location feature?

The location feature allows players that don't support sticky HTTP redirects to provide sticky behavior in their manifest update requests.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor uses sessionless initialization, and it requires sticky HTTP redirect behavior from its players. With server-side reporting, when the player makes a request for a

manifest update to MediaTailor, the service issues a 302 temporary redirect, to direct the player to an endpoint for the personalized manifest. MediaTailor includes a session ID in the response, as a query parameter. The intent is for the player to follow the URL for the entirety of the session, but players that don't support sticky HTTP redirects drop the redirect and return to the original URL. When a player returns to the original URL, for each new request MediaTailor creates a new session rather than staying with the original session. This can cause the manifest to become corrupt.

The DASH specification provides a solution to this problem in the location feature, which is enabled by default in AWS Elemental MediaTailor configurations. When this feature is enabled, MediaTailor puts the absolute URL in the manifest <Location> tag. Players that don't support sticky HTTP redirects can use the URL provided in <Location> to request updates to the manifest.

Do I need to disable the location feature in my configuration?

The location feature overrides any CDN routing rules that you set up for accessing AWS Elemental MediaTailor manifests, so you might need to disable it. The location feature doesn't affect CDN caching of content or ad segments.

Find your situation in the following list to determine whether you need to disable the location feature for your configuration and how to handle it:

- If you don't have CDN routing rules set up for accessing AWS Elemental MediaTailor manifests, leave the location setting enabled.
- Otherwise, use the following rules:
 - If you either don't use server-side reporting or your players all support sticky HTTP redirects, disable the location feature. For information about how to do this on the console, see [the section called "Creating a configuration"](#).
 - Otherwise, contact [AWS Support](#).

Do I need to use the location feature?

You need to use the location feature for players that don't support sticky HTTP redirects. Use the URL provided in the <Location> tag for all of your manifest update requests.

Example

Example URLs and example <Location> tag.

- **Example Example: Initial request URL**

```
https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/  
dash/5ca4c1892b1f213a1247fad47b3e34c454a7d490/testLocationTag/index.mpd
```

- **Example Example: Redirected 302 response**

```
/v1/dash/5ca4c1892b1f213a1247fad47b3e34c454a7d490/testLocationTag/index.mpd?  
aws.sessionId=0e5d9b45-ae97-49eb-901b-893d043e0aa6
```

- **Example Example: Location tag in a manifest**

```
<Location>https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/  
dash/5ca4c1892b1f213a1247fad47b3e34c454a7d490/testLocationTag/index.mpd?  
aws.sessionId=0e5d9b45-ae97-49eb-901b-893d043e0aa6</Location>
```

Securing AWS Elemental MediaTailor origin interactions with SigV4

Signature Version 4 (SigV4) is a signing protocol used to authenticate MediaTailor requests to supported origins over HTTPS. MediaTailor only supports HTTPS communication and does not allow HTTP connections. With SigV4 signing, MediaTailor includes a signed authorization header in the HTTPS origin request to MediaTailor Channel Assembly, Amazon S3 and AWS Elemental MediaPackage version 2.

You can use SigV4 at your origin to ensure that manifest requests are only fulfilled if they're from MediaTailor and contain a signed authorization header. This way, unauthorized MediaTailor playback configurations are blocked from accessing your origin content. If the signed authorization header is valid, your origin fulfills the request. If it isn't valid, the request fails.

The following sections describe requirements for using MediaTailor SigV4 signing to supported origins.

MediaTailor Channel Assembly requirements

If you use SigV4 to protect your MediaTailor Channel Assembly origin, the following requirements must be met for MediaTailor to access the manifest:

- The origin base URL in your MediaTailor configuration must be a Channel Assembly channel in the following format: `channel-assembly.mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com`

- Your origin must be configured to use HTTPS. MediaTailor only supports HTTPS communication and does not allow HTTP connections. If HTTPS is not enabled at the origin, MediaTailor will not sign the request.
- Your channel must have an origin access policy that includes the following:
 - Principal access for MediaTailor to access your channel. Grant access to **mediatailor.amazonaws.com**.
 - IAM permissions **mediatailor:GetManifest** to read all multivariant playlists referenced by the MediaTailor configuration.

For information about setting a policy on the channel, see [Create a channel using the MediaTailor console](#).

Example origin access policy for Channel Assembly, scoped to the MediaTailor configuration account

```
{  
    "Effect": "Allow",  
    "Principal": {"Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"},  
    "Action": "mediatailor:GetManifest",  
    "Resource": "arn:aws:mediatailor:us-west-2:777788889999:channel/ca-origin-channel",  
    "Condition": {  
        "StringEquals": {"AWS:SourceAccount": "777788889999"}  
    }  
}
```

Example origin access policy for Channel Assembly, scoped to the MediaTailor playback configuration

```
{  
    "Effect": "Allow",  
    "Principal": {"Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"},  
    "Action": "mediatailor:GetManifest",  
    "Resource": "arn:aws:mediatailor:us-west-2:777788889999:channel/ca-origin-channel",  
    "Condition": {  
        "StringEquals": {"AWS:SourceArn": "arn:aws:mediatailor:us-west-2:777788889999:playbackConfiguration/test"}  
    }  
}
```

Amazon S3 requirements

If you use SigV4 to protect your Amazon S3 origin, the following requirements must be met for MediaTailor to access the manifest:

- The origin base URL in your MediaTailor configuration must be an S3 bucket in the following format: s3.*region*.amazonaws.com
- Your origin must be configured to use HTTPS. MediaTailor only supports HTTPS communication and does not allow HTTP connections. If HTTPS is not enabled at the origin, MediaTailor will not sign the request.
- Your channel must have an origin access policy that includes the following:
 - Principal access for MediaTailor to access your bucket. Grant access to mediatailor.amazonaws.com.

For information about configuring access in IAM, see [Access management](#) in the *AWS Identity and Access Management User Guide*.

- IAM permissions **s3:GetObject** to read all top-level manifests referenced by the MediaTailor configuration.

For general information about SigV4 for Amazon S3, see the [Authenticating Requests \(AWS Signature Version 4\)](#) topic in the *Amazon S3 API reference*.

Example origin access policy for Amazon S3, scoped to the MediaTailor account

```
{  
    "Effect": "Allow",  
    "Principal": {"Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"},  
    "Action": "s3:GetObject",  
    "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::mybucket/*",  
    "Condition": {  
        "StringEquals": {"AWS:SourceAccount": "111122223333"}  
    }  
}
```

Example origin access policy for Amazon S3, scoped to the MediaTailor playback configuration

```
{  
    "Effect": "Allow",
```

```
"Principal": {"Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"},  
"Action": "s3:GetObject",  
"Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::mybucket/*",  
"Condition": {  
    "StringEquals": {"AWS:SourceArn": "arn:aws:mediatailor:us-  
west-2:111122223333:playbackConfiguration/test"}  
}  
}
```

MediaPackage requirements

If you use SigV4 to protect your MediaPackage v2 origin, the following requirements must be met for MediaTailor to access the manifest:

- The origin base URL in your MediaTailor configuration must be a MediaPackage v2 endpoint in the following format: mediapackagev2.*region*.amazonaws.com
- Your origin must be configured to use HTTPS. MediaTailor only supports HTTPS communication and does not allow HTTP connections. If HTTPS is not enabled at the origin, MediaTailor will not sign the request.
- Your channel must have an origin access policy that includes the following:
 - Principal access for MediaTailor to access your endpoint. Grant access to **mediatailor.amazonaws.com**.
 - IAM permissions **mediapackagev2:GetObject** to read all multivariant playlists referenced by the MediaTailor configuration.

For general information about SigV4 for MediaPackage v2, see the [Authenticating Requests \(AWS Signature Version 4\)](#) topic in the *MediaPackage v2 API reference*.

Example origin access policy for MediaPackage v2, scoped to the MediaTailor account

```
{  
    "Effect": "Allow",  
    "Principal": {"Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"},  
    "Action": "mediapackagev2:GetObject",  
    "Resource": "arn:aws:mediapackagev2:us-west-2:444455556666:channelGroup/emp-origin-  
channel-group/channel/emp-origin-channel/originEndpoint/emp-origin-endpoint",  
    "Condition": {  
        "StringEquals": {"AWS:SourceAccount": "444455556666"}  
    }  
}
```

{

Example origin access policy for MediaPackage v2, scoped to the MediaTailor playback configuration

```
{  
    "Effect": "Allow",  
    "Principal": {"Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"},  
    "Action": "mediapackagev2:GetObject",  
    "Resource": "arn:aws:mediapackagev2:us-west-2:44445556666:channelGroup/emp-origin-channel-group/channel/emp-origin-channel/originEndpoint/emp-origin-endpoint",  
    "Condition": {  
        "StringEquals": {"AWS:SourceArn": "arn:aws:mediatailor:us-west-2:44445556666:playbackConfiguration/test"}  
    }  
}
```

Integrating AWS Elemental MediaTailor with Google Ad Manager

Integrate MediaTailor with [Google Ad Manager](#) (Ad Manager) for programmatic access to an online, auction-driven marketplace where ad impressions can be bought and sold in real time. You must have an account set up with Ad Manager, then you can integrate with Ad Manager in the following ways:

- A server-side integration using an SSL certificate.
- A client-side player integration using the Programmatic Access Libraries (PAL) SDK. This integration is required if you want to use the open auction transaction type.

Ad Manager support for programmatic transaction types varies based on the type of integration that you're using. For a list of available options, see [Transaction types](#) or contact your Google account team.

The following sections describe these integrations in detail.

Topics

- [Server-side AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration with Google Ad Manager](#)

- [Client-side AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration with Google Ad Manager](#)

Server-side AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration with Google Ad Manager

Server-side ad requests to Google Ad Manager (Ad Manager) must include the SSL certificate that Ad Manager has issued to MediaTailor to authorize programmatic transactions.

To make server-side ad requests to Ad Manager

1. [Submit an AWS Support ticket](#) to request SSL certificates to be enabled. Include the following information in the Support ticket:
 - AWS Region
 - AWS account ID
 - MediaTailor playback configuration name

If you don't enable SSL certificates, Ad Manager responds to MediaTailor ad requests with HTTP 401 error codes in the ERROR痈_INVALID_RESPONSE ADS interaction log event type.

2. After SSL certificates are enabled, update the URL and parameters for your ADS and preroll ADS in the playback configuration. To update or create a playback configuration, see [Working with AWS Elemental MediaTailor playback configurations](#).

For official guidance on VAST ad request URL parameters for Ad Manager, see the Ad Manager [Server-side implementation guide](#). Updating includes the following changes:

- Change the base URL from pubads.g.doubleclick.net to serverside.doubleclick.net.
- Add the parameter ssss=mediatailor. This indicates that MediaTailor is the server-side stitching source.
- Remove the IP parameter. MediaTailor automatically passes in the end-user IP address using the X-Forwarded-For header.
- Remove the ss_req=1 parameter.

For updated and complete VAST URL guidance, see the [Server-side implementation guide](#) or contact your Google account team.

Client-side AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration with Google Ad Manager

A MediaTailor client-side integration is required to use the Google Ad Manager Programmatic Access Libraries (PAL) SDKs. This integration is required if you want to use Ad Manager's open auction transaction type.

The PAL SDKs provide information about the content, device, and user data for a playback session. Through the PAL SDK, you can provide this information to Google Ad Manager, which can then make better determinations of what targeted ads to show. SDKs are available for Android, iOS, HTML5, and Cast. For information about using the PAL SDKs, see [Google Ad Manager PAL SDK](#).

To create client-side integration with Ad Manager

1. Use the PAL SDK to generate a nonce.

The nonce is an encrypted string that PAL generates for stream requests. Each request must have a unique nonce. For information about setting up a nonce, choose your SDK from [Google Ad Manager PAL SDK](#).

2. Use the `givn` parameter in your ADS request to pass through the nonce value. To do this, update your ADS URL to include `&givn=[player_params.givn]`. For instructions, see [Enabling client-side tracking](#).

Datazoom player SDKs

MediaTailor has partnered with Datazoom to provide free player SDKs to ease integrations with SDKs such as those offered in the Ad Manager PAL. For information about the Datazoom and MediaTailor partnership, see [Datazoom free player SDKs](#).

To access the Datazoom player SDKs, use the contact information on the [Datazoom with AWS](#) site.

Customizing ad break behavior with ad suppression

When you create a configuration in AWS Elemental MediaTailor, you can specify optional ad break configuration settings that govern the behavior of ad breaks, including the ability to configure ad break suppression. This allows you to tailor the ad break experiences for your video content to meet your specific requirements.

Topics

- [Configuring ad break suppression](#)

Configuring ad break suppression

Note

Ad suppression is only available for live workflows.

You can configure MediaTailor to skip ad break personalization for live content. This is known as *ad suppression*, or *avail suppression*. This topic shows you how, and it also explains how configuring ad suppression works.

Ad suppression can be used for the following use cases:

- **Large manifest lookback window** – If a viewer starts playback at the live edge of a manifest but the lookback window is large, you might want to only insert ads starting after the viewer started watching. Or, insert ads for a portion of the total lookback window in the manifest. You can configure ad suppression so that MediaTailor personalizes ad breaks on or within a specified time range behind the live edge.
- **Mid-break join** – If the viewer starts watching a live video stream in the middle of an ad break, that user is likely to change the channel and not watch the advertisement. With ad suppression, you can skip ad break personalization if the ad break started before the viewer joined the stream.

Configuring ad suppression

To use ad suppression, you configure an **avail suppression mode**, **avail suppression value**, and **avail suppression fill policy** in the following ways:

- In the MediaTailor console
- Using the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI)
- Using MediaTailor API, or as parameters in your client's playback session request

For information about configuration with parameters, see [Configuring ad suppression parameters – playback session request](#).

Ad suppression configuration parameters

You can choose to turn on or turn off ad suppression. If you turn on ad suppression, you specify whether that suppression happens after the live playback edge or before the live playback edge of a live stream. In either case, you also specify a time, relative to the live edge, where MediaTailor doesn't personalize ads. When you turn on avail suppression, you can specify an avail suppression policy that MediaTailor uses for partial ad-break fills when a session starts mid-break.

The following are the ad suppression configuration parameters:

- **Avail suppression mode** – Sets the ad suppression mode. By default, ad suppression is off.

Accepted values: OFF, BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE, or AFTER_LIVE_EDGE.

- OFF: There is no ad suppression and MediaTailor personalizes all ad breaks.
- BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE: MediaTailor doesn't personalize ad breaks that start before the live edge, minus the **Avail suppression value**. This affects the entire ad break, not just individual ad avails.
- AFTER_LIVE_EDGE: MediaTailor doesn't personalize ad breaks that are within the live edge, plus the **Avail suppression value**. This can be configured to affect either entire ad breaks or allow partial filling of ad avails.
- **Avail suppression value** – A time relative to the live edge in a live stream. **Accepted value:** A time value in HH:MM:SS.
- **Avail suppression fill policy** – Defines the policy that MediaTailor applies to the **Avail suppression mode**. **Accepted values:** PARTIAL_AVAIL, FULL_AVAIL_ONLY.
 - BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE mode always uses the FULL_AVAIL_ONLY suppression policy.
 - AFTER_LIVE_EDGE mode can be used to invoke PARTIAL_AVAIL ad break fills when a session starts mid-break.

Ad suppression settings examples

The way in which the [ad suppression configuration parameters](#) interact with one another lets you specify several different ways to handle ad suppression and avail filling before, at, or after the live edge of the live stream. This section provides examples that show you some of these interactions. Use these examples to help you set up the configuration parameters for your particular situation.

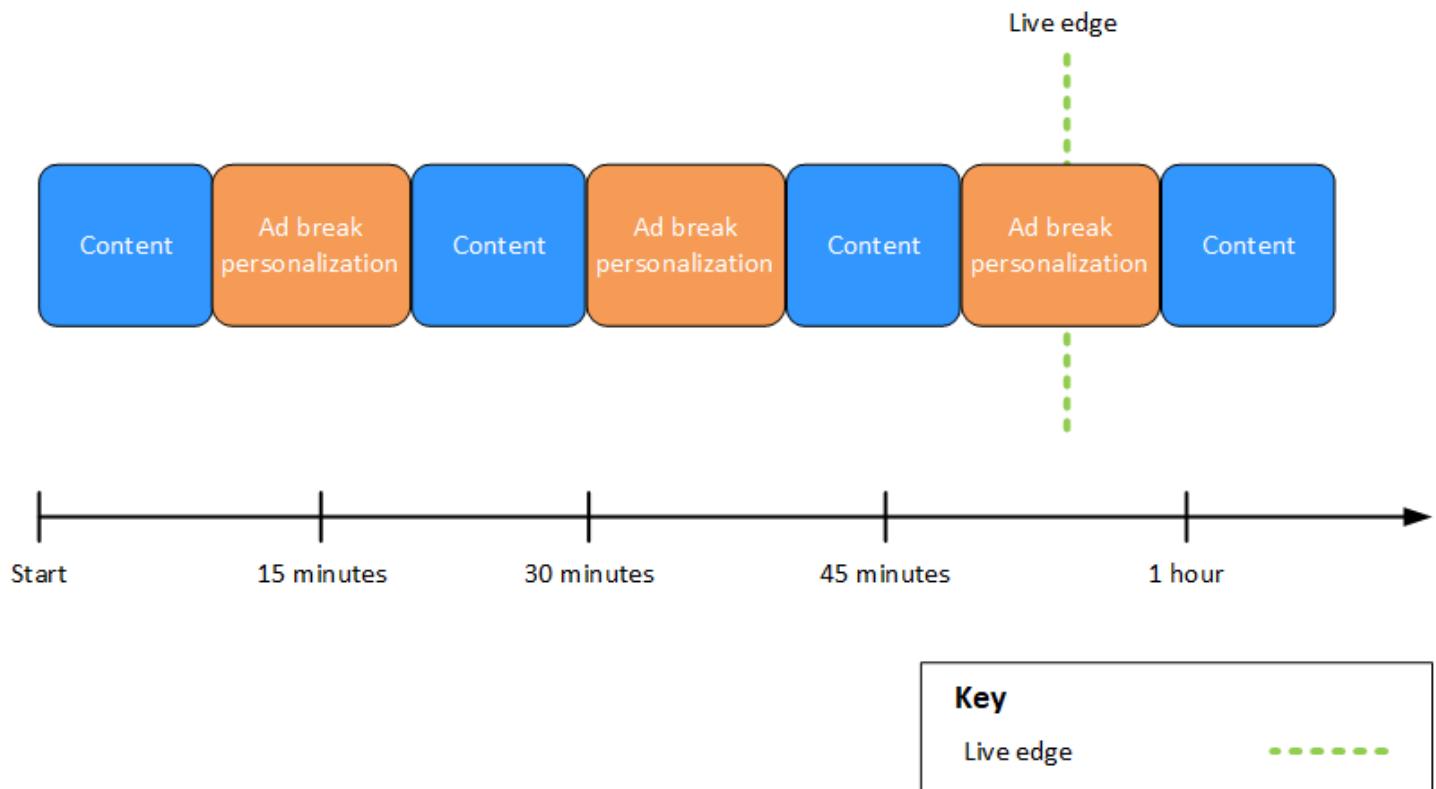
The following are examples of ad suppression settings:

Example 1: No ad suppression

When the **avail suppression mode** is OFF, there is no ad suppression and MediaTailor personalizes all ad breaks.

In the following figure, various blocks are arranged horizontally along a timeline that progresses from left to right. Each block represents a portion of time where the content of the live stream or a personalized ad break plays. A dotted line represents the current live edge of the live stream. Two ad breaks occur before the live edge, and another ad break is in progress at the live edge. As shown in the figure, when the avail suppression mode is OFF, MediaTailor personalizes all ad breaks that occur before the live edge on the timeline. MediaTailor also personalizes the ad break in progress at the live edge.

Avail suppression mode (default): OFF



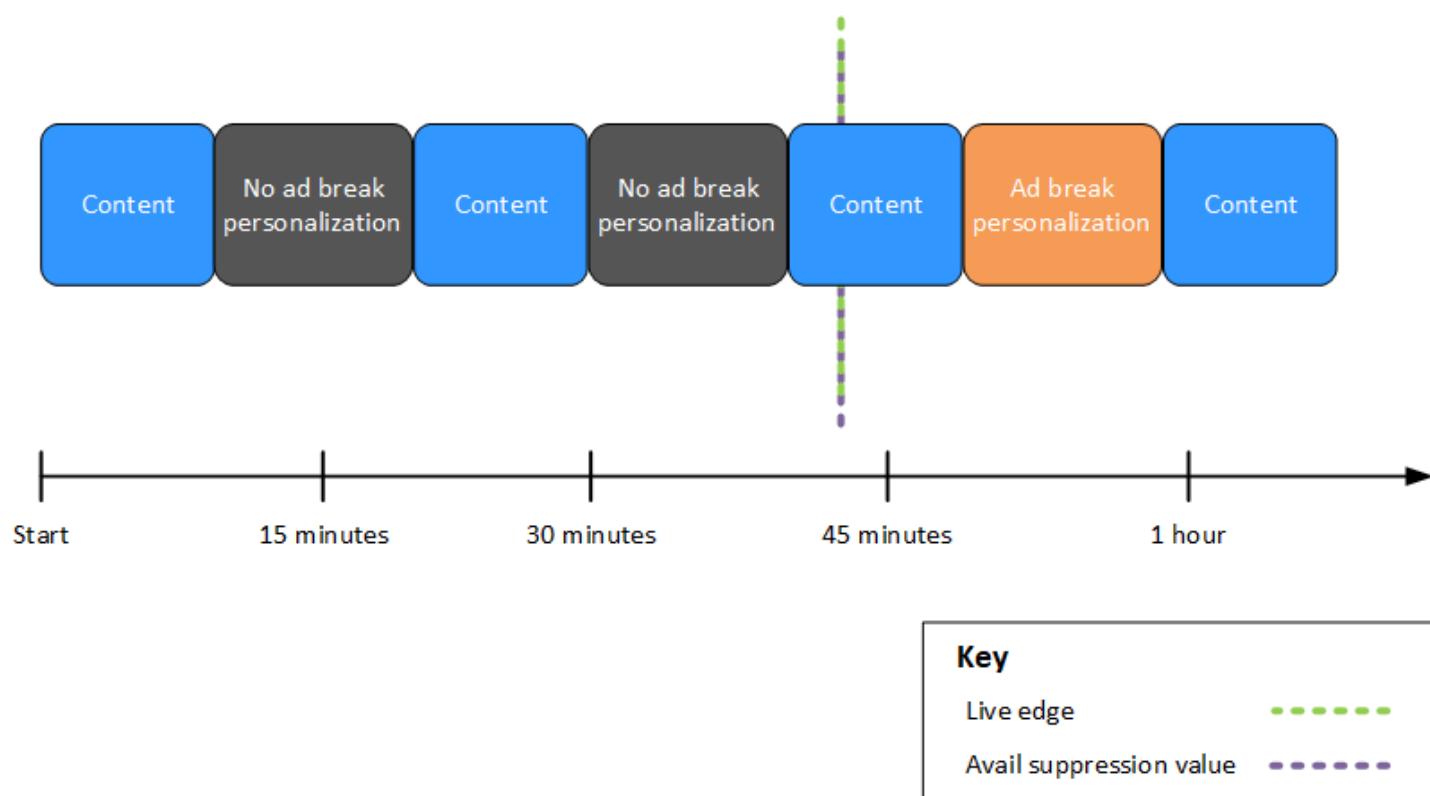
Example 2: BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE ad suppression with value in sync with live edge

When **avail suppression mode** is set to BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE and the **avail suppression value** is set to 00:00:00, the avail suppression value is in sync with the live edge. MediaTailor doesn't personalize any ad breaks that start on or before the live edge.

In the following figure, various blocks are arranged horizontally along a timeline that progresses from left to right. Each block represents a portion of time where the content of the live stream, a personalized ad break, or a non-personalized ad break plays. A dotted line represents the current live edge of the live stream. Another dotted line, representing the avail suppression value set to `00:00:00`, overlaps the dotted line for the live edge. Two ad breaks occur before the live edge, and another ad break occurs after the live edge. As shown in the figure, when the avail suppression mode is set to `BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE`, and the avail suppression value is set to `00:00:00` so that it's in sync with the live edge, MediaTailor doesn't personalize any ad breaks that occur before the live edge on the timeline. MediaTailor personalizes the ad break that occurs *after* the live edge.

Avail suppression mode: `BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE`

Avail suppression value: `00:00:00`



Example 3: BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE ad suppression with value behind live edge

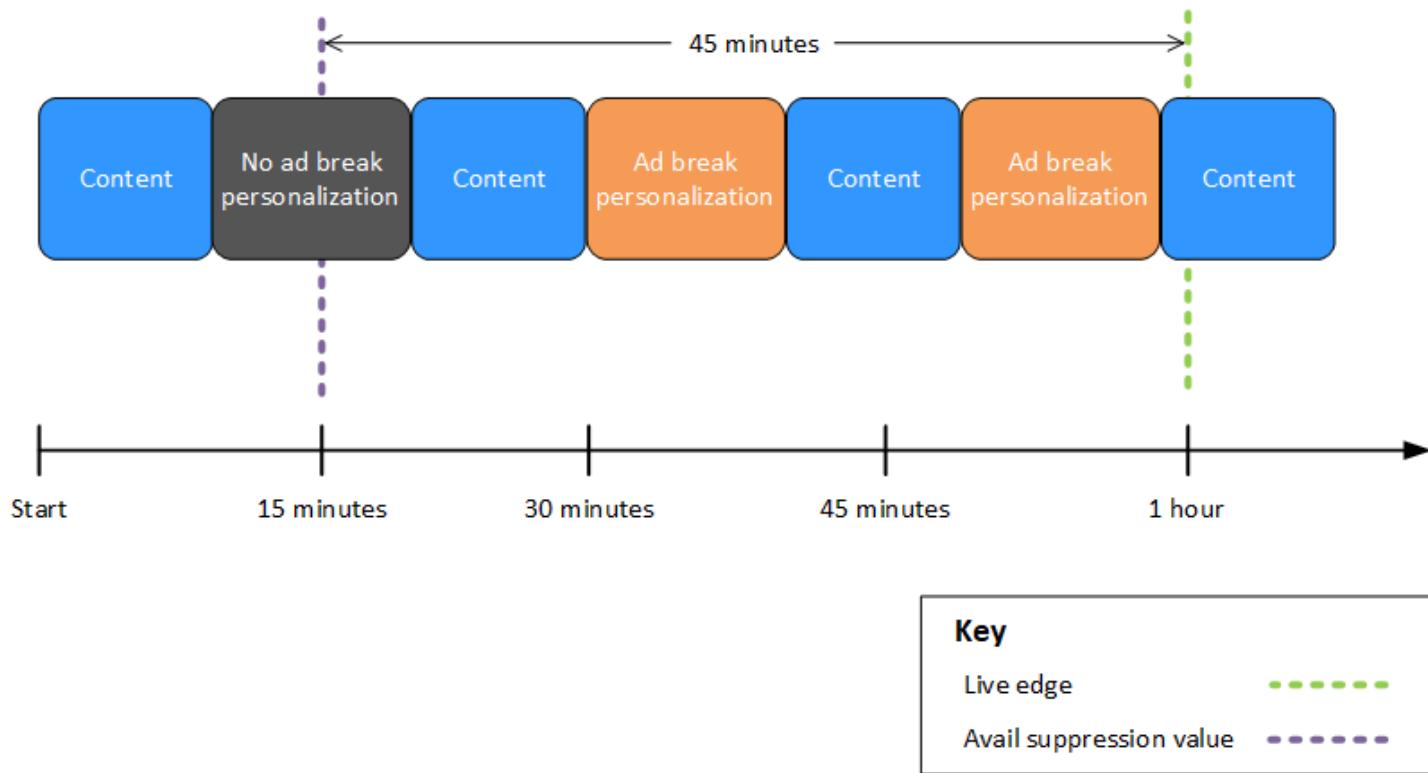
When the **avail suppression mode** is set to `BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE`, MediaTailor doesn't personalize any ad breaks on or before that time. In this example, MediaTailor personalizes ad breaks that start up to 45 minutes behind the live edge. MediaTailor *doesn't* personalize ad breaks that start more than 45 minutes behind the live edge.

In the following figure, various blocks are arranged horizontally along a timeline that progresses from left to right. Each block represents a portion of time where the content of the live stream, a personalized ad break, or a non-personalized ad break plays. A dotted line represents the current live edge of the live stream. Another dotted line, representing the avail suppression value set to `00:45:00`, occurs 45 minutes earlier in the timeline with respect to the dotted line for the live edge. The 45-minute time period between the dotted lines represents the avail suppression period. An ad break is in progress at the beginning of the avail suppression period. Two other ad breaks occur during the avail suppression period.

As shown in the figure, when the avail suppression mode is set to `BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE`, and the avail suppression value is set to `00:45:00` behind the live edge, MediaTailor personalizes any ad breaks that occur within the avail suppression period. MediaTailor *doesn't* personalize the ad break in progress at the beginning of the avail suppression period.

Avail suppression mode: `BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE`

Avail suppression value: `00:45:00`



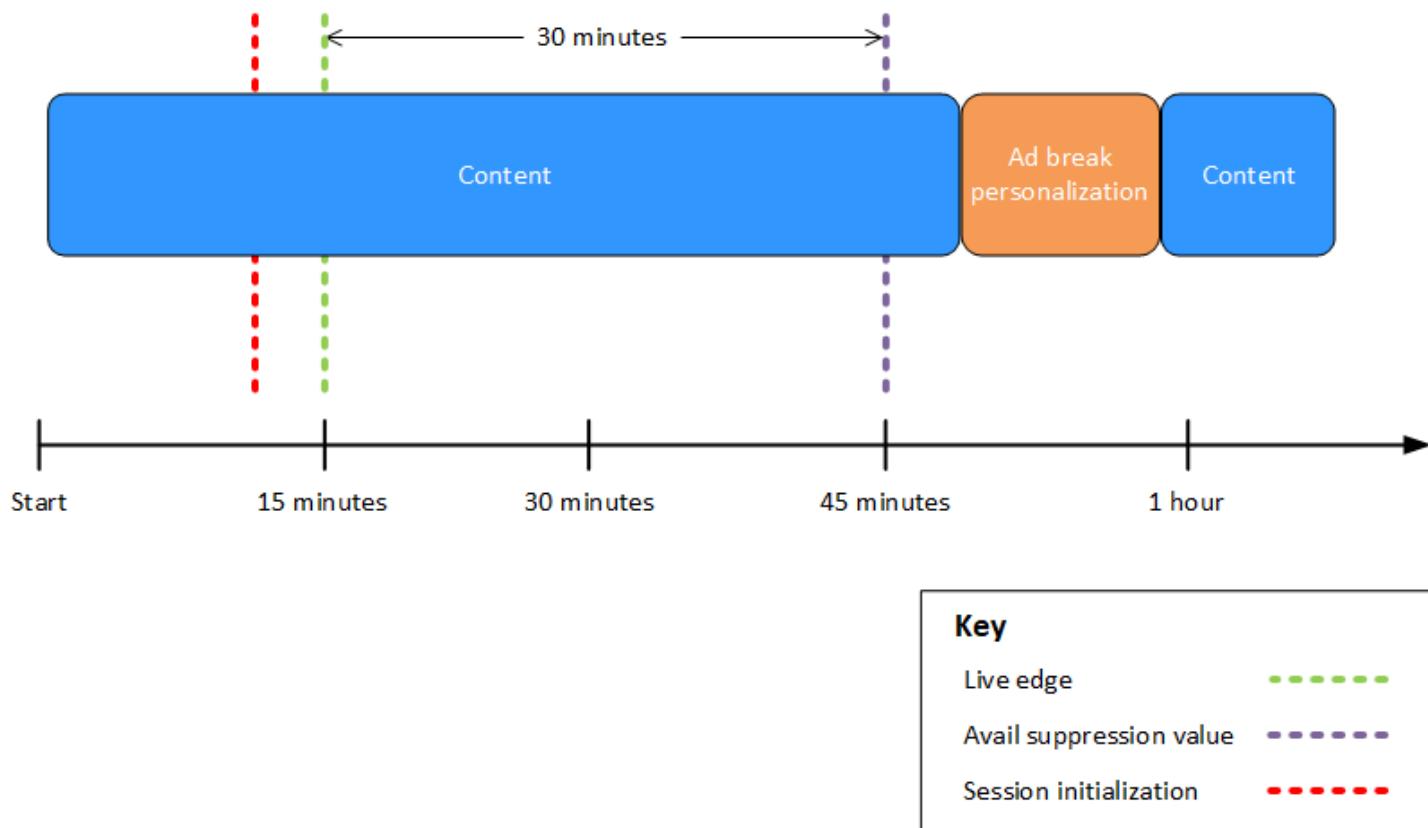
Example 4: AFTER_LIVE_EDGE ad suppression with no ad breaks occurring during the avail suppression period

When the **avail suppression mode** is set to AFTER_LIVE_EDGE and the **avail suppression value** is greater than zero, MediaTailor doesn't personalize any ad breaks until the elapsed time of the session has reached that value.

In the following figure, various blocks are arranged horizontally along a timeline that progresses from left to right. Each block represents a portion of time where the content of the live stream or a personalized ad break plays. A dotted line represents the current live edge of the live stream. Another dotted line, representing the avail suppression value set to `00:30:00`, occurs 30 minutes later in the timeline with respect to the dotted line for the live edge. A third dotted line, representing the session initialization, occurs earlier in the timeline with respect to the dotted line for the live edge. The 30-minute time period between the live-edge time and the avail-suppression-value time represents the avail suppression period. An ad break occurs after the avail suppression period. As shown in the figure, when the avail suppression mode is set to AFTER_LIVE_EDGE, the avail suppression value is set to `00:30:00` after the live edge, and the session initialization occurs before the live edge, MediaTailor personalizes any ad breaks that occur *after* the avail suppression period.

Avail suppression mode: AFTER_LIVE_EDGE

Avail suppression value: 00:30:00



Example 5: AFTER_LIVE_EDGE ad suppression with PARTIAL_AVAIL fill policy and an ad break in progress at the end of the avail suppression period

When the **avail suppression mode** is set to AFTER_LIVE_EDGE and the **avail suppression value** is greater than zero, MediaTailor doesn't personalize any ad breaks until the elapsed time of the session has reached that value.

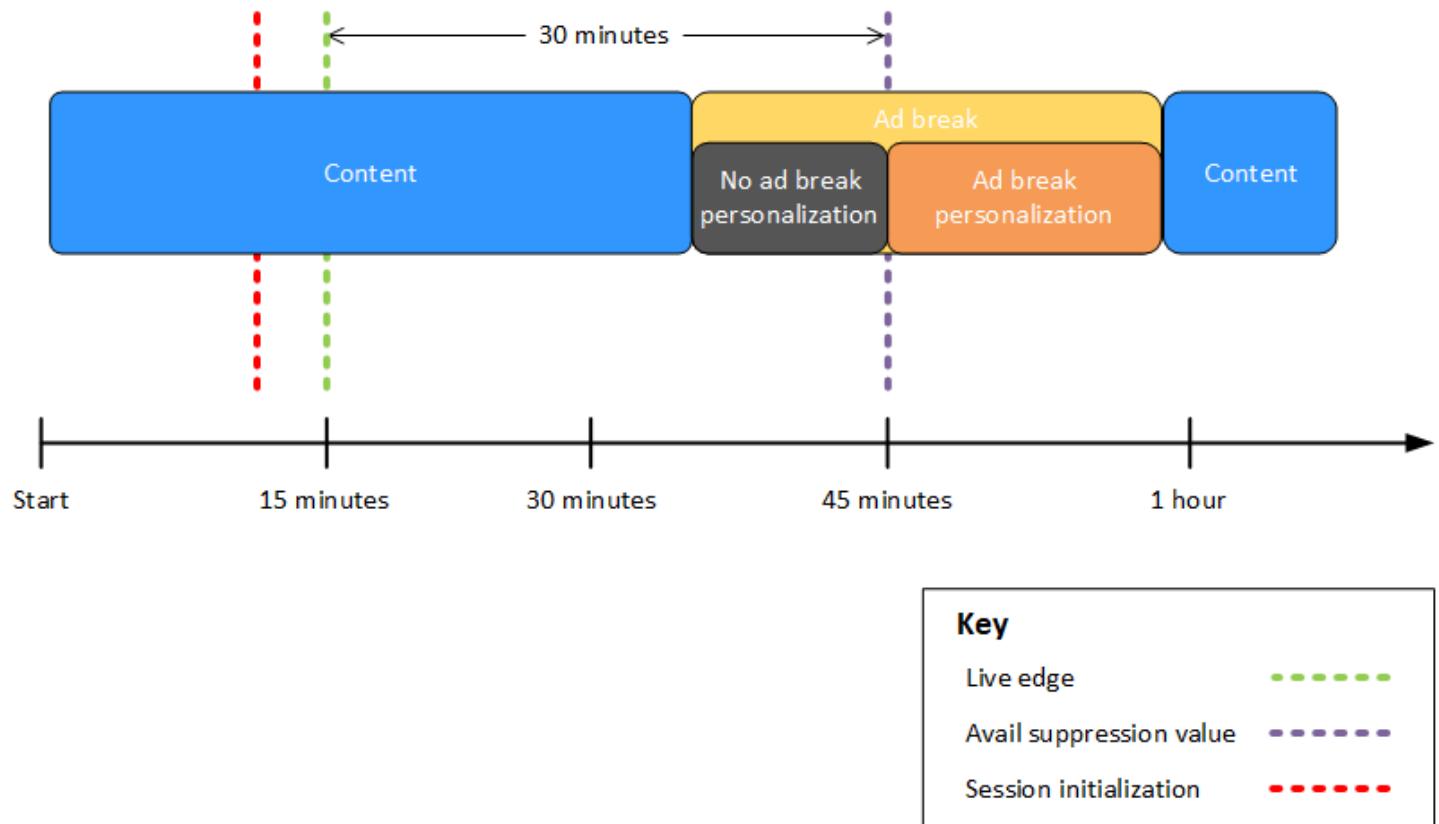
In the following figure, various blocks are arranged horizontally along a timeline that progresses from left to right. Each block represents a portion of time where the content of the live stream, a personalized ad break, or a non-personalized ad break plays. A dotted line represents the current live edge of the live stream. Another dotted line, representing the avail suppression value set to 00:30:00, occurs 30 minutes later in the timeline with respect to the dotted line for the live edge. A third dotted line, representing the session initialization, occurs earlier in the timeline with respect to the dotted line for the live edge. The 30-minute time period between the live-edge time and the

avail-suppression-value time represents the avail suppression period. An ad break is in progress at the end of the avail suppression period. As shown in the figure, when the avail suppression mode is set to AFTER_LIVE_EDGE, the avail suppression value is set to 00:30:00 after the live edge, the avail suppression fill policy is set to PARTIAL_AVAIL, and the session initialization occurs before the live edge, MediaTailor personalizes any ad breaks that occur *after* the avail suppression period. For the ad break in progress at the end of the avail suppression period, MediaTailor personalizes the portion of that ad break which occurs *after* the avail suppression period, but doesn't personalize the portion of that ad break which occurs *during* the avail suppression period.

Avail suppression mode: AFTER_LIVE_EDGE

Avail suppression value: 00:30:00

Avail suppression fill policy: PARTIAL_AVAIL



Example 6: AFTER_LIVE_EDGE ad suppression with PARTIAL_AVAIL fill policy and an ad break in progress from before session initialization to after the end of the avail suppression period

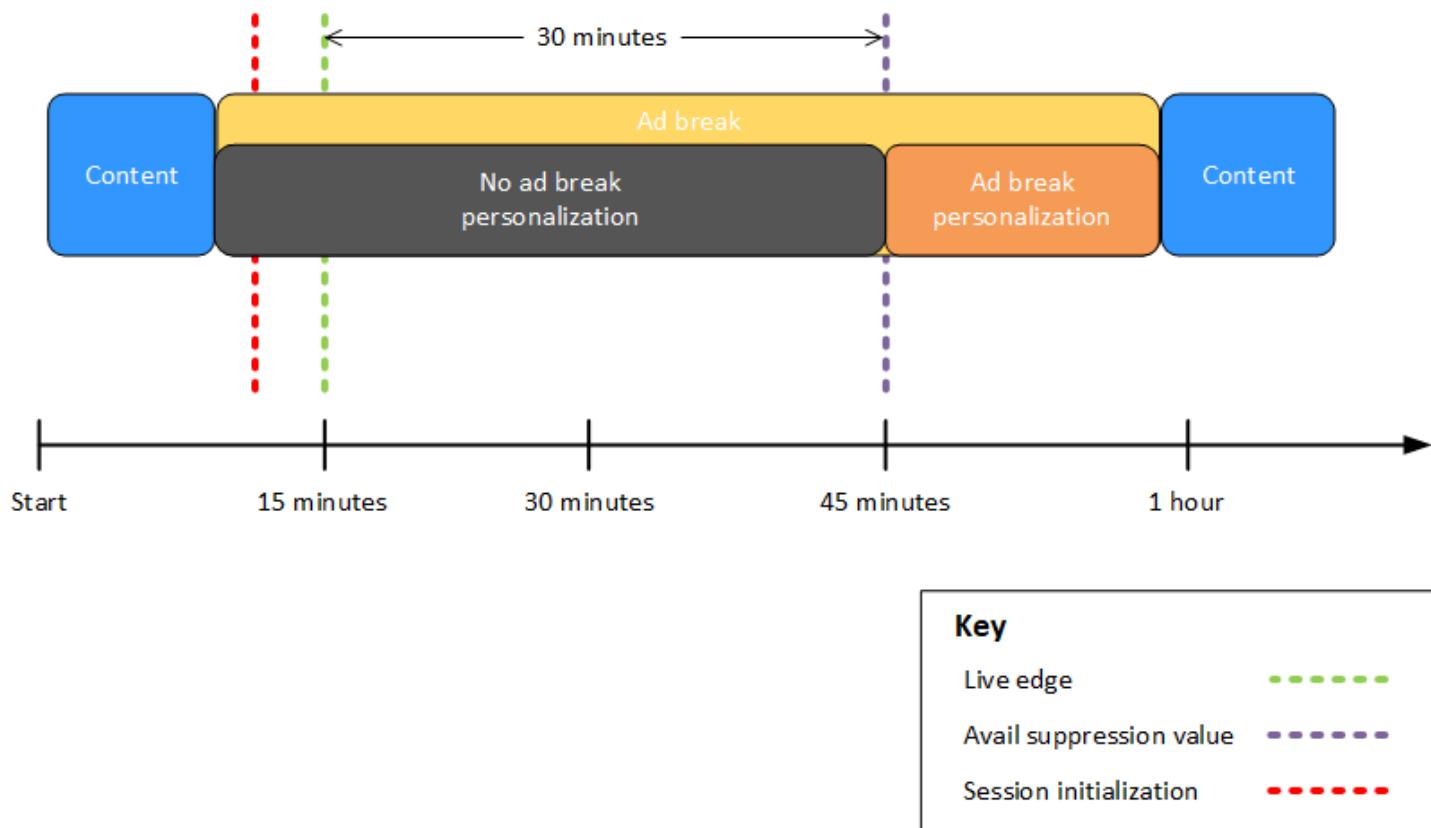
When the **avail suppression mode** is set to AFTER_LIVE_EDGE and the **avail suppression value** is greater than zero, MediaTailor doesn't personalize any ad breaks until the elapsed time of the session has reached that value.

In the following figure, various blocks are arranged horizontally along a timeline that progresses from left to right. Each block represents a portion of time where the content of the live stream, a personalized ad break, or a non-personalized ad break plays. A dotted line represents the current live edge of the live stream. Another dotted line, representing the avail suppression value set to `00:30:00`, occurs 30 minutes later in the timeline with respect to the dotted line for the live edge. A third dotted line, representing the session initialization, occurs earlier in the timeline with respect to the dotted line for the live edge. The 30-minute time period between the live-edge time and the avail-suppression-value time represents the avail suppression period. An ad break is in progress from a time before session initialization to a time after the avail suppression period. As shown in the figure, when the avail suppression mode is set to `AFTER_LIVE_EDGE`, the avail suppression value is set to `00:30:00` after the live edge, the avail suppression fill policy is set to `PARTIAL_AVAIL`, and the session initialization occurs before the live edge, MediaTailor personalizes any ad breaks that occur *after* the avail suppression period. For the ad break in progress before, during, and after the avail suppression period, MediaTailor personalizes the portion of that ad break which occurs *after* the avail suppression period, but doesn't personalize the portion of that ad break which occurs *before* or *during* the avail suppression period.

Avail suppression mode: AFTER_LIVE_EDGE

Avail suppression value: 00:30:00

Avail suppression fill policy: PARTIAL_AVAIL



Example 7: AFTER_LIVE_EDGE ad suppression with an ad break in progress at the beginning of the avail suppression period

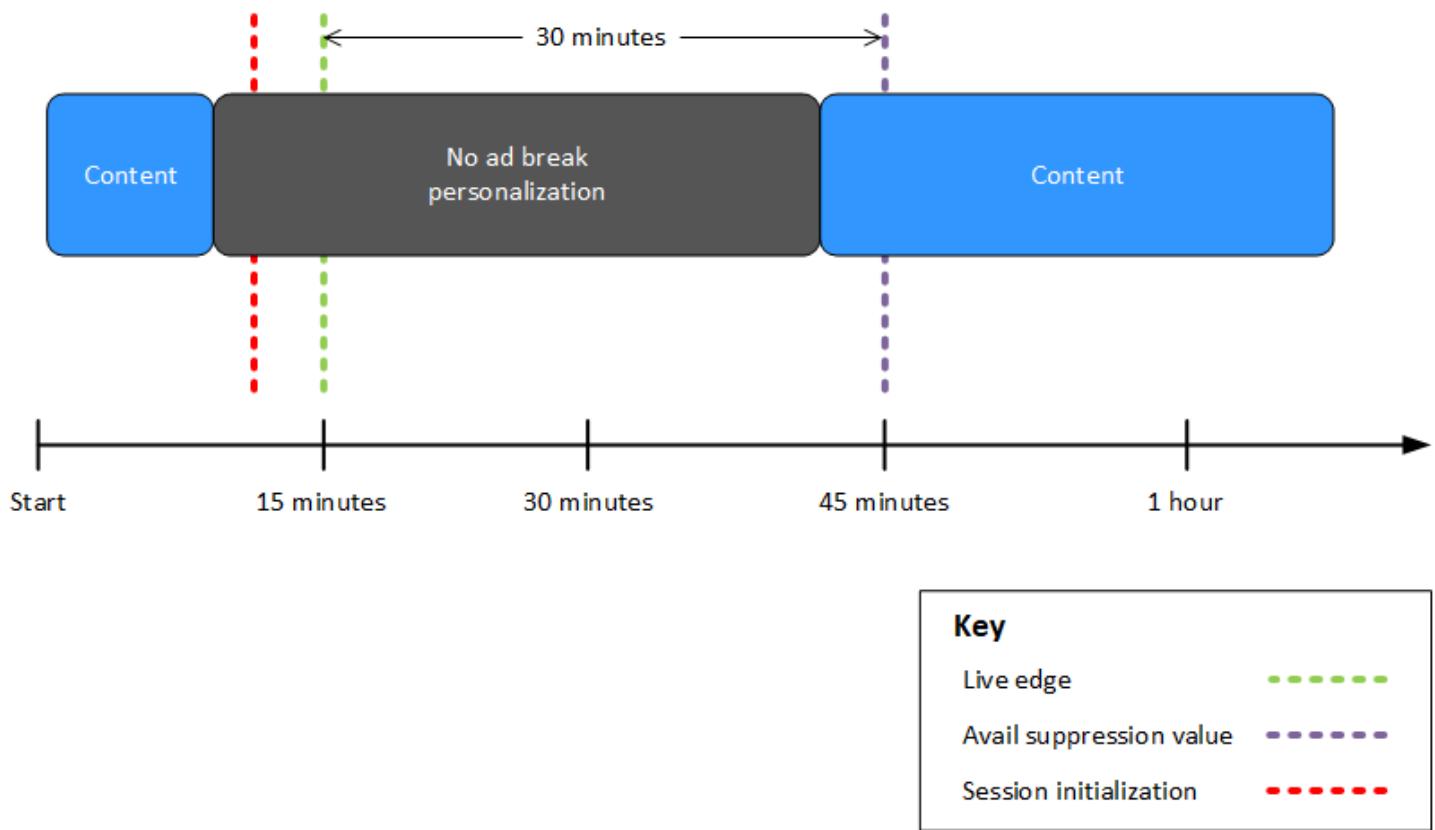
When the **avail suppression mode** is set to AFTER_LIVE_EDGE and the **avail suppression value** is greater than zero, MediaTailor doesn't personalize any ad breaks until the elapsed time of the session has reached that value.

In the following figure, various blocks are arranged horizontally along a timeline that progresses from left to right. Each block represents a portion of time where the content of the live stream or a non-personalized ad break plays. A dotted line represents the current live edge of the live stream. Another dotted line, representing the avail suppression value set to 00:30:00, occurs 30 minutes later in the timeline with respect to the dotted line for the live edge. A third dotted line, representing the session initialization, occurs earlier in the timeline with respect to the dotted line for the live edge. The 30-minute time period between the live-edge time and the avail-

suppression-value time represents the avail suppression period. An ad break is in progress from a time before session initialization to a time within the avail suppression period. As shown in the figure, when the avail suppression mode is set to AFTER_LIVE_EDGE, the avail suppression value is set to 00:30:00 after the live edge, and the session initialization occurs before the live-edge time but after the start of the ad break, MediaTailor doesn't personalize that ad break.

Avail suppression mode: `AFTER_LIVE_EDGE`

Avail suppression value: `00:30:00`



Configuring ad suppression parameters – playback session request

You can configure ad suppression settings via parameters in your *initial* server-side or client-side playback session request to MediaTailor. If you've already configured ad suppression settings via the MediaTailor Console or AWS Elemental MediaTailor API, these parameters override those settings.

Both the avail suppression mode and avail suppression value are required for ad suppression to work. These parameters can't be configured from different sources. For example, you can't configure one parameter with the MediaTailor console and another with a query parameter.

MediaTailor supports the following ad suppression parameters.

Name	Description	Accepted Values
availSuppressionMode	Sets the mode for ad suppression. By default, ad suppression is OFF. When set to BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE , MediaTailor doesn't fill ad breaks on or behind the aws.availSuppressionValue time. When set to AFTER_LIVE_EDGE , MediaTailor doesn't fill ad breaks on or behind the avail suppression period. The avail suppression period spans from the live-edge time to the aws.availSuppressionValue time, plus additional buffer time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFF BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE AFTER_LIVE_EDGE
availSuppressionValue	A time relative to the live edge in a live stream.	A UTF-8 URL-encoded time code in HH:MM:SS. For example, 1 hour and 30 minutes would be 01%3A30%3A00 .
availSuppressionFillPolicy	Defines the policy to apply to the avail suppression mode. BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE always uses the full avail suppression policy. AFTER_LIVE_EDGE can be used to invoke partial ad break fills when a session starts mid-break.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PARTIAL_AVAIL - not available for the BEFORE_LIVE_EDGE suppression mode FULL_AVAIL_ONLY - the default value for

Name	Description	Accepted Values
		the AFTER_EDGE suppression mode

Server-side configuration

The base query parameter is `aws.availSuppression`, which is followed by optional parameter name and value pairs. To construct the query, append `aws.availSuppression=` to the end of the playback session request to MediaTailor, followed by parameter names and values. For more information about how to construct a server-side playback session request, see [Server-side ad tracking](#).

Example: HLS

```
GET <mediatailorURL>/v1/master/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/index.m3u8?
aws.availSuppressionMode=BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE&aws.availSuppressionValue=00%3A00%3A21
```

Server-side query syntax is listed in the following table.

Query String Component	Description
?	A restricted character that marks the beginning of a query.
aws.	The base query, which is followed by parameters constructed of name and value pairs. For a list of all of the available parameters, see Configuring ad suppression parameters – playback session request .
=	Associates the parameter name with a value. For example, <code>aws.availSuppressionMode= BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE</code> .
&	Concatenates query parameters. For example, <code>aws.availSuppressionMode= BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE &aws.avail</code>

Query String Component	Description
	SuppressionValue= <i>00:30:00</i> &aws.availSuppressionFillPolicy= <i>FULL_AVAIL_ONLY</i> >.

Client-side configuration

Include availSuppression parameters in your client's POST request to MediaTailor. For more information about how to construct a client-side playback session request, see [Client-side ad tracking](#).

Example: HLS

```
POST parent.m3u8
{
  "availSuppression": {
    "mode": "BEHIND_LIVE_EDGE",
    "value": "00:00:21",
    "fillPolicy": "FULL_AVAIL_ONLY"
  }
}
```

Inserting bumpers

Bumpers are short, non-skippable video or audio clips that play at the start or before the end of an ad break.

The following conditions apply to bumpers:

- Bumpers must be 10 seconds or less.
- Bumpers can be inserted at the start of an ad break, directly before the end of an ad break, or both.
- Bumpers play during every ad break in a playback session unless pre-roll is configured. If pre-roll is configured, bumpers won't play during the pre-roll break. Instead, they will play in every subsequent break after the pre-roll.
- For HLS, you must include the duration attribute with each SCTE-35 EXT-X-CUE-OUT tag.

- Bumpers are transcoded to match source content.
- You are not charged for bumpers.

Configuring bumpers

To use bumpers, configure the bumper URLs with the MediaTailor console, MediaTailor API, or the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI). You can configure a start bumper, an end bumper, or both. Bumpers are stored on a server, such as Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3). The bumper URLs indicate the location of the stored bumper asset(s).

Example start and end bumper URLs:

Start bumper URL: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/startbumperad>

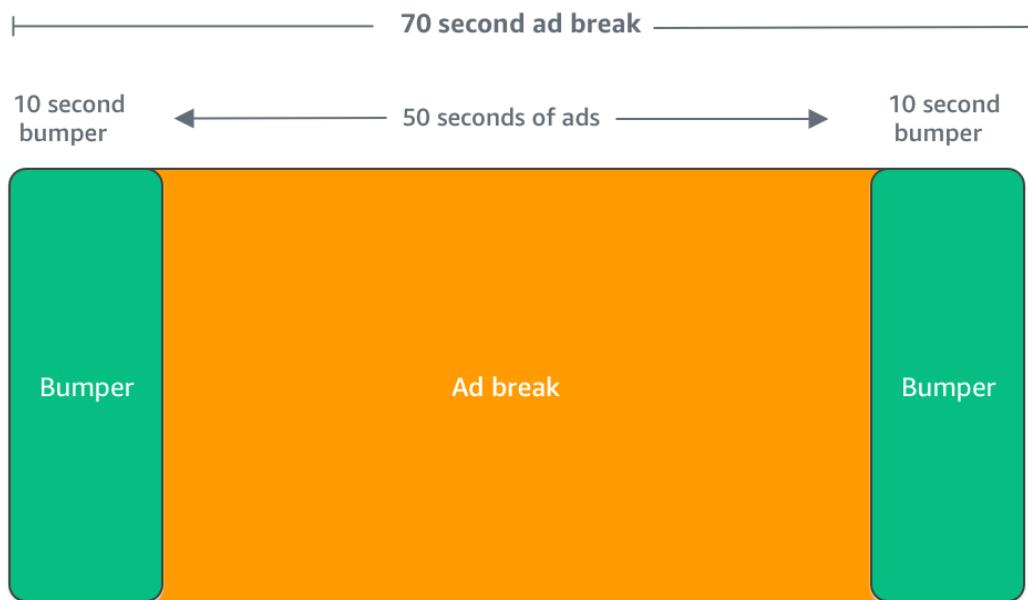
End bumper URL: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/endbumperad>

Example

The following is an example of bumper ad behavior.

Example 1: Start and end bumpers

In this example, start and end bumpers are enabled. The ad decision server has 50 seconds of personalized ads to fill a 70-second ad break. The 10-second start bumper plays at the start of the ad break, 50 seconds of ads plays, then the 10-second end bumper.



Inserting pre-roll ads

i Note

Configurable pre-roll ads are only available for live workflows. For details about how ad insertion (including pre roll) works for VOD, see [Ad stitching behavior for VOD](#).

MediaTailor can insert ads at the beginning of a playback session, before the main content begins. These are *pre-roll* ads.

To insert pre-roll ads, complete the **Live pre-roll ad decision server** and **Live pre-roll maximum allowed duration** fields in the **Additional** settings on your configuration, as described in [Optional configuration settings](#).

1. When MediaTailor receives a playback request, it sends a request to for pre-roll ads based on the following fields in the MediaTailor playback configuration:

- **Live pre-roll ad decision server** is the ad decision server (ADS) URL where MediaTailor sends the request for pre-roll ads.
 - **Live pre-roll maximum allowed duration** is the total maximum length of time for the pre-roll ads. MediaTailor takes the following action based on the maximum allowed duration:
 - If the total duration of the ads in the ADS response is *less* than the value you gave in **Live pre-roll maximum allowed duration**, MediaTailor inserts all of the ads. When the last ad is complete, MediaTailor immediately returns to the underlying content.
 - If the total duration of the ads in the ADS response is *more* than the value you gave in **Live pre-roll maximum allowed duration**, MediaTailor selects a set of ads that fit into the duration without going over. MediaTailor inserts these ads without clipping or truncation. MediaTailor returns to the underlying content when the last selected ad completes.
2. When MediaTailor receives the pre-roll response from the ADS, it manipulates the manifest to add links to the pre-roll ads. MediaTailor calculates the start time of the pre-roll ad break as follows:
- For DASH, the formula is $(\text{publishTime} - \text{availabilityStartTime}) - \max(\text{suggestedPresentationDelay}, \text{minBufferTime})$.
 - For HLS, the formula is $\max(2 * \text{EXT-X-TARGETDURATION}, \text{EXT-X-START:TIMEOFFSET})$.
3. MediaTailor determines what action to take on any ad breaks that aren't pre-rolls. If the pre-roll overlaps another ad break, MediaTailor doesn't personalize the overlapped portion of the ad break.

Inserting slate

 **Note**

Slate is only available for live workflows.

With AWS Elemental MediaTailor, you can designate a *slate ad* for ad breaks. A slate is a default MP4 asset that is inserted into a stream, such as a still image or looped video, that plays instead of the live content.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor shows a slate in the following situations:

- To fill in time that's not fully used by an ad replacement

- If the ad decision server (ADS) responds with an empty VAST or VMAP response
- For error conditions, such as ADS timeout
- If the duration of ads is longer than the ad break
- If an ad isn't available

If you don't configure a slate, MediaTailor defaults to the underlying content stream when one of the above conditions is met.

Configuring the slate

You designate the slate in the additional configuration pane in the [MediaTailor console](#). MediaTailor downloads the slate from the URL that you specify, and transcodes it to the same renditions as your content. You can control the maximum amount of time that a slate will be shown through the optional **personalization threshold** configuration in the MediaTailor console. For more information, see [the section called “Optional configuration settings”](#).

Slate configuration and VPAID

You must configure a slate if you're using VPAID ads. To hold space for VPAID ads that the video player inserts, MediaTailor inserts the slate for the duration of the VPAID ad. This duration might be slightly longer than the duration of the VPAID ad as reported by VAST to accommodate user interactivity, as described in [VPAID requirements](#). The video player then handles the VPAID ad based on the client-side reporting metadata that MediaTailor returns. For information about client-side reporting, see [the section called “Client-side tracking”](#).

Prefetching ads

Use AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad prefetching for live streams to help reduce peak load on ad decision servers (ADS) and decrease manifest delivery latency at the start of each ad break. When you define a prefetch schedule, MediaTailor follows the schedule to retrieve ads from the ADS and prepare them for ad insertion before they're needed for an ad break. During live streams, prefetching can help mitigate decreased ad fill rates and missed monetization opportunities because of ad request and transcoding timeouts or other network delays.

To set up ad prefetching, you create one or more *prefetch schedules* on your playback configuration. A prefetch schedule tells MediaTailor how and when to retrieve and prepare ads for an upcoming ad break.

- If an event has ad avails that are on a predictable schedule, use a *single prefetch schedule*. Each single prefetch schedule defines a single set of ads for MediaTailor to place in a single ad avail. To prefetch ads for multiple ad avails when you use single prefetch schedules, you must create multiple prefetch schedules (up to 24 hours before the ad avail) that correlate to each ad avail.
- If an event has ad avails that aren't on a predictable schedule, use a *recurring prefetch schedule*. A recurring prefetch schedule automatically creates a schedule and prefetches ads before each ad break in an event. The recurring prefetch schedule retrieves ads for every ad avail within a defined period of time (up to 24 hours before the event ends). You don't need to create a schedule for each ad avail, but you do lose some of the timing control that single prefetch offers.

The following topics describe more about ad prefetching.

Topics

- [How prefetching works](#)
- [Creating prefetch schedules](#)
- [Deleting prefetch schedules](#)

How prefetching works

When your client makes a manifest request to MediaTailor, the service evaluates all of the prefetch schedules that are associated with the playback configuration. If MediaTailor doesn't find a matching prefetch schedule, the service reverts to normal ad insertion and doesn't prefetch ads.

If MediaTailor finds a matching prefetch schedule, the service evaluates the schedule based on two components: retrieval and consumption. The configuration of each component varies between single prefetch schedules and recurring prefetch schedules, as described in the following sections.

Single prefetch schedule flow

Retrieval

This defines the *retrieval window*, which is the time range when MediaTailor prefetches ads from the ADS. Be sure to schedule this window for a time that's before the ad break. The following provides an overview of how MediaTailor processes a single prefetch schedule.

For steps to create a single prefetch schedule in the console, see [Creating prefetch schedules](#).

For API instruction, see [PrefetchSchedules](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference*.

During the specified *retrieval window*, MediaTailor sends requests to the ADS to retrieve and prepare ads for later insertion in playback sessions.

- If you set the *traffic shaping window*, MediaTailor spreads requests across the specified number of seconds instead of sending requests for all sessions at one time. This dispersed traffic distribution helps to prevent the ADS from becoming overwhelmed, resulting in time outs and low ad fill rates.
- If you set up *dynamic variables*, MediaTailor includes these variables in the requests to the ADS. MediaTailor uses these variables to match ad avails to prefetch schedules during the consumption window. See the following *Consumption* section for more information.

Example

A live event lasts from 7:45AM to 10AM, with an ad break at 8:15AM. You configure MediaTailor to retrieve ads from 7:45AM to 8AM, with a traffic shaping window of 60 seconds. With 500,000 concurrent users, MediaTailor distributes the ADS requests to achieve an average rate of approximately 8,333 transactions per second for 60 seconds ($500,000 \text{ users}/60 \text{ seconds} = 8,333 \text{ requests per second}$), instead of sending all requests simultaneously.

The retrieval configuration includes the dynamic variable key `scte.event` and value `1234`. MediaTailor includes this variable in the requests to the ADS, which then can be used to target specific advertisers to the event ID `1234`.

Consumption

When MediaTailor encounters SCTE-35 ad break markers during the consumption window, it places the prefetched ads in an ad break.

- If you didn't set avail matching criteria, MediaTailor inserts ads in the first break in the consumption window.
- If you did set a *dynamic variable key* for *avail matching criteria*, MediaTailor evaluates these criteria against the dynamic variables that you set in the retrieval window. An ad break is eligible for prefetched ad insertion only if the avail matching criteria are met. MediaTailor inserts ads in the first break that meets the criteria.

For a list of supported avail-matching criteria, see the *Available for ad prefetch* column in the table on [Using session variables](#).

Example continued

You set the start time for consumption as 8:15AM, and the end time as 8:17AM. You include `scte.event_id` for the key in the avail matching criteria.

For each ad break that MediaTailor encounters from 8:15AM to 8:17AM, it evaluates the SCTE event ID for each ad break. In each playback session, MediaTailor inserts the prefetched ads in the first ad break that has an event ID of 1234 (as defined in the retrieval dynamic variables). For ad breaks that don't contain the correct event ID, MediaTailor performs standard ad insertion.

Recurring prefetch schedule flow

Retrieval

This defines the *recurring retrieval window*, which is the time range when MediaTailor prefetches and inserts ads for a live event (up to 24 hours). The following provides an overview of how MediaTailor processes recurring prefetch schedules.

For steps to create a recurring prefetch schedule in the console, see [Creating prefetch schedules](#). For API instruction, see [PrefetchSchedules](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference*.

During the specified recurring prefetch window, MediaTailor retrieves and inserts ads for a live event that's up to 24 hours. After each ad break in the window, MediaTailor automatically retrieves ads for the next ad break.

- If you set the *delay after avail end*, MediaTailor waits the specified time before retrieving the next set of ads for the next ad break.
- If you set the *traffic shaping window*, MediaTailor spreads requests across the specified number of seconds instead of sending requests for all sessions at one time. This dispersed traffic distribution helps to prevent the ADS from becoming overwhelmed, resulting in time outs and low ad fill rates.
- If you set up *dynamic variables*, MediaTailor includes these variables in the requests to the ADS. MediaTailor uses these variables to match ad availabilities to prefetch schedules during the consumption window. See the following *Consumption* section for more information.

Example

A live event lasts from 7PM to 8:45PM, with four ad breaks over that time. The ad breaks aren't on a predictable schedule. You configure the recurring prefetch from 7PM to 8:45PM, with a 10 minute delay and traffic shaping window of 60 seconds. After each avail, MediaTailor retrieves ads for the next ad break. Ten minutes after the avail ends, MediaTailor starts to send retrieval requests to the ADS. With a 60-second traffic-shaping window and 500,000 concurrent users, MediaTailor distributes the ADS requests to achieve an average rate of approximately 8,333 transactions per second for 60 seconds ($500,000 \text{ users}/60 \text{ seconds} = 8,333 \text{ requests per second}$), instead of sending all requests simultaneously.

The retrieval configuration includes the dynamic variable key `scte.event` and value 1234. MediaTailor includes this variable in the requests to the ADS, which then can be used to target specific advertisers to the event ID 1234.

Consumption

When MediaTailor encounters SCTE-35 ad break markers, it places the prefetched ads in an ad break.

- If you set the *retrieved ad expiration*, prefetched ads are available for insertion until the specified expiration.
- If you didn't set avail matching criteria, MediaTailor inserts ads in the first break in the consumption window.
- If you did set a *dynamic variable key for avail matching criteria*, MediaTailor evaluates these criteria against the dynamic variables that you set in the retrieval window. An ad break is eligible for prefetched ad insertion only if the avail matching criteria are met. MediaTailor inserts ads in the first break that meets the criteria.

For a list of supported avail-matching criteria, see the *Available for ad prefetch* column in the table on [Using session variables](#).

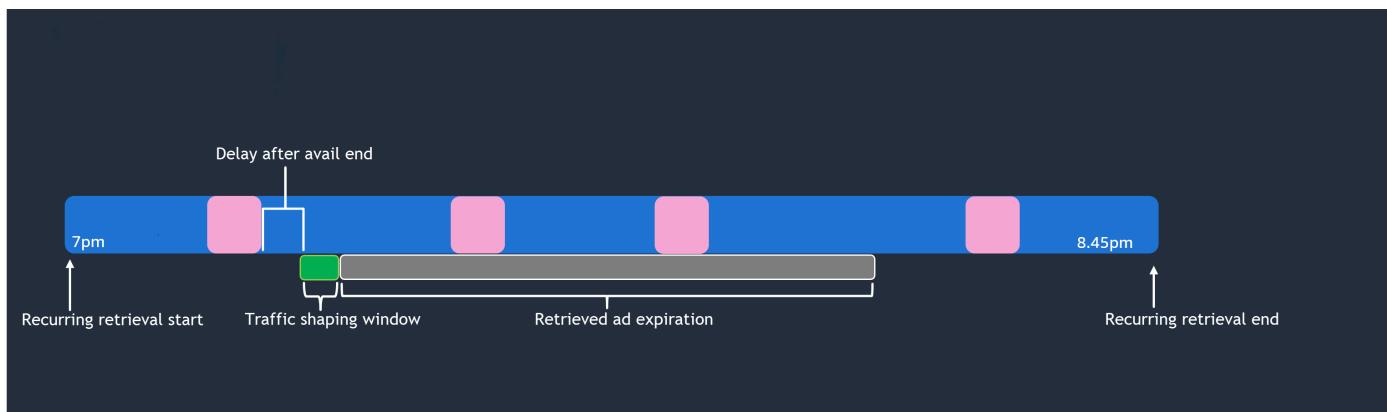
Example continued

In the consumption, you include `scte.event_id` for the key in the avail matching criteria.

For each ad break that MediaTailor encounters, it evaluates the SCTE event ID for each ad break. In each playback session, MediaTailor inserts the prefetched ads in each ad break that has an event ID of 1234 (as defined in the retrieval dynamic variables). For ad breaks that don't contain the correct event ID, MediaTailor performs standard ad insertion.

You set the ad expiration to 2700 seconds so retrieved ads are available for insertion for 45 minutes.

The following graphic illustrates the example, with the small squares representing ad breaks. The recurring prefetch schedule settings are illustrated along the event timeline.



Understanding prefetching costs

There are no costs for making ad retrieval requests. However, for prefetch ad retrieval, you'll be charged at the standard transcoding rate for the prefetched ads that MediaTailor transcodes. For prefetch ad consumption, you'll be charged at the standard rate for ad insertion for the prefetched ads that MediaTailor places in ad breaks. For information about transcoding and ad insertion costs, see [AWS Elemental MediaTailor Pricing](#).

Creating prefetch schedules

The following procedure explains how to create a prefetch schedule by using the MediaTailor console. For information about creating and managing prefetch schedules programmatically using the MediaTailor API, see [PrefetchSchedules](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference*.

Note

When configuring prefetch schedules in MediaTailor, it's important to understand how different types of variables are handled.

Avail matching criteria

If you want to use avail matching criteria in a schedule, make sure that you first configure your playback configuration's ADS URL template with [dynamic session](#)

[variables](#), otherwise the avail matching criteria won't have an effect. For information about working with dynamic session variables, see [Step 3: Configure ADS request URL and query parameters](#) in the Getting started with MediaTailor ad insertion topic.

Player variables in prefetch schedules

When you create a prefetch schedule, don't define player variables as dynamic variables in your prefetch configuration. Instead, pass the player variables as you normally would at session start. MediaTailor automatically includes these variables in prefetch ad requests if the variables are mapped in the ADS template URL.

To create a new prefetch schedule using the console

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Configurations**. Select the playback configuration that you want to create a prefetch schedule for.
3. On the **Prefetch schedules** tab, choose **Add prefetch schedule**.
4. Under the **Prefetch schedule details** pane, do the following:
 - For **Name**, enter an identifier for your prefetch schedule, such as **my-prefetch-schedule**.
 - For **Stream ID**, optionally enter a unique ID. If your origin contains multiple playback streams, you can use this ID to instruct MediaTailor to place ads in a specific stream. For example, if your playback configuration has a sports stream and a TV show stream, you can use the stream ID to create prefetch schedules to insert ads targeted for the sports stream. You pass the stream ID value to MediaTailor in your client's session initialization or manifest request. For more information see the following example.
 - For *server-side tracking*, include the `?aws.streamId` query parameter and value in your client's GET HTTP request to your MediaTailor endpoint. For general information about server-side tracking see [Server-side ad tracking](#). A manifest request to an HLS endpoint that includes a stream ID looks like the following, where `myStreamId` is the name of your stream ID:

```
GET <mediatailorURL>/v1/master/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/<asset-id>?  
aws.streamId=myStreamId
```

- For *client-side tracking*, include the `streamId` key and value in your client's POST HTTP session initialization request body to the **MediaTailor/v1/session** endpoint. For general

information about client-side tracking see [Client-side ad tracking](#). A session initialization request that includes a stream ID looks like the following, where *myStreamId* is the name of your stream ID:

```
POST <mediatailorURL>/v1/session/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/<asset-id>
{
    'streamId': 'myStreamId'
}
```

5. For **Prefetch type**, make your selection and choose the corresponding section for assistance with additional fields:

- Choose **Single** if you're creating one prefetch schedule for one ad break in an event.
- Choose **Recurring** if you're creating a schedule that automatically prefetches ads before each ad break in an event.

Single prefetch schedule

To create a schedule that prefetches ads before one ad avail in an event.

1. On the **Retrieval** pane, specify the retrieval settings you want to use. These settings determine when MediaTailor prefetches ads from the ADS. They also determine which dynamic session variables to include in the request to the ADS, if any.
 - For **Start time**, enter the time when MediaTailor can start prefetch retrievals for this ad break. MediaTailor will attempt to prefetch ads for manifest requests made by your client on or after this time. The default value is the current time. If you don't specify a value, the service starts prefetch retrieval as soon as possible.
 - For **End time**, enter the time when you want MediaTailor to stop prefetching ads for this ad break. MediaTailor will attempt to prefetch ads for manifest requests that occur at or before this time. The retrieval window can overlap with the consumption window.
 - For **Traffic shaping window duration**, enter the number of seconds that MediaTailor should distribute requests to the ADS. For more information, see [Single prefetch schedule retrieval explanation](#).
 - In the **Dynamic variables** section, enter as many as 100 dynamic session variables. MediaTailor uses these variables for substitution in prefetch requests that it sends to the ADS. If you don't enter any dynamic session variables, MediaTailor makes a best effort attempt to interpolate the values for the dynamic variables contained in your [ADS](#) URL.

- Select **Add dynamic variable**.
 - For **Key**, enter a dynamic session variable key, such as `scte.event_id`. You can use any dynamic variable that MediaTailor supports. For information about dynamic session variables, see [Using session variables](#).
 - For **Value**, enter a dynamic variable value, such as `my-event`.
 - To add another dynamic variable, choose **Select Add dynamic variable**.
2. On the **Consumption** pane, specify the settings that you want to use for the consumption window. These settings determine when MediaTailor places the ads into the ad break. They also determine any avail matching criteria that you want to use.
- For **Start time**, enter the time when you want MediaTailor to begin to place prefetched ads into the ad break. The default value is the current time. If you don't specify a time, the service starts prefetch consumption as soon as possible.
 - For **End time**, enter a time when you want MediaTailor to stop placing the prefetched ads into the ad break. MediaTailor will attempt to prefetch ads for your client's manifest requests that occur at or before this time. The end time must be after the start time, and less than one day from now. The consumption window can overlap with the retrieval window.
 - In the [**Avail matching criteria**](#) section, select **Add avail criteria** and add as many as five avail matching criteria to your schedule. Then, under **Dynamic variable key**, add a dynamic variable key, such as `scte.event_id`. MediaTailor will place the prefetched ads into the ad break *only* if it meets the criteria defined by the dynamic variable values that either your client passes to MediaTailor, or that MediaTailor infers from information such as session data. If an ad break doesn't meet the specified matching criteria, MediaTailor skips the prefetch for that break. For information, see the [Single prefetch schedule consumption explanation](#).
3. Select **Add avail criteria**.

Prefetch schedules automatically expire after the consumption window's end time. For diagnostic purposes, they remain visible for at least 7 days, after which MediaTailor automatically deletes them. Alternatively, you can manually delete a prefetch schedule at any time. For information about how to manually delete a prefetch schedule, see the following [the section called "Deleting prefetch schedules"](#) section.

Determining how often your client should call the CreatePrefetchSchedule API

Your client can programmatically call the [CreatePrefetchSchedule](#) API once per day to set up retrieval and consumption if you have knowledge of exactly when ad breaks will occur. Or, your client can call the API many times over the course of the day to define retrieval and consumption. When choosing an API call frequency, take into consideration the [maximum number of active prefetch schedules](#), and the likelihood of whether your ad break schedule will change after you create your prefetch schedule(s). If it's likely that the ad break schedule will change after you've created your prefetch schedule(s), you might want to call the API more frequently.

Recurring prefetch schedule

To create a schedule that prefetches ads before each ad avail in an event.

1. On the **Recurring retrieval** pane, specify the retrieval settings you want to use. These settings determine when MediaTailor prefetches ads from the ADS. They also determine which dynamic session variables to include in the request to the ADS, if any.
 - For **Recurring prefetch window**, enter the time when MediaTailor can start prefetch retrievals for this ad break. MediaTailor will attempt to prefetch ads for manifest requests made by your client on or after this time. The default value is the current time. If you don't specify a value, the service starts prefetch retrieval as soon as possible.
 - For **Delay after avail end**, enter the number of seconds that MediaTailor should wait after an avail ends before prefetching ads for the next avail. If you don't specify a value, MediaTailor defaults to a no delay.
 - For **Traffic shaping window duration**, enter the number of seconds that MediaTailor should distribute requests to the ADS. For more information, see [Recurring prefetch schedule retrieval explanation](#)
 - In the **Dynamic variables** section, enter as many as 100 dynamic session variables. MediaTailor uses these variables for substitution in prefetch requests that it sends to the ADS. If you don't enter any dynamic session variables, MediaTailor makes a best effort attempt to interpolate the values for the dynamic variables contained in your [ADS](#) URL.
 - Select **Add dynamic variable**.
 - For **Key**, enter a dynamic session variable key, such as `scte.event_id`. You can use any dynamic variable that MediaTailor supports. For information about dynamic session variables, see [Using session variables](#).
 - For **Value**, enter a dynamic variable value, such as *my-event*.

- To add another dynamic variable, choose Select **Add dynamic variable**.
2. On the **Consumption** pane, specify the settings that you want to use for the consumption window. These settings determine when MediaTailor places the ads into the ad break. They also determine any avail matching criteria that you want to use.
- For **Retrieved ad expiration**, indicate how long after retrieval ads are available for insertion.
 - In the **Avail matching criteria** section, select **Add avail criteria** and add as many as five avail matching criteria to your schedule. Then, under **Dynamic variable key**, add a dynamic variable key, such as `scte.event_id`. MediaTailor will place the prefetched ads into the ad break *only* if it meets the criteria defined by the dynamic variable values that either your client passes to MediaTailor, or that MediaTailor infers from information such as session data. If an ad break doesn't meet the specified matching criteria, MediaTailor skips the prefetch for that break. For information, see the [Recurring prefetch schedule consumption explanation](#).

3. Select **Add avail criteria**.

Prefetch schedules automatically expire after the consumption window's end time. For diagnostic purposes, they remain visible for at least 7 days, after which MediaTailor automatically deletes them. Alternatively, you can manually delete a prefetch schedule at any time. For information about how to manually delete a prefetch schedule, see the following [the section called “Deleting prefetch schedules”](#) section.

Deleting prefetch schedules

The following procedure explains how to delete a prefetch schedule by using the MediaTailor console. For information about how to delete prefetch schedules programmatically using the MediaTailor API, see [DeletePrefetchSchedule](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference*.

 **Note**

Deletion doesn't occur in real time. You might experience a delay while MediaTailor deletes the prefetch schedule(s), during which time prefetch retrieval and consumption will continue to run in the background.

To delete a prefetch schedule using the console

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Configurations**. Select the playback configuration that contains the prefetch schedule(s) that you want to delete.
3. On the **Prefetch schedules** tab, select the prefetch schedule that you want to delete. Then, choose **Delete**.

Using preconditioned ads with AWS Elemental MediaTailor

In a [typical ad insertion workflow](#), MediaTailor dynamically transcodes ads to match the content stream, saves them, and stitches the ads into the live stream. Because this process happens only after MediaTailor receives the ad in a VAST response from the ad decision server (ADS), there is a delay for when the ad is available for stitching. If additional latency is introduced to the ad stitching workflow (either because of ADS timeout or other content or network issues), MediaTailor could partially fill the avail, or miss the ad break altogether.

To reduce the time needed to stitch ads into your content, you can use preconditioned ads. A preconditioned ad is one that you transcode before using it in MediaTailor ad insertion. Instead of providing URLs for the unconditioned ads to your ADS, you provide the URLs for the preconditioned ads. In its VAST response to the MediaTailor request, the ADS includes direct links to the preconditioned ads. By removing the transcoding part of ad stitching, MediaTailor needs to just save the ad and stitch it into the content stream. The ad stitching process with preconditioned ads reduces the time between when MediaTailor is made aware of an ad through the VAST response and when the ad is stitched into the content.

Alternatively, you can also use ad prefetching, which is when you configure MediaTailor to perform the ad stitching process at a scheduled time before the ad break is needed. For more information about ad prefetching, see [Prefetching ads](#).

Preconditioned ads requirements

The following are requirements to consider when setting up an ad stitching workflow with preconditioned ads.

MediaFiles requirements

The VAST response that the ad server sends to MediaTailor must include MediaFiles that meet these requirements:

The ad (Creative) must have variants that conform to the bitrate variants of the content stream.*It's your responsibility to ensure that the VAST response uses the right ad variants to match template manifests.*

While using preconditioned ads can help make ad insertion more efficient, MediaTailor does not have the ability to manage the transcoding process to ensure that the media files for the ads are compatible with the content manifest specifications. If the ad doesn't match the content stream, MediaTailor could miss the insertion or the mismatch could cause the playback device to error.

Additionally, to be stitched into the content stream without MediaTailor transcoding, a MediaFile must meet these requirements:

- It must be accessible on the public internet so that MediaTailor can download it.
- It must use streaming delivery, denoted as `delivery="streaming"` in the VAST response.
- It must be either a `.m3u8` (for HLS) or `.mpd` (for DASH) file.

Example VAST response

From the following example VAST response, MediaTailor inserts the MediaFile with the following URLs:

- For an HLS stream, MediaTailor uses `https://example-ad-origin.amazonaws.com/ad1/index_low.m3u8`. This is the first MediaFile with streaming delivery and a supported file extension (`.m3u8`).
- For a DASH stream, MediaTailor uses `https://example-ad-origin.amazonaws.com/ad1/index.mpd`. This is the first MediaFile with streaming delivery and a supported file extension (`.mpd`).

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<VAST xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" version="3.0">
    <Ad id="ad1">
        <InLine>
```

```
<AdSystem>ExampleAdSystem</AdSystem>
<AdTitle>ad1</AdTitle>
<Impression><![CDATA[https://example-impression.amazonaws.com]]></
Impression>
<AdServingId>de8e0d33-9c72-4d77-bb3a-f7e566ffc605</AdServingId>
<Creatives>
    <Creative id="creativeId1" sequence="1">
        <Linear skipoffset="00:00:05">
            <Duration>00:00:30</Duration>
            <MediaFiles>
                <MediaFile delivery="progressive" width="1280" height="720"
type="video/mp4" bitrate="533" scalable="true" maintainAspectRatio="true"><!
[CDATA[https://example-ad-origin.amazonaws.com/ad1/ad1.mp4]]></MediaFile>
                <MediaFile delivery="streaming" width="1280"
height="720" type="application/dash+xml" bitrate="533" scalable="true"
maintainAspectRatio="true"><![CDATA[https://example-ad-origin.amazonaws.com/ad1/
index.mpd]]></MediaFile>
                <MediaFile delivery="streaming" width="640"
height="360" type="application/x-mpegURL" bitrate="262" scalable="true"
maintainAspectRatio="true"><![CDATA[https://example-ad-origin.amazonaws.com/ad1/
index_low.m3u8]]></MediaFile>
                <MediaFile delivery="streaming" width="2560"
height="1440" type="application/x-mpegURL" bitrate="1066" scalable="true"
maintainAspectRatio="true"><![CDATA[https://example-ad-origin.amazonaws.com/ad1/
index_high.m3u8]]></MediaFile>
            </MediaFiles>
        </Linear>
    </Creative>
</Creatives>
</InLine>
</Ad>
</VAST>
```

Ad manifest requirements

To use preconditioned ads, your parent and child ad manifests must meet these requirements:

- The manifest that's linked in the Creative section of the VAST response must be the parent ad manifest.
- The URLs for the child ad manifests must be relative paths.
- The child ad manifests must be in the same directory as the parent multivariant playlist, at the same level. Child manifests can't be in a sub-directory or other location.

Example supported parent multivariant playlist

The following parent ad multivariant playlist contains relative URLs for child ad variant playlists. The child playlists are also in the same directory as the parent multivariant playlist.

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=150000,RESOLUTION=416x234,CODECS="avc1.42e00a,mp4a.40.2"
index_1.m3u8
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=440000,RESOLUTION=416x234,CODECS="avc1.42e00a,mp4a.40.2"
index_2.m3u8
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=640000,RESOLUTION=640x360,CODECS="avc1.42e00a,mp4a.40.2"
index_3.m3u8
```

Example unsupported parent multivariant playlist: subdirectories

The following parent ad multivariant playlist contains child playlists that are in sub-directories relative to the parent multivariant playlist. It is not a supported playlist for preconditioned ads.

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=150000,RESOLUTION=416x234,CODECS="avc1.42e00a,mp4a.40.2"
child/index_1.m3u8
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=440000,RESOLUTION=416x234,CODECS="avc1.42e00a,mp4a.40.2"
child/index_2.m3u8
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=640000,RESOLUTION=640x360,CODECS="avc1.42e00a,mp4a.40.2"
child/index_3.m3u8
```

Example unsupported parent multivariant playlist: absolute URLs

The following parent ad multivariant playlist contains child playlists with absolute URLs. It is not a supported playlist for preconditioned ads.

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=150000,RESOLUTION=416x234,CODECS="avc1.42e00a,mp4a.40.2"
https://example.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/index_1.m3u8
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=440000,RESOLUTION=416x234,CODECS="avc1.42e00a,mp4a.40.2"
https://example.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/index_2.m3u8
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:BANDWIDTH=640000,RESOLUTION=640x360,CODECS="avc1.42e00a,mp4a.40.2"
https://example.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/index_3.m3u8
```

Preconditioned ads workflow

The following is a basic description of how preconditioned ads work in an ad stitching workflow with MediaTailor. The first part of the workflow are actions that you must take to get set up for using preconditioned ads. The second part describes how MediaTailor processes the ads.

Part 1: Preconditioned ads set up

Complete the following steps to set up a workflow that uses preconditioned ads in MediaTailor.

1. Use a transcoder service, such as AWS Elemental MediaConvert, to condition your creatives into variants that support the different bitrates, resolutions, and codecs of your template manifests.
2. Provide the URLs for the pre-transcoded media files to your ADS, for use in VAST responses.
3. [Create your playback](#) configuration in MediaTailor. To use preconditioned ads, select **None** for the **Streaming media file conditioning** setting in the configuration.
4. Continue with your content delivery set up as you normally would.

Part 2: MediaTailor ad processing

MediaTailor ad stitching completes as described in [How MediaTailor ad insertion works](#). When MediaTailor receives a VAST response from the ADS, it uses the following logic to determine what actions to take for the ads. This logic is dictated by the **Streaming media file conditioning** setting on the playback configuration.

- When **Streaming media file conditioning** is set to **Transcode**, MediaTailor transcodes the media files with progressive delivery and stitches them into the manifest. If there aren't enough ads with progressive delivery media files to fill the avail, MediaTailor transcodes and uses those with streaming delivery.
- When **Streaming media file conditioning** is set to **None**, MediaTailor stitches ads with streaming delivery media files into the manifest without transcoding them. If there aren't enough ads with streaming delivery media files to fill the avail, MediaTailor transcodes and uses those with progressive delivery.

Using dynamic ad variables in MediaTailor

The AWS Elemental MediaTailor request to the ad decision server (ADS) includes information about the current viewing session, which helps the ADS choose the best ads to provide in its response.

When you configure the ADS template in your MediaTailor configuration, you can include dynamic variables, also known as macros. Dynamic variables are replaceable strings.

Dynamic variables can take the following forms:

- **Static values** – Values that don't change from one session to the next. For example, the response type that MediaTailor expects from the ADS.
- **Domain variables** – Dynamic variables that can be used for URL domains, such as the **my-ads-server.com** part of the URL `http://my-ads-server.com`. For details, see [Using domain variables](#).
- **Session data** – Dynamic values that are provided by MediaTailor for each session, for example, the session ID. For details, see [Using session variables](#).
- **Player data** – Dynamic values that are provided by the player for each session. These describe the content viewer and help the ADS to determine which ads MediaTailor should stitch into the stream. For details, see [Using player variables](#).

Passing parameters to the ADS

The following steps describe how to set up dynamic variables in MediaTailor requests to the ADS.

- For information about supported formatting for query parameters, see [Manifest query parameter supported characters and limitations](#) and [ADS query parameter length limitations](#).
- For additional customizations to the ADS request, see [Advanced usage](#).

To pass session and player information to the ADS

1. Work with the ADS to determine the information that it needs so that it can respond to an ad query from AWS Elemental MediaTailor.
2. Create a configuration in MediaTailor that uses a template ADS request URL that satisfies the ADS requirements. In the URL, include static parameters and include placeholders for dynamic parameters. Enter your template URL in the configuration's **Ad decision server** field.

In the following example template URL, `correlation` provides session data, and `deviceType` provides player data:

```
https://my.ads.server.com/path?  
correlation=[session.id]&deviceType=[player_params.deviceType]
```

3. On the player, configure the session initiation request for AWS Elemental MediaTailor to provide parameters for the player data. Include your parameters in the session initiation request, and omit them from subsequent requests for the session.

The type of call that the player makes to initialize the session determines whether the player (client) or MediaTailor (server) provides ad-tracking reporting for the session. For information about these two options, see [Reporting ad tracking data](#).

Make one of the following types of calls, depending on whether you want server- or client-side ad-tracking reporting. In both of the example calls, `userID` is intended for the ADS and `auth_token` is intended for the origin:

- (Option) Call for server-side ad-tracking reporting – Prefix the parameters that you want MediaTailor to send to the ADS with `ads`. Leave the prefix off for parameters that you want MediaTailor to send to the origin server:

The following examples show incoming requests for HLS and DASH to AWS Elemental MediaTailor. MediaTailor uses the `deviceType` in its request to the ADS and the `auth_token` in its request to the origin server.

HLS example:

```
GET master.m3u8?ads.deviceType=ipad&auth_token=kjhdsaf7gh
```

DASH example:

```
GET manifest.mpd?ads.deviceType=ipad&auth_token=kjhdsaf7gh
```

- (Option) Call for client-side ad-tracking reporting – Provide parameters for the ADS inside an `adsParams` object.

HLS example:

```
POST master.m3u8
{
    "adsParams": {
        "deviceType": "ipad"
    }
}
```

DASH example:

```
POST manifest.mpd
{
    "adsParams": {
        "deviceType": "ipad"
    }
}
```

When the player initiates a session, AWS Elemental MediaTailor replaces the variables in the template ADS request URL with the session data and the player's ads parameters. It passes the remaining parameters from the player to the origin server.

Example MediaTailor requests with ad variables

The following examples show the calls to the ADS and origin server from AWS Elemental MediaTailor that correspond to the preceding player's session initialization call examples:

- MediaTailor calls the ADS with session data and the player's device type:

```
https://my.ads.server.com/path?correlation=896976764&deviceType=ipad
```

- MediaTailor calls the origin server with the player's authorization token.

- HLS example:

```
https://my.origin.server.com/master.m3u8?auth_token=kjhdsaf7gh
```

- DASH example:

```
https://my.origin.server.com/manifest.mpd?auth_token=kjhdsaf7gh
```

Manifest query parameter supported characters and limitations

You can use the following characters in query parameters that are used in manifest requests:

- Alphanumeric (A-Z, a-z, 0-9)
- Periods (.)
- Hyphens (-)

- Underscores (_)
- Back slashes (\)

Length limitations

The total length of all manifest query parameters (the key and value combined) must not exceed 2000 characters.

Unsupported characters

You can't use the following characters in manifest query parameters: : ? & = % / (forward slash)

ADS query parameter length limitations

The following length limitations apply to query parameters that are used in requests to the ADS:

- **ADS parameter name:** 10000 characters
- **ADS parameter value:** 25000 characters
- **ADS URL:** 25000 characters

Advanced usage

You can customize the ADS request in many ways with player and session data. The only requirement is to include the ADS host name.

The following examples show some of the ways that you can customize your request:

- Concatenate player parameters and session parameters to create new parameters. Example:

```
https://my.ads.com?key1=[player_params.value1][session.id]
```

- Use a player parameter as part of a path element. Example:

```
https://my.ads.com/[player_params.path]?key=value
```

- Use player parameters to pass both path elements and the keys themselves, rather than just values. Example:

```
https://my.ads.com/[player_params.path]?[player_params.key1]=[player_params.value1]
```

For more information about using dynamic domain, session, and player variables, select the applicable topic.

Topics

- [Using domain variables to configure multiple content and ad sources](#)
- [Using session variables](#)
- [Using player variables](#)

Using domain variables to configure multiple content and ad sources

With dynamic domain variables, you can use multiple domains, such as the **my-ads-server.com** part of the URL `http://my-ads-server.com`, with the player parameters in your configuration. This makes it possible for you to use more than one content source or ad decision server (ADS) in a single configuration.

You can use domain variables with any parameter that contains a URI:

- `AdDecisionServerUrl`
- `AdSegmentUrlPrefix`
- `ContentSegmentUrlPrefix`
- `LivePreroll.AdDecisionServerUrl`
- `VideoContentSourceUrl`

Domain variables are used alongside *configuration aliases* to perform dynamic variable replacement. Configuration aliases map a set of aliases and values to the player parameters that are used for dynamic domain configuration.

Topics

- [Creating configuration aliases to use as dynamic variables](#)
- [Using configuration aliases to dynamically configure domains for a session](#)

Creating configuration aliases to use as dynamic variables

Before you start to use domain variables, you create configuration aliases for your configuration. You use the configuration aliases as domain replacement variables at session initialization time. For

example, you can use configuration aliases to dynamically configure an origin URL during session initialization.

Creating configuration aliases

To create configuration aliases to use for domain replacement using the MediaTailor console, perform the following procedure.

To create configuration aliases using the console

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. On the **Configuration aliases** section on the **Configurations** page, choose **Add player parameter**.
3. Type the player parameter name that you would like to use as a dynamic variable for domain replacement. You must prefix the name with `player_params.`
4. Choose **OK**.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor displays the new parameter in the table in the **Configuration aliases** section.

5. Now, you'll add an alias and value. Select the player parameter that you just named. This expands the section below the parameter name.

Select **Add new alias**.

6. Enter an **Alias** key and **Value**. MediaTailor uses **Value** as the replacement value for the domain variable.

Using configuration aliases to dynamically configure domains for a session

After you set up the configuration aliases, you can use them as replacement variables for domains in your session initialization request. This enables you to dynamically configure the domains for your session.

Restrictions

Note the following restrictions when using configuration aliases:

- All dynamic variables used in the domain must be defined as a ConfigurationAliases dynamic variable.

- The player parameter variables must be prefixed with `player_params.`. For example, `player_params.origin_domain`.
- The list of aliased values must be exhaustive for every player parameter.
- If a request is made for a dynamic value that's used in the domain, and that request either doesn't specify the dynamic variable or one of the preconfigured aliases for that variable, then the request will fail with an HTTP 400 status code.

Example Example of usage

Here's an example of a configuration that includes configuration aliases and dynamic domain variables. Pay special attention to the player parameter variables, such as `[player_params.origin_domain]`, in the `AdDecisionServerUrl` and `VideoContentSourceUrl` parameter domains.

```
PUT /playbackConfiguration
{
    "Name": "aliasedConfig",
    ...
    "AdDecisionServerUrl": "https://abc.execute-api.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ads?
sid=[session.id]&ad_type=[player_params.ad_type]",
    "VideoContentSourceUrl": "https://[player_params.origin_domain].mediapackage.
[player_params.region].amazonaws.com/out/v1/[player_params.endpoint_id]",
    ...
    "ConfigurationAliases": {
        "player_params.origin_domain": {
            "pdx": "abc",
            "iad": "xyz"
        },
        "player_params.region": {
            "pdx": "us-west-2",
            "iad": "us-east-1"
        },
        "player_params.endpoint_id": {
            "pdx": "abcd",
            "iad": "wxyz"
        },
        "player_params.ad_type": {
            "customized": "abc12345",
            "default": "defaultAdType"
        },
    },
}
```

```
...  
}
```

Using the preceding configuration, create a session initialization request, specifying the player variables and aliases:

```
POST master.m3u8  
{  
    "playerParams": {  
        "origin_domain": "pdx",  
        "region": "pdx",  
        "endpoint_id": "pdx",  
        "ad_type": "customized"  
    }  
}
```

MediaTailor replaces the alias strings with the mapped values in the configuration aliases configuration.

The request to the ADS looks like this:

```
https://abc.execute-api.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ads?sid=[session.id]&ad_type=abc12345
```

The request to the VideoContentSource looks like this:

```
https://777788889999.mediapackage.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/v1/abcd
```

Using session variables

To configure AWS Elemental MediaTailor to send session data to the Ad Decision Server (ADS), in the template ADS URL, specify one or more of the variables listed in this section. You can use individual variables, and you can concatenate multiple variables to create a single value. MediaTailor generates some values and obtains the rest from sources like the manifest and the player's session initialization request.

The following table describes the session data variables you can use in your template ADS request URL configuration. The section numbers listed in the table correspond to the 2019a version of the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers (SCTE)-35 specification, [Digital Program Insertion Cueing Message](#), For details about ad prefetch, see [Prefetching ads](#).

Name	Available for ad prefetch	SCTE-35 specification section	Description
[avail.index]	Yes		A number that represents the position of an ad avail in an index. At the start of a playback session, MediaTailor creates an index of all the ad avails in a manifest and stores the index for the remainder of the session. When MediaTailor makes a request to the ADS to fill the avail, it includes the ad avail index number. This parameter enables the ADS to improve ad selection by using features like competitive exclusion and frequency capping.
[avail.random]	Yes		A random number between 0 and 10,000,000,000, as a long number, that MediaTailor generates for each request to the ADS. Some ad servers use this parameter to enable features such as separating ads from competing companies.
[scte.archive_allowed_flag]	Yes	10.3.3.1	An optional Boolean value. When this value is 0, recording restrictions are asserted on the segment. When this value is 1, recording restrictions are not asserted on the segment.
[scte.avail_num]	Yes	9.7.2.1	The value parsed by MediaTailor from the SCTE-35 field avail_num , as a long number. MediaTailor can use this value to designate linear ad avail numbers. Value must be an integer.
[scte.avails_expected]	Yes	9.7.2.1	An optional long value that gives the expected count of avails within the current event.
[scte.delivery_not]	Yes	10.3.3.1	An optional Boolean value. When this value is 0, the next five bits are reserved. When this value is 1, the

Name	Available for ad prefetch	SCTE-35 specification section	Description
<code>_restricted_flag]</code>			next five bits take on the meanings as described in the SCTE-35 specification.
<code>[scte.device_restrictions]</code>	Yes	10.3.3.1	An optional integer value that signals three pre-defined, independent, and non-hierarchical groups of devices. For more information about this variable, see the segments_expected description in the SCTE-35 specification.
<code>[scte.event_id]</code>	Yes	9.1 and 9.7.2.1	<p>The value parsed by MediaTailor from the SCTE-35 field <code>splice_event_id</code>, as a long number. MediaTailor uses this value to designate linear ad avail numbers or to populate ad server query strings, like ad pod positions.</p> <p>Value must be an integer.</p>
<code>[scte.noRegionalBlackoutFlag]</code>	Yes	10.3.3.1	An optional Boolean value. When this value is 0, regional blackout restrictions apply to the segment. When this value is 1, regional blackout restrictions do not apply to the segment.
<code>[scte.segment_num]</code>	Yes	10.3.3.1	An optional integer value that numbers segments within a collection of segments. For more information about this variable, see the segment_num description in the SCTE-35 specification.
<code>[scte.segmentationEventId]</code>	Yes	10.3.3.1	MediaTailor exposes this variable as <u>scte.event_id</u> .

Name	Available for ad prefetch	SCTE-35 specification section	Description
[scte.segmentation_type_id]	Yes	10.3.3.1	An optional 8-bit integer value that specifies the segmentation type. For more information about this variable, see the segmentation_type_id description in the SCTE-35 specification.

Name	Available for ad prefetch	SCTE-35 specification section	Description
[scte.segmentation_upid]	<p>segmentation_upid_type : Yes</p> <p>private_data : Yes</p>	<p>segmentation_upid: 10.3.3.1</p> <p>Managed PID: 10.3.3.3</p>	<p>Corresponds to the SCTE-35 segmentation_upid element. The segmentation_upid element contains segmentation_upid_type and segmentation_upid_length .</p> <p>MediaTailor supports the following segmentation_upid types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADS Information (0x0E) - Advertising information. For more information, see the segmentation_upid description in the SCTE-35 specification. • Managed Private UPID (0x0C) - The Managed Private UPID (MPU) structure as defined in the SCTE-35 specification. MediaTailor supports binary or DASH XML SCTE representations. <p>You can use this structure in a podbuster workflow. To do so, specify a 32-bit (4 byte) <code>format_id</code> , and include the following parameters in the <code>private_data</code> attribute:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <pre>ABCD{"assetId":" my_program ","cueData": {"cueType":" theAdType ","key":" pb","value": " 123456"}}</pre> </div> <p>MediaTailor parses the values from the preceding JSON, and passes them into the <code>scte.segmentation_upid.assetId</code> , <code>scte.segmentation_upid.cueData.key</code> , and <code>scte.segmentation_upid.cueData.value</code> dynamic variables.</p>

Name	Available for ad prefetch	SCTE-35 specification section	Description
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User Defined (0x01) - A user defined structure. For more information, see the segmentation_upid description in the SCTE-35 specification.
[scte.segmentation_upid.assetId]	Yes		Used in conjunction with the Managed Private UPID (0xC) segmentation_upid_type for podbuster workflows. MediaTailor derives this value from the assetId parameter in the MPU's private_data JSON structure. For more information, see Managed Private UPID JSON structure for a podbuster workflow .
[scte.segmentation_upid.cueData.key]	Yes		Used in conjunction with the Managed Private UPID (0xC) segmentation_upid_type for podbuster workflows. MediaTailor derives this value from the cueData.key parameter in the MPU's private_data JSON structure. For more information, see Managed Private UPID JSON structure for a podbuster workflow .
[scte.segmentation_upid.cueData.value]	Yes		<p>Used in conjunction with the Managed Private UPID (0xC) segmentation_upid_type for podbuster workflows. MediaTailor derives this value from the cueData.key parameter in the MPU's private_data JSON structure. For more information, see Managed Private UPID JSON structure for a podbuster workflow.</p> <p>Value can be a string.</p>

Name	Available for ad prefetch	SCTE-35 specification section	Description
[scte.segments_expected]	Yes	10.3.3.1	An optional integer value that gives the expected count of individual segments within a collection of segments. For more information about this variable, see the segments_expected description in the SCTE-35 specification.
[scte.sub_segment_num]	Yes	10.3.3.1	An optional integer value that identifies a particular sub-segment within a collection of sub-segments. For more information about this variable, see the sub_segment_num description in the SCTE-35 specification.
[scte.sub_segments_expected]	Yes	10.3.3.1	An optional integer value that gives the expected count of individual sub-segments within a collection of sub-segments. For more information about this variable, see the sub_segments_expected description in the SCTE-35 specification.
[scte.unique_program_id]	Yes	9.7.2.1	<p>The integer value parsed by MediaTailor from the SCTE-35 splice_insert field unique_program_id . The ADS uses the unique program ID (UPID) to provide program-level ad targeting for live linear streams. If the SCTE-35 command is not splice insert, MediaTailor sets this to an empty value.</p> <p>Value must be an integer.</p>

Name	Available for ad prefetch	SCTE-35 specification section	Description
[session.avail_duration_ms]	Yes		<p>The duration in milliseconds of the ad availability slot. The default value is 300,000 ms. AWS Elemental MediaTailor obtains the duration value from the input manifest as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For HLS: MediaTailor obtains the duration from the #EXT-X-CUE-OUT: DURATION or from values in the #EXT-X-DATERANGE tag. If the input manifest has a null, invalid, or 0 duration for the ad avail in those tags, MediaTailor uses the default. For DASH: MediaTailor obtains the duration value from the event duration, if one is specified. Otherwise, it uses the default value. For VOD: when a VOD stream triggers a pre-roll ad call, if the manifest does not include SCTE messaging with a duration value, MediaTailor does not enter a duration for the [session.avail_duration_ms], including the default duration value.
[session.avail_duration_secs]	Yes		<p>The duration in seconds of the ad availability slot, or ad avail, rounded to the nearest second. MediaTailor determines this value the same way it determines [session.avail_duration_ms] .</p>
[session.client_ip]	No		<p>The remote IP address that the MediaTailor request came from. If the X-forwarded-for header is set, then that value is what MediaTailor uses for the client_ip .</p>

Name	Available for ad prefetch	SCTE-35 specification section	Description
[session.id]	No		A unique numeric identifier for the current playback session. All requests that a player makes for a session have the same id, so it can be used for ADS fields that are intended to correlate requests for a single viewing.
[session.referer]	No		Usually, the URL of the page that is hosting the video player. MediaTailor sets this variable to the value of the Referer header that the player used in its request to MediaTailor. If the player doesn't provide this header, MediaTailor leaves the [session.referer] empty. If you use a content delivery network (CDN) or proxy in front of the manifest endpoint and you want this variable to appear, proxy the correct header from the player here.
[session.user_agent]	No		The User-Agent header that MediaTailor received from the player's session initialization request. If you're using a CDN or proxy in front of the manifest endpoint, you must proxy the correct header from the player here.
[session.uuid]	No		Alternative to [session.id] . This is a unique identifier for the current playback session, such as the following: e039fd39-09f0-46b2-aca9-9871cc116cde

Example

If the ADS requires a query parameter named `deviceSession` to be passed with the unique session identifier, the template ADS URL in AWS Elemental MediaTailor could look like the following:

```
https://my.ads.server.com/path?deviceSession=[session.id]
```

AWS Elemental MediaTailor automatically generates a unique identifier for each stream, and enters the identifier in place of `session.id`. If the identifier is 1234567, the final request that MediaTailor makes to the ADS would look something like this:

```
https://my.ads.server.com/path?deviceSession=1234567
```

If the ADS requires several query parameters to be passed, the template ADS URL in AWS Elemental MediaTailor could look like the following:

```
https://my.ads.server.com/sample?  
e=[scte.avails_expected]&f=[scte.segment_num]&g=[scte.segments_expected]&h=[scte.sub_segment_nu
```

The following DASH marker example XML fragment shows how to use `scte35:SpliceInsert`:

```
<Period start="PT444806.040S" id="123456" duration="PT15.000S">  
  <EventStream timescale="90000" schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml">  
    <Event duration="1350000">  
      <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="180832" tier="4095">  
        <scte35:SpliceInsert spliceEventId="1234567890"  
        spliceEventCancelIndicator="false" outOfNetworkIndicator="true"  
        spliceImmediateFlag="false" uniqueProgramId="1" availNum="1" availsExpected="1">  
          <scte35:Program><scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="5672624400"/></scte35:Program>  
          <scte35:BreakDuration autoReturn="true" duration="1350000"/>  
        </scte35:SpliceInsert>  
      </scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
```

The following DASH marker example XML fragment shows how to use `scte35:TimeSignal`:

```
<Period start="PT346530.250S" id="123456" duration="PT61.561S">  
  <EventStream timescale="90000" schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml">  
    <Event duration="5310000">  
      <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="183003" tier="4095">  
        <scte35:TimeSignal>
```

```

<scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="3442857000"/>
</scte35:TimeSignal>
<scte35:SegmentationDescriptor segmentationEventId="1234567"
segmentationEventCancelIndicator="false" segmentationDuration="8100000"
segmentationTypeId="52" segmentNum="0" segmentsExpected="0">
    <scte35:DeliveryRestrictions webDeliveryAllowedFlag="false"
noRegionalBlackoutFlag="false" archiveAllowedFlag="false" deviceRestrictions="3"/>
    <scte35:SegmentationUpid segmentationUpidType="12"
segmentationUpidLength="2">0100</scte35:SegmentationUpid>
    </scte35:SegmentationDescriptor>
</scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
</Event>

```

The following DASH marker example XML fragment shows how to use scte35:Binary:

```

<Period start="PT444806.040S" id="123456" duration="PT15.000S">
<EventStream schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2014:xml+bin" timescale="1">
    <Event presentationTime="1541436240" duration="24" id="29">
        <scte35:Signal xmlns="http://www.scte.org/schemas/35/2016">
            <scte35:Binary>/DAhAAAAAAAAAP/wEAUAAAHAf+9/fgAg9YDAAAAAAA25aoh</Binary>
        </scte35:Signal>
    </Event>
    <Event presentationTime="1541436360" duration="24" id="30">
        <scte35:Signal xmlns="http://www.scte.org/schemas/35/2016">

<scte35:Binary>QW5vdGhlciB0ZXN0IHN0cmLuZyBmb3IgZW5jb2RpbmcgdG8gQmFzZTY0IGVuY29kZWQgYmluYXJ5Lg=
Binary>
        </scte35:Signal>
    </Event>

```

The following HLS tag example shows how to use EXT-X-DATERANGE:

```

#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="splice-6FFFFFF0",START-DATE="2014-03-05T11:
15:00Z",PLANNED-DURATION=59.993,SCTE35-OUT=0xFC002F0000000000FF0
00014056FFFFFF000E011622DCAFF00005263620000000000A0008029896F50
000008700000000

```

The following HLS tag example shows how to use EXT-X-CUE-OUT:

```

#EXT-OATCLS-SCTE35:/DA0AAAAAAAAAAABQb+ADAQ6QAeAhxDVUVJQAAA03/PAAEUrEoICAAAAAAG
+2UBNAAANvrtoQ==
#EXT-X-ASSET:CAID=0x0000000020FB6501

```

#EXT-X-CUE-OUT:201.467

The following HLS tag example shows how to use EXT-X-SPLICEPOINT-SCTE35:

```
#EXT-X-SPLICEPOINT-SCTE35:/DA9AAAAAAAAP/wBQb+uYbZqwAnAiVDVUVJAAAKqX//  
AAEjW4AMEU1EU05CMDAxMTMyMjE5M190NAAAmXz5JA==
```

The following example shows how to use scte35:Binary decode:

```
{  
    "table_id": 252,  
    "section_syntax_indicator": false,  
    "private_indicator": false,  
    "section_length": 33,  
    "protocol_version": 0,  
    "encrypted_packet": false,  
    "encryption_algorithm": 0,  
    "pts_adjustment": 0,  
    "cw_index": 0,  
    "tier": "0xFFFF",  
    "splice_command_length": 16,  
    "splice_command_type": 5,  
    "splice_command": {  
        "splice_event_id": 448,  
        "splice_event_cancel_indicator": false,  
        "out_of_network_indicator": true,  
        "program_splice_flag": true,  
        "duration_flag": true,  
        "splice_immediate_flag": false,  
        "utc_splice_time": {  
            "time_specified_flag": false,  
            "pts_time": null  
        },  
        "component_count": 0,  
        "components": null,  
        "break_duration": {  
            "auto_return": false,  
            "duration": {  
                "pts_time": 2160000,  
                "wall_clock_seconds": 24.0,  
                "wall_clock_time": "00:00:24:00000"  
            }  
        },  
    },  
},
```

```
"unique_program_id": 49152,  
"avail_num": 0,  
"avails_expected": 0  
"segment_num": 0,  
"segments_expected": 0,  
"sub_segment_num": 0,  
"sub_segments_expected": 0  
},  
"splice_descriptor_loop_length": 0,  
"splice_descriptors": null,  
"Scte35Exception": {  
    "parse_status": "SCTE-35 cue parsing completed with 0 errors.",  
    "error_messages": [],  
    "table_id": 252,  
    "splice_command_type": 5  
}  
}
```

Using player variables

To configure AWS Elemental MediaTailor to send data received from the player to the ADS, in the template ADS URL, specify `player_params.<query_parameter_name>` variables. For example, if the player sends a query parameter named `user_id` in its request to MediaTailor, to pass that data in the ADS request, include `[player_params.user_id]` in the ADS URL configuration.

