



## **Talend User Component tGoogleAnalytics4Input**

### **Purpose**

This component addresses the needs of gathering Google Analytics 4 data for many properties and fine-grained detail data.

The component uses the Google Analytics API 1.0 beta and the Authentication API OAuth.

To provide the ability to run in multiple iterations the component has special capabilities to avoid multiple logins through iterations. Usually, automated processes should not use personal accounts. This requirement is addressed by using a service account, which are the only preferred way to login into Google Analytics for automated processes.

The account credentials are now only be taken from the standard json key file. This way you can only by changing the json file change the account, also the account type. No need for changing the job to switch between different account types like service account or application client Id.

### **Talend-Integration**

This component can be found in the palette under Business->Google

This component provides an output flow and several return values.

### **Precondition**

Take care your Google project is enabled for the Google Analytics Data API:

[https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/reporting/data/v1?hl=en\\_GB](https://developers.google.com/analytics/devguides/reporting/data/v1?hl=en_GB)

To enable this API, visit the Google Console:

<https://console.cloud.google.com/apis/api/analyticsdata.googleapis.com/metrics>

To configure the access rights, visit the Google Analytics and go to the Admin section (see bottom left menu)

<https://analytics.google.com/analytics/web/#/report-home/>

### **Parameters**

#### **Parameters to connect to Google Analytics (setup client)**

Property	Content	Data types
Key File (*.json)	The Account Login works with private key file for authentication. In the process of creating a service account you download this file. Only for service accounts <b>Required</b>	String
GA4-Property-ID	GA4-Property-IDs are numbers. You can provide the value as number or String	String or Long

If you key file is from a application client Id account than the component starts an approval process and expects on the first run an user interaction with the Google web page and after finishing the form to approve the access right you need to close the browser to let the component continue, otherwise the authentication process will not complete.

## Parameters to define the query

Property	Content
Start Date	All queries always need a time range (only date, not time). The value must be a String with the pattern “yyyy-MM-dd”. <b>Required!</b>
End Date	Time range end. If you want gather data for one date, use start date as end date. The value must be a String with the pattern “yyyy-MM-dd”. <b>Required!</b>
Dimensions	Dimensions are like group clauses. These dimensions will group the metric values. See advise for notations below. Separate multiple dimensions with a comma. <b>Not required</b>
Metrics	Things you want to measure. Separate multiple metrics with a comma. See advise for notations below. <b>Required!</b>
Dimension Filters	