This allows you to control the query parameters that are included in the ADS request. Typically, you add a special query parameter that the ADS recognizes to the ADS request URL and provide key-value pairs as the value of the parameter.

The examples used in the following procedure use the following key-value pairs:

- `param1` with a value of `value1`:
- `param2` with a value of `value2`:

To add query parameters as key-value pairs

1. In AWS Elemental MediaTailor, configure the ADS request template URL to reference the parameters. The following URL shows the inclusion of the example parameters:

```
https://my.ads.com/path?param1=[player_params.param1]&param2=[player_params.param2]
```

2. (Optional) For server-side ad-tracking reporting, URL-encode the key-value pairs on the player.

When MediaTailor receives the session initialization request, it URL-decodes the values once before substituting them into the ADS request URL.

Note

If your ADS requires a URL-encoded value, URL-encode the value twice on the player. This way, the decoding done by MediaTailor results in a once-encoded value for the ADS.

For example, if the decoded representation of the values sent to the ADS is `param1=value1:¶m2=value2:`, then the URL-encoded representation is `param1=value1%3A¶m2=value2%3A`.

3. In the session initialization call from the player, pass the key-value pairs to MediaTailor as the value of a single query parameter. The following example calls provide the example key-value pairs for server- and client-side ad tracking reporting.

- Example requests for server-side ad-tracking reporting - using URL-encoded pairs

HLS:

```
<master>.m3u8?ads.param1=value1%3A&ads.param2=value2%3A
```

DASH:

```
<manifest>.mpd?ads.param1=value1%3A&ads.param2=value2%3A
```

- Example request for client-side ad-tracking reporting - with no URL-encoding

HLS:

```
POST <master>.m3u8
{
    "adsParams": {
        "param1": "value1:",
        "param2": "value2:"
    }
}
```

DASH:

```
POST <manifest>.mpd
{
    "adsParams": {
        "param1": "value1",
        "param2": "value2"
    }
}
```

For server-side reporting, MediaTailor decodes the parameters when the player request is received. For client-side reporting, it doesn't alter the parameters received in the JSON payload. MediaTailor sends the following request to the ADS:

```
https://my.ads.com/<path>?param1=value1:&param2=value2:
```

In this way, the param1 and param2 key-value pairs are included as first-class query parameters in the ADS request.

Passing AWS Elemental MediaTailor session initialization parameters to the manifest

AWS Elemental MediaTailor can preserve query parameters from session initialization and append them to the personalized manifest URL returned to the client player. Subsequent client requests also contain the appended query parameters.

Manifest query parameters are useful if you use a Content Delivery Network (CDN) between MediaTailor and the client player, where the CDN uses the query parameters for the following:

- Dynamic routing to different MediaTailor endpoints
- Token authorization

For client-side reporting, MediaTailor appends query parameters for client-side reporting endpoints, but it doesn't append the query parameters for the CloudFront (or other CDN) segments.

To use parameter preservation, [submit an AWS Support ticket](#) to request for manifest query parameter pass through to be enabled.

The behavior varies between HLS and DASH, as well as with explicit and implicit session initialization. The following topics describe how to configure session initialization requests so MediaTailor will pass through parameters to the manifest.

Topics

- [HLS implicit session initialization with AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [DASH implicit session initialization with AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [HLS and DASH explicit session initialization with AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)

HLS implicit session initialization with AWS Elemental MediaTailor

When the request includes query parameters with the key `manifest.*`, as shown in the following example, MediaTailor includes the query parameters in the links to MediaTailor resources. Links don't include the `manifest.*` prefix.

```
GET /v1/master/111122223333/originId/index.m3u8?manifest.test=123&other=456
```

Example multivariant playlist

In the following example, MediaTailor includes the query parameters MediaTailor for URL for the multivariant playlist.

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-INDEPENDENT-SEGMENTS
#EXT-X-MEDIA:LANGUAGE="eng",AUTOSELECT=YES,FORCED=NO,TYPE=SUBTITLES,URI="../../../../
manifest/111122223333/originId/session/1.m3u8?manifest.test=123",GROUP-
ID="subtitles",DEFAULT=YES,NAME="caption_1"
#EXT-X-STREAM-INF:CODECS="avc1.640029,mp4a.40.2",AVERAGE-
BANDWIDTH=2525657,RESOLUTION=960x540,SUBTITLES="subtitles",FRAME-
RATE=29.97,BANDWIDTH=2665212
../../../../manifest/111122223333/originId/session/0.m3u8?manifest.test=123
```

Example variant playlist

In the following example, MediaTailor includes the query parameters in the URLs for the content segments.

```
#EXTM3U
```

```
#EXT-X-VERSION:6
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:7
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:28716269
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY-SEQUENCE:0
#EXTINF:6.006,
https://origin.com/contentSegment_1.ts?originQueryParam=foo
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXTINF:6.006,
../../../../segment/111122223333/originId/session/0/2?manifest.test=123
```

DASH implicit session initialization with AWS Elemental MediaTailor

The client makes a manifest request without a session, as shown in the following example.

```
GET /v1/dash/111122223333/originId/index.mpd?manifest.test=123&other=456
```

MediaTailor creates a session for the client and redirects it with the query parameters:

```
/v1/dash/111122223333/originId/index.mpd?sessionId=session&manifest.test=123
```

When the client makes the request, MediaTailor responds with a DASH manifest similar to the following example. The first period is a content period, so MediaTailor doesn't insert the manifest query parameter there. In the second period, which is an ad period, MediaTailor inserts the manifest query parameter into the SegmentTemplate element's initialization attribute and media attribute. The Location element also has the manifest query parameters.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<MPD availabilityStartTime="2018-07-27T09:48:23.634000+00:00"
  id="201" minBufferTime="PT30S" minimumUpdatePeriod="PT15S"
  profiles="urn:mpeg:dash:profile:isoff-live:2011" publishTime="2023-02-14T23:37:43"
  suggestedPresentationDelay="PT25.000S" timeShiftBufferDepth="PT56.997S" type="dynamic"
  xmlns="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011" xmlns:scte35="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011 http://standards.iso.org/ittf/
  PubliclyAvailableStandards/MPEG-DASH_schema_files/DASH-MPD.xsd">
  <BaseURL>https://origin.com/contentSegments/</BaseURL>
  <Location>https://mediatailor.com/v1/dash/111122223333/originId/index.mpd?
  manifest.test=123&aws.sessionId=session</Location>
  <Period duration="PT29.963S" id="28737823" start="PT143732873.178S">
```

```
<AdaptationSet bitstreamSwitching="true" mimeType="video/mp4"
segmentAlignment="true" startWithSAP="1" subsegmentAlignment="true"
subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1">
    <Representation bandwidth="2200000" codecs="avc1.640029"
frameRate="30000/1001" height="540" id="1" width="960">
        <SegmentTemplate initialization="index_video_7_0_init.mp4?
m=1611174111" media="index_video_7_0_$Number$.mp4?m=1611174111"
presentationTimeOffset="4311986195351" startNumber="28737828" timescale="30000">
            <SegmentTimeline>
                <S d="180180" t="4311986911066"/>
                <S d="3003" t="4311987091246"/>
            </SegmentTimeline>
        </SegmentTemplate>
    </Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
</Period>
<Period id="28737829_1" start="PT39925H48M23.141S">
    <BaseURL>https://mediatailor.com/v1/
dashsegment/111122223333/originId/session/28737829/28737829_1/</BaseURL>
    <AdaptationSet bitstreamSwitching="false" frameRate="30000/1001"
mimeType="video/mp4" segmentAlignment="true" startWithSAP="1"
subsegmentAlignment="true" subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1">
        <SegmentTemplate startNumber="1" timescale="90000"/>
        <Representation bandwidth="2200000" codecs="avc1.64001f" height="540"
id="1" width="960">
            <SegmentTemplate initialization="asset_540_2_0init.mp4?
manifest.test=123" media="asset_540_2_0_$Number%09d$.mp4?manifest.test=123"
startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
                <SegmentTimeline>
                    <S d="180180" r="6" t="0"/>
                    <S d="87087" t="1261260"/>
                </SegmentTimeline>
            </SegmentTemplate>
        </Representation>
    </AdaptationSet>
</Period>
</MPD>
```

HLS and DASH explicit session initialization with AWS Elemental MediaTailor

When the client makes an explicit session initialization request, MediaTailor includes the manifestParams as query parameters in the parent manifest and tracking URLs in the response.

Example session initialization request

```
POST /v1/session/111122223333/originId/index.m3u8
{
  "adsParams": {
    "param1": "value1",
    "param2": "value2",
    "param3": "value3"
  },
  "manifestParams": {
    "test": "123"
  }
}
```

Example manifest and tracking response

```
{
  "manifestUrl": "/v1/master/111122223333/originId/index.m3u8?
aws.sessionId=session&test=123",
  "trackingUrl": "/v1/tracking/111122223333/originId/session?test=123"
}
```

Manifest responses for the session have the specific manifestParams in MediaTailor URLs similar to the previously described implicit session-initialization workflows. The key difference is that the manifest parameters for explicit session initialization don't start with manifest..

Manifest query parameters are immutable and only set on session initialization. If a client makes multiple parent manifest requests for a single session, MediaTailor doesn't update the manifest query parameters after the first request.

Reporting ad tracking data

MediaTailor provides two options for tracking and reporting on how much of an ad a viewer has watched. In the server-side ad reporting approach, MediaTailor tracks the ad and sends beacons

(tracking signals) directly to the ad server. Alternatively, in the client-side tracking approach, the client player (the user's device) tracks the ad and sends the beacons to the ad server. The type of ad reporting used in a playback session depends on the specific request the player makes to initiate the session in MediaTailor.

Topics

- [Server-side ad tracking](#)
- [Client-side ad tracking](#)

Server-side ad tracking

AWS Elemental MediaTailor defaults to server-side reporting. With server-side reporting, when the player requests an ad URL from the manifest, the service reports ad consumption directly to the ad tracking URL. After the player initializes a playback session with MediaTailor, no further input is required from you or the player to perform server-side reporting. As each ad is played back, MediaTailor sends beacons to the ad server to report how much of the ad has been viewed. MediaTailor sends beacons for the start of the ad and for the ad progression in quartiles: the first quartile, midpoint, third quartile, and ad completion.

Server-side tracking timing and caching behavior

In server-side reporting, MediaTailor fires tracking events based on actual segment requests from the player, not on manifest parsing or pre-loading activities. This approach ensures accurate impression counting that aligns with industry standards for video ad measurement.

Key timing principles

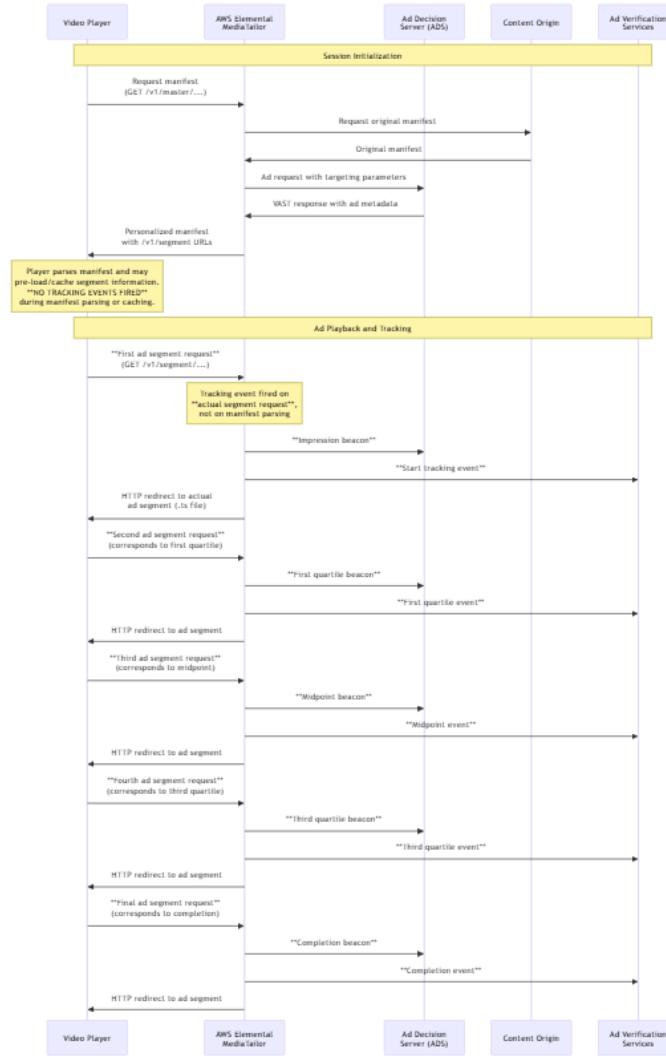
MediaTailor server-side tracking follows these fundamental timing principles:

- **Tracking events fire on actual segment requests** - Beacons are sent only when the player makes HTTP requests to /v1/segment URLs, not during manifest parsing or caching.
- **Player caching and pre-loading of manifests does NOT trigger events** - Players can parse, cache, or pre-load manifest information without generating any tracking events.
- **Segment pre-fetching will trigger events** - If players pre-fetch actual ad segments before playback, this follows industry standard behavior where segment requests constitute valid impressions.

- Each /v1/segment request triggers appropriate beacon** - The specific tracking event (impression, quartile, completion) is determined by the ad position and segment being requested.
- Timing aligns with IAB standards** - The approach follows Interactive Advertising Bureau guidelines for video ad measurement and impression counting.

Server-side tracking workflow

The following diagram illustrates the complete server-side tracking workflow, showing when tracking events are fired in relation to player requests:



The server-side tracking workflow includes the following key timing behaviors:

- Session initialization** - The player requests a manifest from MediaTailor. MediaTailor returns a personalized manifest containing ad segment URLs with the /v1/segment path.

- 2. Manifest parsing and caching** - The player parses the manifest and may pre-load or cache segment information. **No tracking events are fired during this phase**, regardless of player caching behavior.
- 3. Ad segment request and impression tracking** - When the player actually requests the first ad segment (typically for playback), MediaTailor fires the impression beacon and start tracking event. This occurs on the actual HTTP request to the /v1/segment URL, not when the manifest is parsed.
- 4. Quartile tracking based on segment requests** - MediaTailor fires quartile beacons (first quartile, midpoint, third quartile, completion) based on subsequent segment requests that correspond to the calculated quartile positions within the ad duration.
- 5. Segment delivery** - After firing the appropriate tracking beacon, MediaTailor issues an HTTP redirect to the actual ad segment (either from Amazon CloudFront or your CDN).

Player caching and pre-loading considerations

MediaTailor server-side tracking is designed to be compatible with various player caching and pre-loading strategies while maintaining accurate impression measurement:

- **Manifest pre-loading** - Players that pre-load or cache manifest information do not trigger tracking events. Tracking events are only fired when actual segment requests are made.
- **Segment pre-fetching** - If a player pre-fetches ad segments before playback, tracking events will fire when those segments are requested, potentially earlier than the actual playback time. This behavior aligns with industry standards that consider segment requests as valid impressions.
- **Player buffering** - Standard player buffering behavior (requesting segments slightly ahead of playback) will trigger tracking events at the appropriate times based on the segment request pattern.

Troubleshooting tracking discrepancies

If you notice discrepancies between MediaTailor server-side tracking and third-party metrics, consider the following factors:

- **Player behavior differences** - Different players may have varying pre-fetching and buffering strategies that affect when segment requests are made.
- **Network conditions** - Poor network conditions may cause players to request segments multiple times or at different intervals than expected.

- **CDN configuration** - Incorrect CDN caching of /v1/segment requests can lead to missed or duplicate tracking events.
- **Session management** - Ensure that each playback session uses a unique session identifier to prevent tracking event conflicts.

For detailed troubleshooting guidance, see [Troubleshooting common issues](#).

Server-side tracking beacon glossary

MediaTailor server-side tracking uses a standardized set of beacons to report ad viewing progress to ad servers and verification services. These beacons align with Interactive Advertising Bureau (IAB) standards for video ad measurement and provide accurate reporting of ad impressions and completion rates.

Server-side tracking beacon types

Beacon Type	When Fired	Purpose	Timing Details
Impression	When the player requests the first ad segment	Indicates that ad content has begun loading and is about to be displayed to the viewer	Fired on the first /v1/segment request for an ad. Aligns with IAB guidelines requiring ad content to begin loading before counting an impression. See Server-side tracking workflow for the complete sequence.
Start	When the player begins rendering the ad content	Confirms that ad playback has actually started	Typically fired simultaneously with the impression beacon on the first segment request, but represents the actual start of ad rendering. This distinction is important for verification services that track both impression and start events separately.

Beacon Type	When Fired	Purpose	Timing Details
First Quartile	When the player reaches 25% of the ad duration	Measures continued ad viewing through the first quarter of the ad	Fired when the player requests the segment that contains the 25% point of the ad duration. For example, in a 20-second ad with 2-second segments, this would typically fire on the request for the 3rd segment (at approximately 4-6 seconds into the ad).
Midpoint	When the player reaches 50% of the ad duration	Measures continued ad viewing through half of the ad	Fired when the player requests the segment that contains the 50% point of the ad duration. For example, in a 20-second ad with 2-second segments, this would typically fire on the request for the 5th segment (at approximately 8-10 seconds into the ad).
Third Quartile	When the player reaches 75% of the ad duration	Measures continued ad viewing through three-quarters of the ad	Fired when the player requests the segment that contains the 75% point of the ad duration. For example, in a 20-second ad with 2-second segments, this would typically fire on the request for the 8th segment (at approximately 14-16 seconds into the ad).

Beacon Type	When Fired	Purpose	Timing Details
Complete	When the player reaches the end of the ad	Confirms that the entire ad was delivered to the viewer	Fired when the player requests the final segment of the ad. This indicates that the viewer has potentially seen the entire ad content. For example, in a 20-second ad with 2-second segments, this would typically fire on the request for the 10th segment (at approximately 18-20 seconds into the ad).

Note

The exact timing of beacon firing depends on the segment duration and ad length. MediaTailor calculates the appropriate segment request that corresponds to each quartile position based on the specific ad duration and segment structure.

To perform server-side ad reporting

- From the player, initialize a new MediaTailor playback session using a request in one of the following formats, according to your protocol:
 - Example: HLS format

```
GET <mediatailorURL>/v1/master/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/<asset-id>?
ads.<key-value-pairs-for-ads>&<key-value-pairs-for-origin-server>
```

- Example: DASH format

```
GET <mediatailorURL>/v1/dash/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/<asset-id>?ads.<key-
value-pairs-for-ads>&<key-value-pairs-for-origin-server>
```

The key-value pairs are the dynamic targeting parameters for ad tracking. For information about adding parameters to the request, see [the section called “Using dynamic ad variables”](#).

AWS Elemental MediaTailor responds to the request with the manifest URL. The manifest contains URLs for the media manifests. The media manifests contain embedded links for ad segment requests.

Note

When MediaTailor encounters a double-slash (//) in a tracking URL, it collapses the slashes to one (/).

When the player requests playback from an ad segment URL (/v1/segment path), AWS Elemental MediaTailor sends the appropriate beacon to the ad server through the ad tracking URLs. At the same time, the service issues a redirect to the actual *.ts ad segment. The ad segment is either in the Amazon CloudFront distribution where MediaTailor stores transcoded ads, or in the content delivery network (CDN) where you have cached the ad.

Client-side ad tracking

Using the AWS Elemental MediaTailor client-side tracking API, you can incorporate player controls during ad breaks in streaming workflows. In client-side tracking, the player or client emits tracking events, such as impression and quartile ad beaconing, to the Ad Decision Server (ADS) and other ad-verification entities. These events track both the overall ad break status and the individual ad avails within each break. For more information about impression and quartile (ADS) and other ad-verification entities. For more information about impression and quartile ad beaconing, see [Client-side beaconing](#). For more information about ADS and other ad-verification entities, see [Client-side ad-tracking integrations](#).

Client-side tracking enables functionality like the following:

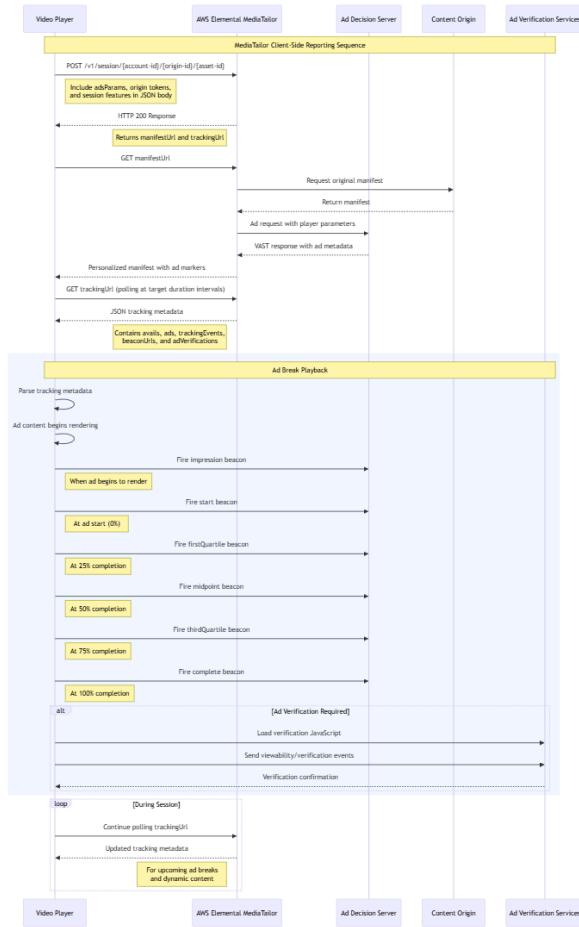
- Ad-break countdown timers - For more information, see [Ad countdown timer](#).
- Ad click-through - For more information, see [Ad click-through](#).
- Display of companion ads - For more information, see [Companion ads](#).
- Skippable ads - For more information, see [Skippable ads](#).

- Display of VAST icons for privacy compliance - For more information, see [Icons for Google Why This Ad \(WTA\)](#).
- Control of player scrubbing during ads - For more information, see [Scrubbing](#).

Using the MediaTailor client-side tracking API, you can send metadata to the playback device that enables functionality in addition to client-side tracking:

Client-side reporting workflow

The following diagram shows the complete client-side reporting workflow from session initialization through ad playback and beaconing:



The client-side reporting workflow includes the following steps:

1. **Session initialization** - The video player sends a POST request to the MediaTailor session endpoint with JSON metadata including adsParams, origin tokens, and session features. MediaTailor responds with manifestUrl and trackingUrl for the session.

2. **Manifest request and ad decision** - The player requests the personalized manifest from MediaTailor. MediaTailor requests the original content manifest from the origin, makes an ad request to the Ad Decision Server (ADS) using player parameters, receives a VAST response with ad metadata, and delivers a personalized manifest with ad markers to the player.
3. **Tracking data retrieval** - The player polls the tracking URL at regular intervals (matching target duration for HLS or minimum update period for DASH). MediaTailor returns JSON tracking metadata containing avails, ads, tracking events, beacon URLs, and ad verification data.
4. **Ad playback and beacons** - During ad breaks, the player parses the tracking metadata, fires impression beacons when ads begin rendering, fires quartile beacons (start, firstQuartile, midpoint, thirdQuartile, complete) at appropriate timing, loads and executes ad verification JavaScript if required, and sends viewability/verification events to third-party verification services.
5. **Continuous polling** - The player continues polling the tracking URL throughout the session to receive updated metadata for upcoming ad breaks and dynamic content.

This workflow enables advanced features such as ad countdown timers, click-through functionality, companion ads, skippable ads, and VAST icon display for privacy compliance.

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Enabling client-side tracking

You enable client-side tracking for each session. The player makes an HTTP POST to the MediaTailor configuration's session-initialization prefix endpoint. Optionally, the player can send additional metadata for MediaTailor to use when making ad calls, calling the origin for a manifest, and invoking or disabling MediaTailor features at the session level.

The following example shows the structure of the JSON metadata:

```
{  
    "adsParams": {  
        "param1": "value1",  
        "param2": "value2",  
        // 'adsParams' is case sensitive  
        // key is not case sensitive  
        // Values can contain spaces. For example, 'value 2'  
        // is an allowed value.  
    },  
    "origin_access_token": "abc123", // this is an example of a query parameter designated  
    // for the origin  
    "overlayAvails": "on" // 'overlayAvails' is case sensitive. This is an  
    // example of a feature that is enabled at the session level.  
}
```

Use the MediaTailor console or API to configure the ADS request template URL to reference these parameters. In the following example, `player_params.param1` are the player parameters for `param1`, and `player_params.param2` are the player parameters for `param2`.

```
https://my.ads.com/path?param1=\[player\_params.param1\]&param2=\[player\_params.param2\]
```

Ad server parameters

At the topmost level of the JSON structure is an `adsParams` JSON object. Inside this object are key/value pairs that MediaTailor can read and send to the ad server in all session requests. MediaTailor supports the following ad servers:

- Google Ad Manager
- SpringServe
- FreeWheel
- Publica

Origin interaction query parameters

Any reserved key/value pairs within the topmost level of the JSON structure, such as adsParams, availSuppression, and overlayAvails, aren't added to the origin request URL in the form of query parameters. Every session manifest request that MediaTailor makes to the origin contains these query parameters. The origin ignores extraneous query parameters. For example, MediaTailor can use the key/value pairs to send access tokens to the origin.

Session-configured features

Use the session-initialization JSON structure to enable, disable, or override MediaTailor features such as overlayAvails, availSuppression, and adSignaling. Any feature configurations passed during session initialization override the setting at the MediaTailor configuration level.

Note

The metadata submitted to MediaTailor at session initialization is immutable, and additional metadata cannot be added for the duration of the session. Use SCTE-35 markers to carry data that changes during the session. For more information, see [Using session variables](#).

Example : Performing client-side ad tracking for HLS

```
POST mediatailorURL/v1/session/hashed-account-id/origin-id/asset-id.m3u8

{
    "adsParams": {
        "deviceType": "ipad"      # This value does not change during the session.
        "uid": "abdgfdyei-2283004-ueu"
    }
}
```

Example : Performing client-side ad tracking for DASH

```
POST mediatailorURL/v1/session/hashed-account-id/origin-id/asset-id.mpd

{
    "adsParams": {
```

```
        "deviceType": "androidmobile",
        "uid": "xjhhddli-9189901-uic"
    }
}
```

A successful response is an HTTP 200 with a response body. The body contains a JSON object with a `manifestUrl` and a `trackingUrl` key. The values are relative URLs that the player can use for both playback and ad-event tracking purposes.

```
{
    "manifestUrl": "/v1/dashmaster/hashed-account-id/origin-id/asset-id.m3u8?
aws.sessionId=session-id,
    "trackingUrl": "/v1/tracking/hashed-account-id/origin-id/session-id"
}
```

For more information on the client-side tracking schema, see [Client-side ad-tracking schema and properties](#).

Best practices for client-side tracking

This section outlines the best practices for client-side tracking in MediaTailor for both live and VOD workflows.

Live workflows

Poll the tracking endpoint at an interval matching every target duration for HLS, or minimum update period for DASH, in order to always have the most current ad-tracking metadata. Matching this interval is especially important in workflows where the creatives might have an interactive or overlay component.

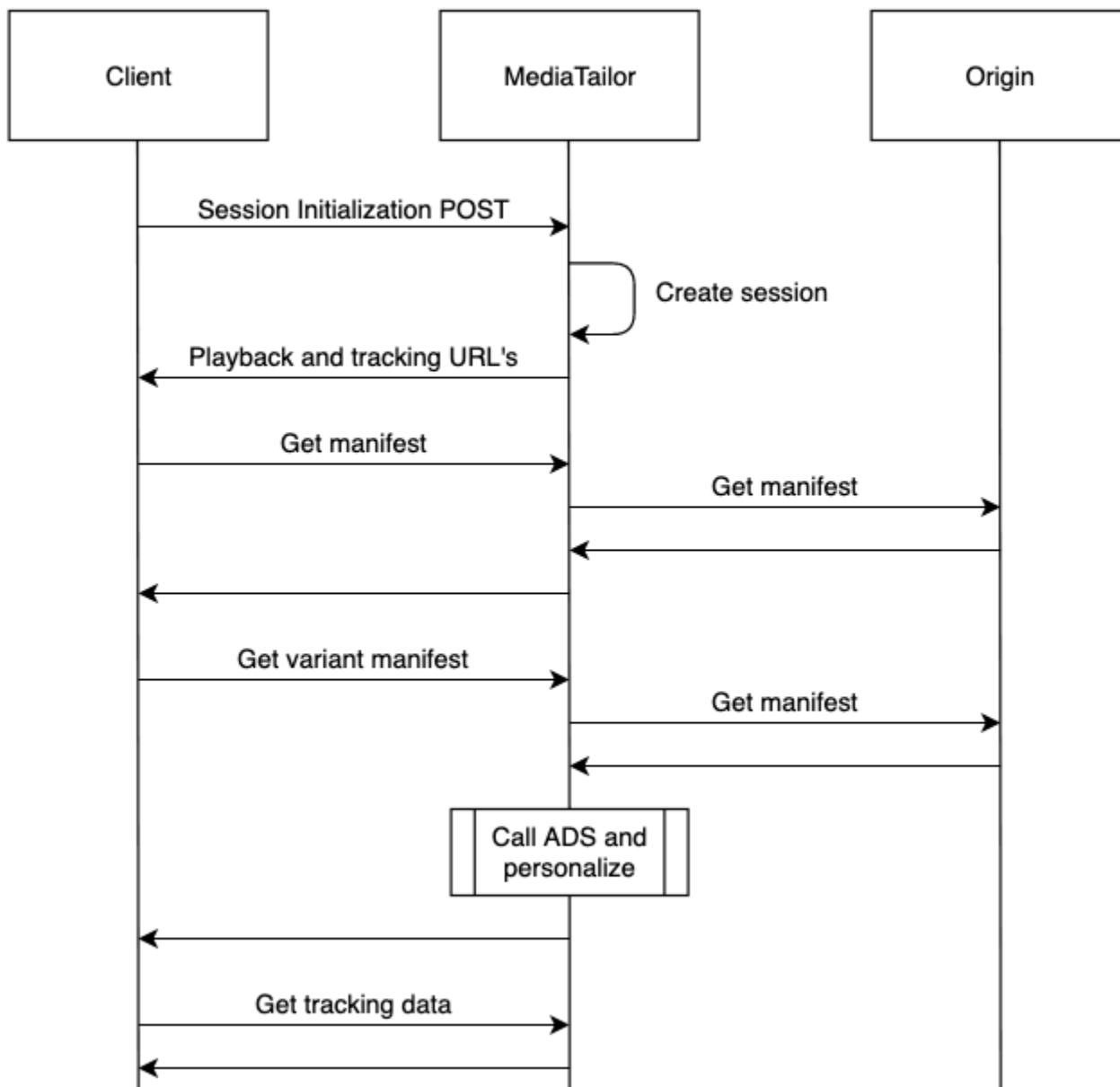
Note

Some players support event listeners, which could be used as an alternative to polling.

For example, the MediaTailor ad ID decoration feature would need to be enabled for each session. For more information, see [Ad ID decoration](#). Using this feature puts a date range (HLS) or event element (DASH) identifier over each ad in the avail. Players can use these manifest tags as a prompt to call the MediaTailor tracking endpoint for the session.

VOD workflows

Following a successful session initialization, and after MediaTailor receives the first manifest containing media, you only need to call the tracking endpoint once.



Client-side ad-tracking schema and properties

With the MediaTailor client-side ad-tracking feature, you can integrate detailed client-side ad tracking data into your player environment. The following sections cover the overall ad-tracking schema, as well as the specific properties and values that make up the schema.

Schema

The following JSON structure shows the MediaTailor client-side ad-tracking schema. This representation illustrates the nesting structure of the schema to help you understand the relationships between different parts.

For detailed information about each property, see [the section called “Properties”](#).

```
{  
    "avails": [  
        {  
            "ads": [  
                {  
                    "adID": "string",  
                    "adParameters": "string",  
                    "adSystem": "string",  
                    "adTitle": "string",  
                    "adVerifications": [  
                        {  
                            "executableResource": [  
                                {  
                                    "apiFramework": "string",  
                                    "type": "string",  
                                    "uri": "string",  
                                    "language": "string"  
                                }  
                            ],  
                            "javaScriptResource": [  
                                {  
                                    "apiFramework": "string",  
                                    "browserOptional": "string",  
                                    "uri": "string"  
                                }  
                            ],  
                            "trackingEvents": [  
                                {  
                                    "event": "string",  
                                    "uri": "string"  
                                }  
                            ],  
                            "vendor": "string",  
                            "verificationParameters": "string"  
                        }  
                    ]  
                }  
            ]  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
],
  "companionAds": [
    {
      "adParameters": "string",
      "altText": "string",
      "attributes": {
        "adSlotId": "string",
        "apiFramework": "string",
        "assetHeight": "string",
        "assetWidth": "string",
        "expandedHeight": "string",
        "expandedWidth": "string",
        "height": "string",
        "id": "string",
        "pxratio": "string",
        "renderingMode": "string",
        "width": "string"
      },
      "companionClickThrough": "string",
      "companionClickTracking": "string",
      "htmlResource": "string",
      "iFrameResource": "string",
      "sequence": "string",
      "staticResource": "string",
      "trackingEvents": [
        {
          "event": "string",
          "uri": "string"
        }
      ]
    }
  ],
  "creativeId": "string",
  "creativeSequence": "string",
  "duration": "string",
  "durationInSeconds": number,
  "extensions": [
    {
      "type": "string",
      "content": "string"
    }
  ],
  "icons": [
    {

```

```
"attributesapiFrameworkdurationheightoffsetprogrampxratiowidthxPositionyPositionhtmlResourceiconClicksiconClickThroughiconClickTrackingidiconClickFallbackImagesaltTextheightwidthstaticResourcecreativeTypeuriiconViewTrackingiFrameResourcestaticResourcecreativeTypeurimediaFilesadParametersdurationdurationInSecondsmediaFilesListapiFramework
```

```
        "delivery": "string",
        "height": "string",
        "maintainAspectRatio": "string",
        "mediaFileUri": "string",
        "mediaType": "string",
        "scalable": "string",
        "width": "string",
        "bitrate": "string"
    },
],
"mezzanine": "string",
"startTime": "string",
"startTimeInSeconds": number,
"trackingEvents": [
{
    "beaconUrls": ["string"],
    "duration": "string",
    "durationInSeconds": number,
    "dateTime": "string",
    "eventId": "string",
    "eventType": "string",
    "startTime": "string",
    "startTimeInSeconds": number
},
]
},
" startTime": "string",
" startTimeInSeconds": number,
" dateTime": "string",
" adBreakTrackingEvents": [...],
" vastAdId": "string"
}
],
"adType": "string",
"availID": "string",
"duration": "string",
"durationInSeconds": number,
"startTime": "string",
"startTimeInSeconds": number,
"dateTime": "string",
"adMarkerDuration": "string",
"adProgramDateTime": "string",
"dashAvailabilityStartTime": "string",
"hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": "string"
```

```

    }
],
"nonLinearAvails": [
  {
    "nonLinearAds": [...],
    "nonLinearAdsList": [...]
  }
],
"nextToken": "string",
"meta": {}
}

```

Properties

The following table lists the properties in the client-side tracking API, their definitions, value types, and examples.

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
adID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HLS - the sequence number associated with the beginning of the ad DASH - the period ID of the ad Path: /avails/ads/adId	String	10
adBreakTrackingEvents	An array that carries VMAP tracking events from the VAST response. For more information, see section 2.3.3 of the VMAP 1.0 specification . Path: /avails/ads/adBreakTrackingEvents	Array	[]
adMarkerDuration	The avail duration observed from the ad marker in the manifest.	String	30

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
adParameters	<p>A string of ad parameters, from the VAST VPAID, that MediaTailor passes to the player.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/adParameters</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/InLine/Creatives/Creative/Linear/AdParameters</p>	String	
adProgramDateTime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HLS - the date, in ISO/IEC 8601:2004 format, that represents the first media sequence of the ad. DASH - [Not specified] 	String	
ads	<p>An array containing the ad objects that make up the avail. The ads are listed in the order they appear in the manifest.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads</p>	Array	[]
adSystem	The name of the system that serves the ad.	String	myADS
	<p>⚠️ Important</p> <p>Make sure to provide a value. If you don't provide a value, issues can arise.</p>		
adTitle	The title of the ad.	String	ad1

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
adVerifications	<p>Contains the resources and metadata required to execute third-party measurement code in order to verify creative playback. For more information about this property, see section 3.16 of the VAST 4.2 specification.</p> <p>MediaTailor supports adVerifications as VAST 3 extension nodes.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/adVerifications</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/InLine/AdVerifications</p>	Array	[]
altText	<p>The alternative text for an image of a companion ad. This text enables players with descriptive-audio support for the visually impaired to read back a description of the image.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/altText</p>	String	video sequence advertising sneakers
apiFramework	<p>Set to VPAID to tell the player that this ad is a VPAID ad.</p> <p>Can appear in multiple locations in the schema.</p>	String	VPAID

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
availID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HLS - the sequence number associated with the start of the ad avail. DASH - the period ID of the ad avail, which is usually the period ID of the content that is to be replaced with an ad. Path: /avails/availID	String	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 34 PT34S_1
avails	An array containing ad-break objects, or <i>avails</i> , that are presented in the active manifest window. The avails are listed in the order they appear in the manifest. Path: /avails	Array	[]
adType	The type of the ad. Path: /avails/adType and /avails/ads/adType	String	
dateTime	Program date time, in ISO 8601 seconds format, for the start of the ad avail or ad. Path: /avails(dateTime and /avails/ads/dateTime	String	

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
duration	<p>Length, in ISO 8601 seconds format. The response includes durations for the entire ad avail and for each ad and beacon, though beacon durations are always zero.</p> <p>Path: /avails/duration and /avails/ads/duration</p>	String	15.015
durationInSeconds	<p>Length, in seconds format.</p> <p>Path: /avails/durationInSeconds and /avails/ads/durationInSeconds</p>	Number	
extensions	<p>Custom extensions of VAST that ad servers use. For more information about extensions, see section 3.18 of the VAST 4.2 specification.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/extensions</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/Inline/Extensions</p>	Array	[]
icons	<p>Icon elements for the ad.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/icons</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/Inline/Creatives/Creative/Linear/Icons</p>	Array	

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
mediaFiles	<p>Video and other assets that the player needs for the ad avail.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/mediaFiles</p>	Object	
nonLinearAvails	<p>Array of non-linear ad avail objects.</p> <p>Path: /nonLinearAvails</p>	Array	
executableResource	<p>Executable resources for verification.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/adVerifications/executableResource</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/InLine/AdVerifications/Verification/Executable Resource</p>	Array	
javaScriptResource	<p>JavaScript resources for verification.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/adVerifications/javaScriptResource</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/InLine/AdVerifications/Verification/JavaScript Resource</p>	Array	

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
trackingEvents	<p>Tracking events for verification or companion ads.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/adVerifications/trackingEvents or /avails/ads/companionAds/trackingEvents</p>	Array	
vendor	<p>Verification vendor.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/adVerifications/vendor</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/InLine/AdVerifications/Verification/@vendor</p>	String	
uri	<p>URI that points to either an executable asset, a video asset, or a tracking endpoint.</p> <p>Path: Various locations in the schema</p> <p>VAST mapping: Various CDATA elements in VAST</p>	String	https://tracking.example.com/impression
verificationParameters	<p>Verification parameters.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/adVerifications/verificationParameters</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/InLine/AdVerifications/Verification/VerificationParameters</p>	String	

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
attributes	<p>Companion ad attributes like dimensions and rendering mode.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/attributes</p>	Object	
companionClickThrough	<p>A URL to the advertiser's page that the media player opens when the viewer clicks the companion ad.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/companionClickThrough</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/InLine/Creatives/Creative/CompanionAds/Companion/CompanionClickThrough</p>	String	https://aws.amazon.com/
companionClickTracking	<p>The tracking URL for the companionClickThrough property.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/companionClickTracking</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/InLine/Creatives/Creative/CompanionAds/Companion/CompanionClickTracking</p>	String	https://m.yads.com/beaconing/event=clicktracking

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
htmlResource	<p>The CDATA-encoded HTML that's inserted directly within the streaming provider's HTML page.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/htmlResource</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/InLine/Creatives/Creative/CompanionAds/Companion/HTMLResource</p>	String	<![CDATA[<!doctype html><html><head><meta name=\"viewport\" content=\"width=1, initial-scale=1.0, minimum-scale=1.0, ...]>
iFrameResource	<p>The URL to an HTML resource file that the streaming provider loads into an iframe.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/iFrameResource</p> <p>VAST mapping: VAST/Ad/InLine/Creatives/Creative/CompanionAds/Companion/iFrameResource</p>	String	
sequence	<p>The sequence value specified for the creative in the VAST response.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/sequence</p>	String	1

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
startTime	<p>The time position, in ISO 8601 seconds format. For HLS, this is relative to the beginning of the playback session. For DASH, this is relative to the manifest's AST (Availability Start Time). The response includes start times for the entire ad avail and for each ad and beacon.</p> <p>Path: /avails/startTime and /avails/ads/startTime</p>	String	PT18.5813 55S
startTimeInSeconds	<p>The time position, in seconds format. For HLS, this is relative to the beginning of the playback session. For DASH, this is relative to the manifest's AST (Availability Start Time). The response includes start times for the entire ad avail and for each ad and beacon.</p> <p>Path: /avails/startTimeInSeconds and /avails/ads/startTimeInSeconds</p>	Number	18.581
eventId	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HLS - the sequence number associated with the beacon. DASH - the ptsTime of the start of the ad. 	String	

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
event	<p>The name of the tracking event.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/adVerifications/trackingEvents/event or /avails/ads/companionAds/trackingEvents/event</p>	String	impression, start, firstQuartile, midpoint, thirdQuartile, complete
beaconUrls	<p>The URL where MediaTailor sends the ad beacon.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/mediaFiles/trackingEvents/beaconUrls</p>	Array	
bitrate	The bitrate of the video asset. This property is not typically included for an executable asset.	String	2048
companion Ads	<p>One or more companion ad-content specifications, each of which specifies a resource file to use. Companion ads accompany the ad avail and provide content, like a frame around the ad or a banner, to display near the video.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/companionAds</p>	Array	[]
creativeId	The Id attribute value of the Creative tag for the ad.	String	creative-1

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
creativeSequence	The sequence in which an ad should play, according to the Ad@id value in the VAST response.	String	1
dashAvailabilityStartTime	For live/dynamic DASH, the MPD@availabilityStartTime of the origin manifest.	String	2022-10-05T19:38:39.263Z
delivery	Indicates whether a progressive or streaming protocol is being used.	String	progressive
eventType	The type of beacon. Path: /avails/ads/mediaFiles/trackingEvents/eventType	String	impression
height	The height, in pixels, of the video asset.	String	360
hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber	The media-sequence number of the first/oldest media sequence seen in the HLS origin manifest.	String	77
maintainAspectRatio	Indicates whether to maintain the video's aspect ratio while scaling.	Boolean	true
mediaFilesList	Specifies the video and other assets that the player needs for the ad avail. Path: /avails/ads/mediaFiles/mediaFilesList	Array	[]

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
mediaFileUri	URI that points to either an executable asset or a video asset.	String	https://m.yad.com/ad/ad134/vpaid.js
mediaType	The MIME type of the creative or companion asset.	String	video/mp4
meta	Additional metadata for the ad.	Object	
mezzanine	<p>The URL of the mezzanine MP4 asset, specified if the VPAID ad includes one.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/mediaFiles/mezzanine</p>	String	https://gcdn.2mdn.net/video/playback/id/itag/c2/file/file.mp4
nextToken	The value of the token that points to the next page of results, when such a value exists.	String	UFQzOS44NzNTXzIwMjMtMDctMzFUMTY6NTA6MDYuMzMzUwNjI20DQ1Wl8x
nonLinearAds	Non-linear ads that appear alongside the video content.	Array	[]
nonLinearAdsList	List of non-linear ads.	Array	[]
scalable	Indicates whether to scale the video to other dimensions.	Boolean	true

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
skipOffset	The time value that identifies when the player makes skip controls available to the user.	String	00:00:05
staticResource	<p>The URL to a static creative file that's used for the ad component.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/compionAds/staticResource</p>	String	https://very-inter-active-ad.s.com/campaign1/file.json?c=1019113602
vastAdId	The Id attribute value of the Ad tag.	String	ad1
width	The width, in pixels, of the video asset.	String	640
xPosition	<p>The horizontal position of an icon within the video player. Can be a specific pixel value or a position like "left" or "right".</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/icons/attributes/xPosition</p>	String	left or 10
yPosition	<p>The vertical position of an icon within the video player. Can be a specific pixel value or a position like "top" or "bottom".</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/icons/attributes/yPosition</p>	String	top or 10

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
iconClicks	<p>Contains click-through and tracking information for an icon.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/icons/iconClicks</p>	Object	
iconClickThrough	<p>A URL to the advertiser's page that the media player opens when the viewer clicks the icon.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/icons/iconClicks/iconClickThrough</p>	String	https://advertiser.com/landing-page
iconClickTracking	<p>The tracking URL for the iconClickThrough property.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/icons/iconClicks/iconClickTracking</p>	Object	
iconClickFallbackImages	<p>An array of fallback images to display if the icon cannot be displayed.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/icons/iconClicks/iconClickFallbackImages</p>	Array	
iconViewTracking	<p>The URL for tracking when an icon is viewed.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/icons/iconViewTracking</p>	String	https://tracking.example.com/icon-view

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
offset	The time offset for when an icon should appear during ad playback. Path: /avails/ads/icons/attributes/offset	String	00:00:05
program	The program or initiative associated with the icon, such as "AdChoices". Path: /avails/ads/icons/attributes/program	String	AdChoices
pxratio	The pixel ratio for the icon or companion ad, used for high-DPI displays. Path: /avails/ads/icons/attributes/pxratio or /avails/ads/companionAds/attributes/pxratio	String	1 or 2
type	The type of resource or extension. Path: /avails/ads/extensions/type or /avails/ads/adVerifications/executableResource/type	String	text/javascript
content	The content of an extension. Path: /avails/ads/extensions/content	String	

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
language	<p>The programming language of an executable resource.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/adVerifications/executableResource/language</p>	String	javascript
browserOptional	<p>Indicates whether browser support is required for the JavaScript resource.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/adVerifications/javaScriptResource/browserOptional</p>	String	true or false
id	<p>An identifier for various elements in the schema.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/attributes/id or /avails/ads/icons/iconClicks/iconClickTracking/id</p>	String	companion-1
assetHeight	<p>The height of the companion ad asset.</p> <p>Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/attributes/assetHeight</p>	String	250

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
assetWidth	The width of the companion ad asset. Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/attributes/assetWidth	String	300
expandedHeight	The height of the companion ad when expanded. Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/attributes/expandedHeight	String	600
expandedWidth	The width of the companion ad when expanded. Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/attributes/expandedWidth	String	600
renderingMode	The rendering mode for the companion ad. Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/attributes/renderingMode	String	default or transparent
adSlotId	The ID of the ad slot where the companion ad should be displayed. Path: /avails/ads/companionAds/attributes/adSlotId	String	banner-1

Property	Definition	Value type	Example
creativeType	The MIME type of the creative asset. Path: /avails/ads/icons/ staticResource/creativeType	String	image/png

Ad-tracking activity timing

With client-side reporting, the player must emit tracking events (beacons) with a level of precision. Using the MediaTailor client-side tracking schema, you can ensure that, for every avail, ad, companion, overlay, and tracking events, timing and duration information is present, and in different forms.

Use the following MediaTailor key/value pairs for the player to accurately reconcile ad-event activities, such as tracking events, with playback position:

- [startTime](#)
- [startTimeInSeconds](#)
- [adProgramDateTime](#)
- [adID/eventId](#)

HLS and DASH implement the value of `startTime` and `startTimeInSeconds` differently:

- HLS - The `startTime` values are relative to the beginning of the playback session. The beginning of the playback session is defined as time zero. The ad's `startTime` is the sum of the cumulative values of all the EXT-INF segment durations leading up to the avail. The media-sequence number of the segment that the ad or tracking event falls on also corresponds to the `adId` or `eventId` in the client-side tracking response.
- DASH:
 - Live/dynamic manifests - The `startTime` values are relative to the `MPD@availabilityStartTime` of the DASH manifest. The `MPD@availabilityStartTime` is a timing anchor for all MediaTailor sessions that consume the stream.
 - VOD/static manifests - The `startTime` values are relative to the beginning of the playback session. The beginning of the playback session is defined as time zero. Each ad inside the avail

is contained inside its own `Period` element. The `Period` element has a `@start` attribute with a value that's the same as the `startTime` values in the client-side tracking payload. The `PeriodId` also corresponds to the `adId` or `eventId` in the client-side tracking response.

Example : HLS

In the following example, the MediaTailor session started, and the following manifest is the first one served to the client:

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:6
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:6
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:4603263
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY-SEQUENCE:0
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-05-03T21:24:23.295678Z
#EXTINF:4.010667,
https://123.cloudfront.net/out/v1/index_1_34.ts
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-05-03T21:24:27.306345Z
#EXTINF:4.010667,
https://123.cloudfront.net/out/v1/index_1_35.ts
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-05-03T21:24:31.317012Z
#EXTINF:4.010667,
https://123.cloudfront.net/out/v1/index_1_36.ts
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-05-03T21:24:35.327679Z
#EXTINF:4.010667,
https://123.cloudfront.net/out/v1/index_1_37.ts
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-05-03T21:24:39.338346Z
#EXTINF:2.538667,
https://123.cloudfront.net/out/v1/index_1_38.ts
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXT-X-KEY:METHOD=NONE
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-05-03T21:24:41.453Z
#EXTINF:2.0,
https://123.cloudfront.net/tm/asset_1080_4_8_00001.ts
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-05-03T21:24:43.453Z
#EXTINF:2.0,
https://123.cloudfront.net/tm/asset_1080_4_8_00002.ts
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-05-03T21:24:45.453Z
#EXTINF:2.0,
https://123.cloudfront.net/tm/asset_1080_4_8_00003.ts
```

In the client-side tracking JSON payload, the following values apply:

- startTime: "PT18.581355S"
- startTimeInSeconds: 18.581
- availProgramDateTime: "2023-05-03T21:24:41.453Z"
- adId: 4603269

Example : DASH

In the following example, the MediaTailor session gets a midroll in the manifest. Note that the @start attribute value of the second period, which is the ad period, has a value that's relative to the MPD@availabilityStartTime value. This value is the one that MediaTailor writes into the client-side tracking response startTime fields, for all sessions.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<MPD availabilityStartTime="2022-10-05T19:38:39.263Z" minBufferTime="PT10S"
    minimumUpdatePeriod="PT2S" profiles="urn:mpeg:dash:profile:isoff-live:2011"
    publishTime="2023-05-03T22:06:48.411Z" suggestedPresentationDelay="PT10S"
    timeShiftBufferDepth="PT1M30S" type="dynamic" xmlns="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011"
    xmlns:scte35="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-
    instance" xsi:schemaLocation="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011 http://standards.iso.org/
    ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/MPEG-DASH_schema_files/DASH-MPD.xsd">
    <BaseURL>https://123.channel-assembly.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/v1/
    channel/my-channel/</BaseURL>
    <Location>https://123.cloudfront.net/v1/
    dash/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/MediaTailor-Live-HLS-DASH/channel/
    channel1/dash.mpd?aws.sessionId=794a15e0-2a7f-4941-a537-9d71627984e5</Location>
        <Period id="1683151479166_1" start="PT5042H25M59.903S"
            xmlns="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011">
            <BaseURL>https://123.cloudfront.net/out/v1/f1a946be8efa45b0931ea35c9055fb74/
            ddb73bf548a44551a0059c346226445a/eaaa5485198bf497284559efb8172425e/</BaseURL>
            <AdaptationSet ...>
                ...
            </AdaptationSet>
        </Period>
        <Period id="1683151599194_1_1" start="PT5042H27M59.931S">
            <BaseURL>https://123.cloudfront.net/
            tm/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/fpc5omz5wzd2rdepgieibp23ybyqyrmme/</BaseURL>
            <AdaptationSet ...>
                ...
            </AdaptationSet>
        </Period>
```

```
</MPD>
```

In the client-side tracking JSON payload, the following values apply:

- startTime: "PT5042H27M59.931S"
- startTimeInSeconds: 18152879.931
- availProgramDateTime: *null*
- adId: 1683151599194_1_1

Player controls and functionality for client-side ad tracking

MediaTailor client-side tracking metadata supports various player controls and functionality. The following list describes popular player controls.

Topics

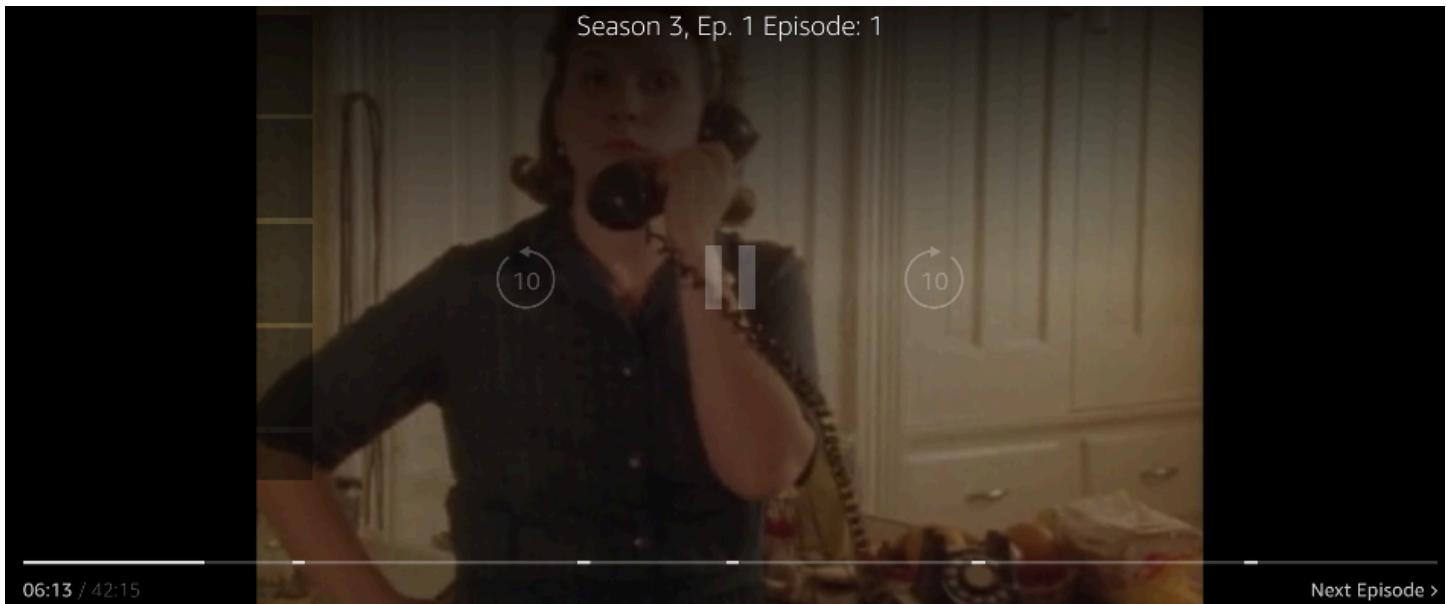
- [Scrubbing](#)
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- [Companion ads](#)
- [Interactive ads \(SIMID\)](#)
- [Interactive ads \(VPAID\)](#)
- [Icons for Google Why This Ad \(WTA\)](#)

Scrubbing

To enhance the playback experience, the player can display ad positions in the playback timeline. MediaTailor makes these ad positions available in the form of adStartTimeInSeconds values in the client-side tracking response.

Note

Some streaming providers prevent scrubbing past an ad position.

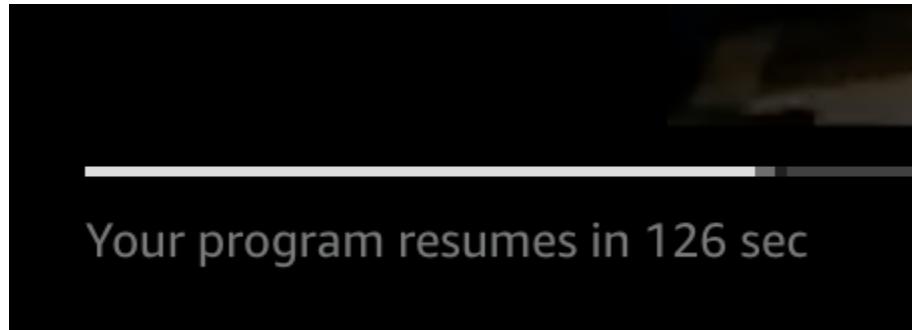


The following client-side tracking payload JSON response shows the avail (ad break) start time inside the root JSON object of the `avails` array. The player uses this data to show the location of the ad break on the player timeline, at 28 seconds.

```
{  
  "avails": [  
    {  
      "adBreakTrackingEvents": [],  
      "adMarkerDuration": null,  
      "ads": [...],  
      "availId": "7",  
      "availProgramDateTime": null,  
      "duration": "PT30S",  
      "durationInSeconds": 30,  
      "meta": null,  
      "nonLinearAdsList": [],  
      "startTime": "PT28S",  
      "startTimeInSeconds": 28  
    }  
  ],  
  "dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,  
  "hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,  
  "nextToken": "UFQxMk0zNC44NjhTXzIwMjMtMDctMjFUMjA6MjM6MDcuNzc1NzE2MzAyWl8x",  
  "nonLinearAvails": []  
}
```

Ad countdown timer

With MediaTailor you can use an ad countdown timer to help keep your audience engaged during ad-break viewing. The audience can use the timer to understand when the ad break ends and their program resumes.



The elements in the client-side tracking metadata that play a role in the ad countdown timer are `startTime`, `startTimeInSeconds`, `duration`, and `durationInSeconds`. The player uses this metadata, along with the session's elapsed time that it tracks separately, to determine when to display the timer and the value it should be counting down from.

The following client-side tracking payload JSON response shows the information needed to display an ad countdown timer.

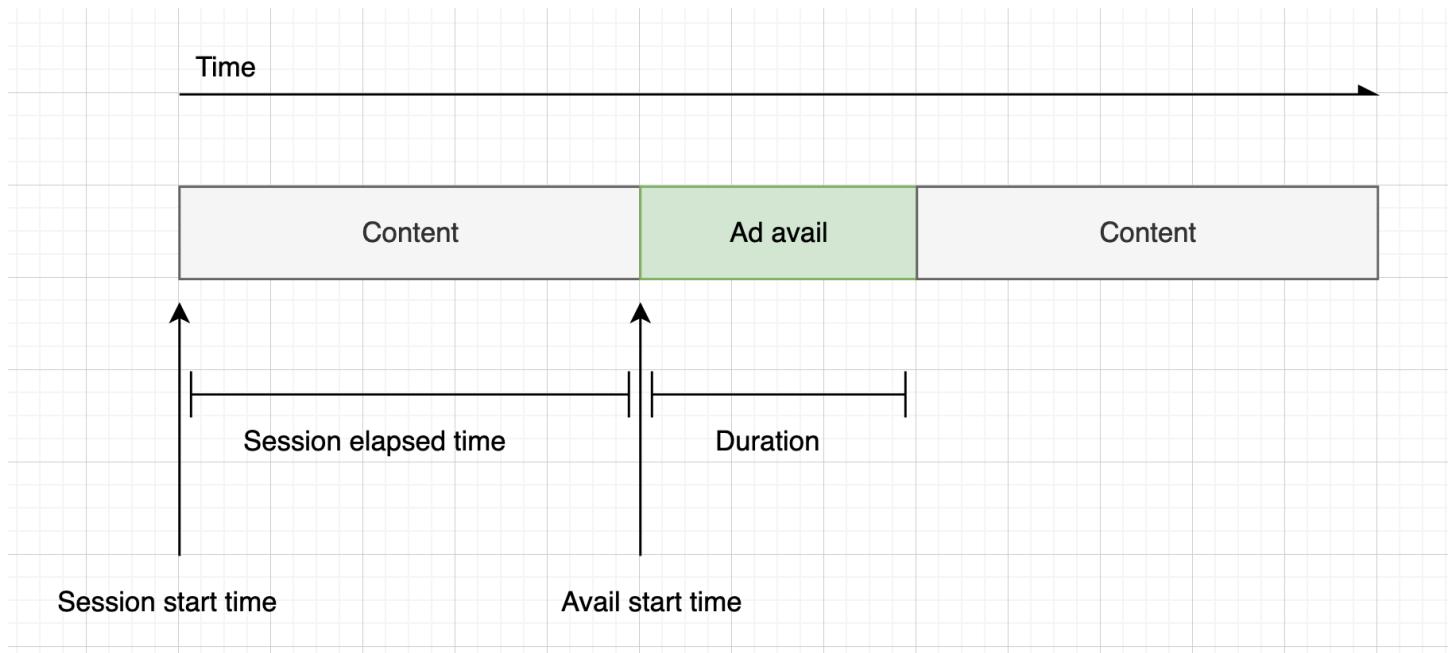
```
{  
  "avails": [  
    {  
      "adBreakTrackingEvents": [],  
      "adMarkerDuration": null,  
      "ads": [...],  
      "availId": "7",  
      "availProgramDateTime": null,  
      "duration": "PT30S",  
      "durationInSeconds": 30,  
      "meta": null,  
      "nonLinearAdsList": [],  
      "startTime": "PT28S",  
      "startTimeInSeconds": 28  
    }  
  ],  
  "dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,  
  "hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,  
  "nextToken": "UFQxMk0zNC44NjhTXzIwMjMtMDctMjFUMjA6MjM6MDcuNzc1NzE2MzAyWl8x",  
  "nonLinearAvails": []}
```

{}

When the session's elapsed time reaches the avail's start time, the player displays a countdown timer with a value that matches the avail's duration. The countdown-timer value decreases as the elapsed time progresses beyond the avail's start time.

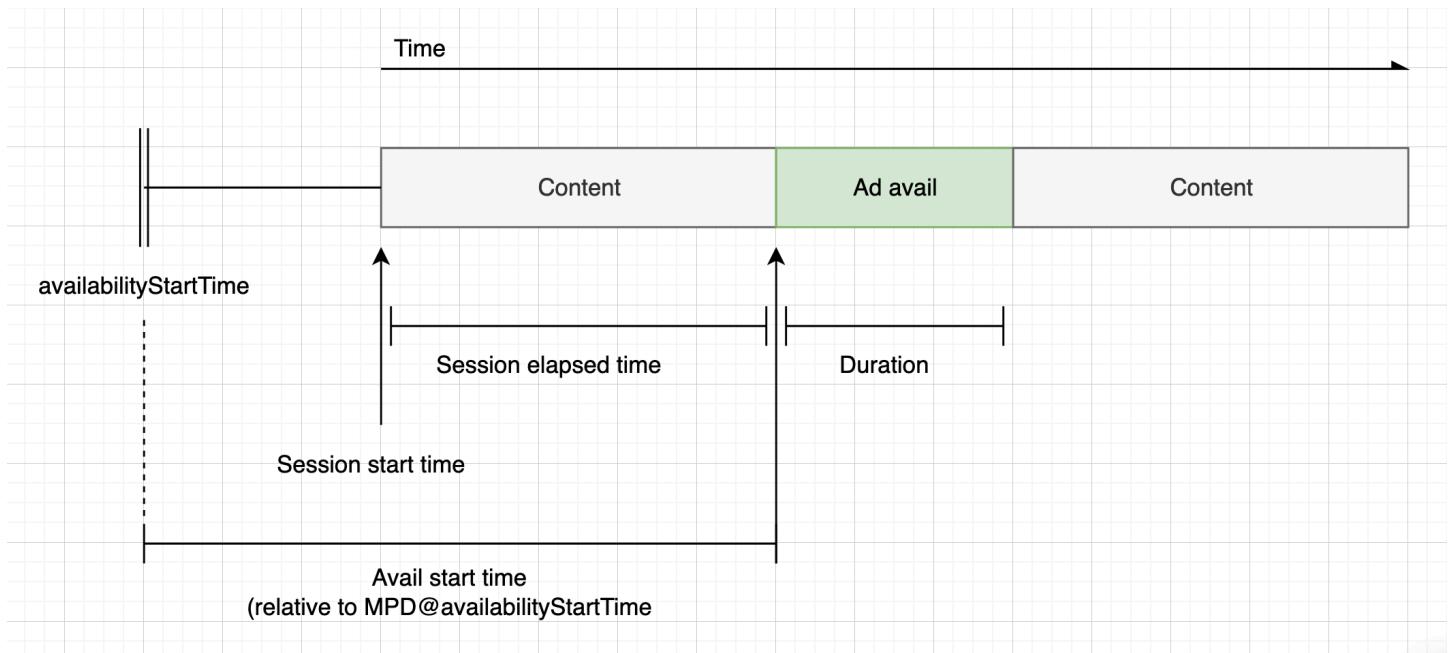
Example formula: Countdown timer for HLS (live and VOD) and DASH (VOD)

- `session_start_time` = the sum of all EXT-INF duration values - the duration value of the three newest EXT-INF media sequences
- `timer value` = `duration - (session_elapsed_time - startTime)`



Example formula: Countdown timer for DASH (live)

- `session_start_time` = `(newest segment's startTime + duration) / timescale - MPD@suggestedPresentationDelay`
- `timer value` = `duration - (session_elapsed_time - startTime)`



Skippable ads

Skippable ads are ad spots that allow the viewer to skip some of the ad to resume viewing the program. In VAST, the `Linear@skipOffset` attribute identifies a skippable ad.

The following VAST response shows how to use a skippable ad:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<VAST xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="vast.xsd" version="3.0">
<Ad>
  <InLine>
    ...
    <Creatives>
      <Creative id="1" sequence="1">
        <Linear skipoffset="00:00:05">
          <Duration>00:00:15</Duration>
          <MediaFiles>
            <MediaFile id="EMT" delivery="progressive" width="640" height="360"
type="video/mp4" bitrate="143" scalable="true" maintainAspectRatio="true"><!
[CDATA[https://ads.com/file.mp4]]></MediaFile>
          </MediaFiles>
        </Linear>
      </Creative>
    </Creatives>
  ...

```

```
</InLine>
</Ad>
</VAST>
```

The following client-side tracking payload JSON response shows the ad metadata inside the ads array. The array contains the skipOffset value that MediaTailor obtained from the VAST response.

```
{
    "avails": [
        {
            "adBreakTrackingEvents": [],
            "adMarkerDuration": null,
            "ads": [
                {
                    "adId": "1",
                    "adParameters": "",
                    "adProgramDateTime": "2023-07-31T16:11:40.693Z",
                    "adSystem": "2.0",
                    "adTitle": "AD-skiing-15",
                    "adVerifications": [],
                    "companionAds": [...],
                    "creativeId": "1",
                    "creativeSequence": "1",
                    "duration": "PT15.015S",
                    "durationInSeconds": 15.015,
                    "extensions": [],
                    "mediaFiles": {
                        "mediaFilesList": [],
                        "mezzanine": ""
                    },
                    "skipOffset": "00:00:05",
                    "startTime": "PT9.943S",
                    "startTimeInSeconds": 9.943,
                    "trackingEvents": [
                        {
                            "beaconUrls": [
                                "https://adserverbeaconing.com/v1/impression"
                            ],
                            "duration": "PT15.015S",
                            "durationInSeconds": 15.015,
                            "eventId": "2697726",
                            "eventProgramDateTime": null,
                            "eventProgramTitle": "skiing-15"
                        }
                    ]
                }
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

```
        "eventType": "impression",
        "startTime": "PT9.943S",
        "startTimeInSeconds": 9.943
    }
],
"vastAdId": ""
}
],
"availId": "2697726",
"availProgramDateTime": "2023-07-31T16:11:40.693Z",
"duration": "PT15.015S",
"durationInSeconds": 15.015,
"meta": null,
"nonLinearAdsList": [],
"startTime": "PT9.943S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 9.943
}
],
"dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,
"hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,
"nextToken": "",
"nonLinearAvails": []
}
```

Ad click-through

Click-through URLs allow advertisers to measure how successful an ad is in capturing viewers' attention. After a viewer clicks the active video frame of an ad in progress, a web browser opens the URI for the advertiser's home page or campaign landing page. The player developer determines the click behavior, such as overlaying a button or label on the ad video, with a message to click to learn more. Player developers often pause the ad's video after viewers click on the active video frame.



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MediaTailor can parse and make available any linear video click-through event URLs returned in the VAST response. The following VAST response shows an ad click-through example.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<VAST xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="vast.xsd" version="3.0">
<Ad>
  <InLine>
    ...
    <Creatives>
      <Creative id="1" sequence="1">
        <Linear>
          <Duration>00:00:15</Duration>
          <MediaFiles>
```

```
<MediaFile id="EMT" delivery="progressive" width="1280" height="720"
type="video/mp4" bitrate="143" scalable="true" maintainAspectRatio="true"><!
[CDATA[https://ads.com/file.mp4]]></MediaFile>
</MediaFiles>
<VideoClicks>
    <ClickThrough id="EMT"><![CDATA[https://aws.amazon.com]]></ClickThrough>
    <ClickTracking id="EMT"><![CDATA[https://myads.com/beaconing/
event=clicktracking]]]></ClickTracking>
    </VideoClicks>
    </Linear>
    </Creative>
</Creatives>
...
</InLine>
</Ad>
</VAST>
```

The following client-side tracking payload JSON response shows how MediaTailor displays the click-through and click-tracking URLs inside the `trackingEvents` array. The `clickThrough` event type represents the click-through ad, and the `clickTracking` event type represents the click-tracking URL.

```
{
    "avails": [
        {
            "adBreakTrackingEvents": [],
            "adMarkerDuration": null,
            "ads": [
                {
                    "adId": "1",
                    "adParameters": "",
                    "adProgramDateTime": "2023-07-31T16:53:40.577Z",
                    "adSystem": "2.0",
                    "adTitle": "1",
                    "adVerifications": [],
                    "companionAds": [],
                    "creativeId": "00006",
                    "creativeSequence": "1",
                    "duration": "PT14.982S",
                    "durationInSeconds": 14.982,
                    "extensions": [],
                    "mediaFiles": {
                        "mediaFilesList": []
                    }
                }
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

```
        "mezzanine": "",  
    },  
    "skipOffset": null,  
    "startTime": "PT39.339S",  
    "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339,  
    "trackingEvents": [  
        {  
            "beaconUrls": [  
                "https://myads.com/beaconing/event=impression"  
            ],  
            "duration": "PT14.982S",  
            "durationInSeconds": 14.982,  
            "eventId": "2698188",  
            "eventProgramDateTime": null,  
            "eventType": "impression",  
            "startTime": "PT39.339S",  
            "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339  
        },  
        {  
            "beaconUrls": [  
                "https://aws.amazon.com"  
            ],  
            "duration": "PT14.982S",  
            "durationInSeconds": 14.982,  
            "eventId": "2698188",  
            "eventProgramDateTime": null,  
            "eventType": "clickThrough",  
            "startTime": "PT39.339S",  
            "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339  
        },  
        {  
            "beaconUrls": [  
                "https://myads.com/beaconing/event=clicktracking"  
            ],  
            "duration": "PT14.982S",  
            "durationInSeconds": 14.982,  
            "eventId": "2698795",  
            "eventProgramDateTime": null,  
            "eventType": "clickTracking",  
            "startTime": "PT39.339S",  
            "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339  
        }  
    "vastAdId": ""
```

```
        }
    ],
    "availId": "2698188",
    "availProgramDateTime": "2023-07-31T16:53:40.577Z",
    "duration": "PT14.982S",
    "durationInSeconds": 14.982,
    "meta": null,
    "nonLinearAdsList": [],
    "startTime": "PT39.339S",
    "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339
}
],
"dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,
"hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,
"nextToken": "UFQzOS4zMz1TXzIwMjMtMDctMzFUMTY6NTQ6MDQu0DA1Mzk2NTI5Wl8x",
"nonLinearAvails": []
}
```

Companion ads

A *companion ad* appears alongside a linear creative. Use companion ads to increase the effectiveness of an ad spot by displaying product, logo, and brand information. The display ad can feature Quick Response (QR) codes and clickable areas to promote audience engagement.

MediaTailor supports companion ads in the VAST response. It can pass through metadata from `StaticResource`, `iFrameResource`, and `HTMLResource` nodes, respectively.

The following VAST response shows an example location and format of the linear ad and companion ad.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<VAST xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="vast.xsd" version="3.0">
<Ad>
<InLine>
...
<Creatives>
<Creative id="1" sequence="1">
<Linear>
<Duration>00:00:10</Duration>
<MediaFiles>
```

```
<MediaFile id="EMT" delivery="progressive" width="640" height="360"
type="video/mp4" bitrate="143" scalable="true" maintainAspectRatio="true"><!
[CDATA[https://ads.com/file.mp4]]></MediaFile>
    </MediaFiles>
</Linear>
</Creative>
<Creative id="2" sequence="1">
    <CompanionAds>
        <Companion id="2" width="300" height="250">
            <StaticResource creativeType="image/png"><! [CDATA[https://emt.com/companion/9973499273]]></StaticResource>
            <TrackingEvents>
                <Tracking event="creativeView"><! [CDATA[https://beacon.com/1]]></
Tracking>
                </TrackingEvents>
                <CompanionClickThrough><! [CDATA[https://beacon.com/2]]></
CompanionClickThrough>
            </Companion>
            <Companion id="3" width="728" height="90">
                <StaticResource creativeType="image/png"><! [CDATA[https://emt.com/companion/1238901823]]></StaticResource>
                <TrackingEvents>
                    <Tracking event="creativeView"><! [CDATA[https://beacon.com/3]]></
Tracking>
                    </TrackingEvents>
                    <CompanionClickThrough><! [CDATA[https://beacon.com/4]]></
CompanionClickThrough>
                </Companion>
                </CompanionAds>
            </Creative>
        </Creatives>
        ...
    </InLine>
</Ad>
</VAST>
```

The data appears in the client-side tracking response in the /avail/x/ads/y/companionAds list. Each linear creative can contain up to 6 companion ads. As shown in the example below, the companion ads appear in a list

Note

As a best practice, application developers should implement logic to explicitly remove or unload the companion ad at the end of the creative.

```
{  
  "avails": [  
    {  
      "adBreakTrackingEvents": [],  
      "adMarkerDuration": null,  
      "ads": [  
        {  
          "adId": "0",  
          "adParameters": "",  
          "adProgramDateTime": null,  
          "adSystem": "EMT",  
          "adTitle": "sample",  
          "adVerifications": [],  
          "companionAds": [  
            {  
              "adParameters": null,  
              "altText": null,  
              "attributes": {  
                "adSlotId": null,  
                "apiFramework": null,  
                "assetHeight": null,  
                "assetWidth": null,  
                "expandedHeight": null,  
                "expandedWidth": null,  
                "height": "250",  
                "id": "2",  
                "pxratio": null,  
                "renderingMode": null,  
                "width": "300"  
              },  
              "companionClickThrough": "https://beacon.com/2",  
              "companionClickTracking": null,  
              "htmlResource": null,  
              "iFrameResource": null,  
              "sequence": "1",  
              "staticResource": "https://emt.com/companion/9973499273",  
            }  
          ]  
        ]  
      ]  
    ]  
  ]  
}
```

```
"trackingEvents": [
    {
        "beaconUrls": [
            "https://beacon.com/1"
        ],
        "eventType": "creativeView"
    }
],
{
    "adParameters": null,
    "altText": null,
    "attributes": {
        "adSlotId": null,
        "apiFramework": null,
        "assetHeight": null,
        "assetWidth": null,
        "expandedHeight": null,
        "expandedWidth": null,
        "height": "90",
        "id": "3",
        "pxratio": null,
        "renderingMode": null,
        "width": "728"
    },
    "companionClickThrough": "https://beacon.com/4",
    "companionClickTracking": null,
    "htmlResource": null,
    "iFrameResource": null,
    "sequence": "1",
    "staticResource": "https://emt.com/companion/1238901823",
    "trackingEvents": [
        {
            "beaconUrls": [
                "https://beacon.com/3"
            ],
            "eventType": "creativeView"
        }
    ]
},
{
    "creativeId": "1",
    "creativeSequence": "1",
    "duration": "PT10S",
```

```
"durationInSeconds": 10,
"extensions": [],
"mediaFiles": {
    "mediaFilesList": [],
    "mezzanine": ""
},
"skipOffset": null,
"startTime": "PT0S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 0,
"trackingEvents": [
    {
        "beaconUrls": [
            "https://beacon.com/impression/1"
        ],
        "duration": "PT10S",
        "durationInSeconds": 10,
        "eventId": "0",
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,
        "eventType": "impression",
        "startTime": "PT0S",
        "startTimeInSeconds": 0
    }
],
"vastAdId": ""
}
],
"availId": "0",
"availProgramDateTime": null,
"duration": "PT10S",
"durationInSeconds": 10,
"meta": null,
"nonLinearAdsList": [],
"startTime": "PT0S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 0
}
],
"dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,
"hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,
"nextToken": "UFQxMFNfMjAyMy0wNy0wNlQyMToxMDowOC42NzQ4NDA1NjJaXzE%3D",
"nonLinearAvails": []
}
```

Interactive ads (SIMID)

*Secure*Interactive Media Interface Definition (SIMID) is a standard for interactive advertising that was introduced in the VAST 4.x standard from the Interactive Advertising Bureau (IAB). SIMID decouples the loading of interactive elements from the primary linear creative on the player, referencing both in the VAST response. MediaTailor stitches in the primary creative to maintain the playback experience, and places metadata for the interactive components in the client-side tracking response.

In the following example VAST 4 response, the SIMID payload is inside the `InteractiveCreativeFile` node.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<VAST xmlns:xsi="https://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="vast.xsd" version="3.0">
  <Ad id="1234567">
    <InLine>
      <AdSystem>SampleAdSystem</AdSystem>
      <AdTitle>Linear SIMID Example</AdTitle>
      <Description>SIMID example</Description>
      <Error>https://www.beacons.com/error</Error>
      <Impression>https://www.beacons.com/impression</Impression>
      <Creatives>
        <Creative sequence="1">
          <Linear>
            <Duration>00:00:15</Duration>
            <TrackingEvents>
              ...
            </TrackingEvents>
            <VideoClicks>
              <ClickThrough id="123">https://aws.amazon.com</ClickThrough>
              <ClickTracking id="123">https://www.beacons.com/click</ClickTracking>
            </VideoClicks>
            <MediaFiles>
              <MediaFile delivery="progressive" type="video/mp4">
                https://interactive-ads.com/interactive-media-ad-sample/media/file.mp4
              </MediaFile>
              <InteractiveCreativeFile type="text/html" apiFramework="SIMID"
                variableDuration="true">
                https://interactive-ads.com/interactive-media-ad-sample/sample\_simid.html
              </InteractiveCreativeFile>
            </MediaFiles>
          </Linear>
        </Creative>
      </Creatives>
    </InLine>
  </Ad>
</VAST>
```

```
        </MediaFiles>
    </Linear>
</Creative>
</Creatives>
</InLine>
</Ad>
</VAST>
```

In the following VAST 3 response, the SIMID payload is inside the Extensions node.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<VAST xmlns:xsi="https://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="vast.xsd" version="3.0">
<Ad id="1234567">
    <InLine>
        <AdSystem>SampleAdSystem</AdSystem>
        <AdTitle>Linear SIMID Example</AdTitle>
        <Description>SIMID example</Description>
        <Impression>https://www.beacons.com/impression</Impression>
        <Creatives>
            <Creative id="1" sequence="1">
                <Linear>
                    <Duration>00:00:15</Duration>
                    <TrackingEvents>
                        ...
                    </TrackingEvents>
                    <VideoClicks>
                        <ClickThrough id="123">https://aws.amazon.com</ClickThrough>
                        <ClickTracking id="123">https://myads.com/beaconing/event=clicktracking</ClickTracking>
                    </VideoClicks>
                    <MediaFiles>
                        <MediaFile delivery="progressive" type="video/mp4">
                            https://interactive-ads.com/interactive-media-ad-sample/media/file.mp4
                        </MediaFile>
                    </MediaFiles>
                </Linear>
            </Creative>
        </Creatives>
        <Extensions>
            <Extension type="InteractiveCreativeFile">
```

```
<InteractiveCreativeFile type="text/html" apiFramework="SIMID"
variableDuration="true">
    https://interactive-ads.com/interactive-media-ad-sample/sample_simid.html
</InteractiveCreativeFile>
</Extension>
</Extensions>
</InLine>
</Ad>
</VAST>
```

In the following client-side tracking response, the SIMID data appears in the /avails/x/ads/y/extensions list.

```
{
    "avails": [
        {
            "adBreakTrackingEvents": [],
            "adMarkerDuration": null,
            "ads": [
                {
                    "adId": "1",
                    "adParameters": "",
                    "adProgramDateTime": "2023-07-31T16:53:40.577Z",
                    "adSystem": "2.0",
                    "adTitle": "Linear SIMID Example",
                    "adVerifications": [],
                    "companionAds": [],
                    "creativeId": "1",
                    "creativeSequence": "1",
                    "duration": "PT14.982S",
                    "durationInSeconds": 14.982,
                    "extensions": [
                        {
                            "content": "<InteractiveCreativeFile type=\"text/html\" apiFramework=\\\"SIMID\\\" variableDuration=\\\"true\\\"\\>\nhttps://interactive-ads.com/interactive-media-ad-sample/sample_simid.html</InteractiveCreativeFile>",
                            "type": "InteractiveCreativeFile"
                        }
                    ],
                    "mediaFiles": {
                        "mediaFilesList": [],
                        "mezzanine": ""
                    }
                },
                ...
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

```
"skipOffset": null,  
"startTime": "PT39.339S",  
"startTimeInSeconds": 39.339,  
"trackingEvents": [  
    {  
        "beaconUrls": [  
            "https://myads.com/beaconing/event=impression"  
        ],  
        "duration": "PT14.982S",  
        "durationInSeconds": 14.982,  
        "eventId": "2698188",  
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,  
        "eventType": "impression",  
        "startTime": "PT39.339S",  
        "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339  
    },  
    {  
        "beaconUrls": [  
            "https://aws.amazon.com"  
        ],  
        "duration": "PT14.982S",  
        "durationInSeconds": 14.982,  
        "eventId": "2698188",  
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,  
        "eventType": "clickThrough",  
        "startTime": "PT39.339S",  
        "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339  
    },  
    {  
        "beaconUrls": [  
            "https://myads.com/beaconing/event=clicktracking"  
        ],  
        "duration": "PT14.982S",  
        "durationInSeconds": 14.982,  
        "eventId": "2698795",  
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,  
        "eventType": "clickTracking",  
        "startTime": "PT39.339S",  
        "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339  
    }  
],  
"vastAdId": ""  
}]
```

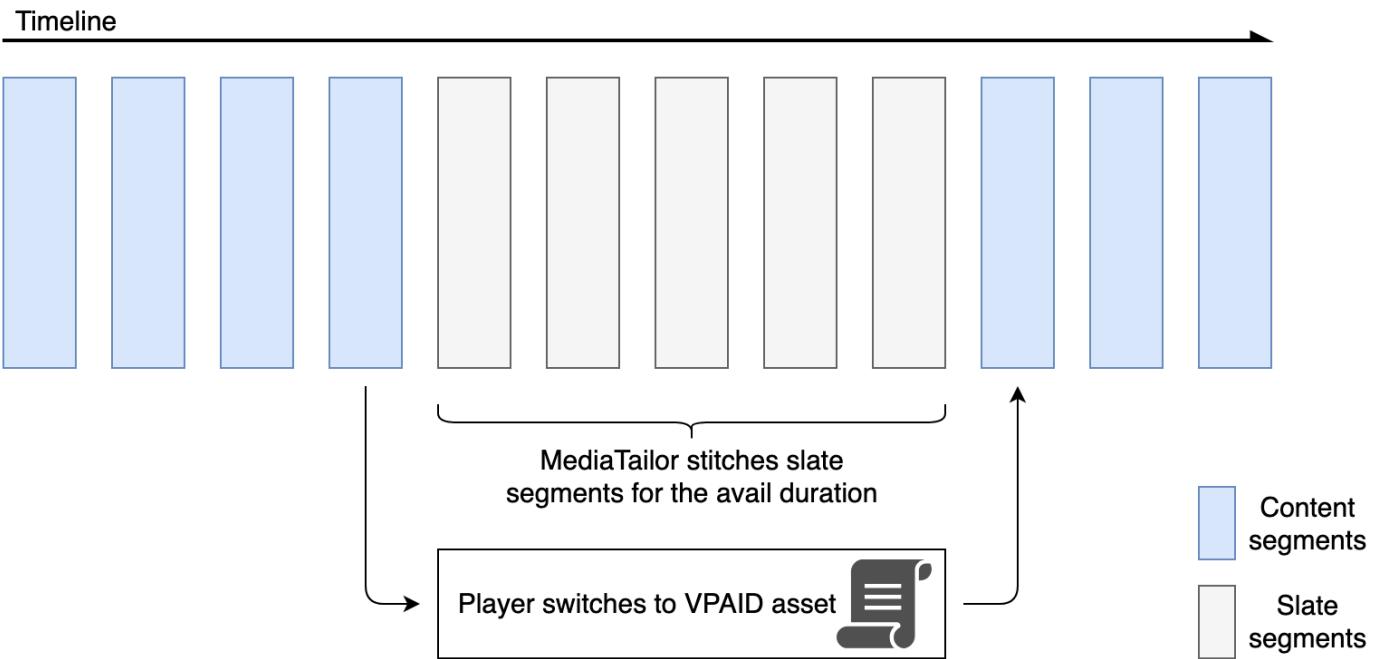
```
"availId": "2698188",
"availProgramDateTime": "2023-07-31T16:53:40.577Z",
"duration": "PT14.982S",
"durationInSeconds": 14.982,
"meta": null,
"nonLinearAdsList": [],
"startTime": "PT39.339S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 39.339
},
],
"dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,
"hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,
"nextToken": "UFQzOS4zMz1TXzIwMjMtMDctMzFUMTY6NTQ6MDQuODA1Mzk2NTI5Wl8x",
"nonLinearAvails": []
}
```

Interactive ads (VPAID)

The *Video Player Ad Interface Definition* (VPAID) specifies the protocol between the ad and the video player that enables ad interactivity and other functionality. For live streams, MediaTailor supports the VPAID format by stitching slate segments in for the duration of the avail, and placing metadata for the VPAID creatives in the client-side tracking response that the video player consumes. The player downloads the VPAID files and plays the linear creative and executes the client's scripts. The player should *not* ever play the slate segments.

 **Note**

VPAID is deprecated as of VAST 4.1.



The following example shows the VPAID content in the VAST response.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<VAST xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="vast.xsd" version="3.0">
<Ad id="1234567">
  <InLine>
    <AdSystem>GDFP</AdSystem>
    <AdTitle>VPAID</AdTitle>
    <Description>Vpaid Linear Video Ad</Description>
    <Error>http://www.example.com/error</Error>
    <Impression>http://www.example.com/impression</Impression>
    <Creatives>
      <Creative sequence="1">
        <Linear>
          <Duration>00:00:00</Duration>
          <TrackingEvents>
            <Tracking event="start">http://www.example.com/start</Tracking>
            <Tracking event="firstQuartile">http://www.example.com/firstQuartile</
Tracking>
            <Tracking event="midpoint">http://www.example.com/midpoint</Tracking>
            <Tracking event="thirdQuartile">http://www.example.com/thirdQuartile</
Tracking>
```

```

<Tracking event="complete">http://www.example.com/complete</Tracking>
<Tracking event="mute">http://www.example.com/mute</Tracking>
<Tracking event="unmute">http://www.example.com/unmute</Tracking>
<Tracking event="rewind">http://www.example.com/rewind</Tracking>
<Tracking event="pause">http://www.example.com/pause</Tracking>
<Tracking event="resume">http://www.example.com/resume</Tracking>
<Tracking event="fullscreen">http://www.example.com/fullscreen</Tracking>
<Tracking event="creativeView">http://www.example.com/creativeView</
Tracking>
    <Tracking event="acceptInvitation">http://www.example.com/
acceptInvitation</Tracking>
  </TrackingEvents>
  <AdParameters><![CDATA[ {"videos": [ {"url": "https://my-ads.com/interactive-
media-ads/media/media\_linear\_VPAID.mp4", "mimetype": "video/mp4"} ]} ]]></AdParameters>
  <VideoClicks>
    <ClickThrough id="123">http://google.com</ClickThrough>
    <ClickTracking id="123">http://www.example.com/click</ClickTracking>
  </VideoClicks>
  <MediaFiles>
    <MediaFile delivery="progressive" apiFramework="VPAID" type="application/
javascript" width="640" height="480"> https://googleads.github.io/googleads-ima-html5/
vpaid/linear/VpaidVideoAd.js </MediaFile>
  </MediaFiles>
  </Linear>
  </Creative>
</Creatives>
</InLine>
</Ad>
</VAST>

```

The following example shows the tracking information.

```
{
  "avails": [
    {
      "adBreakTrackingEvents": [],
      "adMarkerDuration": null,
      "ads": [
        {
          "adId": "1",
          "adParameters": "",
          "adProgramDateTime": "2023-07-31T16:53:40.577Z",
          "adSystem": "2.0",

```

```
"adTitle": "1",
"adVerifications": [],
"companionAds": [],
"creativeId": "00006",
"creativeSequence": "1",
"duration": "PT14.982S",
"durationInSeconds": 14.982,
"extensions": [],
"mediaFiles": {
    "mediaFilesList": [],
    "mezzanine": ""
},
"skipOffset": null,
"startTime": "PT39.339S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 39.339,
"trackingEvents": [
    {
        "beaconUrls": [
            "https://myads.com/beaconing/event=impression"
        ],
        "duration": "PT14.982S",
        "durationInSeconds": 14.982,
        "eventId": "2698188",
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,
        "eventType": "impression",
        "startTime": "PT39.339S",
        "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339
    },
    {
        "beaconUrls": [
            "https://aws.amazon.com"
        ],
        "duration": "PT14.982S",
        "durationInSeconds": 14.982,
        "eventId": "2698188",
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,
        "eventType": "clickThrough",
        "startTime": "PT39.339S",
        "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339
    },
    {
        "beaconUrls": [
            "https://myads.com/beaconing/event=clicktracking"
        ],
        "duration": "PT14.982S",
        "durationInSeconds": 14.982,
        "eventId": "2698188",
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,
        "eventType": "clickThrough",
        "startTime": "PT39.339S",
        "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339
    }
]
```

```
        "duration": "PT14.982S",
        "durationInSeconds": 14.982,
        "eventId": "2698795",
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,
        "eventType": "clickTracking",
        "startTime": "PT39.339S",
        "startTimeInSeconds": 39.339
    }
],
"vastAdId": ""
}
],
"availId": "2698188",
"availProgramDateTime": "2023-07-31T16:53:40.577Z",
"duration": "PT14.982S",
"durationInSeconds": 14.982,
"meta": null,
"nonLinearAdsList": [],
"startTime": "PT39.339S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 39.339
}
],
"dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,
"hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,
"nextToken": "UFQzOS4zMz1TxzIwMjMtMDctMzFUMTY6NTQ6MDQu0DA1Mzk2NTI5Wl8x",
"nonLinearAvails": []
}{

"avails": [
{
"adBreakTrackingEvents": [],
"adMarkerDuration": null,
"ads": [
{
"adId": "2922274",
"adParameters": "",
"adProgramDateTime": "2023-08-14T19:49:53.998Z",
"adSystem": "Innovid Ads",
"adTitle": "VPAID",
"adVerifications": [],
"companionAds": [],
"creativeId": "",
"creativeSequence": "",
"duration": "PT16.016S",
"durationInSeconds": 16.016,
```

```
"extensions": [],
"mediaFiles": [
    "mediaFilesList": [
        {
            "apiFramework": "VPAID",
            "bitrate": 0,
            "codec": null,
            "delivery": "progressive",
            "height": 9,
            "id": "",
            "maintainAspectRatio": false,
            "maxBitrate": 0,
            "mediaFileUri": "http://my-ads.com/mobileapps/js/vpaid/1h41kg?
cb=178344c0-8e67-281a-58ca-962e4987cd60&deviceid=&ivc=",
            "mediaType": "application/javascript",
            "minBitrate": 0,
            "scalable": false,
            "width": 16
        }
    ],
    "mezzanine": "http://my-ads.com/mobileapps/js/vpaid/1h41kg?
cb=178344c0-8e67-281a-58ca-962e4987cd60&deviceid=&ivc="
},
"skipOffset": null,
"startTime": "PT8M42.289S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 522.289,
"trackingEvents": [
    {
        "beaconUrls": [
            "about:blank"
        ],
        "duration": "PT16.016S",
        "durationInSeconds": 16.016,
        "eventId": "2922274",
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,
        "eventType": "impression",
        "startTime": "PT8M42.289S",
        "startTimeInSeconds": 522.289
    }
],
"vastAdId": "1h41kg"
}
],
"availId": "2922274",
```

```
"availProgramDateTime": "2023-08-14T19:49:53.998Z",
"duration": "PT16.016S",
"durationInSeconds": 16.016,
"meta": null,
"nonLinearAdsList": [],
"startTime": "PT8M42.289S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 522.289
},
],
"dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,
"hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,
"nextToken": "UFQ4TTQyLjI40VNfMjAyMy0wOC0xNFQx0To1MDo0MS4z0Tc5MjAz0DVaXzE%3D",
"nonLinearAvails": []
}
```

Icons for Google Why This Ad (WTA)

AdChoices is an industry standard that provides viewers with information about the ads they see, including how those ads were targeted to them.



The MediaTailor client-side tracking API supports icon metadata carried in the VAST extensions node of the VAST response. For more information about WTA in the VAST response, see [this sample VAST XML response](#).

Note

MediaTailor currently supports VAST version 3 only.

```
<VAST>
  <Ad>
    <InLine>
      ...
      <Extensions>
        <Extension type="IconClickFallbackImages">
```

```
<IconClickFallbackImages program="GoogleWhyThisAd">
    <IconClickFallbackImage width="400" height="150">
        <AltText>Alt icon fallback</AltText>
        <StaticResource creativeType="image/png"><![CDATA[https://storage.googleapis.com/interactive-media-ads/images/wta\_dialog.png]]></StaticResource>
    </IconClickFallbackImage>
</IconClickFallbackImages>
<IconClickFallbackImages program="AdChoices">
    <IconClickFallbackImage width="400" height="150">
        <AltText>Alt icon fallback</AltText>
        <StaticResource creativeType="image/png"><![CDATA[https://storage.googleapis.com/interactive-media-ads/images/wta\_dialog.png?size=1x]]></StaticResource>
    </IconClickFallbackImage>
    <IconClickFallbackImage width="800" height="300">
        <AltText>Alt icon fallback</AltText>
        <StaticResource creativeType="image/png"><![CDATA[https://storage.googleapis.com/interactive-media-ads/images/wta\_dialog.png?size=2x]]></StaticResource>
    </IconClickFallbackImage>
</IconClickFallbackImages>
</Extension>
</Extensions>
</InLine>
</Ad>
</VAST>
```

The following example shows the client-side tracking response in the /avails/x/ads/y/extensions list.

```
{
    "avails": [
        {
            "adBreakTrackingEvents": [],
            "adMarkerDuration": null,
            "ads": [
                {
                    "adId": "0",
                    "adParameters": "",
                    "adProgramDateTime": null,
                    "adSystem": "GDFP",
                    "adTitle": "Google Why This Ad VAST 3 Sample",
                    "adVerifications": []
                }
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

```
"companionAds": [],
"creativeId": "7891011",
"creativeSequence": "1",
"duration": "PT10S",
"durationInSeconds": 10,
"extensions": [
  {
    "content": "<IconClickFallbackImages program=\"GoogleWhyThisAd\">
      <IconClickFallbackImage height=\"150\" width=\"400\">
        <AltText>Alt icon fallback</AltText>
        <StaticResource creativeType=\"image/png\"><![CDATA[https://storage.googleapis.com/interactive-media-ads/images/wta\_dialog.png]]>
      </StaticResource>
    </IconClickFallbackImage>
  </IconClickFallbackImages>
  <IconClickFallbackImages program=\"AdChoices\">
    <IconClickFallbackImage height=\"150\" width=\"400\">
      <AltText>Alt icon fallback</AltText>
      <StaticResource creativeType=\"image/png\"><![CDATA[https://storage.googleapis.com/interactive-media-ads/images/wta\_dialog.png?size=1x]]>
    </StaticResource>
  </IconClickFallbackImage>
  <IconClickFallbackImage height=\"300\" width=\"800\">
    <AltText>Alt icon fallback</AltText>
    <StaticResource creativeType=\"image/png\"><![CDATA[https://storage.googleapis.com/interactive-media-ads/images/wta\_dialog.png?size=2x]]>
  </StaticResource>
  </IconClickFallbackImage>
</IconClickFallbackImages>",
    "type": "IconClickFallbackImages"
  }
],
"mediaFiles": {
  "mediaFilesList": [],
  "mezzanine": ""
},
"skipOffset": "00:00:03",
"startTime": "PT0S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 0,
"trackingEvents": [
  {
    "beaconUrls": [
      "https://example.com/view"
    ],
  }
]
```

```
        "duration": "PT10S",
        "durationInSeconds": 10,
        "eventId": "0",
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,
        "eventType": "impression",
        "startTime": "PT0S",
        "startTimeInSeconds": 0
    },
],
"vastAdId": "123456"
}
],
"availId": "0",
"availProgramDateTime": null,
"duration": "PT10S",
"durationInSeconds": 10,
"meta": null,
"nonLinearAdsList": [],
"startTime": "PT0S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 0
}
],
"dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,
"hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,
"nextToken": "UFQxMFNfMjAyMy0wNy0wNlQyMD0MT0xNy45NDE4MDM0NDhaXzE%3D",
"nonLinearAvails": []
}
```

Client-side beaconing

With the client-side tracking `startTimeInSeconds` element, you can use MediaTailor to support beacons timing.

The following JSON response shows the main beacon types: impressions, start, quartiles, and completion.

Note

The Interactive Advertising Bureau (IAB) Video Impression Measurement Guidelines state that an impression requires the ad content to load client-side and, at a minimum, begin time to render into the player. For more information, see [Digital Video Ad Serving Template \(VAST\)](#) on the IAB website.

```
{  
  "avails": [  
    {  
      "ads": [  
        {  
          "adId": "8104385",  
          "duration": "PT15.100000078S",  
          "durationInSeconds": 15.1,  
          "startTime": "PT17.817798612S",  
          "startTimeInSeconds": 17.817,  
          "trackingEvents": [  
            {  
              "beaconUrls": [  
                "http://exampleadserver.com/tracking?event=impression"  
              ],  
              "duration": "PT15.100000078S",  
              "durationInSeconds": 15.1,  
              "eventId": "8104385",  
              "eventType": "impression",  
              "startTime": "PT17.817798612S",  
              "startTimeInSeconds": 17.817  
            },  
            {  
              "beaconUrls": [  
                "http://exampleadserver.com/tracking?event=start"  
              ],  
              "duration": "PT0S",  
              "durationInSeconds": 0.0,  
              "eventId": "8104385",  
              "eventType": "start",  
              "startTime": "PT17.817798612S",  
              "startTimeInSeconds": 17.817  
            },  
            {  
              "beaconUrls": [  
                "http://exampleadserver.com/tracking?event=firstQuartile"  
              ],  
              "duration": "PT0S",  
              "durationInSeconds": 0.0,  
              "eventId": "8104386",  
              "eventType": "firstQuartile",  
              "startTime": "PT21.592798631S",  
              "startTimeInSeconds": 21.592  
            }  
          ]  
        }  
      ]  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

```
        },
        {
            "beaconUrls": [
                "http://exampleadserver.com/tracking?event=midpoint"
            ],
            "duration": "PT0S",
            "durationInSeconds": 0.0,
            "eventId": "8104387",
            "eventType": "midpoint",
            "startTime": "PT25.367798651S",
            "startTimeInSeconds": 25.367
        },
        {
            "beaconUrls": [
                "http://exampleadserver.com/tracking?event=thirdQuartile"
            ],
            "duration": "PT0S",
            "durationInSeconds": 0.0,
            "eventId": "8104388",
            "eventType": "thirdQuartile",
            "startTime": "PT29.14279867S",
            "startTimeInSeconds": 29.142
        },
        {
            "beaconUrls": [
                "http://exampleadserver.com/tracking?event=complete"
            ],
            "duration": "PT0S",
            "durationInSeconds": 0.0,
            "eventId": "8104390",
            "eventType": "complete",
            "startTime": "PT32.91779869S",
            "startTimeInSeconds": 32.917
        }
    ]
},
{
    "availId": "8104385",
    "duration": "PT15.100000078S",
    "durationInSeconds": 15.1,
    "startTime": "PT17.817798612S",
    "startTimeInSeconds": 17.817
}
]
```

{

Hybrid mode with server-side ad beacons

MediaTailor supports a hybrid mode for session tracking. In this mode, the service emits playback-related ad-tracking events, but makes the complete client-side tracking payload available for the session.

To enable hybrid tracking using playback prefixes, from the player initialize a new MediaTailor playback session using a request in one of the following formats, according to your protocol:

Example : HLS format

```
POST master.m3u8
{
    "adsParams": {
        "deviceType": "ipad"
    },
    "reportingMode": "server"
}
```

Example : DASH format

```
POST manifest.mpd
{
    "adsParams": {
        "deviceType": "ipad"
    },
    "reportingMode": "server"
}
```

MediaTailor maintains the following tracking events in hybrid mode:

- Impression
- Start
- First quartile
- Midpoint
- Third quartile
- Complete
- breakStart (vmap)

- `breakEnd (vmap)`

Client-side ad-tracking integrations

This section describes integrations between MediaTailor and various client-side ad-tracking servers.

Topics

- [Open Measurement SDK](#)
- [Datazoom free player SDKs](#)
- [Roku Advertising Framework \(RAF\)](#)
- [TheoPlayer](#)
- [MediaTailor SDK](#)

Open Measurement SDK

The Interactive Advertising Bureau (IAB) Open Measurement SDK (OM SDK) facilitates third-party viewability and verification measurement for ads served to web-video and native-app environments.

For older VAST version 3 documents, verification code should be loaded with the Extension node, with extension type AdVerifications. The root of the extension node is an AdVerifications node with the same schema as the VAST 4.1 element.

To facilitate easier adoption of the OM SDK, MediaTailor has partnered with Datazoom to provide free player SDKs that are configured and verified for Open Measurement. For more information, see [Datazoom free player SDKs](#).

 **Note**

MediaTailor currently supports VAST version 3 only.

Example : Verification node in VAST 3, prior to Version 4.1

```
...
<Extensions>
    <Extension type="AdVerifications">
        <AdVerifications>
```

```
<Verification vendor="company.com-omid">
    <JavaScriptResource apiFramework="omid" browserOptional="true">
        <![CDATA[https://verification.com/omid_verification.js]]>
    </JavaScriptResource>
    <TrackingEvents>
        <Tracking event="verificationNotExecuted">
            <![CDATA[https://verification.com/trackingurl]]>
        </Tracking>
    </TrackingEvents>
    <VerificationParameters>
        <![CDATA[verification params key/value pairs]]>
    </VerificationParameters>
</Verification>
</AdVerifications>
</Extension>
</Extensions>
```

MediaTailor extracts the AdVerifications data from the <Extensions> node and places it into the adVerifications array in the client-side tracking response.

Example : adVerifications array in client-side tracking response

```
{
    "avails": [
        {
            "adBreakTrackingEvents": [],
            "adMarkerDuration": null,
            "ads": [
                {
                    "adId": "3062770",
                    "adParameters": "",
                    "adProgramDateTime": "2023-08-23T16:25:40.914Z",
                    "adSystem": "2.0",
                    "adTitle": "AD-polarbear-15",
                    "adVerifications": [
                        {
                            "executableResource": [],
                            "javaScriptResource": [
                                {
                                    "apiFramework": "omid",
                                    "browserOptional": "true",
                                    "uri": "https://verification.com/omid_verification.js"
                                }
                            ]
                        }
                    ]
                }
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

```
],
  "trackingEvents": [
    {
      "event": "verificationNotExecuted",
      "uri": "https://verification.com/trackingurl"
    }
  ],
  "vendor": "company.com-omid",
  "verificationParameters": "verification params key value pairs"
}
],
"companionAds": [],
"creativeId": "00006",
"creativeSequence": "1",
"duration": "PT14.982S",
"durationInSeconds": 14.982,
"extensions": [
  {
    "content": "<AdVerifications>\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t<Verification vendor=\\\"company.com-omid\\\">\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t<JavaScriptResource apiFramework=\"omid\"\n      browserOptional=\"true\"><![CDATA[https://verification.com/omid\_verification.js;]]></\n      JavaScriptResource>\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t<TrackingEvents>\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t<Tracking event=\n      \"verificationNotExecuted\"><![CDATA[;https://verification.com/trackingurl;]]></\n      Tracking>\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t</TrackingEvents>\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t<VerificationParameters><!\n      [CDATA[verification params key/value pairs;]]></VerificationParameters>\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t<Verification>\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t</AdVerifications>",
      "type": "AdVerifications"
    }
  ],
  "mediaFiles": {
    "mediaFilesList": [],
    "mezzanine": ""
  },
  "skipOffset": null,
  "startTime": "PT10.11S",
  "startTimeInSeconds": 10.11,
  "trackingEvents": [
    {
      "beaconUrls": [
        "https://n8ljfs0h09.execute-api.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/v1/impression"
      ],
      "duration": "PT14.982S",
      "durationInSeconds": 14.982,
      "eventId": "3062770",
    }
  ]
}
```

```
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,
        "eventType": "impression",
        "startTime": "PT10.11S",
        "startTimeInSeconds": 10.11
    },
],
"vastAdId": ""
}
],
"availId": "3062770",
"availProgramDateTime": "2023-08-23T16:25:40.914Z",
"duration": "PT14.982S",
"durationInSeconds": 14.982,
"meta": null,
"nonLinearAdsList": [],
"startTime": "PT10.11S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 10.11
}
],
"dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,
"hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,
"nextToken": "UFQxMC4xMVNFmjAyMy0wOC0yM1QxNjoyNjoyNC4yNDYxMDIx0TBaXzE%3D",
"nonLinearAvails": []
}
```

Note

Engage with the IAB Tech Lab to ensure that applications are certified annually to ensure compliance.

For more information about the OM SDK, see [Open Measurement SDK](#) on the IAB Tech Lab website.

Datazoom free player SDKs

To facilitate easier adoption of the player SDKs, MediaTailor has partnered with Datazoom to provide free player SDKs that are configured and tested with the [Client-side AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration with Google Ad Manager](#) and the IAB Tech [Open Measurement SDK](#).

The Datazoom player SDK supports these features:

- Live and VOD playlists
- DASH and HLS specifications
- Player vendor support for Bitmovin, exoplayer, Android media player, Apple AVPlayer, Brightcove, Chromecast Receiver, Dash.js, hls.js, JWPlayer, Shaka player, THEO player, Video.js, Roku and more
- IAB Tech Lab Open Measurement certification, where available on selected devices
- Click-through event handling
- Ad-event dispatchers, such as ad count down timers, ad overlay and non-linear events, ad-break start, ad-break end
- Client-side ad beaconing
- Google Programmatic Access Library (PAL) SDK, as an optional configuration setting

Datazoom also offers a paid analytics and telemetry service that the player SDKs support. Customers can opt into and control player SDK telemetry from the Datazoom management console. To access the Datazoom player SDKs and to learn more about the value-added telemetry and analytics service, use the contact information on the [Datazoom site](#).

Roku Advertising Framework (RAF)

The Roku Ad Framework (RAF) maintains a consistent ad experience across the Roku platform. All channels, including video advertisements, must meet Roku's certification requirements for RAF. Notably, the app must always use client-side event firing through RAF. MediaTailor, as a server-side ad insertion (SSAI) provider, supports client-side event firing. The RAFX SSAI Adapters provide interfaces to both SSAI manifest servers, or stitchers, and RAF. These interfaces include:

- Parsing the masterURL response and extracting playURL, AdURL, and ad metadata.
- Transforming MediaTailor SSAI ad metadata into RAF-visible ad metadata, and configuring RAF for playback.
- Observing stream events and timed metadata.
- Matching the stream events, ad metadata, and firing-event pixels on time.
- Pinging/polling the AdURL, as required by the MediaTailor SSAI manifest server, then parsing and re-configuring RAF.

For more information about SSAI adapters for RAF, see [Implementing Server-Side Ad Insertion Using Roku Adapters](#) on the Roku website.

TheoPlayer

TheoPlayer integration with MediaTailor does the following:

- Provides functionality to support MediaTailor client-side event tracking for HLS and DASH for both VOD and live workflows.
- Supports sending tracking beacons only for linear ads.
- Disables seeking during an ad. However, no logic is in place for playing an ad when the user seeks past the ad break.

For more information about SSAI in TheoPlayer, and to review the web, Android, iOS, and tvOS SDKs for MediaTailor, see [MediaTailor](#) on the TheoPlayer website.

MediaTailor SDK

AWS Elemental maintains a JavaScript-based software-development kit (SDK). AWS Elemental provides the SDK as-is, with no implied warranty. Use the SDK as a reference demonstration to streamline your onboarding to using MediaTailor. The SDK shows how to interact with the MediaTailor client-side tracking API. The SDK implements client-side ad tracking and reporting for HTML5-based players. The SDK initializes a MediaTailor client-side reporting session, then periodically requests ad-tracking information. During playback, the SDK emits ad tracking events when new ad events are detected.

The MediaTailor SDK supports these features:

- Live and VOD playlists
- DASH and HLS specifications
- Click-through event handling
- Ad-event dispatchers
- Custom event hooks
- Client-side ad beaconing. For more information about sending ad beacons, see [Client-side beaconing](#).

Note

Submit an AWS Support ticket to receive a sample JavaScript SDK for MediaTailor. You'll receive a download link for the package and its files.

Paging through ad beacons with GetTracking

Use the GetTracking endpoint to narrow the number of ad returned to a player. For instance, if a manifest window is wide, spanning a lot of time, the number of returned ad beacons can impact player performance.

GetTracking returns a NextToken value you can use to narrow the number of returned beacons by paging through the list of returned beacons. You can cycle through the NextToken values to find the desired value of an ad beacon's StartTimeInSeconds field.

- On the first call to GetTracking, all possible ads falling in the manifest window are returned, including a NextToken and value of each.
- If a GetTracking request does *not* include a NextToken, all ads in the manifest window are returned.
- If a GetTracking request contains a NextToken but there are no new beacons to return, MediaTailor returns the same value for NextToken that you sent on the original request.
- When there are no more beacons corresponding to an ad, GetTracking removes the ad from its response.
- Tokens from GetTracking expire after 24 hours. If a NextToken value is greater than 24 hours old, the next call to GetTracking returns a null-value NextToken.

Generalized calling sequence of GetTracking from player

From the client player, a GetTracking request is a POST with a request body that contains the NextToken and ads and beacons related to the token.

```
https://YourMediaTailorUrl/v1/tracking
{
    "NextToken": "value"
}
```

```
    .  
    .  
}
```

The general sequence for using GetTracking with NextToken is as follows:

1. Make the first call to GetTracking.

All ads and beacons and the first NextToken for subsequent calls are returned.

2. If the value of NextToken is null, MediaTailor returns all ad beacons.

3. If the NextToken is expired, MediaTailor returns an HTTP return code 400 error message.

Make a fresh call to GetTracking to retrieve valid NextTokens.

4. Scan the entire response to find the StartTimeInSeconds of an ad beacon that is in the desired range.

5. Make a new call to GetTracking with the value of NextToken associated with the desired StartTimeInSeconds.

6. If necessary, cycle again through the returned ads until you find the exact ones you want to play.

Extended example

This example shows how to use GetTracking's NextToken to constrain the number of ad beacons returned to a player.

MediaTailor receives a GetTracking request. The response contains an ad with ID 9935407 and two beacons with StartTimeInSeconds values 52.286 and 48.332 seconds.

MediaTailor sends the JSON response with NextToken as follows:

```
{  
  "NextToken": "JF57ITe48t1441mv7TmLKuZLroxDzfIs1p6BiSNL1IJmzPMDN0lqrBYycgMbKEb  
  "(avails": [  
    {  
      "ads": [  
        {  
          "adId": "9935407",  
          "adVerifications": [],  
          "companionAds": []  
        }  
      ]  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

```
"creativeId": "",  
"creativeSequence": "",  
"duration": "PT15S",  
"durationInSeconds": 15,  
"extensions": [],  
"mediaFiles": {  
    "mediaFilesList": [],  
    "mezzanine": ""  
},  
"startTime": "PT30S",  
"StartTimeInSeconds": 45,  
"trackingEvents": [  
    {  
        "beaconUrls": [  
            "http://adserver.com/tracking?event=Impression "  
        ],  
        "duration": "PT0S",  
        "durationInSeconds": 0,  
        "eventId": "9935414",  
        "eventType": "secondQuartile",  
        "startTime": "PT52.286S",  
        "StartTimeInSeconds": 52.286  
    },  
    {  
        "beaconUrls": [  
            "http://adserver.com/tracking?event=firstQuartile"  
        ],  
        "duration": "PT0S",  
        "durationInSeconds": 0,  
        "eventId": "9935412",  
        "eventType": "firstQuartile",  
        "startTime": "PT48.332S",  
        "StartTimeInSeconds": 48.332  
    }  
],  
"vastAdId": ""  
}  
],  
"startTime": "PT46.47S",  
"StartTimeInSeconds": 46.47  
}  
]
```

On the next GetTracking request, MediaTailor responds with the NextToken value, JF57ITe48t1441mv7TmLKuZLroxDzfIslp6BiSNL1IJmzPVMDN0lqrBYycgMbKEb.

MediaTailor responds with ads and beacons that match the StartTimeInSeconds that are set in the NextToken of the previous call.

Assume that now the response includes another ad with ID 9235407 in addition to the previous ad with ID 9935407. The beacons of ad ID 9235407 have StartTimeInSecondss 132.41 and 70.339.

MediaTailor iterates over all the beacons in the session to select the ones with StartTimeInSeconds greater than 52.286 seconds, which are beacon 3 and beacon 4 from the ad with ID 9235407:

```
{
    "NextToken": "Zkfknvbfsgfb5DFRdffg12EdffecFRvhjyjfhdhnjtsg5SDGN",
    "avails": [
        {
            "ads": [
                {
                    "adId": "9235407",
                    "adVerifications": [],
                    "companionAds": [],
                    "creativeId": "",
                    "creativeSequence": "",
                    "duration": "PT15.816S",
                    "durationInSeconds": 19.716,
                    "extensions": [],
                    "mediaFiles": {
                        "mediaFilesList": [],
                        "mezzanine": ""
                    },
                    "startTime": "PT2M0S",
                    "StartTimeInSeconds": 120.0,
                    "trackingEvents": [
                        {
                            "beaconUrls": [
                                "http://adserver.com/tracking?event=complete"
                            ],
                            "duration": "PT0S",
                            "id": "9235407_1"
                        }
                    ]
                }
            ]
        }
    ]
}
```

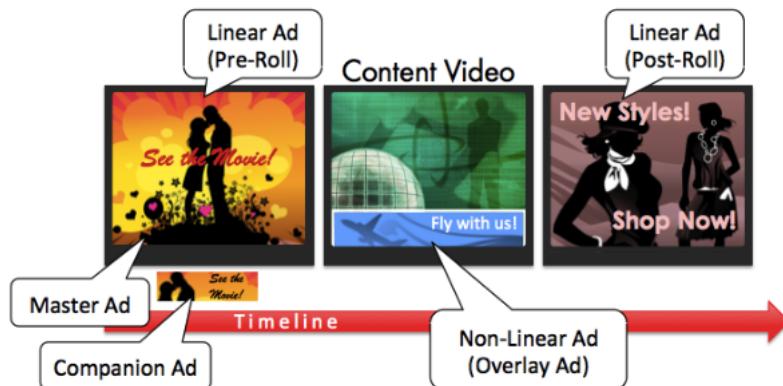
```
        "durationInSeconds": 0,
        "eventId": "8935414",
        "eventType": "firstQuartile",
        "startTime": "PT1M10.330S",
        "StartTimeInSeconds": 70.339
    },
    {
        "beaconUrls": [
            "http://adserver.com/tracking?event=thirdQuartile"
        ],
        "duration": "PT0S",
        "durationInSeconds": 0,
        "eventId": "8935412",
        "eventType": "secondQuartile",
        "startTime": "PT2M12.41S",
        "StartTimeInSeconds": 132.41
    }
],
"vastAdId": ""
},
],
" startTime": "PT36.47S",
"StartTimeInSeconds": 36.47
}
]
}
```

Overlay ads

For live-streaming workflows where you want to increase monetization without interrupting the viewing experience with mid-roll ads, you can leverage your current AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration to guide an advertising format that is rendered client-side. This type of advertising is known as *overlay ads*. Overlay ads are non-linear video ads that appear in the form of 'L-band ads,' 'non-linear video ads,' 'picture-in-picture ads,' 'motion overlays,' 'in-content advertising', or 'frame ads.'

MediaTailor detects a SCTE-35 marker with segmentation type `id=0x38` as an in-band signal for an overlay ad-insertion opportunity. The SCTE-35 marker causes MediaTailor to send a request to the Ad Decision Server (ADS), which then responds with a non-linear ad payload in the VAST response. MediaTailor parses the VAST response in order to support overlay ad insertion.

MediaTailor does not perform any stitching of linear ads, but rather signals to the player that there's a non-linear overlay ad available to play. This signaling allows the player to fetch and correlate the non-linear ads to play from the client-side tracking endpoint. The player then handles the display, reporting, and other tasks related to those ads. For example, the player's developer can use a device SDK from a vendor that supports overlay-ad formats. For more information about client-side tracking integrations, see [Client-side ad-tracking integrations](#).



Topics

- [Prerequisites for using overlay ads with MediaTailor](#)
- [Getting started using overlay ads with MediaTailor](#)
- [Logging and metrics for overlay ads in MediaTailor](#)
- [Billing for overlay ads in MediaTailor](#)

Prerequisites for using overlay ads with MediaTailor

The following prerequisites apply when using overlay ads with MediaTailor:

- The workflow must be live, not video on demand (VOD).
- The Ad Decision Server (ADS) response must be configured to return only non-linear ads in the VAST response. MediaTailor ignores any linear ads for the purposes of ad stitching.
- The manifest must use a SCTE-35 time signal message with segmentation type `id=0x38` to invoke the overlay-ad feature.
- The streaming provider must have control of the client-device application and be integrated with the MediaTailor client-side tracking API.

Getting started using overlay ads with MediaTailor

This section explains how to get started using the overlay-ads feature of MediaTailor. You'll set up SCTE-35 signaling, configure Ad Decision Server (ADS) responses, and set up session-level control.

Topics

- [Enabling overlay ads](#)
- [Tracking overlay ads with client-side metadata](#)

Enabling overlay ads

MediaTailor support for overlay ads is enabled by default. A specific SCTE-35 ad-marker type in the manifest triggers the insertion of an overlay ad. Because some players might not support client-side rendering of overlay ads, you can disable the feature at the session level.

To disable overlay-ad support using HLS or DASH playback prefixes:

- From the player, initialize a new MediaTailor playback session using a request in one of the following formats, according to your protocol:
 - Example: HLS format

```
GET mediatailorURL/v1/master/hashed-account-id/origin-id/asset-id?  
aws.overlayAvails=off
```

- Example: DASH format

```
GET mediatailorURL/v1/master/hashed-account-id/origin-id/asset-id?  
aws.overlayAvails=off
```

To disable overlay-ad support using the session-initialization prefix:

- On the player, construct a JSON message body for the session initialization request to MediaTailor:
 - To disable ad-overlay support, add an `overlays` object as a top-level key with a value of `off`. The default `overlays` value is `on`.

- (Optional) Provide any parameters that MediaTailor then passes to the ADS inside an `adsParams` object. These parameters correspond to `[player_params.param]` settings in the ADS template URL of the MediaTailor configuration.

Example : HLS

```
POST master.m3u8
{
    "adsParams": {
        "deviceType": "ipad"
    },
    "overlayAvails": "off"
}
```

Example : DASH

```
POST manifest.mpd
{
    "adsParams": {
        "deviceType": "androidmobile"
    },
    "overlayAvails": "off"
}
```

Manifest signaling

MediaTailor triggers overlay-ads support when it sees a specific SCTE-35 marker in the manifest. The required signal is a splice command type 6, or time signal, that is a Provider Overlay Advertisement Start signal. This signal has a segmentation type id of `0x38`.

The following example shows the `0x38` SCTE-35 marker in a JSON object.

```
{
    "tableId": 252,
    "selectionSyntaxIndicator": false,
    "privateIndicator": false,
    "sectionLength": 53,
    "protocolVersion": 0,
    "encryptedPacket": false,
    "encryptedAlgorithm": 0,
    "ptsAdjustment": 0,
```

```
"cwIndex": 0,
"tier": 4095,
"spliceCommandLength": 5,
"spliceCommandType": 6,
"spliceCommand": {
    "specified": true,
    "pts": 1800392
},
"descriptorLoopLength": 31,
"descriptors": [
    {
        "spliceDescriptorTag": 2,
        "descriptorLength": 29,
        "identifier": "CUEI",
        "segmentationEventId": 158389361,
        "segmentationEventCancelIndicator": false,
        "programSegmentationFlag": true,
        "segmentationDurationFlag": true,
        "deliveryNotRestrictedFlag": false,
        "webDeliveryAllowedFlag": true,
        "noRegionalBlackoutFlag": true,
        "archiveAllowedFlag": true,
        "deviceResctrictions": 3,
        "segmentationDuration": 1350000,
        "segmentationUpidType": 9,
        "segmentationUpidLength": 7,
        "segmentationUpid": {
            "0": 111,
            "1": 118,
            "2": 101,
            "3": 114,
            "4": 108,
            "5": 97,
            "6": 121
        },
        "segmentationTypeId": 56,
        "segmentNum": 1,
        "segmentsExpected": 0
    }
],
"crc": 2510422713
}
```

The following example shows the SCTE-35 signal represented as a binary (base 32/hexadecimal) value:

```
0xfc30350000000000000000ffff00506fe001b78c8001f021d435545490970d4717fdf00000dbba009076f7665726c617
```

The following examples shows the SCTE-35 marker in both HLS and DASH manifests.

Example : HLS manifest

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:6
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:7
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:419
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY-SEQUENCE:3
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-08-15T04:30:09.231Z
#EXTINF:6.02,
https://aws.cloudfront.net/media/asset1/index1_00007.ts
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXT-X-KEY:METHOD=NONE
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-08-15T04:30:15.251Z
#EXTINF:6.0,
https://aws.cloudfront.net/media/asset1/index1_00001.ts
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-08-15T04:30:21.251Z
#EXTINF:4.0,
https://aws.cloudfront.net/media/asset1/index1_00002.ts
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="1692073825251-30-1",START-
DATE="2023-08-15T04:30:25.251Z",DURATION=10.0,PLANNED-DURATION=10.0,SCTE35-
OUT=0xfc30350000000000000000ffff00506fe001b78c8001f021d435545490970d4717fdf00000dbba009076f7665726
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-08-15T04:30:25.251Z
#EXTINF:2.0,
https://aws.cloudfront.net/media/asset1/index1_00003.ts
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-08-15T04:30:27.251Z
#EXTINF:6.0,
https://aws.cloudfront.net/media/asset1/index1_00004.ts
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-08-15T04:30:33.251Z
#EXTINF:2.0,
https://aws.cloudfront.net/media/asset1/index1_00005.ts
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-08-15T04:30:35.251Z
#EXTINF:4.0,
https://aws.cloudfront.net/media/asset1/index1_00006.ts
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-08-15T04:30:39.251Z
```

```
#EXTINF:6.02,
https://aws.cloudfront.net/media/asset1/index1_00007.ts
```

Example : DASH manifest

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<MPD xmlns="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011" xmlns:scte35="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml"
      xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
      availabilityStartTime="2023-08-15T16:34:05.911Z" minBufferTime="PT30S"
      minimumUpdatePeriod="PT2S" profiles="urn:mpeg:dash:profile:isoff-live:2011"
      publishTime="2023-08-15T16:34:17.950Z" suggestedPresentationDelay="PT20S"
      timeShiftBufferDepth="PT1M30S" type="dynamic"
      xsi:schemaLocation="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011 http://standards.iso.org/ittf/
PubliclyAvailableStandards/MPEG-DASH_schema_files/DASH-MPD.xsd">
  <Period xmlns="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011" id="1692117245944_1" start="PT0.033S">
    <BaseURL>https://aws.cloudfront.net/out/v1/abc/123/def/</BaseURL>
    <EventStream schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml" timescale="90000">
      <Event duration="900000">
        <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="0" tier="4095">
          <scte35:TimeSignal>
            <scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="0"/>
          </scte35:TimeSignal>
          <scte35:SegmentationDescriptor segmentNum="0" segmentationDuration="900000"
segmentationEventCancelIndicator="false" segmentationEventId="1"
segmentationTypeId="56" segmentsExpected="0" subSegmentNum="0"
subSegmentsExpected="0">
            <scte35:SegmentationUpid segmentationUpidFormat="hexBinary"
segmentationUpidType="14">63736f7665726c6179</scte35:SegmentationUpid>
          </scte35:SegmentationDescriptor>
        </scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
      </Event>
    </EventStream>
    <AdaptationSet bitstreamSwitching="true" mimeType="video/mp4"
segmentAlignment="true" startWithSAP="1" subsegmentAlignment="true"
subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1">
      <Representation bandwidth="3000000" codecs="avc1.4D4028" frameRate="30/1"
height="1080" id="1" width="1920">
        <SegmentTemplate initialization="../
cf684d31ec9e451ca98d2349989f6c0a/855c733eed20493ab3cc1100750bcf0b/
index_video_1_0_init.mp4" media="../
cf684d31ec9e451ca98d2349989f6c0a/855c733eed20493ab3cc1100750bcf0b/index_video_1_0_
$Number$.mp4" presentationTimeOffset="0" startNumber="1" timescale="30000">
          <SegmentTimeline>
```

```
<S d="60000" r="6" t="1000"/>
<S d="30000" t="421000"/>
</SegmentTimeline>
</SegmentTemplate>
</Representation>
<Representation bandwidth="2499968" codecs="avc1.4D4028" frameRate="30/1"
height="1080" id="2" width="1920">
<SegmentTemplate initialization="../
cf684d31ec9e451ca98d2349989f6c0a/855c733eed20493ab3cc1100750bcf0b/
index_video_2_0_init.mp4" media="../
cf684d31ec9e451ca98d2349989f6c0a/855c733eed20493ab3cc1100750bcf0b/index_video_2_0_
$Number$.mp4" presentationTimeOffset="0" startNumber="1" timescale="30000">
<SegmentTimeline>
<S d="60000" r="6" t="1000"/>
<S d="30000" t="421000"/>
</SegmentTimeline>
</SegmentTemplate>
</Representation>
<Representation bandwidth="2200000" codecs="avc1.4D401F" frameRate="30/1"
height="720" id="3" width="1280">
<SegmentTemplate initialization="../
cf684d31ec9e451ca98d2349989f6c0a/855c733eed20493ab3cc1100750bcf0b/
index_video_3_0_init.mp4" media="../
cf684d31ec9e451ca98d2349989f6c0a/855c733eed20493ab3cc1100750bcf0b/index_video_3_0_
$Number$.mp4" presentationTimeOffset="0" startNumber="1" timescale="30000">
<SegmentTimeline>
<S d="60000" r="6" t="1000"/>
<S d="30000" t="421000"/>
</SegmentTimeline>
</SegmentTemplate>
</Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
<AdaptationSet lang="eng" mimeType="audio/mp4" segmentAlignment="0">
<Label>Alternate Audio</Label>
<Representation audioSamplingRate="48000" bandwidth="128000" codecs="mp4a.40.2"
id="9">
<AudioChannelConfiguration
schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
<SegmentTemplate initialization="../
cf684d31ec9e451ca98d2349989f6c0a/855c733eed20493ab3cc1100750bcf0b/
index_audio_9_0_init.mp4" media="../
cf684d31ec9e451ca98d2349989f6c0a/855c733eed20493ab3cc1100750bcf0b/index_audio_9_0_
$Number$.mp4" presentationTimeOffset="0" startNumber="1" timescale="48000">
<SegmentTimeline>
```

```
<S d="98304" t="0"/>
<S d="96256" t="98304"/>
<S d="95232" t="194560"/>
<S d="96256" r="2" t="289792"/>
<S d="95232" t="578560"/>
<S d="46080" t="673792"/>
  </SegmentTimeline>
</SegmentTemplate>
</Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
</Period>
</MPD>
```

Ad Decision Server (ADS) response

The ADS response must contain one valid tracking event. At minimum, the tracking event can be an Impression tracking event. The tracking event should contain at least one NonLinear ad. This ad is the overlay ad, taking the form of a static, HTML, or iFrame resource.

```
<vmap AdBreak breakType="linear" breakId="csoverlay"
```

If the VAST response is a VMAP with `breakType` of `nonlinear`, the avail metadata is inside the `nonLinearAvails` root object. If the VAST response is a VMAP with a `breakType` of `linear`, or is a plain VAST response without VMAP, the avail metadata is inside the `avails` root object.

The following VAST response is a wrapped VMAP response with a `breakType` value of `linear`.

In addition to the wrapped VMAP response, MediaTailor also supports a wrapped VMAP response with a `breakType` value of `nonlinear`, and a plain VAST response.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<vmap:VMAP xmlns:vmap="http://www.iab.net/vmap-1.0" version="1.0">
  <vmap:AdBreak breakType="linear" breakId="csoverlay">
    <vmap:AdSource allowMultipleAds="true" followRedirects="true" id="1">
      <vmap:VASTAdData>
        <VAST xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" version="3.0"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="vast.xsd">
          <Ad sequence="1">
            <InLine>
              <AdSystem>2.0</AdSystem>
              <AdTitle>2</AdTitle>
```

```

<Impression><![CDATA[https://adserver.com/beacon=impression]]></
Impression>
    <Creatives>
        <Creative>
            <NonLinearAds>
                <NonLinear width="640" height="360" id="18">
                    <StaticResource creativeType="text/js_ref"><![CDATA[https://
client-side-ads.com/tags/static/ctv-generic/overlay001.json?iv_geo_country%3DUS%26]]></
StaticResource>
                </NonLinear>
            </NonLinearAds>
        </Creative>
    </Creatives>
    </InLine>
</Ad>
</VAST>
</vmap:VASTAdData>
</vmap:AdSource>
<vmap:TrackingEvents>
    <vmap:Tracking event="breakStart"><![CDATA[https://adserver.com/
beacon=breakstartimpression]]></vmap:Tracking>
    <vmap:Tracking event="breakEnd"><![CDATA[https://adserver.com/
beacon=breakendimpression]]></vmap:Tracking>
</vmap:TrackingEvents>
</vmap:AdBreak>
</vmap:VMAP>

```

Example 1: DASH manifest source to MediaTailor

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<MPD xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
      xmlns="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011" xmlns:scte35="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml"
      xsi:schemaLocation="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011 http://standards.iso.org/
ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/MPEG-DASH_schema_files/DASH-MPD.xsd" id="201"
      type="dynamic" publishTime="2022-11-07T19:59:05+00:00" minimumUpdatePeriod="PT2S"
      availabilityStartTime="2022-11-07T06:57:11.250000+00:00" minBufferTime="PT10S"
      suggestedPresentationDelay="PT20.000S" timeShiftBufferDepth="PT58.999S"
      profiles="urn:mpeg:dash:profile:isoff-live:2011">
    <Period start="PT46827.601S" id="0" duration="PT88.321S">
        ...
    </Period>
    <Period start="PT46915.922S" id="45" duration="PT6.006S">
        <EventStream timescale="90000" schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2014:xml+bin">

```

```
<Event duration="540000" id="144">
    <scte35:Signal>
        <scte35:Binary>SCTE35-binary</scte35:Binary>
    </scte35:Signal>
</Event>
</EventStream>
...
</Period>
<Period start="PT46921.928S" id="49">
...
</Period>
</MPD>
```

Example 2: MediaTailor personalized DASH manifest containing an ad ID decoration

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<MPD xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
      xmlns="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011" xmlns:scte35="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml"
      xsi:schemaLocation="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011 http://standards.iso.org/
      ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/MPEG-DASH_schema_files/DASH-MPD.xsd" id="201"
      type="dynamic" publishTime="2022-11-07T19:59:05+00:00" minimumUpdatePeriod="PT2S"
      availabilityStartTime="2022-11-07T06:57:11.250000+00:00" minBufferTime="PT10S"
      suggestedPresentationDelay="PT20.000S" timeShiftBufferDepth="PT58.999S"
      profiles="urn:mpeg:dash:profile:isoff-live:2011">
    <Period start="PT46827.601S" id="0" duration="PT88.321S">
    ...
    </Period>
    <Period start="PT46915.922S" id="45" duration="PT6.006S">
        <EventStream schemeIdUri="urn:sva:advertising-wg:ad-id-signaling" timescale="90000">
            <Event presentationTime="13500000" duration="1351350">
                <![CDATA[{"version": 1, "identifiers": [{"scheme": "urn:smpTE:ul:060E2B34.01040101.01200900.00000000", "value": "adId", "ad_position": "adId", "ad_type": "overlay", "creative_id": "creativeId", "tracking_uri": "trackingUri"}]]]>
            </Event>
        </EventStream>
    ...
    </Period>
    <Period start="PT46921.928S" id="49">
    ...
    </Period>
</MPD>
```

Tracking overlay ads with client-side metadata

MediaTailor places the overlay ads in the `nonLinearAdsList` of the `avail`. The MediaTailor client-side tracking API has two root objects, called `avails` and `nonLinearAvails`. If the VAST response is a VMAP with `breakType` of `nonlinear`, the `avail` metadata is inside the `nonLinearAvails` root object. If the VAST response is a VMAP with a `breakType` of `linear`, or is a plain VAST response without VMAP, the `avail` metadata is inside the `avails` root object.

For more information about client-side tracking, see [Client-side ad tracking](#).

The following example shows a plain VAST response or VMAP response with a `breakType` value of `linear`.

```
{
  "avails": [
    {
      "adBreakTrackingEvents": [
        {
          "beaconUrls": [
            "https://adserver.com/beacon=breakstartimpression"
          ],
          "eventType": "breakStart"
        },
        {
          "beaconUrls": [
            "https://adserver.com/beacon=breakendimpression"
          ],
          "eventType": "breakEnd"
        }
      ],
      "adMarkerDuration": null,
      "ads": [],
      "availId": "828",
      "availProgramDateTime": null,
      "duration": "PT0S",
      "durationInSeconds": 0,
      "meta": null,
      "nonLinearAdsList": [
        {
          "extensions": null,
          "nonLinearAdList": [
            {
              "adId": ""
            }
          ]
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

```
        "adParameters": null,
        "adSystem": "2.0",
        "adTitle": "2",
        "apiFramework": null,
        "clickThrough": null,
        "clickTracking": null,
        "clickTrackingId": null,
        "creativeAdId": "",
        "creativeId": "18",
        "creativeSequence": "",
        "duration": null,
        "durationInSeconds": 0,
        "expandedHeight": null,
        "expandedWidth": null,
        "height": "360",
        "htmlResource": null,
        "iFrameResource": null,
        "maintainAspectRatio": false,
        "minSuggestedDuration": null,
        "scalable": false,
        "staticResource": "https://client-side-ads.com/tags/static/ctv-generic/overlay001.json?iv\_geo\_country%3DUS%26",
        "staticResourceCreativeType": "text/js_ref",
        "width": "640"
    }
],
"trackingEvents": [
    {
        "beaconUrls": [
            "https://adserver.com/beacon=impression"
        ],
        "duration": null,
        "durationInSeconds": 0,
        "eventId": null,
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,
        "eventType": "impression",
        "startTime": null,
        "startTimeInSeconds": 0
    }
]
}
],
"startTime": "PT1M46.08S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 106.08
```

```
    },
],
"dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,
"hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,
"nextToken": null,
"nonLinearAvails": []
}
```

The following example shows a plain VMAP response with a `breakType` value of `nonlinear`.

```
{
  "avails": [],
  "dashAvailabilityStartTime": null,
  "hlsAnchorMediaSequenceNumber": null,
  "nextToken": null,
  "nonLinearAvails": [
    {
      "adBreakTrackingEvents": [
        {
          "beaconUrls": [
            "https://adserver.com/beacon=breakstartimpression"
          ],
          "eventType": "breakStart"
        },
        {
          "beaconUrls": [
            "https://adserver.com/beacon=breakendimpression"
          ],
          "eventType": "breakEnd"
        }
      ],
      "adMarkerDuration": null,
      "ads": [],
      "availId": "828",
      "availProgramDateTime": null,
      "duration": "PT0S",
      "durationInSeconds": 0,
      "meta": null,
      "nonLinearAdsList": [
        {
          "extensions": null,
          "nonLinearAdList": [
            {
              "ad": {
                "adId": "828",
                "adType": "linear"
              }
            }
          ]
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

```
        "adId": "",  
        "adParameters": null,  
        "adSystem": "2.0",  
        "adTitle": "2",  
        "apiFramework": null,  
        "clickThrough": null,  
        "clickTracking": null,  
        "clickTrackingId": null,  
        "creativeAdId": "",  
        "creativeId": "18",  
        "creativeSequence": "",  
        "duration": null,  
        "durationInSeconds": 0,  
        "expandedHeight": null,  
        "expandedWidth": null,  
        "height": "360",  
        "htmlResource": null,  
        "iFrameResource": null,  
        "maintainAspectRatio": false,  
        "minSuggestedDuration": null,  
        "scalable": false,  
        "staticResource": "https://client-side-ads.com/tags/static/ctv-generic/overlay001.json?iv\_geo\_country%3DUS%26",  
        "staticResourceCreativeType": "text/js_ref",  
        "width": "640"  
    },  
],  
"trackingEvents": [  
    {  
        "beaconUrls": [  
            "https://adserver.com/beacon=impression"  
        ],  
        "duration": null,  
        "durationInSeconds": 0,  
        "eventId": null,  
        "eventProgramDateTime": null,  
        "eventType": "impression",  
        "startTime": null,  
        "startTimeInSeconds": 0  
    }  
]  
],  
"startTime": "PT1M46.08S",
```

```
        "startTimeInSeconds": 106.08
    }
]
}
```

Logging and metrics for overlay ads in MediaTailor

This section explains logging and metrics for overlay ads in MediaTailor. For more information about setting up logging, see [Monitoring and tagging AWS Elemental MediaTailor resources](#).

Topics

- [CloudWatch logs](#)
- [CloudWatch metrics](#)

CloudWatch logs

CloudWatch collects the following log information about overlay ads:

- VAST_RESPONSE - Shows information about the non-linear ads list.
- FILLED_PROVIDER_OVERLAY - Shows information about the non-linear ads.

Note

The RAW痈ADS_RESPONSE is an optional event that shows the original response from the ADS. Using this event is especially helpful in a staging and testing environment. To enable this event on a configuration or account, submit a ticket to AWS Support.

CloudWatch metrics

MediaTailor collects overlay ad metrics separately from other ADS metrics. MediaTailor collects these metrics after successfully fetching the ads from the ADS. You don't have to poll the GetTracking API to collect the metrics.

The following table describes CloudWatch metrics for overlay ads:

Metric	Description
AdDecisionServer.OverlayAds	The count of overlay ads included in the ADS responses within the CloudWatch time period that you specified.
AdDecisionServer.OverlayErrors	The number of non-HTTP 200 status code responses, empty responses, and timed-out responses that MediaTailor received from the ADS within the CloudWatch time period that you specified.
AdDecisionServer.OverlayFilled	<p>The number of avails that were successfully filled with at least one overlay ad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 - There's at least one valid ad. • 0 - Either MediaTailor didn't get any overlay ads, or there was some other failure. <p>SampleCount tracks the number of avails filled.</p> <p>Sum tracks the number of successfully filled overlay avails.</p>
AdDecisionServer.OverlayMinSuggestedDuration	The sum of minSuggestedDuration durations, in milliseconds, of all ads that MediaTailor received from the ADS within the CloudWatch time period that you specified. If minSuggestedDuration isn't specified, the duration shown is the planned duration.
AdDecisionServer.OverlayLatency	The response time, in milliseconds, for requests that MediaTailor makes to the ADS.

Metric	Description
AdDecisionServer.OverlayTimeouts	The number of timed-out requests to the ADS in the CloudWatch time period that you specified.
AdsBilled	For more information about ads billed, see Billing for overlay ads in MediaTailor .
Avail.*	Because MediaTailor doesn't do any planning for overlay ads, CloudWatch doesn't show any Avail.X metrics.
SkippedReason.*	Because MediaTailor doesn't do any planning for overlay ads, CloudWatch doesn't show any SkippedReason.X metrics.

Billing for overlay ads in MediaTailor

MediaTailor bills customers based on the number of non-linear ads in the ADS response. This number includes non-linear ads that extend past the break duration. After MediaTailor fills the avail, it bills for the ads it filled.

For prefetch workflows, MediaTailor does not bill for ads when retrieving the prefetch, but rather, when it sees a compatible ad avail in the consumption window for that session.

For additional billing information, see <https://aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/pricing/>.

Ad ID decoration

AWS Elemental MediaTailor performs server side ad stitching when transitioning from content to ad breaks. MediaTailor can condition the manifest with metadata associated with the ads that have been stitched. Doing so can provide the following benefits:

- *Video start time (VST) improves*
- MediaTailor can support a hybrid model of server side ad insertion and server guided ad insertion
- Server side sessions can build playback timelines with ad position markers

- For client side sessions that already build playback timelines with the MediaTailor API, session VST improves, as the session does not rely on calling the tracking API to build the timeline
- It's possible to leverage MediaTailor for server side ad insertion as well as client side rendered ads displayed in-scene. This way, a player's software development kit (SDK) doesn't need to have a separate integration to call ad serving entities directly for client-side ads. MediaTailor can vend the ads through the manifest and the client-side tracking API.

There are standards for associating each creative ad asset with a unique identifier. This association allows advertisers, agencies, vendors, and publishers to relate a creative ad asset across their independent workflows. As metrics and monitoring of streams continue to improve and more distributors utilize server-based insertion architectures, the need arises to accurately communicate the identifiers assigned to individual creative assets within an interleaved/stitched presentation, such as within the personalized manifest.

Topics

- [Enabling ad ID signaling for sessions](#)
- [Manifests and ad metadata insertion](#)
- [Ad Decision Server \(ADS\) interactions](#)
- [Client-side tracking API](#)

Enabling ad ID signaling for sessions

The ad ID signaling feature must be enabled during session initialization. The process to enable the feature differs from creating sessions using the HLS/DASH playback prefix (implicit session initialization), versus the session initialization prefix (explicit session initialization).

To enable ad ID for the session using HLS/DASH playback prefixes

- From the player, initialize a new MediaTailor playback session using a request in one of the following formats, according to your protocol:
 - Example: HLS format

```
GET <mediatailorURL>/v1/master/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/<asset-id>?  
aws.adSignalingEnabled=true
```

- Example: DASH format

```
GET <mediatailorURL>/v1/dash/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/<asset-id>?  
aws.adSignalingEnabled=true
```

To enable ad ID for the session using the session initialization prefix

- On the player, construct a JSON message body for the session initialization request to MediaTailor:
 - Inside an adsParams object, provide any parameters that MediaTailor should pass to the ADS. These parameters correspond to [player_params.param] settings in the ADS template URL of the MediaTailor configuration.
 - To enable ad ID signaling, add an adSignaling object as a top level object, and inside, add a parameter called enabled and value of true. The default adSignaling value is disabled.
- Example: HLS format

```
POST master.m3u8  
{  
    "adsParams": {  
        "deviceType": "ipad"  
    },  
    "adSignaling": {  
        "enabled": "true"  
    }  
}
```

- Example: DASH format

```
POST manifest.mpd  
{  
    "adsParams": {  
        "deviceType": "ipad"  
    },  
    "adSignaling": {  
        "enabled": "true"  
    }  
}
```

Manifests and ad metadata insertion

During the ad stitching process, MediaTailor adds to the manifest the unique ID associated with each creative being stitched. MediaTailor obtains the unique ID of the creative from the `id` attribute value of that creative in the VAST response. If the creative lacks an ID attribute value, MediaTailor will publish an empty value (`id=""`).

MediaTailor uses an in-manifest metadata signal to decouple dependencies between the client tracking API for ad creative metadata and timing/positioning within the overall timeline. This decoupling reduces playback latency (especially in VOD scenarios), where the player's user interface (UI) renders ad break positions in the timeline prior to initializing playback.

The added metadata takes the following forms:

- For HLS manifests, the added metadata takes the form of DATERANGE tags for each ad in the avail period.
- For DASH manifests, the added metadata takes the form of an Event element within each ad period.

The following JSON message body shows an example VAST response:

```
{  
  "version": 1,  
  "identifiers": [  
    {  
      "scheme": "urn:smpte:ul:060E2B34.01040101.01200900.00000000",  
      "value": "creativeId",  
      "ad_position": "adId",  
      "ad_type": "adType",  
      "tracking_uri": "trackingUri",  
      "custom_vast_data": "customVastData"  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

In the preceding example:

- *creativeId* is the `Id` attribute value of the `Creative` element for the ad
- *adId* is either the HLS sequence number associated with the beginning of the ad, or the DASH period ID of the ad

- *adType* is either avail or overlay, based on the VAST response
- *trackingUri* is the relative tracking endpoint for the MediaTailor session, in the format `../../../../tracking/hashed-account-id/origin-id/session-id`
- *customVastData* is a value that MediaTailor extracts from the `creative_signaling` VAST extension. MediaTailor uses the contents of the CDATA node, if present. See the [Ad Decision Server \(ADS\) interactions](#) section for more details and a sample VAST response.

Personalizing HLS manifests with ad metadata

For a live HLS stream, MediaTailor only adds metadata when the stream contains PROGRAM-DATA-TIME tags, at least once per manifest duration. For a video on demand (VOD) stream, MediaTailor adds PROGRAM-DATE-TIME to at least one segment in the personalized manifest, where the start time for each VOD asset is epoch zero (1970-01-01T00:00:00Z). If the origin manifest has existing PROGRAM-DATE-TIME content, then MediaTailor preserves that content.

MediaTailor personalizes the manifest with creatives returned by the Ad Decision Server (ADS). For each ad, MediaTailor also includes a DATERANGE tag that spans the duration of the ad. The DATERANGE tag format is similar to that described in the section [Ad creative signaling in DASH and HLS](#) in the 2023 version of the *SVA technical publication*.

The DATERANGE that MediaTailor generates has unique ID values. To ensure uniqueness (given the guidelines specified in [Mapping SCTE-35 into EXT-X-DATERANGE](#)), MediaTailor couples the MEDIA-SEQUENCE number of the *first* ad segment of the avail with the sequence number of the ad within the avail.

For underfilled ad breaks on configurations that have slate enabled, MediaTailor appends the slate segments to the end of the avail, separated by a DISCONTINUITY tag, but without any DATERANGE metadata.

For each ad stitched into the personalized manifest, MediaTailor adds the creative metadata, represented as base64-encoded data in a custom DATERANGE tag.

Example Linear HLS origin (#EXT-X-CUE-OUT):

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:7
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:398
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-02-10T19:20:01.397Z
```

```
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_398.ts?m=1676054627
#EXTINF:5.873,
index_1_399.ts?m=1676054627
#EXT-X-OATCLS-SCTE35:/DA1AAAAAYiYAP/wFAUAAAACf+//jP197P4AUmNiAAEBAQAAse4/gA==
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT:59.993
#EXTINF:6.139,
index_1_400.ts?m=1676054627
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=6.139,Duration=59.993,SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAYiYAP/wFAUAAAACf
+//jP197P4AUmNiAAEBAQAAse4/gA==
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_401.ts?m=1676054627
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=12.145,Duration=59.993,SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAYiYAP/wFAUAAAACf
+//jP197P4AUmNiAAEBAQAAse4/gA==
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_402.ts?m=1676054627
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=18.151,Duration=59.993,SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAYiYAP/wFAUAAAACf
+//jP197P4AUmNiAAEBAQAAse4/gA==
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_403.ts?m=1676054627
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=24.157,Duration=59.993,SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAYiYAP/wFAUAAAACf
+//jP197P4AUmNiAAEBAQAAse4/gA==
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_404.ts?m=1676054627
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=30.163,Duration=59.993,SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAYiYAP/wFAUAAAACf
+//jP197P4AUmNiAAEBAQAAse4/gA==
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_405.ts?m=1676054627
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=36.169,Duration=59.993,SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAYiYAP/wFAUAAAACf
+//jP197P4AUmNiAAEBAQAAse4/gA==
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_406.ts?m=1676054627
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=42.175,Duration=59.993,SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAYiYAP/wFAUAAAACf
+//jP197P4AUmNiAAEBAQAAse4/gA==
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_407.ts?m=1676054627
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=48.181,Duration=59.993,SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAYiYAP/wFAUAAAACf
+//jP197P4AUmNiAAEBAQAAse4/gA==
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_408.ts?m=1676054627
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT:ElapsedTime=54.187,Duration=59.993,SCTE35=/DA1AAAAAYiYAP/wFAUAAAACf
+//jP197P4AUmNiAAEBAQAAse4/gA==
#EXTINF:5.806,
index_1_409.ts?m=1676054627
```

```
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXTINF:6.206,
index_1_410.ts?m=1676054627
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_411.ts?m=1676054627
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_412.ts?m=1676054627
```

Example Linear HLS origin (#EXT-X-DATERANGE):

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:7
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:25
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-02-10T19:19:53.389Z
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_25.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_26.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_27.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:1.869,
index_1_28.ts?m=1676056675
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="2",START-DATE="2023-02-10T19:20:13.276Z",PLANNED-
DURATION=59.993,SCTE35-
OUT=0xFC302500000003289800FFF01405000000027FEFFF8CF97DECFC00526362000101010000B1EE3F80
#EXTINF:6.139,
index_1_29.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_30.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_31.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_32.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_33.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_34.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_35.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_36.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:6.006,
```

```
index_1_37.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:5.806,
index_1_38.ts?m=1676056675
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="2",START-DATE="2023-02-10T19:20:13.276Z",END-
DATE="2023-02-10T19:21:13.269Z",DURATION=59.993
#EXTINF:6.206,
index_1_39.ts?m=1676056675
#EXTINF:6.006,
index_1_40.ts?m=1676056675
```

Example Linear HLS personalized manifest (with creative ad signaling):

The DATERANGE that MediaTailor generates has unique ID values. To ensure uniqueness (given the guidelines specified in [Mapping SCTE-35 into EXT-X-DATERANGE](#)), MediaTailor couples the MEDIA-SEQUENCE number of the *first* ad segment of the avail with the sequence number of the ad within the avail.

In the following example, MediaTailor concatenates MEDIA-SEQUENCE 421 with the ad position number.

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:6
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:7
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:418
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY-SEQUENCE:5
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-02-10T19:19:55.391Z
#EXTINF:6.006,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/out/v1/1cc7058242a74fdd8aea14e22a9b4131/
index_1_397.ts?m=1676054627
#EXTINF:6.006,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/out/v1/1cc7058242a74fdd8aea14e22a9b4131/
index_1_398.ts?m=1676054627
#EXTINF:5.873,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/out/v1/1cc7058242a74fdd8aea14e22a9b4131/
index_1_399.ts?m=1676054627
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-02-10T19:19:55.391Z
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="421-1",CLASS="urn:sva:advertising-wg:ad-id-signaling",START-
DATE=2019-01-01T00:02:30.000Z,DURATION=15.015,X-AD-CREATIVE-SIGNALING="base64JSON"
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056813
#EXTINF:2.002,
```

```
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056814
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056815
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056816
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056817
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056818
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056819
#EXTINF:1.001,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056820
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-02-10T19:19:55.391Z
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="421-1",START-DATE="2023-02-10T19:36:13.435Z",END-
DATE="2023-02-10T19:36:43.432Z",DURATION=15.015
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="421-2",CLASS="urn:sva:advertising-wg:ad-id-signaling",START-
DATE=2019-01-01T00:02:30.000Z,DURATION=15.015,X-AD-CREATIVE-SIGNALING="base64JSON"
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056821
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056822
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056823
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056824
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056825
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056826
```

```
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056827
#EXTINF:1.001,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056828
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-02-10T19:19:55.391Z
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="421-2",START-DATE="2023-02-10T19:36:13.435Z",END-
DATE="2023-02-10T19:36:43.432Z",DURATION=15.015
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="421-3",CLASS="urn:sva:advertising-wg:ad-id-signaling",START-
DATE=2019-01-01T00:02:30.000Z,DURATION=15.015,X-AD-CREATIVE-SIGNALING="base64JSON"
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056829
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056830
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056831
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056832
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056833
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056834
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056835
#EXTINF:1.001,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056836
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:2023-02-10T19:19:55.391Z
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="421-3",START-DATE="2023-02-10T19:36:13.435Z",END-
DATE="2023-02-10T19:36:43.432Z",DURATION=29.997
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="421-4",CLASS="urn:sva:advertising-wg:ad-id-signaling",START-
DATE=2019-01-01T00:02:30.000Z,DURATION=15.015,X-AD-CREATIVE-SIGNALING="base64JSON"
#EXTINF:2.002,
```

```
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056837
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056838
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056839
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056840
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056841
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056842
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056843
#EXTINF:1.001,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/9e178fa9-
dce5-4248-83d2-5b5d98b019bf/0/1676056844
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="421-4",START-DATE="2023-02-10T19:36:13.435Z",END-
DATE="2023-02-10T19:36:43.432Z",DURATION=15.015
#EXTINF:6.206,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/out/v1/1cc7058242a74fdd8aea14e22a9b4131/index\_1\_410.ts?m=1676054627
#EXTINF:6.006,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/out/v1/1cc7058242a74fdd8aea14e22a9b4131/index\_1\_411.ts?m=1676054627
```

Example VOD HLS origin (with SCTE signals):

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:7
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:1
#EXT-X-PLAYLIST-TYPE:VOD
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00001.ts
#EXTINF:6,
```

```
index_720p1500k_00002.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00003.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00004.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00005.ts
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT:0
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00006.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00007.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00008.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00009.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00010.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00011.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00012.ts
```

Example VOD HLS origin:

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:7
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:1
#EXT-X-PLAYLIST-TYPE:VOD
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00001.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00002.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00003.ts
#EXTINF:6,
index_720p1500k_00004.ts
#EXTINF:4,
index_720p1500k_00005.ts
#EXTINF:2,
index_720p1500k_00006.ts
```

```
#EXTINF:6,  
index_720p1500k_00007.ts  
#EXTINF:6,  
index_720p1500k_00008.ts  
#EXTINF:6,  
index_720p1500k_00009.ts  
#EXTINF:6,  
index_720p1500k_00010.ts  
#EXTINF:6,  
index_720p1500k_00011.ts  
#EXTINF:6,  
index_720p1500k_00012.ts
```

Example VOD HLS personalized manifest:

MediaTailor adds PROGRAM-DATE-TIME to VOD manifests in order to use them as anchors for the HLS DATERANGE elements that indicate ad positions.

The DATERANGE that MediaTailor generates has unique ID values. To ensure uniqueness (given the guidelines specified in [Mapping SCTE-35 into EXT-X-DATERANGE](#)), MediaTailor couples the MEDIA-SEQUENCE number of the *first* ad segment of the avail with the sequence number of the ad within the avail.

In the following example, MediaTailor concatenates MEDIA-SEQUENCE 421 with the ad position number.

```
#EXTM3U  
#EXT-X-VERSION:3  
#EXT-X-PLAYLIST-TYPE:VOD  
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:7  
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:1  
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY-SEQUENCE:0  
#EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME:1970-01-01T00:00:00Z  
#EXTINF:6.0,  
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/  
index_720p1500k_00001.ts  
#EXTINF:6.0,  
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/  
index_720p1500k_00002.ts  
#EXTINF:6.0,  
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/  
index_720p1500k_00003.ts  
#EXTINF:6.0,
```

```
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/
index_720p1500k_00004.ts
#EXTINF:4.0,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/
index_720p1500k_00005.ts
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/28
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/29
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/30
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/31
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/32
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/33
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/34
#EXTINF:1.001,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/35
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/36
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/37
#EXTINF:2.002,
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variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/38
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/39
#EXTINF:2.002,
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../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/40
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/41
#EXTINF:2.002,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/42
#EXTINF:1.001,
../../../../segment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/vod-
variations/9810d863-8736-45fa-866e-be6d2c2bfa20/0/43
#EXT-X-DISCONTINUITY
#EXTINF:2.0,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/
index_720p1500k_00006.ts
#EXTINF:6.0,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/
index_720p1500k_00007.ts
#EXTINF:6.0,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/
index_720p1500k_00008.ts
#EXTINF:6.0,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/
index_720p1500k_00009.ts
#EXTINF:6.0,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/
index_720p1500k_00010.ts
#EXTINF:6.0,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/
index_720p1500k_00011.ts
#EXTINF:6.0,
https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/cunsco-media/SK0-22/asset-1/hls/
index_720p1500k_00012.ts
#EXT-X-ENDLIST
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="5-1",START-DATE="1970-01-01T00:00:28.000Z",END-
DATE="1970-01-01T00:00:43.015Z",DURATION=15.015
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="5-2",START-DATE="1970-01-01T00:00:43.015Z",END-
DATE="1970-01-01T00:00:58.030Z",DURATION=15.01
```

Personalizing DASH manifests with ad metadata

MediaTailor personalizes the manifest with creatives returned by the Ad Decision Server (ADS). For each ad, MediaTailor also includes an EventStream element that spans the duration of the ad.

The Event element format is similar to that described in the section [Ad creative signaling in DASH and HLS in the 2023 version of the SVA technical publication](#).

For underfilled ad breaks on configurations that have slate enabled, MediaTailor appends the slate period to the end of the avail period, but without any EventStream metadata.

For each ad stitched into the personalized manifest, MediaTailor adds the creative metadata, represented as a CDATA element within an Event element.

Example Linear DASH origin (Inline SCTE attributes):

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<MPD xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
      xmlns="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011" xmlns:scte35="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml"
      xsi:schemaLocation="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011 http://standards.iso.org/
      ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/MPEG-DASH_schema_files/DASH-MPD.xsd" id="201"
      type="dynamic" publishTime="2023-02-10T21:08:40+00:00" minimumUpdatePeriod="PT6S"
      availabilityStartTime="2023-02-09T22:47:05.865000+00:00" minBufferTime="PT10S"
      suggestedPresentationDelay="PT20.000S" timeShiftBufferDepth="PT88.999S"
      profiles="urn:mpeg:dash:profile:isoff-live:2011">
  <Period start="PT80141.456S" id="104" duration="PT304.103S">
    <AdaptationSet id="1485523442" mimeType="video/mp4" segmentAlignment="true"
      startWithSAP="1" subsegmentAlignment="true" subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1"
      bitstreamSwitching="true">
      <SegmentTemplate timescale="60000" media="index_video_${RepresentationID}_0_
      ${Number}.mp4?m=1676062374" initialization="index_video_${RepresentationID}_0_init.mp4?
      m=1676062374" startNumber="151" presentationTimeOffset="4808487386">
        <SegmentTimeline>
          <S t="4824975858" d="360360" r="3"/>
          <S t="4826417298" d="316316"/>
        </SegmentTimeline>
      </SegmentTemplate>
      <Representation id="1" width="960" height="540" frameRate="30000/1001"
        bandwidth="1800000" codecs="avc1.4D401F"/>
      <Representation id="3" width="640" height="360" frameRate="30000/1001"
        bandwidth="1200000" codecs="avc1.4D401E"/>
      <Representation id="5" width="480" height="270" frameRate="30000/1001"
        bandwidth="800000" codecs="avc1.4D4015"/>
    </AdaptationSet>
    <AdaptationSet id="1377232898" mimeType="audio/mp4" segmentAlignment="0"
      lang="eng">
      <Label>eng</Label>
```

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<SegmentTemplate timescale="48000" media="index_audio_${RepresentationID}_0_${Number}.mp4?m=1676062374" initialization="index_audio_${RepresentationID}_0_init.mp4?m=1676062374" startNumber="151" presentationTimeOffset="3846790126">
    <SegmentTimeline>
        <S t="3859981294" d="287744"/>
        <S t="3860269038" d="288768"/>
        <S t="3860557806" d="287744"/>
        <S t="3860845550" d="288768"/>
        <S t="3861134318" d="252928"/>
    </SegmentTimeline>
    </SegmentTemplate>
    <Representation id="2" bandwidth="193007" audioSamplingRate="48000" codecs="mp4a.40.2">
        <AudioChannelConfiguration
            schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
    </Representation>
    <Representation id="4" bandwidth="193007" audioSamplingRate="48000" codecs="mp4a.40.2">
        <AudioChannelConfiguration
            schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
    </Representation>
    <Representation id="6" bandwidth="193007" audioSamplingRate="48000" codecs="mp4a.40.2">
        <AudioChannelConfiguration
            schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
    </Representation>
    <SupplementalProperty schemeIdUri="urn:scte:dash:utc-time" value="2023-02-10T21:02:31.007Z"/>
</Period>
<Period start="PT80445.560S" id="155" duration="PT44.978S">
    <EventStream timescale="90000" schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml">
        <Event duration="4048044">
            <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="207000" tier="4095">
                <scte35:SpliceInsert spliceEventId="111" spliceEventCancelIndicator="false" outOfNetworkIndicator="true" spliceImmediateFlag="false" uniqueProgramId="1" availNum="1" availsExpected="1">
                    <scte35:Program>
                        <scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="7239893422"/>
                    </scte35:Program>
                    <scte35:BreakDuration autoReturn="true" duration="4048044"/>
                </scte35:SpliceInsert>
            </scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
        </Event>
    </EventStream>
</Period>
```

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</Event>
</EventStream>
<AdaptationSet id="1485523442" mimeType="video/mp4" segmentAlignment="true"
startWithSAP="1" subsegmentAlignment="true" subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1"
bitstreamSwitching="true">
    <SegmentTemplate timescale="60000" media="index_video_${RepresentationID}_0_"
$Number$.mp4?m=1676062374" initialization="index_video_${RepresentationID}_0_init.mp4?
m=1676062374" startNumber="156" presentationTimeOffset="4826733614">
        <SegmentTimeline>
            <S t="4826733614" d="284284"/>
            <S t="4827017898" d="360360" r="5"/>
            <S t="4829180058" d="252252"/>
        </SegmentTimeline>
    </SegmentTemplate>
    <Representation id="1" width="960" height="540" frameRate="30000/1001"
bandwidth="1800000" codecs="avc1.4D401F"/>
    <Representation id="3" width="640" height="360" frameRate="30000/1001"
bandwidth="1200000" codecs="avc1.4D401E"/>
    <Representation id="5" width="480" height="270" frameRate="30000/1001"
bandwidth="800000" codecs="avc1.4D4015"/>
</AdaptationSet>
<AdaptationSet id="1377232898" mimeType="audio/mp4" segmentAlignment="0"
lang="eng">
    <Label>eng</Label>
    <SegmentTemplate timescale="48000" media="index_audio_${RepresentationID}_0_"
$Number$.mp4?m=1676062374" initialization="index_audio_${RepresentationID}_0_init.mp4?
m=1676062374" startNumber="156" presentationTimeOffset="3861387246">
        <SegmentTimeline>
            <S t="3861387246" d="227328"/>
            <S t="3861614574" d="288768"/>
            <S t="3861903342" d="287744"/>
            <S t="3862191086" d="288768"/>
            <S t="3862479854" d="287744"/>
            <S t="3862767598" d="288768"/>
            <S t="3863056366" d="287744"/>
            <S t="3863344110" d="202752"/>
        </SegmentTimeline>
    </SegmentTemplate>
    <Representation id="2" bandwidth="193007" audioSamplingRate="48000"
codecs="mp4a.40.2">
        <AudioChannelConfiguration
schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
    </Representation>
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<Representation id="4" bandwidth="193007" audioSamplingRate="48000"
codecs="mp4a.40.2">
    <AudioChannelConfiguration
schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
</Representation>
<Representation id="6" bandwidth="193007" audioSamplingRate="48000"
codecs="mp4a.40.2">
    <AudioChannelConfiguration
schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
</Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
<SupplementalProperty schemeIdUri="urn:scte:dash:utc-time"
value="2023-02-10T21:07:35.111Z"/>
</Period>
<Period start="PT80490.538S" id="163">
    <AdaptationSet id="1485523442" mimeType="video/mp4" segmentAlignment="true"
startWithSAP="1" subsegmentAlignment="true" subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1"
bitstreamSwitching="true">
        <SegmentTemplate timescale="60000" media="index_video_${RepresentationID}_$0_
$Number$.mp4?m=1676062374" initialization="index_video_${RepresentationID}_$0_init.mp4?
m=1676062374" startNumber="164" presentationTimeOffset="4829432310">
            <SegmentTimeline>
                <S t="4829432310" d="348348"/>
                <S t="4829780658" d="360360" r="1"/>
            </SegmentTimeline>
        </SegmentTemplate>
        <Representation id="1" width="960" height="540" frameRate="30000/1001"
bandwidth="1800000" codecs="avc1.4D401F"/>
        <Representation id="3" width="640" height="360" frameRate="30000/1001"
bandwidth="1200000" codecs="avc1.4D401E"/>
        <Representation id="5" width="480" height="270" frameRate="30000/1001"
bandwidth="800000" codecs="avc1.4D4015"/>
    </AdaptationSet>
    <AdaptationSet id="1377232898" mimeType="audio/mp4" segmentAlignment="0"
lang="eng">
        <Label>eng</Label>
        <SegmentTemplate timescale="48000" media="index_audio_${RepresentationID}_$0_
$Number$.mp4?m=1676062374" initialization="index_audio_${RepresentationID}_$0_init.mp4?
m=1676062374" startNumber="164" presentationTimeOffset="3863546862">
            <SegmentTimeline>
                <S t="3863546862" d="278528"/>
                <S t="3863825390" d="287744"/>
                <S t="3864113134" d="288768"/>
            </SegmentTimeline>
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    </SegmentTemplate>
    <Representation id="2" bandwidth="193007" audioSamplingRate="48000"
codecs="mp4a.40.2">
        <AudioChannelConfiguration
schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
    </Representation>
    <Representation id="4" bandwidth="193007" audioSamplingRate="48000"
codecs="mp4a.40.2">
        <AudioChannelConfiguration
schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
    </Representation>
    <Representation id="6" bandwidth="193007" audioSamplingRate="48000"
codecs="mp4a.40.2">
        <AudioChannelConfiguration
schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
    </Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
<SupplementalProperty schemeIdUri="urn:scte:dash:utc-time"
value="2023-02-10T21:08:20.090Z"/>
</Period>
</MPD>

```

Example Linear DASH personalized manifest (with creative ad signaling):

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<MPD availabilityStartTime="2023-02-09T22:47:05.865000+00:00"
id="201" minBufferTime="PT10S" minimumUpdatePeriod="PT6S"
profiles="urn:mpeg:dash:profile:isoff-live:2011"
publishTime="2023-02-10T21:08:43+00:00" suggestedPresentationDelay="PT20.000S"
timeShiftBufferDepth="PT88.999S" type="dynamic" xmlns="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011"
xmlns:scte35="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-
instance" xsi:schemaLocation="urn:mpeg:dash:schema:mpd:2011 http://standards.iso.org/
ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/MPEG-DASH_schema_files/DASH-MPD.xsd">
    <BaseURL>https://d3fch9e2fcarly.cloudfront.net/out/v1/
f9f38deca3f14fc4b5ab3cdbd76cfb9e/</BaseURL>
    <Location>https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/
v1/dash/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/emt/out/v1/
f9f38deca3f14fc4b5ab3cdbd76cfb9e/index.mpd?
aws.sessionId=672ed481-4ffd-4270-936f-7c8403947f2e</Location>
    <Period duration="PT304.103S" id="104" start="PT80141.456S">
        <AdaptationSet bitstreamSwitching="true" id="1485523442" mimeType="video/
mp4" segmentAlignment="true" startWithSAP="1" subsegmentAlignment="true"
subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1">

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<SegmentTemplate initialization="index_video_${RepresentationID}_0_init.mp4?m=1676062374" media="index_video_${RepresentationID}_0_${Number}.mp4?m=1676062374" presentationTimeOffset="4808487386" startNumber="151" timescale="60000">
    <SegmentTimeline>
        <S d="360360" r="3" t="4824975858"/>
        <S d="316316" t="4826417298"/>
    </SegmentTimeline>
</SegmentTemplate>
<Representation bandwidth="1800000" codecs="avc1.4D401F" frameRate="30000/1001" height="540" id="1" width="960"/>
    <Representation bandwidth="1200000" codecs="avc1.4D401E" frameRate="30000/1001" height="360" id="3" width="640"/>
        <Representation bandwidth="800000" codecs="avc1.4D4015" frameRate="30000/1001" height="270" id="5" width="480"/>
    </AdaptationSet>
    <AdaptationSet id="1377232898" lang="eng" mimeType="audio/mp4" segmentAlignment="0">
        <Label>eng</Label>
        <SegmentTemplate initialization="index_audio_${RepresentationID}_0_init.mp4?m=1676062374" media="index_audio_${RepresentationID}_0_${Number}.mp4?m=1676062374" presentationTimeOffset="3846790126" startNumber="151" timescale="48000">
            <SegmentTimeline>
                <S d="287744" t="3859981294"/>
                <S d="288768" t="3860269038"/>
                <S d="287744" t="3860557806"/>
                <S d="288768" t="3860845550"/>
                <S d="252928" t="3861134318"/>
            </SegmentTimeline>
        </SegmentTemplate>
        <Representation audioSamplingRate="48000" bandwidth="193007" codecs="mp4a.40.2" id="2">
            <AudioChannelConfiguration schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
        </Representation>
        <Representation audioSamplingRate="48000" bandwidth="193007" codecs="mp4a.40.2" id="4">
            <AudioChannelConfiguration schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
        </Representation>
        <Representation audioSamplingRate="48000" bandwidth="193007" codecs="mp4a.40.2" id="6">
            <AudioChannelConfiguration schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
        </Representation>
```

```
</AdaptationSet>
<SupplementalProperty schemeIdUri="urn:scte:dash:utc-time"
value="2023-02-10T21:02:31.007Z"/>
</Period>
<Period id="155_1" start="PT22H20M45.56S">
    <BaseURL>https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/
v1/dashsegment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/
emt/672ed481-4ffd-4270-936f-7c8403947f2e/155/155_1/</BaseURL>
    <EventStream schemeIdUri="urn:sva:advertising-wg:ad-id-signaling"
timescale="90000">
        <Event presentationTime="xxxxx" duration="1351350">
            <![CDATA[{"version": 1, "identifiers": [{"scheme":
"urn:smpte:ul:060E2B34.01040101.01200900.00000000", "value": "155_1", "ad_position":
"155_1", "ad_type": "avail", "creative_id": "123", "tracking_uri": ".../..../..../v1/
tracking[hashed-account-id/origin-id/session-id", "custom_vast_data": "123abc"}]]]>
        </Event>
    </EventStream>
    <AdaptationSet bitstreamSwitching="false" frameRate="30000/1001"
mimeType="video/mp4" segmentAlignment="true" startWithSAP="1"
subsegmentAlignment="true" subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1">
        <SegmentTemplate startNumber="1" timescale="90000"/>
        <Representation bandwidth="1800000" codecs="avc1.64001f" height="540"
id="1" width="960">
            <SegmentTemplate initialization="asset_540_1_2init.mp4"
media="asset_540_1_2_$Number%09d$.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
                <SegmentTimeline>
                    <S d="180180" r="6" t="0"/>
                    <S d="90090" t="1261260"/>
                </SegmentTimeline>
            </SegmentTemplate>
        </Representation>
        <Representation bandwidth="1200000" codecs="avc1.64001e" height="360"
id="3" width="640">
            <SegmentTemplate initialization="asset_360_1_1init.mp4"
media="asset_360_1_1_$Number%09d$.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
                <SegmentTimeline>
                    <S d="180180" r="6" t="0"/>
                    <S d="90090" t="1261260"/>
                </SegmentTimeline>
            </SegmentTemplate>
        </Representation>
        <Representation bandwidth="800000" codecs="avc1.640015" height="270" id="5"
width="480">
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<SegmentTemplate initialization="asset_270_0_0init.mp4"
media="asset_270_0_0_${Number%09d}.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
    <SegmentTimeline>
        <S d="180180" r="6" t="0"/>
        <S d="90090" t="1261260"/>
    </SegmentTimeline>
</SegmentTemplate>
</Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
<AdaptationSet lang="eng" mimeType="audio/mp4" segmentAlignment="0">
    <SegmentTemplate initialization="asset_audio_128_3init.mp4"
media="asset_audio_128_3_${Number%09d}.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="48000"/>
        <Label>eng</Label>
        <Representation audioSamplingRate="48000" bandwidth="128000"
codecs="mp4a.40.2" id="6">
            <SegmentTemplate initialization="asset_audio_128_3init.mp4"
media="asset_audio_128_3_${Number%09d}.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="48000">
                <SegmentTimeline>
                    <S d="98304" t="0"/>
                    <S d="96256" r="1" t="98304"/>
                    <S d="95232" t="290816"/>
                    <S d="96256" r="2" t="386048"/>
                    <S d="48128" t="674816"/>
                </SegmentTimeline>
            </SegmentTemplate>
            <AudioChannelConfiguration
schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
            </Representation>
        </AdaptationSet>
    </Period>
<Period id="155_2" start="PT22H21M0.575S">
    <BaseURL>https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/
v1/dashsegment/94063eadf7d8c56e9e2edd84fdf897826a70d0df/
emt/672ed481-4ffd-4270-936f-7c8403947f2e/155/155_2/</BaseURL>
    <EventStream schemeIdUri="urn:sva:advertising-wg:ad-id-signaling"
timescale="90000">
        <Event presentationTime="0" duration="1351350">
            <![CDATA[{"version": 1, "identifiers": [{"scheme":
"urn:smpte:ul:060E2B34.01040101.01200900.00000000", "value": "155_2", "ad_position":
"155_2", "ad_type": "avail", "creative_id": "234", "tracking_uri": ".../..../..../v1/
tracking/hashed-account-id/origin-id/session-id", "custom_vast_data": "123abc"}]]]>
        </Event>
    </EventStream>

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<AdaptationSet bitstreamSwitching="false" frameRate="30000/1001"
mimeType="video/mp4" segmentAlignment="true" startWithSAP="1"
subsegmentAlignment="true" subsegmentStartsWithSAP="1">
    <SegmentTemplate startNumber="1" timescale="90000"/>
    <Representation bandwidth="1800000" codecs="avc1.64001f" height="540"
id="1" width="960">
        <SegmentTemplate initialization="asset_540_1_2init.mp4"
media="asset_540_1_2_${Number%09d}.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
            <SegmentTimeline>
                <S d="180180" r="6" t="0"/>
                <S d="90090" t="1261260"/>
            </SegmentTimeline>
        </SegmentTemplate>
    </Representation>
    <Representation bandwidth="1200000" codecs="avc1.64001e" height="360"
id="3" width="640">
        <SegmentTemplate initialization="asset_360_1_1init.mp4"
media="asset_360_1_1_${Number%09d}.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
            <SegmentTimeline>
                <S d="180180" r="6" t="0"/>
                <S d="90090" t="1261260"/>
            </SegmentTimeline>
        </SegmentTemplate>
    </Representation>
    <Representation bandwidth="800000" codecs="avc1.640015" height="270" id="5"
width="480">
        <SegmentTemplate initialization="asset_270_0_0init.mp4"
media="asset_270_0_0_${Number%09d}.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
            <SegmentTimeline>
                <S d="180180" r="6" t="0"/>
                <S d="90090" t="1261260"/>
            </SegmentTimeline>
        </SegmentTemplate>
    </Representation>
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```

```
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media="asset_360_1_1_$Number%09d$.mp4" startNumber="1" timescale="90000">
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```

```
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            <S d="90090" t="1261260"/>
        </SegmentTimeline>
    </SegmentTemplate>
</Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
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    <Label>eng</Label>
    <Representation audioSamplingRate="48000" bandwidth="128000" codecs="mp4a.40.2" id="6">
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                <S d="96256" r="2" t="386048"/>
                <S d="48128" t="674816"/>
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    </Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
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```

```
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segmentAlignment="0">
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m=1676062374" media="index_audio_${RepresentationID}_0_${Number}.mp4?m=1676062374"
presentationTimeOffset="3863546862" startNumber="164" timescale="48000">
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            <S d="288768" t="3864113134"/>
        </SegmentTimeline>
    </SegmentTemplate>
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codecs="mp4a.40.2" id="2">
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schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
    </Representation>
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codecs="mp4a.40.2" id="4">
        <AudioChannelConfiguration
schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
    </Representation>
    <Representation audioSamplingRate="48000" bandwidth="193007"
codecs="mp4a.40.2" id="6">
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schemeIdUri="urn:mpeg:dash:23003:3:audio_channel_configuration:2011" value="2"/>
    </Representation>
</AdaptationSet>
<SupplementalProperty schemeIdUri="urn:scte:dash:utc-time"
value="2023-02-10T21:08:20.090Z"/>
</Period>
```

</MPD>

Ad Decision Server (ADS) interactions

MediaTailor uses the creative id attribute value from the VAST response as a value in the ad ID signaling. If the id attribute value is empty or not present in the VAST response, MediaTailor places an empty value in the ad ID signaling.

Example VAST response:

The following sample VAST response includes an id attribute value for the inline linear Creative. MediaTailor extracts the value from the custom VAST Extension element and places that value in the creative metadata of the manifest.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<VAST version="3.0" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <Ad sequence="3">
    <InLine>
      <AdSystem>2.0</AdSystem>
      <AdTitle>AD-caribbean2-15</AdTitle>
      <Impression><![CDATA[https://n8ljfs0xxx.execute-api.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/v1/impression]]></Impression>
      <Creatives>
        <Creative sequence="3" apiFramework="inLine" id="1234">
          <Linear>
            <Duration>00:00:15</Duration>
            <MediaFiles>
              <MediaFile id="00002" delivery="progressive" type="video/mp4" width="1280" height="720"><![CDATA[https://d3re4i3vgppxxx.cloudfront.net/Media/Bumpers/AD-caribbean2-15-HD.mp4]]></MediaFile>
            </MediaFiles>
          </Linear>
        </Creative>
      </Creatives>
      <Extensions>
        <Extension type="creative_signaling"><![CDATA[999999|TVN1DDNpFTchtpRj,E5TfTtcYd5IEzvEt,ChA050HcvWRGFY6Zp5VSS1xUEJ2B9p8GGhQIDzIQkFeQC-Ho67FR3P9qNa6khSAGKgAyAA]]></Extension>
      </Extensions>
    </InLine>
  </Ad>
</VAST>
```

Client-side tracking API

The following example shows how a player SDK links the ad metadata in the manifest with the full tracking event data in the client-side tracking response payload with `creativeId` and `adId`.

Example JSON message:

```
{  
    "avails": [  
        {  
            "adBreakTrackingEvents": [],  
            "ads": [  
                {  
                    "adId": "5",  
                    "adParameters": "",  
                    "adProgramDateTime": null,  
                    "adSystem": "2.0",  
                    "adTitle": "AD-caribbean2-15",  
                    "adVerifications": [],  
                    "companionAds": [],  
                    "creativeId": "1234",  
                    "creativeSequence": "2",  
                    "duration": "PT15S",  
                    "durationInSeconds": 15,  
                    "extensions": [],  
                    "mediaFiles": {  
                        "mediaFilesList": [],  
                        "mezzanine": ""  
                    },  
                    "skipOffset": null,  
                    "startTime": "PT30S",  
                    "startTimeInSeconds": 30,  
                    "trackingEvents": [  
                        {  
                            "beaconUrls": [  
                                "https://myServer/impression"  
                            ],  
                            "duration": "PT15S",  
                            "durationInSeconds": 15,  
                            "eventId": "5",  
                            "eventProgramDateTime": null,  
                            "eventType": "impression",  
                            "startTime": "PT30S",  
                            "trackingEvent": {  
                                "ad": {  
                                    "adId": "5",  
                                    "adParameters": "",  
                                    "adProgramDateTime": null,  
                                    "adSystem": "2.0",  
                                    "adTitle": "AD-caribbean2-15",  
                                    "adVerifications": [],  
                                    "companionAds": [],  
                                    "creativeId": "1234",  
                                    "creativeSequence": "2",  
                                    "duration": "PT15S",  
                                    "durationInSeconds": 15,  
                                    "extensions": [],  
                                    "mediaFiles": {  
                                        "mediaFilesList": [],  
                                        "mezzanine": ""  
                                    },  
                                    "skipOffset": null,  
                                    "startTime": "PT30S",  
                                    "startTimeInSeconds": 30  
                                },  
                                "beaconUrl": "https://myServer/impression",  
                                "duration": "PT15S",  
                                "durationInSeconds": 15,  
                                "eventId": "5",  
                                "eventType": "impression",  
                                "startTime": "PT30S",  
                                "trackingEvent": {}  
                            }  
                        }  
                    ]  
                }  
            ]  
        }  
    ]  
}
```

```
        "startTimeInSeconds": 30
    }
],
"vastAdId": ""
}
],
"availId": "5",
"availProgramDateTime": null,
"duration": "PT15S",
"durationInSeconds": 15,
"meta": null,
"nonLinearAdsList": [],
"startTime": "PT30S",
"startTimeInSeconds": 30
}
],
"nextToken": "UFQ1TTM0Ljk2N1NfMjAyMi0xMS0xOFQwNDozMzo1Mi4yNDUxOTdaXzE%3D",
"nonLinearAvails": []
}
```

Using AWS Elemental MediaTailor to create linear assembled streams

AWS Elemental MediaTailor channel assembly is a manifest-only service that allows you to create linear streaming channels using your existing video on demand (VOD) content mixed with live content. MediaTailor never touches your content segments, which are served directly from your origin server. Instead, MediaTailor fetches the manifests from your origin, and uses them to assemble a live sliding manifest window that references the underlying content segments. Channel assembly keeps track of things like the media sequence number that's necessary to make playback smooth from asset to asset. Linear assembled streams are created with a low running cost by using existing multi-bitrate encoded and packaged VOD content.

You can easily monetize channel assembly linear streams by inserting ad breaks in your programs without having to condition the content with SCTE-35 markers. You can use channel assembly with the MediaTailor ad insertion service, or any server-side ad insertion service.

To get started with channel assembly, see [the section called “Getting started with MediaTailor channel assembly”](#).

For information about integrating Channel Assembly with a content delivery network (CDN), see [Build MediaTailor linear channels with channel assembly and CDN](#).

Topics

- [Working with source locations](#)
- [Working with channels](#)
- [Adding a program to a channel's schedule](#)
- [Insert personalized ads and ad breaks in a channel stream](#)
- [Time-shifting a channel's playback](#)

Working with source locations

A source location represents the origin server where your source content is stored. A source location can be Amazon S3, a standard web server, a content delivery network (CDN) such as Amazon CloudFront, or a packaging origin such as AWS Elemental MediaPackage. MediaTailor retrieves your content manifests from the source location, and uses them to assemble your channel's linear stream.

This topic explains how to use the AWS Elemental MediaTailor console to create and delete source locations, and how to work with VOD sources.

Topics

- [Creating a source location](#)
- [Configuring authentication for your source location](#)
- [Working with VOD sources](#)
- [Working with live sources](#)
- [Using package configurations](#)
- [Manifest caching](#)

Creating a source location

The following procedure explains how to create a source location using the MediaTailor console. For information about how to create source locations using the MediaTailor API, see [CreateSourceLocation](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference*.

To create a source location

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Source locations**.
3. On the navigation bar, choose **Create source location**.
4. Under **Source location configuration**, enter a name and the base URL of your origin server:
 - **Name:** An identifier for your source location, such as **my-origin**.
 - **Base URL:** The protocol and base URL of the origin server your content is stored, such as **https://111111111111.cloudfront.net**. The URL must be in a standard HTTP URL format, prefixed with **http://** or **https://**.Optionally select **Use SigV4 for Amazon S3 authentication** if your source location is an Amazon S3 bucket, and if you'd like to use AWS Signature Version 4 for Amazon S3 access authentication. For advanced information, see [Configuring authentication for your source location](#).
5. Under **Access configuration**, optionally configure authentication for your source location:

- **Access type:** Select the authentication type that MediaTailor uses to access the content stored on the source location's origin.
 - **SigV4 for Amazon S3** - MediaTailor uses Amazon Signature Version 4 (SigV4) to authorize request to your origin. For more information, see [the section called "Authenticating requests to Amazon S3 with SigV4"](#).
 - **Secrets Manager access token authentication** - MediaTailor uses Secrets Manager and a AWS KMS customer managed key created, owned, and managed by you to facilitate access token authentication between MediaTailor and your origin. For information about how to configure **Secrets Manager access token authentication**, see [the section called "Working with AWS Secrets Manager access token authentication"](#).
- **Header name** - Specify a HTTP header name. MediaTailor uses the HTTP header to send the access token to your origin in content manifest requests. You can use any header name as long as it doesn't start with x-amz- or x-amzn-. If you're integrating with [MediaPackage CDN authorization](#), the header value should be X-MediaPackage-CDNIdentifier.
- **Secret string key** - The SecretString key that you specified in your Secrets Manager secret. For example, if your SecretString contains a key and value pair such as: {"MyHeaderName": "11111111-2222-3333-4444-111122223333"}, then MyHeaderName is the SecretString key you enter in this field.
- **Secret ARN** - The ARN of the secret that holds your access token. For a step-by-step guide, see [Step 2: Create an AWS Secrets Manager secret](#).
6. Under **Segment delivery server configuration**, optionally configure a server to deliver your content segments:
- **Use a default segment delivery server:** Enter the base URL of the server that is used to deliver your content segments, such as a CDN. Configure **Default segment host name** if you'd like to use a different server than the source location server to serve the content segments. For example, you can restrict access to the origin manifests from players by using a different CDN configuration for the **Base HTTP URL** (what MediaTailor uses to access the manifests) and the **Default Segment Base URL** (what players uses to access the content segments). If you don't enter a value, MediaTailor defaults to the source location server for segment delivery.
 - **Use named segment delivery servers:** If you have configured a default segment delivery server, you can also configure additional segment delivery servers. Each one must have a unique name and a base URL. The base URL can be a full HTTP URL, or it can be a relative

path like /some/path/. The names are used to identify which server should be used when MediaTailor receives a request for content segments. If the request contains the header X-MediaTailor-SegmentDeliveryConfigurationName and the value of the header matches a name, the corresponding base URL will be used to serve the content. If the header is not included in the request, or if it does not match any names, then the default segment delivery server will be used.

7. Choose **Create source location**.
8. To add more source locations, repeat steps 2-6.

Configuring authentication for your source location

Use **access configuration** to configure authentication for your source location. When access configuration is on, MediaTailor only retrieves source manifests from your origin if the request is authorized between MediaTailor and your origin. Access configuration is turned off by default.

MediaTailor supports the following authentication types:

- SigV4 for Amazon S3 authentication
- AWS Secrets Manager access token
- SigV4 for MediaPackage version 2 (v2) authentication

This chapter explains how to use SigV4 for Amazon S3, MediaPackage v2, and AWS Secrets Manager access tokens for source location authentication.

For more information, select the applicable topic.

Topics

- [Authenticating requests to Amazon S3 with SigV4](#)
- [Working with SigV4 for MediaPackage Version 2](#)
- [Working with AWS Secrets Manager access token authentication](#)

Authenticating requests to Amazon S3 with SigV4

Signature Version 4 (SigV4) for Amazon S3 is a signing protocol used to authenticate requests to Amazon S3 over HTTPS. When you use SigV4 for Amazon S3, MediaTailor includes a signed

authorization header in the HTTPS request to the Amazon S3 bucket used as your origin. If the signed authorization header is valid, your origin fulfills the request. If it isn't valid, the request fails.

For general information about SigV4 for AWS Key Management Service, see the [Authenticating Requests \(AWS Signature Version 4\)](#) topic in the *Amazon S3 API reference*.

 **Note**

MediaTailor always signs requests to these origins with SigV4.

Requirements

If you activate SigV4 for Amazon S3 authentication for your source location, you must meet these requirements:

- You must allow MediaTailor to access your Amazon S3 bucket by granting **mediatailor.amazonaws.com** principal access in IAM. For information about configuring access in IAM, see [Access management](#) in the *AWS Identity and Access Management User Guide*.
- The **mediatailor.amazonaws.com** service principal must have permissions to read all multivariant playlists referenced by the VOD source package configurations.
- The caller of the API must have **s3:GetObject** IAM permissions to read all multivariant playlists referenced by your MediaTailor VOD source package configurations.
- Your MediaTailor source location base URL must follow the Amazon S3 virtual hosted-style request URL format. For example, `https://bucket-name.s3.Region.amazonaws.com/key-name`. For information about Amazon S3 hosted virtual-style access, see [Virtual Hosted-Style Requests](#).

Working with SigV4 for MediaPackage Version 2

Signature Version 4 (SigV4) for MediaPackage v2 is a signing protocol used to authenticate requests to MediaPackage v2 over HTTP. When you use SigV4 for MediaPackage v2, MediaTailor includes a signed authorization header in the HTTP request to the MediaPackage v2 endpoint used as your origin. If the signed authorization header is valid, your origin fulfills the request. If it isn't valid, the request fails.

For general information about SigV4 for MediaPackage v2, see the [Authenticating Requests \(AWS Signature Version 4\)](#) topic in the *MediaPackage v2 API reference*.

Requirements

If you activate SigV4 for MediaPackage v2 authentication for your source location, you must meet these requirements:

- You must allow MediaTailor to access your MediaPackage v2 endpoint by granting **mediatailor.amazonaws.com** principal access in an Origin Access Policy on the endpoint.
- Your MediaTailor source location base URL must be a MediaPackage v2 endpoint.
- The caller of the API must have **mediapackagev2:GetObject** IAM permissions to read all multivariant playlists referenced by the MediaTailor source packaging configurations.

Working with AWS Secrets Manager access token authentication

MediaTailor supports *Secrets Manager access token authentication*. With AWS Secrets Manager access token authentication, MediaTailor uses an AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) customer managed key and an AWS Secrets Manager secret that you create, own, and manage to authenticate requests to your origin.

In this section, we explain how Secrets Manager access token authentication works, and provide step-by-step information about how to configure Secrets Manager access token authentication. You can work with Secrets Manager access token authentication in the AWS Management Console or programmatically with AWS APIs.

Topics

- [Configuring AWS Secrets Manager access token authentication](#)
- [Integrating with MediaPackage endpoints that use CDN authorization](#)
- [How MediaTailor Secrets Manager access token authentication works](#)

Configuring AWS Secrets Manager access token authentication

When you want to use AWS Secrets Manager access token authentication, you perform the following steps:

1. You [create an AWS Key Management Service customer managed key](#).
2. You [create a AWS Secrets Manager secret](#). The secret contains your access token, which is stored in Secrets Manager as an encrypted secret value. MediaTailor uses the AWS KMS customer managed key to decrypt the secret value.

3. You configure an AWS Elemental MediaTailor source location to use Secrets Manager access token authentication.

The following section provides step-by-step guidance on how to configure AWS Secrets Manager access token authentication.

Topics

- [Step 1: Create an AWS KMS symmetric customer managed key](#)
- [Step 2: Create an AWS Secrets Manager secret](#)
- [Step 3: Configure a MediaTailor source location with access token authentication](#)

Step 1: Create an AWS KMS symmetric customer managed key

You use AWS Secrets Manager to store your access token in the form of a `SecretString` stored in a secret. The `SecretString` is encrypted through the use of an *AWS KMS symmetric customer managed key* that you create, own, and manage. MediaTailor uses the symmetric customer managed key to facilitate access to the secret with a grant, and to encrypt and decrypt the secret value.

Customer managed keys let you perform tasks such as the following:

- Establishing and maintaining key policies
- Establishing and maintaining IAM policies and grants
- Enabling and disabling key policies
- Rotating cryptographic key material
- Adding tags

For information about how Secrets Manager uses AWS KMS to protect secrets, see the topic [How AWS Secrets Manager uses AWS KMS](#) in the *AWS Key Management Service Developer Guide*.

For more information about customer managed keys, see [Customer managed keys](#) in the *AWS Key Management Service Developer Guide*.

Note

AWS KMS charges apply for using a customer managed key. For more information about pricing, see the [AWS Key Management Service Pricing](#) page.

You can create an AWS KMS symmetric customer managed key using the AWS Management Console or programmatically with the AWS KMS APIs.

To create a symmetric customer managed key

Follow the steps for [Creating a symmetric customer managed key](#) in the *AWS Key Management Service Developer Guide*.

Make a note of the key Amazon Resource Name (ARN); you'll need it in [Step 2: Create an AWS Secrets Manager secret](#).

Encryption context

An *encryption context* is an optional set of key-value pairs that contain additional contextual information about the data.

Secrets Manager includes an [encryption context](#) when encrypting and decrypting the SecretString. The encryption context includes the secret ARN, which limits the encryption to that specific secret. As an added measure of security, MediaTailor creates an AWS KMS grant on your behalf. MediaTailor applies a [GrantConstraints](#) operation that only allows us to *decrypt* the SecretString associated with the secret ARN contained in the Secrets Manager encryption context.

For information about how Secrets Manager uses encryption context, see the [Encryption context](#) topic in the *AWS Key Management Service Developer Guide*.

Setting the key policy

Key policies control access to your customer managed key. Every customer managed key must have exactly one key policy, which contains statements that determine who can use the key and how they can use it. When you create your customer managed key you can use the default key policy. For more information, see [Authentication and access control for AWS KMS](#) in the *AWS Key Management Service Developer Guide*.

To use your customer managed key with your MediaTailor source location resources, you must give permission to the IAM principal that calls [CreateSourceLocation](#) or [UpdateSourceLocation](#) to use the following API operations:

- `kms:CreateGrant` – Adds a grant to a customer managed key. MediaTailor creates a grant on your customer managed key that lets it use the key to create or update a source location configured with access token authentication. For more information about using [Grants in AWS KMS](#), see the *AWS Key Management Service Developer Guide*.

This allows MediaTailor to do the following:

- Call `Decrypt` so that it can successfully retrieve your Secrets Manager secret when calling [GetSecretValue](#).
- Call `RetireGrant` to retire the grant when the source location is deleted, or when access to the secret has been revoked.

The following is an example policy statement that you can add for MediaTailor:

```
{  
    "Sid": "Enable MediaTailor Channel Assembly access token usage for the  
    MediaTailorManagement IAM role",  
    "Effect": "Allow",  
    "Principal": {  
        "AWS": "arn:aws:iam::account number:role/MediaTailorManagement"  
    },  
    "Action": "kms:CreateGrant",  
    "Resource": "*",  
    "Condition": {  
        "StringEquals": {  
            "kms:ViaService": "mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com"  
        }  
    }  
}
```

For more information about specifying permissions in a policy and troubleshooting key access, see [Grants in AWS KMS](#) in the *AWS Key Management Service Developer Guide*.

Step 2: Create an AWS Secrets Manager secret

Use Secrets Manager to store your access token in the form of a `SecretString` that's encrypted by an AWS KMS customer managed key. MediaTailor uses the key to decrypt the `SecretString`.

For information about how Secrets Manager uses AWS KMS to protect secrets, see the topic [How AWS Secrets Manager uses AWS KMS](#) in the *AWS Key Management Service Developer Guide*.

If you use AWS Elemental MediaPackage as your source location origin, and would like to use MediaTailor Secrets Manager access token authentication follow the procedure [the section called "Integrating with MediaPackage endpoints that use CDN authorization"](#).

You can create a Secrets Manager secret using the AWS Management Console or programmatically with the Secrets Manager APIs.

To create a secret

Follow the steps for [Create and manage secrets with AWS Secrets Manager](#) in the *AWS Secrets Manager User Guide*.

Keep in mind the following considerations when creating your secret:

- The [KmsKeyId](#) must be the [key ARN](#) of the customer managed key you created in Step 1.
- You must supply a [SecretString](#). The SecretString should be a valid JSON object that includes a key and value containing the access token. For example, {"MyAccessTokenIdentifier": "112233445566"}. The value must between 8-128 characters long.

When you configure your source location with access token authentication, you specify the SecretString key. MediaTailor uses the key to look up and retrieve the access token stored in the SecretString.

Make a note of the secret ARN and the SecretString key. You'll use them when you configure your source location to use access token authentication.

Attaching a resource-based secret policy

To let MediaTailor access the secret value, you must attach a resource-based policy to the secret. For more information, see [Attach a permissions policy to an Secrets Manager Secret](#) in the *AWS Secrets Manager User Guide*.

The following is a policy statement example that you can add for MediaTailor:

```
{  
  "Version": "2012-10-17",  
  "Statement": [  
    {  
      "Effect": "Allow",  
      "Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",  
      "Resource": "arn:aws:secretsmanager:  
        <region>:  
        <account>/secret/<secret-name>"  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

```
"Statement": [  
    {  
        "Effect": "Allow",  
        "Principal": {  
            "Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"  
        },  
        "Action": "secretsmanager:GetSecretValue",  
        "Resource": "<secret ARN>"  
    }  
]
```

Step 3: Configure a MediaTailor source location with access token authentication

You can configure Secrets Manager access token authentication using the AWS Management Console or programmatically with the MediaTailor APIs.

To configure a source location with Secrets Manager access token authentication

Follow the steps for [Access configuration](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor User Guide*.

Integrating with MediaPackage endpoints that use CDN authorization

If you use AWS Elemental MediaPackage as your source location origin, MediaTailor can integrate with MediaPackage endpoints that use CDN authorization.

To integrate with a MediaPackage endpoint that uses CDN authorization, use the following procedure.

To integrate with MediaPackage

1. Complete the steps in [Setting up CDN authorization](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaPackage User Guide*, if you haven't already.
2. Complete the procedure in [the section called "Step 1: Create an AWS KMS symmetric customer managed key"](#).
3. Modify the secret that you created when you set up MediaPackage CDN authorization. Modify the secret with the following values:
 - Update the KmsKeyId with the customer managed key ARN that you created in [the section called "Step 1: Create an AWS KMS symmetric customer managed key"](#).

- (Optional) For the `SecretString`, you can either rotate the UUID to a new value, or you can use the existing encrypted secret as long as it's a key and value pair in a standard JSON format, such as `{"MediaPackageCDNIdentifier": "112233445566778899"}`.
4. Complete the steps in [the section called “Attaching a resource-based secret policy”](#).
 5. Complete the steps in [the section called “Step 3: Configure a MediaTailor source location with access token authentication”](#).

How MediaTailor Secrets Manager access token authentication works

After you create or update a source location to use access token authentication, MediaTailor includes the access token in an HTTP header when requesting source content manifests from your origin.

Here's an overview of how MediaTailor uses Secrets Manager access token authentication for source location origin authentication:

1. When you create or update a MediaTailor source location that uses access token authentication, MediaTailor sends a [DescribeSecret](#) request to Secrets Manager to determine the AWS KMS key associated with the secret. You include the secret ARN in your source location access configuration.
2. MediaTailor creates a [grant](#) for the customer managed key, so that MediaTailor can use the key to access and decrypt the access token stored in the `SecretString`. The grant name will be `MediaTailor-SourceLocation-your AWS account ID-source location name`.

You can revoke access to the grant, or remove MediaTailor's access to the customer managed key at any time. For more information, see [RevokeGrant](#) in the *AWS Key Management Service API Reference*.

3. When a VOD source is created or updated, or used in a program, MediaTailor makes HTTP requests to the source locations to retrieve the source content manifests associated with the VOD sources in the source location. If the VOD source is associated with a source location that has an access token configured, the requests include the access token as an HTTP header value.

Working with VOD sources

A VOD source represents a single piece of content, such as a video or an episode of a podcast, that you add to your source location. You add one or more VOD sources to your source location, and then associate each VOD source with a program after you create your channel.

Each VOD source must have at least one *package configuration*. A package configuration specifies a package format, manifest location, and source group for your VOD source. When you create your channel, you use the package configuration's source groups to create the corresponding outputs on your channel. For example, if your source is packaged in two different formats—HLS and DASH—then you'd create two package configurations, one for DASH and one for HLS. Then, you would create two channel outputs, one for each package configuration. Each channel output provides an endpoint that's used for playback requests. So, using the preceding example, the channel would provide an endpoint for HLS playback requests and an endpoint for DASH playback requests.

If you would like the offsets of ad markers in your manifest to be detected automatically, each ad marker must appear at the same offset across all package configurations and have a duration of zero. For HLS, MediaTailor will detect DATERANGE and EXT-X-CUE-OUT tags. For DASH, HLS will detect the first Event tag within each EventStream tag.

In the following example, an ad break opportunity will be detected at an offset of 12000ms because of the DATERANGE tag with a duration of 0.0. The first DATERANGE tag at an offset of 0ms will not be detected because it has a duration of 10.0.

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:6
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:0
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="1001",START-DATE="2021-09-16T23:51:05.249Z",DURATION=10.0,SCTE35-
OUT=0xFC302500000003289800FFF01405000003E97FEFFE1D381BD8FE000DBBA00001010100000FD2B275
#EXTINF:6.000,
../../../../719f911124e0495cbb067c91c1d6c298/1785a16ca14d4c2884781f25333f6766/index_1_0.ts
#EXTINF:6.000,
../../../../719f911124e0495cbb067c91c1d6c298/1785a16ca14d4c2884781f25333f6766/index_1_1.ts
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID="1001",START-DATE="2021-09-16T23:51:05.249Z",DURATION=0.0,SCTE35-
OUT=0xFC302500000003289800FFF01405000003E97FEFFE1D381BD8FE000DBBA00001010100000FD2B275
#EXTINF:6.000,
../../../../719f911124e0495cbb067c91c1d6c298/1785a16ca14d4c2884781f25333f6766/index_1_2.ts
```

In the following example, an ad break opportunity will be detected at an offset of 0ms because the EXT-X-CUE-OUT tag has a duration of 0 and is followed immediately by an EXT-X-CUE-IN tag. The second EXT-X-CUE-OUT/EXT-X-CUE-IN pair will not be detected because it has a duration of 10.

```
#EXTM3U
#EXT-X-VERSION:3
#EXT-X-TARGETDURATION:6
#EXT-X-MEDIA-SEQUENCE:0
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT:0
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXTINF:6.000,
../../../../719f911124e0495cbb067c91c1d6c298/1785a16ca14d4c2884781f25333f6766/index_1_0.ts
#EXTINF:6.000,
../../../../719f911124e0495cbb067c91c1d6c298/1785a16ca14d4c2884781f25333f6766/index_1_1.ts
#EXT-X-CUE-OUT:10
...
#EXT-X-CUE-IN
#EXTINF:6.000,
../../../../719f911124e0495cbb067c91c1d6c298/1785a16ca14d4c2884781f25333f6766/index_1_2.ts
```

In the following example, an ad break opportunity will be detected at an offset of 0ms because the first Event in the EventStream occurs in the period starting at PT0.000S. The second Event in the EventStream will not be detected.

```
<Period start="PT0.000S" id="9912561" duration="PT29.433S">
<EventStream timescale="90000" schemaIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml">
<Event duration="0">
  <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="1241950593" tier="4095">
    <scte35:SpliceInsert spliceEventId="99" spliceEventCancelIndicator="false"
    outOfNetworkIndicator="true" spliceImmediateFlag="false" uniqueProgramId="1"
    availNum="1" availsExpected="1">
      <scte35:Program><scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="3552273000"/></scte35:Program>
      <scte35:BreakDuration autoReturn="true" duration="2700000"/>
    </scte35:SpliceInsert>
  </scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
</Event>
<Event duration="0">
  <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="1241950593" tier="4095">
    <scte35:SpliceInsert spliceEventId="99" spliceEventCancelIndicator="false"
    outOfNetworkIndicator="true" spliceImmediateFlag="false" uniqueProgramId="1"
    availNum="1" availsExpected="1">
```

```
<scte35:Program><scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="3552273000"/></scte35:Program>
<scte35:BreakDuration autoReturn="true" duration="2700000"/>
</scte35:SpliceInsert>
</scte35:SpliceInfoSection>
</Event>
</EventStream>
...
</Period>
```

Adding VOD sources to your source location

The following procedure explains how to add VOD sources to your source location and set up package configurations using the MediaTailor console. For information about how to add VOD sources using the MediaTailor API, see [CreateVodSource](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference*.

Important

Before you add your VOD sources, make sure that they meet these requirements:

- Source variants must all have the same length, as determined by the source manifest.
- Within a package configuration, each source must have the same number of child streams.

Because of these requirements, we don't support per title or automated ABR, because these encoding methods can produce varying manifest lengths and child streams.

We recommend that you use an encoding template that includes a minimum segment length to ensure that your encoded sources meet these requirements.

To add VOD sources to your source locations

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Source locations**.
3. In the **Source locations** pane, choose the source location that you created in the [To create a source location](#) procedure.
4. Choose **Add VOD source**.
5. Under **VOD source details**, enter a name for your VOD source:

- **Name:** An identifier for your VOD source, such as **my-example-video**.
6. Under **Package configurations** > *source-group-name* enter information about the package configuration:

 **Note**

Your source's package configurations must all have the same duration, as determined by the source's manifest. And, all of the sources within a package configuration must have the same number of child streams. To meet these requirements, we recommend that you use an encoding template for your assets. We recommend that you use an encoding template with a minimum segment length of one second. MediaTailor doesn't support per title or automated adaptive bitrate streaming (ABR) because these encoding methods violate these requirements.

- **Source group:** Enter a source group name that describes this package configuration, such as HLS-4k. Make a note of this name; you'll reference it when you create your channel's output. For more information, see [Using source groups with your channel's outputs](#).
- **Type:** Select the packaged format for this configuration. MediaTailor supports HLS and DASH.
- **Relative path:** The relative path from the source location's **Base HTTP URL** to the manifest. For example, **/my/path/index.m3u8**.

 **Note**

MediaTailor automatically imports all of the closed captions and child streams contained within a parent multivariant playlist. You don't need to create separate package configurations for each of your sources renditions (DASH) or variant streams (HLS).

For more information about package configurations, see [Using package configurations](#).

7. Choose **Add VOD source**.

If you want to add more VOD sources, repeat steps 4-7 in the procedure.

Working with live sources

A *live source* represents a single live stream, such as a live football game or news broadcast, that you add to your source location. After you create your channel, you add one or more live sources to your source location, and then associate each live source with a program.

MediaTailor supports these types of linear channel assembly:

- VOD sources for a channel that contains VOD-to-live content
- Live sources for a channel that contains live-to-live content intermixed with VOD-to-live content

An example of VOD-to-live content is a channel that assembles a library of VOD assets into a live stream. One example of live-to-live content mixed with VOD-to-live content is a channel that shows mostly VOD content, except for a nightly news event or a pre-scheduled live sporting event. Another example of live-to-live content mixed with VOD-to-live content is an all live-to-live channel with origins that vary based on the time of day.

You can use live sources to set up a regional channel that shows mostly national programming, but also includes regional programming overrides, and has VOD content mixed in. To do so, you run one encoder/packager pair for the national content, then run regional encoders when those regions are live. Then, you create regional channel-assembly channels, each with their own schedules. This way, viewers can switch back and forth as needed. This setup helps you minimize encoding/packaging costs.

Each live source must have at least one package configuration. A *package configuration* specifies a package format, manifest location, and source group for your live source. When you create your channel, you use the package configuration's source groups to create the corresponding outputs on your channel. For example, if your source is packaged in two different formats—HLS and DASH—then you'd create two package configurations, one for DASH and one for HLS. Then, you'd create two channel outputs, one for each package configuration. Each channel output provides an endpoint that's used for playback requests. In this example, the channel provides an endpoint for HLS playback requests and an endpoint for DASH playback requests.

General requirements for using live sources

When you use live sources, your content must align with the following general requirements:

- HLS live sources - You must provide #EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME tags for the first segment in the manifest window, and on every discontinuity.

- HLS - You must configure ad markers as DATERANGE.
- Source manifest window - We recommend using a manifest window with a duration that's at least as long as the manifest window on your MediaTailor Channel Assembly channel. As a best practice, consider using a manifest window duration that's 30 seconds or longer than the manifest window on the Channel Assembly channel.
- Make the target duration match the duration of the existing sources.
- Make the number of child playlists match that of the existing sources.

Configurations

If you use other AWS Elemental media services as part of your live sources workflow, we recommend following best practices when setting up your MediaPackage configuration. The following table describes how to configure MediaPackage settings based on the streaming standard you use.

MediaPackage setup for live sources

Standard	Setting	Value	Necessity	Notes
HLS	Endpoint type	Apple HLS	Required unless using CMAF	To match HLS ts AWS Elemental MediaConvert jobs
HLS	Endpoint type	CMAF	Required unless using Apple HLS	To match HLS mp4 AWS Elemental MediaConvert jobs
HLS	ProgramDate-TimeIntervalSeconds	1	Required	You must specify #EXT-X-PROGRAM-DATE-TIME on every segment in order to prevent

Standard	Setting	Value	Necessity	Notes
				playback issues when there are discontinuities.
HLS	PlaylistWindowSeconds	30 seconds longer than the channel assembly manifest window	Required	
HLS	AdMarkers	DATERANGE	Required when passing through ad markers	
HLS	IncludeIframeOnlyStream	Disabled	Recommended	
DASH	ManifestLayout	FULL	Recommended	
DASH	SegmentTemplateFormat	NUMBER_WITH_TIMELINE or TIME_WITH_TIMELINE	Recommended	NUMBER_WITH_DURATION is not supported.
DASH	ManifestWindowSeconds	30 seconds longer than the channel assembly manifest window	Required	

Standard	Setting	Value	Necessity	Notes
DASH	PeriodTriggers	ADS	Required when passing through ad markers	

Adding live sources to your source location

The following procedure explains how to use the MediaTailor console to add live sources to your source location and set up package configurations. For information about how to add live sources using the MediaTailor API, see [CreateLiveSource](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference*.

Important

Before you add your live sources, make sure that within a package configuration, each source has the same number of child streams.

To add live sources to your source locations

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Source locations**.
3. In the **Source locations** pane, choose the source location that you created in the [To create a source location](#) procedure.
4. On the **Live sources** tab, choose **Add live source**.
5. Under **live source details**, enter a name for your live source:
 - **Name:** An identifier for your live source, such as **my-example-video**.
6. Under **Package configurations** > *source-group-name* enter information about the package configuration:

Note

Within a package configuration, all of the VOD sources and live sources must have the same number of child streams. We recommend that you configure your source streams the same way.

- **Source group:** Enter a source group name that describes this package configuration, such as HLS-4k. Make a note of this name; you'll reference it when you create your channel's output. For more information, see [Using source groups with your channel's outputs](#).
- **Type:** Select the packaged format for this configuration. MediaTailor supports HLS and DASH.
- **Relative path:** The relative path from the source location's **Base HTTP URL** to the manifest. For example, `/my/path/index.m3u8`.

 **Note**

MediaTailor automatically imports all of the closed captions and child streams contained within a parent multivariant playlist. You don't need to create separate package configurations for each of your sources renditions (DASH) or variant streams (HLS).

For more information about package configurations, see [Using package configurations](#).

7. Choose **Add live source**.

If you want to add more live sources, repeat steps 4-6 in the procedure.

Using package configurations

A package configuration is a representation of the source that contains the various packaging characteristics required for playback on different devices. For example, you might have a source that has three packaged formats: HLS with DRM, DASH with segment timeline addressing, and HLS with CMAF segments.

Channel assembly doesn't repackage your sources. If you want to include multiple packaged formats for a given source, you must make each packaged format available at the source location and specify the path to each packaged format.

Each package configuration object must include the following:

- **Relative path** - The full path to the source's packaged format, relative to the source location. For example, `/my/path/index.m3u8`.

- **Source group** - The name of the source group used to associate package configurations with a channel's output.
- **Type** - Either HLS or DASH.

After you have created a channel, you must also declare each source group that you want to use for the channel's output.

Manifest caching

MediaTailor periodically and opportunistically caches source playlists to improve channel assembly performance and reliability. Sometimes, the cached version becomes stale compared to the origin version at your source location. To force MediaTailor to refresh the cached version of the source, call [UpdateVodSource](#). For example, use this call when the embedded paths change in your source. Make sure that you always keep an up-to-date version of the source available on your source location, even if you see few requests from MediaTailor.

Working with channels

A channel assembles your source manifests into a linear stream. Each channel contains one or more outputs that correspond to your package configurations.

First you create a channel, then you add your VOD sources and live sources to the channel's schedule by creating *programs*. Each program is associated with a VOD source or a live source.

Topics

- [Create a channel using the MediaTailor console](#)
- [Using source groups with your channel's outputs](#)
- [Delete a channel using the MediaTailor console](#)

Create a channel using the MediaTailor console

The following procedure describes how to create a channel using the MediaTailor console.

To create a channel

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Channels**.

3. On the navigation bar, choose **Create channel**.
4. Under **Channel details**, enter details about your channel:
 - **Name:** Enter a name for your channel.
 - **Tier:** The tier determines what features the channel supports and how much it costs to run the channel. For more information about pricing, see the [Channel Assembly pricing page](#). MediaTailor supports the following tiers:
 - **Basic** - The Basic tier supports both the Linear and Loop playback modes, and does not support live sources.
 - **Standard** - The Standard tier supports live sources, and requires the Linear playback mode.
- When you select **Standard** in **Channel details**, you can define the audiences under **Audiences details**. These audiences will be used for programRules when you are going to create audienceMedia for your default program..
 - Choose **Add**.
 - Enter the **Audience** name in the text box. It must be between 1 and 32 alphanumeric characters long.
 - Choose **Confirm**.
 - Choose **Next**.
- **Playback mode:** The playback mode sets the channel's playback behavior. MediaTailor supports the following playback modes:
 - **Loop** - The programs in the schedule play back-to-back in an endless loop. After the last program plays in a schedule, playback loops back to the first program. Playback continues looping until you stop the channel.
 - **Linear** - Each program in the schedule plays once, back-to-back.
5. For **Filler slate**, select the **Source location name** referencing the slate location, and the **VOD source name** to use as slate. MediaTailor uses the slate to fill gaps between programs in the schedule. If the duration of the slate is less than the duration of the gap between programs, MediaTailor loops the slate. You must configure filler slate field is if your channel uses the linear playback mode. MediaTailor doesn't support filler slate for the loop playback mode.
6. Choose **Next**.
7. Specify audience details under program rules.

8. When you select **Standard** in **Channel details**, you can define the audiences under **Audiences** details. These audiences will be used for **programRules** when you are going to create **audienceMedia** for your default program:

- Select **Add**, and then add an Audience in the text box, then select **Confirm**.

 **Note**

Enter a name that's no longer than_ 32 alphanumeric characters.

- **Output type:** Select the streaming format for the channel. DASH and HLS are supported.
- **Source group:** Enter the name of the source group that you created in your package configuration, as described in [Adding VOD sources to your source location](#).

9. Select **Next**.

10. Under **Manifest settings**, enter additional information about your manifest settings:

- **Manifest window (sec):** The time window,in seconds, contained in each manifest. The minimum value is 30 seconds, and the maximum value is 3600 seconds.
- **Ad markup type(HLS outputs only):** The type of ad tags that appear in VOD program ad breaks. Select Daterange to have MediaTailor insert ad breaks into VOD programs with EXT-X-DATERANGE tags. Select Scte35 Enhanced to have MediaTailor insert ad breaks into VOD programs using EXT-X-CUE-OUT and EXT-X-CUE-IN tags. For more information about these tag types, see [SCTE-35 messages for ad breaks](#). For live workflows, MediaTailor always passes through DATERANGE tags, and doesn't pass through any Enhanced Scte35 tags, regardless of the selected Ad markup type.

11. If you want to configure multiple channel outputs, under **Outputs** choose **Add**. Then, configure the details for your output by completing the steps 6 and 7 in this procedure.

12. Choose **Next**.

13. Under **Channel policy**, choose your channel's IAM policy settings:

- **Do not attach channel policy:** Restrict playback to only those who have access to this account's credentials.
- **Attach custom policy:** Define your own policy and restrict access to as few or as many as you want.
- **Attach public policy:** Accept all incoming client requests to a channel's output. You must use this option if you want to use MediaTailor ad insertion.

14. Choose **Next**.
15. Review your settings on the **Review and create** pane.
16. Choose **Create channel**.

 **Note**

Channels are created in a stopped state. Your channel won't be active until you start it with the MediaTailor console or the MediaTailor StartChannel API.

Using source groups with your channel's outputs

A source group associates a package configuration with an output on a channel. When you create the package configuration on the source, you identify the source group's name. Then, when you create the output on the channel, you enter that same name to associate the output with the package configuration. VOD sources and live sources that are added to a program on a channel must belong to the source group that's identified in the output.

For example:

- VOD sources 1 and 2 both have three package configurations that have the source groups: **HLS**, **DASH**, and **HLS-4k**.
- VOD source 3 has two package configurations with source groups **HLS** and **DASH**.

If channel A has two outputs with source groups **HLS** and **DASH**, the channel output can use all three VOD sources. That's because VOD sources 1, 2, and 3 all have package configurations with source group labels **HLS** and **DASH**.

If channel B has two outputs with source groups **HLS** and **HLS-4k**, it can use VOD source 1 and 2, but not 3. This is because VOD sources 1 and 2 both have package configurations with source group labels **HLS** and **HLS-4k**.

If channel C has a single output with the source group **DASH**, it can use all three VOD sources. All three VOD sources have package configurations with the **DASH** source group.

Delete a channel using the MediaTailor console

To delete your channel, complete the following procedure.

To delete your channel

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Channels**.
3. Select the channel that you want to delete.
4. If your channel is running, from the **Actions** drop-down menu, choose **Stop**. You must stop your channel before you can delete it.
5. When your channel is stopped, from the **Actions** drop-down menu, choose **Delete**.

Adding a program to a channel's schedule

Each program contains a VOD source or a live source that's part of a source location in your account. You add your programs to your channel's schedule to control the order that they play in your channel's stream.

A program that contains a VOD source can be configured with one or more ad breaks. Each ad break contains a slate, which is a VOD source from a source location. To create the ad break, you add the slate at an offset in milliseconds into the program.

Topics

- [Creating a program within a channel schedule using the MediaTailor console](#)
- [Defining audience cohorts and alternate content with Program Rules](#)
- [Generating audience-specific manifests](#)

Creating a program within a channel schedule using the MediaTailor console

The following procedure describes how to create a program within your channel's schedule using the MediaTailor console. It also describes how to configure ad breaks, which are optional. For information about how to create programs using the MediaTailor API, see [CreateProgram](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference*.

To add a program

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Channels**.
3. In the **Channels** pane, choose the channel that you created in the [To create a channel](#) procedure.
4. In the **Program details** enter details about your program:
 - **Name:** This is the name of the program that you add to your channel.
 - **Source type:** Determines what type of source video the program plays. This option is only available for Standard channels.
 - **VOD** - The program plays a video-on-demand source, such as a pre-recorded TV episode.
 - **Live** - The program plays a live source, such as a live news broadcast.
 - **Source location name:** The source location that MediaTailor associates with the program.
 - If you choose **Select an existing source location**, choose a source location name from the **Select a source location** menu. Alternatively, search for your source location by name. This is helpful if you have a large number of source locations.
 - If you choose **Enter the source location name**, search for your source location by name.
 - **VOD source name:** The name of the VOD source that MediaTailor associates with the program:
 - If you choose **Select an existing VOD source**, select a VOD source name from the list of VOD sources that are associated with your account. Alternatively, search for your VOD source by name. This is helpful if you have a large number of VOD sources.
 - If you choose **Search by name**, search for your live source by name.
 - **Live source name:** The name of the live source to be associated with the program. This option is only available if you selected **Live** as the source type.
 - If you choose **Select an existing source location**, choose a source location name from the **Select a source location** menu. Alternatively, search for your source location by name. This is helpful if you have a large number of source locations.
 - If you choose **Enter the source location name**, search for your source location by name.
 - **VOD source name:** The name of the VOD source that MediaTailor associates with the program:

- If you choose **Select an existing live source**, select a live source name from the list of live sources that are associated with your account. You can alternatively search for your live source by name. This is helpful if you have a large number of live sources.
 - If you choose **Search by name**, search for your live source by name.
5. Select **Next** to go to the **Schedule Configuration** tab.
6. Under **Playback configuration**, define when a program plays in your channel's schedule:
- **Duration in milliseconds**: Defines the duration of the program in milliseconds. This option is only available for programs that use live sources.
 - **Transition type**: Defines the transitions from program to program in the schedule:
 - **Relative**: The program plays either before or after another program in the schedule. This option is only available for programs that use VOD sources.
 - **Absolute**: The program plays at a specific wall-clock time. MediaTailor makes a best effort to play the program at the clock time that you specify. MediaTailor starts playback of the program on a common segment boundary between the preceding program or slate. This option is only available for channels configured to use the linear [Playback mode: The playback mode sets the channel's playback behavior. MediaTailor supports the following playback modes:](#)
 - **Program start time**: For absolute transition types, the wall-clock time when the program is scheduled to play. If you are adding this program to a running linear channel, you must enter a start time that's 15 minutes or later from the current time.
 - **Relative position**: Choose where to insert the program into the schedule, relative to another program. You can select **Before program** or **After program**. This setting does not apply if this is the first program in your channel's schedule.
 - If you choose **Select an existing program**, select the program name from a predefined list of the next 100 programs played by the channel from the **Use existing program** menu.
 - If you choose **Search for a program by name**, enter the name of an existing program in your channel.

If you'd like to add ad breaks to your program, continue to the next step. Ad breaks are only configurable for programs that use VOD sources. For live sources, ad breaks in DASH manifests and ad breaks in HLS manifests that use the EXT-X-DATERANGE tag are passed through automatically.

7. Select **Next** to go to **Add ad breaks**.
8. Select **Add ad break**. Under **Ad breaks**, configure the settings for the ad break:
 - **Slate source location name**: Choose **Select an existing source location** and choose the source location where your slate is stored that you created earlier in this task.
 - **VOD source name**: Choose **Select an existing VOD source** and choose the VOD source you're using for slate that you added earlier in this task. The duration of the slate determines the duration of the ad break.
 - **Offset in milliseconds**: This value determines the ad break start time in milliseconds, as an offset relative to the beginning of the program. Enter any value that's less than the duration of the VOD source, and that aligns with a segment boundary on all tracks within the program's VOD source (all audio, video and closed caption tracks), otherwise the ad break will be skipped. For example, if you enter **0**, this creates a pre-roll ad break that plays before the program begins.

9. For a Standard Linear Channel, select **Next** to go to **Set alternate media**.

For more information on using MediaTailor to create alternate media, see [Creating alternate media](#).

For more advanced information on using MediaTailor to personalize your ad breaks, see [Insert personalized ads and ad breaks in a channel stream](#).

10. Select **Next** to go to **Review and create**.
11. Select **Add program**.

For more advanced information on using MediaTailor to personalize your ad breaks, see [Insert personalized ads and ad breaks in a channel stream](#).

12.

 **Important**

For looping channels, if you modify the program list for a program that is scheduled within the next 10 minutes, the edit won't become apparent until the next loop.

Under **Program details**, enter details about your program:

- **Name:** This is the name of the program that you add to your channel.
- **Source type:** Determines what type of source the program plays. This option is only available for Standard channels.
 - **VOD** - The program plays a VOD source, such as a pre-recorded TV episode.
 - **Live** - The program plays a live source, such as a live news broadcast.
- **Source location name:** The source location to be associated with the program.

If you choose **Select an existing source location**, select a source location name from the **Select a source location** drop-down menu. You can alternatively search for your source location by name. This is helpful if you have a large number of source locations.

If you choose **Enter the source location name**, search for your source location by name.

- **VOD source name:** The name of the VOD source to be associated with the program.

If you choose **Select an existing VOD source**, select a VOD source name from the list of VOD sources that are associated with your account. You can alternatively search for your VOD source by name. This is helpful if you have a large number of VOD sources.

If you choose **Search by name**, search for your VOD source by name.

- **Live source name:** The name of the live source to be associated with the program. This option is only available if you selected **Live** as the source type.

If you choose **Select an existing live source**, select a live source name from the list of live sources that are associated with your account. You can alternatively search for your live source by name. This is helpful if you have a large number of live sources.

If you choose **Search by name**, search for your live source by name.

13. Under **Playback configuration**, define when a program plays in your channel's schedule:

- **Duration in milliseconds:** Defines the duration of the program in milliseconds. This option is only available for programs that use live sources.
- **Transition type:** Defines the transitions from program to program in the schedule.
 - **Relative** - The program plays either before or after another program in the schedule. This option is only available for programs that use VOD sources.
 - **Absolute** - The program plays at a specific wall clock time. MediaTailor makes a best effort to play the program at the clock time that you specify. We start playback of the program on a common segment boundary between the preceding program or slate. This option is only available for channels configured to use the [linear playback mode](#).

Note

Be aware of the following behavior for absolute transition types:

- If the preceding program in the schedule has a duration that extends beyond the wall clock time, MediaTailor truncates the preceding program on the common segment boundary closest to the wall clock time.
- If there are gaps between programs in the schedule, MediaTailor plays [filler slate](#). If the duration of the slate is less than the duration of the gap, MediaTailor loops the slate.

- **Program start time** - For absolute transition types, the wall clock time when the program is scheduled to play. If you are adding this program to a running linear channel, you must enter a start time that's 15 minutes or later from the current time.
- **Relative position:** Choose where to insert the program into schedule relative to another program. You can select **Before program** or **After program**. This setting does not apply if this is the first program in your channel's schedule.
- **Relative program:** The name of the program to be used to insert the new program before or after. This setting does not apply if this is the first program in your channel's schedule.

If you choose **Select an existing program**, select the program name from a predefined list of the next 100 programs played by the channel in the **Use existing program** drop-down menu.

If you choose **Search for a program by name**, enter name of an existing program in your channel.

If you'd like to add ad breaks to your program, continue to the next step. Ad breaks are only configurable for programs that use VOD sources. For live sources, ad breaks in DASH manifests and ad breaks in HLS manifests that use the EXT-X-DATERANGE tag are passed through automatically.

14. Select **Add ad break**. Under **Ad breaks**, configure the settings for the ad break:

- **Slate source location name:** Choose **Select an existing source location** and choose the source location where your slate is stored that you created earlier in this tutorial.
- **VOD source name:** Choose **Select an existing VOD source** and choose the VOD source you're using for slate that you added earlier in this tutorial. The duration of the slate determines the duration of the ad break.
- For **Offset in milliseconds:** This value determines the ad break start time in milliseconds, as an offset relative to the beginning of the program. Enter any value that's less than the duration of the VOD source, and that aligns with a segment boundary on all tracks within the program's VOD source (all audio, video and closed caption tracks), otherwise the ad break will be skipped. For example, if you enter **0**, this creates a pre-roll ad break that plays before the program begins.

 **Note**

If MediaTailor detects ad markers, such as DATERANGE or EXT-X-CUE-OUT for HLS and EventStream for DASH, with durations of zero within your VOD source, you can select the offset of those ad markers from the drop-down menu to be used as the ad break's offset. In order for an ad opportunity to be detected, it must be present at the same offset across all package configurations within a VOD source, and its duration must be zero.

- For **Avail number**, this is written to `splice_insert.avail_num`, as defined in section 9.7.3.1. of the SCTE-35 specification. The default value is **0**. Values have to be between **0** and **256**, inclusive.

For **Avail expected**, this is written to `splice_insert.avails_expected`, as defined in section 9.7.3.1. of the SCTE-35 specification. The default value is **0**. Values have to be between **0** and **256**, inclusive.

For **Splice event ID**, this is written to `splice_insert.splice_event_id`, as defined in section 9.7.3.1. of the SCTE-35 specification. The default value is 1.

For **Unique program ID**, this is written to `splice_insert.unique_program_id`, as defined in section 9.7.3.1. of the SCTE-35 specification. The default value is 0. Values have to be between 0 and 256, inclusive.

15. Choose **Add program**.

For more advanced information using MediaTailor to personalize your ad breaks, see [Insert personalized ads and ad breaks in a channel stream](#).

Note

If your channel has at least one output with an Enhanced Scte35 Ad markup type, you can submit ad-break metadata. MediaTailor writes the submitted key-value pairs to the EXT-X-ASSET tag for your ad break.

Defining audience cohorts and alternate content with Program Rules

With Program Rules, you can define audience cohorts for a channel and specify alternate media to play for those audiences. You can associate one or more alternate content sources with an audience for a program. After the program ends, the default audience content will play unless you specify further alternate media.

Program Rules are available on STANDARD tier channels with the LINEAR playback mode. MediaTailor channels support alternate media for all VOD sources and live sources.

For an example use, see [Using program rules with AWS MediaTailor](#).

Defining audiences

Define audiences on a channel by typing audience one by one when configuring a MediaTailor channel. You can do this through either the MediaTailor console or the MediaTailor CreateChannel API. Each audience must be between 1 and 32 alphanumeric characters long. If the values provided for the audiences are invalid, then the request fails.

You can only define audiences on STANDARD tier channels with the LINEAR playback mode.

When you need to update the audiences, you can do this using either the MediaTailor console or the MediaTailor `UpdateChannel` API.

If you are using the `ProgramRules` feature, make sure that the `AudienceMedia` defined in `CreateProgram` or `UpdateProgram` request contain the existing audience defined in the channel.

Creating alternate media

The following task explains how to define alternate media using the MediaTailor console. For information about how to define alternate media using the MediaTailor API, see [CreateProgram](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference*.

To define alternate media on a new program:

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, select **Channel assembly > Channels**.
3. Select the channel name to which you want to add alternate media.
4. Create a program. For more information, see [Creating a program within a channel schedule using the MediaTailor console](#).
5. Configure alternate media:
 - Select **Add** in the **Audiences** box to select the audience for which you are defining alternate media.
 - Select an audience defined on the channel from the **Audience** menu.
 - Select **Add alternate media** to begin defining alternate media for the program.
 - MediaTailor creates an **Alternate media 1** box. This is the first content that MediaTailor plays as alternate media on the program.
 - Within the **Alternate media 1** box:
 - Select a **Source Location**.
 - Select either a **VOD** or **Live** **Source Type**:

For VOD

- Select **VOD** for the **Source Type**.
- (Optional) specify a **Clip Range**. With VOD Sources, including alternate-media VOD sources, you can specify a portion of a VOD source to play, clipping from the start and/or the end of the source. Specify The start and end offsets are in milliseconds.

- (Optional) Add Ad Breaks. This is done in the same way as when creating programs.

For more information, see [Creating a program within a channel schedule using the MediaTailor console](#).

For Live

- Select Live for the **Source Type**.
- Select a **Live source**.
- Enter a **Start time** in milliseconds of the wall-clock time that this live source should start. The live source will only play within the time frame of the default program it is being defined on. If the start time is prior to the start of the default program, it will not begin until the default program does. If the start time is after the default program ends, MediaTailor will not play the live source.
- Enter a **Duration** in milliseconds. The duration must be at least 10 minutes in length.
- Additional alternate media can be added to this program for the audience by selecting **Add alternate media** again. This will create another box labeled **Alternate media 2**. You can specify up to 5 alternate-media sources per program, per audience.
- Once you are finished defining alternate media for all desired audiences, select **Next** and continue creating the program.

For more information, see [Creating a program within a channel schedule using the MediaTailor console](#).

Note

Alternate media only plays in the time frame of the program it is defined on. If all the alternate content overruns the default content, MediaTailor will truncate it. MediaTailor plays alternate media in the order in which it is defined. Live alternate media start times will always take precedence and will truncate previously scheduled VOD sources or live sources. Any time that is not filled with alternate media for an audience will be filled with the channel-defined filler slate

- To define audience media for other audiences, select **Add** once again next to **Audiences**. Select the newly created audience, set the audience id and add alternate media as described above. Up to 5 audiences can have alternate media on any one program.

Generating audience-specific manifests

To retrieve a manifest for a particular audience, use the `aws.mediatailor.channel.audienceId` query parameter. This query parameter may be dynamically appended by your CDN or added through a call to your content or customer-management system. You must maintain the association of a given playback session to an `audienceId` outside of MediaTailor. This will retrieve an audience-specific manifest with any alternate media defined for that audience in place of default content. It is important that once a manifest is requested for a particular audience that the player always requests the manifest with that same audience ID or there could be playback errors.

If a request is made for an audience that does not exist on the channel, MediaTailor returns a 404 error.

Example Getting a manifest for an audience

```
https://prefix>.channel-assembly.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/v1/channel/ExampleChannel/index_dash.mpd?  
aws.mediatailor.channel.audienceId=Seattle
```

Insert personalized ads and ad breaks in a channel stream

With MediaTailor, you can monetize channel assembly linear streams by inserting ad breaks in your programs without conditioning the content with SCTE-35 markers. You can use channel assembly with the MediaTailor ad insertion service, or with any server-side ad insertion (SSAI).

The following topics show how to insert personalized ads and ad breaks in your channel's linear stream.

Topics

- [Setting up ad insertion with MediaTailor](#)
- [SCTE-35 messages for ad breaks](#)

Setting up ad insertion with MediaTailor

To insert personalized ads into your channel's stream, your channel's endpoint URL is the content source for AWS Elemental MediaTailor. This guide shows how to set up MediaTailor for ad insertion.

Prerequisites

Before you begin, make sure that you meet the following requirements:

- Prepare your HLS and DASH streams for MediaTailor ad insertion.
 - If you haven't prepared content streams already, see [Step 2: Prepare a stream](#) in the *Getting started with MediaTailor ad insertion* topic.
- Have an ad decision server (ADS).
- Configure **Ad break** settings in the program. For more information, see the [Configuring ad breaks for your program](#) procedure.

As a best practice, consider using a content delivery network (CDN) in between channel assembly and MediaTailor ad insertion. The MediaTailor ad insertion service can generate additional origin requests. Therefore, it's a best practice to configure your CDN to proxy the manifests from channel assembly, then use the CDN prefixed URLs at the content source URL.

Configure MediaTailor for ad insertion

The following shows how to configure MediaTailor console settings so that you can insert personalized ads into your channel's stream.

To configure MediaTailor for ad insertion

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Configurations**.
3. Under **Required settings**, enter the basic required information about your configuration:
 - **Name:** The name of your configuration.
 - **Content source:** Enter the playback URL from your channel's output, minus the file name and extension. For advanced information about MediaTailor configuration, see [Required settings](#).
 - **Ad decision server:** Enter the URL for your ADS.
4. You can optionally configure the **Configuration aliases**, **Personalization details**, and **Advanced settings**. For information about those settings, see [Optional configuration settings](#).
5. On the navigation bar, choose **Create configuration**.

Now that you've set up MediaTailor for ad insertion, you can also set up ad breaks. For detailed instructions, see [Getting started with MediaTailor ad insertion](#).

SCTE-35 messages for ad breaks

With MediaTailor, you can create a content channel based off of source location and VOD source resources. You can then set up one or more ad breaks for each of the programs on a channel's schedule. You use messages based on the SCTE-35 specification to condition the content for ad breaks. For example, you can use SCTE-35 messages to provide metadata about the ad breaks. For more information about the SCTE-35 specification, see [Digital Program Insertion Cueing Message](#).

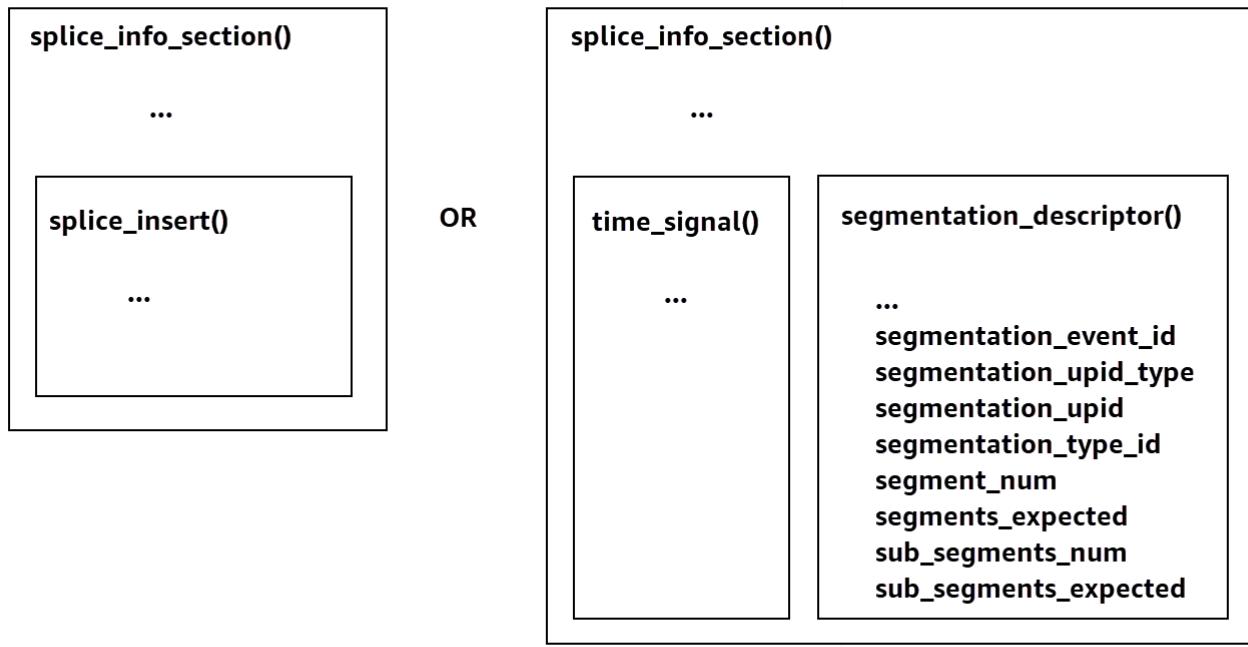
You set up the ad breaks in one of two ways:

- Attaching a `time_signal` SCTE-35 message with a `segmentation_descriptor` message. This `segmentation_descriptor` message contains more advanced metadata fields, like content identifiers, which convey more information about the ad break. MediaTailor writes the ad metadata to the output manifest as part of the EXT-X-DATERANGE (HLS) or EventStream (DASH) ad marker's SCTE-35 data.
- Attaching a `splice_insert` SCTE-35 message that provides basic metadata about the ad break.
- HLS:
 - When the Ad markup type is `Daterange`, MediaTailor specifies ad breaks as EXT-X-DATERANGE tags in the manifest.
 - When the Ad markup type is `Scte35 Enhanced`, MediaTailor specifies ad breaks using the following tags:
 - MediaTailor places an EXT-X-CUE-OUT on the first segment of the ad slate, indicating a cut from content to the ad break. It contains the expected duration of ad break, such as `EXT-X-CUE-OUT:Duration=30`.
 - `>EXT-X-ASSET`: This tag appears on the same segment as EXT-X-CUE-OUT and contains the ad-break metadata supplied in the AdBreak when the program is created or updated. It always contains CAID.
 - `EXT-OATCLS-SCTE35`: This tag appears on the same segment as EXT-X-CUE-OUT and contains base64-encoded bytes of the SCTE-35 message.
 - `EXT-X-CUE-OUT-CONT`: This tag appears on each subsequent segment within the ad slate, and contains duration and elapsed-time information. It also contains the base64-encoded SCTE-35 message, and the CAID.

- EXT-X-CUE-IN: This tag appears on the first segment of content after the ad break is over, and indicates a cut from an ad break back to content.

The following illustration shows the two ways of setting up ad breaks in a channel using SCTE-35 messages:

- Use a `splice_insert()` message to set up ad breaks with basic metadata.
- Use a `time_signal()` message together with a `segmentation_descriptor()` message to set up ad breaks with more detailed metadata.



For information about using `time_signal`, see section 9.7.4 of the 2022 SCTE-35 specification, [Digital Program Insertion Cueing Message](#).

The ad break information appears in the output `splice_info_section` SCTE-35 data. With MediaTailor, you can pair a single `segmentation_descriptor` message together with a single `time_signal` message.

Note

If you send a `segmentation_descriptor` message, you must send it as part of the `time_signal` message type. The `time_signal` message contains only the `splice_time` field that MediaTailor constructs using a given timestamp.

The following table describes the fields that MediaTailor requires for each `segmentation_descriptor` message. For more information, see section 10.3.3.1 of the 2022 SCTE-35 specification, which you can purchase at the [ANSI Webstore website](#).

Required fields for a `segmentation_descriptor` message

Field	Type	Default value	Description
<code>segmentation_event_id</code>	integer	1	This is written to <code>segmentation_descriptor.segmentation_event_id</code> .
<code>segmentation_upid_type</code>	integer	14 (0x0E)	This is written to <code>segmentation_descriptor.segmentation_upid_type</code> . The value must be between 0 and 256, inclusive.
<code>segmentation_upid</code>	string	"" (empty string)	This is written to <code>segmentation_descriptor.segmentation_upid</code> . The value must be a

Field	Type	Default value	Description
			hexadecimal string, containing characters 0-9 and A-F.
segmentation_type_id	integer	48 (0x30)	This is written to <code>segmentation_descr.allocator.segmentation_type_id</code> . The value must be between 0 and 256, inclusive.
segment_num	integer	0	This is written to <code>segmentation_descr.allocator.segment_num</code> . The value must be between 0 and 256, inclusive.
segments_expected	integer	0	This is written to <code>segmentation_descr.allocator.segments_expected</code> . The value must be between 0 and 256, inclusive.

Field	Type	Default value	Description
sub_segment_num	integer	null	This is written to <code>segmentation_descriptor.sub_segment_num</code> . The value must be between 0 and 256, inclusive.
sub_segments_expected	integer	null	This is written to <code>segmentation_descriptor.sub_segments_expected</code> . The value must be between 0 and 256, inclusive.

The following table shows the values that MediaTailor automatically sets for some of the `segmentation_descriptor` message's fields.

Values set by MediaTailor for a `segmentation_descriptor` message's fields

Field	Type	Value
<code>segmentation_event_cancel_indicator</code>	Boolean	True
<code>program_segmentation_flag</code>	Boolean	True
<code>delivery_not_restricted_flag</code>	Boolean	True

MediaTailor always sets the `segmentation_duration_flag` to True. MediaTailor populates the `segmentation_duration` field with the duration, in ticks, of the state content.

 **Note**

When MediaTailor sends the `time_signal` messages, it sets the `splice_command_type` field in the `splice_info_section` message to 6 (0x06).

In HLS output, for an AdBreak with a `time_signal` message, the output `EXT-X-DATERANGE` tag includes a SCTE-35 field that is set to the serialized version of the `splice_info_section` message. For example, the following `EXT-X-DATERANGE` tag shows the serialized version of the `splice_info_section` message:

```
#EXT-X-DATERANGE:ID=\"1\",START-DATE=\"2020-09-25T02:13:20Z\",DURATION=300.0,SCTE35-  
OUT=0xFC002C000000000000FFF00506800000000000160214435545490000000100E000019BFCC00E003000000000
```

In DASH output, for an AdBreak with a `time_signal` message, the output `EventStream` element includes a `scte35:SpliceInfoSection` element with `scte35:TimeSignal` and `scte35:SegmentationDescriptor` elements as its children. The `scte35:TimeSignal` element has a child `scte35:SpliceTime` element, and the `scte35:SegmentationDescriptor` element has a child `scte35:SegmentationUpid` element. For example, the following DASH output shows the `EventStream` element's child element structure:

```
<EventStream schemeIdUri="urn:scte:scte35:2013:xml" timescale="90000">  
  <Event duration="27000000">  
    <scte35:SpliceInfoSection protocolVersion="0" ptsAdjustment="0" tier="4095">  
      <scte35:TimeSignal>  
        <scte35:SpliceTime ptsTime="0" />  
      </scte35:TimeSignal>  
      <scte35:SegmentationDescriptor segmentNum="0"  
        segmentationDuration="27000000" segmentationEventCancelIndicator="false"  
        segmentationEventId="1" segmentationTypeId="48" segmentsExpected="0">  
        <scte35:SegmentationUpid segmentationUpidFormat="hexBinary"  
          segmentationUpidType="14">012345</scte35:SegmentationUpid>  
      </scte35:SegmentationDescriptor>  
    </scte35:SpliceInfoSection>  
  </Event>  
</EventStream>
```

You learned about using SCTE-35 messages to set up ad breaks in channel assembly, the structure and required fields for those messages, and sample HLS and DASH output that includes the SCTE-35 messages.

Time-shifting a channel's playback

With MediaTailor channel assembly, you can time-shift a channel's playback. Time-shifting allows viewers to watch a channel's content at a time other than the original broadcast time. For example, a viewer can start watching a program from the beginning, even if they join the broadcast after it has started. Or, a viewer can pause a program and resume watching it later.

To time-shift a channel's playback, you add a `start` parameter to the channel's playback URL. The `start` parameter specifies the time when playback should begin, relative to the current time. For example, if the current time is 2:00 PM, and you want to start playback from 1:00 PM, you would set the `start` parameter to `-3600`, which is -1 hour in seconds.

The `start` parameter accepts both positive and negative values, in seconds:

- Negative values indicate a time in the past, relative to the current time. For example, `start=-3600` means "start playback from 1 hour ago."
- Positive values indicate a time in the future, relative to the current time. For example, `start=3600` means "start playback from 1 hour in the future."

The following example shows how to add the `start` parameter to a channel's playback URL:

```
https://a1b2c3d4e5f6.mediapackage.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/v1/examplechannel/index.m3u8?start=-3600
```

In this example, playback starts from 1 hour ago.

The `start` parameter is subject to the following limitations:

- The maximum time-shift window is 24 hours in the past or future.
- Time-shifting is only available for channels that use the linear playback mode.
- Time-shifting is not available for channels that use the loop playback mode.

If you specify a `start` parameter that is outside the available time-shift window, MediaTailor returns an error.

Using a CDN to optimize MediaTailor ad personalization and content delivery

AWS Elemental MediaTailor works effectively as a standalone service, but integrating it with a content delivery network (CDN), such as Amazon CloudFront or other third-party CDNs, can significantly enhance your streaming workflows. A CDN integration is particularly valuable when you need to serve content to a large, geographically distributed audience or when you want to ensure consistent ad delivery across different AWS Regions.

Without a CDN, your viewers connect directly to MediaTailor for personalized manifests and ad segments, which can lead to increased latency, especially for viewers located far from the AWS Region where your MediaTailor configuration is deployed. Additionally, during high-traffic events, direct connections to MediaTailor might experience increased load, potentially affecting performance.

For more information about MediaTailor concepts and workflows, see [What is AWS Elemental MediaTailor?](#)

When integrating a CDN with MediaTailor, it's important to configure proper CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing) handling to prevent issues like cache poisoning, which can cause playback failures in web-based players. Proper CORS configuration is essential for both ad segments and content segments. While ad segments are more susceptible to CORS cache poisoning issues, applying consistent CORS handling across all segment types ensures the most reliable playback experience. For detailed guidance on configuring CDN routing behaviors with proper CORS handling, see [Production-ready CloudFront configuration for MediaTailor](#).

Placing a CDN between your viewers and MediaTailor provides the following benefits:

- Reduce latency by serving content from edge locations closer to viewers
- Improve scalability by distributing load across the CDN's global infrastructure
- Enhance reliability through redundant delivery paths
- Optimize costs by reducing origin traffic
- Implement advanced features like Media Quality-Aware Routing (MQAR) for improved streaming quality

Topics

- [Select the right CDN for your needs](#)
- [Plan your CDN integration for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [Set up CDN integration with MediaTailor](#)
- [Set up SSAI with a CDN for personalized video advertising](#)
- [Build MediaTailor linear channels with channel assembly and CDN](#)
- [Integrate MediaTailor with MediaPackage and CDN](#)
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Select the right CDN for your needs

Choosing the right content delivery network (CDN) provider is an important decision that can impact your content delivery performance, cost, and viewer experience with AWS Elemental MediaTailor. Consider these factors when selecting a CDN for your MediaTailor implementation:

Geographic coverage

Choose a CDN with strong presence in regions where your audience is located. Different CDN providers have varying strengths in different geographic regions.

Integration with AWS services

Amazon CloudFront offers the tightest integration with MediaTailor and other AWS services, which can simplify setup and management. Third-party CDNs might offer other advantages like specialized video delivery features or stronger presence in specific regions.

Video-specific features

Look for CDNs that offer features specifically designed for video delivery, such as adaptive bitrate optimization, video compression, and analytics focused on viewer experience.

Cost structure

Compare pricing models across providers, considering factors like traffic volume, geographic distribution, and feature requirements. Some CDNs offer volume discounts or committed use discounts that might align with your usage patterns.

Support for advanced features

Verify that your chosen CDN supports the features you need, such as token authentication, geo-restriction, request collapsing, and proper header forwarding.

For more information about specific CDN providers and their integration with MediaTailor, see the following resources.

- [CloudFront integration](#) for Amazon CloudFront
- [Third-party CDN setup](#) for third-party CDN providers

The following topics provide comprehensive guidance on configuring MediaTailor with a CDN for optimal performance.

Plan your CDN integration for AWS Elemental MediaTailor

You can improve the viewer experience and reduce latency with a CDN integration for AWS Elemental MediaTailor. When you implement a content delivery network (CDN), you can deliver content from locations that are closer to your viewers. This ensures faster load times, better scalability, and consistent ad delivery across different geographic regions.

You need proper planning before implementing a CDN with AWS Elemental MediaTailor. This section guides you through the key planning areas. You address these areas before beginning the actual configuration. These steps help you create an optimal viewing experience for your audience.

After you complete your planning, see [Integrating a CDN with MediaTailor](#) for step-by-step implementation instructions.

For information about MediaTailor quotas that may affect your CDN planning, see [Quotas in AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#). For information about CloudFront quotas, see [Quotas](#) in the CloudFront Developer Guide.

Before you start planning, understand how MediaTailor interacts with a CDN:

1. The viewers request content through your CDN instead of directly from MediaTailor
2. The CDN forwards manifest requests to MediaTailor for personalization.
3. The CDN caches and serves content segments and ad segments from edge locations.

This architecture reduces load on MediaTailor while you ensure viewers receive personalized ads with minimal latency.

Understanding the manifest terminology helps you configure your CDN correctly. Different streaming protocols use specific manifest structures that affect how you set up the caching and routing:

- *HLS manifests* - When you work with HLS streams, you handle:
 - *Multivariant playlist*: Configure your CDN to route these top-level manifests to MediaTailor for personalization.
 - *Media playlist*: Set appropriate caching rules for these manifests that contain links to content segments.
- *DASH manifests* - When you work with DASH streams, you handle:
 - *MPD (Media Presentation Description)*: Configure your CDN to handle these manifests according to your personalization requirements.

The CDN planning process involves these key steps, each focused on a specific task:

- [Estimate traffic requirements for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#): Calculate your expected viewer concurrency and the bandwidth requirements.
- [Configure optimization strategies for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#): Configure your CDN for optimal content delivery and ad personalization.
- [Customize planning for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#): Adjust your CDN strategy based on your specific MediaTailor workflow.
- [Set up monitoring and scaling for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#): Implement monitoring and scaling strategies for reliable performance.

- [Optimize costs for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#): Balance the performance with the cost efficiency.
- [Test your implementation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#): Thoroughly test your CDN integration before production deployment.

Estimate traffic requirements for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

To accurately size your content delivery network (CDN) integration with AWS Elemental MediaTailor:

1. Calculate your expected viewer concurrency using historical data or similar events. Plan for additional capacity beyond your baseline to handle unexpected spikes. For current scaling recommendations, consult with your AWS account team. You can also see [Quotas in AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).
2. Identify peak traffic patterns and potential spikes in your content schedule. Consider factors like:
 - Live sports events or season premieres
 - Marketing campaigns or promotional events
 - Time zone differences for global audiences
 - Holiday or seasonal viewing patterns
3. Determine your bandwidth requirements by multiplying viewer counts by stream bitrates. Work with your CDN provider to calculate appropriate capacity. Base this calculation on your specific content bitrates and expected audience size. Add overhead for ad segments and manifest requests as your provider recommends.
4. Work with your CDN provider to ensure sufficient edge capacity in your target regions.

Ensure your ad insertion capacity meets viewer demand by taking these specific actions:

1. Check your current ad insertion requests quota in the [Service Quotas console](#). Review the current service limits to understand how many concurrent viewers your configuration can support.
2. For high-traffic events, request an increased quota through the [Service Quotas console](#).
3. If you expect more than 500,000 concurrent viewers, then contact [AWS Support](#) at least 2 weeks before your event. This allows AWS to ensure sufficient capacity for your ad personalization needs.

For more information about implementing capacity planning in your workflow, see [Using prefetch scheduling](#) to optimize ad delivery for high-traffic events.

Configure optimization strategies for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

When you complete your traffic estimation, configure your content delivery network (CDN) to optimize content delivery and ad personalization with AWS Elemental MediaTailor. These optimizations help ensure smooth playback while maintaining targeted advertising.

Implement these specific CDN optimizations that follow:

1. Configure origin shield capabilities in your CDN to reduce load on MediaTailor and improve caching efficiency. Origin shield acts as an intermediary caching layer that:

- Consolidate multiple viewer requests into a single origin request
- Reduce the number of redundant requests to MediaTailor
- Improve the response times for the cached content

For implementation details on setting up origin shield with CloudFront, see [Using Origin Shield](#) in the CloudFront Developer Guide.

2. Set appropriate Time To Live (TTL) values for different content types. TTL determines how long the CDN caches content. After this time, the CDN requests a fresh copy from the origin:

- Manifests:
 - 0 seconds for ad insertion
 - 5-10 seconds for channel assembly

In ad insertion, MediaTailor provides manifests with ads personalized to the viewer. If a playlist or MPD is cached and served to the wrong playback device, the device could encounter playback or tracking issues.

- Content segments: 24 or more hours (these rarely change and you can cache them aggressively to reduce origin load)
- Ad segments: 24 or more hours (ad content is typically reused across viewers and you can cache it for extended periods)

For comprehensive TTL recommendations and caching optimization strategies across all MediaTailor workflows, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

For detailed instructions on configuring cache behaviors in CloudFront, see [Cache Behavior Settings](#) in the CloudFront Developer Guide.

3. Deploy CDN edge nodes close to your viewer populations. Work with your CDN provider to:

- Identify optimal edge node locations based on viewer demographics
- Ensure sufficient capacity in each region
- Monitor edge performance and adjust as needed

For implementation guidance, see [CloudFront edge locations](#) to identify available edge locations for your audience regions.

4. For global audiences, consider implementing a multi-CDN strategy. This approach:

- Uses multiple CDN providers to improve reliability
- Routes viewers to the best-performing CDN for their location
- Provides failover options during CDN outages
- Can optimize costs by leveraging different pricing models

For implementation details, see [Multi-CDN strategies](#) on the AWS Networking & Content Delivery Blog.

Customize planning for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

Different AWS Elemental MediaTailor workflows have unique requirements that affect content delivery network (CDN) planning. For workflow-specific guidance, see [Working with configurations](#).

Adjust your capacity plan based on your specific MediaTailor workflow:

For MediaTailor ad insertion workflows

1. Configure your CDN to handle personalized manifests with zero caching. This ensures each viewer receives unique, targeted ads. The ads are based on their profile and viewing context.
2. Size your ad decision server (ADS) to handle peak request volumes. For guidance on ADS configuration, see [Ad insertion with MediaTailor](#). Consider:
 - Response time requirements for your use case
 - Expected concurrent viewer capacity
 - Redundancy and failover requirements
 - Geographic distribution needs

3. Implement request collapsing at the CDN level to handle synchronized ad break requests.

Request collapsing combines multiple identical requests into a single origin request. This is crucial during:

- Live sports events when many viewers hit ad breaks simultaneously
- Popular TV show premieres with synchronized commercial breaks
- Breaking news events that attract sudden viewer spikes

For implementation details, see [Origin failover](#) to configure request handling during peak loads.

For MediaTailor channel assembly workflows

1. Calculate capacity requirements based on the number of channels and their bitrates. For guidance on channel assembly capacity planning, see [Channel assembly in MediaTailor](#).

Consider:

- Total number of channels
- Bitrate requirements per channel
- Expected concurrent viewer load
- Geographic distribution needs

2. Configure your CDN to handle predictable traffic patterns based on published schedules.

Channel assembly typically has more predictable patterns than ad insertion because:

- Programming schedules are known in advance
- Viewer behavior follows established patterns
- Content doesn't change dynamically per viewer

3. Ensure your origin has sufficient bandwidth to maintain consistent channel output. Implement:

- Redundant origin servers for high-availability channels
- Automated failover between primary and backup origins
- Monitoring to detect origin performance issues

For implementation guidance, see [Setting up origin redundancy](#) to create a resilient origin infrastructure.

For combined MediaTailor workflows

1. Size your infrastructure to handle the combined traffic patterns of both services. For guidance on combined workflows, see [Using AWS Elemental MediaTailor to insert ads](#). Consider:
 - Channel assembly baseline requirements
 - Ad insertion overhead requirements
 - Peak traffic patterns
 - Redundancy needs
2. Configure separate CDN behaviors for linear content delivery and dynamic ad insertion. This separation allows you to:
 - Optimize caching policies for each content type independently
 - Route requests to appropriate origins based on content type
 - Monitor performance metrics separately for each workflow
3. Set up proper routing between edge and origin CDNs to maintain optimal performance. Consider using:
 - Different origin paths for content segments (/content/*) and ad segments (/ads/*)
 - Separate cache behaviors for manifests and segments
 - Geographic routing to optimize latency for different regions

For implementation details, see [Configuring cache behaviors](#) to set up path-based routing and caching rules.

Set up monitoring and scaling for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

Effective monitoring and scaling strategies are crucial for maintaining optimal performance and viewer experience with your AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration. Implement these approaches to ensure your CDN integration performs reliably at scale.

Implement these monitoring and scaling strategies that follow:

1. Configure monitoring for these key metrics. For guidance on appropriate target values, see [Monitoring MediaTailor with Amazon CloudWatch](#) and consult your CDN provider's best practices:

- CDN cache hit ratios (establish baseline metrics and targets based on your content type and delivery patterns)
- Origin request volumes (monitor patterns during normal operation to establish baselines for anomaly detection)
- Error rates by error type (define thresholds based on your service level objectives and MediaTailor best practices)
- Response times (set appropriate latency targets based on your viewer experience requirements and geographic distribution)

For detailed implementation instructions, see [Creating CloudWatch dashboards](#) to visualize your MediaTailor and CDN metrics together.

2. Set up alerts for unexpected traffic patterns or performance degradation. Configure thresholds based on your baseline metrics and service level objectives. For guidance on setting up alerts, see [Creating Amazon CloudWatch alarms](#). Consider monitoring:

- Significant deviations from baseline cache hit ratios (typically alert when falling under 85-90%)
- Sudden increases in origin request volume (alert on 30% or greater increase from baseline)
- Error rate spikes exceeding your defined thresholds (typically 1-2% for 4xx errors, 0.5% for 5xx errors)
- Response time degradation beyond acceptable levels (typically >500ms for manifests, >200ms for segments)

For implementation examples, see [CloudWatch concepts](#) for creating effective monitoring dashboards and alerts.

3. Create scaling plans for predictable high-traffic events. Your plans should include these key elements:

- Pre-event capacity increases (24-48 hours before event start)
- Gradual viewer ramp-up schedules (typically 10-20% of expected audience per 5-minute interval)
- Regional capacity distribution based on audience (allocate capacity proportionally to expected regional viewership)
- Post-event scaling procedures (maintain peak capacity for 30-60 minutes after event conclusion)

For implementation guidance on scaling for high-traffic events, see [Setting up a resilient end-to-end live workflow](#) on the AWS Media Blog.

4. Implement failover and redundancy measures for critical streams, including:

- Multi-region CDN deployments (at least two regions for critical content)
- Backup origin servers (configured with automated health checks every 30 seconds)
- Automated failover triggers based on health checks (typically after 2-3 failed checks)
- Recovery procedures for different failure scenarios (documented with specific response time targets)

For detailed implementation steps, see [Optimizing high availability with CloudFront origin failover](#).

Optimize costs for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

Content delivery network (CDN) costs can vary significantly based on traffic patterns, geographic distribution, and feature usage with AWS Elemental MediaTailor. For current pricing information, see [CloudFront pricing](#). You can also consult your CDN provider's documentation.

Balance the performance with the cost efficiency by using these strategies:

1. Analyze your CDN traffic patterns to select the most cost-effective pricing tier. Review the following factors with your CDN provider:

- Data transfer volumes by region and time period
- Request patterns for manifests and segments
- Geographic distribution requirements
- Peak versus average usage patterns

For help with cost analysis, use the [AWS Pricing Calculator](#) to estimate your CloudFront costs based on your specific usage patterns.

2. For predictable workloads, evaluate reserved capacity agreements with your CDN provider. These agreements can offer benefits such as:

- Discounted rates for committed usage volumes
- Predictable monthly costs for budgeting
- Priority support and capacity allocation

Consult with your CDN provider to determine if reserved capacity is appropriate for your usage patterns. For CloudFront, see [CloudFront premium features](#). This provides information about reserved capacity options.

3. Optimize egress costs by balancing traffic between MediaTailor and your CDN provider.

Strategies include:

- Maximize cache hit ratios to reduce origin requests
- Use origin shield to consolidate requests
- Implement compression to reduce data transfer volumes
- Choose CDN regions that align with AWS Region pricing

For implementation guidance on compression, see [Serving compressed files in the CloudFront Developer Guide](#).

4. Implement appropriate caching strategies for different content types to reduce origin requests.

For guidance on cache optimization, see [Improving cache hit ratios](#). Focus on:

- Content segments (you can cache these for extended periods)
- Ad segments (typically reused across viewers)
- Static assets like player files and images

Improved cache hit ratios significantly reduce origin costs. Work with your CDN provider to optimize cache configurations for your specific content patterns. For detailed implementation steps, see [Configuring cache behaviors](#).

Test your implementation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

Ensure reliable viewer experiences by thoroughly testing your AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration before production deployment. Proper testing helps identify and resolve issues before they impact your audience. For guidance on testing methodologies, see [Testing CloudFront distributions](#). You can also consult your CDN provider's testing documentation.

Follow these testing steps that validate your CDN integration:

1. Create a test environment that mirrors your production configuration. Include:

- Identical CDN settings and cache behaviors
- Include representative content with various bitrates and formats
- Configure test ad decision server with sample ad responses

- Set up monitoring and alerting configurations

For step-by-step implementation guidance, see [Creating a staging distribution](#) in the CloudFront Developer Guide.

2. Conduct load testing to verify your capacity estimates. For guidance on load testing, see [Monitoring MediaPackage](#). Test scenarios should include:

- Gradual viewer count increases (typically 10-20% of expected peak every 5 minutes)
- Sudden traffic spikes based on your expected peak loads (simulate 50% of peak audience joining within 60 seconds)
- Extended peak load periods (maintain peak load for at least 30-60 minutes)
- Geographic distribution matching your audience (distribute test traffic according to expected viewer locations)

Validate that response times remain under target thresholds. Typically, this means less than 500ms for manifests and less than 200ms for segments. Error rates should stay under 1%.

For implementation details on load testing tools and methodologies, see [Load testing with CloudFront](#) on the AWS Networking & Content Delivery Blog.

3. Test failover scenarios to ensure reliability. Simulate:

- Origin server failures (complete outage and partial degradation scenarios)
- CDN edge location outages (test with traffic routing to backup locations)
- Ad decision server unavailability (test with 5-10 second timeouts)
- Network connectivity issues (simulate packet loss and latency increases)

Work with your CDN provider to establish appropriate failover response time targets for your use case. Typically, this means less than 3 seconds for failover completion. For implementation guidance on failover testing, see [Origin failover](#) in the CloudFront Developer Guide.

4. For major events, implement gradual ramp-up strategies based on [AWS load testing guidelines](#):

- Stagger start times for different audience segments. For example, allow premium subscribers first with 15-minute intervals between audience groups.
- Use pre-warming techniques to gradually increase load. Pre-warming involves:
 - Populate CDN caches with popular content 2-4 hours before the event
 - Gradually increase synthetic traffic to 20-30% of expected peak to warm up systems
 - Test all components under realistic load conditions with actual content

- Cache hit ratios and response times (target >90% hit ratio, <500ms response)
- Error rates and origin load (maintain error rates <1%, origin CPU <70%)
- Ad personalization success rates (target >98% successful personalization)
- Viewer experience metrics (target <2 second startup time, <0.5% rebuffing)
- Have a contingency plan for unexpected traffic surges. Your plan should include these essential components:
 - Emergency capacity scaling procedures with documented steps to increase capacity by 50-100% within 15 minutes
 - Backup CDN activation protocols with ability to shift 20-50% of traffic to secondary CDN
 - Simplified ad insertion fallback to reduce targeting parameters from 10 or more to 3-5 essential ones
 - Communication plans for stakeholders with pre-defined notification templates and contact lists

After completing your testing, proceed to [Implementing your CDN integration](#) for production deployment steps.

Troubleshoot common issues for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

Address common content delivery network (CDN) integration challenges with AWS Elemental MediaTailor before they impact your viewers. This section helps you identify and resolve typical issues that occur during CDN integration with AWS Elemental MediaTailor.

For comprehensive troubleshooting guidance, see [Troubleshooting MediaTailor](#) and [Troubleshooting CloudFront distributions](#).

Resolving MediaTailor manifest delivery problems

If viewers experience playback issues or see incorrect ads, check these common manifest-related problems:

- **Incorrect caching settings:** If your CDN caches personalized manifests, viewers may see ads intended for other users.

Solution: Configure your CDN with a cache TTL of 0 for manifest requests to MediaTailor.

- **Origin request failures:** If your CDN can't reach MediaTailor, then manifest requests will fail.

Solution: Check network connectivity between your CDN and MediaTailor. Verify your CDN properly forwards the correct headers.

- **Session parameter issues:** Missing or incorrect session parameters can cause personalization failures.

Solution: Ensure that your player is correctly appending all required session parameters to the manifest requests.

Fixing MediaTailor segment delivery problems

If content or ad segments aren't loading properly, investigate these common issues:

- **Segment path rewriting:** Incorrect CDN configuration may rewrite segment URLs improperly.

Solution: Verify your CDN correctly handles segment URLs. Ensure it doesn't modify paths in a way that breaks references.

- **CORS configuration:** Missing or incorrect CORS headers can prevent browsers from loading segments.

Solution: Configure your CDN to pass the appropriate CORS headers for segment requests.

- **Cache miss storms:** During high-traffic events, multiple cache misses can overwhelm origin servers.

Solution: Implement request collapsing and origin shield capabilities to reduce origin load during traffic spikes.

Addressing MediaTailor CDN performance problems

If viewers experience buffering or slow loading, check these performance-related issues:

- **Low cache hit ratio:** If your CDN frequently requests content from the origin, then performance will suffer.

Solution: Analyze the cache hit ratios by content type and adjust the TTL settings to improve caching efficiency.

- **Geographic distribution:** Viewers distant from CDN edge locations may experience increased latency.

Solution: Review your CDN edge location distribution. Add capacity in regions with high viewer concentrations.

- **Origin capacity limitations:** If your origin servers are overloaded, then response times will increase.

Solution: Implement origin request limiting. You can also increase origin capacity or improve caching to reduce origin load.

For additional troubleshooting assistance, see [Troubleshooting MediaTailor](#) or contact AWS Support. For implementation guidance on resolving common CDN issues, see [Debugging your content delivery network](#) on the AWS Media Blog.

Set up CDN integration with MediaTailor

This section provides guidance on integrating AWS Elemental MediaTailor with a content delivery network (CDN).

Effective CDN integration with MediaTailor is essential for delivering high-quality streaming experiences with personalized ads at scale. This guide walks you through the complete process of setting up, configuring, and optimizing your CDN integration.

For information about creating MediaTailor configurations, see [Using AWS Elemental MediaTailor to insert ads](#). For information about creating a CloudFront distribution, see [Creating a distribution](#) in the CloudFront Developer Guide.

To ensure clarity in this guide, the following terminology is used to describe different types of manifests:

- **HLS manifests:**
 - *Multivariant playlist*: The top-level manifest that contains links to media playlists
 - *Media playlist*: The second-level manifest with links to content segments
- **DASH manifests:**
 - *MPD (Media Presentation Description)*: The standard term for DASH manifests

Integrating MediaTailor with a CDN provides the following benefits:

- Reduced latency for viewers

- Improved scalability for high-traffic events
- Enhanced reliability through redundant delivery paths
- Optimized costs by reducing origin traffic
- Better protection against DDoS attacks

CDN integration components and requirements

A successful CDN integration with MediaTailor involves configuring the following key components:

CDN routing behaviors

Rules that determine how different types of requests (manifests, content segments, ad segments) are routed through your CDN.

CDN mapping in MediaTailor

Configuration in MediaTailor that ensures manifests reference your CDN domain instead of directly referencing origin servers.

Security settings

Configurations that protect your content and infrastructure, including transport security, access control, and monitoring.

Testing and validation

Procedures to verify that your CDN integration is working correctly before deploying to production.

Prerequisites for CDN integration

Before configuring your CDN integration, ensure you have the following:

1. A MediaTailor configuration with the following settings:
 - Your content origin as the **Content source**
 - Your ADS as the **Ad decision server**You need the origin and ADS URLs in the CDN integration steps as well.
2. Access to your CDN's configuration interface
3. Understanding of your CDN's specific terminology for behaviors, rules, and cache settings

4. Knowledge of your content structure, including file extensions used for segments (such as .ts, .mp4, or .m4s)

CDN integration setup steps

The process of integrating MediaTailor with a CDN follows these high-level steps:

1. **Configure CDN routing behaviors** - Set up your CDN to route different types of requests appropriately.
2. **Configure CDN mapping in MediaTailor** - Update your MediaTailor configuration to use your CDN domain names.
3. **Implement security best practices** - Configure security settings to protect your content and infrastructure.
4. **Test your integration** - Verify that your CDN integration is working correctly.

Required headers for MediaTailor CDN integration

For MediaTailor to function correctly with your CDN, you must configure your CDN to forward specific HTTP headers. These headers are essential for proper functionality including compression, device detection, ad personalization, and geo-targeting.

Configure your CDN to forward the following headers to MediaTailor:

Accept-Encoding

Purpose: Required for compression functionality

Details: This header tells MediaTailor which compression methods the client supports. MediaTailor uses this information to compress manifests when possible, reducing bandwidth usage and improving performance. Legacy devices that don't support compression won't send this header, and MediaTailor will return uncompressed manifests.

User-Agent

Purpose: Required for device detection and ad personalization

Details: MediaTailor analyzes the User-Agent header to identify the client device type, browser, and capabilities. This information is used for ad targeting, device-specific optimizations, and ensuring compatibility with different playback clients.

Host

Purpose: Required for proper request routing

Details: The Host header ensures that requests are routed to the correct MediaTailor endpoint. This is particularly important in multi-tenant environments and when using custom domain configurations.

Many CDNs, including Amazon CloudFront, do not forward the Host header by default. For CloudFront users: See [Configure Host header forwarding](#) for configuration instructions.

X-Forwarded-For

Purpose: Required for client IP detection and geo-targeting

Details: This header preserves the original client IP address when requests pass through your CDN. MediaTailor uses this information for geographic ad targeting, analytics, and compliance with regional content restrictions.

Important

All four headers are required for full MediaTailor functionality. Missing any of these headers can result in reduced functionality, including:

- Inability to compress manifests (missing Accept-Encoding)
- Poor ad targeting and device compatibility issues (missing User-Agent)
- Request routing failures (missing Host)
- Inaccurate geo-targeting and analytics (missing X-Forwarded-For)

For CDN-specific configuration instructions, see the routing behaviors and caching sections that reference this header list.

The following topics provide detailed instructions for each aspect of CDN integration.

Topics

- [Set up CDN routing behaviors for MediaTailor](#)
- [Set up CDN mapping in MediaTailor](#)
- [CDN integration security best practices for MediaTailor](#)

Set up CDN routing behaviors for MediaTailor

This section explains how to set up your content delivery network (CDN) to route different types of requests appropriately for AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration. Proper routing configuration ensures that manifest requests, content segments, and ad segments are handled correctly.

Configuring CDN routing behaviors is a critical step in creating an efficient content delivery pipeline. By setting up specific routing rules for different content types, you can optimize caching, improve delivery performance, and ensure personalized ad insertion works correctly.

Important

Failure to include CORS headers in either the cached object or on the CDN response to viewers can cause playback failures.

CDN routing behavior configuration

Set up your CDN to route different types of requests appropriately.

Content segment routing

Content segment routing directs requests for your actual content segments to your origin server. Like ad segment routing, content segment routing also requires proper CORS configuration to ensure smooth playback in web-based players.

For detailed configuration guidance, see the CloudFront example at [Precedence 4: Content origin path behavior](#). This example provides specific settings that you should follow for CloudFront or adapt for other CDNs.

Key configuration requirements for content segment routing include:

- Use path patterns that match your content segment file extensions (like * .ts, * .mp4, or * .m4s)
- Route requests to your content origin (such as an Amazon S3 Bucket or MediaPackage endpoint)
- For optimal cache-hit ratio, include only query string parameters that cause your origin to modify the response in the cache key and forward the origin request
- Apply an appropriate cache policy with greater than 24-hour TTL values
- Include CORS response headers to your viewers

Ad segment routing

Ad segment routing is critical for delivering personalized advertisements to viewers. When configuring ad segment routing, you must implement proper CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing) handling to prevent cache poisoning issues that can cause playback failures in web-based players.

For detailed configuration guidance, see the CloudFront example at [Precedence 0: Ad segments path behavior](#). This example provides specific settings that you should follow for CloudFront or adapt for other CDNs.

Key configuration requirements for ad segment routing include:

- Use the path pattern `/tm/*` specifically for MediaTailor ad segments
- Route requests to `segments.mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com`
- For optimal cache-hit ratio, do not include any viewer request headers, cookies, or query string parameters in the cache key or in the origin request
- Apply an appropriate cache policy with greater than 24-hour TTL values
- Include CORS response headers to your viewers

Manifest request routing

To route multivariant playlist, media playlist, and MPD requests to MediaTailor, use the following general settings. For CloudFront configuration, see [Configuring manifest cache behavior](#).

1. In your CDN configuration interface, create behaviors for different manifest types.
2. Set path patterns to match multivariant playlist and media playlist file extensions (*.`m3u8` for HLS) and MPD file extensions (*.`mpd` for DASH).
3. Configure the origin setting in your CDN to point to your MediaTailor configuration endpoint.
4. For ad insertion, disable caching of personalized multivariant playlists, media playlists, and MPDs. Because ad insertion provides personalized manifests, your CDN shouldn't cache them. If a different playback device than the one intended receives a cached playlist or MPD, it could result in issues with playback or tracking. For comprehensive caching guidance including TTL recommendations for all content types, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).
5. Configure header forwarding for all headers. For minimum requirements, see [Required headers for MediaTailor CDN integration](#).

6. Enable query string forwarding to pass ad targeting parameters.

HLS multivariant playlist

HLS multivariant playlist requests follow these formats:

```
https://<playback-endpoint>/v1/index/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/<index>.m3u8
```

Example:

```
https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/master/a1bc06b59e9a570b3b6b886a763d15814a86f0bb/Demo/assetId.m3u8
```

HLS media playlist

HLS media playlist requests follow these formats:

```
https://<playback-endpoint>/v1/manifest/<hashed-account-id>/<session-id>/<manifestNumber>.m3u8
```

Player requests to `https://CDN_Hostname/some/path/asset.m3u8` are routed to the MediaTailor path `https://mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/v1/session/configuration/endpoint` based on the keyword `*.m3u8` in the request.

Example:

```
https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/manifest/a1bc06b59e9a570b3b6b886a763d15814a86f0bb/c240ea66-9b07-4770-8ef9-7d16d916b407/0.m3u8
```

DASH MPD

DASH MPD requests follow these formats:

```
https://<playback-endpoint>/v1/dash/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/<assetName>.mpd
```

Player requests to `https://CDN_Hostname/some/path/asset.mpd` are routed to the MediaTailor path `https://mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/v1/dash/configuration/endpoint` based on the keyword `*.mpd` in the request.

Example:

```
https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/dash/  
a1bc06b59e9a570b3b6b886a763d15814a86f0bb/Demo/0.mpd
```

CDN routing best practices

When configuring CDN routing behaviors, follow these best practices to ensure optimal performance and reliability:

Use specific path patterns

Create specific path patterns that accurately match your content structure to ensure proper routing.

Prioritize behavior order

In most CDNs, behaviors are evaluated in order. Place more specific behaviors before more general ones.

Test behavior patterns

Verify that your path patterns correctly match the expected requests before deploying to production.

Document your configuration

Maintain documentation of your CDN routing behaviors to facilitate troubleshooting and future updates.

Next steps

After configuring your CDN routing behaviors, the next step is to configure CDN mapping in MediaTailor. See [Set up CDN mapping in MediaTailor](#) for instructions.

Set up CDN mapping in MediaTailor

This section explains how to configure AWS Elemental MediaTailor to use your content delivery network (CDN) domain names. After setting up your CDN routing behaviors, you need to update your MediaTailor configuration to ensure that manifests reference your CDN domain instead of directly referencing origin servers.

Configuring CDN mapping in MediaTailor ensures that all content and ad segment URLs in your manifests point to your CDN rather than directly to origin servers. This step is essential for creating a complete CDN delivery chain and maximizing the benefits of your CDN integration.

CDN mapping configuration in MediaTailor

After setting up your CDN routing behaviors, configure MediaTailor to use your CDN domain names:

1. Open the [MediaTailor console](#).
2. Select the configuration you want to update.
3. In the **Advanced settings** of the **CDN configuration** section, enter your CDN domain name in the **CDN content segment prefix** field.
4. If you're using a separate CDN domain for ad segments, enter it in the **CDN ad segment prefix** field.
5. Save your changes.

This configuration ensures that MediaTailor generates manifests with URLs that point to your CDN instead of directly to the origin or ad segment storage.

Understanding base URL behavior

MediaTailor determines base URLs in manifests based on your CDN prefix configuration:

- **CDN ad segment prefix configured:** Ad segments use the CDN prefix as the base URL.
- **CDN ad segment prefix not configured:** Ad segments use the direct MediaTailor location as the base URL.
- **CDN content segment prefix configured:** Content segments use the CDN prefix as the base URL.
- **CDN content segment prefix not configured:** Content segments reference the original content origin.

DASH baseURL handling

For DASH manifests, MediaTailor manages baseURL settings differently for content and ad segments:

Content segments:

- **With CDN content segment prefix:** MediaTailor sets exactly one baseURL at the MPD level using your specified prefix.
- **Without CDN content segment prefix:** MediaTailor preserves existing baseURL settings from the origin manifest, or adds one based on the origin MPD URL if none exist.

Ad segments:

- **With CDN ad segment prefix:** Each ad period gets exactly one baseURL using the configured prefix.
- **Without CDN ad segment prefix:** Each ad period gets exactly one baseURL pointing to the MediaTailor ad content server.

Example CDN mapping example

If your content origin is `http://origin.com/contentpath/` and your CDN content segment prefix is `https://cdn.example.com/`, then a content segment that would normally be referenced as `http://origin.com/contentpath/subdir/content.ts` will appear in the manifest as `https://cdn.example.com/subdir/content.ts`.

Important considerations

When configuring CDN mapping in MediaTailor, keep the following important considerations in mind:

Use HTTPS for CDN prefixes

Always use HTTPS URLs for your CDN prefixes to ensure secure content delivery.

Match CDN behavior paths

Ensure that the CDN prefixes you configure in MediaTailor match the path patterns you configured in your CDN behaviors.

Consider regional CDNs

If you're using different CDN domains for different regions, you'll need to create separate MediaTailor configurations for each region.

Verify domain ownership

Ensure that you have control over the CDN domains you configure in MediaTailor.

Verify CDN mapping configuration

After configuring CDN mapping in MediaTailor, verify that your configuration is working correctly:

1. Request a manifest through your CDN.
2. Examine the manifest content to verify that segment URLs reference your CDN domain.
3. Check that content segment URLs in the manifest point to your CDN domain.
4. Check that ad segment URLs in the manifest point to your CDN domain.

For comprehensive testing and validation procedures, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Next steps

After configuring CDN mapping in MediaTailor, the next step is to implement security best practices for your CDN integration. See [CDN integration security best practices for MediaTailor](#) for instructions.

CDN integration security best practices for MediaTailor

This section explains how to implement security best practices for your AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration. Proper security configuration helps protect your content and infrastructure from unauthorized access and potential threats.

Securing your CDN integration is crucial for protecting your content, preventing unauthorized access, and ensuring compliance with security requirements. Implementing these best practices helps create a robust security posture for your streaming workflow.

CDN security configuration

Before configuring your CDN routing and cache settings, implement these security best practices to protect your content and infrastructure:

Transport security

MediaTailor only uses HTTPS for all communication and does not allow HTTP connections. To ensure secure communication between all components in your streaming workflow, complete the following steps:

1. Configure HTTPS for all communication between your CDN and MediaTailor endpoints.
MediaTailor requires HTTPS and will not accept HTTP connections.
2. Use TLS 1.2 or later for all HTTPS connections.
3. Configure your CDN to enforce HTTPS-only connections from viewers.

Access control

To protect your content and infrastructure from unauthorized access, implement the following access controls:

1. Configure geo-restriction settings if you need to limit content access to specific regions.
2. Implement signed URLs or signed cookies for content that requires viewer authentication.
3. Set up IP-based allowlists for administrative access to CDN configuration.

Security monitoring

To detect and respond to security events effectively, implement the following monitoring practices:

1. Enable access logging for your CDN distribution.
2. Set up alerts for unusual traffic patterns or access attempts.
3. Regularly review security configurations and update as needed.

Advanced security features

The following advanced security features provide enhanced protection for your CDN integration:

Web Application Firewall (WAF)

If your CDN supports WAF functionality, configure it to protect against common web vulnerabilities and attacks.

DDoS protection

Enable DDoS protection features provided by your CDN to mitigate distributed denial-of-service attacks.

Origin access control

Configure your origin servers to accept requests only from your CDN to prevent direct access attempts.

Content encryption

For highly sensitive content, consider implementing additional encryption mechanisms beyond transport security.

Next steps

After implementing security best practices, the next step is to test and troubleshoot your CDN integration. See [Troubleshoot CDN integration](#) for comprehensive testing and troubleshooting instructions.

Set up SSAI with a CDN for personalized video advertising

This section provides comprehensive guidance for integrating AWS Elemental MediaTailor server-side ad insertion (SSAI) with a content delivery network (CDN). Follow these steps to set up, configure, and optimize your SSAI CDN integration.

Server-side ad insertion (SSAI) is a technology that seamlessly inserts personalized advertisements into video streams at the server level rather than the client level. When combined with a CDN, you create a robust, scalable solution for delivering personalized advertising to global audiences with minimal latency.

In this topic, we use the term *manifests* to refer collectively to multivariant playlists, media playlists, and MPDs.

What you'll need

Before setting up MediaTailor ad insertion with a CDN, gather these required resources:

AWS account and permissions

An AWS account with appropriate permissions to create and manage MediaTailor resources

IAM permissions for MediaTailor, CloudFront (if using), and related services

For detailed permission requirements, see [Security in AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

Required services

AWS Elemental MediaTailor configured and running

A content delivery network (CDN) account (Amazon CloudFront or third-party CDN)

Origin server for your content (HLS or DASH)

Ad decision server (ADS) that supports VAST or VMAP

Content requirements

Content properly encoded and packaged in HLS or DASH format

Ad break markers in your content (for VOD) or SCTE-35 markers (for live)

Before you begin

Complete these setup tasks before implementing MediaTailor ad insertion with a CDN:

1. Configure network connectivity between your CDN, MediaTailor, and origin servers
2. Set up HTTPS for secure content delivery
3. Configure DNS settings for your CDN domain
4. For basic MediaTailor setup, complete the steps in [Setting up](#) and [Getting started with MediaTailor ad insertion](#).

Knowledge prerequisites

To successfully implement this solution, you should have:

- Understanding of streaming protocols (HLS/DASH)
- Basic knowledge of CDN configuration principles
- Familiarity with ad insertion concepts

Benefits of CDN integration

Integrating SSAI with a CDN delivers these key benefits:

Improved viewer experience

Properly configured CDNs reduce buffering, startup times, and playback errors during ad transitions. This results in higher viewer engagement and satisfaction.

Cost reduction

Efficient caching strategies minimize origin requests. This reduces data transfer costs and origin server load, particularly important for high-volume ad-supported content.

Scalability

Optimized CDN configurations handle traffic spikes during popular events without degrading performance, ensuring your personalized ads are delivered even during peak viewing times.

Global reach

Properly configured CDNs deliver content with low latency to viewers worldwide, regardless of their location, expanding your potential audience.

Seamless ad transitions

Optimized CDN configuration ensures smooth transitions between content and ads, creating a broadcast-quality viewing experience.

The following topics provide comprehensive guidance on configuring MediaTailor with a CDN for optimal performance.

Topics

- [Understand ad insertion architecture for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [Set up basic MediaTailor SSAI with a CDN for optimal ad delivery](#)
- [Integrate MediaTailor SSAI with channel assembly for monetized linear channels](#)
- [Optimize performance for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [Monitor operations for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [Troubleshoot MediaTailor SSAI with CDNs for uninterrupted ad delivery](#)

Understand ad insertion architecture for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

This section explains the concepts and architecture of server-side ad insertion (SSAI) with content delivery networks (CDNs) for AWS Elemental MediaTailor. You'll learn how dynamic ad insertion and manifest manipulation work together to enable effective video monetization.

Server-side ad insertion (SSAI) with MediaTailor allows you to:

- Insert personalized advertising into your video streams at defined ad break points
- Target ads precisely based on viewer data
- Eliminate the need for client-side ad insertion technology

When combined with a CDN, you can deliver these personalized streams to viewers with improved performance and scalability, enhancing your video monetization strategy.

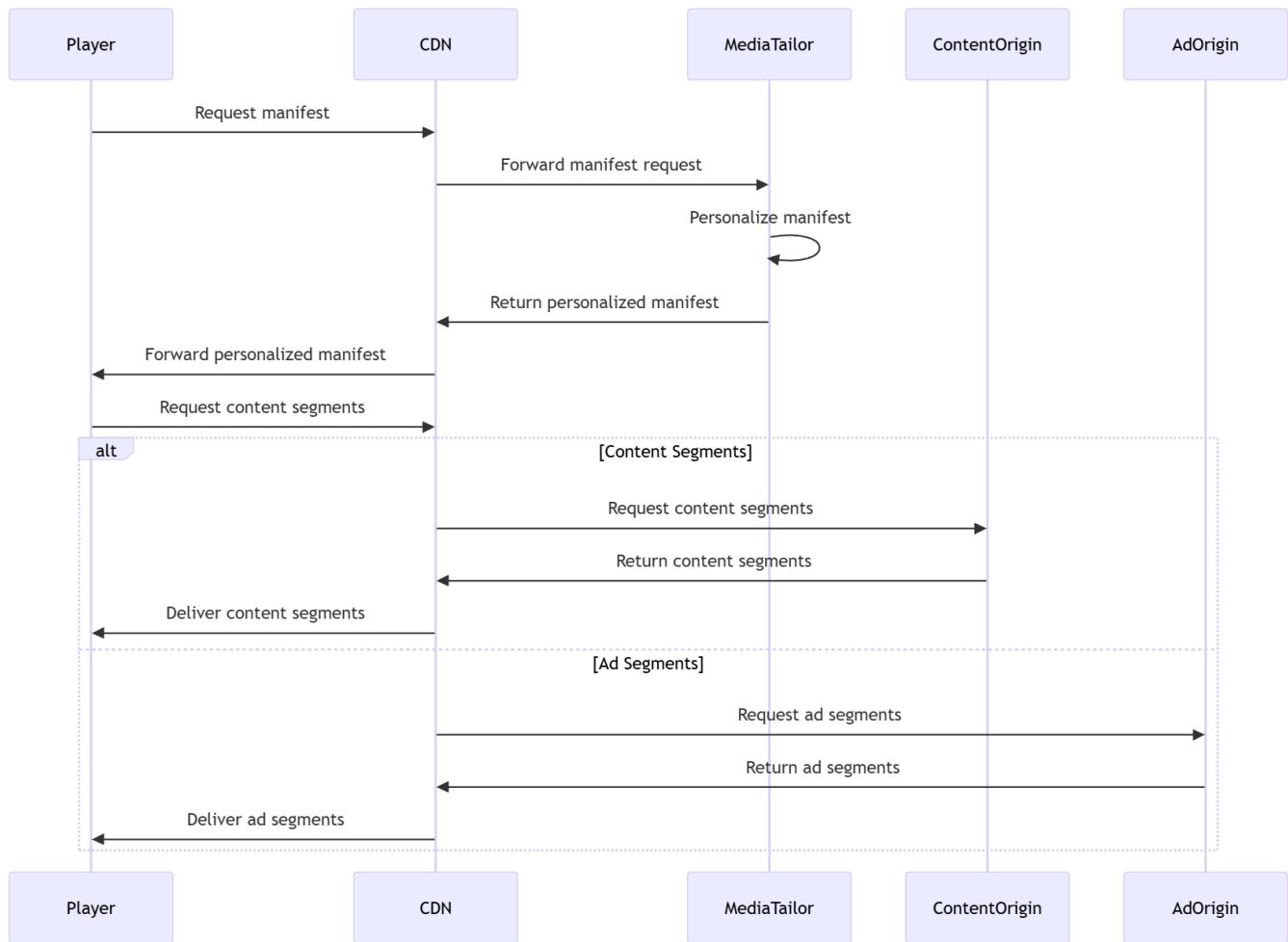
The recommended architecture for ad insertion with a CDN positions the CDN between viewers and ad insertion, with ad insertion accessing content directly from your origin. This architecture provides the following benefits for both content delivery and video monetization:

- Effective caching of content and ad segments
- Reduced request load on MediaTailor
- Improved delivery speed to viewers
- Simplified URL management
- Consistent delivery of personalized advertising across devices

In this recommended architecture:

1. Viewers request manifests from the CDN
2. CDN forwards requests to ad insertion
3. Ad insertion requests content manifests from the origin
4. Ad insertion requests ads from the ad decision server (ADS)
5. Ad insertion personalizes manifests by replacing the ad markers (from the origin manifest) with URLs that point to targeted ad segments for the specific viewer (from the ADS)
6. Ad insertion returns the personalized manifests containing ad segment URLs to the CDN, which forwards them to viewers
7. Viewers request segments through the CDN
8. CDN routes segment requests based on the segment type:
 - Content segment requests go to the content origin
 - Ad segment requests go to MediaTailor

This architecture ensures optimal performance while maintaining the security and flexibility benefits of using a CDN.



Note

This flow varies slightly between VOD and live content. For VOD, manifests can be cached longer, while live content requires more frequent manifest updates to maintain stream continuity.

The key difference between VOD and live content caching:

VOD content

Set longer TTL values (minutes to hours) for manifests because they don't change frequently

Live content

Set shorter TTL values (seconds) for manifests to ensure viewers receive the most current stream segments

We don't recommend that you position a CDN between your content origin and AWS Elemental MediaTailor. Doing so can introduce several technical challenges:

Cache-key collisions

Configure your CDN to properly handle query parameters. This prevents MediaTailor from receiving incorrect manifests when requesting the same manifest with different query parameters.

Gzip compression issues

If you experience manifest parsing errors, ensure your CDN delivers properly formatted manifests to MediaTailor. Some CDNs may deliver corrupt gzip payloads that can cause parsing failures. If this occurs, you may need to disable compression between your CDN and MediaTailor while maintaining compression for cost savings elsewhere in your workflow.

Manifest freshness

For live streams, configure your CDN to deliver current manifests to MediaTailor. This prevents synchronization issues between content and ads.

Performance optimization

Minimize network hops and potential cache misses to reduce playback start-up times.

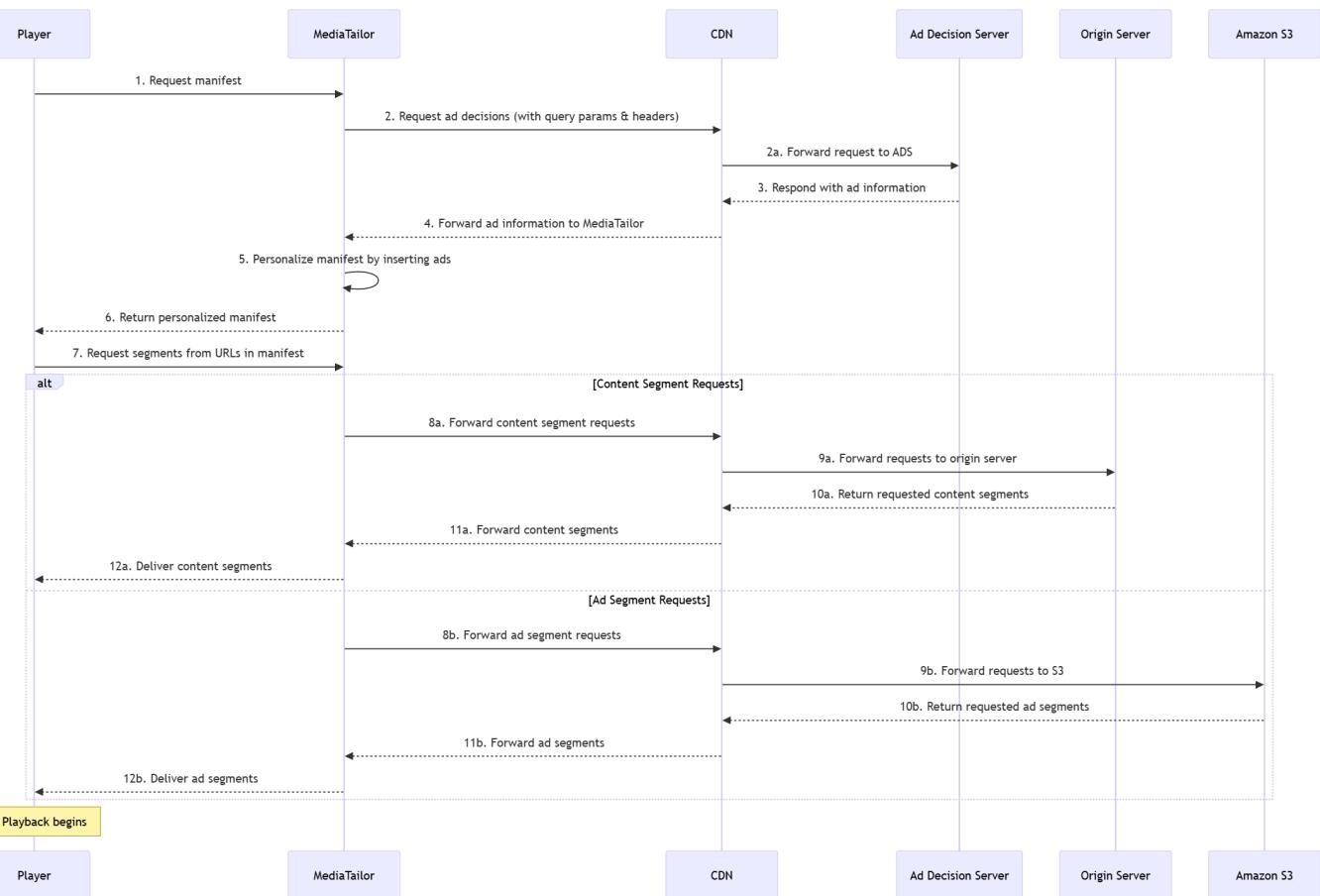
Cache management

Implement simplified cache invalidation strategies, especially for live content where manifests update frequently.

In this sub-optimal architecture:

1. Viewers request multivariant playlists, media playlists, or MPDs directly from AWS Elemental MediaTailor.
2. MediaTailor requests content manifests (multivariant playlists, media playlists, or MPDs) through the CDN.
3. The CDN forwards requests to the origin server.

4. The origin server returns multivariant playlists, media playlists, or MPDs to the CDN.
5. The CDN forwards multivariant playlists, media playlists, or MPDs to MediaTailor.
6. MediaTailor requests ads from the ad decision server (ADS).
7. MediaTailor personalizes manifests by inserting ads into multivariant playlists, media playlists, or MPDs and delivers them directly to viewers.
8. This architecture introduces additional latency, potential caching issues, and complicates troubleshooting.



Request and response flow

When implementing dynamic ad insertion with a CDN, configure your system to support this request and response flow:

1. Configure your player to request multivariant playlists (HLS) or MPDs (DASH) from your CDN with MediaTailor as the manifest origin.
2. Set up your CDN to forward all multivariant playlist, media playlist, and MPD requests to MediaTailor, including all query parameters and headers.
3. Ensure MediaTailor can communicate with your ad decision server (ADS), passing along query parameters and headers.
4. Configure your ADS to use query parameters to determine which ads to insert.
5. Set up the CDN prefix on the MediaTailor playback configuration so MediaTailor can substitute CDN domain names for content and ad segment URL prefixes.
6. Configure your CDN to forward personalized multivariant playlists, media playlists, and MPDs from MediaTailor to the requesting player.
7. Set up your CDN to translate segment URLs, forwarding content segment requests to the origin server and ad requests to the Amazon S3 bucket where MediaTailor stores transcoded ads.

CDN terminology for ad insertion

Understanding these key terms will help you implement and troubleshoot your ad insertion CDN integration:

Origin CDN and edge CDN

Origin CDN: A CDN positioned between MediaTailor and your content origin. It caches content segments to reduce load on your origin servers. In a multi-CDN architecture, this is the first CDN layer that interfaces directly with the origin.

Edge CDN: A CDN positioned between viewers and MediaTailor. It delivers personalized manifests and content to viewers. In a multi-CDN architecture, this is the outermost CDN layer that interfaces directly with viewers.

CDN configuration terms

Cache behavior: Rules that determine how a CDN handles different types of requests. These rules include:

- Caching duration settings
- Origin routing configurations
- Request handling parameters

TTL (Time To Live): The duration for which content remains valid in a CDN cache before it needs to be refreshed from the origin.

Cache key: The unique identifier used by a CDN to store and retrieve cached content. It typically includes:

- URL path
- Query parameters
- Selected headers

Origin shield: An intermediate caching layer between CDN edge locations and your origin server. It reduces the number of requests to your origin.

Request collapsing: A CDN feature that combines multiple simultaneous requests for the same content into a single origin request.

MediaTailor-specific CDN terms

CDN content segment prefix: The CDN domain name that AWS Elemental MediaTailor uses when generating URLs for content segments in manifests.

CDN ad segment prefix: The CDN domain name that MediaTailor uses when generating URLs for ad segments in manifests.

For more information about CDN configuration with MediaTailor, see [Set up CDN integration](#).

 **Note**

These terms are consistent with those used in channel assembly documentation. For channel assembly terminology, see [CDN terminology for channel assembly](#).

Set up basic MediaTailor SSAI with a CDN for optimal ad delivery

This section provides step-by-step instructions for configuring AWS Elemental MediaTailor dynamic ad insertion with a content delivery network (CDN) to optimize your video monetization workflow.

For conceptual information about SSAI with CDNs, see [Understand ad insertion architecture for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Prerequisites

Before setting up ad insertion with a CDN, ensure you have:

- An active AWS Elemental MediaTailor configuration
- A content origin server delivering HLS or DASH content with appropriate ad markers

For information about ad markers, see [Understanding ad insertion behavior](#).

- An ad decision server (ADS) that supports VAST or VMAP for ad targeting
- A CDN account (such as Amazon CloudFront or another CDN provider)
- Basic knowledge of manifest manipulation and dynamic ad insertion concepts

Step 1: Configure CDN caching for optimal ad delivery

Proper CDN caching configuration is critical for optimal performance of your video monetization workflow. The caching requirements differ between server-side ad insertion (SSAI) and server-guided ad insertion (SGAI). Use these recommended settings to ensure efficient delivery of both content and personalized advertising:

SSAI CDN caching settings

For server-side ad insertion workflows, proper caching configuration is critical for optimal performance. SSAI requires specific TTL values and cache key settings to ensure personalized manifests are not cached while segments are cached efficiently.

For detailed SSAI caching settings including TTL values, path patterns, and cache key configurations, see [Server-side ad insertion \(SSAI\) caching](#) in the CDN optimization guide.

Key caching principles for SSAI:

- **Manifests:** Set TTL to 0 seconds to prevent caching of personalized content
- **Segments:** Cache aggressively (24+ hours) to reduce origin load
- **Cache keys:** Include all query parameters for manifests, URL path only for segments

SGAI CDN caching settings

For server-guided ad insertion workflows, caching requirements differ from SSAI because SGAI manifests can be cached for short periods while still providing personalized ad experiences.

For comprehensive SGAI caching settings including VOD and live TTL values, see the optimization guide's caching tables. SGAI allows for better cache efficiency than SSAI while maintaining ad personalization capabilities.

Key SGAI caching differences:

- **Manifests:** Can be cached for short periods (5-30 minutes for VOD, 2-10 seconds for live)
- **Segments:** Cache aggressively like SSAI (24+ hours for most content)
- **Performance benefit:** Better cache hit ratios than SSAI due to cacheable manifests

For Amazon CloudFront, you can implement these settings using cache behaviors with different TTL values and cache key policies. For other CDNs, refer to their specific documentation for implementing similar caching rules.

Step 2: Implement hybrid approaches (if needed)

If your architecture requires a hybrid approach with a separate CDN or caching layer between the content origin and MediaTailor:

1. Implement clear separation of concerns in your CDN configuration.
2. Configure specific CDN settings to prevent the technical issues described in the previous section.
3. Thoroughly test your configuration to verify that manifest personalization functions correctly.
4. Monitor performance metrics to ensure optimal delivery of multivariant playlists, media playlists, MPDs, and segments.

When implementing a hybrid approach, consider these specific configurations:

- For the CDN between content origin and MediaTailor:
 - Configure compression passthrough for manifest files to preserve the original compression state from your origin
 - Include all query parameters in the cache key
 - Set short TTL values for live content manifests
- For the CDN between MediaTailor and viewers:
 - Configure longer cache times for ad segments
 - Set appropriate TTLs for personalized manifests

- Implement proper origin routing for content vs. ad segments

Step 3: Complete your CDN setup

After choosing your architecture and understanding the request flow, complete your setup by following the detailed configuration steps in [Set up CDN integration](#).

For specific CDN providers, refer to these additional resources:

- Amazon CloudFront: See [CloudFront integration](#) for CloudFront-specific configuration steps
- Other CDNs: Apply the general principles outlined in this guide, adapting them to your specific CDN's configuration options

Step 4: Verify your configuration

After completing your CDN setup, verify that your dynamic ad insertion workflow is functioning correctly:

1. Test playback through your CDN with a sample player
2. Verify that personalized advertising is inserted correctly at designated ad break points
3. Check CDN logs to confirm proper request routing
4. Monitor cache hit rates to ensure optimal performance for both content and ad segments
5. Confirm that ad targeting parameters are being properly passed through the workflow

For comprehensive testing and validation procedures, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#). For detailed information on monitoring your SSAI implementation, see [Monitor operations for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#). To optimize performance, see [Optimize performance for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Integrate MediaTailor SSAI with channel assembly for monetized linear channels

This topic explains how to combine AWS Elemental MediaTailor server-side ad insertion with channel assembly and content delivery network (CDN) integration. This integration enables you to:

- Create monetized linear channels with personalized advertising

- Deliver targeted ads to different viewers watching the same content
- Maintain broadcast-quality viewing experiences

Benefits of combining SSAI with channel assembly

Integrating SSAI with channel assembly provides several key benefits:

Monetization of linear channels

Insert personalized ads into your linear channels to generate revenue from your content library. You can monetize both live and VOD content within a single linear stream.

Personalized advertising

Deliver different ads to different viewers watching the same channel content. This targeted approach increases ad relevance and potential revenue compared to traditional broadcast advertising.

Simplified ad break management

Define ad break points in your channel assembly programs without needing to condition the content with SCTE-35 markers. This makes it easier to insert ads at natural break points in your content.

Broadcast-quality experience

MediaTailor maintains a high-quality viewing experience with seamless transitions between content and ads. Server-side ad insertion eliminates many common issues such as:

- Buffering during ad transitions
- Ad blockers preventing monetization
- Inconsistent playback quality

Scalable delivery

When combined with a CDN, this integration can scale to millions of concurrent viewers without degradation in performance or personalization capabilities.

Architecture overview

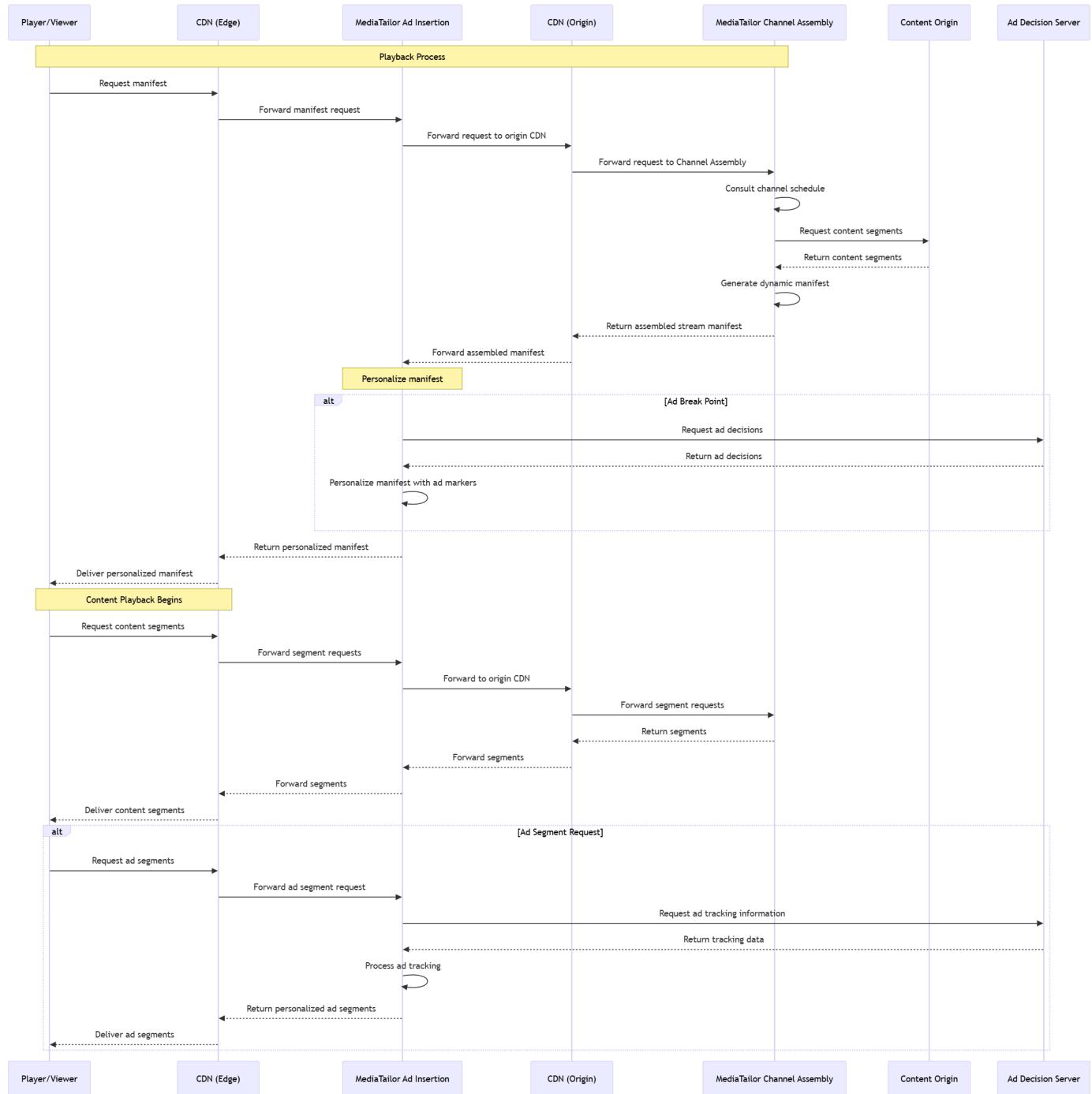
The architecture for combining SSAI with channel assembly typically involves these components:

- Channel assembly: Creates linear channels from VOD and live content, and inserts slate content that creates ad markers in the generated manifest
- Ad insertion: Recognizes ad break points and inserts URLs pointing to personalized ad segments in the manifest
- Ad decision server (ADS): Determines which ads to insert for each viewer
- Content delivery network (CDN): Delivers the assembled content and ad segments to viewers
- Origin server: Stores the VOD and live content segments

In this architecture:

1. Channel assembly creates a linear channel from your VOD and live content, and inserts slate content that creates the ad markers in the generated manifest
2. When a viewer requests the channel, ad insertion recognizes the ad breaks that were inserted into the linear channel
3. Ad insertion makes the call to the ADS to receive the list of ads, transcodes them, and inserts URLs pointing to the transcoded ad segments into the personalized manifest
4. The CDN delivers the personalized stream to the viewer

The following diagram illustrates this workflow:



Setting up the integration

To set up SSAI with channel assembly:

1. Configure your edge CDN to accept manifest requests from viewers and forward them to AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion.
2. Set up MediaTailor ad insertion to forward requests to your origin CDN.
3. Configure your origin CDN to forward requests to MediaTailor channel assembly.
4. Set up MediaTailor channel assembly to generate dynamic manifests based on the current schedule.
5. Configure your origin CDN to forward the assembled manifests to MediaTailor ad insertion.
6. Set up MediaTailor ad insertion to request ad decisions from your ad decision server at ad break points.
7. Configure MediaTailor ad insertion to personalize manifests by replacing the ad markers (from channel assembly) with URLs pointing to targeted ad segments (from the ADS).
8. Set up your edge CDN to deliver personalized manifests to viewers.
9. Configure your CDN architecture to handle both content and ad segment requests efficiently.

Defining ad breaks in channel assembly

When creating programs in channel assembly, you can define ad breaks in several ways:

Program transitions

Insert ads between programs in your channel schedule. This is the simplest approach and ensures ads don't interrupt program content.

SCTE-35 markers

If your VOD content contains SCTE-35 markers, channel assembly can preserve these markers, and ad insertion can use them as ad break points.

Time-based insertion

Define ad breaks at specific time points within programs. This allows you to insert ads at natural break points in your content.

For detailed information on creating programs with ad breaks, see [Working with programs](#).

CDN caching considerations

For optimal performance when combining channel assembly and SSAI with a CDN:

- Configure cache behaviors that distinguish between channel assembly and SSAI requests
- Set appropriate TTL values for manifests and segments as recommended in [Step 1: Configure CDN caching for optimal ad delivery](#)
- Ensure proper routing between channel assembly, ad insertion, and your CDN origins
- Monitor the performance metrics for both channel assembly and ad insertion components

Recommended caching settings for combined implementation

Content type	TTL	Cache key elements
Channel assembly manifests	0 seconds	URL path + query parameters
SSAI personalized manifests	0 seconds	URL path + all query parameters
Content segments	24+ hours	URL path only
Ad segments	24+ hours	URL path only

Monitoring the integrated solution

To ensure your integrated solution is performing optimally, monitor these key metrics:

Channel assembly metrics

Monitor manifest generation time, program transitions, and any errors in the channel assembly process.

Ad insertion metrics

Track ad fill rate, ad decision server response times, and ad insertion errors.

CDN metrics

Monitor cache hit rates, origin request volume, and response latency for both content and ad segments.

Viewer experience metrics

Track rebuffering events, startup times, and viewer engagement, especially during ad transitions.

For detailed information on monitoring, see [Monitor operations for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#) and [Monitor MediaTailor channel assembly CDN operations](#).

Troubleshooting common issues

When troubleshooting issues with the integrated solution, consider these common problems:

Ad break synchronization issues

If ads are not appearing at the expected break points, verify that the ad break definitions in your channel assembly programs are correctly configured and that ad insertion is properly identifying these break points.

Manifest delivery errors

If viewers are experiencing playback issues, check that the CDN is correctly forwarding manifest requests between channel assembly and ad insertion, and that the cache settings are appropriate for the dynamic nature of these manifests.

Segment routing problems

If content or ad segments are not loading, verify that the CDN is correctly routing segment requests to the appropriate origins and that the segment URLs in the manifests are correctly formatted.

Performance degradation

If viewers are experiencing buffering or high latency, check the CDN cache hit rates and origin request volumes to identify potential bottlenecks in the delivery pipeline.

For more troubleshooting guidance, see [Troubleshoot MediaTailor SSAI with CDNs for uninterrupted ad delivery](#).

Best practices

Follow these best practices for a successful integration of SSAI with channel assembly:

- **Test thoroughly:** Test the integrated solution with various content types, ad scenarios, and viewer conditions before deploying to production.
- **Monitor continuously:** Set up comprehensive monitoring and alerting to quickly identify and address any issues that arise.

- **Optimize caching:** Regularly review and adjust your CDN caching settings based on actual usage patterns and performance metrics.
- **Plan for scale:** Design your architecture to handle peak traffic loads, especially for popular channels or events.
- **Consider redundancy:** Implement redundancy in critical components to ensure high availability of your linear channels.
- **Optimize ad transitions:** Ensure smooth transitions between content and ads by using consistent encoding profiles and segment durations.

Related information

For more information about integrating SSAI with channel assembly, see:

Channel assembly documentation

[Using AWS Elemental MediaTailor to create linear assembled streams](#) - Learn about channel assembly concepts

[Channel assembly with CDN](#) - Set up channel assembly with a CDN

SSAI documentation

[Ad insertion with CDN](#) - Set up ad insertion with a CDN

[Understand ad insertion architecture for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#) - Understand ad insertion CDN architecture

CDN configuration

[Set up CDN integration](#) - General CDN configuration guidance

[CloudFront integration](#) - CloudFront specific configuration

Optimize performance for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

Maximize the performance of your AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion implementation by optimizing your content delivery network (CDN) configuration. These settings ensure efficient content delivery and optimal viewer experience.

For detailed caching and routing optimization guidance specific to SSAI implementations, see [CDN performance optimization](#). The consolidated optimization guide provides comprehensive caching

settings, request routing configuration, and performance benchmarks that apply to all MediaTailor CDN integrations.

Common performance challenges

SSAI implementations with CDNs can face several performance challenges:

Manifest manipulation overhead

MediaTailor performs real-time manifest manipulation, which can introduce latency if not optimized properly. The following can introduce latency:

- Processing time for ad decision server (ADS) requests
- Time required to modify manifests with ad segment references
- Additional processing for personalization

Cache efficiency issues

Personalized manifests can reduce CDN cache efficiency because:

- Each viewer may receive a unique manifest
- Session parameters can fragment the cache
- Dynamic content requires careful cache configuration

Origin load spikes

Improper caching can lead to origin load spikes during:

- High-traffic events
- Cache refreshes
- CDN configuration changes

Ad-related playback issues

Ad insertion can cause playback disruptions such as:

- Buffering during ad transitions
- Quality differences between content and ads
- Playback failures when ads cannot be retrieved

For comprehensive performance optimization guidance including caching strategies, request routing, performance benchmarks, and advanced optimization techniques, see [CDN performance](#)

[optimization](#). The consolidated optimization guide provides detailed settings and benchmarks that apply to all MediaTailor CDN integrations, including SSAI implementations.

Best practices summary

Follow these best practices to ensure optimal SSAI performance with CDNs:

Architecture best practices

- Choose the right architectural pattern for your scale and requirements
- Deploy services in close proximity to minimize latency
- Implement redundancy for critical components

Caching best practices

- Use different caching strategies for different content types
- Optimize cache keys to balance personalization and efficiency
- Set appropriate TTLs based on content type and update frequency. For detailed TTL recommendations, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Ad delivery best practices

- Optimize ADS interactions with timeouts and fallbacks
- Prepare ads to match content specifications
- Implement efficient ad segment delivery

Monitoring best practices

- Monitor all components of your SSAI implementation
- Set up alerts for performance degradation
- Regularly review and optimize your configuration

Complete optimization guidance

For comprehensive CDN optimization guidance including detailed caching strategies, request routing configuration, performance benchmarks, and advanced optimization techniques, see [CDN performance optimization](#). The consolidated optimization guide provides complete settings and benchmarks that apply to all MediaTailor CDN integrations, including SSAI implementations.

Monitor operations for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor provides robust analytics capabilities that, when combined with content delivery network (CDN) metrics, offer comprehensive insights into your SSAI implementation. This topic covers:

For comprehensive CDN monitoring guidance including essential metrics, monitoring tools setup, alert configuration, and troubleshooting strategies that apply to all MediaTailor implementations, see [CDN monitoring](#). This topic focuses on SSAI-specific monitoring requirements and ad insertion analytics.

- Monitoring strategies for SSAI and CDN integration
- Analytics tools and data collection methods
- Data-driven optimization techniques

Key metrics for SSAI with CDNs

To effectively monitor your SSAI implementation with CDNs, track these essential metrics:

Ad insertion metrics

Ad fill rate: The percentage of ad opportunities that were successfully filled with ads.

Ad error rate: The percentage of ad requests that resulted in errors.

Ad response time: How long it takes for the ad decision server to respond to ad requests.

Ad duration accuracy: How closely the actual duration of inserted ads matches the expected duration.

Viewer experience metrics

Rebuffering ratio: The percentage of viewing time spent buffering.

Start-up time: How long it takes for video playback to begin.

Ad transition smoothness: How seamlessly the player transitions between content and ads.

Session duration: How long viewers watch before abandoning the stream.

Analytics tools and integration

Combine these tools to create a comprehensive analytics solution for your SSAI implementation:

AWS Elemental MediaTailor server-side metrics

MediaTailor provides built-in metrics through Amazon CloudWatch that track ad requests, responses, and errors. These metrics can be viewed in the CloudWatch console or integrated into custom dashboards.

Key MediaTailor metrics include:

- `AdDecisionServer.Ads`: The number of ads returned by the ad decision server.
- `AdDecisionServer.Duration`: The total duration of ads returned by the ad decision server.
- `AdDecisionServer.Errors`: The number of errors returned by the ad decision server.
- `AdDecisionServer.Latency`: The response time of the ad decision server.

For a complete list of MediaTailor metrics, see [Monitoring MediaTailor with Amazon CloudWatch](#).

CDN analytics

CDN providers offer detailed analytics on content delivery performance. For Amazon CloudFront, use CloudWatch metrics and Amazon CloudFront access logs to analyze delivery patterns.

Important CDN metrics to monitor:

- Request count by content type (manifests vs. segments)
- Cache hit ratio for different content types
- Geographic distribution of viewers
- Error rates by error code

Client-side tracking

Implement client-side tracking to gather viewer experience metrics that aren't available server-side:

- Player events (play, pause, seek, buffer)

- Ad view completion rates
- Quality of service metrics (resolution changes, bitrate)
- Viewer engagement patterns

Consider using MediaTailor client-side tracking to collect and report these metrics.

Integrated dashboards

Create comprehensive dashboards that combine metrics from multiple sources:

- Use CloudWatch dashboards to combine MediaTailor and CloudFront metrics
- Consider third-party analytics platforms for more advanced visualization
- Set up cross-service correlation to identify relationships between metrics

Implementing a monitoring strategy

Follow these steps to implement a comprehensive monitoring strategy for your SSAI with CDN implementation:

1. Set up basic monitoring

- Enable CloudWatch metrics for MediaTailor
- Configure CDN logging and metrics collection
- Implement client-side tracking in your video player

2. Create custom dashboards

- Build a CloudWatch dashboard that combines key metrics
- Include visualizations for ad fill rate, CDN performance, and viewer experience
- Add annotations for important events (configuration changes, major broadcasts)

3. Configure alerts

- Set up CloudWatch alarms for critical metrics
- Create composite alarms that trigger on multiple related conditions
- Configure notification channels (email, SMS, Amazon SNS)

4. Implement automated responses

- Use CloudWatch Events to trigger automated responses to common issues
- Create runbooks for manual intervention when needed
- Document troubleshooting procedures for different alert scenarios

Example Creating a comprehensive SSAI monitoring dashboard

This example shows how to create a CloudWatch dashboard that combines MediaTailor and CloudFront metrics:

```
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      "properties": {  
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          [ ".", "4xxErrorRate", ".", "." ],  
          [ ".", "5xxErrorRate", ".", "." ]  
        ],  
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      }  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

Data-driven optimization

Use the analytics data you collect to optimize your SSAI implementation:

CDN cache optimization

Analyze cache hit ratios to identify opportunities for improvement:

- Adjust TTL settings based on content type and update frequency. For detailed TTL recommendations, see [Step 1: Configure CDN caching for optimal ad delivery](#).
- Optimize cache key settings to improve cache efficiency
- Consider implementing origin shield for multi-layered caching

Ad delivery optimization

Use ad performance metrics to improve ad delivery:

- Identify and address common ad insertion errors
- Optimize ad decision server response times
- Adjust ad targeting parameters based on fill rate analysis

Viewer experience optimization

Improve the viewer experience based on client-side metrics:

- Analyze drop-off patterns during ad breaks
- Optimize ad transition points for smoother playback
- Adjust ad frequency and duration based on viewer engagement data

Cost optimization

Balance performance and cost considerations:

- Analyze bandwidth usage patterns to optimize CDN costs
- Consider price class adjustments for CloudFront distributions
- Evaluate the cost-benefit of different caching strategies

Best practices

Follow these best practices for effective SSAI monitoring and analytics:

- **Establish baselines:** Collect metrics during normal operation to establish performance baselines that can be used for comparison during troubleshooting.
- **Implement multi-level monitoring:** Monitor at different levels of your architecture (origin, CDN, player) to get a complete picture of performance.

- **Correlate metrics across services:** Look for relationships between metrics from different services to identify root causes of issues.
- **Use anomaly detection:** Implement CloudWatch anomaly detection to automatically identify unusual patterns in your metrics.
- **Regularly review and refine:** Schedule regular reviews of your monitoring strategy and adjust based on changing requirements and new insights.
- **Document findings and actions:** Maintain a record of optimization efforts and their results to build institutional knowledge.

Related information

For more information about monitoring and analytics for SSAI with CDNs, see:

- [Optimize performance for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#) for performance optimization techniques
- [Troubleshoot MediaTailor SSAI with CDNs for uninterrupted ad delivery](#) for troubleshooting common issues
- [Monitoring MediaTailor with Amazon CloudWatch](#) for detailed information about MediaTailor metrics
- [Viewing CloudFront and edge function metrics](#) for information about CloudFront metrics

Troubleshoot MediaTailor SSAI with CDNs for uninterrupted ad delivery

This section provides solutions for common issues when using AWS Elemental MediaTailor dynamic ad insertion with a content delivery network (CDN). These solutions will help you troubleshoot problems with your video monetization through personalized advertising.

For comprehensive CDN troubleshooting guidance including cache performance issues, HTTP error resolution, testing procedures, and diagnostic techniques that apply to all MediaTailor implementations, see [Troubleshoot CDN integration](#). This section focuses on SSAI-specific troubleshooting requirements and ad insertion issues.

If you encounter issues with your CDN and SSAI setup, check these common problems:

Personalized advertising not appearing in stream

Verify that your ADS responds correctly and that AWS Elemental MediaTailor communicates with it. Check these potential issues:

- Ad targeting query parameters not properly forwarded through your CDN
- Ad break points incorrectly defined in your content
- ADS connectivity or response problems

Playback errors at ad break points

Ensure that ad segments are properly transcoded to match your content bitrates and resolutions. Check these common issues:

- CDN incorrectly routing requests for ad segments
- Manifest manipulation errors at transition points
- Mismatched encoding profiles between content and ads

Stale manifests

For live content, verify that your CDN cache TTL settings are appropriate. For personalized manifests, use TTL of 0 seconds. Consider implementing cache invalidation for rapidly changing manifests. For comprehensive TTL guidance, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

High latency

Check your CDN configuration for optimal routing. Ensure that your CDN has edge locations near your viewers for best performance.

Advanced troubleshooting

For more complex issues, try these advanced troubleshooting techniques:

Inconsistent ad targeting behavior

Check for query parameter inconsistencies between player requests and ADS requests. Ensure all required targeting parameters are properly passed through the CDN.

CDN cache inconsistencies

Verify cache key configurations to ensure proper content differentiation. Consider implementing cache purging for critical manifest updates.

Ad tracking failures

Check that beacon URLs are properly forwarded and not blocked by the CDN. Verify that client players can reach the tracking endpoints.

Performance optimization

To optimize the performance of your dynamic ad insertion and video monetization workflow:

- Fine-tune TTL settings based on content type and viewer patterns. For detailed TTL recommendations, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).
- Implement geographic routing to minimize latency for global audiences
- Consider using multiple CDNs for redundancy and optimal performance
- Monitor cache hit ratios and adjust configurations accordingly
- Optimize manifest manipulation processes to reduce processing time at ad break points
- Pre-transcode ads to match common content profiles for seamless personalized advertising insertion

Performance benchmarks

When optimizing your AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion CDN integration, aim for these performance benchmarks:

Cache Hit Ratio Targets

Content segments: greater than 95% cache hit ratio

Ad segments: greater than 90% cache hit ratio

Manifests: Not applicable (should not be cached for personalized ad insertion)

Latency Benchmarks

Manifest request latency: less than 100ms (P95)

Content segment delivery: less than 50ms (P95)

Ad segment delivery: less than 75ms (P95)

End-to-end startup time: less than 2 seconds

Origin Load Metrics

Origin requests per viewer: less than 0.1 requests per minute per viewer

Origin bandwidth per viewer: less than 5% of total viewer bandwidth

Error Rate Targets

Manifest errors: less than 0.1%

Segment errors: less than 0.01%

Player-reported rebuffering: less than 1%

Scalability Benchmarks

Support for 10 times the normal traffic during peak events without degradation

Ability to handle greater than 1000 requests per second per channel

Use Amazon CloudWatch metrics to track these performance indicators. For detailed monitoring instructions, see [Monitoring AWS Elemental MediaTailor with Amazon CloudWatch metrics](#).

Related information

For more information about ad insertion with CDNs, see:

Ad insertion documentation

[Getting started with MediaTailor ad insertion](#) - Learn about ad insertion concepts

[Setting up](#) - Get started with ad insertion

CDN integration

[Set up CDN integration](#) - General CDN configuration guidance

[CloudFront integration](#) - CloudFront specific configuration

Channel assembly integration

[Channel assembly with CDN](#) - Learn about channel assembly with CDNs

[Implement ad insertion](#) - Implement ad insertion with channel assembly

Monitoring and optimization

[Monitor operations for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#) - Comprehensive monitoring and analytics

[Optimize performance for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#) - Performance optimization guide

[Monitoring AWS Elemental MediaTailor with Amazon CloudWatch metrics](#) - CloudWatch metrics for MediaTailor

Build MediaTailor linear channels with channel assembly and CDN

This section provides comprehensive guidance for integrating AWS Elemental MediaTailor channel assembly with a content delivery network (CDN). Follow these steps to set up, configure, and optimize your channel assembly CDN integration.

You can also combine channel assembly with server-side ad insertion (SSAI) to create monetized linear channels with personalized advertising. This powerful integration enables you to deliver targeted ads to different viewers watching the same channel content, increasing your revenue opportunities while maintaining a broadcast-quality viewing experience. For information about SSAI with CDNs, see [Ad insertion with CDN](#).

In this topic, we use the term *manifests* to refer collectively to multivariant playlists, media playlists, and MPDs.

For more information about MediaTailor channel assembly, see [Using AWS Elemental MediaTailor to create linear assembled streams](#).

What you'll need

Before setting up MediaTailor channel assembly with a CDN, gather these required resources:

AWS account and permissions

An AWS account with appropriate permissions to create and manage MediaTailor resources

IAM permissions for MediaTailor, CloudFront (if using), and related services

For detailed permission requirements, see [Security in AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

Required services

A running MediaTailor channel assembly channel (not just an SSAI configuration)

A content delivery network (CDN) account (Amazon CloudFront or third-party CDN)

Origin storage for your VOD content (Amazon S3, MediaPackage, or other origin server)

Content requirements

VOD sources properly encoded and packaged in HLS or DASH format. For information about working with source locations and VOD sources, see [Working with source locations](#).

Content with consistent segment durations (recommended minimum: 1 second)

Ad slate content for ad breaks (if implementing ad insertion). For information about configuring slate, see [Inserting slate](#).

Before you begin

Important

This workflow requires a running MediaTailor channel assembly channel. Having only a MediaTailor SSAI configuration is not sufficient for this integration. You must have an active channel assembly channel configured and operational before proceeding with CDN integration.

Complete these setup tasks before implementing MediaTailor channel assembly with a CDN:

1. Configure network connectivity between your CDN, MediaTailor, and origin servers
2. Set up HTTPS for secure content delivery
3. Configure DNS settings for your CDN domain

Knowledge prerequisites

To successfully implement this solution, you should have:

- Understanding of streaming protocols (HLS/DASH)
- Basic knowledge of CDN configuration principles
- Familiarity with MediaTailor channel assembly concepts

For basic MediaTailor setup, refer to [Setting up](#) and [Getting started with MediaTailor channel assembly](#). For information about working with source locations and VOD sources, see [Working with source locations](#). For information about configuring slate, see [Inserting slate](#).

Benefits of CDN integration

Integrating channel assembly with a CDN delivers these key benefits.

Improved viewer experience

Properly configured CDNs reduce buffering, startup times, and playback errors for linear channels. This results in higher viewer engagement and satisfaction.

Cost reduction

Efficient caching strategies minimize origin requests. This reduces data transfer costs and origin server load, particularly important for high-volume linear channels.

Scalability

Optimized CDN configurations handle traffic spikes during popular events without degrading performance, ensuring your linear channels remain available even during peak viewing times.

Global reach

Properly configured CDNs deliver content with low latency to viewers worldwide, regardless of their location, expanding your potential audience.

Seamless program transitions

Optimized CDN configuration ensures smooth transitions between programs in your linear channel, creating a broadcast-quality viewing experience.

Topics

- [Understand MediaTailor channel assembly CDN architecture](#)
- [Set up basic MediaTailor channel assembly with a CDN](#)

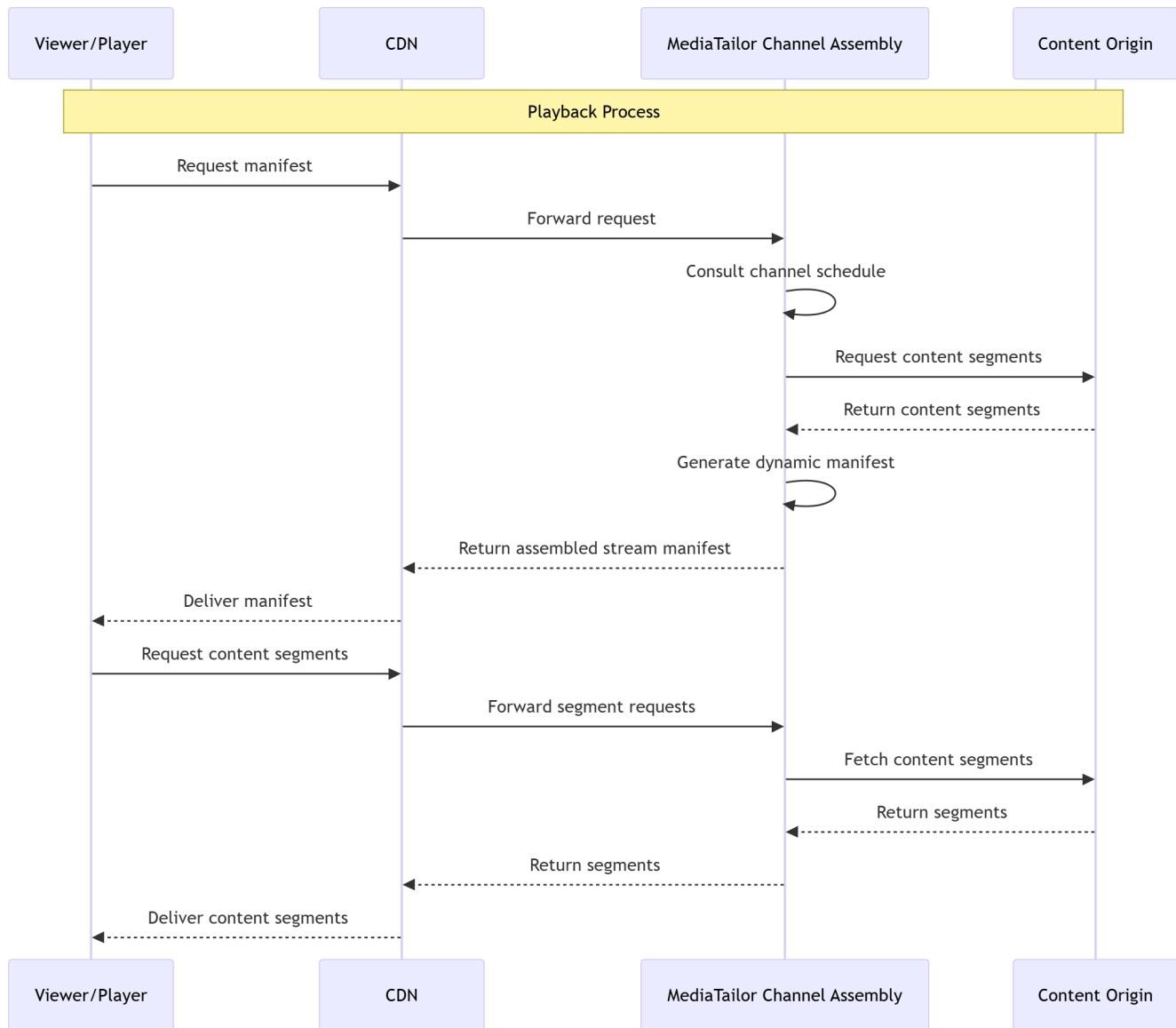
- [Configure base URLs for MediaTailor channel assembly CDN](#)
- [Implement MediaTailor ad insertion with channel assembly](#)
- [Configure time-shifted viewing for MediaTailor channel assembly](#)
- [Monitor MediaTailor channel assembly CDN operations](#)
- [Complete channel assembly CDN optimization](#)

Understand MediaTailor channel assembly CDN architecture

AWS Elemental MediaTailor channel assembly integrates with content delivery networks (CDNs) to deliver linear streaming channels with improved performance and global reach. The recommended architecture positions the CDN between viewers and channel assembly, with channel assembly accessing content directly from your origin. This topic explains the core architecture components and how they work together to deliver your content.

1. Viewers request manifests from the CDN
2. CDN forwards requests to channel assembly
3. Channel assembly assembles the manifests from VOD sources
4. Channel assembly returns the manifests to the CDN, which forwards them to viewers
5. Viewers request segments through the CDN
6. CDN routes segment requests to the appropriate origin

This architecture ensures optimal performance while maintaining the security and flexibility benefits of using a CDN.



CDN terminology for channel assembly

Understanding these key terms will help you implement and troubleshoot your channel assembly CDN integration:

Origin CDN and edge CDN

Origin CDN: A CDN positioned between MediaTailor and your content origin. It caches content segments to reduce load on your origin servers. In a multi-CDN architecture, this is the first CDN layer that interfaces directly with the origin.

Edge CDN: A CDN positioned between viewers and MediaTailor. It delivers personalized manifests and content to viewers. In a multi-CDN architecture, this is the outermost CDN layer that interfaces directly with viewers.

CDN configuration terms

Cache behavior: Rules that determine how a CDN handles different types of requests, including caching duration and origin routing.

TTL (Time To Live): The duration for which content remains valid in a CDN cache before it needs to be refreshed from the origin. For detailed TTL recommendations, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Cache key: The unique identifier used by a CDN to store and retrieve cached content, often including URL path, query parameters, and headers.

Origin shield: An intermediate caching layer between CDN edge locations and your origin server that reduces the number of requests to your origin.

Request collapsing: A CDN feature that combines multiple simultaneous requests for the same content into a single origin request.

MediaTailor-specific CDN terms

CDN content segment prefix: The CDN domain name that MediaTailor uses when generating URLs for content segments in manifests.

CDN ad segment prefix: The CDN domain name that MediaTailor uses when generating URLs for ad segments in manifests.

For more information about CDN configuration with MediaTailor, see [Set up CDN integration](#).

Set up basic MediaTailor channel assembly with a CDN

AWS Elemental MediaTailor channel assembly enables you to configure a basic integration with your content delivery network (CDN) for efficient delivery of linear streaming channels to your viewers. Follow these steps to set up the integration between channel assembly and your CDN.

1. Configure your CDN to accept manifests from viewers and forward them to MediaTailor channel assembly.

2. Set up MediaTailor channel assembly to access your channel schedule and determine the current programming.
3. Configure MediaTailor channel assembly to request content segments from your origin server based on the schedule.
4. Ensure your content origin can deliver the requested segments to MediaTailor channel assembly.
5. Set up MediaTailor channel assembly to generate dynamic manifests based on the current schedule.
6. Configure your CDN to deliver the assembled multivariant playlists, media playlists, and MPDs to viewers.
7. Set up your CDN to handle segment requests from viewers, with appropriate cache settings.
8. Configure your CDN to forward cache misses to MediaTailor channel assembly.
9. Set up MediaTailor channel assembly to retrieve requested segments from your content origin.
10. Configure your CDN to deliver content segments to viewers for playback.

Configure base URLs for MediaTailor channel assembly CDN

AWS Elemental MediaTailor channel assembly requires proper base URL configuration to ensure content routing through your content delivery network (CDN) works correctly. Configure the base URL settings in channel assembly to enable successful content delivery to viewers.

Content segment URL configuration

In your channel assembly channel configuration, set the **Base URL** to your CDN domain. This ensures that all segment URLs in the assembled manifest point to your CDN rather than directly to your origin server.

For example, if your origin content is at `http://origin.example.com/content/` and your CDN domain is `https://cdn.example.com/`, set the Base URL to `https://cdn.example.com/content/`.

Access restriction configuration

To enhance security, configure your CDN to restrict direct access to your origin server:

1. Set up origin access controls in your CDN.
2. Configure your origin server to only accept requests from your CDN.

3. Use signed URLs or cookies for viewer authentication if needed.

For Amazon CloudFront, you can use Origin Access Control (OAC) to secure access to your origin. For more information about securing your CloudFront integration, see [CloudFront integration](#).

Implement MediaTailor ad insertion with channel assembly

Channel assembly in AWS Elemental MediaTailor integrates seamlessly with server-side ad insertion (SSAI) and content delivery networks (CDNs) to create monetized linear channels with personalized advertising.

When you combine channel assembly with SSAI, you can build linear channels that deliver personalized ads to viewers while maintaining broadcast-quality experiences. This integration enables you to do the following:

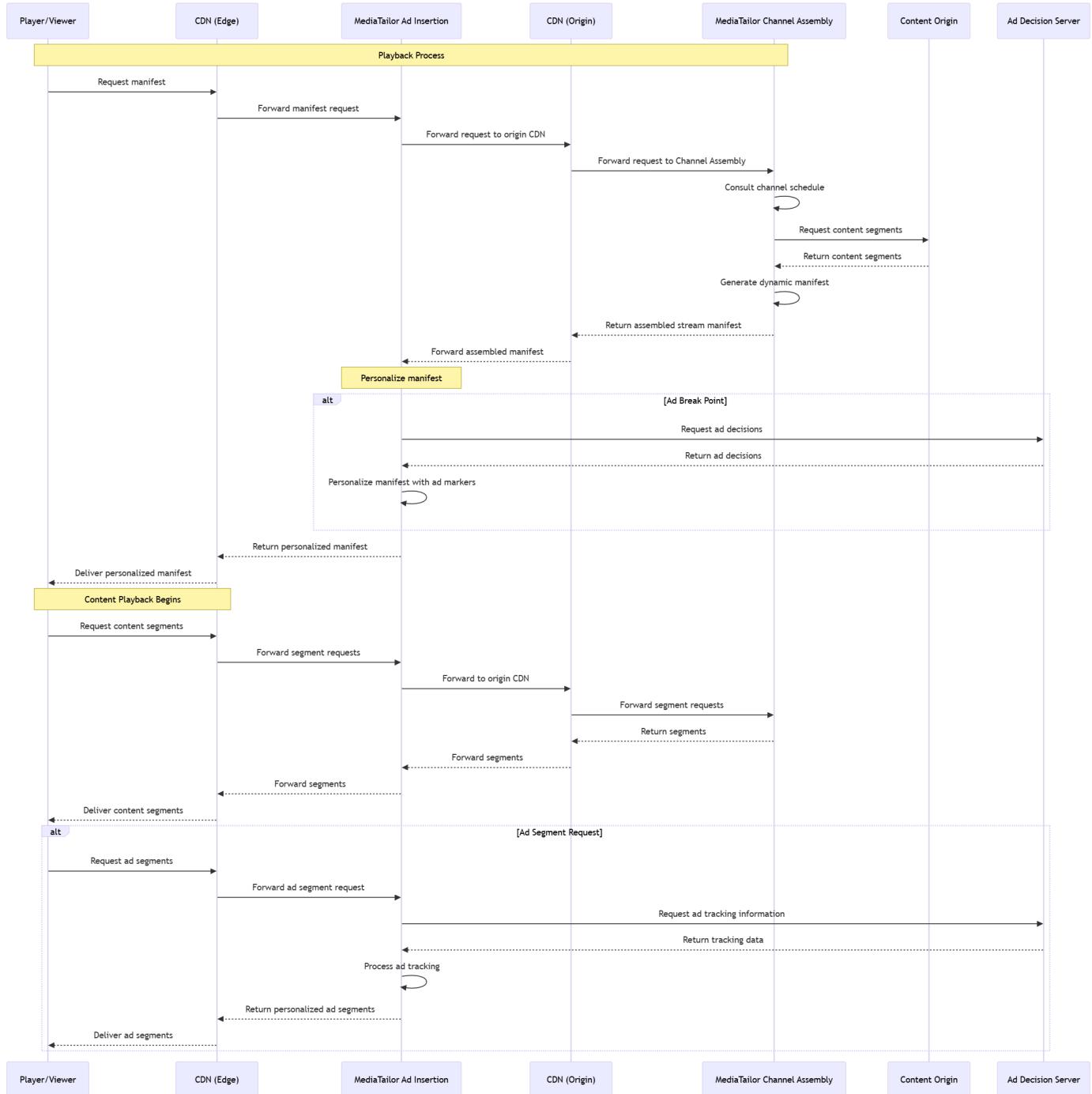
- Monetize content - Generate revenue through targeted advertising in your linear channels
- Personalize experiences - Deliver different ads to viewers watching the same channel based on their profiles
- Maintain quality - Ensure seamless transitions between content and ads for broadcast-quality viewing
- Scale efficiently - Support millions of concurrent viewers through CDN delivery

For detailed information about SSAI with CDNs, see [Ad insertion with CDN](#).

1. Configure your edge CDN to accept manifest requests from viewers and forward them to MediaTailor ad insertion.
2. Set up MediaTailor ad insertion to forward requests to your origin CDN.
3. Configure your origin CDN to forward requests to MediaTailor channel assembly.
4. Set up MediaTailor channel assembly to generate dynamic manifests based on the current schedule.
5. Configure your origin CDN to forward the assembled manifests to MediaTailor ad insertion.
6. Set up MediaTailor ad insertion to request ad decisions from your ad decision server at ad break points.
7. Configure MediaTailor ad insertion to personalize manifests with ad markers.
8. Set up your edge CDN to deliver personalized manifests to viewers.

9. Configure your CDN architecture to handle both content and ad segment requests efficiently.

The following diagram illustrates this combined workflow:



For optimal performance when combining channel assembly and SSAI:

- Configure cache behaviors that distinguish between channel assembly and SSAI requests
- Set appropriate TTL values for manifests and segments as recommended in [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- Ensure proper routing between channel assembly, ad insertion, and your CDN origins
- Monitor the performance metrics for both channel assembly and ad insertion components

For detailed information about configuring SSAI with CDNs, see:

- [Understand ad insertion architecture for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#) - Learn about SSAI architecture and concepts
- [Set up basic MediaTailor SSAI with a CDN for optimal ad delivery](#) - Step-by-step SSAI configuration instructions
- [Troubleshoot MediaTailor SSAI with CDNs for uninterrupted ad delivery](#) - Troubleshoot common SSAI integration issues

Configure time-shifted viewing for MediaTailor channel assembly

AWS Elemental MediaTailor channel assembly supports time-shifted viewing capabilities that enable DVR-like functionality such as pause, rewind, and start-over for your linear channels. Enable these features by configuring your content delivery network (CDN) to support time-shifted viewing, which allows viewers to control their viewing experience.

Understanding time-shifted viewing

Time-shifted viewing enables DVR-like functionality for linear channels, including:

- **Start-over:** Viewers can start watching a program from the beginning, even if they join after it has started
- **Pause and resume:** Viewers can pause content and resume watching later
- **Rewind and fast-forward:** Viewers can navigate backward and forward through available content
- **Delayed viewing:** Viewers can watch content that aired earlier in the channel's schedule

Time-shifted viewing works by adding a `start` parameter to the channel's playback URL. The parameter specifies an offset in seconds relative to the current time:

- Negative values indicate a time in the past (such as `start=-3600` means "start from 1 hour ago")
- Positive values indicate a time in the future (such as `start=3600` means "start from 1 hour in the future")

Example URL with time-shift parameter:

```
https://example-cdn.com/out/v1/channel-name/index.m3u8?start=-3600
```

Time delay resolution

To support time-shifted viewing with a CDN:

1. Configure your CDN to forward the `start` query parameter to channel assembly.
2. Set up cache behaviors that include the `start` parameter in the cache key.
3. For manifests with time-shift parameters, use a short TTL or no caching.

This ensures that each viewer receives the correct manifest for their requested time position.

CDN requirements for time-shifting

Your CDN must meet these requirements to support time-shifted viewing with channel assembly:

- Forward all query parameters to channel assembly.
- Include the `start` parameter in the cache key.
- Support proper cache invalidation for time-shifted manifests.
- Handle varying manifest responses based on query parameters.

Monitor MediaTailor channel assembly CDN operations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor channel assembly requires effective monitoring when integrated with a content delivery network (CDN) to ensure reliable content delivery. Implement monitoring strategies for your channel assembly and CDN integration to help ensure reliable content delivery and quick problem resolution.

For comprehensive CDN monitoring guidance including essential metrics, monitoring tools setup, alert configuration, and troubleshooting strategies that apply to all MediaTailor implementations, see [CDN monitoring](#). This section focuses on channel assembly-specific monitoring requirements.

Implement specific monitoring for your channel assembly and CDN integration:

- Track manifest generation metrics in channel assembly.
- Monitor time-shifted viewing requests and their impact on CDN cache hit rates.
- Configure alerts for unusual patterns in manifest requests.
- Implement tracking for segment availability across your content sources.

For Amazon CloudFront, create a dashboard that integrates CDN metrics with MediaTailor metrics to visualize your entire delivery pipeline using [CloudWatch dashboards](#).

If you're also using SSAI with your channel assembly, see [Monitor CDN operations](#) for additional monitoring recommendations specific to ad insertion.

Complete channel assembly CDN optimization

For detailed CDN optimization guidance specific to channel assembly implementations, including caching strategies, request routing configuration, performance benchmarks, and advanced optimization techniques, see [CDN performance optimization](#).

The consolidated optimization guide provides:

- Channel assembly-specific caching settings with recommended TTL values
- Request routing optimization for manifest and segment delivery
- Performance benchmarks and targets for all MediaTailor implementations
- Advanced optimization techniques including Origin Shield and compression
- Combined workflow guidance for channel assembly with SSAI

Integrate MediaTailor with MediaPackage and CDN

AWS Elemental MediaTailor integrates with AWS Elemental MediaPackage to deliver personalized video ads through a content delivery network (CDN). MediaPackage is a just-in-time video packaging and origination service that prepares and protects your video content for delivery over

the internet. It takes your live or on-demand video content and packages it into streaming formats like HLS and DASH, making it ready for viewers on various devices.

When you combine MediaPackage with MediaTailor and a CDN, you create a complete streaming workflow that delivers personalized ads at scale. The CDN distributes your content globally, reducing latency and improving viewer experience, while MediaTailor inserts targeted advertisements into your streams.

This topic focuses on the essential integration steps to get MediaTailor, MediaPackage, and your CDN working together. For advanced configuration options, troubleshooting, and monitoring guidance, see [Next steps](#).

Understanding the MediaPackage and CDN workflow

Before configuring your integration, it's important to understand how MediaPackage, MediaTailor, and your CDN work together:

- 1. Content preparation:** MediaPackage receives your live or on-demand video content and packages it into streaming formats (HLS or DASH manifests and segments).
- 2. Ad insertion:** MediaTailor requests manifests from MediaPackage, inserts personalized ads, and serves the modified manifests to viewers.
- 3. Global distribution:** Your CDN caches and distributes both the content segments (from MediaPackage) and ad segments (from MediaTailor) to viewers worldwide.
- 4. Viewer playback:** Video players request manifests through the CDN, which routes requests appropriately between MediaTailor (for manifests) and MediaPackage (for content segments).

This architecture provides several benefits:

- Scalability:** The CDN handles high viewer loads without impacting your origin servers
- Performance:** Content is delivered from edge locations closest to viewers
- Cost efficiency:** Reduced bandwidth costs through caching
- Reliability:** Multiple edge locations provide redundancy

Prerequisites

Before you begin, ensure you have the following components configured:

- MediaPackage endpoint:** A configured MediaPackage endpoint that's receiving and packaging your video content. For setup instructions, see [Getting started with MediaPackage](#) in the MediaPackage user guide.
- MediaTailor configuration:** A MediaTailor configuration that uses your MediaPackage endpoint as the content origin. For setup instructions, see [Integrating a content source for MediaTailor ad insertion](#).
- CDN distribution:** A CDN distribution (such as CloudFront) configured to work with streaming media. For setup instructions, see [Creating a distribution](#) in the CloudFront developer guide.
- Ad decision server:** A configured ad decision server that returns VAST or VMAP responses for ad insertion.

Step 1: Configure essential CDN settings

Proper CDN configuration is critical for successful MediaPackage integration. Incorrect settings can cause playback failures, poor cache performance, and increased costs. Without the right cache policies and query parameter forwarding, your CDN might not deliver manifests correctly or might bypass caching entirely, leading to high origin server load and degraded viewer experience.

Configure basic cache settings

Configuring basic caching is essential because MediaPackage uses specific cache-control headers to optimize content delivery. Without proper cache settings, your CDN might ignore these headers, leading to unnecessary origin requests and increased latency. Follow these steps to ensure optimal caching behavior:

To configure basic caching that works with MediaPackage:

1. Open your CloudFront distribution settings in the CloudFront console.
2. Select or create a cache policy for your MediaPackage origin.
3. Enable the "Origin Cache-Control Headers" option.
4. Allow MediaPackage to control caching behavior through its cache-control headers.

This basic configuration allows MediaPackage to set appropriate cache durations for different content types automatically. To implement advanced cache optimization with specific TTL values and performance tuning, complete this basic setup first, then continue to [Optimize CDN caching for MediaTailor and MediaPackage content delivery](#).

Configure essential query parameters

Query parameter configuration is crucial for MediaPackage functionality. Your CDN must forward specific query parameters to enable features like time-shifted viewing and low-latency streaming. Incorrect query parameter settings can prevent these features from working and reduce cache efficiency. Follow these steps to configure query parameter forwarding:

To ensure your CDN forwards the required query parameters to MediaPackage:

1. In your CloudFront distribution settings, select or create a cache policy for manifest requests.
2. Under "Cache key settings," select "Include specified query strings."
3. Add the following essential query parameters:
 - start and end - For defining specific startover content windows
 - _HLS_msn and _HLS_part - For supporting LL-HLS playback requests
 - m - For capturing the modified time of the endpoint. MediaPackage responses always include the ?m=### tag to capture the modified time of the endpoint. If content is already cached with a different value for this tag, CloudFront requests a new manifest instead of serving the cached version
 - aws.manifestfilter - For manifest filtering functionality. If you're using manifest filtering, this parameter must be included to configure the distribution to forward the aws.manifestfilter query string to the MediaPackage origin, which is required for the manifest filtering feature to work
4. Only include the query strings that MediaPackage uses. Including unnecessary query strings reduces cache efficiency by creating multiple cache variations for the same content.

These parameters enable basic MediaPackage functionality with your CDN. If you need to implement content filtering for different subscription tiers or device types, complete this basic query parameter setup first, then proceed to [Set up manifest filtering with MediaTailor, MediaPackage, and CDN](#).

Configure response timeout for LL-HLS

Timeout configuration is critical for low-latency HLS because LL-HLS uses a "blocking requests" mechanism where the CDN waits for new content segments. If your timeout is too short, requests will fail before MediaPackage can respond with new segments, causing playback interruptions and poor viewer experience. Configure appropriate timeouts to ensure smooth LL-HLS playback:

If you're using low-latency HLS, configure your CDN timeout settings:

1. In your CDN settings, locate the origin timeout configuration.
2. Set the response timeout value to at least three times your parts duration.
3. For example, if your parts duration is 0.3 seconds, set the timeout to at least 0.9 seconds.

This ensures the CDN waits long enough for MediaPackage to respond when using the Blocking Requests mechanism.

Step 2: Verify your integration

Testing your integration is essential to ensure that all components work together correctly before your viewers experience issues. A failed integration can result in broken playback, missing ads, or poor performance. This verification process helps you identify and resolve issues in a controlled environment.

After configuring your CDN settings, verify that your integration is working correctly by testing the complete workflow from content request to ad insertion.

Step 2.1: Test basic playback

Basic playback testing verifies that your CDN correctly handles manifest requests and forwards them to MediaTailor. This test helps identify configuration issues with cache policies, query parameter forwarding, and manifest handling. Follow these steps to test basic manifest delivery:

Test that your basic integration is working by requesting a manifest through your CDN:

1. Use a web browser or curl to request a manifest URL through your CDN.
2. Verify that the manifest loads successfully and contains both content and ad segments.
3. Check that content segment URLs in the manifest point to your CDN domain.
4. Confirm that ad segment URLs also point to your CDN domain.

If the manifest loads correctly and contains the expected URLs, your basic integration is working. For comprehensive testing methodologies and advanced validation procedures, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#). To set up comprehensive monitoring of your integration's performance and health, see [Monitor performance for MediaPackage, CDN, and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Step 2.2: Test video playback

Video playback testing ensures that your complete integration works end-to-end, including ad insertion and content delivery through your CDN. This test verifies that both content segments and ad segments are properly cached and delivered, and that the viewer experience meets your quality standards. Follow these steps to test complete playback functionality:

Test that video playback works correctly with ads inserted:

1. Use a video player (such as Video.js or HLS.js) to play your content through the CDN.
2. Verify that the video plays smoothly without buffering issues.
3. Confirm that ads are inserted at the expected times during playback.
4. Check that both content and ad segments load from your CDN (not directly from origins).

If playback works smoothly with ads, your integration is functioning correctly. For comprehensive testing methodologies and advanced validation procedures, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#). If you experience any playback issues, buffering, or ad insertion problems, see [Troubleshoot MediaPackage, CDN, and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Next steps

After completing the basic integration, you can implement advanced features and optimizations:

Advanced CDN optimization

For detailed cache optimization, TTL configuration, and performance tuning, see [Optimize CDN caching for MediaTailor and MediaPackage content delivery](#).

Manifest filtering

To implement content filtering for tiered services, device optimization, or access control, see [Set up manifest filtering with MediaTailor, MediaPackage, and CDN](#).

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your integration, see [Troubleshoot MediaPackage, CDN, and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Performance monitoring

To set up comprehensive monitoring and understand key performance metrics, see [Monitor performance for MediaPackage, CDN, and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Set up manifest filtering with MediaTailor, MediaPackage, and CDN

AWS Elemental MediaTailor uses manifest filtering with AWS Elemental MediaPackage to customize which audio and video streams are included in manifests delivered to different viewers through a content delivery network (CDN). This is particularly useful for implementing tiered service offerings, device-specific optimizations, or content access controls.

This topic focuses specifically on implementing manifest filtering features. Before implementing manifest filtering, you must complete the basic content delivery network integration setup. If you haven't set up your basic MediaPackage and content delivery network integration yet, start with [Integrate MediaTailor with MediaPackage and CDN](#).

Manifest filtering capabilities

Before implementing manifest filtering, understand what you can accomplish with this feature:

Core filtering capabilities

Manifest filtering provides several key capabilities that help you control content delivery:

- Restrict viewer access to premium content (such as 4K HEVC)
- Target specific device types with appropriate streams
- Filter content based on audio sample rates, languages, or video codecs
- Deliver different quality tiers to different subscribers

Common use cases

These use cases demonstrate how manifest filtering can address specific business requirements:

Subscription tiers

Offer basic subscribers lower resolution streams while providing premium subscribers access to 4K content

Example: Basic tier limited to 720p, Premium tier gets up to 4K

Device optimization

Automatically serve appropriate streams based on device capabilities

Example: Mobile devices get lower bitrates, smart TVs get higher quality

Bandwidth management

Limit stream quality during peak usage periods to manage network costs

Example: Reduce maximum bitrate during high-traffic events

Regional content

Serve different audio languages or content variants based on viewer location

Example: Automatically filter for local language audio tracks

For more information about manifest filtering concepts, see [Manifest filtering](#) in the AWS Elemental MediaPackage user guide.

Configure your CDN for manifest filtering

CDN configuration for manifest filtering is essential because your CDN must forward the `aws.manifestfilter` query parameter to MediaPackage for filtering to work. Without proper query string forwarding, filter parameters will be stripped by the CDN, and all viewers will receive unfiltered manifests regardless of their subscription tier or device capabilities. This configuration ensures that your filtering logic reaches MediaPackage and functions as intended.

To enable manifest filtering through your CDN, you need to configure query string forwarding:

1. In your CloudFront distribution, create or edit the cache behavior for manifest requests.
2. For **Cache policy**, create a new policy or edit an existing one.
3. Under **Cache key settings**, choose "Include specified query strings."
4. Add `aws.manifestfilter` to the list of allowed query strings.
5. If you're also using other MediaPackage features, add their query parameters:
 - `start` and `end` - For time-shifted viewing
 - `time_delay` - For time delay functionality
 - `_HLS_msn` and `_HLS_part` - For LL-HLS

For more information about creating distributions, see [Create a distribution](#) in the Amazon CloudFront developer guide.

Implement client-side filtering

Client-side implementation is where you define how your video players and applications request filtered content. This configuration determines what content each viewer receives based on their subscription level, device capabilities, or other criteria. Proper implementation ensures that viewers receive only the content they should have access to, while maintaining optimal CDN cache efficiency.

To implement manifest filtering in your video players and applications:

How filtering works

The filtering process works as follows:

1. Your video player or application requests a manifest URL that includes filter parameters
2. The CDN forwards the request (including query parameters) to MediaTailor
3. MediaTailor passes the filter parameters to MediaPackage when requesting the origin manifest
4. MediaPackage applies the filters and returns a customized manifest containing only the variants that match your criteria
5. MediaTailor processes the filtered manifest for ad insertion and returns it to the player

URL format for filtering

Understanding the correct URL format is critical for successful filtering implementation. Incorrect URL formatting will result in filtering parameters being ignored or causing HTTP errors. The URL structure must include filter parameters as query strings that your CDN forwards to MediaPackage. Follow these steps to implement proper URL formatting:

To implement manifest filtering in your video players:

1. Modify your player's manifest request URLs to include the appropriate filter parameters.
2. Use the following URL format with query parameters:

```
https://CloudFront-Domain/v1/master/MediaTailor-Config/index.m3u8?  
aws.manifestfilter=video_codec:h264;audio_language:en-US
```

3. When your player requests this URL, MediaTailor will pass these parameters to MediaPackage, resulting in a filtered manifest.

Common filtering scenarios

Use these examples to implement common filtering scenarios:

Device-specific content delivery

To filter based on device capabilities, add this parameter to your manifest request:

```
aws.manifestfilter=video_codec:h264;audio_sample_rate:0-44100
```

This example limits content to H.264 video and audio with sample rates up to 44.1 kHz, suitable for mobile devices.

Premium content restriction

To limit access to high-bitrate content, add this parameter to your manifest request:

```
aws.manifestfilter=video_bitrate:0-9000000
```

This example restricts video bitrates to 9 Mbps or lower, suitable for basic subscription tiers.

Language selection

To filter for specific audio languages, add this parameter to your manifest request:

```
aws.manifestfilter=audio_language:fr,en-US,de
```

This example includes only French, US English, and German audio tracks.

Resolution targeting

To filter for specific video resolutions, add this parameter to your manifest request:

```
aws.manifestfilter=video_height:240-360,720-1080
```

This example includes video streams with heights between 240-360 pixels and 720-1080 pixels, excluding mid-range resolutions.

Codec-based filtering

To filter for specific video codecs, add this parameter to your manifest request:

```
aws.manifestfilter=video_codec:h264,h265
```

This example includes only H.264 and H.265 video streams, excluding other codecs.

Special considerations and limitations

To avoid common issues when implementing manifest filtering:

Technical limitations

- For TS manifests, use audio rendition groups to avoid removing video streams that are multiplexed with filtered-out audio streams
- In TS and CMAF manifests, audio sample rate and video bitrate are not easily visible in the manifest for verification
- Request parameters appended to media playlists or segments will result in an HTTP 400 error

Error conditions

- If filtering results in an empty manifest (no streams meet the filter criteria), MediaPackage will return an HTTP 400 error
- Conflicting filter configurations (endpoint filters + query parameters) result in HTTP 404 errors
- Invalid filter syntax or unsupported filter types result in HTTP 400 errors

Performance considerations

- Each unique filter combination creates a separate cache entry, potentially reducing cache efficiency
- Complex filters with many criteria might impact manifest generation performance
- Consider using endpoint-level filters for static filtering scenarios to improve cache performance

Test your filtering implementation

Testing your manifest filtering implementation is crucial to ensure that viewers receive the correct content based on their access level and device capabilities. Failed filtering can result in viewers receiving incorrect quality levels, unsupported formats, or content they shouldn't have access to. Comprehensive testing helps identify and resolve these issues before they affect your viewers.

To verify that your manifest filtering is working correctly:

1. Request manifests with different filter parameters and verify the results
2. Check that filtered manifests contain only the expected streams
3. Test edge cases (empty results, invalid filters) to ensure proper error handling
4. Verify that your CDN is properly forwarding filter parameters
5. Test with different devices and players to ensure compatibility

For troubleshooting filtering issues, see *Troubleshoot MediaPackage CDN integration issues*.

If you encounter HTTP 400 errors, empty manifests, or filtering parameters that don't work as expected, see [Troubleshoot MediaPackage, CDN, and MediaTailor integrations](#) for specific manifest filtering troubleshooting guidance.

Optimize CDN caching for MediaTailor and MediaPackage content delivery

AWS Elemental MediaTailor requires proper content delivery network (CDN) caching configuration for optimal performance when using AWS Elemental MediaPackage as your content origin. MediaPackage provides specific cache-control headers that tell your content delivery network how long to cache different types of content. Following these recommendations ensures smooth playback and efficient content delivery.

This topic focuses specifically on optimizing caching behavior to maximize performance and minimize costs. Before implementing advanced caching optimization, ensure you have completed the basic content delivery network integration setup. If you haven't set up your basic integration yet, start with [Integrate MediaTailor with MediaPackage and CDN](#).

MediaPackage cache-control headers

MediaPackage sets specific TTL values for different content types to optimize caching behavior:

Multivariant playlists (HLS and LL-HLS)

TTL: Half the duration of the media segments

Reason: These playlists change as new segments become available, so they need frequent updates

Media playlists (regular HLS)

TTL: Half the duration of the media segments

Reason: Similar to multivariant playlists, these update as content progresses

Media playlists (LL-HLS)

TTL: 1 second

Reason: Low-latency streaming requires very frequent updates

TS media segments and init segments

TTL: 1209600 seconds (14 days)

Reason: Media segments don't change once created, so they can be cached for extended periods

CMAF media segments and initialization segments

TTL: 1209600 seconds (14 days)

Reason: Like TS segments, these are immutable once created

For comprehensive TTL recommendations across all MediaTailor workflows and additional caching optimization strategies, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Configure CDN cache policies

Proper cache policy configuration is essential for optimal performance and cost efficiency. Different types of content (manifests, segments, initialization files) have different caching requirements. Using separate cache behaviors allows you to optimize caching for each content type, improving cache hit ratios and reducing origin load. Without proper cache policies, you might experience unnecessary origin requests, increased costs, and poor playback performance.

To properly honor MediaPackage cache-control headers and optimize caching:

1. Open your CloudFront distribution settings in the CloudFront console.
2. Create separate cache behaviors for different content types:
 - Manifest requests (*.m3u8, *.mpd)
 - Media segments (*.ts, *.mp4, *.m4s)
 - Initialization segments
3. For each cache behavior, create or select a cache policy with these settings:
 - Enable "Origin Cache-Control Headers" option

- Set "Origin request policy" to forward necessary headers
- Configure query string forwarding based on content type

Manifest cache behavior

For manifest requests (*.m3u8, *.mpd):

- **Path pattern:** *.m3u8 and *.mpd
- **Cache policy:** Honor origin cache-control headers
- **Query strings:** Forward specific parameters (see [Optimize query string forwarding](#))
- **Headers:** Forward all headers (for minimum requirements, see [Required headers for MediaTailor CDN integration](#))

Media segment cache behavior

For media segments (*.ts, *.mp4, *.m4s):

- **Path pattern:** *.ts, *.mp4, *.m4s
- **Cache policy:** Honor origin cache-control headers (14-day TTL)
- **Query strings:** None (segments don't use query parameters)
- **Compression:** Enable for improved delivery performance

Optimize query string forwarding

Query string optimization is critical for cache efficiency because unnecessary query parameters create multiple cache variations for the same content. Each unique query parameter combination creates a separate cache entry, which reduces cache hit ratios and increases origin requests. By forwarding only the query strings that MediaPackage actually uses, you maximize cache efficiency while maintaining full functionality.

Configure your CDN to forward only the query strings that MediaPackage uses, improving cache efficiency:

Essential query strings

start and end - For time-shifted viewing windows

`time_delay` - For applying time delay on manifest contents

`_HLS_msn`, `_HLS_m`, and `_HLS_part` - For LL-HLS playback requests

Feature-specific query strings

`aws.manifestfilter` - For [manifest filtering](#)

Important

Do not include any other query strings in your cache key. MediaPackage ignores unrecognized parameters, and including them reduces cache efficiency by creating unnecessary cache variations.

Performance optimization techniques

These optimizations are configured on your CDN (such as CloudFront), not in MediaPackage or MediaTailor. Implement these additional optimizations to maximize cache performance:

Origin shield

Origin shield provides an additional caching layer between your CDN edge locations and MediaPackage endpoints. This reduces the number of requests that reach your MediaPackage endpoints, which can improve performance and reduce costs, especially during traffic spikes or when cache hit ratios are lower than optimal. Origin shield is particularly beneficial for live streaming where multiple edge locations might request the same content simultaneously.

Enable origin shield to reduce load on your MediaPackage endpoints:

1. In your CloudFront distribution, enable Origin Shield for your MediaPackage origin.
2. Select an origin shield region close to your MediaPackage endpoint.
3. This creates an additional caching layer that reduces requests to MediaPackage.

Compression configuration

Enable compression for text-based responses:

- Enable compression for manifest files (*.m3u8, *.mpd)

- Do not compress media segments (already compressed)
- Ensure all headers are forwarded to MediaPackage (for minimum requirements, see [Required headers for MediaTailor CDN integration](#))

Monitor cache performance

Track these key metrics to ensure optimal cache performance:

Cache hit ratio

Target: 90% or greater for media segments, 70% or greater for manifests

Low ratios might indicate incorrect TTL settings or unnecessary query parameters

Origin request volume

Monitor requests reaching MediaPackage endpoints

High volumes might indicate caching issues

Cache key variations

Review cache key patterns to identify unnecessary variations

Too many variations reduce cache efficiency

After implementing these cache optimizations, set up monitoring to track their effectiveness. For guidance on monitoring cache hit ratios, origin request patterns, and other key performance metrics, see [Monitor performance for MediaPackage, CDN, and MediaTailor integrations](#). If you observe poor cache performance or unexpected origin requests, see [Troubleshoot MediaPackage, CDN, and MediaTailor integrations](#) for troubleshooting steps.

Monitor performance for MediaPackage, CDN, and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor requires effective monitoring to maintain optimal performance of your AWS Elemental MediaPackage and content delivery network (CDN) integration. This topic provides guidance on key metrics to track, monitoring tools to use, and how to set up alerts for proactive issue detection.

Before setting up monitoring, ensure your basic integration is working correctly. If you haven't completed your basic content delivery network integration setup, start with [Integrate MediaTailor with MediaPackage and CDN](#). If you need to troubleshoot issues identified through monitoring, see [CDN integration troubleshooting](#).

Key performance metrics

Monitor these essential metrics to ensure optimal performance of your MediaPackage and CDN integration:

CDN performance metrics

For comprehensive CDN performance metrics including cache hit ratio targets, origin request volume monitoring, and response time benchmarks, see [Performance benchmarks for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#) in the CDN optimization guide.

Key EMP-specific considerations for CDN metrics:

EMP cache-control headers

What to verify: Ensure your CDN honors EMP's cache-control headers for optimal TTL behavior

Expected behavior: Different content types should have different cache durations based on EMP's headers

For detailed guidance on EMP cache optimization, see [Optimize CDN caching for MediaTailor and MediaPackage content delivery](#).

Query parameter impact

What to monitor: Track how EMP-specific query parameters affect cache efficiency

Optimization target: Ensure only necessary EMP query parameters are included in cache keys

CDN response times

What to monitor: Track response times for different content types (manifests vs. segments).

Target values:

- Cached content: less than 100ms
- Origin requests: less than 500ms

MediaPackage performance metrics

Error rates

What to monitor: Monitor HTTP error rates from both your CDN and MediaPackage endpoints. Pay particular attention to 4xx errors, which might indicate configuration issues.

Key error codes:

- 400 errors: Often related to manifest filtering issues
- 404 errors: Might indicate routing or configuration problems
- 504 errors: Timeout issues, especially with LL-HLS

Request volume and patterns

What to monitor: Track request patterns to MediaPackage endpoints to identify usage trends and capacity needs.

Patterns to watch:

- Peak usage times
- Geographic distribution of requests
- Content type distribution (live vs. on-demand)

Latency metrics

End-to-end latency

What to monitor: For LL-HLS implementations, monitor end-to-end latency from content ingest to viewer playback. High latency might indicate CDN configuration issues.

Target values:

- LL-HLS: less than 3 seconds glass-to-glass latency
- Regular HLS: less than 30 seconds

Manifest generation time

What to monitor: Time taken by MediaPackage to generate manifests, especially with filtering applied.

Target values: less than 200ms for manifest generation

Monitoring tools and setup

Setting up comprehensive monitoring tools is essential for maintaining optimal performance and quickly identifying issues before they impact viewers. Without proper monitoring, performance degradation, cache inefficiencies, or integration problems might go unnoticed until viewers experience poor playback quality. The right monitoring setup provides visibility into all aspects of your MediaPackage and CDN integration.

Use these AWS services and tools to monitor your MediaPackage and CDN integration:

Amazon CloudWatch

Amazon CloudWatch provides the foundation for monitoring your MediaPackage and CDN integration by collecting and storing metrics from both services. Proper CloudWatch configuration ensures you have the data needed to identify performance trends, troubleshoot issues, and optimize your integration. Without CloudWatch metrics, you'll lack visibility into system performance and might not detect issues until they become critical.

Set up CloudWatch monitoring for comprehensive metrics collection:

- 1. MediaPackage metrics:** Enable CloudWatch metrics for your MediaPackage endpoints to track request volumes, error rates, and response times.
- 2. CDN metrics:** Configure CloudWatch to collect CloudFront metrics including cache hit ratios, origin request counts, and error rates.
- 3. Custom metrics:** Create custom metrics for business-specific KPIs like viewer engagement or content popularity.

CloudWatch dashboards

Create comprehensive dashboards to visualize your metrics:

- 1. Overview dashboard:** High-level metrics showing overall system health
- 2. CDN performance dashboard:** Detailed CDN metrics including cache performance and geographic distribution
- 3. MediaPackage performance dashboard:** MediaPackage-specific metrics including request patterns and error rates
- 4. Latency dashboard:** End-to-end latency metrics for different content types and regions

Log analysis

Set up log analysis for detailed troubleshooting:

1. **CDN access logs:** Enable and analyze CDN access logs to understand request patterns and identify issues
2. **MediaPackage CloudWatch logs:** Monitor MediaPackage logs for errors and performance issues
3. **Log aggregation:** Use Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights or third-party tools to analyze log patterns

Set up alerts and notifications

Alert configuration is crucial for proactive issue detection and resolution. Without proper alerts, issues might go unnoticed until they significantly impact viewer experience or cause service disruptions. Well-configured alerts help you identify and address problems before they affect your viewers, and ensure your team is notified of critical issues that require immediate attention.

Configure proactive alerts to identify issues before they impact viewers:

Critical alerts

Set up immediate alerts for critical issues:

- **High error rates:** Alert when 4xx or 5xx error rates exceed 5% over a 5-minute period
- **Cache hit ratio drops:** Alert when cache hit ratio falls below 70% for manifests or 85% for segments
- **High latency:** Alert when end-to-end latency exceeds target thresholds
- **Origin request spikes:** Alert when origin requests increase by more than 50% compared to baseline

Warning alerts

Set up warning alerts for trends that might indicate developing issues:

- **Gradual performance degradation:** Alert when response times increase by 20% over a 30-minute period
- **Cache efficiency trends:** Alert when cache hit ratios show declining trends over time

- **Unusual traffic patterns:** Alert for unexpected changes in request volume or geographic distribution

Use monitoring data for optimization

Leverage monitoring data to continuously improve performance:

Regular performance reviews

1. **Weekly reviews:** Analyze weekly performance trends and identify optimization opportunities
2. **Monthly capacity planning:** Use traffic patterns to plan for capacity needs and CDN optimization
3. **Quarterly architecture reviews:** Evaluate overall architecture efficiency and identify areas for improvement

Common optimization actions

Based on monitoring data, consider these optimization actions:

- **Cache policy adjustments:** Modify TTL values based on actual content update patterns.
For detailed TTL optimization guidance, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).
- **Geographic optimization:** Add CDN edge locations in regions with high traffic
- **Query parameter optimization:** Remove unnecessary query parameters that fragment cache
- **Origin shield configuration:** Implement origin shield in regions with high origin request volumes

For detailed monitoring guidance specific to MediaPackage, see [Monitoring MediaPackage](#) in the MediaPackage user guide.

Troubleshoot MediaPackage, CDN, and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration with AWS Elemental MediaPackage and content delivery network (CDN) can encounter common issues that affect playback, caching, or other integration functionality. Use this guide when you encounter playback problems, caching issues, or other integration-related errors.

For comprehensive CDN troubleshooting guidance including universal cache performance issues, HTTP error resolution, testing procedures, and diagnostic techniques that apply to all MediaTailor implementations, see [Troubleshoot CDN integration](#). This section focuses on MediaPackage specific troubleshooting requirements.

Before troubleshooting, ensure you've completed the basic integration setup correctly. If you haven't set up your integration yet or need to review the setup steps, see [Integrate MediaTailor with MediaPackage and CDN](#). For guidance on optimizing cache performance after resolving issues, see [CDN caching](#).

Manifest filtering errors

Issues with MediaPackage manifest filtering functionality, based on documented error conditions:

HTTP 400 errors with manifest filtering

Symptoms: Requests with `aws.manifestfilter` parameters return HTTP 400 Bad Request

Validated causes (from AWS documentation):

- Filter criteria result in an empty manifest (no streams match the filter conditions)
- Invalid filter parameter names or values
- Malformed query string syntax
- Duplicate or repeated filter parameters
- Filter parameter string exceeds 1024 characters
- Query parameters applied to media playlists or segments (not supported)

Solutions:

1. Review your filter parameters to ensure they match available content streams. If filtering results in no matching streams, MediaPackage returns HTTP 400.
2. Validate filter syntax against supported parameter names and value formats.
3. Check for duplicate parameters in your query string.
4. Ensure filter parameters are only applied to multivariant playlists, not to media playlists or segments.
5. Verify that your total parameter string is under 1024 characters.

Reference: [AWS Elemental MediaPackage manifest filtering error conditions](#)

Manifest filtering not working (HTTP 200 but no filtering applied)

Symptoms: Requests return HTTP 200 but manifest contains all streams instead of filtered subset

Possible causes:

- CDN not forwarding `aws.manifestfilter` query parameter to MediaPackage
- Filter parameter not found in available streams (returns unfiltered manifest with HTTP 200)

Solutions:

1. Verify that your CDN cache policy includes `aws.manifestfilter` in the list of forwarded query strings.
2. Test filter parameters directly against MediaPackage endpoints (bypassing CDN) to verify they work as expected.
3. Check that filter values match the actual characteristics of your content streams.

Reference: [AWS Elemental MediaPackage manifest filtering error conditions](#)

Diagnostic procedures

Systematic diagnostic procedures help you identify the root cause of integration issues quickly and efficiently. Following a structured approach prevents wasted time on incorrect assumptions and ensures you address the actual problem rather than symptoms. These evidence-based diagnostic steps are designed to isolate issues and guide you to the appropriate solution.

Follow these evidence-based diagnostic steps to identify issues:

Analyze cache performance

Cache performance analysis is crucial for EMP integrations because poor cache efficiency leads to increased origin load, higher costs, and potential playback issues.

For comprehensive cache performance troubleshooting including cache hit ratio analysis, cache key optimization, and systematic diagnostic steps, see [CDN cache performance issues](#) in the main CDN troubleshooting guide.

EMP-specific cache considerations:

- **EMP cache-control headers:** Verify that your CDN honors EMP's cache-control headers rather than overriding them

- **EMP query parameters:** Ensure only necessary EMP query parameters are included in cache keys
- **EMP TTL behavior:** Confirm different EMP content types have appropriate cache durations

For detailed guidance on optimizing EMP cache policies and TTL settings, see [Optimize CDN caching for MediaTailor and MediaPackage content delivery](#).

Validate manifest filtering configuration

Manifest filtering validation is essential because filtering issues can result in viewers receiving incorrect content, unsupported formats, or content they shouldn't have access to. Systematic testing helps identify whether issues are related to CDN configuration, filter parameter syntax, or content availability.

Test manifest filtering functionality systematically:

1. Test filter parameters directly against MediaPackage endpoints (bypassing CDN) to verify they work correctly.
2. Compare filtered and unfiltered manifests to confirm expected streams are included/excluded.
3. Verify that your CDN cache policy forwards the `aws.manifestfilter` query parameter.
4. Check for HTTP 400 errors and match them against the documented error conditions.

If you need to implement or modify manifest filtering after resolving issues, see [Set up manifest filtering with MediaTailor, MediaPackage, and CDN](#) for complete setup guidance.

Validate query parameter configuration

Ensure your CDN forwards only the required query parameters:

1. Review your CDN cache policy to confirm it includes only AWS recommended parameters:
 - `aws.manifestfilter` - for manifest filtering
 - `aws.manifestsettings` - for time-shifted viewing
 - `_HLS_msn` and `_HLS_part` - for LL-HLS support
2. Remove any other query parameters from your cache key, as MediaPackage ignores them and they reduce cache efficiency.

Reference: [Working with AWS Elemental MediaPackage and CDNs](#)

Error code reference

Reference for documented error conditions and their causes:

HTTP 400 Bad Request (Manifest Filtering)

Documented causes:

- Application of filter results in empty manifest
- Invalid parameter names or values
- Malformed query string syntax
- Duplicate filter parameters
- Parameter string exceeds 1024 characters
- Query parameters on media playlists or segments

Reference: [MediaPackage manifest filtering error conditions](#)

HTTP 200 OK (No Filtering Applied)

Documented causes:

- Filter parameter not found in available streams (returns unfiltered manifest)
- Only subtitle streams present after filtering (returns unfiltered manifest)

Reference: [MediaPackage manifest filtering error conditions](#)

Additional troubleshooting resources

For issues not covered in this topic, consult these official AWS resources:

- [Previewing a manifest from AWS Elemental MediaPackage](#) - Use manifest preview to troubleshoot content packaging issues
- [Increase CloudFront cache hit ratio](#) - Comprehensive guide to CDN cache optimization
- [Manifest filtering](#) - Complete guide to MediaPackage filtering functionality

Integrating AWS Elemental MediaTailor with Amazon CloudFront

AWS Elemental MediaTailor integrates with Amazon CloudFront to improve content delivery performance and reliability. CloudFront is a content delivery network (CDN) that distributes your content through a worldwide network of data centers called edge locations. When viewers request your content from MediaTailor, CloudFront routes requests to the nearest edge location. This approach reduces latency and improves performance for your viewers.

Integrating MediaTailor with CloudFront provides several key benefits:

- Reduced latency for viewers accessing personalized content
- Improved scalability for handling large audience sizes
- Enhanced reliability through redundant delivery paths
- Cost optimization through efficient caching strategies
- Advanced features like multi-Region failover with Media Quality-Aware Resiliency (MQAR)

For comprehensive information about CloudFront features, see the [CloudFront Developer Guide](#).

For information about CloudFront pricing, see [CloudFront Pricing](#).

For brevity, we sometimes use "manifests" to refer collectively to multivariant playlists, media playlists, and MPDs.

Topics

- [Set up basic CloudFront integration with MediaTailor](#)
- [Optimizing MediaTailor performance with CloudFront features](#)
- [Implement multi-Region resilience for MediaTailor with MQAR](#)
- [Monitor and troubleshoot your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration](#)

Set up basic CloudFront integration with MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration with Amazon CloudFront improves content delivery performance for your viewers. This topic guides you through setting up a basic CloudFront distribution for MediaTailor. With this integration, your viewers can access personalized content

through the CloudFront network. You'll also learn how to configure proper caching for different content types.

Prerequisites

Before configuring CloudFront with MediaTailor, ensure you have the following:

- An active AWS account with permissions to create and manage CloudFront distributions
- A configured MediaTailor playback configuration (see [Using AWS Elemental MediaTailor to insert ads](#))
- Your content origin server properly set up and accessible
- Basic understanding of video streaming concepts (HLS/DASH)

Configuring CloudFront distribution

Follow these steps to create and configure a CloudFront distribution for MediaTailor:

To create a CloudFront distribution for MediaTailor

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the CloudFront console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudfront/v3/home>.
2. Choose **Create Distribution**.
3. For **Origin domain**, enter your MediaTailor endpoint URL (for example, a1b2c3d4.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com).
4. For **Protocol**, select **HTTPS only**.
5. For **Name**, enter a name that helps you identify this origin (for example, mediatailor-origin).
6. Configure the default cache behavior settings:
 - a. For **Path pattern**, use the default value (*).
 - b. For **Compress objects automatically**, select **Yes**.
 - c. For **Viewer protocol policy**, select **Redirect HTTP to HTTPS**.
 - d. For **Allowed HTTP methods**, select **GET, HEAD**.
 - e. For **Cache policy**, select **CachingDisabled**.
 - f. For **Origin request policy**, select **AllViewer** to ensure all required headers including Host are forwarded to MediaTailor.

Note

The AllViewer policy forwards all viewer headers including the Host header, which is required for MediaTailor to function correctly. For more information about Host header requirements, see [Configure Host header forwarding](#).

7. Configure the distribution settings:

- a. For **Price class**, select the option that best matches your audience locations.
- b. For **AWS WAF web ACL**, select an existing web ACL or leave as **Do not enable security protections**.
- c. For **Default root object**, leave empty.
- d. For **Standard logging**, select **On** to enable logging.

8. Choose **Create Distribution**.

Configuring cache behaviors

After creating your distribution, you need to configure additional cache behaviors to handle different types of content appropriately. This section covers basic cache behavior setup for CloudFront.

For comprehensive caching optimization including advanced TTL settings, cache key configurations, and performance tuning, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#) in the CDN optimization guide.

Configuring manifest cache behavior

Do not cache manifests because they contain personalized content. Follow these steps to configure the cache behavior:

To configure manifest cache behavior

1. In the CloudFront console, select your distribution.
2. Choose the **Behaviors** tab.
3. Choose **Create behavior**.
4. For **Path pattern**, enter `*.m3u8` to match HLS multivariant and media playlists.
5. For **Origin**, select your MediaTailor origin.

6. For **Cache policy**, select **CachingDisabled**.
7. For **Origin request policy**, select **AllViewer** to ensure all required headers are forwarded.
8. Choose **Create**.
9. Repeat these steps for DASH manifests using the path pattern * .mpd to match MPDs.

This configuration ensures that each viewer receives a personalized manifest with their specific ad content. The CDN doesn't cache these manifests, so each request goes directly to MediaTailor.

Configuring segment cache behavior

Cache content and ad segments aggressively to improve performance and reduce origin load. Follow these steps:

To configure segment cache behavior

1. In the CloudFront console, select your distribution.
2. Choose the **Behaviors** tab.
3. Choose **Create behavior**.
4. For **Path pattern**, enter * .ts to match HLS segments.
5. For **Origin**, select your MediaTailor origin.
6. For **Cache policy**, select **CachingOptimized**.
7. For **Origin request policy**, select **AllViewer** to ensure all required headers are forwarded.
8. For ad segments (/tm/*), in **Response headers policy**, select the managed policy **CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy**.
9. Choose **Create**.
10. Repeat these steps for other segment types using appropriate path patterns (for example, * .mp4, * .m4s, and /tm/*).

This configuration caches segments at edge locations. Caching reduces load on your origin and improves delivery speed for your viewers.

Updating MediaTailor configuration

After setting up your CloudFront distribution, update your MediaTailor configuration to use the CloudFront domain:

To update your MediaTailor configuration

1. Open the [MediaTailor console](#).
2. Select the configuration you want to update.
3. In the **CDN configuration** section, enter your CloudFront distribution domain name (for example, d1234abcdef.cloudfront.net) in the **CDN content segment prefix** field.
4. Save your changes.

With this configuration, MediaTailor generates manifests with URLs that point to your CloudFront distribution instead of directly to the origin.

Testing your integration

After configuring your CloudFront distribution and updating your MediaTailor configuration, test the integration:

To test your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration

1. Request a manifest through your CloudFront distribution (for example, https://d1234abcdef.cloudfront.net/v1/master/12345/my-config/index.m3u8).
2. Verify that the manifest contains segment URLs that point to your CloudFront domain.
3. Play the content through a video player and verify that both content and ads play correctly.
4. Check CloudFront logs to ensure requests are being routed correctly.

Example configuration

Here's an example of a CloudFront behavior configuration for MediaTailor:

Example CloudFront behavior configuration example

```
{  
  "DefaultCacheBehavior": {  
    "TargetOriginId": "mediatailor-origin",  
    "ViewerProtocolPolicy": "redirect-to-https",  
    "AllowedMethods": {  
      "Quantity": 2,  
      "Items": ["GET", "HEAD"]  
    }  
  }  
}
```

```
},
"ForwardedValues": {
    "QueryString": true,
    "Cookies": {
        "Forward": "all"
    },
    "Headers": {
        "Quantity": 1,
        "Items": ["User-Agent"]
    }
},
"MinTTL": 0,
"DefaultTTL": 0,
"MaxTTL": 0
}
}
```

Configure Host header forwarding

By default, Amazon CloudFront does not forward the Host header to downstream origins. However, AWS Elemental MediaTailor requires the Host header to function correctly. You must configure your CloudFront distribution to forward the Host header to MediaTailor.

Important

This configuration is critical for MediaTailor functionality. Without the Host header, MediaTailor cannot process requests or generate manifests with correct CDN URLs.

Methods to forward Host header

Configure Host header forwarding using one of these methods:

Origin request policy (recommended)

Use a managed or custom origin request policy that includes the Host header.

Legacy forwarded values

Configure forwarded values directly in the cache behavior. Available for existing distributions but not recommended for new ones.

Using origin request policy (recommended)

The recommended approach is to use an origin request policy that forwards the Host header:

To configure Host header forwarding with origin request policy

1. In the CloudFront console, select your distribution.
2. Choose the **Behaviors** tab.
3. Select the behavior you want to modify or create a new behavior.
4. For **Origin request policy**, you have two options:
 - a. **Option 1 (Recommended)**: Select **AllViewer** managed policy, which forwards all viewer headers including Host.
 - b. **Option 2**: Create a custom origin request policy that specifically includes the Host header:
 - i. Choose **Create policy**.
 - ii. In the **Headers** section, select **Include the following headers**.
 - iii. Add Host to the list of headers.
 - iv. Also include other required headers: User-Agent, Accept-Encoding, and X-Forwarded-For.
 - v. Save the policy and apply it to your behavior.
5. Save your changes.

Using legacy forwarded values

If you're using an existing distribution with legacy forwarded values configuration, you can add Host header forwarding:

To configure Host header forwarding with legacy forwarded values

1. In the CloudFront console, select your distribution.
2. Choose the **Behaviors** tab.
3. Select the behavior you want to modify.
4. In the **Cache key and origin requests** section, select **Legacy cache settings**.
5. In the **Headers** dropdown, select **Whitelist**.
6. Add the following headers to the whitelist:

- Host
 - User-Agent
 - Accept-Encoding
 - X-Forwarded-For
7. Save your changes.

 **Note**

The legacy forwarded values approach is not recommended for new distributions. Consider migrating to origin request policies for better performance and easier management.

Verify Host header forwarding

After configuring Host header forwarding, verify that it's working correctly:

To verify Host header forwarding

1. Wait for your CloudFront distribution changes to deploy (this can take several minutes).
2. Make a test request to your CloudFront distribution for a manifest.
3. Check that the manifest is returned successfully and contains the expected CDN URLs.
4. Monitor MediaTailor logs to ensure requests are being processed correctly.

If you encounter issues, see the CDN troubleshooting documentation for guidance.

Additional resources

For more information about CloudFront header forwarding, see the following resources:

- [How do I configure CloudFront to forward headers to the origin?](#) in the AWS Knowledge Center
- [Controlling origin requests](#) in the CloudFront Developer Guide
- [Using managed origin request policies](#) in the CloudFront Developer Guide

Next steps

After setting up your basic CloudFront integration with MediaTailor, consider these next steps:

- Optimize performance with additional CloudFront features (see [Optimizing MediaTailor performance with CloudFront features](#))
- Implement multi-Region resilience with MQAR (see [Implement multi-Region resilience for MediaTailor with MQAR](#))
- Set up monitoring and troubleshooting (see [Monitor and troubleshoot your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration](#))

Optimizing MediaTailor performance with CloudFront features

AWS Elemental MediaTailor performance with Amazon CloudFront can be enhanced through additional features beyond basic configuration. After setting up your basic CloudFront configuration with MediaTailor, you can implement additional features to enhance performance, reliability, and customization options. These optimizations help deliver a better viewing experience. They also reduce costs and origin load.

Reducing origin load with Origin Shield

Origin Shield adds a caching layer between CloudFront edge locations and your origin server. This feature is valuable for live streaming and popular VOD content. It helps when many viewers request the same content at the same time.

By consolidating requests from multiple edge locations, Origin Shield reduces the load on MediaTailor and your content origins.

To enable Origin Shield for your MediaTailor origin

1. Open the CloudFront console and navigate to your distribution.
2. Select the origin that points to your MediaTailor playback configuration.
3. Under **Origin Shield**, select **Yes**.
4. From the dropdown menu, select the AWS Region that's closest to your MediaTailor endpoint.
5. Save your changes.

For high-traffic events, Origin Shield significantly reduces request load on your origin and improves reliability. For detailed instructions, see [Enabling Origin Shield](#) in the CloudFront developer guide.

Customizing content delivery with CloudFront Functions

CloudFront Functions let you run lightweight JavaScript code at the edge to modify viewer requests and responses. You can use these functions for simple customizations like URL modifications, header manipulation, or basic authentication. For MediaTailor workflows, Functions help with tasks that don't require complex processing.

CloudFront Functions provide a lightweight way to customize content delivery at the edge. Here's how to implement them for your MediaTailor integration:

To implement CloudFront Functions for MediaTailor

1. In the CloudFront console, navigate to **Functions**.
2. Create a new function and select the appropriate purpose:
 - **URL manipulation** - To modify multivariant playlist, media playlist, and MPD request URLs before they reach MediaTailor
 - **Header manipulation** - To add or modify request headers
 - **Simple authentication** - To validate tokens or query parameters
3. Write your JavaScript function code.
4. Test your function with sample MediaTailor requests.
5. Publish and associate the function with your distribution's cache behavior.

Example Sample CloudFront Function for URL normalization

```
function handler(event) {  
    var request = event.request;  
    var uri = request.uri;  
  
    // Normalize URLs to lowercase to improve cache hit ratio  
    if (uri.includes('.m3u8') || uri.includes('.mpd')) {  
        request.uri = uri.toLowerCase();  
    }  
  
    return request;  
}
```

For more information and code examples, see [Customize at the edge by using CloudFront Functions](#) in the CloudFront developer guide.

Implementing advanced customizations with Lambda@Edge

When you need more complex processing capabilities than CloudFront Functions can provide, use Lambda@Edge. This service lets you run Node.js or Python functions at CloudFront edge locations.

Lambda@Edge functions can perform sophisticated operations like complex authentication, larger response modifications, or third-party API integrations.

For more complex customizations, use Lambda@Edge functions with your MediaTailor and CloudFront integration:

To implement Lambda@Edge with MediaTailor

1. Create a Lambda function in the US East (N. Virginia) Region.
2. Write your function code for one of these use cases:
 - **URL manipulation** - To modify multivariant playlist, media playlist, and MPD request URLs before they reach MediaTailor
 - **A/B testing** - To route users to different ad decision servers
 - **Request authentication** - To add authentication headers
 - **Response header modification** - To add CORS headers
3. Publish a version of your function and create a function alias.
4. Associate the function with your CloudFront distribution at the appropriate trigger point (viewer request or viewer response).

Note

When using Lambda@Edge with MediaTailor, avoid using origin-facing triggers (origin request and origin response) if you plan to use Media Quality-Aware Resiliency (MQAR) features, as these are currently incompatible.

For more information and code examples, see [Customize at the edge by using Lambda@Edge](#) in the CloudFront developer guide.

Additional performance optimization tips

Consider these additional optimizations to further improve performance:

Optimize cache hit ratios

Monitor your cache hit ratio in CloudFront metrics and look for opportunities to improve it:

- Standardize URL patterns to improve cache key consistency
- Use query string whitelisting to include only necessary parameters in the cache key
- Consider implementing URL normalization with CloudFront Functions

Reduce latency

Implement these techniques to minimize latency:

- Enable Brotli compression for text-based responses
- Use HTTP/2 or HTTP/3 for improved connection efficiency
- Consider enabling IPv6 support for modern networks

Cost optimization

Balance performance with cost efficiency:

- Use Origin Shield to reduce redundant origin requests
- Consider price class selection based on your audience geography
- Implement aggressive caching for segments to reduce origin traffic

Next steps

After optimizing performance with CloudFront features, consider these next steps:

- Implement multi-Region resilience with MQAR (see [Implement multi-Region resilience for MediaTailor with MQAR](#))
- Set up monitoring and troubleshooting (see [Monitor and troubleshoot your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration](#))

Implement multi-Region resilience for MediaTailor with MQAR

AWS Elemental MediaTailor multi-Region resilience is enhanced through Media Quality-Aware Resiliency (MQAR), an advanced Amazon CloudFront feature that helps MediaTailor deliver the best

possible streaming experience. It automatically selects the origin with the highest quality score when you have multiple origins in different AWS Regions. This feature is particularly valuable for live streaming where you need uninterrupted service.

How MQAR works

MQAR enables CloudFront to select the origin with the highest quality score automatically. This ensures that viewers receive the best possible streaming experience. When configured properly, MQAR provides these benefits:

- Automatic selection of the highest quality origin
- Seamless failover between AWS Regions during outages
- Improved viewer experience with minimal interruptions
- Real-time quality monitoring and adaptation

Step 1: Verify MQAR requirements

Before implementing MQAR, verify that your infrastructure meets these requirements. MQAR works by comparing quality scores from multiple origins, so you need identical content available in multiple AWS Regions.

- Encoders sending aligned ingest streams to all MediaPackage channels using epoch-locked CMAF ingest streamsets
- Two identical MediaPackage channels in different AWS Regions, with identical origin endpoints
- CMAF ingest for MediaPackage channels (enabled by default)
- CloudFront distribution configured to support MQAR
- MediaTailor configurations for each MediaPackage endpoint

Step 2: Configure your encoders for MQAR

Your encoders need to produce consistent, synchronized outputs across all Regions for MQAR to work effectively. This consistency allows CloudFront to make accurate quality comparisons between origins.

Configure your MediaLive outputs with these settings:

- Ensure all video framerates in the CMAF output group are consistent (all fractional or all integer framerates).
- Avoid transitions between fractional and integer framerates across encoding sessions.
- Configure output segment sequence numbers so they never go backward across encoding sessions.
- Use identical encoder output names across all Regions.

For more information about configuring MediaLive for MQAR, see [Working with MQCS](#) in the MediaLive user guide.

Step 3: Configure MediaPackage for MQAR

Set up your MediaPackage channels and endpoints with these configurations:

To configure MediaPackage for MQAR

1. Create identical channel and endpoint configurations in each AWS Region.
2. Use CMAF as the channel input type.
3. For the primary MediaPackage origin, enable **Force endpoint error** configuration with these settings:
 - Stale multivariant playlists, media playlists, or MPDs
 - Incomplete multivariant playlist, media playlist, or MPD
 - Slate input
4. For back-up MediaPackage origins, do not enable these error configurations to maximize chances of successful failover.

For more information about configuring MediaPackage for MQAR, see [Leveraging media quality scores by using AWS Elemental MediaPackage](#) in the MediaPackage user guide.

Step 4: Configure CloudFront for MQAR

In the CloudFront configuration, you enable MQAR and define how it selects between your origins. Create an origin group with the Media quality score option enabled.

To configure CloudFront for MQAR

1. Create a CloudFront distribution with origins pointing to your MediaTailor endpoints.
2. Create an origin group that includes these origins.
3. In the origin group settings, enable the **Media quality score** option.
4. Configure failover criteria to include 404 Not Found response codes. You can optionally include other 4xx/5xx codes.
5. Create separate cache behaviors for each channel's path pattern. This prevents mixing scores when the same origin group serves multiple channels.

 **Note**

MQAR is not available when using Lambda@Edge functions in origin-facing triggers (origin request and origin response) that are associated with your distribution's cache behavior.

For more information about configuring CloudFront for MQAR, see [Media quality-aware resiliency](#) in the CloudFront developer guide.

Step 5: Configure MediaTailor for MQAR

To complete your MQAR setup, configure MediaTailor in each Region to work with your multi-Region architecture. This ensures consistent ad insertion regardless of which origin CloudFront selects.

To configure MediaTailor for MQAR

1. Create identical MediaTailor configurations in each Region, pointing to the corresponding MediaPackage endpoints.
2. Configure the CDN content segment prefix to use your CloudFront distribution domain.
3. Ensure that the ad decision server configurations are identical across Regions.

This setup ensures that regardless of which origin CloudFront selects based on quality scores, MediaTailor can continue to personalize ads consistently.

Step 6: Test your MQAR configuration

After setting up MQAR, test your configuration to ensure it works as expected:

To test your MQAR configuration

1. Request content through your CloudFront distribution.
2. Monitor real-time logs to verify that CloudFront is selecting origins based on quality scores.
3. Simulate a failure in your primary AWS Region to test failover behavior.
4. Verify that ad insertion continues to work correctly during failover.

Next steps

After implementing MQAR, consider these next steps:

- Set up monitoring and troubleshooting for your MQAR configuration (see [Monitor and troubleshoot your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration](#))
- Implement automated deployment using AWS CloudFormation (see [Automate MediaTailor and CDN with AWS CloudFormation](#))

Monitor and troubleshoot your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration

AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration with Amazon CloudFront requires ongoing monitoring and troubleshooting to maintain optimal performance. After implementing your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration, monitor performance and prepare to troubleshoot any issues. The content delivery network (CDN) provides tools to help you understand how your distribution performs and identify potential problems.

Setting up monitoring for your integration

Implement these monitoring strategies to track the performance of your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration:

To set up monitoring for your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration

1. Enable CloudFront standard logging:
 - a. In the CloudFront console, select your distribution.

- b. Choose the **Logs** tab.
 - c. Under **Standard logs**, choose **Edit**.
 - d. Select **On** and configure an Amazon S3 bucket for log storage.
 - e. Choose **Save changes**.
2. Set up CloudFront real-time logs:
 - a. In the CloudFront console, select your distribution.
 - b. Choose the **Logs** tab.
 - c. Under **Real-time logs**, choose **Edit**.
 - d. Select **On** and configure an Amazon Kinesis Data Streams or Amazon Data Firehose delivery stream.
 - e. Include these fields in your log configuration:
 - **time-to-first-byte** - Response time
 - **sc-status** - HTTP status code
 - **c-ip** - Viewer IP address
 - **cs-uri-stem** - Request URI path
 - **cs-user-agent** - User agent
 - **x-edge-result-type** - Result type (Hit, Miss, Error)
 - f. Choose **Save changes**.
 3. Create CloudWatch dashboards:
 - a. In the CloudWatch console, choose **Dashboards**.
 - b. Choose **Create dashboard**.
 - c. Add widgets for these CloudFront metrics:
 - Requests
 - BytesDownloaded
 - 4xxErrorRate
 - 5xxErrorRate
 - TotalErrorRate
 - CacheHitRate

- a. In the CloudWatch console, choose **Alarms**.
- b. Choose **Create alarm**.
- c. Create alarms for these conditions:
 - `5xxErrorRate > 1% for 5 minutes`
 - `4xxErrorRate greater than 5% for 5 minutes`
 - `CacheHitRate less than 80% for 30 minutes`

Monitoring MQAR performance

When using MQAR, monitoring helps you understand how CloudFront selects between your origins and whether the quality scores meet expectations. Real-time logs show these decisions as they happen.

To monitor MQAR performance

1. Enable real-time logs for your CloudFront distribution.
2. Include these fields in your log configuration:
 - `r-host` - The hostname of the selected origin
 - `sr-reason` - The reason for origin selection
 - `x-edge-mqcs` - The media quality confidence score
3. Set up a log destination in Amazon Kinesis Data Streams or Amazon Data Firehose.
4. Create dashboards or alerts based on these metrics to monitor quality scores and origin selection decisions.

Example Sample CloudWatch dashboard for MQAR monitoring

Create a CloudWatch dashboard with these metrics:

- Origin selection counts by Region
- Average quality scores over time
- Failover events
- 4xx and 5xx error rates by origin

For more information about setting up real-time logs, see [Real-time logs](#) in the CloudFront developer guide.

Troubleshooting common issues

Issues can arise with your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration even with careful planning. Understanding common problems and solutions helps you resolve issues quickly and minimize viewer impact.

If you encounter issues with your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration, check these common problems and solutions:

Manifest caching issues

Symptom: Stale manifests or ads not updating

Solution: Verify you're using the CachingDisabled cache policy for multivariant playlist, media playlist, and MPD paths. Check that your configuration forwards query parameters correctly.

CORS errors

Symptom: Browser console shows CORS errors when accessing content

Solution: Configure a response headers policy with appropriate CORS headers and associate it with your cache behavior.

MQAR not working

Symptom: Origin selection ignores quality scores

Solution: Check that you've enabled the Media quality score option in your origin group settings. Verify you're not using Lambda@Edge origin-facing triggers.

Ad insertion failures

Symptom: Ads not inserting properly

Solution: Verify your MediaTailor configuration points to your CloudFront distribution for content segment prefix. Check that your setup forwards all required headers.

For more complex issues, you can use these troubleshooting approaches:

1. Check CloudFront distribution logs for error patterns

2. Use browser developer tools to inspect network requests
3. Compare manifest content from MediaTailor directly compared to content delivered through CloudFront
4. Test with a simple player that supports detailed logging

For more troubleshooting assistance, see the [Troubleshooting](#) section in the MediaTailor user guide.

Troubleshooting workflow

Follow this systematic approach to troubleshoot issues with your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration:

To troubleshoot CloudFront and MediaTailor integration issues

1. Identify the specific issue:
 - a. Determine if the issue affects all viewers or only some
 - b. Identify which content types are affected (manifests, segments, or both)
 - c. Note any error messages or symptoms
2. Check CloudFront logs:
 - a. Look for error status codes (4xx or 5xx)
 - b. Check cache hit/miss patterns
 - c. Verify that requests are being routed to the correct origin
3. Verify configuration:
 - a. Check cache behaviors for correct path patterns
 - b. Verify cache policies are correctly applied
 - c. Confirm that origin request policies are forwarding necessary headers
4. Test direct access:
 - a. Try accessing content directly from MediaTailor (bypassing CloudFront)
 - b. Compare responses between direct access and CloudFront access
5. Implement solution:
 - a. Apply the appropriate fix based on your findings

- b. Test to verify the issue is resolved
- c. Document the issue and solution for future reference

Next steps

After setting up monitoring and troubleshooting for your CloudFront and MediaTailor integration, consider these next steps:

- Implement automated deployment using AWS CloudFormation (see [Automate MediaTailor and CDN with AWS CloudFormation](#))
- Create runbooks for common operational scenarios and troubleshooting procedures
- Set up automated remediation for common issues

Set up third-party CDNs for MediaTailor ad delivery

Third-party CDNs like Akamai and Fastly can significantly improve the performance and scalability of your AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad delivery while reducing bandwidth costs. However, CDN configuration for personalized advertising requires specific settings that differ from standard video delivery.

This guide walks you through the complete process of setting up your third-party CDN to work optimally with MediaTailor. You'll learn how to configure two essential behaviors:

- **Manifest bypass:** Ensures each viewer receives personalized ad insertions by preventing manifest caching
- **Segment caching:** Maximizes performance and reduces costs by efficiently caching video content

The configuration process typically takes 30-60 minutes and includes provider selection, setup, verification, and optimization. Once complete, you'll have a CDN configuration that delivers personalized ads efficiently while maintaining optimal viewer experience.

Note

This guide focuses on Akamai and Fastly configurations. For CloudFront setup instructions, see [CloudFront integration](#).

Prerequisites

Before setting up your third-party CDN with MediaTailor, make sure you have:

- An active MediaTailor configuration that includes your content origin and ad decision server
- Access to your CDN's configuration interface
- A list of file extensions used in your content (.m3u8, .mpd, .ts, and so on)
- Your CDN provider's documentation for reference

For CloudFront setup instructions instead of third-party CDNs, see [CloudFront integration](#).

Terminology

To understand CDN configuration requirements, you need to know these manifest types:

- **HLS manifests:**
 - *Multivariant playlist*: The top-level manifest that contains links to media playlists
 - *Media playlist*: The second-level manifest with links to content segments
- **DASH manifests:**
 - *MPD (Media Presentation Description)*: The standard term for DASH manifests

This guide refers to all manifest files (multivariant playlists, media playlists, and MPDs) collectively as *manifests* when discussing common configuration requirements.

For general CDN configuration principles that apply to all providers, see [Set up CDN integration with MediaTailor](#).

For CDN optimization guidance, see [Performance optimization guide for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Configure CDN caching rules

CDN caching configuration is critical for MediaTailor ad delivery because it determines how your content reaches viewers. Proper configuration ensures that manifests remain personalized for each viewer while segments are efficiently cached to reduce origin load and improve performance.

This configuration typically takes 15-30 minutes per CDN provider and requires two distinct behaviors:

- **Manifest handling:** Prevents caching to ensure each viewer receives personalized ad insertions
- **Segment caching:** Maximizes cache efficiency for video content to improve delivery performance

Follow these steps to configure your CDN's caching rules for optimal ad delivery.

Choose your CDN provider from the following tabs for specific instructions:

Akamai

Configure these two behaviors in your Akamai property:

- Manifest handling to prevent caching
- Segment caching for optimal performance

Configure manifest delivery

Configure your Akamai CDN to avoid caching manifests so that each viewer receives personalized ads.

Manifest files contain the personalized ad insertion points that MediaTailor generates for each viewer. Caching these files would result in all viewers seeing identical ads, defeating the purpose of personalized advertising.

Follow these steps for manifest requests (files ending in .m3u8, .mpd, or .smil):

1. Create a behavior to match manifest file extensions (.m3u8, .mpd, .smil)
2. Set **Caching Option to No Store**
3. Configure cache keys to include all query parameters
4. Enable **Forward Host Header** for proper origin routing
5. Configure header forwarding for all headers. For minimum requirements, see [Required headers for MediaTailor CDN integration](#).

Configure segment delivery

Configure your Akamai CDN to cache video segments to maximize CDN efficiency and reduce origin load.

Video segments are the actual content files that can be safely cached because they don't contain personalized information. Proper segment caching reduces bandwidth costs and improves playback performance for viewers.

Follow these steps for segment requests (files ending in .ts, .mp4, .m4s, and so on):

1. Create a behavior to match segment file extensions (.ts, .mp4, .m4s)
2. Set **Honor Origin Cache Control** to Yes
3. Configure default time-to-live (TTL) settings for when origin headers are missing:
 - Default TTL: 86400 seconds (24 hours)
 - Maximum TTL: 604800 seconds (7 days)

 **Note**

After configuring these behaviors, activate your property changes in Akamai Control Center.

The changes take effect after activation.

Fastly

Create these two configurations in your Fastly service:

- Manifest handling to prevent caching
- Segment caching for optimal performance

Configure manifest delivery

Configure your Fastly CDN to bypass caching for manifest files so that each viewer receives personalized ad content.

Manifest files must reach MediaTailor for each request to ensure proper ad personalization. Bypassing the cache for these files ensures that each viewer's unique targeting parameters are processed correctly.

Follow these steps for manifest requests:

1. Create a request condition to identify manifest paths

2. Set cache condition to **Do not cache** for these requests
3. Configure **Forward** settings to include all query parameters
4. Add User-Agent to your header forwarding configuration

Configure segment delivery

Configure your Fastly CDN to cache video segments to improve delivery performance and reduce origin traffic.

Segment caching is essential for cost-effective delivery and optimal viewer experience. These files are identical for all viewers and benefit significantly from CDN caching.

Follow these steps for segment requests:

1. Create a request condition to identify segment paths
2. Set **Cache Settings** to **Honor origin cache headers**
3. Configure default time-to-live (TTL) to 86400 seconds (24 hours) for when origin headers are missing

 **Note**

After making these changes, activate a new version of your Fastly service.
The configuration takes effect after activation.

Verify your CDN configuration

Verification ensures that your CDN configuration works correctly before you direct production traffic through it. These tests confirm that ad personalization functions properly and that caching provides the expected performance benefits.

Complete verification typically takes 10-15 minutes and should be performed from multiple geographic locations if possible.

After setting up your CDN, perform these checks to verify it's working correctly:

1. Test manifest personalization:
 - a. Request the same content URL with different ad parameters

- b. Verify that each request returns different ad insertions
2. Test segment caching:
- a. Check CDN metrics for segment cache hit ratio (should be greater than 90%)
 - b. Monitor origin traffic to confirm it's lower than direct delivery
3. Test playback performance:
- a. Play content through your CDN from different locations
 - b. Verify smooth playback with no buffering issues

For comprehensive testing methodologies and advanced validation procedures, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Optimize CDN performance

After verifying your basic configuration, implement these optimizations to maximize performance and minimize costs:

Monitor key performance metrics

Track these metrics to ensure optimal performance:

Cache hit ratio

Target: Greater than 90% for video segments

Impact: Higher ratios reduce origin load and improve viewer experience

Monitor: Check your CDN provider's analytics dashboard daily

Origin response time

Target: Less than 200ms for manifest requests

Impact: Faster manifest delivery reduces startup time for viewers

Monitor: Set up alerts for response times exceeding 500ms

Error rates

Target: Less than 0.1% for all requests

Impact: High error rates indicate configuration issues or origin problems

Monitor: Set up alerts for error rates exceeding 1%

Fine-tune caching behavior

Adjust these settings based on your content characteristics and viewer patterns:

Segment TTL optimization

Live content: Use shorter TTL (1-4 hours) to ensure timely updates

VOD content: Use longer TTL (24-48 hours) to maximize cache efficiency

Ad segments: Consider shorter TTL (30 minutes to 2 hours) for frequently updated ad content

For comprehensive TTL recommendations and caching strategies across all MediaTailor workflows, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Geographic optimization

Multi-region origins: Configure origin selection based on viewer location

Edge locations: Enable additional edge locations in regions with high viewer concentration

Failover: Configure backup origins for high availability

Optimize costs

Implement these strategies to reduce CDN costs while maintaining performance:

- **Compression:** Enable gzip compression for manifest files to reduce bandwidth usage
- **Purging strategy:** Implement selective cache purging instead of full cache clears
- **Traffic analysis:** Review traffic patterns monthly to identify optimization opportunities
- **Tier selection:** Use appropriate CDN service tiers based on your performance requirements

Troubleshoot third-party CDN issues

CDN configuration issues typically manifest as either ad personalization problems or performance degradation. Use this systematic approach to identify and resolve the most common issues that affect MediaTailor ad delivery.

Most troubleshooting can be completed within 15-30 minutes by checking the specific symptoms and applying the corresponding solutions.

If viewers experience problems with ad delivery or playback quality, use this guide to identify and resolve common CDN configuration issues:

Akamai: Cached manifests

Symptom: Viewers see identical ads even when you configure different targeting parameters.

Solution: Verify that you applied the **No Store** caching option to manifest paths.

Also verify that you included query parameters in the cache key.

Fastly: Incorrect cache keys

Symptom: Viewers experience inconsistent ad personalization.

Viewers might also see ads intended for other viewers.

Solution: Verify that you configured the **Forward** settings to include all query parameters in the cache key.

General: High origin traffic

Symptom: Your origin servers experience unexpectedly high traffic

Solution: Verify segment caching settings and time-to-live (TTL) values.

Check cache hit ratios in your CDN metrics.

General: Playback errors

Symptom: Viewers experience buffering or playback failures

Solution: Check CDN routing rules and origin health.

Verify that all required headers are being forwarded correctly.

 **Note**

If these solutions don't resolve your issue, check your CDN provider's documentation. You can also contact their support team for additional troubleshooting steps.

For general CDN troubleshooting guidance, see [Troubleshoot issues with MediaTailor and CDN integration](#).

Performance optimization guide for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor performance can be maximized through systematic content delivery network (CDN) optimization. Whether you're implementing server-side ad insertion (SSAI), channel assembly, or combined workflows, the optimization principles and performance targets remain consistent. This guide provides comprehensive optimization techniques and benchmarks that apply across all MediaTailor implementations.

Optimization workflow overview:

1. **Configure caching** - Set appropriate TTL values and cache behaviors
2. **Optimize routing** - Configure request routing and origin policies
3. **Measure performance** - Track against established benchmarks
4. **Apply advanced techniques** - Implement additional optimization features

Topics

- [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [Request routing optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [Performance benchmarks for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [Advanced optimization techniques for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)

Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor caching requirements vary by workflow type and content format. Proper caching configuration is critical for optimal performance, cost efficiency, and viewer experience. The following sections provide detailed caching guidance for different MediaTailor implementations.

Server-side ad insertion (SSAI) caching

For server-side ad insertion workflows, personalized manifests cannot be cached, but content and ad segments should be cached aggressively:

SSAI CDN caching settings

Content type	TTL	Path pattern	Cache key elements
Multivariant playlists	0 seconds	/v1/master/*	URL path + all query parameters
Media playlists	0 seconds	/v1/manifest/*	URL path + all query parameters
DASH MPDs	0 seconds	/v1/dash/*	URL path + all query parameters
Content segments	24+ hours	Content-specific paths	URL path only
Ad segments	24+ hours	/v1/segment/*	URL path only

- Set TTL of 0 seconds for personalized manifests to ensure viewers receive up-to-date ad content
- Configure longer TTL values for content and ad segments to maximize cache efficiency
- Set up cache behaviors that include personalization parameters in the cache key if you support targeted advertising
- Implement request collapsing at the CDN level to efficiently handle concurrent requests

Recommended TTL configuration settings

For optimal SSAI performance, configure your CDN cache policies with these specific TTL settings:

SSAI TTL configuration settings

Content type	TTL setting	Recommended value
Ad segments	Min TTL	1 second
Ad segments	Max TTL	86400 seconds (24 hours)
Ad segments	Default TTL	86400 seconds (24 hours)
Content segments	Min TTL	1 second

Content type	TTL setting	Recommended value
Content segments	Max TTL	86400 seconds (24 hours)
Content segments	Default TTL	86400 seconds (24 hours)

These settings ensure:

- **Min TTL of 1 second:** Allows for rapid cache invalidation when needed while preventing excessive origin requests
- **Max TTL of 24 hours:** Balances cache efficiency with content freshness requirements
- **Default TTL of 24 hours:** Provides optimal caching for segments that don't have explicit cache-control headers

Channel assembly caching

For channel assembly workflows, manifests can be cached for short periods, while segments should be cached aggressively:

Channel assembly CDN caching settings

Content type	VOD TTL	Live TTL	Path pattern	Cache key elements
Multivariant playlists	5-30 minutes	5-10 seconds	Channel-specific paths	URL path + all query parameters
Media playlists	5-30 minutes	2-5 seconds	Channel-specific paths	URL path + all query parameters
DASH MPDs	5-30 minutes	5-10 seconds	Channel-specific paths	URL path + all query parameters
Content segments	24+ hours	5-15 minutes	Content-specific paths	URL path only
Ad segments	24+ hours	24+ hours	Ad-specific paths	URL path only

- Set short TTL values for manifests to ensure viewers receive up-to-date programming
- Configure longer TTL values for content segments to maximize cache efficiency
- Set up cache behaviors that include time-shift parameters in the cache key if you support time-shifted viewing
- Include query parameters in the cache key to properly handle time-shifted viewing requests

For detailed TTL configuration settings and best practices, see [the section called “Caching optimization”](#).

Combined SSAI and channel assembly caching

When implementing both channel assembly and SSAI, ensure your caching strategy is consistent for both services to avoid conflicts and optimize performance:

Combined workflow caching settings comparison

Content type	Channel assembly	SSAI	Combined recommendation
VOD manifests	5-30 minutes	0 seconds	0 seconds (SSAI takes precedence)
Live manifests	2-10 seconds	0 seconds	0 seconds (SSAI takes precedence)
Content segments	24+ hours	24+ hours	24+ hours (consistent)
Ad segments	24+ hours	24+ hours	24+ hours (consistent)

This configuration maximizes cache efficiency while ensuring viewers receive up-to-date manifests for personalized ad insertion.

Request routing optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

Implement these routing optimizations for all AWS Elemental MediaTailor CDN integrations:

- Create separate cache behaviors for manifest and segment requests
- Configure origin request policies to control header forwarding

- Set up proper error handling and failover mechanisms
- Implement origin shields if available in your CDN to reduce origin load
- Implement request collapsing at the CDN level to efficiently handle concurrent requests

Performance benchmarks for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

When optimizing your AWS Elemental MediaTailor CDN integration, aim for these performance benchmarks. These targets apply to all MediaTailor implementations including SSAI, channel assembly, and combined workflows:

Cache Hit Ratio Targets

Content segments: greater than 95% cache hit ratio

Ad segments: greater than 90% cache hit ratio

Manifests: Not applicable for SSAI (should not be cached for personalized ad insertion); 85%+ for channel assembly

Latency Benchmarks

Manifest request latency: less than 100ms (P95)

Content segment delivery: less than 50ms (P95)

Ad segment delivery: less than 75ms (P95)

End-to-end startup time: less than 2 seconds

Origin Load Metrics

Origin requests per viewer: less than 0.1 requests per minute per viewer

Origin bandwidth per viewer: less than 5% of total viewer bandwidth

Error Rate Targets

Manifest errors: less than 0.1%

Segment errors: less than 0.01%

Player-reported rebuffering: less than 1%

Scalability Benchmarks

Support for 10 times the normal traffic during peak events without degradation

Ability to handle greater than 1000 requests per second per channel

Use Amazon CloudWatch metrics to track these performance indicators. For detailed monitoring instructions, see [Set up monitoring tools](#).

Advanced optimization techniques for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

After implementing basic caching and routing optimizations, consider these advanced techniques to further enhance performance:

Origin Shield implementation

Origin Shield adds a caching layer between CDN edge locations and your origin server, reducing origin load and improving performance:

- Enable Origin Shield for high-traffic content and live streaming
- Choose Origin Shield locations close to your MediaTailor regions
- Monitor Origin Shield cache hit ratios and adjust as needed
- Consider multiple Origin Shield locations for global deployments

Content compression optimization

Optimize content compression to reduce bandwidth and improve delivery speed:

- Enable gzip compression for manifest files
- Configure Accept-Encoding header forwarding for MediaTailor manifest compression
- Use Brotli compression where supported for additional bandwidth savings
- Avoid compressing already-compressed video segments

Regional optimization strategies

Optimize performance for global audiences through regional strategies:

- Deploy MediaTailor configurations in multiple regions for global audiences
- Use geo-routing to direct viewers to the nearest MediaTailor region
- Configure regional failover for high availability
- Monitor regional performance metrics separately

Architecture considerations for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

Position your content delivery network (CDN) correctly in your architecture to ensure optimal performance and reliability with AWS Elemental MediaTailor. The recommended architecture places the CDN between viewers and MediaTailor, not between MediaTailor and your origin.

For detailed architecture diagrams and workflow explanations, see the following topics.

- [Ad insertion with CDN](#) for ad insertion architecture diagrams and detailed workflow
- [Understand CDN architecture](#) for channel assembly architecture diagrams and workflow

Position your CDN correctly in your architecture:

1. Place your CDN between players and MediaTailor (not between MediaTailor and your origin).

This architecture allows your CDN to cache ad segments and content segments. At the same time, MediaTailor can generate personalized manifests for each viewer.

2. Create separate cache behaviors for different request types:

- Manifest requests (no caching)
- Content segments (longer TTL)
- Ad segments (longer TTL)

3. Configure proper error handling:

- Set up negative caching (temporarily storing error responses) to avoid overwhelming your origin with repeated requests during service disruptions. Negative caching means the CDN will temporarily store error responses (like 404 or 500 errors) to prevent repeated requests for content that doesn't exist or is temporarily unavailable.
- Configure appropriate error response codes and retry behavior

4. Implement intermediate caching (origin shield):

Origin shield is a feature that creates an additional caching layer between CDN edge locations and your origin server. This reduces the number of redundant requests that reach your origin server.

- Configure an intermediate caching layer between edge locations and your origin
- Reduce the number of redundant requests to your origin during cache misses
- Improve cache hit ratios across your CDN infrastructure

Advanced CDN features for MediaTailor

After implementing basic content delivery network (CDN) configuration, explore these advanced features to further enhance your AWS Elemental MediaTailor streaming platform's performance and reliability.

Media Quality-Aware Routing (MQAR)

MQAR is an Amazon CloudFront feature that automatically selects the highest quality content source based on real-time network performance metrics. Instead of using a fixed origin server, MQAR dynamically routes requests to the best-performing origin based on factors like latency and throughput. This helps ensure viewers receive the highest possible quality stream even during network fluctuations.

If you use Amazon CloudFront, implement MQAR to automatically select the highest quality content source based on real-time metrics. For details, see [CloudFront integration](#) in the CloudFront integration section.

Manifest filtering

Manifest filtering allows you to customize which renditions (different quality versions of the same content) are included in the manifests that MediaTailor delivers to viewers. Filtering helps optimize bandwidth usage by removing renditions that aren't appropriate for certain devices or network conditions. For example, you might remove 4K renditions for mobile devices or low-bandwidth connections.

For detailed information about implementing manifest filtering with AWS Elemental MediaPackage, see [MediaPackage CDN integration](#).

Multi-CDN strategy

A multi-CDN strategy uses multiple CDN providers simultaneously to improve reliability and performance. If one CDN experiences issues, traffic can automatically shift to another provider. This approach is particularly valuable for high-profile live events where reliability is critical.

For information about implementing a multi-CDN strategy with MediaTailor, see [Plan CDN integration](#).

Monitor MediaTailor CDN operations and performance

Effective monitoring of your AWS Elemental MediaTailor and content delivery network (CDN) integration ensures reliable content delivery, optimal performance, and quick issue detection. This monitoring approach applies to all MediaTailor implementations including server-side ad insertion (SSAI), channel assembly, and combined workflows.

Monitoring your CDN integration enables you to:

- Detect and resolve issues before they impact viewers
- Track key performance indicators and maintain service quality
- Maintain optimal cache performance and reduce origin load
- Ensure ad insertion success rates meet business requirements

Essential CDN performance metrics

Track these core metrics to evaluate your CDN's effectiveness with MediaTailor implementations:

Cache hit ratio

What it measures: The percentage of requests served from the CDN cache versus from origin.

Target values:

- Content segments: 95% or higher cache hit ratio
- Ad segments: 90% or higher cache hit ratio
- Manifests: Varies by implementation (personalized manifests should not be cached)

Why it matters: Higher cache hit ratios reduce origin load, improve response times, and lower bandwidth costs.

Origin request volume

What it measures: The number of requests reaching your MediaTailor origin servers.

Target pattern: Should remain low and stable, with occasional spikes for cache misses or new content.

Why it matters: High origin request volumes indicate caching inefficiencies and can impact MediaTailor performance.

Response latency

What it measures: How quickly the CDN responds to viewer requests.

Target values:

- Cached content: Less than 100ms (P95)
- Origin requests: Less than 500ms (P95)
- Manifest requests: Less than 100ms (P95)
- Segment requests: Less than 50ms (P95)

Why it matters: Low latency ensures smooth playback and good viewer experience.

Error rates

What it measures: The percentage of requests that result in HTTP errors.

Target values:

- 4xx errors: Less than 0.1% of total requests
- 5xx errors: Less than 0.01% of total requests
- Origin errors: Less than 0.05% of origin requests

Why it matters: High error rates indicate configuration issues or service problems that impact viewer experience.

MediaTailor specific metrics

Monitor these MediaTailor metrics alongside CDN metrics for complete visibility:

Ad fill rates

Key metrics: `Avail.FillRate` and `AdDecisionServer.FillRate`

Target values: Above 90% for both metrics

Why it matters: Directly impacts ad revenue and viewer experience

Manifest generation performance

Key metrics: GetManifest.Latency and GetManifest.Errors

Target values: Latency under 200ms, error rate under 1%

Why it matters: Affects playback startup time and reliability

Ad decision server health

Key metrics: AdDecisionServer.Latency, AdDecisionServer.Errors, and AdDecisionServer.Timeouts

Target values: Latency under 1000ms, error rate under 5%, minimal timeouts

Why it matters: ADS performance directly affects ad insertion success

Set up monitoring tools

Configure these tools to monitor your MediaTailor and CDN integration effectively:

Amazon CloudWatch integration

Amazon CloudWatch provides the foundation for monitoring your MediaTailor and CDN integration:

MediaTailor metrics

MediaTailor automatically publishes metrics to CloudWatch that track requests, responses, and errors. Key metrics include:

- RequestCount: Total number of requests to MediaTailor
- ResponseTime: MediaTailor response latency
- 4xxErrorCount and 5xxErrorCount: Error tracking

For a complete list of MediaTailor metrics, see [Monitoring AWS Elemental MediaTailor with Amazon CloudWatch metrics](#).

CDN metrics

Enable CDN metrics collection in CloudWatch including:

- Cache hit ratios for different content types
- Origin request counts and response times
- Error rates by status code

For CloudFront specific metrics, enable detailed monitoring in your distribution settings.

Dashboard configuration

Create dashboards that provide visibility into your MediaTailor and CDN performance:

1. **Create a unified dashboard:** Combine MediaTailor and CDN metrics in a single CloudWatch dashboard for complete visibility.
2. **Organize by workflow:** Group metrics by implementation type (SSAI, channel assembly, or combined workflows).
3. **Include key performance indicators:**
 - Cache hit ratio trends over time
 - Response latency percentiles (P50, P95, P99)
 - Error rate trends and spikes

For detailed dashboard creation guidance, see [CloudWatch dashboards](#).

Alert configuration

Configure alerts to detect issues before they impact viewers:

Critical alerts

Configure immediate alerts for severe issues:

- **High error rates:** Alert when 5xx errors exceed 0.1% of requests over 5 minutes
- **Origin server issues:** Alert when origin response time exceeds 2 seconds
- **Cache hit ratio drops:** Alert when cache hit ratio falls below 70% for manifests or 85% for segments

Warning alerts

Configure early warning alerts for performance degradation:

- **Latency increases:** Alert when P95 response time exceeds 200ms
- **Cache efficiency decline:** Alert when cache hit ratio drops below 90% for segments

Implementation checklist

Use this checklist to ensure comprehensive monitoring coverage:

1. Metrics collection:

- ✓ MediaTailor metrics enabled in CloudWatch
- ✓ CDN detailed monitoring enabled

2. Dashboard setup:

- ✓ Unified CloudWatch dashboard created
- ✓ Key metrics visualized with appropriate time ranges
- ✓ Dashboard shared with relevant teams

3. Alert configuration:

- ✓ Critical alerts configured with immediate notification
- ✓ Warning alerts set up for early detection
- ✓ Alert escalation procedures documented

4. Operational procedures:

- ✓ Incident response procedures documented
- ✓ Regular review schedule established
- ✓ Team training completed

Related topics

For additional guidance on specific monitoring scenarios:

- **Performance optimization:** For detailed optimization techniques based on monitoring data, see [CDN performance optimization](#).
- **Troubleshooting:** For detailed troubleshooting procedures using monitoring data, see your workflow-specific troubleshooting documentation.
- **Log analysis:** For comprehensive log analysis and monitoring, see [CDN integration log analysis and error code reference for MediaTailor](#).

Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration requires thorough testing to ensure reliable ad delivery and optimal performance. Systematic testing helps identify integration issues before they impact viewers. Use this comprehensive approach to validate your content delivery network and MediaTailor integration across different scenarios, configurations, and load conditions.

Related topics:

- For operational setup including monitoring and logging, see [CDN monitoring](#)
- For troubleshooting when issues occur, see [Troubleshoot CDN integration](#)
- For performance optimization guidance, see [Performance optimization guide for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)

Topics

- [Testing prerequisites and setup for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [Systematic testing methodology for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [Pre-deployment testing checklist for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [Testing tools and utilities reference for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)

Testing prerequisites and setup for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration testing requires proper preparation and resource allocation. Before beginning systematic testing, ensure you have the necessary resources and tools in place.

Required resources:

- Test CDN distribution configured to mirror production settings
- Test MediaTailor configuration with known content and ad sources
- Test content with predictable characteristics (duration, format, ad break markers)
- Test ad decision server or mock ADS responses
- Multiple test devices and player types

Testing tools:

- curl for HTTP request testing
- ffprobe for HLS manifest validation
- mp4box for DASH manifest validation
- Browser developer tools for network analysis
- Video players for end-to-end testing

Systematic testing methodology for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration testing should follow a systematic, phased approach to ensure comprehensive coverage. Follow this structured approach to comprehensively test your content delivery network and MediaTailor integration. Each phase builds on the previous one to isolate potential issues.

For additional guidance on systematic testing approaches, see [Testing for reliability](#) in the AWS Well-Architected Framework.

Phase 1: Test direct MediaTailor connectivity

Start by testing MediaTailor functionality without CDN involvement to establish a baseline.

1. Test manifest requests directly to MediaTailor endpoints:

- Test HLS multivariant playlist requests: `curl -v "https://your-emt-endpoint.mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com/v1/master/hls/config-name/master.m3u8"`
- Test DASH MPD requests: `curl -v "https://your-emt-endpoint.mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com/v1/dash/config-name/manifest.mpd"`
- Verify manifest responses contain expected ad break markers
- Check that segment URLs point to correct origins

2. Verify ad insertion works correctly:

- Test with different ad targeting parameters
- Verify ad segments are properly transcoded and available
- Check ad break timing and duration

- Test fallback behavior when ads are unavailable

3. Measure baseline performance:

- Record manifest request response times
- Measure ad decision server response times
- Test session creation and management

Success criteria: All direct MediaTailor requests return HTTP 200 responses with properly formatted manifests containing expected ad content.

Phase 2: Test basic CDN integration

Add CDN to the request path and test basic functionality.

1. Test manifest requests through CDN:

- Configure CDN with simple routing rules
- Test manifest requests through CDN endpoints
- Verify CDN correctly forwards requests to MediaTailor
- Check that manifest responses are not cached (TTL = 0)

2. Test segment routing:

- Verify content segments route to origin server
- Verify ad segments route to MediaTailor ad storage
- Test segment caching behavior

3. Compare CDN vs direct performance:

- Measure response time differences
- Check for any content differences in responses
- Verify error handling works correctly

Success criteria: CDN should successfully proxy requests to MediaTailor and origin servers with minimal performance impact.

Phase 3: Test query parameter forwarding

Add query parameter forwarding and test ad personalization.

1. Configure query parameter forwarding at the CDN:

- Enable forwarding of all query parameters to MediaTailor
- Test session initialization (session ID is automatically generated by MediaTailor upon first request)
- Test with custom targeting parameters

2. Test ad personalization:

- Verify different parameters produce different ad responses
- Test parameter encoding and special characters
- Check that parameters are correctly passed to ADS

3. Validate session management:

- Test session creation and persistence
- Verify session ID consistency across requests
- Test session expiration handling

Success criteria: Ad content varies based on query parameters, and sessions are managed correctly.

Phase 4: Test header forwarding

Add header forwarding in the CDN and test device-specific targeting.

1. Configure header forwarding for all headers. For minimum requirements, see [Required headers for MediaTailor CDN integration](#).
2. Test device targeting:
 - Test with different User-Agent strings (mobile, desktop, TV)
 - Verify device-specific ad responses
 - Test geographic targeting with different IP addresses
3. Validate CORS handling:
 - Test CORS headers for web player compatibility
 - Verify preflight OPTIONS requests work correctly
 - Test from different domains

Success criteria: Device and geographic targeting should work correctly, and web players should not encounter CORS errors.

Phase 5: Comprehensive scenario testing

Test across multiple scenarios to ensure robust operation.

1. Test with different player types:

- HLS.js players in web browsers
- Video.js players with HLS and DASH support
- Native players on mobile devices
- Smart TV and set-top box players

2. Test on different devices and platforms:

- Mobile devices (iOS, Android)
- Desktop browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge)
- Smart TVs and streaming devices
- Different operating system versions

3. Test different content types:

- Live streaming content
- Video on demand (VOD) content
- Different video formats and bitrates
- Content with different ad break patterns

4. Test ad targeting scenarios:

- Different demographic targeting parameters
- Geographic targeting across different regions
- Time-based targeting (different times of day)
- Custom business logic parameters

Success criteria: All player and device combinations should work correctly with appropriate ad targeting.

Phase 6: Load and performance testing

Validate performance under realistic load conditions.

Important

Before load testing, contact [AWS Support](#): Before conducting load and performance testing, create an AWS Support ticket to notify the MediaTailor service team of your planned testing. This ensures:

- The service is prepared for your expected load levels
- Appropriate capacity is available during your testing window
- Your testing won't be mistaken for a production incident
- You receive guidance on testing best practices and limitations

Include in your support ticket: expected concurrent users, testing duration, geographic regions, and any specific scenarios you plan to test.

1. Test concurrent user scenarios:

- Simulate multiple concurrent viewers
- Test CDN scaling and cache performance
- Monitor origin server performance under load
- Verify MediaTailor can handle concurrent sessions

2. Measure performance metrics:

- Monitor response times under load
- Check cache hit ratios meet expectations (>80% for popular content)
- Measure time to first frame for different scenarios
- Track error rates during peak load

3. Test failover scenarios:

- Test behavior when ADS is unavailable
- Test origin server failover
- Verify error handling and recovery
- Test CDN edge location failover

Success criteria: System should maintain acceptable performance under expected load with graceful degradation during failures. Ensure that you contact [AWS Support](#) and they approve your load testing plan before execution.

Pre-deployment testing checklist for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration must pass comprehensive testing before production deployment. Use this checklist before deploying configuration changes to production.

Basic functionality:

- Manifest requests return HTTP 200 responses
- Content segments load correctly
- Ad segments load correctly
- Ad breaks appear at expected times
- Playback transitions smoothly between content and ads

Configuration validation:

- Query parameters are forwarded correctly
- Required headers are forwarded correctly
- Manifest caching is disabled (TTL = 0)
- Segment caching is configured appropriately
- CORS headers are configured for web players

Cross-platform testing:

- Tested on mobile devices
- Tested on desktop browsers
- Tested with different player types
- Tested both HLS and DASH formats

Performance validation:

- AWS Support ticket created for load testing approval

- Response times meet performance targets
- Cache hit ratios are acceptable
- Error rates are within acceptable limits
- Monitoring and alerting are configured

Testing tools and utilities reference for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration testing requires various tools for comprehensive validation and debugging. Reference guide for tools commonly used in content delivery network and MediaTailor integration testing.

curl - HTTP request testing

Test manifest requests: curl -v "https://your-cdn-domain.com/v1/master/hls/config/master.m3u8"

Test with headers: curl -H "User-Agent: TestAgent/1.0" "https://your-cdn-domain.com/..."

Test with parameters: curl "https://your-cdn-domain.com/...?aws.sessionId=test123"

ffprobe - HLS manifest validation

Validate HLS syntax: ffprobe -v quiet -print_format json -show_format "https://your-cdn-domain.com/master.m3u8"

Check segment information: ffprobe -v quiet -show_entries packet=pts_time "segment.ts"

mp4box - DASH manifest validation

Validate DASH MPD: mp4box -info "https://your-cdn-domain.com/manifest.mpd"

Check segment timing: mp4box -info segment.m4s

Browser developer tools

Monitor network requests in the Network tab

Check for CORS errors in the Console tab

Inspect request/response headers

Analyze timing and performance metrics

Additional resources:

- [Troubleshooting CloudFront](#) - Comprehensive CDN troubleshooting guide
- [Increase CloudFront cache hit ratio](#) - Performance optimization guidance
- [Monitor AWS resources](#) - Performance monitoring best practices

Troubleshoot issues with MediaTailor and CDN integration

This comprehensive troubleshooting guide covers common content delivery network (CDN) integration issues across all AWS Elemental MediaTailor implementations including server-side ad insertion (SSAI), channel assembly, and AWS Elemental MediaPackage integration. When your CDN and MediaTailor integration experiences problems, use this systematic diagnostic approach to quickly identify root causes and implement validated solutions.

This guide applies to all MediaTailor CDN integrations regardless of your specific workflow. For issues specific to particular services or workflows, see the related troubleshooting sections referenced at the end of this guide.

Before you begin: Have these items ready for efficient troubleshooting:

- Sample playback URLs that demonstrate the issue
- CDN access logs from the time period when issues occurred
- MediaTailor configuration name and AWS Region
- Player type and version (for example, HLS.js 1.4.0, Video.js 8.0)
- Device and browser information where issues occur

Related topics:

- For operational setup and troubleshooting preparation, see [Troubleshoot CDN integration](#)
- For log analysis and error code reference, see [CDN integration log analysis reference](#)

- For escalation and getting additional help, see [Get CDN integration support](#)

Diagnostic checklist for MediaTailor and CDN integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration problems can manifest in various ways. Use this checklist to quickly identify the type of issue you're experiencing:

1. Is the issue affecting all viewers or specific viewers?

- All viewers → Likely CDN or MediaTailor configuration issue
- Specific viewers → Likely personalization or targeting issue

2. Are manifests loading correctly?

- No → CDN routing or MediaTailor connectivity issue
- Yes, but wrong content → Caching or personalization issue

3. Are segments loading correctly?

- Content segments fail → Origin connectivity issue
- Ad segments fail → Ad delivery or transcoding issue

4. Are ads being inserted correctly?

- No ads appear → Check ADS connectivity and configuration
- Wrong ads appear → Check ad targeting parameters and personalization
- Ads fail to play → Check ad transcoding and segment availability

5. Is playback smooth and uninterrupted?

- Buffering issues → Check CDN cache performance and origin response times
- Playback errors → Check manifest syntax and segment availability
- Ad transition issues → Check ad break timing and segment alignment

6. Are there specific error codes or messages?

- HTTP 4xx errors → Check CDN routing and configuration
- HTTP 5xx errors → Check origin server and MediaTailor service health
- Player-specific errors → Check manifest format and player compatibility

Next steps based on your diagnosis:

CDN configuration issues

For detailed CDN routing and caching troubleshooting, see [Troubleshoot issues with MediaTailor and CDN integration](#).

Manifest and playback issues

For manifest validation and playback troubleshooting, see [CDN integration testing procedures](#).

Ad insertion and targeting issues

For ad-specific troubleshooting including ADS connectivity and ad delivery, see your workflow-specific troubleshooting documentation.

Performance and monitoring issues

For performance analysis and monitoring setup, see [Monitor MediaTailor CDN operations and performance](#).

Log analysis and error codes

For detailed log analysis and error code reference, see [CDN integration log analysis and error code reference for MediaTailor](#).

Testing and validation

For comprehensive testing procedures, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

If you need immediate assistance or cannot resolve the issue using the linked resources, see [Get support and troubleshooting help for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#) for escalation procedures.

CDN integration testing procedures

Proper testing is essential before deploying your MediaTailor CDN integration to production. These testing procedures help identify configuration issues, performance problems, and compatibility issues across different devices and platforms.

Basic integration validation

Perform these fundamental tests to verify your CDN integration is working correctly:

1. Test manifest delivery:

- Request a manifest through your CDN and verify it returns a valid response

- Verify the manifest contains expected content and ad insertion points
- Check that manifest URLs use your CDN domain, not the origin
- Validate manifest syntax using HLS or DASH validation tools

2. Verify URL rewriting:

- Check that content segment URLs in manifests point to your CDN domain
- Verify ad segment URLs point to your CDN domain
- Ensure all relative URLs are properly resolved

3. Test content playback:

- Play content through a video player and verify smooth playback
- Verify both content and ads play without interruption
- Check for proper transitions between content and ads
- Test seeking and scrubbing functionality

4. Validate CDN routing:

- Monitor CDN access logs to ensure requests are routed correctly
- Verify cache hit/miss patterns are as expected
- Check that origin requests only occur for cache misses

Advanced testing procedures

Perform these additional tests for comprehensive validation:

1. Cross-platform compatibility testing:

- Test on multiple devices (desktop, mobile, tablet, smart TV)
- Verify compatibility across different browsers
- Test with various video players (HLS.js, Video.js, native players)
- Validate on different operating systems

2. Performance testing:

- Measure manifest request response times (target: <100ms for cached)
- Test segment loading performance across different bitrates
- Verify startup time meets performance targets
- Test under various network conditions

3. Ad tracking validation:

- Verify ad tracking beacons fire correctly
- Check ad analytics data for accuracy
- Test impression and completion tracking
- Validate click-through functionality

4. Error condition testing:

- Test behavior when origin is temporarily unavailable
- Verify graceful handling of malformed requests
- Test CDN failover scenarios
- Validate error message clarity and usefulness

Create a test environment

Set up a test environment that mirrors your production configuration for comprehensive validation:

1. Set up separate CDN distributions for testing:

- Create test CDN distributions with the same cache behaviors as production
- Configure test origins that mirror your production setup
- Use separate domain names to avoid conflicts with production traffic

2. Create test MediaTailor configurations:

- Set up test playback configurations with the same settings as production
- Configure test ad decision server endpoints
- Use test ad content that matches your production ad formats

3. Implement systematic testing processes:

- Create testing checklists for configuration changes
- Document test procedures for your team
- Set up automated testing where possible

Test across multiple scenarios

Validate your integration across different scenarios and conditions to ensure comprehensive coverage:

1. Test with multiple player types and devices:

- Test with different video players (web, mobile, connected TV)
- Validate across different operating systems and browsers
- Test on various network conditions and connection speeds

2. Create automated testing scripts:

- Automate manifest request validation
- Create scripts to test ad insertion scenarios
- Implement performance testing for high-traffic scenarios

3. Validate ad targeting and personalization:

- Test with different user profiles and targeting parameters
- Validate ad decision server integration
- Test fallback scenarios when ads are unavailable

Testing tools and techniques

Use these tools and techniques for effective testing:

Browser developer tools

Use Network tab to inspect HTTP requests and responses

Monitor console for JavaScript errors and warnings

Verify response headers and caching behavior

Check timing information for performance analysis

Command-line testing

Use curl to test specific URLs and inspect headers:

```
curl -I "https://your-cdn-domain.com/path/to/manifest.m3u8"
```

Use wget for download testing and timing analysis

Employ tools like httpie for more readable HTTP testing

Video player testing

Test with multiple player implementations

Use player debug modes to inspect internal behavior

Monitor player events and error callbacks

Validate adaptive bitrate switching behavior

CDN analytics and monitoring

Monitor real-time CDN metrics during testing

Review access logs for request patterns

Use CDN-specific testing tools when available

Set up temporary alerts for testing validation

For additional comprehensive testing methodologies and systematic validation approaches, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Troubleshoot CDN manifest 404 errors for MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) manifest 404 errors are a common integration issue that prevents playback from starting. This section provides step-by-step troubleshooting for manifest delivery failures.

Multivariant playlist, media playlist, or MPD requests return 404 errors

Quick fix (try first):

1. Verify the MediaTailor configuration name in your URL matches exactly (case-sensitive)
2. Test the manifest URL directly against MediaTailor without CDN: `curl -v "https://your-emt-endpoint.mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com/v1/master/hls/config-name/master.m3u8"`
3. If direct test works, check CDN routing rules for manifest requests

If quick fix doesn't work:

Symptoms: Players fail to start playback, manifest requests return HTTP 404 errors in CDN logs.

Example error messages:

- Browser console: "Failed to load resource: the server responded with a status of 404 (Not Found)"
- Player error: "MANIFEST_LOAD_ERROR" or "NETWORK_ERROR"
- CDN logs: GET /v1/master/hls/example-config/master.m3u8 404

Resolution:

Verify that your CDN routing rules are correctly configured to forward multivariant playlist, media playlist, and MPD requests to MediaTailor.

Check that the MediaTailor configuration exists and is correctly set up.

Ensure your CDN behavior patterns match the expected manifest request paths (for example, *.m3u8, *.mpd).

Diagnose CDN manifest delivery issues and errors for MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) manifest delivery problems can prevent proper ad insertion and playback. If viewers receive incorrect or inconsistent ads in multivariant playlists, media playlists, or MPDs:

1. Check for cached manifests:

- Verify TTL settings are set to 0 for all multivariant playlist, media playlist, and MPD paths
- Confirm that your CDN isn't caching multivariant playlists, media playlists, or MPDs despite TTL settings
- Check CDN logs for cache status - manifest requests should show Miss or RefreshHit, not Hit

2. Verify CDN routing configuration:

- Confirm manifest requests are being routed to MediaTailor endpoints, not cached or served from origin
- Check that CDN behavior patterns correctly match manifest paths (*.m3u8, *.mpd)
- Verify query parameters are being forwarded to MediaTailor for personalization
- Test manifest URLs directly against MediaTailor to isolate CDN vs service issues

3. Check header forwarding configuration:

- Verify required headers are being forwarded (see [Required headers for MediaTailor CDN integration](#))

- Confirm User-Agent header is forwarded for device-specific ad targeting
- Check that X-Forwarded-For header is forwarded for geo-targeting
- Ensure Accept-Encoding header is forwarded for compression support

4. Validate manifest content and structure:

- Check that manifests contain expected ad insertion markers (EXT-X-CUE-OUT/IN for HLS)
- Verify segment URLs in manifests use your CDN domain, not origin domains
- Confirm ad segments are properly inserted and accessible
- Test manifest syntax using validation tools (ffprobe for HLS, mp4box for DASH)

5. Test different scenarios:

- Test with different session IDs to verify personalization is working
- Test from different geographic locations to verify geo-targeting
- Test with different User-Agent strings to verify device targeting
- Compare manifest responses with and without CDN to identify differences

Additional troubleshooting resources:

- For detailed CDN caching configuration, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- For comprehensive CDN routing setup, see [Set up CDN routing behaviors for MediaTailor](#)
- For header forwarding requirements, see [Required headers for MediaTailor CDN integration](#)
- For log analysis and error codes, see [CDN integration log analysis and error code reference for MediaTailor](#)
- For testing procedures and validation, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)

Success criteria: When resolved, players should start playback normally and ads should appear as expected. Manifest requests should return HTTP 200 status codes in CDN logs, and manifests should contain properly personalized ad content.

Troubleshoot CDN segment delivery and loading issues for MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) segment delivery problems can cause buffering and playback interruptions. If players can't load segments or experience buffering:

1. Check CDN routing rules:

- Verify content segments are being routed to the correct origin
- Confirm ad segments are being routed to the correct MediaTailor ad storage location
- Check that segment file extensions match your CDN behavior patterns
- Verify that segment URLs in manifests use the correct CDN domain
- For detailed instructions on setting up routing and behavior path patterns, see [Set up CDN routing behaviors for MediaTailor](#)

2. Verify CORS configuration:

- For web players, ensure your CDN is passing through or properly setting CORS headers
- Test with browser developer tools to identify CORS-related errors
- Verify that preflight OPTIONS requests are handled correctly

3. Test segment accessibility and performance:

- Test individual segment URLs directly to verify they're accessible
- Check segment response times and identify performance bottlenecks
- Verify segment file sizes are appropriate for your bandwidth targets
- Test segment loading from different geographic locations

4. Validate CDN caching behavior for segments:

- Verify content segments have appropriate TTL settings (typically longer than manifests)
- Check that ad segments are cached appropriately based on personalization requirements
- Monitor cache hit ratios for both content and ad segments
- Ensure cache keys don't include unnecessary parameters that reduce cache efficiency

5. Check origin server connectivity and health:

- Verify origin servers are responding correctly to segment requests
- Check origin server capacity and response times under load
- Validate that origin servers have the expected segment files available
- Test origin failover scenarios if multiple origins are configured

6. Troubleshoot ad segment specific issues:

- Verify ad segments are properly transcoded and available in MediaTailor
- Check that ad segment URLs are correctly generated in manifests
- Test ad segment loading with different ad targeting parameters
- Monitor for ad transcoding delays that might cause segment unavailability

7. Validate player compatibility and behavior:

- Test segment loading with different player types and versions
- Check player buffer settings and segment request patterns
- Verify player error handling for failed segment requests
- Test adaptive bitrate switching and segment selection logic

Additional troubleshooting resources:

- For CDN routing and behavior configuration, see [Set up CDN routing behaviors for MediaTailor](#)
- For CDN caching optimization, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- For CORS configuration guidance, see [CDN integration security best practices for MediaTailor](#)
- For performance monitoring and analysis, see [Monitor MediaTailor CDN operations and performance](#)
- For comprehensive testing procedures, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- For log analysis and error diagnosis, see [CDN integration log analysis and error code reference for MediaTailor](#)

Success criteria: When resolved, players should load segments smoothly without buffering interruptions. Segment requests should return HTTP 200 status codes with appropriate response times, and both content and ad segments should be accessible and properly cached.

Fix CDN session management and tracking issues for MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) session management is critical for proper ad personalization and tracking. If you encounter session-related errors or inconsistent behavior across requests:

1. Check for session ID consistency:

- Verify that your player maintains the same session ID across all requests for a single playback session
- Check CDN logs to confirm session IDs are being forwarded correctly
- Ensure session IDs are properly URL-encoded in query parameters

- Use CloudWatch Logs to verify session ID consistency across requests (see validation steps below)

2. Validate session initialization:

- Confirm that the first manifest request successfully creates a session
- Check for proper session parameter forwarding (for example, aws.sessionId)
- Verify session initialization using debug logs (see debug log setup below)

3. Enable debug logging for detailed session troubleshooting:

- **For server-side reporting:** Add ?aws.logMode=DEBUG to your playback request:

```
GET <mediatailorURL>/v1/master/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/<asset-id>?  
aws.logMode=DEBUG
```

- **For client-side reporting:** Include "logMode": "DEBUG" in your session initialization request body
- **Important:** The DEBUG value is case-sensitive
- Maximum of 10 active debug sessions allowed simultaneously

4. Use CloudWatch Logs queries to validate session behavior:

- **Verify debug session is active:**

```
fields @timestamp, @message  
| filter sessionId = "your-session-id-here"  
| filter eventType = "SESSION_INITIALIZED" # client-side reporting  
or mediaTailorPath like "/v1/master" # server-side reporting HLS  
or mediaTailorPath like "/v1/dash" # server-side reporting DASH
```

- **View all events for a session:**

```
fields @timestamp, @message, eventType, mediaTailorPath  
| filter sessionId = "your-session-id-here"  
| sort @timestamp asc
```

- **Check manifest generation for a session:**

```
fields @timestamp, responseBody, @message  
| filter mediaTailorPath like "/v1/master/" and eventType = "GENERATED_MANIFEST"  
and sessionId = "your-session-id-here"
```

5. Test session parameter forwarding through CDN:

- Test manifest requests with session parameters directly against MediaTailor (bypassing CDN)
- Compare session behavior with and without CDN to identify forwarding issues
- Verify CDN query parameter forwarding configuration includes session-related parameters
- Check that CDN doesn't cache responses that should be session-specific

Common session error messages:

- **ConflictException** (HTTP 409) - Multiple simultaneous playlist requests for the same session.
Solution: Ensure your player requests playlists one at a time according to HLS specification
- **NotFoundException** (HTTP 404) - Session is unavailable or configuration doesn't exist.
Solution: Check your configuration validity and reinitialize the session
- **BadRequestException** (HTTP 400) - Invalid session ID or improperly formatted request.
Solution: Verify request formatting and session ID validity

Additional troubleshooting resources:

- For complete debug logging setup and field reference, see [Generating AWS Elemental MediaTailor debug logs](#)
- For CloudWatch Logs query examples and log analysis, see [Writing AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs directly to Amazon CloudWatch Logs](#)
- For CDN query parameter forwarding configuration, see [Set up CDN routing behaviors for MediaTailor](#)
- For comprehensive error code reference, see [Troubleshooting playback errors returned by MediaTailor](#)

Success criteria: When resolved, sessions should initialize correctly, maintain consistent session IDs across requests, and debug logs should show proper SESSION_INITIALIZED events and manifest generation without errors.

Resolve CDN ad break timing and synchronization issues for MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) ad break timing must be precisely synchronized with content markers. If ads appear at incorrect times or ad break timing is inconsistent:

1. Verify ad break markers in content:

- Check that SCTE-35 markers are properly placed in your origin content
- Verify ad break duration matches actual ad content length
- Confirm that ad break timing aligns with content boundaries
- Validate SCTE-35 marker format and timing accuracy in your origin manifests
- Test ad break markers with different content types (live vs VOD)

2. Check CDN caching impact on timing:

- Ensure manifest TTL is set to 0 to prevent timing drift
- Verify that time-sensitive parameters are not being cached
- Check for clock synchronization issues between the content source, MediaTailor, and the CDN
- Monitor for timing drift in long-running live streams
- Verify CDN edge server time synchronization with NTP

3. Validate SCTE-35 marker implementation:

- Verify EXT-X-DATERANGE tags include proper SCTE35-OUT and DURATION specifications
- Check for paired SCTE35-OUT and SCTE35-IN markers when using explicit cue-in timing
- Validate START-DATE timestamps align with actual content timing
- Test different SCTE-35 marker formats (duration-based vs paired markers)

4. Test ad break timing across different scenarios:

- Compare ad break timing with direct MediaTailor requests vs CDN requests
- Test timing consistency across different CDN edge locations
- Verify ad break timing with different player types and buffering behaviors
- Monitor timing accuracy during peak traffic periods

5. Debug timing issues using logs and monitoring:

- Enable debug logging to track ad break processing timing
- Monitor CloudWatch metrics for ad insertion timing patterns
- Check CDN logs for timing-related request patterns
- Use player debugging tools to verify ad break timing from client perspective

Expected timing tolerances:

- Ad break timing should align with SCTE-35 markers in your content

- Ad duration should match the duration specified in your ad decision server response
- Clock synchronization between content source, MediaTailor, and CDN should be within 1 second
- SCTE-35 marker timing should be accurate to within 100ms of actual content timing

Additional troubleshooting resources:

- For SCTE-35 marker format and implementation, see [Integrating a content source for MediaTailor ad insertion](#)
- For debug logging setup and timing analysis, see [Generating AWS Elemental MediaTailor debug logs](#)
- For CDN caching configuration and timing impact, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- For comprehensive testing procedures including timing validation, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- For monitoring ad insertion timing and performance, see [Monitor MediaTailor CDN operations and performance](#)

Success criteria: When resolved, ad breaks should appear at precisely the times specified by SCTE-35 markers, with consistent timing across all CDN edge locations and player types. Debug logs should show accurate ad break processing timing without drift or synchronization errors.

Optimize CDN performance and resolve latency issues for MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration performance directly impacts viewer experience and ad delivery quality. If you experience slow response times or performance degradation:

Performance measurement techniques

Before troubleshooting performance issues, establish baseline measurements and ongoing monitoring:

1. Measure key performance metrics:

- **Response times:** Manifest requests should complete within 200ms, segment requests within 100ms
- **Cache hit ratios:** Content segments >95%, ad segments >90%

- **Origin request volume:** Should be less than 5% of total requests when cache is optimized
 - **Time to first frame:** Initial playback should start within 2-3 seconds
2. Use performance measurement tools:
- **CDN analytics dashboards:** Monitor cache performance, response times, and error rates
 - **CloudWatch metrics:** Track MediaTailor service metrics including GetManifest.Latency
 - **Browser developer tools:** Measure client-side performance and network timing
 - **Command-line tools:** Use curl with timing options to measure specific requests
3. Implement continuous monitoring:
- Set up automated performance alerts for response time degradation
 - Monitor performance across different geographic regions
 - Track performance during peak traffic periods
 - Compare performance metrics before and after configuration changes

Performance measurement resources:

- For comprehensive performance monitoring setup, see [Monitor MediaTailor CDN operations and performance](#)
- For performance testing procedures, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- For CloudWatch metrics and monitoring, see [Monitoring AWS Elemental MediaTailor with Amazon CloudWatch metrics](#)

CDN cache performance issues

Cache performance problems are among the most common CDN integration issues. These problems affect all MediaTailor implementations and can significantly impact viewer experience and costs.

Low cache hit ratio

Symptoms: High origin request volume, increased latency, higher bandwidth costs, poor viewer experience

Target values:

- Content segments: 95% or higher cache hit ratio

- Ad segments: 90% or higher cache hit ratio
- Manifests: Varies by implementation (personalized manifests should not be cached)

Common causes:

- Incorrect TTL settings for different content types
- Cache key configuration includes unnecessary query parameters
- Cache-control headers from origin not properly configured
- Frequent cache invalidations or purges
- Geographic distribution issues (content not cached at edge locations)

Solutions:

1. Review and optimize TTL settings:

- Content segments: Set TTL to match segment duration or longer
- Ad segments: Set TTL to 24 hours or longer for reusable ads
- Static assets: Set TTL to 24 hours or longer

For comprehensive TTL recommendations and caching optimization strategies, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

2. Optimize cache key configuration:

- Remove unnecessary query parameters from cache keys
- Ensure only content-affecting parameters are included
- Normalize parameter order and case sensitivity

3. Verify origin cache-control headers are properly set

4. Implement origin shield (or equivalent CDN functionality) for high-traffic implementations.

Origin shield functionality is available across major CDNs but might have different names (such as CloudFront Origin Shield, Fastly Shield, Cloudflare Argo Tiered Cache). If your CDN doesn't offer this functionality, it can be enabled in MediaTailor when you contact [AWS Support](#).

5. Review cache invalidation strategies and reduce unnecessary purges

Validation steps:

1. Monitor cache hit ratios using CDN analytics dashboards
2. Test specific URLs with curl to verify cache headers

3. Compare origin request volume before and after changes

High origin request volume

Symptoms: Unexpectedly high number of requests reaching MediaTailor origin, increased origin server load, higher costs

Expected pattern: Origin requests should be less than 5% of total viewer requests when cache hit ratios are optimal

Common causes:

- Cache misses due to low TTL values
- Cache key fragmentation (too many unique cache keys)
- Geographic traffic spikes in regions without cached content
- Frequent cache invalidations

Solutions:

1. Analyze request patterns to identify cache miss causes
2. Optimize TTL settings based on content type and update frequency
3. Implement cache warming strategies for new content
4. Consider origin shield implementation (available across major CDNs with different names - see [Origin Shield implementation](#) for details)

Alert threshold: Set alerts when origin requests exceed 10% of total requests or increase by 50% over baseline

Common HTTP error resolution

HTTP errors in CDN integrations often indicate configuration issues or service problems. These error patterns are consistent across all MediaTailor implementations.

404 Not Found errors

Symptoms: Manifest or segment requests return HTTP 404, players fail to load content, "MANIFEST_LOAD_ERROR" in player logs

Common causes:

- Incorrect CDN origin configuration (wrong MediaTailor endpoint URL)

- Missing or incorrect cache behavior path patterns
- URL rewriting issues in CDN configuration
- MediaTailor configuration name or playback endpoint errors
- Timing issues with live content (requesting future segments)

Diagnostic steps:

1. Test the same URL directly against MediaTailor origin (bypass CDN)
2. Verify CDN origin configuration matches MediaTailor playback endpoint
3. Check CDN cache behavior path patterns and precedence
4. Review CDN access logs for request routing details
5. Validate MediaTailor configuration name and region settings

Solutions:

- Correct CDN origin configuration to match MediaTailor playback endpoint
- Update cache behavior path patterns to properly route requests
- Fix URL rewriting rules if applicable
- Verify MediaTailor configuration exists and is active

403 Forbidden errors

Symptoms: Requests return HTTP 403, access denied messages, authentication failures

Common causes:

- Missing or incorrect query parameters required by MediaTailor
- CDN not forwarding required headers or parameters
- IP address restrictions or geographic blocking
- Authentication token issues (if using signed URLs)

Solutions:

- Verify all required query parameters are included and forwarded
- Check CDN configuration for header and parameter forwarding
- Review IP restrictions and geographic settings
- Validate authentication tokens and signing processes

400 Bad Request errors

Symptoms: Requests return HTTP 400, malformed request errors, parameter validation failures

Common causes:

- Malformed query parameters or URL encoding issues
- Invalid parameter values or formats
- Missing required parameters for specific MediaTailor features
- URL length limitations exceeded

Solutions:

- Validate query parameter formats and URL encoding
- Check parameter values against MediaTailor API requirements
- Ensure all required parameters are included
- Review URL length and consider parameter optimization

5xx Server errors

Symptoms: Requests return HTTP 500, 502, 503, or 504 errors, intermittent service failures

Common causes:

- MediaTailor service issues or capacity limitations
- CDN origin connectivity problems
- Timeout issues due to slow origin responses
- Temporary service degradation

Solutions:

- Check AWS Service Health Dashboard for MediaTailor service status
- Verify CDN origin connectivity and timeout settings
- Implement retry logic with exponential backoff
- Monitor MediaTailor CloudWatch metrics for service health
- Contact AWS Support if issues persist

1. Measure baseline performance:

- Test manifest request response times directly to MediaTailor (target: <200ms)
- Measure CDN response times for manifest requests (target: <100ms for cache hits)

- Check segment loading times from both origin and CDN
2. Analyze CDN performance:
- Check cache hit ratios for content segments (target: >80% for popular content)
 - Verify origin shield (or equivalent CDN functionality) is enabled and configured in the same AWS Region as your origin. Different CDNs use different names for this functionality
 - Monitor CDN edge location performance and geographic distribution

Performance benchmarks:

- Monitor manifest generation response times and compare against your baseline performance
- CDN cache hits are significantly faster than origin requests
- ADS response times should not cause manifest generation delays

Additional troubleshooting resources:

- For comprehensive performance optimization strategies, see [Performance optimization guide for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- For origin shield implementation details, see [Origin Shield implementation](#)
- For CDN caching optimization, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- For performance monitoring and metrics, see [Monitor MediaTailor CDN operations and performance](#)
- For performance testing procedures, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)

Success criteria: When resolved, response times should meet target benchmarks (manifests less than 200ms, segments less than 100ms), cache hit ratios should exceed 90% for most content types, and origin request volume should be less than 5% of total requests. Performance should be consistent across all geographic regions and device types.

Fix CDN inconsistent behavior across devices and platforms for MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration should provide consistent ad delivery across all devices and platforms. If ads behave differently across devices:

1. Ensure consistent header forwarding across all CDN behaviors.
 - Verify that User-Agent, X-Forwarded-For, and custom targeting headers are forwarded consistently
 - Check that header forwarding rules apply to all relevant cache behaviors
2. Verify player compatibility with your CDN configuration.
 - Test with multiple player types (HLS.js, Video.js, native players) to identify player-specific issues
 - Check for player-specific header requirements or URL handling differences
3. Test with multiple device types to identify device-specific issues.
 - Include mobile devices, tablets, smart TVs, and desktop browsers in your testing
 - Test different operating systems and browser versions
 - Verify that device-specific ad targeting works correctly

If you've followed these troubleshooting steps and still need assistance, see [Get CDN integration support](#).

Troubleshooting preparation

Set up tools and processes to simplify troubleshooting when CDN integration issues arise. Proactive preparation makes troubleshooting faster and more effective when issues occur.

Enable comprehensive logging

Detailed logs are essential for diagnosing CDN integration issues. Configure logging to capture the information you'll need during troubleshooting.

1. Enable detailed CDN access logs:
 - Configure logging for all cache behaviors that handle MediaTailor requests
 - Include query strings and custom headers in log entries
 - Set up log analysis tools to identify patterns and anomalies
 - Enable real-time logs for immediate issue detection during live events
 - Configure log retention policies to maintain historical troubleshooting data
2. Configure MediaTailor logging:
 - **Enable access logs for your MediaTailor configurations**

- Set up CloudWatch log groups for centralized log management
- Configure log filters to identify error patterns

3. Set up origin server logging:

- Enable detailed access logs on your content origin servers
- Include request headers and response codes in logs
- Monitor origin server performance metrics

Add diagnostic request headers

Custom headers help track requests through your CDN and identify routing issues.

1. Configure CDN diagnostic headers:

- Add a unique identifier to each request (for example, X-Request-ID)
- Include CDN-specific information in request headers
- Add edge location or POP (point of presence) information to track geographic routing
- Include cache status headers (Hit, Miss, RefreshHit) for cache behavior analysis

2. Add response headers for debugging:

- Include server identification headers
- Add timing information for performance analysis
- Include cache control headers for manifest requests

Establish baseline performance metrics

Document normal performance ranges to quickly identify anomalies during troubleshooting:

1. Record baseline metrics:

- Cache hit ratios for different content types
- Response time percentiles (P50, P95, P99)
- Error rates by status code
- Request volume patterns by time of day

2. Document performance expectations:

- Target cache hit ratios (95%+ for content, 90%+ for ads)
- Acceptable response times (<100ms cached, <500ms origin)

- Maximum acceptable error rates (<1% for 4xx, <0.1% for 5xx)
- 3. Create performance dashboards:** Set up monitoring dashboards that show current metrics compared to baseline values.

Prepare troubleshooting tools

Set up tools and access permissions needed for effective troubleshooting:

1. Command-line tools:

- curl for testing HTTP requests and responses
- dig or nslookup for DNS troubleshooting
- HLS/DASH validation tools for manifest verification
- Log analysis tools (grep, awk, or specialized log analyzers)

2. Access permissions:

- CDN management console access for configuration review
- MediaTailor console access for configuration verification
- CloudWatch access for metrics and log analysis
- Origin server access for backend troubleshooting

3. Documentation:

- Network architecture diagrams
- CDN and MediaTailor configuration documentation
- Contact information for escalation procedures
- Troubleshooting runbooks for common scenarios

Workflow-specific troubleshooting guides

This universal troubleshooting guide covers common issues across all MediaTailor CDN integrations. For issues specific to particular workflows or services, consult these specialized troubleshooting resources:

Server-side ad insertion (SSAI) troubleshooting

For SSAI-specific issues including ad insertion failures, ad transition problems, and personalization issues, see workflow-specific SSAI troubleshooting documentation.

Common SSAI-specific issues:

- Ad insertion failures and empty ad breaks
- Ad transition timing and synchronization problems
- Personalization and targeting issues
- Ad tracking and analytics discrepancies

Channel assembly troubleshooting

For channel assembly-specific issues including manifest generation problems and time-shift functionality, see [channel assembly workflow documentation](#).

Common channel assembly issues:

- Manifest generation and compilation errors
- Time-shift window and DVR functionality problems
- Source content availability and failover issues
- Program schedule and metadata synchronization

MediaPackage integration troubleshooting

For MediaPackage specific issues including manifest filtering and EMP endpoint problems, see [CDN integration troubleshooting](#).

Common MediaPackage integration issues:

- Manifest filtering parameter errors
- MediaPackage endpoint connectivity issues
- EMP-specific cache behavior problems
- MediaPackage origin authentication issues

CloudFront specific troubleshooting

For CloudFront specific configuration and setup issues, see [CloudFront integration documentation](#).

Common CloudFront issues:

- Distribution configuration and cache behavior setup
- Origin access identity and security configuration
- CloudFront specific error codes and responses

- Geographic restrictions and edge location issues

Additional resources:

- For performance optimization guidance, see [CDN performance optimization](#)
- For monitoring and alerting setup, see [CDN monitoring](#)
- For general support and assistance, see [Get CDN integration support](#)

CDN integration log analysis and error code reference for MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration logs provide valuable insights into performance and errors. This guide covers both CDN logs (from your content delivery network) and MediaTailor logs and error codes that are relevant to CDN integration troubleshooting. Use this reference when you need to understand what your content delivery network logs and error codes are telling you about your MediaTailor integration. This guide helps you interpret log entries and error messages to identify the root cause of issues.

Related topics:

- For step-by-step troubleshooting procedures, see [Troubleshoot CDN integration](#)
- For proactive monitoring and prevention strategies, see [Monitor MediaTailor CDN operations and performance](#)
- For escalation and getting additional help, see [Get CDN integration support](#)
- For comprehensive MediaTailor logging configuration and resources, see [MediaTailor logging configuration resources](#)
- For CloudFront log format reference, see [CloudFront access log format](#)
- For HTTP status code reference, see [HTTP response status codes](#)

CDN log interpretation and analysis techniques for MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration generates detailed logs that help you understand request patterns and identify issues. When analyzing content delivery network logs, focus on these key indicators:

Note: The following examples use Amazon CloudFront terminology. Other CDN providers may use different terms for similar concepts.

HTTP status codes

- 200 - Successful request
- 404 - Resource not found (check routing rules and MediaTailor configuration)
- 403 - Access denied (check CDN security settings and origin permissions)
- 502/503/504 - Origin server errors (check MediaTailor service health and origin connectivity)

Cache behavior indicators

- Hit - Content served from CDN cache
- Miss - Content fetched from origin
- RefreshHit - Cached content validated with origin
- Error - Request resulted in an error

Request patterns to monitor

- Manifest requests should typically result in Miss or RefreshHit due to low TTL settings
- Content segments should show Hit for popular content
- Ad segments may show Miss due to personalization

Service health monitoring

When analyzing CDN logs and troubleshooting issues, check MediaTailor service health to determine if problems are service-related:

AWS Service Health Dashboard

Check current MediaTailor service status and any ongoing service events

Access: [AWS Service Health Dashboard](#)

Use this when: You see widespread 5xx errors or service timeouts in CDN logs

AWS Personal Health Dashboard

View account-specific service health notifications and maintenance events

Access: [AWS Personal Health Dashboard](#)

Use this when: You need account-specific service health information or maintenance notifications

Amazon CloudWatch metrics monitoring

Monitor MediaTailor service health indicators through CloudWatch metrics:

- `GetManifest.Errors` - Track manifest generation errors
- `GetManifest.Latency` - Monitor response time performance
- `AdDecisionServer.Errors` - Monitor ad server connectivity issues
- `Origin.Errors` - Track origin server connectivity problems

Access: [CloudWatch Console](#)

Use this when: You need detailed service performance metrics and historical trends

Service health troubleshooting workflow:

1. Check AWS Service Health Dashboard for current service status
2. Review AWS Personal Health Dashboard for account-specific notifications
3. Monitor CloudWatch metrics for service performance indicators
4. Correlate service health status with CDN log patterns and error rates
5. If service health is normal, focus on CDN configuration and origin server issues

CDN log analysis resources

- [CloudFront access logs](#) - Complete guide to CDN log format and fields
- [CloudFront real-time logs](#) - Real-time log streaming and analysis
- [Analyzing log data with CloudWatch Logs Insights](#) - Advanced log querying and analysis
- [Monitor workload resources](#) - Well-Architected monitoring patterns

Topics

- [MediaTailor error codes and CDN integration troubleshooting](#)
- [CDN log analysis tools and monitoring techniques for MediaTailor](#)
- [MediaTailor logging configuration resources](#)

MediaTailor error codes and CDN integration troubleshooting

AWS Elemental MediaTailor error codes provide specific information about integration issues when passed through your content delivery network (CDN). When MediaTailor returns errors through your content delivery network, these codes indicate specific issues:

Note: These error codes are returned by MediaTailor and passed through your CDN. For CDN-specific errors, consult your CDN provider's documentation.

400 Bad Request

Common causes: Malformed query parameters, missing required parameters, invalid session IDs

Check: CDN query string forwarding configuration, parameter encoding

403 Forbidden

Common causes: Client player requesting a segment that does not exist or lacks permission to access. For ad segments, MediaTailor might have specified a non-existent segment (contact [AWS Support](#) to investigate). For content segments, origin provider access restrictions or authentication issues

Check: For ad segments: contact [AWS Support](#) if MediaTailor is generating invalid segment URLs. For content segments: Verify origin server permissions, authentication credentials, and access policies. Check if segments exist at the requested URLs

404 Not Found

Common causes: MediaTailor configuration doesn't exist or is inactive, incorrect playback URL path, manifest or segment requests to non-existent resources

Check: Verify MediaTailor configuration exists and is active, confirm playback URL matches the ManifestEndpointPrefix from GetPlaybackConfiguration, check CDN routing rules forward requests to correct MediaTailor endpoints

500 Internal Server Error

Common causes: Origin server issues, ADS connectivity problems, manifest processing errors

Check: Origin server health, ADS response validity, MediaTailor service status

502 Bad Gateway

Common causes: Origin server unreachable, invalid origin response, UnsupportedManifestException due to HLS playlist alignment issues (SCTE markers not

aligned across playlists, missing SCTE markers on some playlists, inconsistent ad break timing across bitrate variants)

Check: Origin server connectivity and firewall rules, DNS resolution, HLS playlist consistency across all bitrate variants, SCTE-35 marker alignment on same segments across all playlists, verify all playlists contain required ad break markers

Error code analysis resources:

- [Troubleshooting MediaTailor](#) - Complete MediaTailor error code reference
- [Troubleshooting CloudFront error responses](#) - CDN-specific error analysis
- [HTTP response status codes](#) - Comprehensive HTTP status code reference
- [Failure management](#) - Well-Architected error handling patterns

CDN log analysis tools and monitoring techniques for MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor content delivery network (CDN) integration generates large volumes of log data that require efficient analysis tools and techniques. Use these approaches to efficiently analyze content delivery network and MediaTailor logs:

- **Command-line analysis:** Use tools like grep, awk, and sort to filter and analyze log patterns
- **Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights:** Query CDN and MediaTailor logs with SQL-like syntax for advanced analysis
- **Third-party tools:** Consider log analysis platforms for comprehensive monitoring and alerting
- **Custom dashboards:** Create visualizations that combine CDN metrics with MediaTailor performance data

If you need additional assistance with log analysis or interpreting complex error patterns, see [Get CDN integration support](#).

Log analysis tools and resources:

- [CloudWatch Logs Insights](#) - SQL-like queries for log analysis
- [Amazon OpenSearch Service](#) - Advanced log search and analytics
- [CloudWatch dashboards](#) - Custom visualization and monitoring
- [Instrumenting distributed systems for operational visibility](#) - Advanced observability patterns

- [Design workload observability](#) - Well-Architected observability guidance

MediaTailor logging configuration resources

In addition to CDN logs, MediaTailor provides comprehensive logging capabilities for monitoring ad insertion, manifest generation, and service interactions. Use these resources to configure and analyze MediaTailor logs:

MediaTailor manifest and service logs

Configure and analyze logs for manifest generation, origin interactions, and service events:

- [AWS Elemental MediaTailor manifest logs description and event types](#) - Complete reference for MediaTailor manifest logs and event types
- [Viewing AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs](#) - Guide to viewing and interpreting MediaTailor logs

Vended logs configuration

Configure flexible log delivery to multiple destinations with cost optimization:

- [Using vended logs to send AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs](#) - Configure log delivery to Amazon S3, Firehose, or CloudWatch Logs
- [Migrating your AWS Elemental MediaTailor logging strategy](#) - Migration guide for existing logging configurations

CloudWatch Logs integration

Integrate MediaTailor logs with CloudWatch for monitoring and analysis:

- [Viewing AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs](#) - CloudWatch Logs configuration and analysis
- [CloudWatchInsights](#) - Advanced log querying and analysis

Ad-specific logging

Monitor ad insertion performance and troubleshoot ad-related issues:

- ADS interaction logs - Monitor ad decision server communication and errors

Key differences between CDN and MediaTailor logs:

- **CDN logs:** Show request/response patterns, cache behavior, and network-level errors from your content delivery network

- **MediaTailor logs:** Show ad insertion details, manifest generation events, origin interactions, and service-specific errors
- **Combined analysis:** Use both log types together for complete visibility into your streaming workflow

For comprehensive monitoring that combines both CDN and MediaTailor logging, see [Monitor MediaTailor CDN operations and performance](#).

Automate MediaTailor and CDN with AWS CloudFormation

Automating AWS Elemental MediaTailor with a content delivery network (CDN) using AWS CloudFormation streamlines your ad insertion workflow and improves reliability.

This section shows you how to use AWS CloudFormation (AWS infrastructure as code service) to automatically set up AWS Elemental MediaTailor with a content delivery network (CDN). Although you can manually configure this integration as described in previous sections, using AWS CloudFormation saves time and reduces errors by automating the entire process with a single template.

If you're new to AWS CloudFormation, it's a service that lets you create a template file that defines all of the AWS resources that you need. When you deploy this template, AWS CloudFormation automatically creates and configures those resources for you, ensuring that they work together correctly.

For more information about AWS CloudFormation, see the [AWS CloudFormation User Guide](#). For information about MediaTailor resource types in AWS CloudFormation, see [AWS::MediaTailor Resource Type Reference](#).

Topics

- [Why use AWS CloudFormation for MediaTailor and CDN integration](#)
- [Prepare for AWS CloudFormation deployment of CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [Deploy the AWS CloudFormation template for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [Use the AWS CloudFormation deployed resources for CDN and MediaTailor integration](#)
- [Test and validate your AWS CloudFormation deployment for CDN and MediaTailor integration](#)
- [Troubleshoot common AWS CloudFormation deployment issues for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)

- [Customize the AWS CloudFormation template for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#)
- [AWS CloudFormation template reference for AWS Elemental MediaTailor and Amazon CloudFront integration](#)

Why use AWS CloudFormation for MediaTailor and CDN integration

AWS Elemental MediaTailor automation with AWS CloudFormation provides significant advantages for broadcast professionals managing streaming workflows. Manually configuring MediaTailor with a content delivery network (CDN) can be time-consuming and error-prone. Using AWS CloudFormation automation offers the following advantages.

- **Consistency:** Ensures the same configuration is deployed every time, reducing human error.
- **Version control:** Store your infrastructure as code in a version control system for tracking changes.
- **Rapid deployment:** Deploy complex configurations in minutes instead of hours of manual configuration.
- **Environment replication:** Easily replicate configurations across development, testing, and production environments.
- **Documentation:** The template itself serves as documentation of your infrastructure.

Here's how the automated workflow compares to manual configuration:

Manual setup (multiple steps)	Automated setup (single template)
Create MediaTailor playback configuration	Deploy one AWS CloudFormation template with parameters
Create CloudFront distribution	
Configure cache behaviors	
Set up security configurations	

The automated workflow for setting up MediaTailor with CloudFront follows these steps:

1. Deploy the AWS CloudFormation template with your content origin and ad server parameters

2. AWS CloudFormation creates and configures all necessary resources:

- MediaTailor playback configuration for ad insertion
- CloudFront distribution with appropriate cache behaviors
- Security configurations for content protection

3. Use the AWS CloudFormation outputs to access your ad-enabled stream URLs

4. Stream your content with dynamically inserted ads

Prepare for AWS CloudFormation deployment of CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor deployment with AWS CloudFormation requires specific prerequisites and preparation steps. Before you begin working with AWS CloudFormation to integrate MediaTailor and Amazon CloudFront, make sure you have the following.

- An AWS account with permissions to create MediaTailor, CloudFront, and AWS CloudFormation resources
- A content origin where your video content is hosted (such as AWS Elemental MediaPackage, Amazon S3, or another origin server)
- An ad decision server (ADS) that can respond to VAST requests

Before deploying the AWS CloudFormation template, gather these required parameters:

AdServerUrl

URL of the VAST ad server for dynamic ad insertion. A static VAST endpoint is provided for testing.

ContentOriginDomainName

Domain name of your content origin without protocol (e.g., *mediapackage-domain.mediacompackagev2.us-west-2.amazonaws.com*, *mybucket.s3.amazonaws.com*, or *custom-origin.example.com*). Do not include http:// or https:// prefixes or any paths.

ContentOriginType

The type of content origin:

- *mediapackagev2*: For AWS Elemental MediaPackage origins

- *s3*: For Amazon S3 bucket origins
- *custom*: For any other origin type

The template will create several AWS resources that work together to deliver your content with personalized ads. The following describes what each component does:

Origin access control

Origin Access Control (OAC) is a security feature that ensures your content can only be accessed through CloudFront, not directly from your origin server. This helps protect your content from unauthorized access.

For MediaPackage and Amazon S3 origins, the template creates an Origin Access Control (OAC) resource to secure access to your content.

MediaTailor playback configuration

The MediaTailor playback configuration is the core component that handles ad insertion. It receives content from your origin, requests ads from your ad server, and combines them into a personalized stream for each viewer.

The template creates an MediaTailor playback configuration with the following settings:

- Video content source pointing to your CloudFront distribution
- Ad decision server URL configured to your specified VAST endpoint
- Live pre-roll configuration for ad insertion during live streams
- CDN configuration with appropriate segment URL prefixes

CloudFront distribution

The CloudFront distribution delivers your content to viewers worldwide with low latency. It handles different types of requests (manifests, content segments, ad segments) and routes them to the appropriate origins.

For broadcast professionals new to CDNs, here are some key terms:

Origin

A server where your original content is stored (like MediaPackage or Amazon S3)

Cache behavior

Rules that determine how different types of content are cached and delivered

Cache policy

Settings that control how long content is cached and what request components affect caching

The template creates a CloudFront distribution with the following components:

- Three origins:
 - Content origin (MediaPackage, Amazon S3, or custom)
 - MediaTailor manifests origin
 - MediaTailor segments origin
- Cache behaviors with appropriate patterns:
 - Default behavior for content segments
 - Behavior for MediaTailor ad segments (/tm/*)
 - Behavior for MediaTailor interstitial media (/i-media/*)
 - Behavior for personalized manifests (/v1/*)
 - Behavior for segment redirect requests (/segment/*)
- Optimized cache policies for each behavior:
 - CachingOptimized for cacheable content
 - CachingDisabled for personalized manifests
- Origin request policies to ensure proper header forwarding
- Response header policies for CORS support

Deploy the AWS CloudFormation template for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor deployment using the AWS CloudFormation template is straightforward once you understand what the template will create. This process takes about 15-30 minutes, with most of the time spent waiting for the CloudFront distribution to deploy.

To deploy the AWS CloudFormation template and set up your automated ad insertion workflow:

Deploy the template

504

To deploy the MediaTailor AWS CloudFormation template

1. Download the AWS CloudFormation template from the AWS Elemental MediaTailor GitHub repository or copy it from the [AWS CloudFormation template reference for AWS Elemental MediaTailor and Amazon CloudFront integration](#).
2. Open the [AWS CloudFormation console](#).
3. Choose **Create stack > With new resources (standard)**.
4. Under **Specify template**, choose **Upload a template file** and upload the template.
5. Enter a stack name and provide values for the required parameters:
 - **AdServerUrl**: URL of your VAST ad server (e.g., <https://your-ad-server.com/vast>)
 - **ContentOriginDomainName**: Domain name of your content origin without protocol (e.g., <mediapackage-domain.mediacompackagev2.us-west-2.amazonaws.com>)
 - **ContentOriginType**: Select the type of content origin:
 - *mediapackagev2*: For AWS Elemental MediaPackage origins
 - *s3*: For Amazon S3 bucket origins
 - *custom*: For any other origin type
6. Review the configuration and choose **Create stack**.
7. Wait for the stack creation to complete, which typically takes 5-10 minutes. You can monitor progress in the **Events** tab.
8. Once complete, navigate to the **Outputs** tab to find the URLs for your HLS and DASH manifests.

Note

If you're using AWS Elemental MediaPackage as your content origin, make sure your MediaPackage endpoints are properly configured and accessible. For more information, see [MediaPackage CDN integration](#).

Use the AWS CloudFormation deployed resources for CDN and MediaTailor integration

AWS Elemental MediaTailor resources deployed by the AWS CloudFormation stack provide several important outputs that you'll use to access your content with ad insertion. After the AWS CloudFormation stack is created successfully, you'll need to understand how to use the outputs to access your content with ads inserted. This is similar to how you would use MediaTailor URLs in a manual setup, but the AWS CloudFormation deployment provides these URLs automatically.

After successful deployment, the AWS CloudFormation stack provides several important outputs that you'll use to access your content with ad insertion:

`CloudFrontDomainName`

The domain name of your CloudFront distribution (e.g., `d1234abcdef.CloudFront.net`)

`HlsManifestUrl`

Base URL for HLS manifests with ad insertion (e.g., `https://d1234abcdef.CloudFront.net/v1/master/12345/my-playback-config/`)

`DashManifestUrl`

Base URL for DASH manifests with ad insertion (e.g.,

`https://d1234abcdef.CloudFront.net/v1/dash/12345/my-playback-config/`)

`MediaTailorPlaybackConfigName`

Name of the created MediaTailor playback configuration (such as `my-stack-PlaybackConfig`)

Construct playback URLs

To create the complete playback URL for your content with ads, you'll need to combine the base URL from the AWS CloudFormation outputs with your specific manifest path. This is a critical step for broadcast professionals to understand, as it connects your existing content with the ad insertion system.

1. Start with the appropriate manifest URL from the outputs:

```
HlsManifestUrl: https://d1234abcdef.CloudFront.net/v1/master/12345/my-playback-config/
```

2. Append your specific manifest path:

```
Your manifest path: channel/index.m3u8
```

3. The complete playback URL becomes:

```
https://d1234abcdef.CloudFront.net/v1/master/12345/my-playback-config/channel/index.m3u8
```

Use this URL in your video player to play content with dynamically inserted ads.

Tip

If you're not sure what your manifest path should be, check your origin server. For MediaPackage origins, this is the path to your endpoint's HLS or DASH manifest. For Amazon S3 origins, this is the path to your manifest file within the bucket.

For more information about MediaTailor URL structure, see [Set up CDN integration with MediaTailor](#).

Configure a video player

After you have your playback URL, you need to configure a video player to use it. For broadcast professionals, this is similar to configuring a player for any HLS or DASH stream, but now the stream will include personalized ads. Here's a simple example using the popular HLS.js player:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>MediaTailor Playback Example</title>
  <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/hls.js@latest"></script>
</head>
<body>
  <video id="video" controls style="width: 640px; height: 360px;"></video>
```

```
<script>
    const video = document.getElementById('video');
    const mediaUrl = 'https://<replaceable>d1234abcdef.CloudFront.net</
replaceable>/v1/master/<replaceable>12345</replaceable>/<replaceable>my-playback-
config</replaceable>/<replaceable>channel/index.m3u8</replaceable>';
    if (Hls.isSupported()) {
        const hls = new Hls();
        hls.loadSource(mediaUrl);
        hls.attachMedia(video);
    } else if (video.canPlayType('application/vnd.apple.mpegurl')) {
        video.src = mediaUrl;
    }
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

You can also use professional broadcast players like:

- JW Player
- Bitmovin Player
- THEOplayer
- Video.js

For more information about player integration with MediaTailor, see [Requirements for ad server integrations with AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

Test and validate your AWS CloudFormation deployment for CDN and MediaTailor integration

AWS Elemental MediaTailor deployment validation is a critical step for broadcast professionals before going live. This section guides you through testing your deployment to ensure ads are being inserted properly and content is delivered smoothly.

After deploying the AWS CloudFormation template, follow these steps to verify that your setup is working correctly:

To test your MediaTailor and CloudFront integration

1. Verify that all resources were created successfully in the AWS CloudFormation console.

2. Check that the MediaTailor playback configuration is active in the [MediaTailor console](#).
3. Verify that the CloudFront distribution is deployed and enabled in the [CloudFront console](#).
4. Test playback using a sample manifest:
 1. Construct the full playback URL as described in [Construct playback URLs](#).
 2. Use a video player that supports HLS or DASH (like VLC, JW Player, or the AWS console player).
 3. Verify that content plays and ads are inserted at the expected break points.
5. Check the MediaTailor logs in CloudWatch for any ad insertion errors.

When testing ad insertion, look for these indicators of success:

- Smooth transitions between content and ads
- Ads appear at the expected break points (pre-roll, mid-roll, post-roll)
- Ad quality matches the content quality
- No buffering or playback errors during ad transitions

For more detailed testing procedures, see [Understanding AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion behavior](#). For comprehensive CDN integration testing and validation, see [Testing and validation for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

Troubleshoot common AWS CloudFormation deployment issues for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor deployment issues can occur even with automation during deployment or playback. As a broadcast professional, understanding how to troubleshoot these issues will help you maintain a reliable streaming service with ad insertion.

If you encounter issues with your AWS CloudFormation deployment or the resulting MediaTailor and CloudFront integration, refer to these common problems and solutions:

AWS CloudFormation deployment issues

Stack creation fails with "Resource creation failed" error

Possible causes:

- Invalid content origin domain name format
- Insufficient permissions to create resources

Solution: Check the specific resource error in the AWS CloudFormation events tab. Verify that the content origin domain name is correctly formatted without protocol prefixes or paths. Ensure your IAM role has sufficient permissions to create all required resources.

CloudFront distribution takes a long time to deploy

Cause: CloudFront distributions typically take 15-30 minutes to fully deploy.

Solution: This is normal behavior. Wait for the distribution to reach the "Deployed" state before testing.

Playback and ad insertion issues

Content plays but no ads are inserted

Possible causes:

- Ad decision server not responding or returning empty VAST
- Content does not contain ad markers

Solution: Verify that your ad server is accessible and returning valid VAST responses. Check that your content has proper ad markers (SCTE-35 markers for live content or ad break tags for VOD).

403 Forbidden errors when accessing content

Possible causes:

- Origin access control not configured correctly
- Origin bucket or endpoint permissions issues

Solution: For Amazon S3 origins, verify that the bucket policy allows access from the CloudFront distribution. For MediaPackage origins, check that the origin access control is properly configured and that the endpoint is accessible.

Playback errors or buffering

Possible causes:

- Cache behavior path patterns not matching content paths
- Incorrect origin domain configuration

Solution: Verify that your cache behaviors have the correct path patterns to route requests to the appropriate origins. Check CloudFront logs to see which origin is handling the requests and confirm it's the expected one.

For broadcast professionals, these additional troubleshooting tips may help:

- Use the Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights to search for specific error patterns in MediaTailor logs
- Test with a simple VAST ad server first (like the default one provided in the template) before using your production ad server
- Verify your content's ad markers using the MediaTailor manifest inspector tool in the console
- Check network traffic in your browser's developer tools to see if requests to the ad server are being made correctly

For additional troubleshooting, check the CloudWatch logs for both MediaTailor and CloudFront to identify specific errors.

Customize the AWS CloudFormation template for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor template customization allows broadcast professionals to adapt the AWS CloudFormation template to fit specific workflow requirements. Although the basic template works for many scenarios, these customizations can help you address more complex needs.

The examples below show YAML code snippets that you can add to the template. If you're not familiar with YAML or AWS CloudFormation syntax, consider working with a developer or AWS solutions architect to make these changes.

You can customize the AWS CloudFormation template to meet your specific workflow requirements.

Add or modify origins

For broadcast workflows that use multiple content sources (like primary and backup sources, or different content libraries), you can add additional origins to your CloudFront distribution:

Origins:

```
# Add a new origin for additional content
- Id: SecondaryContentOrigin
  DomainName: secondary-content.example.com
  CustomOriginConfig:
    OriginProtocolPolicy: 'https-only'
    OriginSSLProtocols:
      - TLSv1.2
```

Then add a corresponding cache behavior to route specific patterns to this origin:

```
CacheBehaviors:
- PathPattern: '/secondary-content/*'
  TargetOriginId: SecondaryContentOrigin
  ViewerProtocolPolicy: 'https-only'
  CachePolicyId: 658327ea-f89d-4fab-a63d-7e88639e58f6 # Managed-CachingOptimized
```

Create custom cache policies

For broadcast workflows with specific caching requirements (like quality selection parameters or viewer authentication), you can create custom cache policies instead of using the managed ones. For detailed guidance on TTL values and caching strategies, see [Caching optimization for CDN and MediaTailor integrations](#).

```
# Define a custom cache policy
CustomCachePolicy:
  Type: AWS::CloudFront::CachePolicy
  Properties:
    CachePolicyConfig:
      Name: !Sub '${AWS::StackName}-CustomCachePolicy'
      DefaultTTL: 86400 # 24 hours
      MaxTTL: 31536000 # 1 year
      MinTTL: 1 # 1 second
    ParametersInCacheKeyAndForwardedToOrigin:
      CookiesConfig:
        CookieBehavior: none
      HeadersConfig:
        HeaderBehavior: none
      QueryStringsConfig:
        QueryStringBehavior: whitelist
        QueryStrings:
          - quality
          - format
```

```
# Reference the custom policy in a cache behavior
CacheBehaviors:
  - PathPattern: '/custom-path/*'
    TargetOriginId: ContentOrigin
    ViewerProtocolPolicy: 'https-only'
    CachePolicyId: !Ref CustomCachePolicy
```

Enhance MediaTailor configuration

For broadcast workflows that need advanced ad insertion features, you can enhance the MediaTailor configuration with options like ad prefetching (to reduce latency), personalization thresholds, and bumper ads.

```
MediaTailorPlaybackConfig:
  Type: AWS::MediaTailor::PlaybackConfiguration
  Properties:
    # Add ad prefetching for improved performance
    AvailSuppression:
      Mode: BEHIND_EDGE
      Value: 00:00:00
    # Add personalization parameters
    PersonalizationThresholdSeconds: 2
    # Add bumper ads
    Bumper:
      StartUrl: https://example.com/bumper-start.mp4
      EndUrl: https://example.com/bumper-end.mp4
    # Other existing properties...
```

For more information about MediaTailor configuration options, see [Using AWS Elemental MediaTailor to insert ads](#).

Add security features

For broadcast workflows with specific security requirements (like geo-restrictions or protection against DDoS attacks), you can add AWS WAF integration and geo-restrictions:

```
# Create a AWS WAF Web ACL
WebACL:
  Type: AWS::WAFv2::WebACL
  Properties:
```

```
Name: !Sub '${AWS::StackName}-WebACL'
Scope: CloudFront
DefaultAction:
  Allow: {}
VisibilityConfig:
  SampledRequestsEnabled: true
  CloudWatchMetricsEnabled: true
  MetricName: !Sub '${AWS::StackName}-WebACL'
Rules:
  - Name: RateLimitRule
    Priority: 0
    Action:
      Block: {}
    VisibilityConfig:
      SampledRequestsEnabled: true
      CloudWatchMetricsEnabled: true
      MetricName: RateLimitRule
    Statement:
      RateBasedStatement:
        Limit: 1000
        AggregateKeyType: IP

# Reference the AWS WAF Web ACL in the CloudFront distribution
CloudFrontDistribution:
  Type: AWS::CloudFront::Distribution
  Properties:
    DistributionConfig:
      WebACLDId: !GetAtt WebACL.Arn
      # Add geo-restriction
      Restrictions:
        GeoRestriction:
          RestrictionType: whitelist
          Locations:
            - US
            - CA
            - GB
      # Other existing properties...
```

For more information about AWS CloudFormation templates, see the [AWS CloudFormation User Guide](#).

For broadcast-specific AWS CloudFormation templates and examples, see the [AWS Media Services Tools GitHub repository](#).

AWS CloudFormation template reference for AWS Elemental MediaTailor and Amazon CloudFront integration

AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration with Amazon CloudFront can be automated using the following complete AWS CloudFormation template:

```
AWSTemplateFormatVersion: '2010-09-09'
Description: |
  AWS CloudFormation template that sets up AWS Elemental MediaTailor integration with
  CloudFront Distribution
  for server-side ad insertion. This template supports various content origins
  including MediaPackage, Amazon S3,
  and custom origins, making it versatile for different streaming architectures.

Parameters:
AdServerUrl:
  Type: String
  Default: 'https://d1kbmkziz9rksx.CloudFront.net/VASTEndpoint.xml'
  Description: URL of the VAST ad server for dynamic ad insertion. Static VAST
  endpoint provided for testing.

ContentOriginDomainName:
  Type: String
  Description: |
    Domain name of your content origin without protocol (e.g., mediapackage-
    domain.mediapackagev2.us-west-2.amazonaws.com,
    mybucket.s3.amazonaws.com, or custom-origin.example.com).
    Do not include http:// or https:// prefixes or any paths.
  AllowedPattern: "^(([a-zA-Z0-9][a-zA-Z0-9][a-zA-Z0-9\\-]*[a-zA-Z0-9])\\.)*([A-Za-
    Z0-9]|[A-Za-z0-9][A-Za-z0-9\\-]*[A-Za-z0-9])$"
  ConstraintDescription: Must be a valid domain name (e.g., example.com) without
  protocol or path components. IP addresses are not allowed.

ContentOriginType:
  Type: String
  AllowedValues:
    - mediapackagev2
    - s3
    - custom
  Default: mediapackagev2
  Description: |
    The type of content origin:
    - mediapackagev2: AWS Elemental MediaPackage V2
```

- s3: Amazon S3 bucket
- custom: Any other custom origin

Resources:

```
#-----
# Origin Access Control (for securing MediaPackage V2 and Amazon S3 origins)
#-----
CloudFrontOriginAccessControl:
    Type: AWS::CloudFront::OriginAccessControl
    Condition: IsNotCustomOrigin
    Properties:
        OriginAccessControlConfig:
            Name: !Sub '${AWS::StackName}-OAC'
            OriginAccessControlOriginType: !Ref ContentOriginType
            SigningBehavior: always
            SigningProtocol: sigv4
            Description: Origin Access Control for content origin

#-----
# MediaTailor Playback Configuration
#-----
MediaTailorPlaybackConfig:
    Type: AWS::MediaTailor::PlaybackConfiguration
    Properties:
        Name: !Sub '${AWS::StackName}-PlaybackConfig'
        # The video content source should point to your CloudFront distribution
        VideoContentSourceUrl: !Sub 'https://${CloudFrontDistribution.DomainName}/'
        # The Ad Decision Server URL is where MediaTailor will request ads
        AdDecisionServerUrl: !Ref AdServerUrl
        # Configuration for pre-roll ads during live streams
        LivePreRollConfiguration:
            AdDecisionServerUrl: !Ref AdServerUrl
            MaxDurationSeconds: 30
        # CDN configuration for integrating with CloudFront
        CdnConfiguration:
            AdSegmentUrlPrefix: '/'
            ContentSegmentUrlPrefix: '/'
        # Set a reasonable manifest segment timeout
        ManifestProcessingRules:
            AdMarkerPassthrough:
                Enabled: false

#-----
# CloudFront Distribution
```

```
#-----
CloudFrontDistribution:
  Type: AWS::CloudFront::Distribution
  Properties:
    DistributionConfig:
      Enabled: true
      HttpVersion: http2and3
      IPV6Enabled: true
      Comment: !Sub 'Distribution for MediaTailor ad insertion with
${ContentOriginType} origin'

      # Default cache behavior points to the content origin
      DefaultCacheBehavior:
        TargetOriginId: ContentOrigin
        ViewerProtocolPolicy: 'https-only'
        # Using managed policies for optimal performance and simplicity
        CachePolicyId: 658327ea-f89d-4fab-a63d-7e88639e58f6 # Managed-
        CachingOptimized
        OriginRequestPolicyId: 88a5eaf4-2fd4-4709-b370-b4c650ea3fcf # Managed-CORS-
        S3origin
        ResponseHeadersPolicyId: eaab4381-ed33-4a86-88ca-d9558dc6cd63 # Managed-
        CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy
        Compress: true

      # Define all the origins needed for the workflow
      Origins:
        # Main content origin (MediaPackage, Amazon S3, or Custom)
        - Id: ContentOrigin
          DomainName: !Ref ContentOriginDomainName
          # Apply Origin Access Control for secure origins
          OriginAccessControlId: !If [IsNotCustomOrigin, !GetAtt
CloudFrontOriginAccessControl.Id, !Ref "AWS::NoValue"]
          # For custom origins, we need a CustomOriginConfig
          CustomOriginConfig:
            OriginProtocolPolicy: 'https-only'
            OriginSSLProtocols:
              - TLSv1.2
            OriginKeepaliveTimeout: 5
            OriginReadTimeout: 30
            HTTPPort: 80
            HTTPSPort: 443

        # MediaTailor Manifests Origin - handles manifest manipulation for ad
        insertion
```

```
- Id: MediaTailorManifests
  DomainName: !Sub 'manifests.mediatailor.${AWS::Region}.amazonaws.com'
  CustomOriginConfig:
    OriginProtocolPolicy: 'https-only'
    OriginSSLProtocols:
      - TLSv1.2
    OriginKeepaliveTimeout: 5
    OriginReadTimeout: 30
  # Origin Shield improves caching efficiency
  OriginShield:
    Enabled: true
    OriginShieldRegion: !Ref AWS::Region

# MediaTailor Segments Origin - handles personalized ads
- Id: MediaTailorSegments
  DomainName: !Sub 'segments.mediatailor.${AWS::Region}.amazonaws.com'
  CustomOriginConfig:
    OriginProtocolPolicy: 'https-only'
    OriginSSLProtocols:
      - TLSv1.2
    OriginKeepaliveTimeout: 5
    OriginReadTimeout: 30

# Cache behaviors to route specific request patterns to the right origin
CacheBehaviors:
  # Handle MediaTailor segment requests for ad content which are cacheable
  - PathPattern: '/tm/*'
    TargetOriginId: MediaTailorSegments
    ViewerProtocolPolicy: 'https-only'
    CachePolicyId: 658327ea-f89d-4fab-a63d-7e88639e58f6 # Managed-
CachingOptimized
    OriginRequestId: 88a5eaf4-2fd4-4709-b370-b4c650ea3fcf # Managed-
CORS-S3Origin
    ResponseHeadersPolicyId: eaab4381-ed33-4a86-88ca-d9558dc6cd63 # Managed-
CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy
    Compress: true

  # Handle MediaTailor interstitial (SGAI) media requests which are cacheable
  - PathPattern: '/i-media/*'
    TargetOriginId: MediaTailorManifests
    ViewerProtocolPolicy: 'https-only'
    CachePolicyId: 658327ea-f89d-4fab-a63d-7e88639e58f6 # Managed-
CachingOptimized
```

```
        OriginRequestPolicyId: 88a5eaf4-2fd4-4709-b370-b4c650ea3fcf # Managed-
CORS-S3Origin
        ResponseHeadersPolicyId: eaab4381-ed33-4a86-88ca-d9558dc6cd63 # Managed-
CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy
        Compress: true

        # Handle MediaTailor Personalized manifests which are not cacheable
        - PathPattern: '/v1/*'
            TargetOriginId: MediaTailorManifests
            ViewerProtocolPolicy: 'https-only'
            CachePolicyId: 4135ea2d-6df8-44a3-9df3-4b5a84be39ad # Managed-
CachingDisabled
            OriginRequestPolicyId: 33f36d7e-f396-46d9-90e0-52428a34d9dc # Managed-
AllViewerAndCloudFrontHeaders-2022-06
            ResponseHeadersPolicyId: eaab4381-ed33-4a86-88ca-d9558dc6cd63 # Managed-
CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy
            Compress: true

            # Handle MediaTailor segment *redirect* requests which are not cacheable
            (used for server side reporting)
            - PathPattern: '/segment/*'
                TargetOriginId: MediaTailorManifests
                ViewerProtocolPolicy: 'https-only'
                CachePolicyId: 4135ea2d-6df8-44a3-9df3-4b5a84be39ad # Managed-
CachingDisabled
                OriginRequestPolicyId: 33f36d7e-f396-46d9-90e0-52428a34d9dc # Managed-
AllViewerAndCloudFrontHeaders-2022-06
                ResponseHeadersPolicyId: eaab4381-ed33-4a86-88ca-d9558dc6cd63 # Managed-
CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy
                Compress: true

Conditions:
 IsNotCustomOrigin: !Not [!Equals [!Ref ContentOriginType, 'custom']]
```

Outputs:

```
CloudFrontDomainName:
 Description: Domain name of the CloudFront distribution
 Value: !GetAtt CloudFrontDistribution.DomainName
```

HlsManifestUrl:

```
Description: URL for HLS manifest with ads inserted (append your manifest path)
 Value: !Sub 'https://
 ${CloudFrontDistribution.DomainName}${MediaTailorPlaybackConfig.HlsConfiguration.ManifestEndpoi
```

```
DashManifestUrl:  
  Description: URL for DASH manifest with ads inserted (append your manifest path)  
  Value: !Sub 'https://  
${CloudFrontDistribution.DomainName}${MediaTailorPlaybackConfig.DashConfiguration.ManifestEndpoint}  
  
MediaTailorPlaybackConfigName:  
  Description: Name of the MediaTailor playback configuration  
  Value: !Ref MediaTailorPlaybackConfig
```

Production-ready CloudFront configuration for MediaTailor

This CloudFront distribution configuration provides everything you need to deliver MediaTailor content with server-side ad insertion at scale. Copy this configuration and customize it with your specific origins and requirements.

What this configuration accomplishes

This configuration creates a production-ready CloudFront distribution that handles all MediaTailor request types with optimal caching and performance. It includes three origins (your content, MediaTailor segments, and MediaTailor manifests) with four cache behaviors that route requests correctly and cache content appropriately.

When to use this configuration

This setup is ideal for live streaming, video-on-demand, and hybrid workflows that require server-side ad insertion.

Three-origin architecture

MediaTailor uses a three-origin architecture pattern to optimize content delivery and ad insertion performance. Each origin serves a specific purpose in the ad insertion workflow:

Your content origin

This is your true content origin that feeds MediaTailor. For example, this could be AWS Elemental MediaPackage V2 or another content delivery service. This origin serves your original content before ad insertion. Common examples include:

- MediaPackage V2 packaging configurations
- Third-party content delivery networks

- On-premises streaming servers
- Amazon S3 buckets with static content

MediaTailor segments origin

This origin uses the hostname `segments.mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com` and serves the actual ad segments after MediaTailor has encoded them. These are the video segments that contain the advertisements. This origin handles:

- Transcoded ad segments in the same format as your content
- Redirected requests from the `/segment/*` path pattern
- Ad segments that have been processed for server-side ad insertion

MediaTailor manifests origin

This origin uses the hostname `manifests.mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com` and can be used as a regional hostname for playback configurations in the specified AWS Region. MediaTailor selects the correct playback configuration based on the path in the request. This origin provides:

- Personalized HLS and DASH manifests with viewer-specific ad insertion
- Server-guided ad insertion (SGAI) manifests for cacheable content
- Ad tracking and beacon handling for server-side reporting

With the origin hostname `manifests.mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com`, you can have multiple playback configurations that work with the same CloudFront distribution if they're in the specified Region and you include the playback configuration name in the request path. For example:

- `https://your-distribution.cloudfront.net/v1/master/playback-config-1/manifest.m3u8`
- `https://your-distribution.cloudfront.net/v1/master/playback-config-2/manifest.m3u8`

Review and adjust origin request policies based on your specific content origin requirements. The example uses S3 origin policies, but you might need different policies for custom origins. Consider these factors when selecting origin request policies:

- **S3 origins:** Use `Managed-CORS-S3Origin` for Amazon S3 buckets

- Custom origins:** Use Managed-AllViewer or Managed-AllViewerAndCloudFrontHeaders-2022-6 for custom HTTP origins
- MediaPackage origins:** Use Managed-CORS-S3Origin for MediaPackage V2 endpoints

Origins					
<input type="text"/> Filter origins by property or value					
Origin name	Origin domain	Origin path	Origin type	Origin Shield region	Origin access
ContentOrigin	zrljic.egress.kv9ydh.mediacompackage2.us-west-2.amazonaws.com		MediaPackage V2	us-west-2	E2SRJY3NEMC428
MediaTailorSegments	segments.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com		MediaTailor	-	-
MediaTailorManifests	manifests.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com		MediaTailor	us-west-2	-

Cache behavior precedence and configuration

MediaTailor requires specific cache behavior configurations to handle different types of requests properly. The precedence of cache behaviors is critical because CDNs process them in order (smallest to largest) and use the behavior for the first matching path pattern. Understanding this precedence is essential for troubleshooting:

- Precedence 0:** Most specific patterns (like /tm/*) are evaluated first
- Higher precedence numbers:** Less specific patterns are evaluated in order
- Default behavior:** Catches all requests that don't match other patterns

If requests aren't behaving as expected, check that your path patterns don't overlap in unintended ways.

Behaviors							
<input type="text"/> Filter behaviors by property or value							
Preced...	Path patt...	Origin or origin group	Viewer pr...	Cache policy name	Origin request policy name	Response headers policy name	
0	/tm/*	MediaTailorSegments	HTTPS only	Managed-CachingOptimized	Managed-CORS-S3Origin	Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy	<input type="button"/> Save <input type="button"/> Move up <input type="button"/> Move down <input type="button"/> Edit <input type="button"/> Delete <input type="button"/> Create behavior
1	/i-media/*	MediaTailorManifests	HTTPS only	Managed-CachingOptimized	Managed-CORS-S3Origin	Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy	<input type="button"/>
2	/v1/*	MediaTailorManifests	HTTPS only	Managed-CachingDisabled	Managed-AllViewerAndCloudFrontHeaders-2022-06	Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy	<input type="button"/>
3	/segment/*	MediaTailorManifests	HTTPS only	Managed-CachingDisabled	Managed-AllViewerAndCloudFrontHeaders-2022-06	Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy	<input type="button"/>
4	Default (*)	ContentOrigin	HTTPS only	Managed-CachingOptimized	CustomOriginRequestPolicyWithWithLLHLSDirectives	Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy	<input type="button"/>

Precedence 0: Ad segments path behavior

This behavior handles the redirected requests from the segment path behavior, serving the actual ad segments. CloudFront applies the following behaviors to all requests with a /tm/* path pattern.

This is the highest priority behavior because ad segment delivery is critical for uninterrupted playback.

- **Path pattern:** /tm/*

Example URLs that match this pattern:

- <https://your-distribution.cloudfront.net/tm/ad-segment-001.ts>
- <https://your-distribution.cloudfront.net/tm/transcoded-ad.m4s>
- **Origin:** The origin that you created with the segments.mediatailor.*region*.amazonaws.com domain.

This is **MediaTailorSegments** in the example in the preceding section on origins.

- **Cache policy:** Managed-CachingOptimized

The Managed-CachingOptimized cache policy should be configured to include the Origin header in the cache key to prevent CORS cache poisoning issues. Without the Origin header in the cache key, the following scenario can occur:

1. A request without an Origin header is received and cached by CloudFront
2. A subsequent request with an Origin header receives the cached response (which lacks CORS headers)
3. The browser rejects the response due to missing CORS headers, causing playback failures

For details about what's included in the CloudFront managed cache policy, see [CachingOptimized](#) in the CloudFront user guide. You can also use these same settings from the managed policy in your third-party CDN.

- **Origin request policy:** Managed-CORS-S3Origin

For details about what's included in the CloudFront managed origin request policy, see [CORS-S3Origin](#) in the CloudFront user guide. You can also use these same settings from the managed policy in your third-party CDN.

- **Response headers policy:** Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy

Using the Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy response headers policy is critical for preventing CORS cache poisoning. This policy ensures that CloudFront includes the Access-Control-Allow-Origin header in responses, which is necessary for web-based players to access ad segments from different origins.

For details about what's included in the response headers policy, see [CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy](#) in the CloudFront user guide.

Adapting these settings to other CDNs

If you're using a CDN other than CloudFront, look for equivalent settings that accomplish the following.

Path pattern matching

Configure a specific behavior for the /tm/* path pattern to handle MediaTailor ad segments

Cache key configuration

Include the Origin header in your cache key to ensure responses are cached separately for different origins

Header forwarding

Forward the Origin header and other CORS-related headers to the origin

Response header management

Configure your CDN to ensure the Access-Control-Allow-Origin header is present in responses

The specific terminology and configuration options will vary by CDN provider, but the underlying principles remain the same.

Precedence 1: Server-guided ad insertion behavior

This behavior handles [Understanding AWS Elemental MediaTailor server-guided ad insertion \(SGAI\)](#) requests when customers configure guided mode, which provides cacheable manifests. CloudFront applies the following behaviors to all requests with a /i-media/* path pattern. SGAI allows for better caching performance because the manifests are not viewer-specific.

- **Path pattern:** /i-media/* (iMedia path for SGAI)

Example URLs that match this pattern:

- `https://your-distribution.cloudfront.net/i-media/your-config/manifest.m3u8`

- `https://your-distribution.cloudfront.net/i-media/your-config/playlist.mpd`
- **Origin:** The origin that you created with the `manifests.mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com` domain.

This is **MediaTailorManifests** in the example in the preceding section on origins.

- **Cache policy:** Managed-CachingOptimized

For details about what's included in the CloudFront managed cache policy, see [CachingOptimized](#) in the CloudFront user guide. You can also use these same settings from the managed policy in your third-party CDN.

- **Origin request policy:** Managed-CORS-S3Origin

For details about what's included in the CloudFront managed origin request policy, see [CORS-S3Origin](#) in the CloudFront user guide. You can also use these same settings from the managed policy in your third-party CDN.

- **Response headers policy:** Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy

For details about what's included in the response headers policy, see [CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy](#) in the CloudFront user guide.

Precedence 2: Personalized manifest behavior

This behavior handles personalized manifest requests. CloudFront applies the following behaviors to all requests with a `/v1/*` path pattern. CloudFront applies the following behaviors and doesn't cache personalized manifests because they contain viewer-specific ad content URLs. These behaviors apply to all requests that have a `/v1/*` path pattern. This is the core MediaTailor functionality where each viewer receives a unique manifest with personalized ad insertion.

- **Path pattern:** `/v1/*` (standard V1 MediaTailor requests)

Example URLs that match this pattern:

- `https://your-distribution.cloudfront.net/v1/master/your-config/manifest.m3u8`
- `https://your-distribution.cloudfront.net/v1/dash/your-config/manifest.mpd`

- **Origin:** The origin that you created with the `manifests.mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com` domain.

This is **MediaTailorManifests** in the example in the preceding section on origins.

- **Cache policy:** Managed-CachingDisabled

For details about what's included in the cache policy, see [CachingDisabled](#) in the CloudFront user guide.

- **Origin request policy:** Managed-AllViewerAndCloudFrontHeaders-2022-6

For details about what's included in the origin request policy, see [AllViewerAndCloudFrontHeaders-2022-6](#) in the CloudFront user guide.

- **Response headers policy:** Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy

For details about what's included in the response headers policy, see [CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy](#) in the CloudFront user guide.

Accept-Encoding header

We recommend that your CDN preserves the Accept-Encoding header from viewers. This header gives MediaTailor instruction on compressing personalized manifests.

In CloudFront, the AllViewerAndCloudFrontHeaders origin request policy includes passthrough of the Accept-Encoding header from the viewer. If you use a different CDN, ensure that it preserves this header.

The following is how MediaTailor handles the Accept-Encoding header.

- **Legacy devices:** Older smart TVs that don't support gzip won't send the Accept-Encoding header, so MediaTailor returns uncompressed manifests
- **Modern devices:** iPhones, Chrome browsers, and other modern clients send the Accept-Encoding header, allowing MediaTailor to compress manifests before delivery

Precedence 3: Server-side beacon path behavior

This behavior handles requests to MediaTailor that result in redirects for [Server-side tracking](#).

These requests are essential for tracking beacons, so every request must be processed by

MediaTailor. CloudFront applies the following behaviors to all requests with a /segment/* path pattern.

- **Path pattern:** /segment/*

Example URLs that match this pattern:

- <https://your-distribution.cloudfront.net/segment/tracking-beacon-123>
- <https://your-distribution.cloudfront.net/segment/ad-request-456.ts>
- **Origin:** The origin that you created with the `manifests.mediatailor.region.amazonaws.com` domain.

This is **MediaTailorManifests** in the example in the preceding section on origins.

- **Cache policy:** Managed-CachingDisabled

For details about what's included in the cache policy, see [CachingDisabled](#) in the CloudFront user guide.

- **Origin request policy:** Managed-AllViewerAndCloudFrontHeaders-2022-6

For details about what's included in the origin request policy, see [AllViewerAndCloudFrontHeaders-2022-6](#) in the CloudFront user guide.

- **Response headers policy:** Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy

For details about what's included in the response headers policy, see [CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy](#) in the CloudFront user guide.

When MediaTailor processes these requests, it returns a 302 redirect response with a path that points to the actual segment location. For example, a request to /segment/ad123.ts might redirect to /tm/encoded-ad-segment.ts on the segments origin.

Precedence 4: Content origin path behavior

If the request path doesn't match any of the other patterns, CloudFront applies the default behavior. This behavior sends requests directly to the content origin, with no processing from MediaTailor. This allows direct access to your content origin (such as MediaPackage V2) when needed. CloudFront applies the following behaviors to all requests that don't include any of the prior path patterns.

- **Path pattern:** (*)

- **Origin:** The origin that you created with the domain for your content origin.

This is **ContentOrigin** in the example in the preceding section on origins.

- **Cache policy:** Managed-CachingOptimized

For details about what's included in the CloudFront managed cache policy, see [CachingOptimized](#) in the CloudFront user guide. You can also use these same settings from the managed policy in your third-party CDN.

 **Note**

For low latency HLS implementations, consider using a custom caching policy with Low Latency HLS (LLH) directives instead of the standard CachingOptimized policy.

- **Origin request policy:** Configured to pass appropriate headers and query string parameters to your content origin. For information about available managed origin request policies, see [Use managed origin request policies](#) in the CF developer guide.
- **Response headers policy:** Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy

Although the default content origin behavior doesn't typically face the same CORS cache poisoning risks as the ad segment behavior, it's still recommended to use the Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy response headers policy and include the Origin header in your cache key. This ensures consistent CORS handling across all content types and prevents potential playback issues in web-based players.

For content segments, the Managed-CachingOptimized cache policy provides good performance while the Managed-CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy response headers policy ensures proper CORS handling. This combination allows for efficient caching while maintaining compatibility with web-based players that require CORS headers.

Applying consistent CORS handling across both ad segments and content segments creates a more reliable playback experience and simplifies troubleshooting. Without proper CORS configuration, players might experience inconsistent behavior when transitioning between content and ads.

For details about what's included in the response headers policy, see [CORS-with-preflight-and-SecurityHeadersPolicy](#) in the CloudFront user guide.

Get support and troubleshooting help for CDN and MediaTailor integrations

AWS Elemental MediaTailor CDN integration issues can be complex to diagnose and resolve. Use this guide when you need additional help with CDN and MediaTailor integration issues that you can't resolve through self-service troubleshooting.

Before escalating, try these self-service options:

- Follow the troubleshooting steps in [Troubleshoot CDN integration](#)
- Analyze your logs and error codes using [CDN integration log analysis reference](#)
- Review your monitoring setup with [Set up monitoring tools](#)
- Check the [MediaTailor troubleshooting guide](#) for service-specific issues
- Search [AWS re:Post](#) for similar issues and community solutions
- Review [AWS Knowledge Center](#) for common integration patterns

Topics

- [When to escalate MediaTailor CDN issues to AWS Support](#)
- [Gather MediaTailor CDN information before contacting support](#)
- [MediaTailor CDN integration support resources and channels](#)
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When to escalate MediaTailor CDN issues to AWS Support

AWS Elemental MediaTailor CDN integration issues should be escalated to AWS Support when self-service troubleshooting doesn't resolve the problem. Consider escalating to AWS Support when:

Note: Technical support requires a paid AWS Support plan. For support plan details and response times, see [AWS Support plans](#).

- Issues affect production traffic or revenue
- You've followed all troubleshooting steps without resolution
- Error patterns suggest service-level issues
- You need assistance with complex configuration scenarios

- Performance issues persist despite optimization efforts

Gather MediaTailor CDN information before contacting support

AWS Elemental MediaTailor CDN integration support cases require specific configuration and diagnostic information for effective troubleshooting. Before contacting AWS Support, gather this information to help expedite resolution:

Tip: Having this information ready before creating your support case will significantly reduce resolution time and help support engineers understand your specific configuration.

- **MediaTailor configuration details:**

- Configuration name and AWS Region
- Playback configuration ARN
- ADS URL and integration type

- **CDN configuration details:**

- CDN distribution ID or configuration name
- Cache behavior configurations for manifests and segments
- Origin configuration and routing rules

- **Error information:**

- Specific error messages and HTTP status codes
- Timestamps when issues occur
- Sample URLs that demonstrate the problem
- CDN and MediaTailor log entries related to the issue

- **Testing information:**

- Steps you've already taken to troubleshoot
- Devices and players where the issue occurs
- Whether the issue affects all content or specific streams
- Frequency and pattern of the issue (intermittent, consistent, time-based)

MediaTailor CDN integration support resources and channels

AWS Elemental MediaTailor CDN integration support is available through multiple channels to help you resolve issues and optimize your implementation:

- **AWS Support:** Create a support case through the AWS Management Console for technical assistance

Access: [AWS Support Center](#)

- **AWS re:Post:** Community-driven Q&A platform for AWS-related questions and community support

Access: [AWS re:Post](#)

- **AWS Documentation:** Comprehensive guides for MediaTailor and CDN services

Access: [MediaTailor Documentation](#) and [CloudFront Documentation](#)

- **AWS Training:** Courses and certifications for media services and CDN optimization

Access: [AWS Training and Certification](#)

- **AWS Knowledge Center:** Curated articles for common AWS issues and best practices

Access: [AWS Knowledge Center](#)

- **AWS Trusted Advisor:** Automated recommendations for optimization and best practices

Access: [AWS Trusted Advisor](#)

- **AWS Personal Health Dashboard:** Service health and maintenance notifications

Access: [AWS Personal Health Dashboard](#)

MediaTailor CDN integration support case best practices

AWS Elemental MediaTailor CDN integration support cases are resolved more efficiently when you follow these best practices. To get the fastest resolution:

- Choose the appropriate severity level based on business impact
- Provide all relevant information in your initial case submission
- Include specific examples and reproduction steps
- Attach relevant log files and configuration screenshots

- Respond promptly to support engineer requests for additional information

Additional support resources:

- [AWS Support case management](#) - Guide to creating and managing support cases
- [AWS Support plans](#) - Compare support plan features and response times
- [Prepare to support workloads](#) - Well-Architected guidance for operational readiness
- [AWS Well-Architected Framework](#) - Best practices for building and operating workloads on AWS

Security in AWS Elemental MediaTailor

Cloud security at AWS is the highest priority. As an AWS customer, you benefit from data centers and network architectures that are built to meet the requirements of the most security-sensitive organizations.

Security is a shared responsibility between AWS and you. The [shared responsibility model](#) describes this as security *of* the cloud and security *in* the cloud:

- **Security of the cloud** – AWS is responsible for protecting the infrastructure that runs AWS services in the AWS Cloud. AWS also provides you with services that you can use securely. Third-party auditors regularly test and verify the effectiveness of our security as part of the [AWS Compliance Programs](#). To learn about the compliance programs that apply to AWS Elemental MediaTailor, see [AWS Services in Scope by Compliance Program](#).
- **Security in the cloud** – Your responsibility is determined by the AWS service that you use. You are also responsible for other factors including the sensitivity of your data, your company's requirements, and applicable laws and regulations.

This documentation helps you understand how to apply the shared responsibility model when using MediaTailor. The following topics show you how to configure MediaTailor to meet your security and compliance objectives. You also learn how to use other AWS services that help you to monitor and secure your MediaTailor resources.

Topics

- [Data protection in AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [Identity and Access Management for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [Compliance validation for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [Resilience in AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [Infrastructure security in MediaTailor](#)
- [Cross-service confused deputy prevention](#)
- [Logging and monitoring in MediaTailor](#)

Data protection in AWS Elemental MediaTailor

The AWS [shared responsibility model](#) applies to data protection in AWS Elemental MediaTailor. As described in this model, AWS is responsible for protecting the global infrastructure that runs all of the AWS Cloud. You are responsible for maintaining control over your content that is hosted on this infrastructure. You are also responsible for the security configuration and management tasks for the AWS services that you use. For more information about data privacy, see the [Data Privacy FAQ](#). For information about data protection in Europe, see the [AWS Shared Responsibility Model and GDPR](#) blog post on the [AWS Security Blog](#).

For data protection purposes, we recommend that you protect AWS account credentials and set up individual users with AWS IAM Identity Center or AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM). That way, each user is given only the permissions necessary to fulfill their job duties. We also recommend that you secure your data in the following ways:

- Use multi-factor authentication (MFA) with each account.
- Use SSL/TLS to communicate with AWS resources. We require TLS 1.2 and recommend TLS 1.3.
- Set up API and user activity logging with AWS CloudTrail. For information about using CloudTrail trails to capture AWS activities, see [Working with CloudTrail trails](#) in the *AWS CloudTrail User Guide*.
- Use AWS encryption solutions, along with all default security controls within AWS services.
- Use advanced managed security services such as Amazon Macie, which assists in discovering and securing sensitive data that is stored in Amazon S3.
- If you require FIPS 140-3 validated cryptographic modules when accessing AWS through a command line interface or an API, use a FIPS endpoint. For more information about the available FIPS endpoints, see [Federal Information Processing Standard \(FIPS\) 140-3](#).

We strongly recommend that you never put confidential or sensitive information, such as your customers' email addresses, into tags or free-form text fields such as a **Name** field. This includes when you work with or other AWS services using the console, API, AWS CLI, or AWS SDKs. Any data that you enter into tags or free-form text fields used for names may be used for billing or diagnostic logs. If you provide a URL to an external server, we strongly recommend that you do not include credentials information in the URL to validate your request to that server.

Data encryption

AWS Elemental MediaTailor doesn't encrypt or decrypt data in its management of content manifests or in its communication with servers, CDNs, or players. MediaTailor doesn't require that you supply any customer data or other sensitive information.

Don't put sensitive information, like customer account numbers, credit card information, or sign-in credentials, into free-form fields or query parameters. This applies to all use of AWS Elemental MediaTailor, including the console, API, SDKs, and the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI). Any data that you enter into the service might get picked up for inclusion in diagnostic logs.

When you provide a URL to an external server, don't include unencrypted credentials information in the URL to validate your request to that server.

Identity and Access Management for AWS Elemental MediaTailor

AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) is an AWS service that helps an administrator securely control access to AWS resources. IAM administrators control who can be *authenticated* (signed in) and *authorized* (have permissions) to use MediaTailor resources. IAM is an AWS service that you can use with no additional charge.

Topics

- [Audience](#)
- [Authenticating with identities](#)
- [Managing access using policies](#)
- [How AWS Elemental MediaTailor works with IAM](#)
- [Identity-based policy examples for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [Resource-based policy examples for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [AWS managed policies for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [Using service-linked roles for MediaTailor](#)
- [Troubleshooting AWS Elemental MediaTailor identity and access](#)

Audience

How you use AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) differs, depending on the work that you do in MediaTailor.

Service user – If you use the MediaTailor service to do your job, then your administrator provides you with the credentials and permissions that you need. As you use more MediaTailor features to do your work, you might need additional permissions. Understanding how access is managed can help you request the right permissions from your administrator. If you cannot access a feature in MediaTailor, see [Troubleshooting AWS Elemental MediaTailor identity and access](#).

Service administrator – If you're in charge of MediaTailor resources at your company, you probably have full access to MediaTailor. It's your job to determine which MediaTailor features and resources your service users should access. You must then submit requests to your IAM administrator to change the permissions of your service users. Review the information on this page to understand the basic concepts of IAM. To learn more about how your company can use IAM with MediaTailor, see [How AWS Elemental MediaTailor works with IAM](#).

IAM administrator – If you're an IAM administrator, you might want to learn details about how you can write policies to manage access to MediaTailor. To view example MediaTailor identity-based policies that you can use in IAM, see [Identity-based policy examples for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

Authenticating with identities

Authentication is how you sign in to AWS using your identity credentials. You must be *authenticated* (signed in to AWS) as the AWS account root user, as an IAM user, or by assuming an IAM role.

You can sign in to AWS as a federated identity by using credentials provided through an identity source. AWS IAM Identity Center (IAM Identity Center) users, your company's single sign-on authentication, and your Google or Facebook credentials are examples of federated identities. When you sign in as a federated identity, your administrator previously set up identity federation using IAM roles. When you access AWS by using federation, you are indirectly assuming a role.

Depending on the type of user you are, you can sign in to the AWS Management Console or the AWS access portal. For more information about signing in to AWS, see [How to sign in to your AWS account](#) in the *AWS Sign-In User Guide*.

If you access AWS programmatically, AWS provides a software development kit (SDK) and a command line interface (CLI) to cryptographically sign your requests by using your credentials. If you don't use AWS tools, you must sign requests yourself. For more information about using the recommended method to sign requests yourself, see [AWS Signature Version 4 for API requests](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Regardless of the authentication method that you use, you might be required to provide additional security information. For example, AWS recommends that you use multi-factor authentication (MFA) to increase the security of your account. To learn more, see [Multi-factor authentication](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide* and [AWS Multi-factor authentication in IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

AWS account root user

When you create an AWS account, you begin with one sign-in identity that has complete access to all AWS services and resources in the account. This identity is called the AWS account *root user* and is accessed by signing in with the email address and password that you used to create the account. We strongly recommend that you don't use the root user for your everyday tasks. Safeguard your root user credentials and use them to perform the tasks that only the root user can perform. For the complete list of tasks that require you to sign in as the root user, see [Tasks that require root user credentials](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Federated identity

As a best practice, require human users, including users that require administrator access, to use federation with an identity provider to access AWS services by using temporary credentials.

A *federated identity* is a user from your enterprise user directory, a web identity provider, the AWS Directory Service, the Identity Center directory, or any user that accesses AWS services by using credentials provided through an identity source. When federated identities access AWS accounts, they assume roles, and the roles provide temporary credentials.

For centralized access management, we recommend that you use AWS IAM Identity Center. You can create users and groups in IAM Identity Center, or you can connect and synchronize to a set of users and groups in your own identity source for use across all your AWS accounts and applications. For information about IAM Identity Center, see [What is IAM Identity Center?](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide*.

IAM users and groups

An [IAM user](#) is an identity within your AWS account that has specific permissions for a single person or application. Where possible, we recommend relying on temporary credentials instead of creating IAM users who have long-term credentials such as passwords and access keys. However, if you have specific use cases that require long-term credentials with IAM users, we recommend that you rotate access keys. For more information, see [Rotate access keys regularly for use cases that require long-term credentials](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

An [IAM group](#) is an identity that specifies a collection of IAM users. You can't sign in as a group. You can use groups to specify permissions for multiple users at a time. Groups make permissions easier to manage for large sets of users. For example, you could have a group named *IAMAdmins* and give that group permissions to administer IAM resources.

Users are different from roles. A user is uniquely associated with one person or application, but a role is intended to be assumable by anyone who needs it. Users have permanent long-term credentials, but roles provide temporary credentials. To learn more, see [Use cases for IAM users](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

IAM roles

An [IAM role](#) is an identity within your AWS account that has specific permissions. It is similar to an IAM user, but is not associated with a specific person. To temporarily assume an IAM role in the AWS Management Console, you can [switch from a user to an IAM role \(console\)](#). You can assume a role by calling an AWS CLI or AWS API operation or by using a custom URL. For more information about methods for using roles, see [Methods to assume a role](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

IAM roles with temporary credentials are useful in the following situations:

- **Federated user access** – To assign permissions to a federated identity, you create a role and define permissions for the role. When a federated identity authenticates, the identity is associated with the role and is granted the permissions that are defined by the role. For information about roles for federation, see [Create a role for a third-party identity provider \(federation\)](#) in the *IAM User Guide*. If you use IAM Identity Center, you configure a permission set. To control what your identities can access after they authenticate, IAM Identity Center correlates the permission set to a role in IAM. For information about permissions sets, see [Permission sets](#) in the *AWS IAM Identity Center User Guide*.
- **Temporary IAM user permissions** – An IAM user or role can assume an IAM role to temporarily take on different permissions for a specific task.

- **Cross-account access** – You can use an IAM role to allow someone (a trusted principal) in a different account to access resources in your account. Roles are the primary way to grant cross-account access. However, with some AWS services, you can attach a policy directly to a resource (instead of using a role as a proxy). To learn the difference between roles and resource-based policies for cross-account access, see [Cross account resource access in IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Cross-service access** – Some AWS services use features in other AWS services. For example, when you make a call in a service, it's common for that service to run applications in Amazon EC2 or store objects in Amazon S3. A service might do this using the calling principal's permissions, using a service role, or using a service-linked role.
 - **Forward access sessions (FAS)** – When you use an IAM user or role to perform actions in AWS, you are considered a principal. When you use some services, you might perform an action that then initiates another action in a different service. FAS uses the permissions of the principal calling an AWS service, combined with the requesting AWS service to make requests to downstream services. FAS requests are only made when a service receives a request that requires interactions with other AWS services or resources to complete. In this case, you must have permissions to perform both actions. For policy details when making FAS requests, see [Forward access sessions](#).
 - **Service role** – A service role is an [IAM role](#) that a service assumes to perform actions on your behalf. An IAM administrator can create, modify, and delete a service role from within IAM. For more information, see [Create a role to delegate permissions to an AWS service](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
 - **Service-linked role** – A service-linked role is a type of service role that is linked to an AWS service. The service can assume the role to perform an action on your behalf. Service-linked roles appear in your AWS account and are owned by the service. An IAM administrator can view, but not edit the permissions for service-linked roles.
- **Applications running on Amazon EC2** – You can use an IAM role to manage temporary credentials for applications that are running on an EC2 instance and making AWS CLI or AWS API requests. This is preferable to storing access keys within the EC2 instance. To assign an AWS role to an EC2 instance and make it available to all of its applications, you create an instance profile that is attached to the instance. An instance profile contains the role and enables programs that are running on the EC2 instance to get temporary credentials. For more information, see [Use an IAM role to grant permissions to applications running on Amazon EC2 instances](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Managing access using policies

You control access in AWS by creating policies and attaching them to AWS identities or resources. A policy is an object in AWS that, when associated with an identity or resource, defines their permissions. AWS evaluates these policies when a principal (user, root user, or role session) makes a request. Permissions in the policies determine whether the request is allowed or denied. Most policies are stored in AWS as JSON documents. For more information about the structure and contents of JSON policy documents, see [Overview of JSON policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Administrators can use AWS JSON policies to specify who has access to what. That is, which **principal** can perform **actions** on what **resources**, and under what **conditions**.

By default, users and roles have no permissions. To grant users permission to perform actions on the resources that they need, an IAM administrator can create IAM policies. The administrator can then add the IAM policies to roles, and users can assume the roles.

IAM policies define permissions for an action regardless of the method that you use to perform the operation. For example, suppose that you have a policy that allows the `iam:GetRole` action. A user with that policy can get role information from the AWS Management Console, the AWS CLI, or the AWS API.

Identity-based policies

Identity-based policies are JSON permissions policy documents that you can attach to an identity, such as an IAM user, group of users, or role. These policies control what actions users and roles can perform, on which resources, and under what conditions. To learn how to create an identity-based policy, see [Define custom IAM permissions with customer managed policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Identity-based policies can be further categorized as *inline policies* or *managed policies*. Inline policies are embedded directly into a single user, group, or role. Managed policies are standalone policies that you can attach to multiple users, groups, and roles in your AWS account. Managed policies include AWS managed policies and customer managed policies. To learn how to choose between a managed policy or an inline policy, see [Choose between managed policies and inline policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Resource-based policies

Resource-based policies are JSON policy documents that you attach to a resource. Examples of resource-based policies are IAM *role trust policies* and Amazon S3 *bucket policies*. In services that

support resource-based policies, service administrators can use them to control access to a specific resource. For the resource where the policy is attached, the policy defines what actions a specified principal can perform on that resource and under what conditions. You must [specify a principal](#) in a resource-based policy. Principals can include accounts, users, roles, federated users, or AWS services.

Resource-based policies are inline policies that are located in that service. You can't use AWS managed policies from IAM in a resource-based policy.

Access control lists (ACLs)

Access control lists (ACLs) control which principals (account members, users, or roles) have permissions to access a resource. ACLs are similar to resource-based policies, although they do not use the JSON policy document format.

Amazon S3, AWS WAF, and Amazon VPC are examples of services that support ACLs. To learn more about ACLs, see [Access control list \(ACL\) overview](#) in the *Amazon Simple Storage Service Developer Guide*.

Other policy types

AWS supports additional, less-common policy types. These policy types can set the maximum permissions granted to you by the more common policy types.

- **Permissions boundaries** – A permissions boundary is an advanced feature in which you set the maximum permissions that an identity-based policy can grant to an IAM entity (IAM user or role). You can set a permissions boundary for an entity. The resulting permissions are the intersection of an entity's identity-based policies and its permissions boundaries. Resource-based policies that specify the user or role in the Principal field are not limited by the permissions boundary. An explicit deny in any of these policies overrides the allow. For more information about permissions boundaries, see [Permissions boundaries for IAM entities](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Service control policies (SCPs)** – SCPs are JSON policies that specify the maximum permissions for an organization or organizational unit (OU) in AWS Organizations. AWS Organizations is a service for grouping and centrally managing multiple AWS accounts that your business owns. If you enable all features in an organization, then you can apply service control policies (SCPs) to any or all of your accounts. The SCP limits permissions for entities in member accounts, including each AWS account root user. For more information about Organizations and SCPs, see [Service control policies](#) in the *AWS Organizations User Guide*.

- **Resource control policies (RCPs)** – RCPs are JSON policies that you can use to set the maximum available permissions for resources in your accounts without updating the IAM policies attached to each resource that you own. The RCP limits permissions for resources in member accounts and can impact the effective permissions for identities, including the AWS account root user, regardless of whether they belong to your organization. For more information about Organizations and RCPs, including a list of AWS services that support RCPs, see [Resource control policies \(RCPs\)](#) in the *AWS Organizations User Guide*.
- **Session policies** – Session policies are advanced policies that you pass as a parameter when you programmatically create a temporary session for a role or federated user. The resulting session's permissions are the intersection of the user or role's identity-based policies and the session policies. Permissions can also come from a resource-based policy. An explicit deny in any of these policies overrides the allow. For more information, see [Session policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Multiple policy types

When multiple types of policies apply to a request, the resulting permissions are more complicated to understand. To learn how AWS determines whether to allow a request when multiple policy types are involved, see [Policy evaluation logic](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

How AWS Elemental MediaTailor works with IAM

Before you use IAM to manage access to MediaTailor, learn what IAM features are available to use with MediaTailor.

IAM features you can use with AWS Elemental MediaTailor

IAM feature	MediaTailor support
Identity-based policies	Yes
Resource-based policies	Yes
Policy actions	Yes
Policy resources	No
Policy condition keys (service-specific)	Yes

IAM feature	MediaTailor support
ACLs	No
ABAC (tags in policies)	Partial
Temporary credentials	Yes
Principal permissions	Yes
Service roles	No
Service-linked roles	Yes

To get a high-level view of how MediaTailor and other AWS services work with most IAM features, see [AWS services that work with IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Identity-based policies for MediaTailor

Supports identity-based policies: Yes

Identity-based policies are JSON permissions policy documents that you can attach to an identity, such as an IAM user, group of users, or role. These policies control what actions users and roles can perform, on which resources, and under what conditions. To learn how to create an identity-based policy, see [Define custom IAM permissions with customer managed policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

With IAM identity-based policies, you can specify allowed or denied actions and resources as well as the conditions under which actions are allowed or denied. You can't specify the principal in an identity-based policy because it applies to the user or role to which it is attached. To learn about all of the elements that you can use in a JSON policy, see [IAM JSON policy elements reference](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Identity-based policy examples for MediaTailor

To view examples of MediaTailor identity-based policies, see [Identity-based policy examples for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

Resource-based policies within MediaTailor

Supports resource-based policies: Yes

The MediaTailor service supports only one type of resource-based policy. It's called a *channel policy* because it's attached to a channel. This policy defines which principals can perform actions on the channel.

Resource-based policies are JSON policy documents that you attach to a resource. Examples of resource-based policies are IAM *role trust policies* and Amazon S3 *bucket policies*. In services that support resource-based policies, service administrators can use them to control access to a specific resource. For the resource where the policy is attached, the policy defines what actions a specified principal can perform on that resource and under what conditions. You must [specify a principal](#) in a resource-based policy. Principals can include accounts, users, roles, federated users, or AWS services.

To enable cross-account access, you can specify an entire account or IAM entities in another account as the principal in a resource-based policy. Adding a cross-account principal to a resource-based policy is only half of establishing the trust relationship. When the principal and the resource are in different AWS accounts, an IAM administrator in the trusted account must also grant the principal entity (user or role) permission to access the resource. They grant permission by attaching an identity-based policy to the entity. However, if a resource-based policy grants access to a principal in the same account, no additional identity-based policy is required. For more information, see [Cross account resource access in IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

To learn how to attach a resource-based policy to a channel, see [Create a channel using the MediaTailor console](#).

Resource-based policy examples within MediaTailor

To view examples of MediaTailor resource-based policies, see [Resource-based policy examples for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

Policy actions for MediaTailor

Supports policy actions: Yes

Administrators can use AWS JSON policies to specify who has access to what. That is, which **principal** can perform **actions** on what **resources**, and under what **conditions**.

The Action element of a JSON policy describes the actions that you can use to allow or deny access in a policy. Policy actions usually have the same name as the associated AWS API operation. There are some exceptions, such as *permission-only actions* that don't have a matching API

operation. There are also some operations that require multiple actions in a policy. These additional actions are called *dependent actions*.

Include actions in a policy to grant permissions to perform the associated operation.

To see a list of MediaTailor actions, see [Actions defined by AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#) in the *Service Authorization Reference*.

Policy actions in MediaTailor use the following prefix before the action:

```
mediatailor
```

To specify multiple actions in a single statement, separate them with commas.

```
"Action": [  
    "mediatailor:action1",  
    "mediatailor:action2"  
]
```

To view examples of MediaTailor identity-based policies, see [Identity-based policy examples for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

Policy resources for MediaTailor

Supports policy resources: No

AWS Elemental MediaTailor doesn't support specifying resource ARNs in a policy.

Policy condition keys for MediaTailor

Supports service-specific policy condition keys: Yes

Administrators can use AWS JSON policies to specify who has access to what. That is, which **principal** can perform **actions** on what **resources**, and under what **conditions**.

The Condition element (or Condition *block*) lets you specify conditions in which a statement is in effect. The Condition element is optional. You can create conditional expressions that use [condition operators](#), such as equals or less than, to match the condition in the policy with values in the request.

If you specify multiple Condition elements in a statement, or multiple keys in a single Condition element, AWS evaluates them using a logical AND operation. If you specify multiple values for a single condition key, AWS evaluates the condition using a logical OR operation. All of the conditions must be met before the statement's permissions are granted.

You can also use placeholder variables when you specify conditions. For example, you can grant an IAM user permission to access a resource only if it is tagged with their IAM user name. For more information, see [IAM policy elements: variables and tags](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

AWS supports global condition keys and service-specific condition keys. To see all AWS global condition keys, see [AWS global condition context keys](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

For a list of MediaTailor condition keys, see [Condition keys for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#) in the *Service Authorization Reference*. To learn with which actions and resources you can use a condition key, see [Actions defined by AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

AWS Elemental MediaTailor doesn't provide service-specific condition keys, but it does support using some global condition keys. To see all AWS global condition keys, see [AWS Global Condition Context Keys](#) in the *AWS Identity and Access Management User Guide*.

ACLs in MediaTailor

Supports ACLs: No

Access control lists (ACLs) control which principals (account members, users, or roles) have permissions to access a resource. ACLs are similar to resource-based policies, although they do not use the JSON policy document format.

ABAC with MediaTailor

Supports ABAC (tags in policies): Partial

Attribute-based access control (ABAC) is an authorization strategy that defines permissions based on attributes. In AWS, these attributes are called *tags*. You can attach tags to IAM entities (users or roles) and to many AWS resources. Tagging entities and resources is the first step of ABAC. Then you design ABAC policies to allow operations when the principal's tag matches the tag on the resource that they are trying to access.

ABAC is helpful in environments that are growing rapidly and helps with situations where policy management becomes cumbersome.

To control access based on tags, you provide tag information in the [condition element](#) of a policy using the `aws:ResourceTag/key-name`, `aws:RequestTag/key-name`, or `aws:TagKeys` condition keys.

If a service supports all three condition keys for every resource type, then the value is **Yes** for the service. If a service supports all three condition keys for only some resource types, then the value is **Partial**.

For more information about ABAC, see [Define permissions with ABAC authorization](#) in the *IAM User Guide*. To view a tutorial with steps for setting up ABAC, see [Use attribute-based access control \(ABAC\)](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

For MediaTailor, use the value **Partial**.

Using temporary credentials with MediaTailor

Supports temporary credentials: Yes

Some AWS services don't work when you sign in using temporary credentials. For additional information, including which AWS services work with temporary credentials, see [AWS services that work with IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

You are using temporary credentials if you sign in to the AWS Management Console using any method except a user name and password. For example, when you access AWS using your company's single sign-on (SSO) link, that process automatically creates temporary credentials. You also automatically create temporary credentials when you sign in to the console as a user and then switch roles. For more information about switching roles, see [Switch from a user to an IAM role \(console\)](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

You can manually create temporary credentials using the AWS CLI or AWS API. You can then use those temporary credentials to access AWS. AWS recommends that you dynamically generate temporary credentials instead of using long-term access keys. For more information, see [Temporary security credentials in IAM](#).

Cross-service principal permissions for MediaTailor

Supports forward access sessions (FAS): Yes

When you use an IAM user or role to perform actions in AWS, you are considered a principal.

When you use some services, you might perform an action that then initiates another action in a

different service. FAS uses the permissions of the principal calling an AWS service, combined with the requesting AWS service to make requests to downstream services. FAS requests are only made when a service receives a request that requires interactions with other AWS services or resources to complete. In this case, you must have permissions to perform both actions. For policy details when making FAS requests, see [Forward access sessions](#).

Service roles for MediaTailor

Supports service roles: No

AWS Elemental MediaTailor doesn't support service roles.

Service-linked roles for MediaTailor

Supports service-linked roles: Yes

A service-linked role is a type of service role that is linked to an AWS service. The service can assume the role to perform an action on your behalf. Service-linked roles appear in your AWS account and are owned by the service. An IAM administrator can view, but not edit the permissions for service-linked roles.

For details about creating or managing MediaTailor service-linked roles, see [Using service-linked roles for MediaTailor](#).

Identity-based policy examples for AWS Elemental MediaTailor

By default, users and roles don't have permission to create or modify MediaTailor resources. They also can't perform tasks by using the AWS Management Console, AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI), or AWS API. To grant users permission to perform actions on the resources that they need, an IAM administrator can create IAM policies. The administrator can then add the IAM policies to roles, and users can assume the roles.

To learn how to create an IAM identity-based policy by using these example JSON policy documents, see [Create IAM policies \(console\)](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

For details about actions and resource types defined by MediaTailor, including the format of the ARNs for each of the resource types, see [Actions, resources, and condition keys for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#) in the *Service Authorization Reference*.

Topics

- [Policy best practices](#)
- [Using the MediaTailor console](#)
- [Allow users to view their own permissions](#)

Policy best practices

Identity-based policies determine whether someone can create, access, or delete MediaTailor resources in your account. These actions can incur costs for your AWS account. When you create or edit identity-based policies, follow these guidelines and recommendations:

- **Get started with AWS managed policies and move toward least-privilege permissions** – To get started granting permissions to your users and workloads, use the *AWS managed policies* that grant permissions for many common use cases. They are available in your AWS account. We recommend that you reduce permissions further by defining AWS customer managed policies that are specific to your use cases. For more information, see [AWS managed policies](#) or [AWS managed policies for job functions](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Apply least-privilege permissions** – When you set permissions with IAM policies, grant only the permissions required to perform a task. You do this by defining the actions that can be taken on specific resources under specific conditions, also known as *least-privilege permissions*. For more information about using IAM to apply permissions, see [Policies and permissions in IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Use conditions in IAM policies to further restrict access** – You can add a condition to your policies to limit access to actions and resources. For example, you can write a policy condition to specify that all requests must be sent using SSL. You can also use conditions to grant access to service actions if they are used through a specific AWS service, such as AWS CloudFormation. For more information, see [IAM JSON policy elements: Condition](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Use IAM Access Analyzer to validate your IAM policies to ensure secure and functional permissions** – IAM Access Analyzer validates new and existing policies so that the policies adhere to the IAM policy language (JSON) and IAM best practices. IAM Access Analyzer provides more than 100 policy checks and actionable recommendations to help you author secure and functional policies. For more information, see [Validate policies with IAM Access Analyzer](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- **Require multi-factor authentication (MFA)** – If you have a scenario that requires IAM users or a root user in your AWS account, turn on MFA for additional security. To require MFA when API operations are called, add MFA conditions to your policies. For more information, see [Secure API access with MFA](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

For more information about best practices in IAM, see [Security best practices in IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Using the MediaTailor console

To access the AWS Elemental MediaTailor console, you must have a minimum set of permissions. These permissions must allow you to list and view details about the MediaTailor resources in your AWS account. If you create an identity-based policy that is more restrictive than the minimum required permissions, the console won't function as intended for entities (users or roles) with that policy.

You don't need to allow minimum console permissions for users that are making calls only to the AWS CLI or the AWS API. Instead, allow access to only the actions that match the API operation that they're trying to perform.

To ensure that users and roles can still use the MediaTailor console, also attach the `MediaTailorConsoleAccess` or `ReadOnly` AWS managed policy to the entities. For more information, see [Adding permissions to a user](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Allow users to view their own permissions

This example shows how you might create a policy that allows IAM users to view the inline and managed policies that are attached to their user identity. This policy includes permissions to complete this action on the console or programmatically using the AWS CLI or AWS API.

```
{  
    "Version": "2012-10-17",  
    "Statement": [  
        {  
            "Sid": "ViewOwnUserInfo",  
            "Effect": "Allow",  
            "Action": [  
                "iam:GetUserPolicy",  
                "iam>ListGroupsForUser",  
                "iam>ListAttachedUserPolicies",  
                "iam>ListUserPolicies",  
                "iam:GetUser"  
            ],  
            "Resource": ["arn:aws:iam::*:user/${aws:username}"]  
        },  
        {  
            "Sid": "NavigateInConsole",  
            "Effect": "Allow",  
            "Action": ["cloudWatchLogs:CreateLogStream",  
                      "cloudWatchLogs:PutLogEvents"]  
        }  
    ]  
}
```

```
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "iam:GetGroupPolicy",
            "iam:GetPolicyVersion",
            "iam:GetPolicy",
            "iam>ListAttachedGroupPolicies",
            "iam>ListGroupPolicies",
            "iam>ListPolicyVersions",
            "iam>ListPolicies",
            "iam>ListUsers"
        ],
        "Resource": "*"
    }
]
}
```

Resource-based policy examples for AWS Elemental MediaTailor

To learn how to attach a resource-based policy to a channel, see [Create a channel using the MediaTailor console](#).

Topics

- [Anonymous access](#)
- [Cross-account access](#)

Anonymous access

Consider the following Allow policy. With this policy in effect, MediaTailor allows anonymous access to the mediatailor:GetManifest action on the channel resource in the policy. This occurs where *region* is the AWS Region, *accountID* is your AWS account ID, and *channelName* is the name of the channel resource.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "AllowAnonymous",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Principal": "*",
            "Action": "mediatailor:GetManifest",
            "Resource": "arn:aws:mediatailor:<region>:<accountID>/channels/<channelName>"
        }
    ]
}
```

```
        "Action": "mediatailor:GetManifest",
        "Resource": "arn:aws:mediatailor:region:accountID:channel/channelName"
    }
]
}
```

Cross-account access

Consider the following Allow policy. With this policy in effect, MediaTailor allows the mediatailor:GetManifest action on the channel resource in the policy, across accounts. This occurs where *region* is the AWS Region, *accountID* is your AWS account ID, and *channelName* is the name of the channel resource.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "AllowCrossAccountAccess",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Principal": {"AWS": "arn:aws:iam::111111111111:root"},
            "Action": "mediatailor:GetManifest",
            "Resource": "arn:aws:mediatailor:region:accountID:channel/channelName"
        }
    ]
}
```

AWS managed policies for AWS Elemental MediaTailor

To add permissions to users, groups, and roles, it is easier to use AWS managed policies than to write policies yourself. It takes time and expertise to [create IAM customer managed policies](#) that provide your team with only the permissions they need. To get started quickly, you can use our AWS managed policies. These policies cover common use cases and are available in your AWS account. For more information about AWS managed policies, see [AWS managed policies](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

AWS services maintain and update AWS managed policies. You can't change the permissions in AWS managed policies. Services occasionally add additional permissions to an AWS managed policy to support new features. This type of update affects all identities (users, groups, and roles) where the policy is attached. Services are most likely to update an AWS managed policy when

a new feature is launched or when new operations become available. Services do not remove permissions from an AWS managed policy, so policy updates won't break your existing permissions.

Additionally, AWS supports managed policies for job functions that span multiple services. For example, the **ReadOnlyAccess** AWS managed policy provides read-only access to all AWS services and resources. When a service launches a new feature, AWS adds read-only permissions for new operations and resources. For a list and descriptions of job function policies, see [AWS managed policies for job functions](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

AWS managed policy: AWSElementalMediaTailorFullAccess

You can attach the AWSElementalMediaTailorFullAccess policy to your IAM identities. It's useful for users who need to create and manage playback configurations and channel assembly resources, such as programs and channels. This policy grants permissions that allow full access to AWS Elemental MediaTailor. These users can create, update, and delete MediaTailor resources.

To view the permissions for this policy, see [AWSElementalMediaTailorFullAccess](#) in the *AWS Managed Policy Reference*.

AWS managed policy: AWSElementalMediaTailorReadOnly

You can attach the AWSElementalMediaTailorReadOnly policy to your IAM identities. It's useful for users who need to view playback configurations and channel assembly resources, such as programs and channels. This policy grants permissions that allow read-only access to AWS Elemental MediaTailor. These users can't create, update, or delete MediaTailor resources.

To view the permissions for this policy, see [AWSElementalMediaTailorReadOnly](#) in the *AWS Managed Policy Reference*.

MediaTailor updates to AWS managed policies

View details about updates to AWS managed policies for MediaTailor since this service began tracking these changes. For automatic alerts about changes to this page, subscribe to the RSS feed on the MediaTailor [Document history for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

Change	Description	Date
MediaTailor added new managed policies	MediaTailor added the following managed policies:	November 24, 2021

Change	Description	Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AWSElementalMediaTailorReadOnly• AWSElementalMediaTailorFullAccess	
MediaTailor started tracking changes	MediaTailor started tracking changes for its AWS managed policies.	November 24, 2021

Using service-linked roles for MediaTailor

AWS Elemental MediaTailor uses AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) [service-linked roles](#). A service-linked role is a unique type of IAM role that is linked directly to MediaTailor. Service-linked roles are predefined by MediaTailor and include all the permissions that the service requires to call other AWS services on your behalf.

A service-linked role makes setting up MediaTailor easier because you don't have to manually add the necessary permissions. MediaTailor defines the permissions of its service-linked roles, and unless defined otherwise, only MediaTailor can assume its roles. The defined permissions include the trust policy and the permissions policy, and that permissions policy cannot be attached to any other IAM entity.

You can delete a service-linked role only after first deleting their related resources. This protects your MediaTailor resources because you can't inadvertently remove permission to access the resources.

For information about other services that support service-linked roles, see [AWS Services That Work with IAM](#) and look for the services that have **Yes** in the **Service-Linked Role** column. Choose a **Yes** with a link to view the service-linked role documentation for that service.

Supported Regions for MediaTailor service-linked roles

MediaTailor supports using service-linked roles in all of the regions where the service is available. For more information, see [AWS Regions and Endpoints](#).

Topics

- [Service-linked role permissions for MediaTailor](#)

- [Creating a service-linked role for MediaTailor](#)
- [Editing a service-linked role for MediaTailor](#)
- [Deleting a service-linked role for MediaTailor](#)

Service-linked role permissions for MediaTailor

MediaTailor uses the service-linked role named **AWSServiceRoleForMediaTailor** – MediaTailor uses this service-linked role to invoke CloudWatch to create and manage log groups, log streams, and log events. This service-linked role is attached to the following managed policy: **AWSMediaTailorServiceRolePolicy**.

The AWSServiceRoleForMediaTailor service-linked role trusts the following services to assume the role:

- mediatailor.amazonaws.com

The role permissions policy allows MediaTailor to complete the following actions on the specified resources:

- Action: logs:PutLogEvents on arn:aws:logs:*:*:log-group:/aws/MediaTailor/*:log-stream:*
- Action: logs>CreateLogStream, logs>CreateLogGroup, logs>DescribeLogGroups, logs>DescribeLogStreams on arn:aws:logs:*:*:log-group:/aws/MediaTailor/*

You must configure permissions to allow an IAM entity (such as a user, group, or role) to create, edit, or delete a service-linked role. For more information, see [Service-Linked Role Permissions](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Creating a service-linked role for MediaTailor

You don't need to manually create a service-linked role. When you enable session logging in the AWS Management Console, the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI), or the AWS API, MediaTailor creates the service-linked role for you.

Important

This service-linked role can appear in your account if you completed an action in another service that uses the features supported by this role. Also, if you were using the MediaTailor

service before September 15, 2021, when it began supporting service-linked roles, then MediaTailor created the `AWSServiceRoleForMediaTailor` role in your account. To learn more, see [A New Role Appeared in My IAM Account](#).

If you delete this service-linked role, and then need to create it again, you can use the same process to recreate the role in your account. When you enable session logging, MediaTailor creates the service-linked role for you again.

You can also use the IAM console to create a service-linked role with the **MediaTailor** use case. In the AWS CLI or the AWS API, create a service-linked role with the `mediatailor.amazonaws.com` service name. For more information, see [Creating a Service-Linked Role](#) in the *IAM User Guide*. If you delete this service-linked role, you can use this same process to create the role again.

Editing a service-linked role for MediaTailor

MediaTailor does not allow you to edit the `AWSServiceRoleForMediaTailor` service-linked role. After you create a service-linked role, you cannot change the name of the role because various entities might reference the role. However, you can edit the description of the role using IAM. For more information, see [Editing a Service-Linked Role](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Deleting a service-linked role for MediaTailor

If you no longer need to use a feature or service that requires a service-linked role, we recommend that you delete that role. That way you don't have an unused entity that is not actively monitored or maintained. However, you must clean up the resources for your service-linked role before you can manually delete it.

Note

If the MediaTailor service is using the role when you try to clean up the resources, then the deletion might fail. If that happens, wait for a few minutes and try the operation again.

To clean up MediaTailor resources used by the `AWSServiceRoleForMediaTailor`

- Before you can delete the service-linked role created by MediaTailor for the log configuration, you must first *deactivate* all of the log configurations in your account. To deactivate a

log configuration, set the **percent enabled** value to **0**. This turns off all session logging for the corresponding playback configuration. For more information, see [Deactivating a log configuration](#).

To manually delete the service-linked role using IAM

Use the IAM console, the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI), or the AWS API to delete the AWSServiceRoleForMediaTailor service-linked role. For more information, see [Deleting a Service-Linked Role](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Troubleshooting AWS Elemental MediaTailor identity and access

Use the following information to help you diagnose and fix common issues that you might encounter when working with MediaTailor and IAM.

Topics

- [I am not authorized to perform an action in MediaTailor](#)
- [I am not authorized to perform iam:PassRole](#)
- [I want to allow people outside of my AWS account to access my MediaTailor resources](#)

I am not authorized to perform an action in MediaTailor

If you receive an error that you're not authorized to perform an action, your policies must be updated to allow you to perform the action.

The following example error occurs when the mateojackson IAM user tries to use the console to view details about a fictional *my-example-widget* resource but doesn't have the fictional mediatailor:*GetWidget* permissions.

```
User: arn:aws:iam::123456789012:user/mateojackson is not authorized to perform:  
mediatailor:GetWidget on resource: my-example-widget
```

In this case, the policy for the mateojackson user must be updated to allow access to the *my-example-widget* resource by using the mediatailor:*GetWidget* action.

If you need help, contact your AWS administrator. Your administrator is the person who provided you with your sign-in credentials.

I am not authorized to perform iam:PassRole

If you receive an error that you're not authorized to perform the `iam:PassRole` action, your policies must be updated to allow you to pass a role to MediaTailor.

Some AWS services allow you to pass an existing role to that service instead of creating a new service role or service-linked role. To do this, you must have permissions to pass the role to the service.

The following example error occurs when an IAM user named `marymajor` tries to use the console to perform an action in MediaTailor. However, the action requires the service to have permissions that are granted by a service role. Mary does not have permissions to pass the role to the service.

```
User: arn:aws:iam::123456789012:user/marymajor is not authorized to perform:  
    iam:PassRole
```

In this case, Mary's policies must be updated to allow her to perform the `iam:PassRole` action.

If you need help, contact your AWS administrator. Your administrator is the person who provided you with your sign-in credentials.

I want to allow people outside of my AWS account to access my MediaTailor resources

You can create a role that users in other accounts or people outside of your organization can use to access your resources. You can specify who is trusted to assume the role. For services that support resource-based policies or access control lists (ACLs), you can use those policies to grant people access to your resources.

To learn more, consult the following:

- To learn whether MediaTailor supports these features, see [How AWS Elemental MediaTailor works with IAM](#).
- To learn how to provide access to your resources across AWS accounts that you own, see [Providing access to an IAM user in another AWS account that you own](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- To learn how to provide access to your resources to third-party AWS accounts, see [Providing access to AWS accounts owned by third parties](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.
- To learn how to provide access through identity federation, see [Providing access to externally authenticated users \(identity federation\)](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

- To learn the difference between using roles and resource-based policies for cross-account access, see [Cross account resource access in IAM](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Compliance validation for AWS Elemental MediaTailor

To learn whether an AWS service is within the scope of specific compliance programs, see [AWS services in Scope by Compliance Program](#) and choose the compliance program that you are interested in. For general information, see [AWS Compliance Programs](#).

You can download third-party audit reports using AWS Artifact. For more information, see [Downloading Reports in AWS Artifact](#).

Your compliance responsibility when using AWS services is determined by the sensitivity of your data, your company's compliance objectives, and applicable laws and regulations. AWS provides the following resources to help with compliance:

- [Security Compliance & Governance](#) – These solution implementation guides discuss architectural considerations and provide steps for deploying security and compliance features.
- [HIPAA Eligible Services Reference](#) – Lists HIPAA eligible services. Not all AWS services are HIPAA eligible.
- [AWS Compliance Resources](#) – This collection of workbooks and guides might apply to your industry and location.
- [AWS Customer Compliance Guides](#) – Understand the shared responsibility model through the lens of compliance. The guides summarize the best practices for securing AWS services and map the guidance to security controls across multiple frameworks (including National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (PCI), and International Organization for Standardization (ISO)).
- [Evaluating Resources with Rules](#) in the *AWS Config Developer Guide* – The AWS Config service assesses how well your resource configurations comply with internal practices, industry guidelines, and regulations.
- [AWS Security Hub](#) – This AWS service provides a comprehensive view of your security state within AWS. Security Hub uses security controls to evaluate your AWS resources and to check your compliance against security industry standards and best practices. For a list of supported services and controls, see [Security Hub controls reference](#).
- [Amazon GuardDuty](#) – This AWS service detects potential threats to your AWS accounts, workloads, containers, and data by monitoring your environment for suspicious and malicious

- activities. GuardDuty can help you address various compliance requirements, like PCI DSS, by meeting intrusion detection requirements mandated by certain compliance frameworks.
- [AWS Audit Manager](#) – This AWS service helps you continuously audit your AWS usage to simplify how you manage risk and compliance with regulations and industry standards.

Resilience in AWS Elemental MediaTailor

The AWS global infrastructure is built around AWS Regions and Availability Zones. AWS Regions provide multiple physically separated and isolated Availability Zones, which are connected with low-latency, high-throughput, and highly redundant networking. With Availability Zones, you can design and operate applications and databases that automatically fail over between zones without interruption. Availability Zones are more highly available, fault tolerant, and scalable than traditional single or multiple data center infrastructures.

For more information about AWS Regions and Availability Zones, see [AWS Global Infrastructure](#).

In addition to the AWS global infrastructure, MediaTailor offers several features to help support your data resiliency and backup needs.

Infrastructure security in MediaTailor

As a managed service, AWS Elemental MediaTailor is protected by AWS global network security. For information about AWS security services and how AWS protects infrastructure, see [AWS Cloud Security](#). To design your AWS environment using the best practices for infrastructure security, see [Infrastructure Protection](#) in *Security Pillar AWS Well-Architected Framework*.

You use AWS published API calls to access MediaTailor through the network. Clients must support the following:

- Transport Layer Security (TLS). We require TLS 1.2 and recommend TLS 1.3.
- Cipher suites with perfect forward secrecy (PFS) such as DHE (Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman) or ECDHE (Elliptic Curve Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman). Most modern systems such as Java 7 and later support these modes.

Additionally, requests must be signed by using an access key ID and a secret access key that is associated with an IAM principal. Or you can use the [AWS Security Token Service](#) (AWS STS) to generate temporary security credentials to sign requests.

You can call these API operations from any network location, but MediaTailor does support resource-based access policies, which can include restrictions based on the source IP address. You can also use MediaTailor policies to control access from specific Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (Amazon VPC) endpoints or specific VPCs. Effectively, this isolates network access to a given MediaTailor resource from only the specific VPC within the AWS network.

Cross-service confused deputy prevention

The confused deputy problem is a security issue where an entity that doesn't have permission to perform an action can coerce a more-privileged entity to perform the action. In AWS, cross-service impersonation can result in the confused deputy problem. Cross-service impersonation can occur when one service (the *calling service*) calls another service (the *called service*). The calling service can be manipulated to use its permissions to act on another customer's resources in a way it should not otherwise have permission to access. To prevent this, AWS provides tools that help you protect your data for all services with service principals that have been given access to resources in your account.

We recommend using the [aws:SourceArn](#) and [aws:SourceAccount](#) global condition context keys in resource policies to limit the permissions that AWS Elemental MediaTailor gives another service to the resource. If you use both global condition context keys, the aws : SourceAccount value and the account in the aws : SourceArn value must use the same account ID when used in the same policy statement.

The value of aws : SourceArn must be the playback configuration that publishes CloudWatch logs for in your Region and account. However, this only applies if you use the [MediaTailorLogger](#) role that lets MediaTailor publish Amazon CloudWatch logs to your account. This doesn't apply if you use a [service-linked role](#) to let MediaTailor publish the CloudWatch logs.

The most effective way to protect against the confused deputy problem is to use the aws : SourceArn global condition context key with the full ARN of the resource. If you don't know the full ARN of the resource or if you are specifying multiple resources, use the aws : SourceArn global context condition key with wildcards (*) for the unknown portions of the ARN. For example, arn:aws:*servicename*::*123456789012*:*.

The following example shows how you can use the aws : SourceArn and aws : SourceAccount global condition context keys in to prevent the confused deputy problem.

{

```
"Version": "2012-10-17",
"Statement": [
    "Sid": "ConfusedDeputyPreventionExamplePolicy",
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Principal": {
        "Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"
    },
    "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
    "Condition": {
        "ArnEquals": {
            "aws:SourceArn": "arn:aws:mediatailor:region:account_ID:playbackConfiguration/*"
        },
        "StringEquals": {
            "aws:SourceAccount": "account_ID"
        }
    }
}
```

Logging and monitoring in MediaTailor

This section provides an overview of the options for logging and monitoring in AWS Elemental MediaTailor for security purposes. For more information about logging and monitoring in MediaTailor see [Monitoring and tagging AWS Elemental MediaTailor resources](#).

Monitoring is an important part of maintaining the reliability, availability, and performance of AWS Elemental MediaTailor and your AWS solutions. You should collect monitoring data from all of the parts of your AWS solution so that you can more easily debug a multi-point failure if one occurs. AWS provides several tools for monitoring your MediaTailor resources and responding to potential incidents:

Amazon CloudWatch Alarms

Using CloudWatch alarms, you watch a single metric over a time period that you specify. If the metric exceeds a given threshold, a notification is sent to an Amazon SNS topic or AWS Auto Scaling policy. CloudWatch alarms don't invoke actions because they are in a particular state. Rather, the state must have changed and been maintained for a specified number of periods. For more information, see [the section called “Monitoring with CloudWatch metrics”](#).

AWS CloudTrail logs

CloudTrail provides a record of actions taken by a user, role, or an AWS service in AWS Elemental MediaTailor. Using the information collected by CloudTrail, you can determine the request that was made to MediaTailor, the IP address from which the request was made, who made the request, when it was made, and additional details. For more information, see [Recording AWS Elemental MediaTailor API calls](#).

AWS Trusted Advisor

Trusted Advisor draws upon best practices learned from serving hundreds of thousands of AWS customers. Trusted Advisor inspects your AWS environment and then makes recommendations when opportunities exist to save money, improve system availability and performance, or help close security gaps. All AWS customers have access to five Trusted Advisor checks. Customers with a Business or Enterprise support plan can view all Trusted Advisor checks.

For more information, see [AWS Trusted Advisor](#).

Monitoring and tagging AWS Elemental MediaTailor resources

Monitoring is an important part of maintaining the reliability, availability, and performance of AWS Elemental MediaTailor and your other AWS solutions. AWS provides the following monitoring tools to watch MediaTailor, report when something is wrong, and take automatic actions when appropriate:

- *Amazon CloudWatch* monitors your AWS resources and the applications that you run on AWS in real time. You can collect and track metrics, create customized dashboards, and set alarms that notify you or take actions when a specified metric reaches a threshold that you specify. For example, you can have CloudWatch track CPU usage or other metrics of your Amazon EC2 instances and automatically launch new instances when needed. For more information, see the [Amazon CloudWatch User Guide](#).
- *Amazon CloudWatch Logs* enables you to monitor, store, and access your log files from all interactions with your ad decision server (ADS). AWS Elemental MediaTailor emits logs for ad requests, redirects, responses, and reporting requests and responses. Errors from the ADS and origin servers are also emitted to log groups in Amazon CloudWatch. MediaTailor also provides information about skipped ads and the reasons they were skipped. For more information, see [Skipped ad reasons](#). You can also archive your log data in highly durable storage. For general information, see the [Amazon CloudWatch Logs User Guide](#). For information on the ADS logs and how to access them for analysis through Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights, see [AWS Elemental MediaTailor ADS log analysis in Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights](#).

Topics

- [Viewing AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs](#)
- [Monitoring AWS Elemental MediaTailor with Amazon CloudWatch metrics](#)
- [Recording AWS Elemental MediaTailor API calls](#)
- [Receiving AWS Elemental MediaTailor Channel Assembly alerts](#)
- [Tagging AWS Elemental MediaTailor resources](#)
- [Monitoring AWS media services with workflow monitor](#)

Viewing AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs

MediaTailor emits logs that describe a variety of milestones and activities in channels and playback configurations. You can use these logs to gain visibility into your workflow and to troubleshoot issues with the service. The following topics describe logs and logging options.

Topics

- [AWS Elemental MediaTailor ADS logs description and event types](#)
- [AWS Elemental MediaTailor manifest logs description and event types](#)
- [AWS Elemental MediaTailor transcode logs description and event types](#)
- [Using vended logs to send AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs](#)
- [Writing AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs directly to Amazon CloudWatch Logs](#)
- [Controlling the volume of AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs](#)
- [Filtering AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs and events](#)
- [Generating AWS Elemental MediaTailor debug logs](#)

AWS Elemental MediaTailor ADS logs description and event types

The following sections describe the logs that MediaTailor emits to describe events with the ad decision server (ADS). These are AdDecisionServerInteractions logs.

Topics

- [AdDecisionServerInteractions events](#)
- [ADS log description](#)
- [ADS log JSON schema](#)
- [Understanding MediaTailor skipped ad reasons](#)

AdDecisionServerInteractions events

The following events are emitted during MediaTailor interactions with the ad decision server (ADS).

Log	Description
AD_MARKER_FOUND	MediaTailor found an ad marker in the manifest.
BEACON_FIRED	A tracking beacon was fired to report ad events. In server-side reporting mode (default), MediaTailor fires the beacon. In client-side reporting mode, the playback device fires the beacon.
EMPTY_VAST_RESPONSE	The ADS returned an empty VAST response containing zero ads.
EMPTY_VMAP_RESPONSE	The ADS returned an empty VMAP response.
ERROR_ADS_INVALID_RESPONSE	The ADS returned a non-200 status code.
ERROR_ADS_IO	MediaTailor encountered an error while trying to communicate with the ADS.
ERROR_ADS_RESPONSE_PARSE	MediaTailor encountered an error while parsing the ADS response.
ERROR_ADS_RESPONSE_UNKNOWN_ROOT_ELEMENT	The ADS response contains an invalid root element.
ERROR_ADS_TIMEOUT	The MediaTailor request to the ADS timed out.
ERROR_DISALLOWED_HOST	The ADS host is not allowed.
ERROR_FIRING_BEACON_FAILED	MediaTailor failed at firing the tracking beacon.
ERROR_PERSONALIZATION_DISABLED	Ad insertion is disabled for this session.
ERROR_UNKNOWN	MediaTailor encountered an unknown error during the ADS request.
ERROR_UNKNOWN_HOST	The ADS host is unknown.

Log	Description
ERROR_VAST_INVALID_MEDIA_FILE	The VAST Ad has an invalid or missing MediaFile element.
ERROR_VAST_INVALID_VAST_AD_TAG_URI	The VAST response contains an invalid VASTAdTagURI .
ERROR_VAST_MISSING_CREATIVES	The VAST Ad contains zero or multiple Creatives elements. Exactly one Creatives element is required.
ERROR_VAST_MISSING_IMPRESSION	The VAST Ad contains zero Impression elements. At least one Impression element is required.
ERROR_VAST_MISSING_MEDIAFILES	The VAST Ad contains zero or multiple MediaFiles elements. Exactly one MediaFiles element is required.
ERROR_VAST_MISSING_OVERLAYS	MediaTailor didn't receive any non-linear creatives from the ad server.
ERROR_VAST_MULTIPLE_LINEAR	The VAST Ad contains multiple Linear elements.
ERROR_VAST_MULTIPLE_TRACKING_EVENTS	The VAST Ad contains multiple TrackingEvents elements.
ERROR_VAST_REDIRECT_EMPTY_RESPONSE	The VAST redirect request returned an empty response.
ERROR_VAST_REDIRECT_FAILED	The VAST redirect request encountered an error.
ERROR_VAST_REDIRECT_MULTIPLE_VAST	The VAST redirect request returned multiple ads.
FILLED_AVAIL	MediaTailor successfully filled the avail.

Log	Description
FILLED_OVERLAY_AVAIL	MediaTailor successfully filled the overlay avail.
INTERSTITIAL_VOD_FAILURE	The ADS request or response encountered a problem while filling interstitial avails for the VOD playlist. No ads will be inserted.
INTERSTITIAL_VOD_SUCCESS	MediaTailor successfully filled interstitial avails for the VOD playlist.
MAKING_ADS_REQUEST	MediaTailor is requesting advertisements from the ADS.
MODIFIED_TARGET_URL	MediaTailor modified the outbound target URL.
NON_AD_MARKER_FOUND	MediaTailor found a non-actionable ad marker in the manifest.
RAW_ADS_RESPONSE	MediaTailor received a raw ADS response.
REDIRECTED_VAST_RESPONSE	MediaTailor received a VAST response after following the VAST redirect.
VAST_REDIRECT	The VAST ad response contains a redirect.
VAST_RESPONSE	MediaTailor received a VAST response.
VOD_TIME_BASED_AVAIL_PLAN_SUCCESS	MediaTailor successfully created a time-based avail plan for the VOD template.
VOD_TIME_BASED_AVAIL_PLAN_VAST_RESPONSE_FOR_OFFSET	MediaTailor is creating a time-based avail plan for the VOD template. MediaTailor received a VAST response for the time offset.

Log	Description
VOD_TIME_BASED_AVAIL_PLAN_WARNING_NO_ADVERTISEMENTS	The ADS request or response encountered a problem while creating a time-based avail plan for the VOD template. No ads will be inserted.
WARNING_NO_ADVERTISEMENTS	MediaTailor encountered a problem while filling the avail. No ads are inserted.
WARNING_URL_VARIABLE_SUBSTITUTION_FAILED	MediaTailor can't substitute dynamic variables in the ADS URL. Check the URL configuration.
WARNING_VPAID_AD_DROPPED	A VPAID ad dropped due to a missing slate, or the session uses server-side reporting.

ADS log description

This section describes the structure and contents of the ADS log description. To explore on your own in a JSON editor, use the listing at [the section called “ADS log JSON schema”](#).

Each event in the ADS log contains the standard fields that are generated by CloudWatch Logs. For information, see [Analyze log data with CloudWatch Logs insights](#).

ADS logs properties

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs.

Property	Type	Required	Description
adsRequestUrl	string	false	The full URL of the ADS request made by MediaTailor.
avail	object of type avail	false	Information about an avail that MediaTailor fills with ads. Currently, for the FILLED_AVAIL

Property	Type	Required	Description
			event type, this is the plan created by MediaTailor when it first encounters the avail. How the avail is eventually filled may vary from this plan, depending on how the content plays out.
awsAccountId	string	true	The AWS account ID for the MediaTailor configuration that was used for the session.
customerId	string	true	The hashed version of the AWS account ID, which you can use to correlate multiple log entries.
eventDescription	string	true	A short description of the event that triggered this log message, provided by the MediaTailor service. By default, this is empty. Example: Got VAST response.
eventTimestamp	string	true	The date and time of the event.

Property	Type	Required	Description
eventType	string	true	<p>The code for the event that triggered this log message.</p> <p>Example: VAST_RESPONSE .</p>
originId	string	true	<p>The configuration name from the MediaTailor configuration. This is different from the video content source, which is also part of the configuration.</p>
requestHeaders	array of type requestheaders	false	<p>The headers that MediaTailor included with the ADS request. Typically, the logs include these when a request to the ADS fails, to help with troubleshooting.</p>
requestId	string	true	<p>The MediaTailor request ID, which you can use to correlate multiple log entries for the same request.</p>

Property	Type	Required	Description
sessionId	string	true	The unique numeric identifier that MediaTailor assigned to the player session. All requests that a player makes for a session have the same session ID. Example: e039fd39-09f0-46b2-aca9-9871cc116cde .
sessionType	string (legal values: [DASH, HLS])	true	The player's stream type.
vastAd	object of type vastAd	false	Information about a single ad parsed from the VAST response.
vastResponse	object of type vastResponse	false	Information about the VAST response that MediaTailor received from the ADS.
vodCreativeOffsets	object of type vodCreativeOffsets	false	A map that indicates the time offsets in the manifest where MediaTailor will insert avails, based on the VMAP response.

Property	Type	Required	Description
vodVastResponseTimeOffset	number	false	The VMAP specific time offset for VOD ad insertion.

adContent

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs adContent.

ADS Logs adContent Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
adPlaylistUris	object of type adPlaylistUris	false	The mapping from the origin manifest for a variant to the ad manifest for the variant. For DASH, this contains a single entry, because all variants are represented in a single DASH manifest.

adPlaylistUris

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs adPlaylistUris.

ADS Logs adPlaylistUris Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
<any string>	string	false	The URL of the ad manifest for the specific variant.

avail

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs avail.

ADS Logs avail Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
availId	string	true	The unique identifier for this avail. For HLS, this is the media sequence number where the avail begins. For DASH, this is the period ID.
creativeAds	array of type creativeAd	true	The ads that MediaTailor inserted into the avail.
fillRate	number	true	The rate at which the ads fill the avail duration, from 0.0 (for 0%) to 1.0 (for 100%).
filledDuration	number	true	The sum of the durations of all the ads inserted into the avail.
numAds	number	true	The number of ads that MediaTailor inserted into the avail.
originAvailDuration	number	true	The duration of the avail as specified in the content stream

Property	Type	Required	Description
			from the origin (CUE_OUT or SCTE).
skippedAds	array of type skippedAd	false	The ads that MediaTailor didn't insert, for reasons like TRANSCODE_IN_PROGRESS and TRANSCODE_ERROR . For a list of skipped ad reasons, see Skipped ad reasons .
slateAd	object of type slateAd	true	Information about the slate ad, which MediaTailor uses to fill any unfilled segments in the avail.

creativeAd

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs creativeAd.

ADS Logs creativeAd Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
adContent	object of type adContent	true	Information about the content of the inserted ad.
creativeUniqueId	string	true	The unique identifier for the ad, used as a key for transcoding. This is the ID field

Property	Type	Required	Description
			for the creative in the VAST response, if available. Otherwise , it's the mezzanine URL of the ad.
trackingEvents	object of type trackingEvents	true	The tracking beacon URLs for the various tracking events for the ad. The keys are the event names, and the values are a list of beacon URLs.
transcode dAdDuration	number	true	The duration of the ad, calculated from the transcoded asset.
uri	string	true	The URL of the mezzanine version of the ad, which is the input to the transcoder.
vastDuration	number	true	The duration of the ad, as parsed from the VAST response.

requestheaders

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs requestheaders.

ADS Logs requestheaders Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
name	string	true	The name of the header.
value	string	true	The value of the header.

skippedAd

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs skippedAd.

ADS Logs skippedAd Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
adMezzanineUrl	string	true	The mezzanine URL of the skipped ad.
creativeUniqueId	string	true	The unique identifier for the ad, used as a key for transcoding. This is the ID field for the creative in the VAST response, if available. Otherwise, it's the mezzanine URL of the ad.
skippedReason	string	true	The code that indicates why the ad wasn't inserted. Example: TRANSCODE_IN_PROGRESS .

Property	Type	Required	Description
			For a list of skipped ad reasons, see Skipped ad reasons .
transcodeAdDuration	number	false	The duration of the ad, calculated from the transcoded asset.
vastDuration	number	true	The duration of the ad, as parsed from the VAST response.

slateAd

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs slateAd.

ADS Logs slateAd Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
adContent	object of type adContent	true	Information about the content of the inserted ad.
creativeUniqueId	string	true	The unique identifier for the ad, used as a key for transcoding. This is the ID field for the creative in the VAST response, if available. Otherwise, it's the mezzanine URL of the ad.
transcodeAdDuration	number	true	The duration of the ad, calculated from the transcoded asset.

Property	Type	Required	Description
uri	string	true	The URL of the mezzanine version of the ad, which is the input to the transcoder.

trackingEvents

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs trackingEvents.

ADS Logs trackingEvents Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
<any string>	array of type string	false	The list of beacon URLs for the specified tracking event (impression, complete, and so on)

vastAd

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs vastAd.

ADS Logs vastAd Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
adSystem	string	true	The value of the AdSystem tag in the VAST response.
adTitle	string	true	The media files that are available for the ad in the VAST response.

Property	Type	Required	Description
creativeAdId	string	true	The value of the adId attribute of the Creative tag in the VAST response.
creativeId	string	true	The value of the id attribute of the Creative tag in the VAST response.
duration	number	true	The approximate duration of the ad, based on the duration tag in the linear element of the VAST response.
trackingEvents	object of type trackingEvents	true	The tracking beacon URLs for the various tracking events for the ad. The keys are the event names, and the values are a list of beacon URLs.
vastAdId	string	true	The value of the id attribute of the Ad tag in the VAST response
vastAdTagUri	string	false	The VMAP-specific redirect URI for an ad.
vastMediaFiles	array of type vastMediaFile	true	The list of available media files for the ad in the VAST response.

vastMediaFile

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs vastMediaFile.

ADS Logs vastMediaFile Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
apiFramework	string	true	The API framework needed to manage the media file. Example: VPAID.
bitrate	number	true	The bitrate of the media file.
delivery	string	true	The protocol used for the media file, set to either progressive or streaming.
height	number	true	The pixel height of the media file.
id	string	true	The value of the id attribute of the MediaFile tag.
type	string	true	The MIME type of the media file, taken from the type attribute of the MediaFile tag.
uri	string	true	The URL of the mezzanine version of the ad, which is the input to the transcoder.

Property	Type	Required	Description
width	number	true	The pixel width of the media file.

vastResponse

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs vastResponse.

ADS Logs vastResponse Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
errors	array of type string	true	The error URLs parsed from the Error tags in the VAST response.
vastAds	array of type vastAd	true	The ads parsed from the VAST response.
version	string	true	The VAST specification version, parsed from the version attribute of the VAST tag in the response.

vodCreativeOffsets

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs vodCreativeOffsets.

ADS Logs vodCreativeOffsets Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
<any string>	array of type vodCreativeOffset	false	A mapping from a time offset in the manifest to a list of

Property	Type	Required	Description
			ads to insert at this time.

vodCreativeOffset

This section describes the properties of the ADS logs vodCreativeOffset.

ADS Logs vodCreativeOffset Properties

Property	Type	Required	Description
adContent	object of type adContent	true	Information about the content of the inserted ad.
creativeUniqueId	string	true	The unique identifier for the ad, used as a key for transcoding. This is the ID field for the creative in the VAST response, if available. Otherwise, it's the mezzanine URL of the ad.
trackingEvents	object of type trackingEvents	true	The tracking beacon URLs for the various tracking events for the ad. The keys are the event names, and the values are a list of beacon URLs.
transcodeAdDuration	number	true	The duration of the ad, calculated from the transcoded asset.

Property	Type	Required	Description
uri	string	true	The URL of the mezzanine version of the ad, which is the input to the transcoder.
vastDuration	number	true	The duration of the ad, as parsed from the VAST response.

ADS log JSON schema

The following lists the JSON schema for the AWS Elemental MediaTailor ADS log.

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    "originId",
    "sessionId"
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      ]
    }
  }
}
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    },
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    },
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            "DASH"
        ],
        "description": "The player's stream type."
    },
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        "type": "string",
        "description": "A short description of the event that triggered this log message, provided by the MediaTailor service. By default, this is empty. Example: <code>Got VAST response</code>.",
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        "examples": [
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        ],
        "pattern": "^(.*)$"
    },
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        "$id": "#/properties/awsAccountId",

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"type": "string",
"description": "The AWS account ID for the MediaTailor configuration that was
used for the session."
},
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"$id": "#/properties/customerId",
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"description": "The hashed version of the AWS account ID, which you can use to
correlate multiple log entries.",
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},
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is different from the video content source, which is also part of the configuration.",
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],
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},
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],
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},
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Currently, for the <code>FILLED_AVAIL</code> event type, this is the plan created by
MediaTailor when it first encounters the avail. How the avail is eventually filled may
vary from this plan, depending on how the content plays out. ",
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"originAvailDuration",
"filledDuration",
"adLength"
]
}
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"numAds",
"slateAd",
"availId"
],
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    "$id": "#/properties/avail/originAvailDuration",
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  },
  "filledDuration": {
    "$id": "#/properties/avail/filledDuration",
    "type": "number",
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  },
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    "$id": "#/properties/avail/fillRate",
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    "description": "The rate at which the ads fill the avail duration, from 0.0 (for 0%) to 1.0 (for 100%)."
  },
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    "type": "number",
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  },
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        "creativeUniqueId",
        "adType"
      ]
    }
  }
}
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        "adContent",
        "trackingEvents",
        "vastDuration",
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    }
}
},
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    "description": "The number of ads that MediaTailor inserted into the avail."
},
"slateAd": {
    "$id": "#/properties/avail/slateAd",
    "type": ["object", "null"],
    "title": "slateAd",
    "description": "Information about the slate ad, which MediaTailor uses to fill any unfilled segments in the avail.",
    "additionalProperties": false,
    "required": [
        "uri",
        "creativeUniqueId",
        "adContent",
        "transcodedAdDuration"
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        "creativeUniqueId": { "$ref": "#/definitions/creativeUniqueId" },
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        "$id": "#/properties/avail/skippedAds",
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        "description": "The ads that MediaTailor didn't insert, for reasons like <code>TRANSCODE_IN_PROGRESS</code> and <code>TRANSCODE_ERROR</code>.",
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                    "description": "The mezzanine URL of the skipped ad."
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                "skippedReason": {
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                    "description": "The code that indicates why the ad wasn't inserted.
Example: <code>TRANSCODE_IN_PROGRESS</code>."
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                        "mediaType",
                        "bitrate",

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                    "SUBTITLES",
                    "TRICK_PLAY"
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        "description": "Codec, such as avc1."
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    "description": "VMAP/ad break tracking events and corresponding URL",
    "properties": {
        "items": {
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    }
}
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        "type": "array",
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            "description": "A single error URL."
        }
    },
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        "description": "A list of NonLinearAds as they are read from the VAST response.",
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        }
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"vastAd": {
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},
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    "description": "The VMAP specific time offset for VOD ad insertion.",  
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        5.0  
    ]  
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    "type": "object",  
    "title": "vodCreativeOffsets",  
    "description": "A map that indicates the time offsets in the manifest where MediaTailor will insert availss, based on the VMAP response.",  
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        "description": "A mapping from a time offset in the manifest to a list of ads to insert at this time.",  
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                "trackingEvents": { "$ref": "#/definitions/trackingEvents" }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
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    },
    },

  "adsRequestUrl": {
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    "type": "string",
    "description": "The full URL of the ADS request made by MediaTailor."
  },
  "adMarkers": {
    "$id": "#/properties/adMarkers",
    "type": "string",
    "description": "Found Ad Marker in the Manifest."
  },
  "segmentationUpid": {
    "$id": "#/properties/segmentationUpid",
    "type": "string",
    "description": "Value of segmentation upid parsed from ad markers in manifest."
  },
  "segmentationTypeId": {
    "$id": "#/properties/segmentationTypeId",
    "type": "integer",
    "description": "Value of segmentation typeId parsed from ad markers in manifest."
  },
  "requestHeaders": {
    "$id": "#/properties/requestHeaders",
    "type": "array",
    "description": "The headers that MediaTailor included with the ADS request.  
Typically, the logs include these when a request to the ADS fails, to help with troubleshooting.",
    "items": {
      "type": "object",
      "title": "requestheaders",
      "description": "The name and value for a single header included in the ADS request.",
      "required": [
        "name",
        "value"
      ],
      "additionalProperties": false,
      "properties": {
        "name": {
          "type": "string",
          "description": "The name of the header."
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
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"value": {
    "type": "string",
    "description": "The value of the header."
}
},
},
),

"originalTargetUrl": {
    "$id": "#/properties/originalTargetUrl",
    "type": "string",
    "description": "The old URL to which MediaTailor was going to make a request."
},
"updatedTargetUrl": {
    "$id": "#/properties/updatedTargetUrl",
    "type": "string",
    "description": "The new URL to which MediaTailor is making a request."
},
"rawAdsResponse": {
    "$id": "#/properties/rawAdsResponse",
    "type": "string",
    "description": "Paginated ADS response as it's exactly returned to MediaTailor."
},
"rawAdsResponseIndex": {
    "$id": "#/properties/rawAdsResponseIndex",
    "type": "integer",
    "description": "Integer value denoting this rawAdsResponse's index into the
    all ADS response. This value is used to order the paginated messages for this ADS
    response."
}
,
"__COMMENT_oneOf": "The oneOf section defines subtypes for our events. Subtypes can
    have different rules, including which fields are required. For more information, see
    https://json-schema.org/understanding-json-schema/reference/combing.html#oneof ",
"oneOf": [
    { "$ref": "#/definitions/eventAdMarkersFound" },
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    { "$ref": "#/definitions/eventMakingAdsRequest" },
    { "$ref": "#/definitions/eventModifiedTargetUrl" },
    { "$ref": "#/definitions/eventRawAdsResponse" },
    { "$ref": "#/definitions/eventVastResponse" }
]
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{ "$ref": "#/definitions/eventFilledAvail" },
{ "$ref": "#/definitions/eventFilledOverlayAvail" },
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{ "$ref": "#/definitions/eventErrorAdsTimeout" },
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{ "$ref": "#/definitions/eventErrorAdsResponseParse" },
{ "$ref": "#/definitions/eventErrorAdsInvalidResponse" },
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{ "$ref": "#/definitions/eventPersonalizationDisabled" },
{ "$ref": "#/definitions/eventWarningDynamicVariableSubFailed" },
{ "$ref": "#/definitions/eventVodTimeBasedAvailPlanVastResponseForOffset" },
{ "$ref": "#/definitions/eventVodTimeBasedAvailPlanSuccess" }

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"definitions": {
  "eventAdMarkersFound": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventAdMarkersFound",
    "required": [
      "eventType",
      "adMarkers"
    ],
    "properties": {
      "eventType": {
        "type": "string",
        "const": "AD_MARKER_FOUND"
      }
    }
  },
  "eventNonAdMarkerFound": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventNonAdMarkerFound",
    "required": [
      "eventType",
      "adMarkers"
    ],
    "properties": {
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    "eventType": {
        "type": "string",
        "const": "NON_AD_MARKER_FOUND"
    }
},
"eventMakingAdsRequest": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventMakingAdsRequest",
    "required": [
        "eventType",
        "adsRequestUrl"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "MAKING_ADS_REQUEST"
        }
    }
},
"eventModifiedTargetUrl": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventModifiedTargetUrl",
    "required": [
        "eventType",
        "originalTargetUrl",
        "updatedTargetUrl"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "MODIFIED_TARGET_URL"
        }
    }
},
"eventRawAdsResponse": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventRawAdsResponse",
    "required": [
        "eventType",
        "rawAdsResponse",
        "rawAdsResponseIndex"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
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        "type": "string",
        "const": "RAW_ADS_RESPONSE"
    }
},
),

"eventVastResponse": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventVastResponse",
    "_comment": "NOTE: the vastResponse property should ideally be marked as a required field for this event, but unfortunately, in the case of an empty vast response, we currently emit an EMPTY_VAST_RESPONSE followed by a VAST_RESPONSE, and the vastResponse property is not present in the latter. We need to fix this so that we don't emit both of those events in the empty response case, and update this schema to flag vastResponse as required for VAST_RESPONSE.",
    "required": [
        "eventType"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "VAST_RESPONSE"
        }
    }
},
),

"eventFilledAvail": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventFilledAvail",
    "required": [
        "eventType",
        "avail"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "FILLED_AVAIL"
        }
    }
},
),

"eventFilledOverlayAvail": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventFilledOverlayAvail",
    "required": [
        "eventType",
        "avail"
    ]
}
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],
  "properties": {
    "eventType": {
      "type": "string",
      "const": "FILLED_OVERLAY_AVAIL"
    }
  }
},

"eventErrorVastMissingOverlays": {
  "$id": "#/definitions/eventErrorVastMissingOverlays",
  "required": [
    "eventType",
    "adsRequestUrl",
    "requestHeaders"
  ],
  "properties": {
    "eventType": {
      "type": "string",
      "const": "ERROR_VAST_MISSING_OVERLAYS"
    }
  }
},

"eventErrorFiringBeaconFailed": {
  "$id": "#/definitions/eventErrorFiringBeaconFailed",
  "required": [
    "eventType",
    "error",
    "beaconInfo"
  ],
  "properties": {
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      "type": "string",
      "const": "ERROR_FIRING_BEACON_FAILED"
    }
  }
},

"eventWarningNoAdvertisements": {
  "$id": "#/definitions/eventWarningNoAdvertisements",
  "required": [
    "eventType"
  ],

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  "_comment": "We should really have a more descriptive error field for these events",
  "properties": {
    "eventType": {
      "type": "string",
      "const": "WARNING_NO_ADVERTISEMENTS"
    }
  }
},

"eventUnknownHost": {
  "$id": "#/definitions/eventUnknownHost",
  "required": [
    "eventType",
    "requestHeaders"
  ],
  "properties": {
    "eventType": {
      "type": "string",
      "const": "ERROR_UNKNOWN_HOST"
    }
  }
},

"eventErrorAdsTimeout": {
  "$id": "#/definitions/eventErrorAdsTimeout",
  "required": [
    "eventType",
    "adsRequestUrl",
    "requestHeaders"
  ],
  "properties": {
    "eventType": {
      "type": "string",
      "const": "ERROR_ADS_TIMEOUT"
    }
  }
},

"eventPlannedAvail": {
  "$id": "#/definitions/eventPlannedAvail",
  "required": [
    "eventType"
  ],

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"_comment": "TODO: Flesh this out as we implement it",
"properties": {
    "eventType": {
        "type": "string",
        "const": "PLANNED_AVAIL"
    }
},
),

"eventEmptyVastResponse": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventEmptyVastResponse",
    "required": [
        "eventType"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "EMPTY_VAST_RESPONSE"
        }
    }
},
),

"eventEmptyVmapResponse": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventEmptyVmapResponse",
    "required": [
        "eventType"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "EMPTY_VMAP_RESPONSE"
        }
    }
},
),

"eventErrorUnknown": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventErrorUnknown",
    "required": [
        "eventType"
    ],
    "_comment": "TODO: we should have a field for the exception message or something",
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {

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        "type": "string",
        "const": "ERROR_UNKNOWN"
    }
},
),

"eventVastRedirect": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventVastRedirect",
    "required": [
        "eventType"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "VAST_REDIRECT"
        }
    }
},
),

"eventRedirectedVastResponse": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventRedirectedVastResponse",
    "required": [
        "eventType"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "REDIRECTED_VAST_RESPONSE"
        }
    },
    "_comment": "NOTE that the property vastResponse is not required because empty
vast responses do not contain a vastResponse."
},
),

"eventErrorAdsResponseParse": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventErrorAdsResponseParse",
    "required": [
        "eventType"
    ],
    "_comment": "We should have a field with an error message here",
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "ERROR_ADS_RESPONSE_PARSE"
        }
    }
},
)
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        }
    },
},  
  
"eventErrorAdsInvalidResponse": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventErrorAdsInvalidResponse",
    "required": [
        "eventType",
        "additionalInfo"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "ERROR痈ADS痈INVALID痈RESPONSE"
        }
    }
},  
  
"eventErrorAdsMissingImpression": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventErrorAdsMissingImpression",
    "required": [
        "eventType"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "ERROR痈VAST痈MISSING痈IMPRESSION"
        }
    }
},  
  
"eventErrorDisallowedHost": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventErrorDisallowedHost",
    "required": [
        "eventType"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "ERROR痈DISALLOWED痈HOST"
        }
    }
},
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"eventPersonalizationDisabled": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventPersonalizationDisabled",
    "required": [
        "eventType"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "ERROR_PERSONALIZATION_DISABLED"
        }
    }
},
"eventWarningDynamicVariableSubFailed": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventWarningDynamicVariableSubFailed",
    "required": [
        "eventType",
        "adsRequestUrl"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "WARNING_URL_VARIABLE_SUBSTITUTION_FAILED"
        }
    }
},
"eventVodTimeBasedAvailPlanVastResponseForOffset": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventVodTimeBasedAvailPlanVastResponseForOffset",
    "required": [
        "eventType",
        "vastResponse"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "VOD_TIME_BASED_AVAIL_PLAN_VAST_RESPONSE_FOR_OFFSET"
        }
    }
},
"eventVodTimeBasedAvailPlanSuccess": {
    "$id": "#/definitions/eventVodTimeBasedAvailPlanSuccess",
    "required": [
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        "eventType",
        "vodCreativeOffsets"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "eventType": {
            "type": "string",
            "const": "VOD_TIME_BASED_AVAIL_PLAN_SUCCESS"
        }
    }
},
"creativeUniqueId": {
    "type": "string",
    "description": "The unique identifier for the ad, used as a key for transcoding. This is the ID field for the creative in the VAST response, if available. Otherwise, it's the mezzanine URL of the ad."
},
"adSystem": {
    "type": "string",
    "description": "The value of the <code>AdSystem</code> tag in the VAST response."
},
"vastDuration": {
    "type": "number",
    "description": "The duration of the ad, as parsed from the VAST response."
},
"transcodedAdDuration": {
    "type": "number",
    "description": "The duration of the ad, calculated from the transcoded asset."
},
"adContent": {
    "$id": "#/properties/adContent",
    "type": ["object", "null"],
    "title": "adContent",
    "description": "Information about the content of the inserted ad.",
    "additionalProperties": false,
    "properties": {
        "adPlaylistUris": {
            "$id": "#/properties/adContent/adPlaylistUris",
            "type": "object",

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        "title": "adPlaylistUris",
        "description": "The mapping from the origin manifest for a variant to the ad manifest for the variant. For DASH, this contains a single entry, because all variants are represented in a single DASH manifest. ",
        "additionalProperties": {
            "$id": "#/properties/adContent/adPlaylistUris/adPlaylistUri",
            "type": "string",
            "description": "The URL of the ad manifest for the specific variant."
        }
    },
},
,

"adMezzanineUri": {
    "type": "string",
    "description": "The URL of the mezzanine version of the ad, which is the input to the transcoder."
},
,

"bitrate": {
    "type": "integer",
    "examples": [
        533
    ],
    "description": "The bitrate."
},
,

"width": {
    "type": "integer",
    "examples": [
        1280
    ],
    "description": "Width in pixels."
},
,

"height": {
    "type": "integer",
    "examples": [
        720
    ],
    "description": "Height in pixels."
},
,

"trackingEvents": {
    "type": "object",
    "title": "trackingEvents",
}
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"description": "The tracking beacon URLs for the various tracking events for the ad. The keys are the event names, and the values are a list of beacon URLs.",

"additionalProperties": {
    "type": "array",
    "description": "The list of beacon URLs for the specified tracking event (impression, complete, and so on)",
    "items": {
        "type": "string",
        "description": "The beacon URLs for this tracking event."
    }
},
),

"nonLinearAds": {
    "$id": "#/properties/nonLinearAds",
    "type": "object",
    "title": "nonLinearAds",
    "description": "A NonLinearAds as it appears in the VAST response.",
    "required": [
        "nonLinearAdList",
        "nonLinearTrackingEvents"
    ],
    "properties": {
        "nonLinearAdList": {
            "type": "array",
            "description": "List of non linear ads as they exist within one NonLinearAds.",
            "items": {
                "type": "object",
                "title": "nonLinearAdList",
                "description": "List of NonLinearAd as they are parsed from its parent NonLinearAds.",
                "properties": {
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                        "type": "string",
                        "description": "Ad ID of this non linear ad."
                    },
                    "nonLinearAdSystem": {
                        "type": "string",
                        "description": "Ad system of this non linear ad's parent Inline ad."
                    },
                    "nonLinearAdTitle": {
                        "type": "string",

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        "description": "Ad title of this non linear ad's parent Inline ad."
    },
    "nonLinearCreativeId": {
        "type": "string",
        "description": "Creative ID of this non linear ad's parent Creative
ad."
    },
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        "type": "string",
        "description": "Creative ad ID of this non linear ad."
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    "nonLinearCreativeSequence": {
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        "description": "Creative sequence of this non linear ad."
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        "description": "Width of this non linear ad."
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        "description": "Height of this non linear ad."
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        "description": "Expanded width of this non linear ad."
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        "type": "string",
        "description": "Expanded height of this non linear ad."
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    "nonLinearScalable": {
        "type": "boolean",
        "description": "Boolean denoting if this non linear ad is scalable."
    },
    "nonLinearMaintainAspectRatio": {
        "type": "boolean",
        "description": "Boolean denoting if aspect ratio should be maintained
for this non linear ad."
    },
    "nonLinearMinSuggestedDuration": {
        "type": "string",
        "description": "Min suggested duration for this non linear ad."
    },
}
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        "nonLinearApiFramework": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "API framework for this non linear ad's parent Inline ad."
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        "nonLinearStaticResource": {
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            "description": "Static resource for this non linear ad."
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        "nonLinearStaticResourceCreativeType": {
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            "description": "Static Resource creative type for this non linear ad."
        },
        "nonLinearIFrameResource": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "I-Frame resource for this non linear ad."
        },
        "nonLinearHtmlResource": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "HTML resource for this non linear ad."
        },
        "nonLinearAdParameters": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "Ad parameters for this non linear ad."
        },
        "nonLinearClickThrough": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "Click Through data for this non linear ad."
        },
        "nonLinearClickTracking": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "Click Tracking data for this non linear ad."
        },
        "nonLinearClickTrackingId": {
            "type": "string",
            "description": "Click Tracking ID for this non linear ad."
        }
    }
},
"nonLinearTrackingEvents": { "$ref": "#/definitions/trackingEvents" },
"extensions": {
    "$id": "#/properties/nonLinearAds/extensions",
    "type": "array",
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"description": "Extensions that exist for this NonLinearAds.",  
"items": {  
    "$id": "#/properties/nonLinearAds/extensions/items",  
    "type": "object",  
    "title": "Extensions",  
    "description": "Extensions found in non linear ads",  
    "additionalProperties": false,  
    "properties": {  
        "extensionType": {  
            "$id": "#/properties/nonLinearAds/extensions/extensionType",  
            "type": "string",  
            "description": "The value of the extension type attribute of the  
<code>Extensions</code> tag.",  
            "examples": [  
                "FreeWheel"  
            ]  
        },  
        "extensionContent": {  
            "$id": "#/properties/nonLinearAds/extensions/extensionContent",  
            "type": "string",  
            "description": "The extension content attribute of the  
<code>Extensions</code> tag.",  
            "examples": [  
                "progressive"  
            ]  
        }  
    }  
},  
"adBreakTrackingEvents": {  
    "$id": "#/properites/adBreakTrackingEvents",  
    "type": "object",  
    "title": "adBreakTrackingEvents",  
    "description": "These are all VMAP ad break tracking events.",  
    "additionalProperties": {  
        "type": "array",  
        "description": "VMAP/ad break tracking events and corresponding URL",  
        "items": {  
            "type": "string",  
            "description": "The beacon URLs for this tracking event."  
        }  
    }  
}
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},
"vastAd": {
    "$id": "#/properties/vastAd",
    "type": "object",
    "title": "vastAd",
    "description": "Information about a single ad parsed from the VAST response.",
    "required": [
        "vastAdId",
        "adSystem",
        "adTitle",
        "creativeId",
        "creativeAdId",
        "duration",
        "vastMediaFiles",
        "trackingEvents"
    ],
    "additionalProperties": false,
    "properties": {
        "vastAdId": {
            "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/vastAdId",
            "type": "string",
            "description": "The value of the id attribute of the <code>Ad</code> tag in the VAST response",
            "examples": [
                "ad1"
            ]
        },
        "adSystem": {"$ref": "#/definitions/adSystem" } ,
        "adTitle": {
            "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/adTitle",
            "type": "string",
            "description": "The media files that are available for the ad in the VAST response.",
            "examples": [
                "External NCA1C1L1 LinearInlineSkippable"
            ]
        },
        "creativeId": {
            "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/creativeId",
            "type": "string",
            "description": "The value of the id attribute of the <code>Creative</code> tag in the VAST response.",
            "examples": [
                "creative1"
            ]
        }
    }
}
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        ],
    },
    "creativeAdId": {
        "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/creativeAdId",
        "type": "string",
        "description": "The value of the adId attribute of the <code>Creative</code> tag in the VAST response."
    },
    "duration": {
        "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/duration",
        "type": "number",
        "description": "The approximate duration of the ad, based on the <code>duration</code> tag in the <code>linear</code> element of the VAST response.",
        "examples": [
            30,
            30.0
        ]
    },
    "vastMediaFiles": {
        "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/vastMediaFiles",
        "type": "array",
        "description": "The list of available media files for the ad in the VAST response.",
        "items": {
            "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/vastMediaFiles/items",
            "type": "object",
            "title": "vastMediaFile",
            "description": "Information about a media file for the ad.",
            "required": [
                "uri",
                "id",
                "delivery",
                "type",
                "apiFramework",
                "width",
                "height",
                "bitrate"
            ],
            "additionalProperties": false,
            "properties": {
                "uri": { "$ref": "#/definitions/adMezzanineUri" },
                "id": {
                    "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/vastMediaFiles/items/properties/id",
                    "type": "string",

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"description": "The value of the id attribute of the <code>MediaFile</code> tag.",  
    "examples": [  
        "GDFP"  
    ],  
    "delivery": {  
        "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/vastMediaFiles/items/properties/delivery",  
        "type": "string",  
        "description": "The protocol used for the media file, set to either progressive or streaming.",  
        "examples": [  
            "progressive"  
        ],  
        "type": {  
            "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/vastMediaFiles/items/properties/type",  
            "type": "string",  
            "description": "The MIME type of the media file, taken from the type attribute of the <code>MediaFile</code> tag.",  
            "examples": [  
                "video/mp4"  
            ],  
            "apiFramework": {  
                "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/vastMediaFiles/items/properties/apiFramework",  
                "type": "string",  
                "description": "The API framework needed to manage the media file.  
Example: <code>VPAID</code>."  
            },  
            "width": {  
                "$ref": "#/definitions/width"  
            },  
            "height": {  
                "$ref": "#/definitions/height"  
            },  
            "bitrate": {  
                "$ref": "#/definitions/bitrate"  
            }  
        }  
    },  
    "trackingEvents": { "$ref": "#/definitions/trackingEvents" },
```

```
"vastAdTagUri": {  
    "$id": "#/properties/vastAd/vastAdTagUri",  
    "type": "string",  
    "description": "The VMAP-specific redirect URI for an ad.",  
    "examples": [  
        "https://ads.redirect.com/redirect1"  
    ]  
}  
}  
}  
}  
}
```

Understanding MediaTailor skipped ad reasons

AWS Elemental MediaTailor publishes a list of ads that were skipped in the FILLED_AVAIL event log message from the MediaTailor/AdDecisionServerInteractions log group. The reasons why each ad was not inserted are also provided and can be any one of the reasons that the following table describes.

Reason	Description
NEW_CREATIVE	The ad has not been transcoded yet.
PROFILE_NOT_FOUND	The MediaConvert transcode profile associated with this session's configuration does not exist and the ad cannot be prepared for insertion.
TRANSCODE_ERROR	The ad transcode is in an error state.
TRANSCODE_IN_PROGRESS	The ad transcode is in progress.
INTERNAL_ERROR	There has been an error handling the ad and it cannot be inserted.
AVAIL_DURATION_EXCEEDED	The ad does not fit within the remaining duration of the ad break.

Reason	Description
LEFTOVER_AVAIL_EXCEEDED_THRESHOLD	The cumulative duration of all ads that could have been inserted does not meet the personalization threshold configured for this session, so this ad will not be inserted.

You can use the following query to analyze skipped ads and their reasons:

```
fields @timestamp, avail.availId, skippedAds.0.skippedReason,  
skippedAds.0.creativeUniqueId  
| filter eventType = "FILLED_AVAIL" and ispresent(skippedAds.0.skippedReason)  
| sort @timestamp desc
```

This information can help you troubleshoot issues with ad insertion and understand why certain ads are not being displayed in your streams.

MediaTailor also provides CloudWatch metrics for tracking the frequency of different skip reasons. For more information about these metrics, see [Monitoring with CloudWatch metrics](#).

AWS Elemental MediaTailor manifest logs description and event types

The following sections describe the logs that MediaTailor emits to describe events with the origin server when requesting and receiving a manifest. These are ManifestService logs.

Topics

- [ManifestService events](#)
- [Manifest logs properties](#)

ManifestService events

The following events are emitted during MediaTailor interactions with the origin.

Log	Description
CONFIG_SECURITY_ERROR	The MediaTailor configuration has a security issue.

Log	Description
CONFIG_SYNTAX_ERROR	The origin and asset path result in a malformed URL.
CONNECTION_ERROR	The MediaTailor connection to the origin was refused or failed.
GENERATED_MANIFEST	<p>MediaTailor generated a manifest.</p> <p>You must have debug mode enabled to receive these logs. For information about debug log mode, including how to enable it, see Generating debug logs.</p>
HOST_DISALLOWED	MediaTailor does not allow HTTP requests to this host.
INCOMPATIBLE_HLS_VERSION	The manifest uses an incompatible HLS version. MediaTailor requires version 3 or greater.
INVALID_SINGLE_PERIOD_DASH_MANIFEST	The single-period DASH manifest is invalid. MediaTailor is passing through single-period DASH manifest.
IO_ERROR	MediaTailor encountered an IO error during communication with the origin.
LAST_PERIOD_MISSING_AUDIO	The last period in the DASH manifest is missing all audio AdaptationSets because of origin audio or video misalignment. To avoid playback issues, delay publishing the last period until at least the next request.

Log	Description
LAST_PERIOD_MISSING_AUDIO_WARNING	The last period in the DASH manifest is missing all audio AdaptationSets because of origin audio or video misalignment. Choosing to publish (not delay) the last period. Missing audio might cause playback issues.
MANIFEST_ERROR	The MediaTailor manifest request failed.
NO_MASTER_OR_MEDIA_PLAYLIST	The origin response doesn't contain a primary playlist or media playlist.
NO_MASTER_PLAYLIST	The origin response doesn't contain the expected primary playlist.
NO_MEDIA_PLAYLIST	The origin response doesn't contain the expected media playlist.
ORIGIN_MANIFEST	<p>MediaTailor fetched an origin manifest.</p> <p>You must have debug mode enabled to receive these logs. For information about debug log mode, including how to enable it, see Generating debug logs.</p>
PARSING_ERROR	The origin is unable to parse the manifest request.
SCTE35_PARSING_ERROR	MediaTailor is unable to parse Signal Binary element in the manifest.
SESSION_INITIALIZED	<p>A session was initialized.</p> <p>You must have debug mode enabled to receive these logs. For information about debug log mode, including how to enable it, see Generating debug logs.</p>

Log	Description
TIMEOUT_ERROR	The MediaTailor manifest request timed out.
TRACKING_RESPONSE	<p>MediaTailor served a tracking response.</p> <p>You must have debug mode enabled to receive these logs. For information about debug log mode, including how to enable it, see Generating debug logs.</p>
UNKNOWN_ERROR	MediaTailor encountered an unknown error.
UNKNOWN_HOST	The host is unknown.
UNSUPPORTED_SINGLE_PERIOD_DASH_MANIFEST	The single-period DASH manifest is unsupported. MediaTailor is passing through single-period DASH manifest.

Manifest logs properties

This section describes the properties of the manifest logs.

Property	Type	Required
awsAccountId	string	true
eventTimestamp	string	true
originId	string	true
customerId	string	false
eventType	string	false
sessionId	string	false
originRequestUrl	string	false

Property	Type	Required
mediaTailorPath	string	false
requestId	string	false
responseBody	string	false
sessionType	string (legal values: [DASH, HLS])	false
requestNextToken	string	false
eventDescription	string	false
assetPath	string	false
originFullUrl	string	false
originPrefixUrl	string	false
additionalInfo	string	false
cause	string	false
response	string	false
httpCode	string	false
errorMessage	string	false
adAdsResponse	string	false
adAdsRawResponse	string	false
adAdsRequest	string	false
adNumNewAvails	string	false
generatedMediaPlaylist	string	false

Property	Type	Required
requestStartTime	string	false
requestEndTime	string	false
requestStartTimeEpochMillis	string	false
requestEndTimeEpochMillis	string	false

AWS Elemental MediaTailor transcode logs description and event types

The following sections describe the logs that MediaTailor emits to describe events with the transcode service when preparing creatives for ad stitching. These are `TranscodeService` logs.

Topics

- [TranscodeService events](#)
- [Transcode logs properties](#)

TranscodeService events

The following events are emitted during MediaTailor interactions while transcoding ads.

Log	Description
IMPORT_ERROR	MediaTailor encountered an internal error during an import job (for preconditioned ads). Using an empty set of ads.
INITIALIZED	MediaTailor initialized either a transcode job or an import job (for preconditioned ads).
INTERNAL_ERROR	MediaTailor encountered an internal error. Using an empty set of ads.

Log	Description
MISSING_VARIANTS	MediaTailor could not transcode the ad because of missing variants. Using an empty set of ads.
PROFILE_NOT_FOUND	MediaTailor could not transcode the ad because of a missing profile to transcode. Using an empty set of ads.
TRANSCODE_COMPLETED	Video transcoding is complete. The ad can be used for ad insertion.
TRANSCODE_ERROR	MediaTailor encountered an internal error during a transcode job. Using an empty set of ads.
TRANSCODE_IN_PROGRESS	Video transcoding is in progress. The transcoded video is not ready. Using an empty set of ads.

Transcode logs properties

This section describes the properties of the transcode logs.

Property	Type	Required	Description
awsAccountId	string	true	The AWS account ID for the MediaTailor configuration that was used for the session.
eventTimestamp	string	true	The date and time of the event.
originId	string	true	The configuration name from the

Property	Type	Required	Description
			MediaTailor configuration. This is different from the video content source, which is also part of the configuration.
eventType	string	false	<p>The code for the event that triggered this log message.</p> <p>Example: TRANSCODE_ERROR .</p>
eventDescription	string	false	A short description of the event that triggered this log message, provided by the MediaTailor service. By default, this is empty.
sessionId	string	false	<p>The unique numeric identifier that MediaTailor assigned to the player session.</p> <p>All requests that a player makes for a session have the same session ID.</p> <p>Example: e039fd39-09f0-46b2-acaa-9871cc116cde .</p>

Property	Type	Required	Description
creativeUniqueId	string	false	The unique identifier for the ad creative that's being transcoded.
profileName	string	false	
adUri	string	false	The URI for the ad creative.
transcodeRequestId	string	false	The unique identifier for this transcode request.
cacheStatus	string	false	Indicates if MediaTailor cached the transcoded ad.

Using vended logs to send AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs

You can use vended logs for greater flexibility and control over where to deliver logs that MediaTailor emits from your playback configuration.

With vended logs, MediaTailor sends all log activity associated with a configuration to Amazon CloudWatch Logs. CloudWatch Logs then sends the percent of logs that you specify to your chosen destination. Supported destinations are an Amazon CloudWatch Logs log group, Amazon S3 bucket, or Amazon Data Firehose stream.

Because vended logs are available at volume discount pricing, you could see cost savings compared to sending logs directly to CloudWatch Logs. For pricing, see *Vended Logs on the Logs tab at Amazon CloudWatch Pricing*.

To use vended logs, you must do the following:

1. [Add permissions](#).
2. [Create log delivery destinations](#).

3. [Configure log delivery in CloudWatch Logs.](#)

4. [Enable vended logs in MediaTailor.](#)

For more information about vended logs, see [Enable logging from AWS services](#) in the CloudWatch Logs user guide. MediaTailor supports V2 of vended logs.

Step 1: Add permissions for MediaTailor log delivery

The person who's setting up vended logs must have permissions to create the delivery destination, configure log delivery, and enable vended logs in MediaTailor. Use the following policies to ensure that you have the appropriate permissions to set up vended logs.

Policies for CloudWatch Logs and delivery destinations

The following sections in the *Amazon CloudWatch Logs User Guide* provide the policies that enable you to work with logs in CloudWatch Logs and your delivery destinations. If you send logs to multiple locations, you can combine the policy statements into one policy instead of creating multiple policies.

- [Logs sent to CloudWatch Logs](#)
- [Logs sent to Amazon S3](#)
- [Logs sent to Firehose](#)

Policy for set up from the console

If you're setting up vended logs delivery through the console instead of the API or AWS CLI, you must have the following additional permissions in your policy.

```
{  
    "Version": "2012-10-17",  
    "Statement": [  
        {  
            "Sid": "AllowLogDeliveryActionsConsoleCWL",  
            "Effect": "Allow",  
            "Action": [  
                "logs:DescribeLogGroups"  
            ],  
            "Resource": [  
                "arn:aws:logs:us-east-1:111122223333:log-group:/*"  
            ]  
        },  
        {
```

```
        "Sid": "AllowLogDeliveryActionsConsoleS3",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "s3>ListAllMyBuckets",
            "s3>ListBucket",
            "s3:GetBucketLocation"
        ],
        "Resource": [
            "arn:aws:s3:::/*"
        ]
    },
    {
        "Sid": "AllowLogDeliveryActionsConsoleFH",
        "Effect": "Allow",
        "Action": [
            "firehose>ListDeliveryStreams",
            "firehose>DescribeDeliveryStream"
        ],
        "Resource": [
            "*"
        ]
    }
]
```

Policy for vended logs in MediaTailor

To create, view, or modify vended logs delivery in MediaTailor, you must have the following permissions in your policy.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
    "Statement": [
        {
            "Sid": "ServiceLevelAccessForLogDelivery",
            "Effect": "Allow",
            "Action": [
                "mediatailor>AllowVendedLogDeliveryForResource"
            ],
            "Resource":
                "arn:aws:mediatailor:region:111122223333:playbackConfiguration/*"
        }
    ]
}
```

For information about adding permissions and working with policies, see [Identity and Access Management for AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#).

Step 2: Create delivery destinations for MediaTailor logs

Create the resources where your logs will be sent. Record the ARN of the resource for use in configuring the log delivery in a later step.

CloudWatch Logs log group delivery destination

Use one of the following for help creating a log group.

- For the console, see [Create a log group in CloudWatch Logs](#) in the *Amazon CloudWatch Logs User Guide*.
- For the API, see [CreateLogGroup](#) in the *Amazon CloudWatch Logs API Reference*.
- For SDKs and CLI, see [Use CreateLogGroup with an AWS SDK or AWS CLI](#) in the *Amazon CloudWatch Logs User Guide*.

Amazon S3 bucket delivery destination

Use one of the following for help creating a bucket.

- For the console, SDKs, and CLI, see [Create a bucket](#) in the *Amazon Simple Storage Service User Guide*.
- For the API, see [CreateBucket](#) in the *Amazon Simple Storage Service API Reference*.

Firehose stream delivery destination

For help creating a stream, see [Create a Firehose stream from console](#) in the *Amazon Data Firehose Developer Guide*.

Step 3: Enable vended logs for the MediaTailor playback configuration

Create or update the playback configuration that will be sending logs to the delivery destination that you created in the previous step. Record the name of the configuration for use in configuring the log delivery in a later step.

- To enable vended logs through the console, using [Creating a configuration](#) or [Editing a configuration](#). Editing a configuration to access the **Logging** settings. For **Logging strategies**, choose **Vended logs**.

- To enable vended logs through the API, you must have an existing configuration. Use `ConfigureLogsForPlaybackConfiguration` to add the logging strategy Vended logs.

If you're using the legacy MediaTailor logging strategy of sending logs directly to CloudWatch Logs and want to migrate to vended logs, see [Migrating the logging strategy](#).

 **Important**

If you change the log strategy from Legacy CloudWatch to vended logs, MediaTailor will make this change as soon as you save the updates. You will stop receiving logs until you have fully configured vended logging.

Step 4: Configure log delivery in CloudWatch Logs

In CloudWatch Logs, you must create three elements to represent the pieces of log delivery. These elements are described in detail in [CreateDelivery](#) in the *Amazon CloudWatch Logs API Reference*. The high-level steps to configure the delivery with the CloudWatch Logs API are as follows.

To configure log delivery in CloudWatch Logs (API)

1. Use [PutDeliverySource](#) to add the source of logs.

A DeliverySource represents the playback configuration that's generating the logs. You need the name of the playback configuration to create the DeliverySource.

2. Use [PutDeliveryDestination](#) to add the destination where logs will be written.

A DeliveryDestination represents the delivery destination. You need the ARN of the log group, bucket, or stream to create the DeliveryDestination.

3. Use [PutDeliveryDestinationPolicy](#) if you are delivering logs across accounts.

If the delivery destination is in a different account from the playback configuration, you need a DeliveryDestinationPolicy. This policy allows CloudWatch Logs to deliver logs to the DeliveryDestination.

4. Use [CreateDelivery](#) to link the DeliverySource to the DeliveryDestination.

A Delivery represents the connection between the DeliverySource and DeliveryDestination.

Migrating your AWS Elemental MediaTailor logging strategy

If you change the log strategy from Legacy CloudWatch to vended logs, MediaTailor will make this change as soon as you save the updates. To avoid interruptions in your logging workflow, use the following steps to migrate your logging strategy.

1. Follow the steps as described in [Using vended logs](#). For [Enable vended logs in MediaTailor](#), select *both* logging strategies (**Vended logs** and **Legacy CloudWatch**).

MediaTailor will send logs through both vended logs and directly to CloudWatch Logs.

2. Make the necessary changes in your workflow that are dependent on your logging strategy and delivery destination.
3. Revisit [Enable vended logs in MediaTailor](#) and remove **Legacy CloudWatch** from the **Logging strategies**.

Writing AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs directly to Amazon CloudWatch Logs

MediaTailor produces logs that contain detailed information about session activity and ad decision server interactions, and writes them to Amazon CloudWatch. The logs provide a sequential description of activity that occurs during the session.

MediaTailor can also use vended logs for flexibility in log delivery and volume discount pricing. For information about vended logs, see [Using vended logs](#).

Topics

- [Permissions for Amazon CloudWatch Logs](#)
- ["As Run" log for AWS Elemental MediaTailor Channel Assembly](#)
- [AWS Elemental MediaTailor ADS log analysis in Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights](#)

Permissions for Amazon CloudWatch Logs

Use AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) to create a role that gives AWS Elemental MediaTailor access to Amazon CloudWatch. You must perform these steps for CloudWatch Logs to be published for your account. CloudWatch automatically publishes metrics for your account.

To allow MediaTailor access to CloudWatch

1. Open the IAM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/iam/>.
2. In the navigation pane of the IAM console, choose **Roles**, and then choose **Create role**.
3. Choose the **Another AWS account** role type.
4. For **Account ID**, enter your AWS account ID.
5. Select **Require external ID** and enter **Midas**. This option automatically adds a condition to the trust policy that allows the service to assume the role only if the request includes the correct `sts:ExternalId`.
6. Choose **Next: Permissions**.
7. Add a permissions policy that specifies what actions this role can complete. Select from one of the following options, and then choose **Next: Review**:
 - **CloudWatchLogsFullAccess** to provide full access to Amazon CloudWatch Logs
 - **CloudWatchFullAccess** to provide full access to Amazon CloudWatch
8. For **Role name**, enter **MediaTailorLogger**, and then choose **Create role**.
9. On the **Roles** page, choose the role that you just created.
10. To update the principal, edit the trust relationship:
 1. On the role's **Summary** page, choose the **Trust relationship** tab.
 2. Choose **Edit trust relationship**.
 3. In the policy document, change the principal to the MediaTailor service. It should look like this:

```
"Principal": {  
    "Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"  
},
```

The entire policy should read as follows:

```
{  
    "Version": "2012-10-17",  
    "Statement": [  
        {  
            "Effect": "Allow",  
            "Principal": {  
                "Service": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com"
```

```
        },
        "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
        "Condition": {
            "StringEquals": {
                "sts:ExternalId": "Midas"
            }
        }
    ]
}
```

4. Choose **Update Trust Policy**.

"As Run" log for AWS Elemental MediaTailor Channel Assembly

The *As Run* log, in the CloudWatch MediaTailor/Channel/AsRunLog log group, shows information about programs and ad breaks as they play.

When you create a channel, the *As Run* log is disabled by default. Using the Console or the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI), you can enable and disable the *As Run* log state for each channel in your account.

When you enable the *As Run* log, MediaTailor automatically creates a service-linked role that allows MediaTailor to write and manage the *As Run* log in your CloudWatch Logs account. For more information about service-linked roles, see [Using service-linked roles for MediaTailor](#).

Note

The *As Run* Log currently only supports the default program. For now it doesn't support the `alternateMedia` created by program rules. This means that it currently does not generate the *As Run* Log for `alternateMedia`.

Topics

- [Enabling the As Run log](#)
- [Disabling the As Run log](#)

Enabling the As Run log

To enable the As Run log, specify the channel name and enable the *As Run* log type for that channel.

Console

To enable the As Run log when creating a channel

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Channels**.
3. On the navigation bar, choose **Create channel**.
4. In the **Set channel details**, **Configure outputs**, and **Access control** panes, configure your channel as desired.
5. In the **Access control** pane, choose **Next**.
6. In the **Logging** pane, under **Log types**, select **Enable as run** to enable the As Run log.

To enable the As Run log when updating a channel

 **Note**

If the channel is currently running, you must first stop that channel before you can update it. After you stop the channel, you can choose **Actions > Edit** to begin updating the channel.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Channels**.
3. Choose the channel that you want to update to enable the As Run log for.
4. Choose **Actions > Edit**.
5. In the **Set channel details**, **Configure outputs**, and **Access control** panes, update your channel configuration as desired.
6. In the **Access control** pane, choose **Next**.
7. In the **Logging** pane, under **Log types**, select **Enable as run** to enable the As Run log.

To enable the As Run log from the Logging tab

Note

If the channel is currently running, you must use the **Logging** tab instead of choosing **Actions > Edit** to enable the As Run log.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Channels**.
3. Choose the channel that you want to enable the As Run log for.
4. In the navigation bar under the channel's name, choose **Logging**.
5. Under **Logging > Log types**, select **As run** to enable the As Run log.

AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI)

To enable the As Run log

Run the [configure-logs-for-channel](#) command and specify the appropriate values for the required parameters.

This example is formatted for Linux, macOS, or Unix, and it uses the backslash (\) line-continuation character to improve readability.

```
$ aws mediatailor configure-logs-for-channel \
--channel-name MyChannel \
--log-types AS_RUN
```

This example is formatted for Microsoft Windows, and it uses the caret (^) line-continuation character to improve readability.

```
C:\> aws mediatailor configure-logs-for-channel ^
--channel-name MyChannel ^
--log-types AS_RUN
```

Where:

- *MyChannel1* is the name of the channel that you own and want to enable the As Run log for.

If the command runs successfully, you receive output similar to the following.

```
{  
    "ChannelName": "MyChannel1",  
    "LogTypes": [  
        "AS_RUN"  
    ]  
}
```

Disabling the As Run log

To disable the As Run log for a channel that has it enabled, specify the channel name and disable the *As Run* log type for that channel.

Console

To disable the As Run log when updating a channel

Note

If the channel is currently running, you must first stop that channel before you can update it. After you stop the channel, you can choose **Actions** > **Edit** to begin updating the channel.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mEDIAtailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly** > **Channels**.
3. Choose the channel that you want to update to enable the As Run log for.
4. Choose **Actions** > **Edit**.
5. In the **Set channel details**, **Configure outputs**, and **Access control** panes, update your channel configuration as desired.
6. In the **Access control** pane, choose **Next**.
7. In the **Logging** pane, under **Log types**, clear **Enable as run** to disable the As Run log.

To disable the As Run log from the Logging tab

Note

If the channel is currently running, you must use the **Logging** tab instead of choosing **Actions > Edit** to disable the As Run log.

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Channel assembly > Channels**.
3. Choose the channel that you want to disable the As Run log for.
4. In the navigation bar under the channel's name, choose **Logging**.
5. Under **Logging > Log types**, clear **As run** to disable the As Run log.

AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI)

To disable the As Run log

Run the [configure-logs-for-channel](#) command and specify the appropriate values for the required parameters.

This example is formatted for Linux, macOS, or Unix, and it uses the backslash (\) line-continuation character to improve readability.

```
$ aws mediatailor configure-logs-for-channel \
--channel-name MyChannel \
--log-types
```

This example is formatted for Microsoft Windows, and it uses the caret (^) line-continuation character to improve readability.

```
C:\> aws mediatailor configure-logs-for-channel ^
--channel-name MyChannel ^
--log-types
```

Where:

- *MyChannel1* is the name of the channel that you own and want to disable the As Run log for.

If the command runs successfully, you receive output similar to the following.

```
{  
    "ChannelName": "MyChannel1",  
    "LogTypes": []  
}
```

AWS Elemental MediaTailor ADS log analysis in Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights

You can view and query AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad decision server (ADS) logs using Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights. MediaTailor sends event logs to CloudWatch for normal processing and error conditions. The logs adhere to a JSON schema. Through CloudWatch Logs Insights, you can select logs by time frame, and then run queries against them.

For general information, see [Analyze log data with CloudWatch Logs insights](#).

Note

To access the logs, you need permissions to access Amazon CloudWatch. For instructions, see [Permissions for Amazon CloudWatch Logs](#).

To view and query ADS logs using the CloudWatch console

1. Open the CloudWatch console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/>.
2. In the navigation pane, under **Logs**, choose **Insights**.
3. In the search bar, enter **AdDec**, and then from the drop-down list, select **MediaTailor/AdDecisionServerInteractions**.
4. (Optional) Adjust the time period that you want to study.
5. (Optional) Change the query in the dialog box. For general guidance, see [CloudWatch Logs insights query syntax](#). For examples of queries for MediaTailor ADS, see [Querying the ADS logs](#).
6. Choose **Run query**. The query might take a few seconds, during which time **Cancel** appears in place of **Run query**.

7. (Optional) To export the results as a CSV file, choose **Actions**, and then choose **Download query results (CSV)**.

 **Note**

The console limits the number of records that it returns in query results and that it exports, so for bulk data, use the API, the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI), or an SDK.

Topics

- [Querying the ADS logs](#)

Querying the ADS logs

CloudWatch Logs Insights provides a rich set of options for querying your logs. For detailed information about querying syntax, see [CloudWatch Logs insights query syntax](#). This section provides examples of common queries to get you started with your ADS logs queries. All queries run against the logs for the current time range setting.

The following query retrieves all information from the ADS logs.

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, sessionId, requestId, @message  
| sort sessionId, @timestamp asc
```

The following query retrieves all requests to the ADS. This query shows a way to retrieve the request header contents for MediaTailor logs.

```
fields @timestamp, adsRequestUrl, requestHeaders.0.value as @userAgent,  
requestHeaders.1.value as @xForwardedFor, sessionId, requestId  
| filter eventType = "MAKING_ADS_REQUEST"  
| sort @timestamp asc
```

The following query retrieves the ads MediaTailor inserted for a given session.

```
fields @timestamp, sessionId, requestId, @message  
| filter eventType = "FILLED_AVAIL"  
| sort @timestamp asc
```

The following query retrieves the tracking URLs that MediaTailor called on behalf of the player.

```
fields @timestamp, beaconInfo.trackingEvent, beaconInfo.beaconUri,  
beaconInfo.headers.0.value as @userAgent, beaconInfo.headers.1.value as  
@xForwardedFor, sessionId, requestId  
| filter eventType = "BEACON_FIRED"  
| sort @timestamp asc
```

The following query retrieves information for a specific playback session, by filtering the results by sessionId.

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, sessionId, requestId, @message  
| filter sessionId = "0aaf6507-c6f9-4884-bfe7-f2f841cb8195"  
| sort @timestamp asc
```

The following query retrieves information for a single request, by filtering the results by requestId.

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, sessionId, requestId, @message  
| filter requestId = "f5d3cf39-6258-4cf1-b3f6-a34ff8bf641d"  
| sort @timestamp asc
```

The following query retrieves a count of log entries for each event type that was logged.

```
fields eventType  
| stats count() as @eventCount by eventType
```

The following query retrieves the avail ID and list of skipped ads for all(avails) that had skipped ads.

```
fields avail.availId  
| parse @message '"skippedAds":[*]' as @skippedAdsList  
| filter ispresent(@skippedAdsList)
```

Controlling the volume of AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs

MediaTailor ad insertion session logs are sometimes verbose. To reduce log costs, you can define the percentage of session logs that MediaTailor sends to Amazon CloudWatch Logs. For example, if your playback configuration has 1000 ad insertion sessions and you set a percentage enabled value

of 60, MediaTailor sends logs for 600 of the sessions to CloudWatch Logs. MediaTailor decides at random which of the sessions to send logs for. If you want to view logs for a specific session, you can use the [debug log mode](#).

When you set a logging percentage, MediaTailor automatically creates a service-linked role that grants MediaTailor the permissions it requires to write CloudWatch Logs to your account. For information about how MediaTailor uses service-linked roles, see [Using service-linked roles for MediaTailor](#).

Creating a log configuration

To control the percentage of session logs that MediaTailor writes to CloudWatch Logs, you create a *log configuration* for your playback configuration. When you create a log configuration, you specify a *playback configuration name*, and a *percent enabled* value.

Console

To create a log configuration for an *existing* playback configuration

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. On the **Playback configuration** pane, select the playback configuration that you'd like to set the log configuration for.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Under **Log configuration**, specify a **percent enabled** value.

To create a log configuration for a *new* playback configuration

- Follow the procedure in [Log configuration](#).

AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI)

To create a log configuration for an *existing* playback configuration

To create a log configuration by using the AWS CLI, run the [configure-logs-for-playback-configuration](#) command and specify the appropriate values for the required parameters.

This example is formatted for Linux, macOS, or Unix, and it uses the backslash (\) line-continuation character to improve readability.

```
$ aws mediatailor configure-logs-for-playback-configuration \
--percent-enabled 10 \
--playback-configuration-name MyPlaybackConfiguration
```

This example is formatted for Microsoft Windows, and it uses the caret (^) line-continuation character to improve readability.

```
C:\> aws mediatailor configure-logs-for-playback-configuration ^
--percent-enabled 10 ^
--playback-configuration-name MyPlaybackConfiguration
```

Where:

- *percent-enabled* is the percentage of playback configuration session logs that MediaTailor sends to CloudWatch Logs.
- *playback-configuration-name* is the name of the playback configuration to set the log configuration settings for.

If the command runs successfully, you receive output similar to the following.

```
{  
    "PercentEnabled": 10,  
    "PlaybackConfigurationName": "MyPlaybackConfiguration"  
}
```

To create a log configuration for a *new* playback configuration

- Use the `configure-logs-for-playback-configuration` option for the [put-playback-configuration](#) command.

Deactivating a log configuration

After you create a log configuration, you can't delete it—you can only *deactivate* it. To deactivate the log configuration, set the **percent enabled** value to **0** with the MediaTailor console or API. This turns off all session logging for that playback configuration.

If you want to delete the service-linked role that MediaTailor uses for the log configuration(s) in your account, you must first deactivate all of your log configurations. For information about how to delete the service-linked role, see [Using service-linked roles for MediaTailor](#).

Console

To deactivate log configuration on a playback configuration

1. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. On the **Playback configuration** pane, select the playback configuration that you'd like to deactivate log configuration on.
3. Choose **Edit**.
4. Under **Log configuration**, set the **percent enabled** value to **0**. This turns off all session logging for this playback configuration.
5. Select **Save**.

AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI)

To deactivate a log configuration

- Set the percent-enabled value to **0** using the [configure-logs-for-playback-configuration](#) command.

Filtering AWS Elemental MediaTailor logs and events

Logs emitted from a playback configuration in MediaTailor include information about a variety of activities that happen during the playback session. These activities are identified in the event type of the logs. Many events are logged by default. To help control the cost of logs in Amazon CloudWatch, you can specify the logs that MediaTailor emits.

MediaTailor provides you control over log filtering so you can do the following:

- Specify the log events that you want to exclude from logs
- Enable logging raw responses from the ad decision server (ADS)

You can set these log filtering preferences independently for each playback session, or as a default for all playback sessions for a playback configuration.

- To filter logs on a per-session basis, include query parameters in the playback session initialization request.
- To filter logs on a per-playback configuration basis, use the MediaTailor console or API to indicate your preferences in the playback configuration settings.

The following sections provide instruction for enabling log filtering on sessions and playback configurations.

Per-session log filters

To define a customized level of log detail for each session, append the following parameters to your initial server-side or client-side playback session request. Add values to the parameters to represent the events that you want to include or exclude, in a comma-delimited format:

- `aws.adsInteractionLogPublishOptInEventTypes` to receive logs for specific ad decision server (ADS) interactions.
- `aws.adsInteractionLogExcludeEventTypes` to stop receiving logs for specific ADS interactions.
- `aws.manifestServiceLogExcludeEventTypes` to stop receiving logs for specific manifest service interactions.

For a list of log and event types that MediaTailor emits, see [Manifest logs](#), [ADS logs](#), and [Transcode logs](#).

If you don't pass through any query parameters for log filtering, MediaTailor writes all logs to your delivery destination.

Example server-side session initialization with log filters

To exclude GENERATED_MANIFEST and PARSING_ERROR events from your manifest logs and MAKING痈REQUEST from the ADS logs, the session initialization request would look like this:

```
GET <mediatailorURL>/v1/master/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/index.m3u8?  
aws.logMode=DEBUG&aws.manifestServiceLogExcludeEventTypes=GENERATED_MANIFEST,PARSING_ERROR&aws.
```

To enable raw logs from your ADS, include the RAW_ADS_RESPONSE value for the AdsInteractionPublishOptInEventType parameter:

```
GET <mediatailorURL>/v1/master/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/index.m3u8?  
aws.adsInteractionPublishOptInEventType=RAW_ADS_RESPONSE
```

Example client-side session initialization with log filters

To exclude log events during client-side session initialization, include availSuppression and log-type parameters in your client's POST request to MediaTailor. For more information about how to construct a client-side playback session request, see [Client-side ad tracking](#). The following example excludes CONFIG_SECURITY_ERROR and PARSING_ERROR events from your manifest logs and MAKING_ADS_REQUEST from the ADS logs.

```
POST parent.m3u8  
{  
    "adsInteractionLog": {  
        ...  
        "excludeEventTypes": [  
            "MAKING_ADS_REQUEST"  
        ]  
    },  
    "manifestServiceLog": {  
        ...  
        "excludeEventTypes": [  
            "GENERATED_MANIFEST",  
            "PARSING_ERROR"  
        ]  
    },  
    "logMode": "DEBUG"  
}
```

To enable raw logs from your ADS, include the RAW_ADS_RESPONSE value for the publishOptInEventTypes parameter:

```
POST parent.m3u8  
{  
    "adsInteractionLog": {  
        "publishOptInEventTypes": ["RAW_ADS_RESPONSE"],  
        "excludeEventTypes": [  
            "MAKING_ADS_REQUEST"  
        ]  
    }  
}
```

```
        ],
    },
    "manifestServiceLog": {
        ...
        "excludeEventTypes": [
            "GENERATED_MANIFEST",
            "PARSING_ERROR"
        ]
    },
    "logMode": "DEBUG"
}
```

Per-playback configuration log filters

Use the playback configuration's settings to define the log event types that MediaTailor emits as a default from this playback configuration. MediaTailor uses these default log filtering settings for all sessions that don't include filtering query parameters on the session init request.

You can choose to do the following:

- Receive logs for specific ad decision server (ADS) interactions.
- Exclude logs for specific ADS interactions.
- Exclude logs for specific manifest service interactions.

To set these settings from the MediaTailor console, see [Creating a configuration](#). For the MediaTailor API, see [PutPlaybackConfiguration](#) in the *AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference*.

For a list of log and event types that MediaTailor emits, see [Manifest logs](#), [ADS logs](#), and [Transcode logs](#).

Generating AWS Elemental MediaTailor debug logs

Use debug logs to troubleshoot MediaTailor ad insertion playback session issues. To generate debug logs, set the log mode to debug in the player's request to MediaTailor. For server-side reporting, set the log mode in the *playback request*. For client-side reporting, set the log mode in the *session initialization request*.

When the log mode is set to debug, MediaTailor writes all log event types to CloudWatch Logs. The logs provide information about the following events. For a complete list of the data produced in the debug logs, see [Debug log fields](#).

- **Origin interaction** – Details about MediaTailor interactions with the origin server. For example, the origin manifest response, manifest type, and origin URL.
- **Generated manifest** – Details about the playback session response from MediaTailor. For example, the manifest that MediaTailor generates.
- **Session initialized** – Session initialization details, such as the session ID.

To customize the log event types that you receive on a per-session basis, see [Filtering logs and events](#).

Prerequisites

To set the log mode to debug, first you need to grant MediaTailor permission to send logs to CloudWatch, if you haven't already. Once you've granted permission for MediaTailor to access CloudWatch, then you're ready to enable the debug log mode. For information about how to grant MediaTailor permission to access CloudWatch see [Setting Up Permissions for Amazon CloudWatch](#).

How to set the log mode to debug

This section explains how to set the log mode to debug for server-side reporting and client-side reporting.

Server-side reporting

For server-side reporting, include the ?aws.logMode=DEBUG query parameter and value in your player's GET HTTP playback request to the HLS or DASH MediaTailor endpoint. For general information about server-side reporting see [Server-side Reporting](#).

Important

The DEBUG value is case-sensitive.

A playback request that includes ?aws.logMode=DEBUG looks like the following:

Example Playback request to an HLS endpoint

```
GET <mediatailorURL>/v1/master/<hashed-account-id>/<origin-id>/<asset-id>?  
aws.logMode=DEBUG
```

After you set the log mode to debug, we recommend that you verify that the debug logging session is active. To verify that the debug session is active, check to see if there are any CloudWatch logs for the session ID. The session ID is included in the playback endpoint that MediaTailor provides. For more information, see [Verify that the debug log mode is active for your playback session](#).

Client-side reporting

For client-side reporting, include the `logMode` key and `DEBUG` value in your client's POST HTTP session initialization request body to the MediaTailor `/v1/session` endpoint. For general information about client-side reporting see [Client-Side Reporting](#).

Important

The `DEBUG` value is case-sensitive.

After you set the log mode to debug, we recommend that you verify that the debug session is active. To verify that the debug session is active, confirm that there's a `SESSION_INITIALIZED` event associated with the session ID in the CloudWatch logs. The session ID is included in the playback endpoint that MediaTailor provides. For more information, see [Verify that the debug log mode is active for your playback session](#).

Maximum active debug sessions

You can have a maximum of 10 active debug log sessions. When your player sends its session initialization or playback request to MediaTailor, MediaTailor checks to see if the limit has been reached. If it has, MediaTailor checks to see if there are any stale sessions. A session is stale if it hasn't been accessed within a certain period of time. For live streams this time period is 10 minutes, for VOD streams it's 30 minutes.

If the maximum active debug log sessions limit has been reached, debug logs aren't written to CloudWatch Logs for your session. If you don't see debug logs in CloudWatch Logs for your session, you could have reached this limit. To confirm if the limit has been reached, see [Verify that the debug log mode is active for your playback session](#).

Debug log fields

The following table lists the debug log fields that MediaTailor writes to CloudWatch.

Field	Description
awsAccountId	Your AWS account ID.
customerId	Your MediaTailor customer ID.
eventTimestamp	The ISO 8601 timestamp associated with the debug log event.
eventType	The type of debug log event.
	<p>Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORIGIN_INTERACTION – Details about MediaTailor interactions with the origin server. For example, the origin manifest response, manifest type, and origin URL. • GENERATED_MANIFEST – Details about the playback session response from MediaTailor. For example, the manifest that MediaTailor generates. • SESSION_INITIALIZED – Session initialization details, such as the session ID.
originRequestUrl	The URL of your origin server that is retrieved for this request.
mediaTailorPath	The MediaTailor endpoint that was called, including any parameters passed to MediaTailor in the initial manifest request.
requestId	The ID of a specific HTTP request to MediaTailor.
responseBody	The manifest in the response body from MediaTailor. This is either the raw origin manifest or the manifest generated by MediaTailor.
sessionId	The playback session ID.
sessionType	The type of playback session.
	Values: HLS, DASH

Read the debug logs

MediaTailor writes the debug logs to Amazon CloudWatch Logs. Typical CloudWatch Logs charges apply. Use CloudWatch Insights to read the debug logs. For information on how to use CloudWatch Logs Insights, see [Analyzing Log Data with CloudWatch Logs Insights](#) in the *AWS CloudWatch Logs User Guide*.

Note

The debug logs can take a few minutes to appear in CloudWatch. If you don't see the logs, wait a few minutes and try again. If you still don't see the logs, it could be that you've reached the maximum number of active debug log sessions. To verify if this is the case, run a CloudWatch query to see if there was a debug session initialized for your playback session. For more information, see [Verify that the debug log mode is active for your playback session](#).

Examples

This section includes example queries that you can use to read MediaTailor debug log data.

Example 1: Verify that the debug log mode is active for your playback session

```
fields @timestamp, @message
| filter sessionId = "32002de2-837c-4e3e-9660-f3075e8dfd90"
| filter eventType = "SESSION_INITIALIZED" # client-side reporting
or mediaTailorPath like "/v1/master" # server-side reporting HLS
or mediaTailorPath like "/v1/dash" # server-side reporting DASH
```

Example 2: View the responses from your origin

```
fields @timestamp, responseBody, @message, mediaTailorPath
| filter eventType = "ORIGIN_MANIFEST" and sessionId = "32002de2-837c-4e3e-9660-f3075e8dfd90"
```

Example 3: View the manifest generated by MediaTailor for a given session

```
fields @timestamp, responseBody, @message
| filter mediaTailorPath like "/v1/master/" and eventType = "GENERATED_MANIFEST" and
sessionId = "32002de2-837c-4e3e-9660-f3075e8dfd90"
```

Example 4: View all events for a given requestId

Use this query to view the origin manifest and the manifest generated by MediaTailor.

```
fields @timestamp, responseBody, @message, mediaTailorPath  
| filter requestId = "e5ba82a5-f8ac-4efb-88a0-55bed21c45b4"
```

Monitoring AWS Elemental MediaTailor with Amazon CloudWatch metrics

You can monitor AWS Elemental MediaTailor metrics using CloudWatch. CloudWatch collects raw data about the performance of the service and processes that data into readable, near real-time metrics. These statistics are kept for 15 months, so that you can access historical information and gain a better perspective on how your web application or service is performing. You can also set alarms that watch for certain thresholds, and send notifications or take actions when those thresholds are met. For more information, see the [Amazon CloudWatch User Guide](#).

Metrics can be useful when you investigate stale manifests. For more information, see [Using metrics to diagnose stale manifests](#).

Metrics are grouped first by the service namespace, and then by the various dimension combinations within each namespace.

To view metrics using the CloudWatch console

1. Open the CloudWatch console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Metrics**.
3. Under **All metrics**, choose the **MediaTailor** namespace.
4. Select the metric dimension to view the metrics (for example, **originID**).
5. Specify the time period that you want to view.

To view metrics using the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, use the following command:

```
aws cloudwatch list-metrics --namespace "AWS/MediaTailor"
```

AWS Elemental MediaTailor CloudWatch metrics

The AWS Elemental MediaTailor namespace includes the following metrics. These metrics are published by default to your account.

Channel Assembly (CA) metrics

In the following table, all metrics are available by channel or by channel output.

Metric	Description
4xxErrorCount	The number of 4xx errors.
5xxErrorCount	The number of 5xx errors.
RequestCount	The total number of requests. The transaction count depends largely on how often players request updated manifests, and the number of players. Each player request counts as a transaction.
TotalTime	The amount of time that the application server took to process the request, including the time used to receive bytes from and write bytes to the client and network.

Server-side Ad-insertion (SSAI) metrics

The following table lists server-side ad-insertion metrics.

Metric	Description
AdDecisionServer.Ads	The count of ads included in ad decision server (ADS) responses within the CloudWatch time period that you specified.
AdDecisionServer.Duration	The total duration, in milliseconds, of all ads that MediaTailor received from the ADS

Metric	Description
	within the CloudWatch time period that you specified. This duration can be greater than the <code>Avail.Duration</code> that you specified.
<code>AdDecisionServer.Errors</code>	The number of non-HTTP 200 status code responses, empty responses, and timed-out responses that MediaTailor received from the ADS within the CloudWatch time period that you specified.
<code>AdDecisionServer.FillRate</code>	<p>The simple average of the rates at which the responses from the ADS filled the corresponding individual ad avails for the time period that you specified.</p> <p>To get the weighted average, calculate the <code>AdDecisionServer.Duration</code> as a percentage of the <code>Avail.Duration</code>. For more information about simple and weighted averages, see Simple and weighted averages.</p>
<code>AdDecisionServer.Latency</code>	The response time in milliseconds for requests made by MediaTailor to the ADS.
<code>AdDecisionServer.Timeouts</code>	The number of timed-out requests to the ADS in the CloudWatch time period that you specified.
<code>AdNotReady</code>	<p>The number of times that the ADS pointed at an ad that wasn't yet transcoded by the internal transcoder service in the time period that you specified.</p> <p>A high value for this metric might contribute to a low overall <code>Avail.FillRate</code>.</p>

Metric	Description
AdsBilled	The number of ads for which MediaTailor bills customers based on insertion.
Avail.Duration	The planned total number of milliseconds of ad avails within the CloudWatch time period. The planned total is based on the ad avail durations in the origin manifest.
Avail.FilledDuration	The planned number of milliseconds of ad avail time that MediaTailor will fill with ads within the CloudWatch time period.
Avail.FillRate	<p>The planned simple average of the rates at which MediaTailor will fill individual ad avails within the CloudWatch time period.</p> <p>To get the weighted average, calculate the Avail.FilledDuration as a percentage of the Avail.Duration . For more information about simple and weighted averages, see Simple and weighted averages.</p>
	<p>The maximum Avail.FillRate that MediaTailor can attain is bounded by the AdDecisionServer.FillRate . If the Avail.FillRate is low, compare it to the AdDecisionServer.FillRate . If the AdDecisionServer.FillRate is low, your ADS might not be returning enough ads for the avail durations.</p>
Avail.Impression	The number of ads with impression tracking events that MediaTailor sees during server-side beaconing (not the number of impressions).

Metric	Description
Avail.ObservedDuration	The observed total number of milliseconds of ad avails that occurred within the CloudWatch time period. Avail.ObservedDuration is emitted at the end of the ad avail, and is based on the duration of the segments reported in the manifest during the ad avail.
Avail.ObservedFilledDuration	The observed number of milliseconds of ad avail time that MediaTailor filled with ads within the CloudWatch time period.
Avail.ObservedFillRate	The observed simple average of the rates at which MediaTailor filled individual ad avails within the CloudWatch time period. Emitted only for HLS manifests, at the first CUE-IN tag. If there is no CUE-IN tag, MediaTailor doesn't emit this metric.
Avail.ObservedSlateDuration	The observed total number of milliseconds of slate that was inserted within the CloudWatch period.
GetManifest.Age	The total age of the manifest in milliseconds. Measured from when the origin creates the manifest, to when MediaTailor sends the personalized manifest. For more information about metrics for measuring manifest age, see Using metrics to diagnose stale manifests .
GetManifest.Errors	The number of errors received while MediaTailor was generating manifests in the CloudWatch time period that you specified.

Metric	Description
GetManifest.Latency	<p>The MediaTailor response time in milliseconds for the request to generate manifests.</p> <p>For more information about metrics for measuring manifest age, see Using metrics to diagnose stale manifests.</p>
GetManifest.MediaTailorAge	<p>The amount of time that the manifest has been stored in MediaTailor in milliseconds. Measured from when MediaTailor receives an origin response, to when MediaTailor sends the personalized manifest.</p> <p>For more information about metrics for measuring manifest age, see Using metrics to diagnose stale manifests.</p>
Origin.Age	<p>The amount of time that the origin has the manifest in milliseconds. Measured from when the origin creates the manifest, to when MediaTailor sends the origin request.</p> <p>All <code>origin.*</code> metrics are emitted for requests that are fulfilled directly from the origin. They are not emitted for cached origin responses.</p> <p>For more information about metrics for measuring manifest age, see Using metrics to diagnose stale manifests.</p>

Metric	Description
Origin.Errors	<p>The number of non-HTTP 200 status code responses and timed-out responses that MediaTailor received from the origin server in the CloudWatch time period that you specified.</p> <p>All <code>origin.*</code> metrics are emitted for requests that are fulfilled directly from the origin. They are not emitted for cached origin responses.</p>
Origin.ManifestFileSizeBytes	<p>The file size of the origin manifest in bytes for both HLS and DASH. Typically this metric is used in conjunction with <code>Origin.ManifestFileSizeTooLarge</code>.</p> <p>All <code>origin.*</code> metrics are emitted for requests that are fulfilled directly from the origin. They are not emitted for cached origin responses.</p>
Origin.ManifestFileSizeTooLarge	<p>The number of responses from the origin that have a manifest size larger than the configured amount. Typically this metric is used in conjunction with <code>Origin.ManifestFileSizeBytes</code>.</p> <p>All <code>origin.*</code> metrics are emitted for requests that are fulfilled directly from the origin. They are not emitted for cached origin responses.</p>
Origin.Timeouts	<p>The number of timed-out requests to the origin server in the CloudWatch time period that you specified.</p> <p>All <code>origin.*</code> metrics are emitted for requests that are fulfilled directly from the origin. They are not emitted for cached origin responses.</p>

Metric	Description
Requests	The number of concurrent transactions per second across all request types. The transaction count depends mainly on the number of players and how often the players request updated manifests. Each player request counts as a transaction.
SkippedReason.DurationExceeded	The number of ads that were not inserted into an avail because the ADS returned a duration of ads that was greater than the specified avail duration. A high value for this metric might contribute to a discrepancy between the Avail.Ads and AdDecisionServer.Ads metric. For more information about ad skipped reasons, see Skipped ad reasons .
SkippedReason.EarlyCueIn	The number of ads skipped due to an early CUE-IN.
SkippedReason.ImportError	The number of ads skipped due to an error in the import job.
SkippedReason.ImportInProgress	The number of ads skipped due to an existing active import job.
SkippedReason.InternalError	The number of ads skipped due to a MediaTailor internal error.
SkippedReason.NewCreative	The number of ads that were not inserted into an avail because it was the first time the asset had been requested by a client. A high value for this metric might temporarily contribute to a low overall Avail.FillRate , until assets can be successfully transcoded.

Metric	Description
SkippedReason.NoVariantMatch	The number of ads skipped due to there being no variant match between the ad and content.
SkippedReason.PersonalizationThresholdExceeded	The duration of ads exceeding the Personalization Threshold setting in this configuration.
SkippedReason.ProfileNotFound	The number of ads skipped due to the transcoding profile not being found.
SkippedReason.TranscodeError	The number of ads skipped due to a transcode error.
SkippedReason.TranscodeInProgress	The count of the number of ads that were not inserted into an avail because the ad had not yet been transcoded. A high value for this metric might temporarily contribute to a low overall <code>Avail.FillRate</code> , until the assets can be successfully transcoded.

Simple and weighted averages

You can retrieve the simple average and the weighted average for the responses from the ADS to ad requests from MediaTailor and for how MediaTailor fills ad avails:

- The *simple averages* are provided in the `AdDecisionServer.FillRate` and the `Avail.FillRate`. These are the averages of the fill rate percentages for the individual avails for the time period. The simple averages don't take into account any differences between the durations of the individual avails.
- The *weighted averages* are the fill rate percentages for the sum of all avail durations. These are calculated as $(\text{AdDecisionServer.Duration} * 100) / \text{Avail.Duration}$ and $(\text{Avail.FilledDuration} * 100) / \text{Avail.Duration}$. These averages reflect the differences in duration of each ad avail, giving more weight to those with longer duration.

For a time period that contains just a single ad avail, the simple average provided by the `AdDecisionServer.FillRate` is equal to the weighted average provided

by $(\text{AdDecisionServer.Duration} * 100) / \text{Avail.Duration}$. The simple average provided by the `Avail.FillRate` is equal to the weighted average provided by $(\text{Avail.FilledDuration} * 100) / \text{Avail.Duration}$.

Example

Assume the time period that you specified has the following two ad avails:

- The first ad avail has 90 seconds duration:
 - The ADS response for the avail provides 45 seconds of ads (50% filled).
 - MediaTailor fills 45 seconds worth of the ad time available (50% filled).
- The second ad avail has 120 seconds duration:
 - The ADS response for the avail provides 120 seconds of ads (100% filled).
 - MediaTailor fills 90 seconds worth of the ad time available (75% filled).

The metrics are as follows:

- `Avail.Duration` is 210, the sum of the two ad avail durations: $90 + 120$.
- `AdDecisionServer.Duration` is 165, the sum of the two response durations: $45 + 120$.
- `Avail.FilledDuration` is 135, the sum of the two filled durations: $45 + 90$.
- `AdDecisionServer.FillRate` is 75%, the average of the percentages filled for each avail: $(50\% + 100\%) / 2$. This is the simple average.
- The weighted average for the ADS fill rates is 78.57%, which is `AdDecisionServer.Duration` as a percentage of the `Avail.Duration`: $(165 * 100) / 210$. This calculation accounts for the differences in the durations.
- `Avail.FillRate` is 62.5%, the average of the filled percentages for each avail: $(50\% + 75\%) / 2$. This is the simple average.
- The weighted average for the MediaTailor avail fill rates is 64.29%, which is the `Avail.FilledDuration` as a percentage of the `Avail.Duration`: $(135 * 100) / 210$. This calculation accounts for the differences in the durations.

The highest `Avail.FillRate` that MediaTailor can attain for any ad avail is 100%. The ADS might return more ad time than is available in the avail, but MediaTailor can only fill the time available.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor CloudWatch dimensions

You can filter the AWS Elemental MediaTailor data using the following dimension.

Dimension	Description
Configuration Name	Indicates the configuration that the metric belongs to.

Using metrics to diagnose stale manifests from AWS Elemental MediaTailor

A stale manifest is one that hasn't been recently updated. Different ad insertion workflows could have varying tolerance to how long must pass before a manifest is considered stale, based on a variety of factors (such as requirements for downstream systems). You can use Amazon CloudWatch metrics to identify manifests that exceed the staleness tolerance for your workflow, and help identify what could be causing the delays in manifest updates.

The following metrics help identify stale manifests and their causes.

For information about all metrics that MediaTailor emits, see [AWS Elemental MediaTailor CloudWatch metrics](#).

Metric	Definition	Use
GetManifest.Age	Measures the total age of the manifest, including both GetManifest.MediaTailorAge and Origin.Age for this configuration.	You can use this metric to identify manifests that are past your update threshold and are stale. Set alarms on this metric so that you're alerted when stale manifests are being served. For information about alarms, see Alarming on metrics in the <i>Amazon CloudWatch User Guide</i> . When you receive an alarm, use Origin.Age and GetManifest.MediaTailorAge

Metric	Definition	Use
		to identify if MediaTailor or the origin is causing the staleness.
Origin.Age	<p>Measures how long the origin has the manifest before sending it to MediaTailor for this configuration.</p> <p>This metric is not emitted when the response comes from a content delivery network (CDN). The response must come from the origin for Origin.Age to be emitted.</p>	<p>When you identify stale manifests with GetManifest.Age, you can analyze the Origin.Age metric and the GetManifest.MediaTailorAge metric to determine which is contributing to manifest staleness.</p> <p>If you find that Origin.Age is longer than your typical processing times at the origin, it's likely that the upstream system is causing the issue and you should focus diagnostics there.</p>

Metric	Definition	Use
GetManifest.MediaTailorAge	Measures how long MediaTailor has stored this manifest for this configuration.	<p>When you identify stale manifests with <code>GetManifest.Age</code>, you can analyze the <code>GetManifest.MediaTailorAge</code> metric and the <code>Origin.Age</code> metric to determine which is contributing to manifest staleness.</p> <p>If the <code>GetManifest.MediaTailorAge</code> is longer than your typical manifest personalization times in MediaTailor, it's likely that MediaTailor is causing the issue and you should focus diagnostics there.</p> <p><code>GetManifest.Latency</code> can further identify how long it takes for MediaTailor to create a personalized manifest.</p>

Metric	Definition	Use
GetManifest.Latency	Measures the amount of time it takes for MediaTailor to process the request and create a personalized manifest for this configuration.	When you compare <code>Origin.Age</code> and <code>GetManifest.MediaTailorAge</code> and determine that MediaTailor is the cause of delayed manifest delivery, you can analyze the <code>GetManifest.Latency</code> metric to determine if the manifest personalization process is contributing to manifest staleness. <code>GetManifest.MediaTailorAge</code> measures the total time that the manifest is stored in MediaTailor. <code>GetManifest.Latency</code> measures how much of that storage time is MediaTailor personalizing the manifest in response to a request.

Recording AWS Elemental MediaTailor API calls

AWS Elemental MediaTailor is integrated with AWS CloudTrail, a service that provides a record of actions taken by a user, role, or an AWS service in MediaTailor. CloudTrail captures all API calls for MediaTailor as events. The calls captured include calls from the MediaTailor console and code calls to the MediaTailor API operations. If you create a trail, you can enable continuous delivery of CloudTrail events to an Amazon S3 bucket, including events for MediaTailor. If you don't configure a trail, you can still view the most recent events in the CloudTrail console in **Event history**. Using the information collected by CloudTrail, you can determine the request that was made to MediaTailor, the IP address from which the request was made, who made the request, when it was made, and additional details.

To learn more about CloudTrail, see the [AWS CloudTrail User Guide](#).

AWS Elemental MediaTailor information in CloudTrail

CloudTrail is enabled on your AWS account when you create the account. When activity occurs in AWS Elemental MediaTailor, that activity is recorded in a CloudTrail event along with other AWS service events in **Event history**. You can view, search, and download recent events in your AWS account. For more information, see [Viewing events with CloudTrail event history](#).

For an ongoing record of events in your AWS account, including events for AWS Elemental MediaTailor, create a trail. A *trail* enables CloudTrail to deliver log files to an Amazon S3 bucket. By default, when you create a trail in the console, the trail applies to all AWS Regions. The trail logs events from all Regions in the AWS partition and delivers the log files to the Amazon S3 bucket that you specify. Additionally, you can configure other AWS services to further analyze and act upon the event data collected in CloudTrail logs. For more information, see the following:

- [Creating a trail for your AWS account](#)
- [AWS service integrations with CloudTrail logs](#)
- [Configuring Amazon SNS notifications for CloudTrail](#)
- [Receiving CloudTrail log files from multiple regions](#) and [Receiving CloudTrail log files from multiple accounts](#)

All AWS Elemental MediaTailor actions are logged by CloudTrail and are documented in the [AWS Elemental MediaTailor API reference](#). For example, calls to the PutPlaybackConfiguration and ListPlaybackConfigurations operations generate entries in the CloudTrail log files.

Every event or log entry contains information about who generated the request. The identity information helps you determine the following:

- Whether the request was made with the root user or AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) credentials
- Whether the request was made with temporary security credentials for a role or federated user
- Whether the request was made by another AWS service

For more information, see [CloudTrail userIdentity element](#).

Understanding AWS Elemental MediaTailor log file entries

A trail is a configuration that enables delivery of events as log files to an Amazon S3 bucket that you specify. CloudTrail log files contain one or more log entries. An event represents a single request from any source and includes information about the requested action, the date and time of the action, request parameters, and so on. CloudTrail log files aren't an ordered stack trace of the public API calls, so they don't appear in any specific order.

The following example shows a CloudTrail log entry that demonstrates the `PutPlaybackConfiguration` action:

```
{  
    "eventVersion": "1.05",  
    "userIdentity": {  
        "type": "IAMUser",  
        "principalId": "AIDAEXAMPLE",  
        "arn": "arn:aws:iam::111122223333:user/testuser",  
        "accountId": "111122223333",  
        "accessKeyId": "AIDAEXAMPLE",  
        "userName": "testuser"  
    },  
    "eventTime": "2018-12-28T22:53:46Z",  
    "eventSource": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com",  
    "eventName": "PutPlaybackConfiguration",  
    "awsRegion": "us-west-2",  
    "sourceIPAddress": "1.2.3.4",  
    "userAgent": "PostmanRuntime/7.4.0",  
    "requestParameters": {  
        "VideoContentSourceUrl": "http://examplevideo.com",  
        "Name": "exemplename",  
        "AdDecisionServerUrl": "http://exampleleads.com"  
    },  
    "responseElements": {  
        "SessionInitializationEndpointPrefix": "https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/session/AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE/exemplename/",  
        "DashConfiguration": {  
            "ManifestEndpointPrefix": "https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/dash/AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE/exemplename/",  
            "MpdlLocation": "EMT_DEFAULT"  
        },  
        "AdDecisionServerUrl": "http://exampleleads.com",  
        "CdnConfiguration": {}  
    }  
}
```

```
    "PlaybackEndpointPrefix": "https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com",
    "HlsConfiguration": {
        "ManifestEndpointPrefix": "https://777788889999.mediatailor.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/v1/master/AKIAIOSFODNN7EXAMPLE/examplename/"
    },
    "VideoContentSourceUrl": "http://examplevideo.com",
    "Name": "examplename"
},
"requestID": "1a2b3c4d-1234-5678-1234-1a2b3c4d5e6f",
"eventID": "987abc65-1a2b-3c4d-5d6e-987abc654def",
"readOnly": false,
"eventType": "AwsApiCall",
"recipientAccountId": "111122223333"
}
```

The following example shows a CloudTrail log entry that demonstrates the `GetPlaybackConfiguration` action:

```
{
    "eventVersion": "1.05",
    "userIdentity": {
        "type": "IAMUser",
        "principalId": "AIDAEXAMPLE",
        "arn": "arn:aws:iam::111122223333:user/testuser",
        "accountId": "111122223333",
        "accessKeyId": "AIDAEXAMPLE",
        "userName": "testuser"
    },
    "eventTime": "2018-12-28T22:52:37Z",
    "eventSource": "mediatailor.amazonaws.com",
    "eventName": "GetPlaybackConfiguration",
    "awsRegion": "us-west-2",
    "sourceIPAddress": "1.2.3.4",
    "userAgent": "PostmanRuntime/7.4.0",
    "requestParameters": {
        "Name": "examplename"
    },
    "responseElements": null,
    "requestID": "0z1y2x3w-0123-4567-9876-6q7r8s9t0u1v",
    "eventID": "888ddd77-3322-eeww-uuui-abc123jk1343",
    "readOnly": true,
    "eventType": "AwsApiCall",
```

```
"recipientAccountId": "111122223333"  
}
```

Receiving AWS Elemental MediaTailor Channel Assembly alerts

MediaTailor creates alerts for issues or potential issues that occur with your channel assembly resources. The alert describes the issue, when the issue occurred, and the affected resources.

You can view the alerts in the AWS Management Console, the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI), AWS SDKs, or programmatically using the MediaTailor [ListAlerts](#) API.

Important

Alerts are only available for channel assembly resources created on or after July 14th, 2021.

Channel Assembly Alerts

Alert Type	Alert Code	Alert Message	Notes
VOD Source	NOT_PROCESSED	MediaTailor hasn't processed the package configuration <i>configurationPath</i> .	
	UNREACHABLE	We can't reach the URL <i>url</i> .	
	UNAUTHORIZED	<i>url</i> didn't authorize the request.	
	TIMEOUT	The connection to <i>url</i> timed out.	
	UNPARSABLE_MANIFEST	MediaTailor encountered an issue while parsing the manifest from <i>url</i> .	

Alert Type	Alert Code	Alert Message	Notes
	VARIANT_DURATION_MISMATCH	MediaTailor encountered variants with mismatched total durations while parsing the manifest from <i>url</i> . This might cause stalling during playback.	Your manifest has varying durations across variants/representations. This might result in missing or incorrect captions, and MediaTailor being unable to insert ads.
	SEGMENT_DURATION_TOO_LONG	MediaTailor encountered a segment with a duration greater than thirty seconds while parsing the manifest from <i>url</i> . This might cause stalling during playback, missing or incorrect captions, and the inability to insert advertisements.	Your manifest contains a segment that is greater than 30 seconds.
	TARGET_DURATION_MISMATCH	MediaTailor encountered a mismatch of EXT-X-TARGETDURATION values across HLS manifests while parsing the manifest from <i>url</i> . This might cause stalling during playback.	The target duration doesn't match across all manifests in the source..
Source Location	NOT_PROCESSED	MediaTailor hasn't processed the resource <i>resourceName</i> .	
Program	VOD_SOURCE_ALERT	The VOD source <i>vodSourceName</i> in this program has the following alert: <i>vodSourceAlertCode : vodSourceAlertMessage</i>	

Alert Type	Alert Code	Alert Message	Notes
	SOURCE_LOCATION_ALERT	<p>The source location <i>sourceLocationName</i> contained in this program has the following alert:</p> <p><i>sourceLocationAlertCode : sourceLocationAlertMessage</i></p>	
	CODEC_MISMATCH	<p>MediaTailor encountered mismatched codec in <i>channelName</i> schedule. The mismatch is in <i>sourceGroupName</i> between <i>programName1</i>'s manifest <i>manifestUrl</i> and <i>programName2</i>'s manifest <i>manifestUrl</i>.</p>	
	RESOLUTION_MISMATCH	<p>MediaTailor encountered mismatched resolution in <i>channelName</i> schedule. The mismatch is in <i>sourceGroupName</i> between <i>programName1</i>'s manifest <i>manifestUrl</i> and <i>programName2</i>'s manifest <i>manifestUrl</i>.</p>	

Alert Type	Alert Code	Alert Message	Notes
	BANDWIDTH_MISMATCH	<p>MediaTailor encountered mismatched bandwidth in <i>channelName</i> schedule. The mismatch is in <i>sourceGroupName</i> between <i>programName1</i> 's manifest <i>manifestUrl</i> and <i>programName2</i> 's manifest <i>manifestUrl</i> .</p>	
	FRAMERATE_MISMATCH	<p>MediaTailor encountered mismatched framerate in <i>channelName</i> schedule. The mismatch is in <i>sourceGroupName</i> between <i>programName1</i> 's manifest <i>manifestUrl</i> and <i>programName2</i> 's manifest <i>manifestUrl</i> .</p>	
	TARGET_DURATION_MISMATCH	<p>MediaTailor encountered mismatched EXT-X-TARGETDURATION values across HLS manifests in <i>channelName</i> schedule. The mismatch is in <i>sourceGroupName</i> between <i>programName1</i> 's manifest <i>manifestUrl</i> and <i>programName2</i> 's manifest <i>manifestUrl</i> .</p>	

Alert Type	Alert Code	Alert Message	Notes
	SEGMENT_DURATION_MISMATCH	<p>MediaTailor encountered mismatched segment duration values across manifests in <i>channelName</i>. The mismatch is in <i>sourceGroupName</i> between <i>programName1</i>'s manifest <i>manifestUrl</i> and <i>programName2</i>'s manifest <i>manifestUrl</i>.</p>	
	NO_COMMON_SEGMENT_BOUNDARY_FOR_AD_SLADE	<p>MediaTailor was not able to insert ad slate at offset <i>offsetMillis</i> for program <i>programName</i>. There is no common segment boundary at the ad slate's start time.</p>	
	NOT_PROCESSED	<p>MediaTailor hasn't processed the resource <i>resourceName</i>.</p>	
	TOO_MANY_ALERTS	<p>MediaTailor has found too many alerts and will not provide any more alerts for <i>programName</i>. Clear existing alerts to continue receiving alerts for <i>programName</i>.</p>	
Channel	PROGRAM ALERT	<p>The program <i>programName</i> contained in this channel has the following alert: <i>programAlertCode</i>: <i>programAlertMessage</i></p>	

Viewing alerts

You can view alerts for any MediaTailor channel assembly resource. When you view the alerts for channels and programs, MediaTailor includes all of the related resources contained within the channel or program. For example, when you view the alerts for a specific program, you also see alerts for the source location and VOD sources that the program contains.

To view alerts, perform the following procedure.

Console

To view alerts in the console

1. Open the MediaTailor console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/mediatailor/>.
2. Choose the resource that you want to view alerts for.
3. Select the **Alerts** tab to view the alerts.

AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI)

To list alerts for a channel assembly resource, you need the resource's [Amazon Resource Name \(ARN\)](#). You can use the `describe-resource_type` command in the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI) to get the resource's ARN. For example, run the [describe-channel](#) command to get a specific channel's ARN:

```
aws mediatailor describe-channel --channel-name MyChannelName
```

Then use the [aws mediatailor list-alerts](#) command to list the alerts associated with the resource:

```
aws mediatailor list-alerts --resource-arn arn:aws:mediatailor:region:aws-account-id:resource-type/resource-name
```

API

To list alerts for a channel assembly resource, you need the resource's [Amazon Resource Name \(ARN\)](#). You can use the `DescribeResource` operation in the MediaTailor API to get the resource's ARN. For example, use the [DescribeChannel](#) operation to get a specific channel's ARN.

Then use the [ListAlerts](#) API to list the alerts for the resource.

Handling alerts

When an alert occurs, view the alerts in the AWS Management Console, or use the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI), AWS SDKs, or the MediaTailor Alerts API to determine the possible sources of the issue.

After you resolve the issue, MediaTailor clears the alert.

Tagging AWS Elemental MediaTailor resources

A *tag* is a metadata label that you assign or that AWS assigns to an AWS resource. Each tag consists of a *key* and a *value*. For tags that you assign, you define the key and value. For example, you might define the key as `stage` and the value for one resource as `test`.

Tags help you do the following:

- Identify and organize your AWS resources. Many AWS services support tagging, so you can assign the same tag to resources from different services to indicate that the resources are related. For example, you could assign the same tag to an AWS Elemental MediaPackage channel and endpoint that you assign to an AWS Elemental MediaTailor configuration.
- Track your AWS costs. You activate these tags on the AWS Billing and Cost Management dashboard. AWS uses the tags to categorize your costs and deliver a monthly cost allocation report to you. For more information, see [Use cost allocation tags](#) in the [AWS Billing User Guide](#).
- Control access to your AWS resources. For more information, see [Controlling access using tags](#) in the [IAM User Guide](#).

The following sections provide more information about tags for AWS Elemental MediaTailor.

Supported resources in AWS Elemental MediaTailor

The following resources in AWS Elemental MediaTailor supports tagging:

- Channels
- Configurations
- SourceLocations
- VodSources

Tag restrictions

The following basic restrictions apply to tags on AWS Elemental MediaTailor resources:

- Maximum number of tags that you can assign to a resource – 50
- Maximum key length – 128 Unicode characters
- Maximum value length – 256 Unicode characters
- Valid characters for key and value – a-z, A-Z, 0-9, space, and the following characters: _ . : / = + - and @
- Keys and values are case sensitive
- Don't use aws : as a prefix for keys; it's reserved for AWS use

Managing tags in AWS Elemental MediaTailor

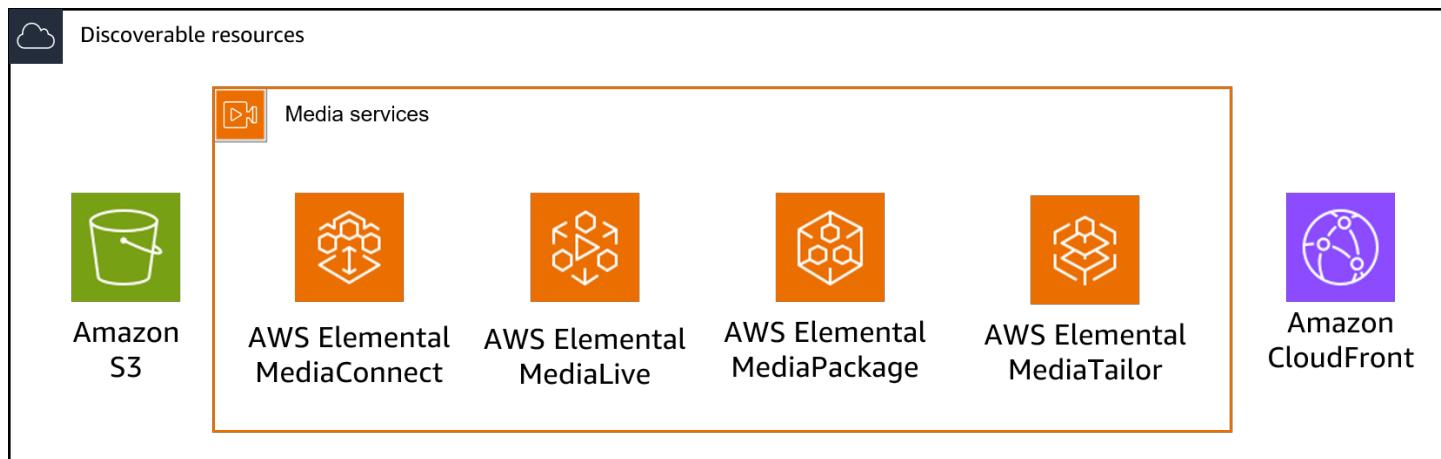
You set tags as properties on a resource. You can add, edit, and delete tags through the AWS Elemental MediaTailor API or the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI). For more information, see the [AWS Elemental MediaTailor API reference](#).

Monitoring AWS media services with workflow monitor

Workflow monitor is a tool for the discovery, visualization, and monitoring of AWS media workflows. Workflow monitor is available in the AWS console and API. You can use workflow monitor to discover and create visual mappings of your workflow's resources, called *signal maps*. You can create and manage Amazon CloudWatch alarm and Amazon EventBridge rule templates to monitor the mapped resources. The monitoring templates you create are transformed into deployable AWS CloudFormation templates to allow repeatability. AWS recommended alarm templates provide predefined best-practice monitoring.

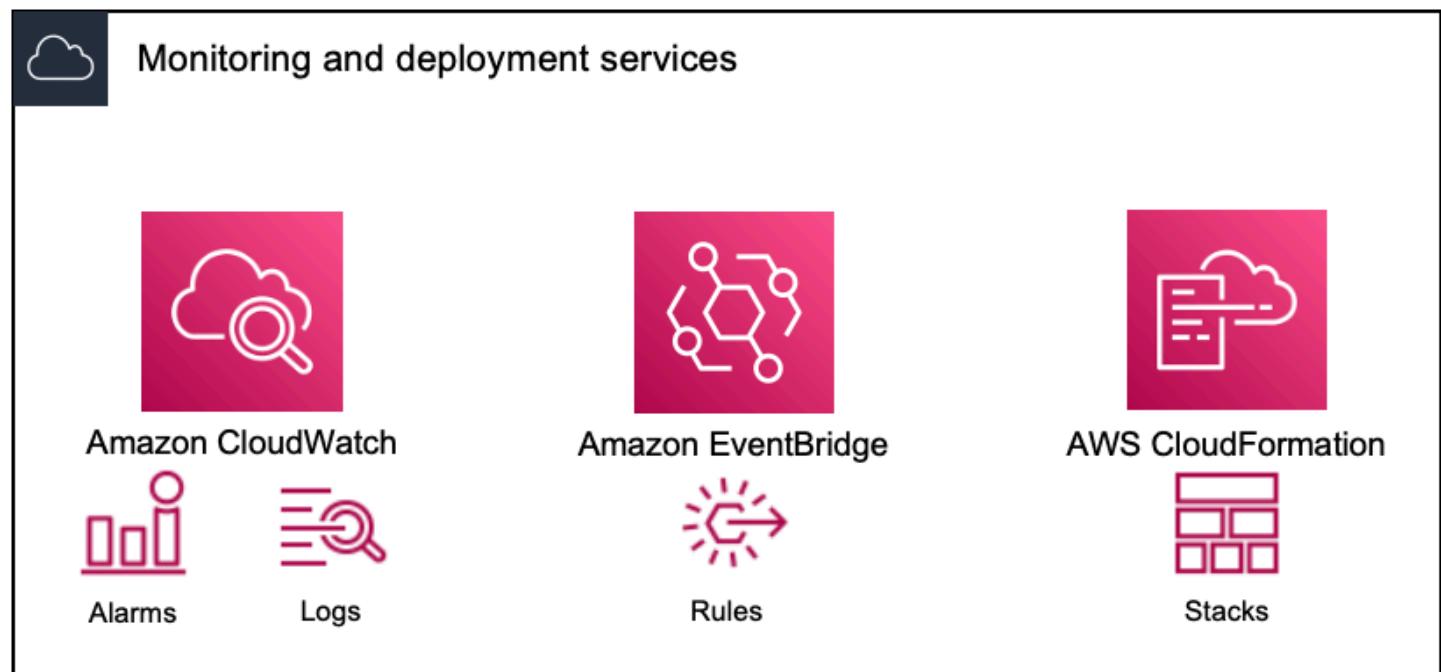
Discover

Utilize signal maps to automatically discover interconnected AWS resources associated with your media workflow. Discovery can begin at any supported service resource and creates an end-to-end mapping of the workflow. Signal maps can be used as stand-alone visualization tools or enhanced with monitoring templates.



Monitor

You can create custom CloudWatch alarm and EventBridge rule templates to monitor the health and status of your media workflows. Best practice alarm templates are available to import into your workflow monitor environment. You can use the best practice alarm templates as they are, or edit them to better fit your workflow. Any templates you create are transformed into AWS CloudFormation templates for repeatable deployment.



Note

There is no direct cost for using workflow monitor. However, there are costs associated with the resources created and used to monitor your workflow.

When monitoring is deployed, Amazon CloudWatch and Amazon EventBridge resources are created. When using the AWS Management Console, prior to deploying monitoring to a signal map, you will be notified of how many resources will be created. For more information about pricing, see: [CloudWatch pricing](#) and [EventBridge pricing](#).

Workflow monitor uses AWS CloudFormation templates to deploy the CloudWatch and EventBridge resources. These templates are stored in a standard class Amazon Simple Storage Service bucket that is created on your behalf, by workflow monitor, during the deployment process and will incur object storage and recall charges. For more information about pricing, see: [Amazon S3 pricing](#).

Previews generated in the workflow monitor signal map for AWS Elemental MediaPackage channels are delivered from the MediaPackage Origin Endpoint and will incur Data Transfer Out charges. For pricing, see: [MediaPackage pricing](#).

Components of workflow monitor

Workflow monitor has four major components:

- CloudWatch alarm templates - Define the conditions you would like to monitor using CloudWatch. You can create your own alarm templates, or import predefined templates created by AWS. For more information, see: [CloudWatch alarm groups and templates for monitoring your AWS media workflow](#)
- EventBridge rule templates - Define how EventBridge sends notifications when an alarm is triggered. For more information, see: [EventBridge rule groups and templates for monitoring your AWS media workflow](#)
- Signal maps - Use an automated process to create AWS Elemental workflow maps using existing AWS resources. The signal maps can be used to discover resources in your workflow and deploy monitoring to those resources. For more information, see: [Workflow monitor signal maps](#)
- Overview - The overview page allows you to directly monitor the status of multiple signal maps from one location. Review metrics, logs, and alarms for your workflows. For more information, see: [Workflow monitor overview](#)

Supported services

Workflow monitor supports automatic discovery and signal mapping of resources associated with the following services:

- AWS Elemental MediaConnect
- AWS Elemental MediaLive
- AWS Elemental MediaPackage
- AWS Elemental MediaTailor
- Amazon S3
- Amazon CloudFront

Topics

- [Configuring workflow monitor to monitor AWS media services](#)
- [Using workflow monitor](#)

Configuring workflow monitor to monitor AWS media services

To setup workflow monitor for the first time; you create the alarm and event templates, and discover signal maps that are used to monitor your media workflows. The following guide contains the steps necessary to setup both Administrator and Operator level IAM roles, create workflow monitor resources, and deploy monitoring to your workflows.

Topics

- [Getting started with workflow monitor](#)
- [Workflow monitor groups and templates](#)
- [Workflow monitor signal maps](#)
- [Workflow monitor quotas](#)

Getting started with workflow monitor

The following steps provide a basic overview of using workflow monitor for the first time.

1. Setup workflow monitor IAM permissions for administrator and operator level roles: [Workflow monitor IAM policies](#)
2. Build alarm templates or import predefined templates created by AWS: [CloudWatch alarms](#)
3. Build notification events that will be delivered by EventBridge: [EventBridge rules](#)
4. Discover signal maps using your existing AWS Elemental resources: [Signal maps](#)
5. Attach the alarm templates and notification rules to your signal map: [Attaching templates](#)

6. Deploy the templates to begin monitoring the signal map: [Deploying monitoring templates](#)
7. Monitor and review your workflow monitor resources using the overview section of the AWS console: [Overview](#)



Workflow monitor IAM policies

Workflow monitor interacts with multiple AWS services to create signal maps, build CloudWatch and EventBridge resources, and AWS CloudFormation templates. Because workflow monitor interacts with a wide range of services, specific AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) policies must be assigned for these services. The following examples indicate the necessary IAM policies for both administrator and operator IAM roles.

Administrator IAM policy

The following example policy is for an administrator-level workflow monitor IAM policy. This role allows for the creation and management of workflow monitor resources and the supported service resources that interact with workflow monitor.

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "cloudwatch>List*",
        "cloudwatch>Describe*",
        "cloudwatch>Get*",
        "cloudwatch>PutAnomalyDetector",
        "cloudwatch>PutMetricData",
        "cloudwatch>PutMetricAlarm",
        "cloudwatch>PutCompositeAlarm",
        "cloudwatch>PutDashboard",
        "cloudwatch>DeleteAlarms",
        "cloudwatch>DeleteAnomalyDetector",
        "cloudwatch>PutMetricStatistics"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

```
    "cloudwatch>DeleteDashboards",
    "cloudwatch>TagResource",
    "cloudwatch>UntagResource"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "cloudformation>List*",
    "cloudformation>Describe*",
    "cloudformation>CreateStack",
    "cloudformation>UpdateStack",
    "cloudformation>DeleteStack",
    "cloudformation>TagResource",
    "cloudformation>UntagResource"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "cloudfront>List*",
    "cloudfront>Get*"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "ec2>DescribeNetworkInterfaces"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "events>List*",
    "events>Describe*",
    "events>CreateEventBus",
    "events>PutRule",
    "events>PutTargets",
    "events>EnableRule",
    "events>DisableRule",
    "events>BatchGetEventBus"
]
}
```

```
    "events:DeleteRule",
    "events:RemoveTargets",
    "events:TagResource",
    "events:UntagResource"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "logs:Describe*",
    "logs:Get*",
    "logs:TagLogGroup",
    "logs:TagResource",
    "logs:UntagLogGroup",
    "logs:UntagResource"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "mediaconnect>List*",
    "mediaconnect:Describe"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "medialive:*"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "mediapackage>List*",
    "mediapackage:Describe"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
```

```
"Action": [
    "mediapackagev2>List*",
    "mediapackagev2>Get*"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "mediapackage-vod>List*",
    "mediapackage-vod>Describe*"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "mediatailor>List*",
    "mediatailor>Describe*",
    "mediatailor>Get*"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
"Action": [
    "resource-groups>ListGroups",
    "resource-groups>GetGroup",
    "resource-groups>GetTags",
    "resource-groups>GetGroupQuery",
    "resource-groups>GetGroupConfiguration",
    "resource-groups>CreateGroup",
    "resource-groups>UngroupResources",
    "resource-groups>GroupResources",
    "resource-groups>DeleteGroup",
    "resource-groups>UpdateGroupQuery",
    "resource-groups>UpdateGroup",
    "resource-groups>Tag",
    "resource-groups>Untag"
],
"Resource": "*"
},
{
"Effect": "Allow",
```

```
"Action": [
    "s3:)"
],
"Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::workflow-monitor-templates*"
},
{
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "sns:TagResource",
        "sns:UntagResource"
    ],
    "Resource": "*"
},
{
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "tag:Get*",
        "tag:Describe*",
        "tag:TagResources",
        "tag:UntagResources"
    ],
    "Resource": "*"
}
]
```

Operator IAM policy

The following example policy is for an operator-level workflow monitor IAM policy. This role allows for limited and read-only access to the workflow monitor resources and the supported service resources that interact with workflow monitor.

```
{
"Version": "2012-10-17",
"Statement": [
{
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
        "cloudwatch:List*",
        "cloudwatch:Describe*",
        "cloudwatch:PutMetricData"
    ],
    "Resource": "*"
}
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  ],
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]
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Workflow monitor groups and templates

Before you can deploy workflow monitoring to a signal map, you must create the groups and templates for CloudWatch alarms and EventBridge notifications. The CloudWatch templates define what scenarios and thresholds will be used to trigger the alarms. The EventBridge templates will determine how these alarms are reported to you.

If you only want mappings of your connected resources and do not want to use the monitoring template capabilities of workflow monitor, signal maps can be used without CloudWatch and EventBridge templates. For more information about using signal maps, see: [Signal maps](#)

Topics

- [CloudWatch alarm groups and templates for monitoring your AWS media workflow](#)
- [EventBridge rule groups and templates for monitoring your AWS media workflow](#)

CloudWatch alarm groups and templates for monitoring your AWS media workflow

Workflow monitor alarms allow you to use existing CloudWatch metrics as the foundation of alarms for your signal maps. You can create an alarm template group to sort and classify the types of alarming that is important to your workflow. Within each alarm template group, you create alarm templates with specific CloudWatch metrics and parameters that you want to monitor. You can create your own alarm templates or import recommended alarm templates created by AWS. After creating an alarm template group and alarm templates within that group, you can attach one or more of these alarm template groups to a signal map.

You must create an alarm template group first. After you have created an alarm template group, you can create your own templates or use recommended templates created by AWS. If you want to create your own alarm templates, continue on this page. For more information about importing recommended templates, see: [Recommended templates](#)

This section covers the creation of CloudWatch alarms using workflow monitor. For more information about how the CloudWatch service handles alarms and details of the alarm components, see: [Using CloudWatch alarms](#) in the *Amazon CloudWatch User Guide*

Creating alarm template groups

Alarm template groups allow you to sort and classify the types of alarms that are important to your workflow.

To create an alarm template group

1. From the workflow monitor console's navigation pane, select **CloudWatch alarm templates**.
2. Select **Create alarm template group**.
3. Give the alarm template group a unique **Group name** and optional **Description**.
4. Select **Create**, You will be taken to the newly created alarm template group's details page.

Creating alarm templates

You can create alarm templates with the CloudWatch metrics and parameters that you want to monitor.

To create an alarm template

1. From the alarm template group's details page, select **Create alarm template**.

2. Give the alarm template a unique **Template name** and optional **Description**.
3. In the **Choose metric** section:
 1. Select a **Target Resource Type**. The target resource type is a resource for the respective service, such as a channel for MediaLive and MediaPackage or a flow for MediaConnect.
 2. Select a **Metric Name**. This is the CloudWatch metric that acts as the foundation for the alarm. The list of metrics will change depending on the selected **Target Resource Type**.
4. In the **Alarm settings** section:

 **Note**

For more information about how the CloudWatch service handles alarms and details of the alarm components, see: [Using CloudWatch alarms](#) in the *Amazon CloudWatch User Guide*

1. Select the **Statistic**. This is a value such as a **Sum** or an **Average** that will be used to monitor the metric.
2. Select the **Comparison Operator**. This field references the **Threshold** that you set in the next step.
3. Set a **Threshold**. This is a numeric value that the **Comparison Operator** uses to determine greater than, less than, or equal to status.
4. Set a **Period**. This is a time value, in seconds. The **Period** is the length of time that the **Statistic**, **Comparison Operator**, and **Threshold** interact to determine if the alarm gets triggered.
5. Set the **Datapoints**. This value determines how many datapoints are needed to trigger the alarm.
6. Select how to **Treat Missing Data**. This selection determines how this alarm reacts to missing data.
5. Select **Create** to complete the process.

An example of a completed alarm template could have the following parameters: A MediaConnect flow **Target Resource Type** is monitored for the Disconnections **Metric Name**. The **Statistic** value is set to Sum with a **Comparison Operator** of "greater than or equal to" and a **Threshold** of 10. The

Period is set to 60 seconds, and only requires 1 out of 1 **Datapoints**. **Treat Missing Data** is set to "ignore."

The result of these settings is: workflow monitor will monitor for disconnections on the flow. If 10 or more disconnections occur within 60 seconds, the alarm will be triggered. 10 or more disconnections in 60 seconds only needs to happen one time for the alarm to be triggered.

Recommended alarm templates for monitoring your AWS media workflow

Workflow monitor's recommended templates are a curated selection of AWS Elemental service metrics with predefined alarm settings appropriate for the metric. If you do not want to create customized alarm templates, recommended templates provide you with best-practice monitoring templates that are created by AWS.

Workflow monitor contains recommended template groups for each supported service. These groups are designed to apply best-practice monitoring to specific types of workflows. Each template group contains a curated selection of alarms configured from service-specific metrics. For example, a recommended template group for a MediaLive multiplex workflow will have a different set of preconfigured metrics than a MediaConnect CDI workflow.

To use recommended alarm templates

1. Follow the steps to [create an alarm template group](#), or select an existing one.
2. In the **Alarm templates** section, select **Import**. You will need to import the AWS recommended templates into your template group.
3. Use the **CloudWatch alarm template groups** dropdown to select an AWS recommended group. These groups contain curated alarms for specific services.
4. Select the templates to import using the check boxes. Each template will list its metrics, preconfigured monitoring values, and provide a description of the metric. When you are done selecting templates, select the **Add** button.
5. The selected templates will move to the **Alarm template(s) to import** section. Review your choices and select **Import**.
6. After the import is complete, the selected templates will be added to the template group. If you want to add more templates, repeat the import process.
7. Imported templates can be customized after import. Alarm settings can be modified to fit your alarming needs.

EventBridge rule groups and templates for monitoring your AWS media workflow

CloudWatch uses Amazon EventBridge rules to send notifications. You begin by creating an event template group. In that event template group, you create event templates that determine what conditions create a notification and who is notified.

This section covers the creation of EventBridge rules using workflow monitor. For more information about how the EventBridge service uses rules, see: [EventBridge rules](#) in the *Amazon EventBridge User Guide*

Creating event template groups

Event template groups allow you to sort and classify events based on your use case.

To create an event template group

1. From the workflow monitor console's navigation pane, select **EventBridge rule templates**.
2. Select **Create event template group**.
3. Give the alarm template group a unique **Group name** and optional **Description**.
4. Select **Create**, You will be taken to the newly created alarm template group's details page.

Creating event templates

You can send notifications based on event templates you create.

To create an event template

1. From the event template group's details page, select **Create event template**.
2. Give the event template a unique **Template name** and optional **Description**.
3. In the **Rule settings** section:
 1. Select an **Event type**. When selecting an event type, you can choose between several events created by AWS or select **Signal map active alarm** to use an alarm created by an alarm template.
 2. Select a **Target service**. This determines how you would like to be notified of this event. You can select Amazon Simple Notification Service or CloudWatch logs.
 3. After selecting a target service, select a **Target**. This will be a Amazon SNS topic or a CloudWatch log group, depending on your target service selection.

4. Select **Create** to complete the process.

Workflow monitor signal maps

Signal maps are visual mappings of AWS resources in your media workflow. You can use workflow monitor to start the signal map discovery on any of the supported resource types. During the discovery process, workflow monitor will automatically and recursively map all connected AWS resources. After the signal map has been created, you can use the workflow monitor console to do things like deploy monitoring templates, view metrics, and view details of the mapped resources.

Topics

- [Creating signal maps for AWS media workflows](#)
- [Viewing signal maps of AWS media workflows](#)
- [Attaching alarm and event templates to the signal map of your AWS media workflow](#)
- [Deploying templates to the signal map of your AWS media workflow](#)
- [Updating the signal map of your AWS media workflow](#)
- [Deleting the signal map of your AWS media workflow](#)

Creating signal maps for AWS media workflows

You can use workflow monitor signal maps to create a visual mapping of all connected AWS resources in your media workflow.

To create a signal map

1. From the workflow monitor console's navigation pane, select **Signal maps**.
2. Select **Create signal map**.
3. Give the signal map a **Name** and **Description**.
4. In the **Discover new signal map** section, resources in the current account and selected region are displayed. Select a resource to begin signal map discovery. The selected resource will be the starting point for discovery.
5. Select **Create**. Allow a few moments for the discovery process to complete. After the process is complete, you will be presented with the new signal map.

Note

Previews generated in the workflow monitor signal map for AWS Elemental MediaPackage channels are delivered from the MediaPackage Origin Endpoint and will incur Data Transfer Out charges. For pricing, see: [MediaPackage pricing](#).

Viewing signal maps of AWS media workflows

Workflow monitor signal maps allow you to see a visual mapping of all connected AWS resources in your media workflow.

Signal map views

After selecting a signal map, you have two views that can be used to monitor or configure the signal map. **Monitor signal map** and **Configure signal map** is a context-sensitive button found in the upper-right of the signal map console section.

If you select the signal map using the **Signal maps** section of the navigation pane, your signal map will be displayed in the configuration view. The configuration view allows you to make changes to the template groups attached to this signal map, deploy the attached templates, and view the basic details and tags of the signal map.

If you select the signal map using the **Overview** section of the navigation pane, your signal map will be displayed in monitoring view. The monitoring view displays the CloudWatch alarms, EventBridge rules, alerts, logs, and metrics for this signal map.

The view can be changed at any time by selecting the **Monitor/Configure signal map** button in the upper-right. The configuration view requires administrator-level IAM permissions. Required IAM permissions can be viewed here: [Workflow monitor IAM policies](#)

Navigating the signal map

A signal map will contain nodes for every supported AWS resource discovered by workflow monitor. Certain resources, such as MediaLive channels and MediaPackage endpoints can display thumbnail previews of the content, if thumbnail previews are available.

Selecting a resource node, and selecting **View selected resource details** from the **Actions** dropdown menu will take you to the associated service's details page. For example, selecting a

MediaLive channel and selecting **View selected resource details** will open the MediaLive console's details page for that channel.

Selecting a resource node will filter the list of active alarms to only that node. If you select the resource's **Target ARN** in the active alarm, you will be taken to the associated service's details page, with the selected resource open.

Attaching alarm and event templates to the signal map of your AWS media workflow

After you have created alarm and event templates, you need to attach these to a signal map. Any of the alarm and event templates you have created can be attached to any discovered signal maps.

To attach alarm and event templates to your signal map

1. From the workflow monitor console's navigation pane, select **Signal maps** and select the signal map you want to work with.
2. In the upper-right of the signal map page, in the **CloudWatch alarm template groups** tab, select **Attach CloudWatch alarm template groups**.
 1. In the new section that opens, choose all of the alarm template groups that you want to apply to this signal map, then select **Add**. This will cause the selected alarm template groups to move to the **Attached CloudWatch alarm template groups** section.
 2. Selecting **Save** will save your changes and return you to the signal map page.
3. At the right of the signal map page, select the **EventBridge rule template groups** tab then select **Attach EventBridge rule template groups**.
 1. In the new section that opens, choose all of the event template groups that you want to apply to this signal map, then select **Add**. This will cause the selected rule template groups to move to the **Attached EventBridge rule template groups** section.
 2. Selecting **Save** will save your changes and return you to the signal map page.
4. You have assigned CloudWatch alarm and EventBridge rule templates to the signal map, but the monitoring is not yet deployed. The next section will cover the deployment of the monitoring resources.

Deploying templates to the signal map of your AWS media workflow

After you have attached the alarm and event templates to your signal map, you must deploy the monitoring. Until the deployment is complete, the monitoring of your signal map will not be active.

Workflow monitor will only deploy alarms that are relevant to the selected signal map. For example, the attached alarm template group might contain alarms for multiple services, such as MediaLive, MediaPackage, and MediaConnect. If the selected signal map only contains MediaLive resources, no MediaPackage or MediaConnect alarms will be deployed.

To deploy the monitoring templates

1. After attaching alarm and event template groups to your signal map and saving your changes, select **Deploy monitor** in the **Actions** dropdown menu.
2. You will be asked to confirm the deployment and presented with the number of CloudWatch and EventBridge resources that will be created. If you would like to proceed, select **Deploy**.

Note

There is no direct cost for using workflow monitor. However, there are costs associated with the resources created and used to monitor your workflow.

When monitoring is deployed, Amazon CloudWatch and Amazon EventBridge resources are created. When using the AWS Management Console, prior to deploying monitoring to a signal map, you will be notified of how many resources will be created.

For more information about pricing, see: [CloudWatch pricing](#) and [EventBridge pricing](#).

Workflow monitor uses AWS CloudFormation templates to deploy the CloudWatch and EventBridge resources. These templates are stored in a standard class Amazon Simple Storage Service bucket that is created on your behalf, by workflow monitor, during the deployment process and will incur object storage and recall charges. For more information about pricing, see: [Amazon S3 pricing](#).

3. The status of the deployment is displayed next to the name of the signal map. The deployment status is also visible in the **Stacks** section of the AWS CloudFormation console. After a few moments of resource creation and deployment, your signal map monitoring will begin.

Updating the signal map of your AWS media workflow

If a change is made to your workflow, you might need to rediscover the signal map and redeploy monitoring resources. Workflow monitor is a visualization and monitoring tool that does not have the ability to make any changes to your workflow. Signal maps represent a point-in-time visualization of your workflow. In the event that you add, remove, or significantly modify parts of your media workflow, we recommend that you rediscover the signal map. If you have monitoring resources attached to the signal map, we recommend you redeploy monitoring after the rediscovery process.

To rediscover a signal map

1. From the workflow monitor console's navigation pane, select **Signal maps** and select the signal map you want to work with.
2. Verify that you are in the **Configure signal map** view. For more information about changing views, see: [Viewing signal maps](#)
3. In the upper-right of the signal map page, select the **Actions** dropdown menu. Select **Rediscover**.
4. You will be presented with the rediscovery screen. Select a resource that is a part of the workflow you are rediscovering. Select the **Rediscover** button.
5. The signal map will be rebuilt according to the current workflow. If you need to redeploy monitoring resources, stay on this signal map's page. Any previously attached monitoring templates will remain attached, but will need to be redeployed.

To redeploy monitoring templates after a signal map rediscovery

1. After the rediscovery, you will be directed to the updated signal map. To redeploy the monitoring templates, select **Deploy monitor** from the **Actions** dropdown menu.
2. You will be asked to confirm the deployment and presented with the number of any CloudWatch and EventBridge resources that will be created. If you would like to proceed, select **Deploy**.
3. The status of the deployment is displayed next to the name of the signal map. After a few moments of resource creation and deployment, your signal map monitoring will begin.

Deleting the signal map of your AWS media workflow

If you no longer need a signal map, it can be deleted. If you have monitoring templates deployed on the signal map, the deletion process will ask you to delete any CloudWatch and EventBridge resources that have been deployed to this signal map. Deleting the deployed resources does not affect the templates that created them. This resource deletion is to ensure that you do not have CloudWatch and EventBridge resources that are deployed but not used.

To delete a signal map

1. From the workflow monitor console's navigation pane, select **Signal maps** and select the radio button next to the signal map you want to delete.
2. Select the **Delete** button. You will be asked to confirm the deletion of the monitoring resources. Select **Delete** to begin the monitoring resource deletion process.
3. The **Monitor deployment** column will display the current status. When the status has changed to **DELETE_COMPLETE**, select the **Delete** button again.
4. You will be asked to confirm deletion of the signal map. Select **Delete** to proceed and delete the signal map.

Workflow monitor quotas

The following section contains quotas for workflow monitor resources. Each quota is on a "per account" basis. If you need to increase a quota for your account, you can use the [AWS Service Quotas console](#) to request an increase, unless otherwise noted in the following table.

Quotas

Resource type	Quota
CloudWatch alarm template groups	20
CloudWatch alarm templates	200
EventBridge rule template groups	20
EventBridge rule templates	200
Signal maps	30

Resource type	Quota
Signal maps: CloudWatch alarm template groups attached to a single signal map	5 You cannot increase this quota.
Signal maps: EventBridge rule template groups attached to a single signal map	5 You cannot increase this quota.

Using workflow monitor

Use the **overview** and **signal maps** sections of the workflow monitor console to review the current status of the workflows and any associated alarms, metrics, and logs.

Topics

- [Workflow monitor overview](#)
- [Overview logs and metrics for workflow monitor](#)
- [Using workflow monitor signal maps](#)

Workflow monitor overview

The **Overview** section of the workflow monitor console is a dashboard that provides at-a-glance information about your signal maps. In the overview section, you can see the current state of each signal map's monitoring, as well as CloudWatch metrics and any associated CloudWatch logs. You can select any signal map to be taken to that signal maps console page.

Overview filtering

Using the **Search** bar in the overview section, you can filter the list of signal maps using context sensitive constraints. After selecting the search bar, you will be presented with a list of **Properties** to filter by. Selecting a property will present **Operators** such as Equals, Contains, Does not equal, and Does not contain. Selecting an operator will create a list of resources from the selected property type. Selecting one of these resources will cause the signal map list to only display signal maps that fit the constraint you defined.

Overview logs and metrics for workflow monitor

To view CloudWatch metrics and logs for a signal map, select the radio button next to the name of the signal map. A tabbed interface for both metrics and logs will appear beneath the signal map list.

CloudWatch Metrics

CloudWatch metrics for the selected signal map will be context-sensitive and only display metrics associated with the services used in that signal maps workflow. You can use the on-screen metrics tools to customize the displayed metric periods and time ranges.

CloudWatch Logs

If you associated a CloudWatch log group with the signal map, that group will be displayed here.

Using workflow monitor signal maps

From the **overview** section of the console, you can select a specific signal map to view more information about that signal map and its attached monitoring resources.

After selecting a signal map, you will be presented with the signal map and a number of tabbed section containing more information:

- CloudWatch alarms
- EventBridge rules
- AWS Elemental alerts
- Metrics
- Logs
- Basic details

Navigating the signal map

A signal map will contain nodes for every supported AWS resource discovered by workflow monitor. Certain resources, such as MediaLive channels and MediaPackage endpoints can display thumbnail previews of the content, if thumbnail previews are available.

Selecting a resource node, and selecting **View selected resource details** from the **Actions** dropdown menu will take you to the associated service's details page. For example, selecting a

MediaLive channel and selecting **View selected resource details** will open the MediaLive console's details page for that channel.

Selecting a resource node will filter the list of active alarms to only that node. If you select the resource's **Target ARN** in the active alarm, you will be taken to the associated service's details page, with the selected resource open.

Quotas in AWS Elemental MediaTailor

MediaTailor resources and operations requests are subject to the following quotas (formerly referred to as "limits").

You can use the AWS Service Quotas service to view quotas and request quota increases for MediaTailor, as well as many other AWS services. For more information, see the [Service Quotas User Guide](#).

Quotas on ad insertion

The following table describes the quotas on AWS Elemental MediaTailor ad insertion. Unless otherwise noted, the quotas are not adjustable.

Name	Default quota value	Description
Ad decision server (ADS) length	25,000	The maximum number of characters in an ad decision server (ADS) specification.
Ad decision server (ADS) redirects	5	The maximum depth of redirects that MediaTailor follows in VAST wrapper tags. MediaTailor gives up if there are additional redirects.
Ad decision server (ADS) timeout	3	The maximum number of seconds that MediaTailor waits before timing out on an open connection to an ad decision server (ADS).

Name	Default quota value	Description
		When a connection times out due to no response from the ADS, MediaTailor is unable to fill the ad avail with ads.
Ad Insertion Requests	10,000	The maximum requests per second to make for personalized manifests when performing server side ad insertion. Ad insertion handles incoming requests for manifests, session initialization, tracking data, and ad segments. This quota is adjustable .
Configurations	1,000	The maximum number of configurations that MediaTailor allows.
Content origin length	512	The maximum number of characters in a content origin specification.

Name	Default quota value	Description
Content origin server timeout	2	The maximum number of seconds that MediaTailor waits before timing out on an open connection to the content origin server when requesting template manifests. Timeouts generate HTTP 504 (GatewayTimeoutException) response errors.
Manifest size	2	The maximum size, in MB, of any origin playback manifest. To ensure that you stay under the quota, use gzip to compress your input manifests into MediaTailor.
Package configurations	5	The maximum number of package configurations per source (whether live or video on demand).

Name	Default quota value	Description
Prefetch schedules	25	The maximum number of active prefetch schedules per playback configuration. Expired prefetch schedules don't count towards this limit.
Server side reporting beacon request timeout	3 seconds	The maximum number of seconds that MediaTailor waits before timing out on an open connection to the server when firing a beacon for server side reporting. When a connection times out, MediaTailor is unable to fire the beacon and the service logs an ERROR_FIRING_BEACON_FAILED message to the <i>MediaTailor</i> or <i>AdDecisionService</i> log in CloudWatch.

Name	Default quota value	Description	
Session expiration	10 times the manifest duration	The maximum amount of time that MediaTailor allows a session to remain inactive before ending the session. Session activity can be a player request or an advance by the origin server. When the session expires, MediaTailor returns an HTTP 400 (Bad Request) response error.	

Quotas on channel assembly

The following table describes the quotas on AWS Elemental MediaTailor channel assembly. Unless otherwise noted, the quotas are [adjustable](#).

Name	Default quota value	Description	
Channel manifest requests, per account	400	The maximum number of egress manifest requests per second for all Channel Assembly channels on an account.	
Channel manifest requests, per channel	50	The maximum number of egress manifest requests per	

Name	Default quota value	Description
		second for any single Channel Assembly channel.
Channel outputs	5	The maximum number of outputs per channel.
Channels per account	100	The maximum number of channels per account.
Live sources	50	The maximum number of live sources for the source location.
Programs per channel	400	The maximum number of programs per channel.
Segment delivery configurations	5	The maximum number of segment delivery configurations per source location.
Source locations	50	The maximum number of source locations per account.
VOD Sources	1,000	The maximum number of video on demand (VOD) sources for the source location.

The following table describes the throttling limits on AWS Elemental MediaTailor channel assembly. Unless otherwise noted, the quotas are [adjustable](#).

Name	Default transactions-per-second maximum limit	Description
ConfigureLogsForChannel	1	Configure logs for the channel.
CreateChannel	1	Create a channel.
CreateLiveSource	1	Create a live source.
CreateProgram	3	Create a program.
CreateSourceLocation	1	Create a Source Location.
CreateVodSource	1	Create a VOD source.
DeleteChannel	1	Delete a channel.
DeleteChannelPolicy	1	Delete a channel policy.
DeleteLiveSource	1	Delete a live source.
DeleteProgram	3	Delete a program.
DeleteSourceLocation	1	Delete a source location.
DeleteVodSource	1	Delete a VOD source.
DescribeChannel	5	Describe a channel.
DescribeLiveSource	5	Describe a live source.
DescribeProgram	5	Describe a program.

Name	Default transactions-per-second maximum limit	Description	
DescribeSourceLocation	5	Describe a source location.	
DescribeVodSource	5	Describe a VOD source.	
GetChannelPolicy	5	Get a channel policy.	
GetChannelSchedule	5	Get a channel schedule.	
ListAlerts	5	List alerts.	
ListChannels	5	List channels.	
ListLiveSources	5	List live sources.	
ListPrograms	5	List programs.	
ListSourceLocations	5	List source locations.	
ListTagsForResource	5	List tags for a resource.	
ListVodSources	5	List VOD sources.	
PutChannelPolicy	3	Put a channel policy.	
StartChannel	1	Start a channel.	
StopChannel	1	Stop a channel.	
TagResource	1	Tag a resource.	
UntagResource	1	Untag a resource.	
UpdateChannel	1	Update a channel.	

Name	Default transactions-per-second maximum limit	Description	
UpdateLiveSource	1	Update a live source.	
UpdateProgram	1	Update a program.	
UpdateSourceLocation	1	Update a source location.	
UpdateVodSource	1	Update a VOD source.	

Troubleshooting MediaTailor

If you encounter playback errors or similar difficulties when working with AWS Elemental MediaTailor, consult the topics in this section.

Topics

- [Troubleshooting using MediaTailor event flow analysis](#)
- [Troubleshooting playback errors returned by MediaTailor](#)

Troubleshooting using MediaTailor event flow analysis

Understanding AWS Elemental MediaTailor event flow provides a powerful foundation for troubleshooting ad insertion issues. By analyzing the sequence, timing, and patterns of events, you can quickly identify where problems occur and implement targeted solutions.

This section provides practical guidance for using event flow analysis to diagnose issues. For understanding the basic event flow concepts, see [Ad insertion event flow](#).

Identifying incomplete event flows

Incomplete event flows occur when the expected sequence of events stops before reaching successful manifest personalization (the process of MediaTailor inserting personalized ad information into the manifest). Identifying where the flow breaks helps pinpoint the root cause of ad insertion failures.

Common incomplete flow patterns

Different failure points in the event flow indicate specific types of problems, such as the following.

- **Flow stops after ad opportunity detection:** Indicates issues with ad markers or the manifest itself that prevent MediaTailor from making an ADS request. ADS connectivity, configuration, or timeout problems would occur after the ADS request is made.
- **Flow stops after ADS request:** Suggests ADS response issues, VAST parsing problems, creative processing failures, ADS timeouts, connectivity errors, or configuration issues such as invalid ADS URLs that are only discovered when the request is made.
- **Missing tracking beacon:** Might indicate tracking configuration issues, server-side reporting problems, or client-side implementation gaps.

CloudWatch queries for incomplete flow analysis

Use these Amazon CloudWatch Logs Insights queries to identify incomplete event flows. Run these queries against the appropriate log groups based on the type of analysis needed.

Log group selection:

- **MediaTailor/AdDecisionServerInteractions** - Use for queries analyzing ad decision server interactions, ad opportunities, and ADS-related failures.
- **MediaTailor/TranscodeService** - Use for analyzing issues where ads were not inserted due to transcoding problems, creative processing failures, or other non-ADS related issues.

Example identify ad opportunities without successful manifest personalization

Log group: MediaTailor/AdDecisionServerInteractions

The following query identifies ad opportunities that did not result in successful manifest personalization:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, avail.availId, sessionId
| filter eventType = "AD_MARKER_FOUND"
| stats count() as total_opportunities by avail.availId
| join (
    fields @timestamp, eventType, avail.availId
    | filter eventType = "FILLED_AVAIL"
    | stats count() as successful_fills by avail.availId
) on avail.availId
| where ispresent(total_opportunities) and not ispresent(successful_fills)
| sort total_opportunities desc
```

Example analyze event flow completion rates

Log group: MediaTailor/AdDecisionServerInteractions

The following query analyzes completion rates across different event types:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, avail.availId
| filter eventType in ["AD_MARKER_FOUND", "MAKING_ADS_REQUEST", "VAST_RESPONSE",
  "FILLED_AVAIL", "BEACON_FIRED"]
| stats count() by eventType, avail.availId
| sort avail.availId, eventType
```

Example find sessions with missing beacon events

Log group: MediaTailor/AdDecisionServerInteractions

The following query identifies sessions that have filled avails but no corresponding beacon events:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, sessionId, avail.availId
| filter eventType = "FILLED_AVAIL"
| stats count() as filled_avails by sessionId
| join (
    fields @timestamp, eventType, sessionId
    | filter eventType = "BEACON_FIRED"
    | stats count() as beacon_events by sessionId
) on sessionId
| where filled_avails > 0 and (not ispresent(beacon_events) or beacon_events = 0)
| sort filled_avails desc
```

Example identify transcoding-related ad insertion failures

Log group: MediaTailor/TranscodeService

The following query identifies transcoding issues that prevent successful ad insertion:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, sessionId, requestId
| filter eventType in ["TRANSCODE_IN_PROGRESS", "INTERNAL_ERROR", "MISSING_VARIANTS",
"PROFILE_NOT_FOUND"]
| stats count() as transcode_issues by eventType, sessionId
| sort transcode_issues desc
```

Analyzing event timing issues

Event timing analysis helps identify performance bottlenecks and optimize ad insertion workflows. Unusual timing patterns often indicate underlying issues that affect viewer experience.

Performance timing thresholds

Use these timing thresholds to identify potential performance issues.

- **Total flow duration more than 5 seconds:** Can impact viewer experience and can indicate ADS performance issues, origin server problems (such as manifest retrieval timeouts), or internal MediaTailor issues including infrastructure problems with NAT Gateway, DynamoDB, EC2, or other system components.

- **ADS response time more than 2 seconds:** Suggests ADS performance problems or network latency issues.
- **Manifest personalization more than 1 second:** Can indicate creative processing delays, origin server issues (such as manifest retrieval timeouts), or internal MediaTailor system problems including infrastructure constraints with NAT Gateway, DynamoDB, EC2, or other components.

Timing analysis queries

Use these queries to analyze event timing patterns.

Example measure total event flow duration

The following query measures the total duration of event flows and identifies those exceeding 5 seconds:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, avail.availId
| filter avail.availId = "your-avail-id"
| filter eventType in ["AD_MARKER_FOUND", "FILLED_AVAIL"]
| sort @timestamp asc
| stats min(@timestamp) as start_time, max(@timestamp) as end_time by avail.availId
| eval duration_seconds = (end_time - start_time) / 1000
| where duration_seconds > 5
```

Example analyze ADS response timing

The following query analyzes ADS response times and identifies those exceeding 2 seconds:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, avail.availId
| filter avail.availId = "your-avail-id"
| filter eventType in ["MAKING_ADS_REQUEST", "VAST_RESPONSE"]
| sort @timestamp asc
| stats min(@timestamp) as request_time, max(@timestamp) as response_time by
  avail.availId
| eval ads_response_seconds = (response_time - request_time) / 1000
| where ads_response_seconds > 2
```

Example identify slow manifest personalization

The following query identifies manifest personalization processes that take longer than 1 second:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, avail.availId
| filter avail.availId = "your-avail-id"
| filter eventType in ["VAST_RESPONSE", "FILLED_AVAIL"]
| sort @timestamp asc
| stats min(@timestamp) as response_time, max(@timestamp) as filled_time by
  avail.availId
| eval personalization_seconds = (filled_time - response_time) / 1000
| where personalization_seconds > 1
```

Common event flow problems and solutions

This section provides solutions for frequently encountered event flow issues, organized by problem type and symptoms.

Ad decision server request failures

Symptoms: Event flow stops after ad opportunity detection. No ADS request events logged.

Common causes and solutions

- **ADS URL configuration errors:** Verify the ADS URL in your playback configuration is correct and accessible. In the ads interaction log, you will see an ADS request event (MAKING_ADS_REQUEST) but no corresponding VAST response, often accompanied by an ERROR_UNKNOWN or similar error event.
- **Network connectivity issues:** Check network connectivity between MediaTailor and your ADS, including firewall rules and DNS resolution.
- **SSL/TLS certificate problems:** Ensure your ADS uses valid SSL certificates from a trusted certificate authority. For Google Ad Manager specifically, you might need to contact [AWS Support](#) to enable a configuration flag that accepts Google's SSL certificates.

Diagnostic query

The following query helps diagnose ADS request failures by tracking the event sequence:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, sessionId
| filter sessionId = "your-session-id"
| filter eventType in ["AD_MARKER_FOUND", "MAKING_ADS_REQUEST", "ERROR_ADS_IO",
  "ERROR_UNKNOWN_HOST"]
| sort @timestamp asc
```

Ad decision server response failures

Symptoms: ADS requests succeed but MediaTailor doesn't receive a response, or parsing errors occur.

Common causes and solutions

- **Invalid VAST format:** Validate your ADS VAST responses against VAST specification standards.
- **ADS timeout issues:** Increase ADS timeout settings or optimize ADS response time.
- **Empty ad inventory:** Check ad inventory availability and targeting criteria in your ADS configuration.

Diagnostic query

The following query helps diagnose ADS response failures by examining request and response events:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, sessionId
| filter sessionId = "your-session-id"
| filter eventType in ["MAKING_ADS_REQUEST", "VAST_RESPONSE", "EMPTY_VAST_RESPONSE",
"ERROR_ADS_RESPONSE_PARSE", "ERROR_ADS_TIMEOUT"]
| sort @timestamp asc
```

Manifest personalization failures

Symptoms: VAST responses received but manifest personalization fails or ads are skipped.

Common causes and solutions:

- **Creative transcoding issues:** Check if the ad is a NEW_CREATIVE, which requires transcoding prior to insertion. You can also check for transcoding errors by examining the MediaTailor/TranscodeService log for error events such as INTERNAL_ERROR, MISSING_VARIANTS, or PROFILE_NOT_FOUND.
- **Duration mismatch problems:** Verify ad durations fit within available ad break durations.
- **Personalization threshold issues:** Review personalization threshold settings in your playback configuration.

Diagnostic query

The following query helps diagnose manifest personalization failures by examining VAST responses and filled avails:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, sessionId, skippedAds
| filter sessionId = "your-session-id"
| filter eventType in ["VAST_RESPONSE", "FILLED_AVAIL", "WARNING_NO_ADVERTISEMENTS"]
| sort @timestamp asc
```

Query for skipped ad reasons

The following query provides detailed information about why ads were skipped:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, sessionId, skippedAds.reason, skippedAds.creativeUniqueId
| filter sessionId = "your-session-id"
| filter eventType = "WARNING_NO_ADVERTISEMENTS" or ispresent(skippedAds)
| sort @timestamp asc
```

Query for skipped ad reasons and creative unique IDs

The following query provides detailed skipped ad information including reasons and creative unique IDs for the first two ads in each avail:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType
| filter sessionId = "your-session-id"
| filter eventType = "FILLED_AVAIL"
| fields avail.skippedAds.0.vastDuration as SkippedDur_Ad0,
  avail.skippedAds.0.skippedReason as Ad0_SkipReason,
  avail.skippedAds.0.creativeUniqueId as SkippedCreative0_UID
| fields avail.skippedAds.1.vastDuration as SkippedDur_Ad1,
  avail.skippedAds.1.skippedReason as Ad1_SkipReason,
  avail.skippedAds.1.creativeUniqueId as SkippedCreative1_UID
| sort @timestamp desc
```

Tracking beacon failures

Symptoms: Successful manifest personalization but missing or failed tracking beacons.

Common causes and solutions

- Client-side implementation issues:** Most tracking beacon issues stem from client-side implementation problems, such as not polling tracking URLs frequently enough for client-side tracking, or player-specific beacon firing logic issues.

- **Tracking URL accessibility issues:** Verify that tracking URLs in VAST responses are accessible and return appropriate responses. Issues can occur when URLs are not reachable or when MediaTailor encounters internal issues preventing successful tracking response delivery.
- **Player segment request issues:** Apparent tracking beacon failures can occur when the client player doesn't actually request any segments. This results in no beacons being sent, which appears as a tracking failure but is actually a player implementation issue rather than a beacon problem.

Diagnostic query

The following query helps diagnose tracking beacon failures by examining filled avails and beacon events:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType, sessionId
| filter sessionId = "your-session-id"
| filter eventType in ["FILLED_AVAIL", "BEACON_FIRED", "ERROR_FIRING_BEACON_FAILED"]
| sort @timestamp asc
```

Event flow monitoring best practices

Implement these monitoring practices to proactively identify and resolve event flow issues:

Setting up CloudWatch alarms

Create Amazon CloudWatch alarms to monitor key event flow metrics.

- **Flow completion rate alarm:** Alert when the ratio of successful manifest personalization to ad opportunities drops below acceptable thresholds.
- **ADS response time alarm:** Monitor average ADS response times and alert when they exceed performance thresholds.
- **Error rate alarm:** Track error event frequencies and alert on unusual spikes in specific error types.

Regular monitoring queries

Run these queries regularly to maintain visibility into event flow health:

Example daily event flow success rate

The following query provides a daily overview of event flow success rates by event type:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType
| filter @timestamp > datefloor(@timestamp, 1d)
| stats count() as total_events by eventType
| sort total_events desc
```

Example hourly error rate trending

The following query tracks error rates by hour to identify trending issues:

```
fields @timestamp, eventType
| filter eventType like /ERROR_/
| stats count() as error_count by datefloor(@timestamp, 1h) as hour
| sort hour desc
```

Performance optimization guidance

Use event flow analysis to optimize ad insertion performance.

- **ADS optimization:** Work with your ADS provider to optimize response times and reduce latency.
- **Creative preparation:** Pre-transcode ad creatives to match your content profiles and reduce processing delays.
- **Configuration tuning:** Adjust timeout settings, personalization thresholds, and other configuration parameters based on event flow analysis.

Additional troubleshooting resources

For additional troubleshooting guidance beyond event flow analysis:

- For detailed log format information and technical specifications, see [Viewing logs](#).
- For comprehensive troubleshooting of common ad insertion issues, see [???](#).
- For monitoring and alerting setup guidance, see [???](#).
- For debug logging procedures, see [Generating debug logs](#).

Troubleshooting playback errors returned by MediaTailor

This section provides information about the HTTP error codes that you might receive while testing your player software and during the normal processing of player requests.

Note

You might also receive errors from the AWS Elemental MediaTailor API, during configuration operations like `PutPlaybackConfiguration` and `GetPlaybackConfiguration`. For information about those types of errors, see the [AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference](#).

When your player sends a request to AWS Elemental MediaTailor, either directly or through a CDN, MediaTailor responds with a status code. If MediaTailor successfully handles the request, it returns the HTTP status code 200 OK, indicating success, along with the populated manifest. If the request is unsuccessful, MediaTailor returns an HTTP status code, an exception name, and an error message.

AWS Elemental MediaTailor returns two classes of errors:

- **Client errors** – errors that are usually caused by a problem in the request itself, like an improperly formatted request, an invalid parameter, or a bad URL. These errors have an HTTP 4xx response code.
- **Server errors** – errors that are usually caused by a problem with MediaTailor or one of its dependencies, like the ad decision server (ADS) or the origin server. These errors have an HTTP 5xx response code.

Topics

- [Client playback errors returned by AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [Server playback errors returned by AWS Elemental MediaTailor](#)
- [Playback error examples](#)

Client playback errors returned by AWS Elemental MediaTailor

General guidance:

- You can find detailed information for most errors in the headers and body of the response.
- For some errors, you need to check your configuration settings. You can retrieve the settings for your playback configuration from AWS Elemental MediaTailor. For the API, the resource is `GetPlaybackConfiguration/Name`. For details, see the [AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference](#).

The following table lists the client error codes that are returned by the manifest manipulation activities of AWS Elemental MediaTailor, probable causes, and actions you can take to resolve them.

Cause	Exception name	Meaning	What to do
400	BadRequestException	MediaTailor is unable to service the request due to one or more errors in formatting or content. A parameter might be improperly formatted, or the request might contain an invalid playback configuration or session ID.	Check that your request is properly formatted and contains accurate information. Make sure that the playback endpoint setting on the player matches the <code>ManifestEndpointPrefix</code> setting returned by <code>GetPlaybackConfiguration</code> . Retry your request.
400	AccessDeniedException	The host header provided in the request doesn't match the manifest endpoint prefix that is configured in the MediaTailor playback URL. Your CDN might be misconfigured.	Check your CDN settings and make sure that you are using the correct manifest endpoint prefix for MediaTailor. Retry your request.
400	NotFoundException	MediaTailor is unable to find the information specified. Possible reasons include a URL that doesn't map to anything in the service, a configuration that isn't defined, or a session that is unavailable.	Check your configuration and the validity of your request, and then reinitialize the session.

Code	Exception name	Meaning	What to do
40	ConflictException	A player tried to load multiple playlists simultaneously for a single session. As a result, MediaTailor detected a session consistency conflict. This problem occurs for HLS players.	Make sure that your player requests playlists one at a time. This is in accordance with the HLS specification.
41	Gone	An AWS Support operator has blocked a player session or customer configuration. AWS Support does this in rare circumstances when we detect a very high volume of 4xx requests coming from errant traffic for a single session or configuration.	If you think that the request shouldn't be blocked, contact AWS Support . They can look into it and remove the blocking filter, if appropriate.

If you need further assistance, contact [AWS Support](#).

Server playback errors returned by AWS Elemental MediaTailor

General guidance:

- You can find detailed information for most errors in the headers and body of the response.
- For some errors, you need to check your configuration settings. You can retrieve the settings for your playback configuration from AWS Elemental MediaTailor. For the API, the resource is `GetPlaybackConfiguration/Name`. For details, see the [AWS Elemental MediaTailor API Reference](#).

The following table lists the server error codes returned by the manifest manipulation activities of AWS Elemental MediaTailor, probable causes, and actions you can take to resolve them.

Code	Exception name	Meaning	What to do
50	InternalServerError	Unhandled exception.	Retry the request. If the problem persists, check the

Code	Exception name	Meaning	What to do
			Reported health of MediaTailor for your AWS Region at https://status.aws.amazon.com/ .
500	BadGatewayException	Either the origin server address or the ad decision server (ADS) address is invalid. Examples of invalid addresses are a private IP address and localhost .	Make sure that your configuration has the correct settings for your ADS and origin server, and then retry the request.
500	UnsupportedManifestException	Either the origin manifest has changed so that MediaTailor can't personalize it or MediaTailor doesn't support the origin's manifest format.	This might affect only the individual session. Reinitialize the session. You can usually accomplish this by refreshing the page in the viewer. If the problem persists, verify that MediaTailor supports the origin's manifest format. For information, see Integrating a content source .
500	LoadShed	MediaTailor experienced a resource constraint while servicing your request.	Retry the request. If the problem persists, check the reported health of MediaTailor for your AWS Region at https://status.aws.amazon.com/ .

Code	Exception name	Meaning	What to do
50	ThrottlingException	Your transactions per second have reached your quota, and MediaTailor is throttling your use.	Retry the request. You can also check the reported health of MediaTailor for your AWS Region at https://status.amazon.com/ . You might want to increase the quota on your transactions per second. For more information, see the section called “Quotas on ad insertion” .
50	GatewayTimeoutException	A timeout occurred while MediaTailor was contacting the origin server.	Retry the request. If the problem persists, check the health of the origin server and make sure the origin server is responding within the content origin server timeout that is listed at the section called “Quotas on ad insertion” .

If you need further assistance, contact [AWS Support](#).

Playback error examples

This section lists some examples of the playback errors that you might see in command line interactions with AWS Elemental MediaTailor.

The following example shows the result when a timeout occurs between AWS Elemental MediaTailor and either the ad decision server (ADS) or the origin server.

```
~[]> curl -vvv https://111122223333444455556666123456789012.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/v1/master/123456789012/Multiperiod_DASH_Demo/index.mpd
*   Trying 54.186.133.224...
* Connected to 111122223333444455556666123456789012.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com (11.222.333.444) port 555 (#0)
* TLS 1.2 connection using TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
```

```
* Server certificate: mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com
* Server certificate: Amazon
* Server certificate: Amazon Root CA 1
* Server certificate: Starfield Services Root Certificate Authority - G2
> GET /v1/master/123456789012/Multiperiod_DASH_Demo/index.mpd HTTP/1.1
> Host: 1111222333344455556666123456789012.mediatailor.us-west-2.amazonaws.com
> User-Agent: curl/7.43.0
> Accept: */*
>
< HTTP/1.1 504 Gateway Timeout
< Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2018 18:43:14 GMT
< Content-Type: application/json
< Content-Length: 338
< Connection: keep-alive
< x-amzn-RequestId: 123456789012-123456789012
< x-amzn-ErrorType: GatewayTimeoutException:http://internal.amazon.com/coral/
com.amazon.elemental.midas.mms.coral/
<
* Connection #0 to host 1111222333344455556666123456789012.mediatailor.us-
west-2.amazonaws.com left intact
{"message":"failed to generate manifest: Unable to obtain template playlist.
origin URL:[https://777788889999.mediapackage.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/out/
v1/4444555566661111222333/index.mpd], asset path: [index.mpd], sessionId:
[123456789012123456789012] customerId:[123456789012]"}%
```

AWS Elemental MediaTailor resources

The following table lists related resources that you will find useful as you work with AWS Elemental MediaTailor.

Resource	Description
SCTE standard: SCTE 35	The SCTE standard document for SCTE35.
Classes and workshops	Links to role-based and specialty courses as well as self-paced labs to help sharpen your AWS skills and gain practical experience.
AWS developer tools	Links to developer tools, SDKs, IDE tool kits, and command line tools for developing and managing AWS applications.
AWS whitepapers	Links to a comprehensive list of technical AWS whitepapers, covering topics such as architecture, security, and economics and authored by AWS Solutions Architects or other technical experts.
AWS Support center	The hub for creating and managing your AWS Support cases. Also includes links to other helpful resources, such as forums, technical FAQs, service health status, and AWS Trusted Advisor.
AWS Support	The primary webpage for information about AWS Support, a one-on-one, fast-response support channel to help you build and run applications in the cloud.
Contact Us	A central contact point for inquiries concerning AWS billing, account, events, abuse, and other issues.

Resource	Description
<u>AWS site terms</u>	Detailed information about our copyright and trademark; your account, license, and site access; and other topics.

Document history for AWS Elemental MediaTailor

The following table describes important changes to this documentation.

Change	Description	Date
<u>Added event flow troubleshooting guidance</u>	New section providing practical guidance for using MediaTailor event flow analysis to diagnose and resolve ad insertion issues.	July 31, 2025
<u>Added ad insertion event flow documentation</u>	New section explaining the chronological flow of MediaTailor events during manifest personalization to help users understand the workflow.	July 23, 2025
<u>Updated skipped ad reasons documentation</u>	Enhanced documentation about ad skipping reasons with additional troubleshooting guidance and examples.	July 16, 2025
<u>Enhanced client-side tracking workflow documentation</u>	Added comprehensive client-side reporting workflow documentation with detailed sequence diagram and step-by-step process explanation.	July 16, 2025
<u>CDN integration documentation</u>	Added more comprehensive information about setting up a CDN with MediaTailor.	June 30, 2025
<u>Added CDN integration for Channel Assembly</u>	Added documentation for integrating a CDN with	May 16, 2025

	Channel Assembly to optimize content delivery.	
<u>HLS playlist types</u>	Added definitions for HLS multivariant and variant playlists.	May 9, 2025
<u>DASH manifest types</u>	Added definitions for DASH manifest components.	May 9, 2025
<u>Added HLS playlist type information</u>	Added explanations about multivariant and variant playlists to provide context for the examples.	May 9, 2025
<u>Added DASH manifest type information</u>	Added explanations about MPD structure and components to provide context for the examples.	May 9, 2025
<u>Added recurring prefetch</u>	Updated sections to include information about recurring prefetch schedules.	April 28, 2025
<u>Added per-configuration log filtering information</u>	Added information about filtering logs that MediaTailor emits for a configuration.	March 31, 2025
<u>Added vended logs information</u>	Added new section about using vended logs for publishing logs that MediaTailor emits..	February 4, 2025
<u>Added preconditioned ads overview</u>	Added new section that describes how MediaTailor manages ad insertion when you're using preconditioned ads.	January 30, 2025

<u>Added ad conditioning</u>	Added the Streaming media file conditioning setting.	January 30, 2025
<u>Added log types</u>	Added new section that lists the log types that MediaTailor emits.	January 15, 2025
<u>Added log filtering information</u>	Added new section about filtering logs that MediaTailor emits.	January 15, 2025
<u>Added supported query parameter formatting</u>	Added sections for manifest query parameter and ADS query parameter formatting.	January 2, 2025
<u>Integration information for Google Ad Manager</u>	Added a section about integrating MediaTailor with Google Ad Manager from server side and client side.	November 25, 2024
<u>Updated variable</u>	Changed <code>breakabilityStartTime</code> to <code>availabilityStartTime</code> .	May 6, 2024
<u>Added personalization detail</u>	Added the Insertion Mode personalization detail.	May 6, 2024
<u>Program Rules</u>	Added new content on program rules.	April 25, 2024
<u>Updated content on creating channels</u>	Added information about program rules when creating channels.	April 20, 2024
<u>Updated content on adding programs</u>	Added information about program rules when adding programs.	April 20, 2024

<u>Workflow monitor</u>	Analyze AWS media services and create signal maps, visualizations of the media workflow, between those services. Use the signal maps to generate monitoring alarms and notifications using CloudWatch, EventBridge, and AWS CloudFormation.	April 11, 2024
<u>AlternateMedia and the As Run Log</u>	Added a note on how AlternateMedia affects the As Run Log.	February 28, 2024
<u>Updated manifest settings</u>	Added information about passthrough tags, depending on the chosen Ad markup type.	November 28, 2023
<u>SCTE-35 messages for ad breaks</u>	Added information about inserted SCTE-35 tags for Daterange versus Scte35 Enhanced Ad markup types.	November 28, 2023
<u>Key-value pairs for the Enhanced Scte35 Ad markup type</u>	Added information about how MediaTailor handles submitted key-value pairs for the Enhanced Scte35 Ad markup type.	November 28, 2023
<u>VOD source ad opportunities</u>	MediaTailor can now automatically detect ad opportunities on VOD sources.	October 6, 2023
<u>New Autodetect SigV4 authentication type</u>	MediaTailor now supports the AUTODETECT_SIGV4 access type.	August 18, 2023

<u>Updated client-side tracking content</u>	Updated the client-side tracking content to include additional information.	August 12, 2023
<u>Setting up MediaTailor and MediaPackage workflows to use live sources</u>	Added information on setup, general requirements, and behavior when MediaTailor and AWS Elemental MediaPackage workflows use live sources.	May 24, 2023
<u>Manifest query parameters documentation</u>	Added a section that describes manifest query parameters.	April 26, 2023
<u>Overlay ads documentation</u>	Added a section that describes overlay ads.	April 24, 2023
<u>Ad ID decoration in manifests documentation</u>	Added a section that describes ad ID decoration in manifests.	April 24, 2023
<u>Added AFTER_EDGE suppression mode</u>	AFTER_EDGE ad suppression mode is now available in addition to BEFORE_EDGE mode.	February 21, 2023
<u>New As Run log</u>	New topic on the As Run log.	January 19, 2023
<u>IAM best-practices updates</u>	Updated guide to align with the IAM best practices . For more information, see <u>Security best practices in IAM</u> .	December 27, 2022
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<u>Updated quotas content</u>	Updated and reorganized quotas information.	September 13, 2022
<u>Added and corrected channel assembly quotas</u>	Added quotas for live sources, segment delivery configurations, manifest requests, and channel transactions in the MediaTailor channel assembly service.	September 13, 2022
<u>Added and corrected channel assembly quotas</u>	Added quotas for logging, channel, live sources, programs, source locations, and channel policies in the MediaTailor channel assembly service.	September 11, 2022
<u>New channel assembly alerts table</u>	You can now see a table that explains channel assembly alerts.	September 1, 2022
<u>New Amazon CloudWatch metrics</u>	Added new CloudWatch metrics.	June 26, 2022
<u>Ad calls topic</u>	Added link to prefetch support for VAST responses.	May 25, 2022

<u>New ADS request variables</u>	MediaTailor now supports these additional SCTE-35 variables in ADS requests: <code>scte.segmentation_type_id</code> , <code>scte.availability_expected</code> , <code>scte.delivery_flag</code> , <code>scte.segment_count</code> , <code>scte.sub_segment_expected</code> , <code>scte.sub_segments_expected</code> , <code>scte.deviation_restrictions</code> , <code>scte.noRegionalBlackout_flag</code> , <code>scte.archive_allowed_flag</code> and <code>scte.segmentation_event_id</code> .	April 27, 2022
<u>New IAM managed policy topic</u>	Added two new managed policies for MediaTailor.	November 24, 2021
<u>New AWSElementalMediaTailorReadOnly managed policy</u>	Added a new AWS managed policy that grants permissions that allows read-only access to MediaTailor resources.	November 10, 2021
<u>New AWSElementalMediaTailorFullAccess managed policy</u>	Added a new AWS managed policy that allows full access to MediaTailor resources.	November 10, 2021
<u>New confused deputy topic</u>	Added a topic that explains how to prevent the confused deputy problem.	November 4, 2021

<u>Prefetching ads topic</u>	MediaTailor can now prefetch ads for ad breaks before they occur.	October 12, 2021
<u>Added logging configuration settings for playback configurations</u>	Use logging configuration settings to control settings related to playback configuration logs.	September 28, 2021
<u>SCTE-35 messages for ad breaks</u>	Added information about using segmentat ion_descriptor messages together with time_signal messages.	September 1, 2021
<u>New linear playback mode</u>	Added a new linear playback mode.	September 1, 2021
<u>New absolute transition type</u>	Added support for absolute transition types, which you can use to set a wall clock start time for your program on linear channels.	September 1, 2021
<u>New channel assembly alerts topic</u>	You can now monitor your channel assembly resources using MediaTailor alerts. When an issue or a potential issue occurs with your channel assembly resources, MediaTailor generates alerts.	July 14, 2021
<u>Corrected channel assembly quotas for channels egress requests</u>	Corrected quotas for channels egress requests in the MediaTailor channel assembly service.	June 29, 2021

<u>New source location authentication type</u>	MediaTailor now supports Secrets Manager access token authentication.	June 16, 2021
<u>New Tier information</u>	Added information about the modes and source types that each Tier supports.	June 13, 2021
<u>New Source type information</u>	For Standard channels, added information about the type of source that the program plays.	June 13, 2021
<u>New MediaTailor live sources documentation</u>	A live source represents a single live stream that you add to your source location. After you create your channel, you can add live sources to your source location and associate each live source with a program.	June 13, 2021
<u>Support for additional UPID types</u>	MediaTailor now supports ADS Information (0xE) and User Defined (0x1) segmentation UPID types.	April 15, 2021

<u>New segmentation UPID dynamic variables</u>	There are three new dynamic variables: scte.segm entation_upid.asse tId , scte.segm entation_upid.cueD ata.key , and scte.segm entation_upid.cueD ata.value . These variables are used in conjuncti on with the MPU segmentat ion UPID type (0xC) for podbuster workflows.	April 15, 2021
<u>New channel assembly service description</u>	Added information about the new channel assembly service.	March 11, 2021
<u>New MediaTailor channel assembly service documentation</u>	Channel assembly is a new manifest-only service that allows you to create linear streaming channels using your existing video on demand (VOD) content.	March 11, 2021
<u>Added channel assembly quotas</u>	Added quotas for the new MediaTailor channel assembly service.	March 11, 2021
<u>New channel assembly terms</u>	Added terms that correspond to the new channel assembly service.	March 10, 2021

<u>Channel assembly tagging support</u>	Added support for tagging of channel assembly resources in AWS Elemental MediaTailor. Channels, SourceLocations, and VodSources support tagging.	March 9, 2021
<u>New dynamic variables topic</u>	MediaTailor now supports dynamic domain variables.	February 25, 2021
<u>Added optional configuration alias settings</u>	Use configuration aliases alongside domain variables to dynamically configure domains during session initialization.	February 25, 2021
<u>New scte.segmentation_upid dynamic ad variable</u>	Added support for the scte.segmentation_upid session data dynamic ad variable.	December 5, 2020
<u>New ad marker passthrough topic</u>	Ad marker passthrough is now available for HLS manifests.	October 29, 2020
<u>Updated configuration advanced settings</u>	Ad marker passthrough is a new playback configuration advanced setting.	October 14, 2020
<u>New debug log mode</u>	New topic on the DEBUG log mode.	August 14, 2020
<u>Clarification around EXT-X-CUE-OUT duration attribute for bumpers</u>	Updated the bumpers requirements so that for HLS the duration attribute is required for each EXT-X-CUE-OUT tag.	August 5, 2020
<u>New bumpers topic</u>	Added a new bumpers topic	July 27, 2020

<u>Ad Suppression is available for DASH</u>	Ad suppression is now available for DASH. Removed the "HLS-only" restriction from the ad suppression topic.	June 3, 2020
<u>Update console-specific names</u>	Updated console-specific names to reflect a newer version of the console UI.	May 1, 2020
<u>New avail.index dynamic ad variable</u>	Added support for the new avail.index session data dynamic ad variable.	March 13, 2020
<u>New AdVerifications and Extensions elements</u>	For client-side reporting, the AdVerifications and Extensions elements are supported.	March 10, 2020
<u>Personalization threshold configuration</u>	Added support for the personalization threshold optional configuration.	February 14, 2020
<u>DASH VOD manifests</u>	Added support for video on demand (VOD) DASH manifests from the origin server, with multi-period manifest output.	December 23, 2019
<u>Console support for transcode profile name</u>	Added description for transcode profile name in the configuration.	December 23, 2019
<u>Updated limits tables</u>	Updated limits for ADS redirects and ADS timeouts.	December 18, 2019

<u>Document live pre-roll behaviors</u>	Added <i>Pre-Roll Ad Insertion</i> section to describe how live pre-roll ads work with AWS Elemental MediaTailor.	November 26, 2019
<u>Support for live pre-roll ads</u>	Added support for inserting pre-roll ads at the beginning of a live stream.	September 11, 2019
<u>Analyzing ADS logs in Amazon CloudWatch Logs insights</u>	Added information for using the AWS Elemental MediaTailor or ADS logs and CloudWatch Logs Insights to analyze your MediaTailor sessions.	August 13, 2019
<u>New security chapter</u>	Added a security chapter to enhance and standardize coverage.	May 23, 2019
<u>DASH single-period manifests</u>	Added support for single-period DASH manifests from the origin server, with multi-period manifest output.	April 4, 2019
<u>Support for SCTE-35 UPIDs in the ADS URL</u>	Added support for including a unique program ID (UPID) in the ad decision server (ADS) URL. This allows the ADS to provide program-level ad targeting within a live linear stream.	March 28, 2019
<u>Client-side reporting supports companion ads</u>	For client-side reporting, the AWS Elemental MediaTailor or tracking URL response now includes companion ad metadata.	March 28, 2019

<u>HLS ad marker documentation</u>	Added a section that describes supported HLS ad markers.	March 1, 2019
<u>Tagging support</u>	Added support for tagging of configuration resources in AWS Elemental MediaTailor. Tagging allows you to identify and organize your AWS resources and control access to them and to track your AWS costs.	February 14, 2019
<u>Added AWS CloudTrail logging information</u>	Added topic about using CloudTrail to log actions in the AWS Elemental MediaTailor API.	February 11, 2019
<u>Added section on playback errors</u>	Added information about the errors that might be returned by MediaTailor during playback, in response to requests from a player or a content delivery network (CDN).	February 4, 2019
<u>DASH base64-encoded binary</u>	Added support for providing splicing information in manifests in base64-encoded binary, inside <scte35:Signal> <scte35:Binary> markers.	January 4, 2019
<u>DASH time signal</u>	Added support for providing splicing information in manifests inside <scte35:TimeSignal> markers.	December 5, 2018

<u>DASH location support</u>	Added support for the MPEG-DASH <Location> tag.	December 4, 2018
<u>DASH support</u>	Added support for MPEG-DASH manifests.	November 14, 2018
<u>Updated limits tables</u>	Updated limits for configurations and manifest size.	October 13, 2018
<u>New and updated metrics</u>	Added metrics for ad decision server (ADS) and origin timeouts, and updated the ADS and origin error definitions to include timed-out responses.	October 13, 2018
<u>Better documentation coverage for server-side and client-side ad insertion use cases</u>	Expanded description and examples to cover the use of dynamic ad variables for server-side ad insertion and for client-side ad insertion.	October 1, 2018
<u>New regions</u>	Added support for the PDX and FRA Regions.	July 18, 2018
<u>VAST/VPAID</u>	Added information about VAST and VPAID.	March 16, 2018
<u>CloudWatch</u>	Added information about available CloudWatch metrics, namespaces, and dimensions.	March 16, 2018
<u>New regions</u>	Added support for the Asia Pacific (Singapore), Asia Pacific (Sydney), and Asia Pacific (Tokyo) Regions.	February 8, 2018

<u>IAM policy information</u>	Added IAM policy information specific to AWS Elemental MediaTailor. Added instructions for creating non-admin roles with limited permissions.	January 3, 2018
<u>First release</u>	First release of this documentation.	November 27, 2017

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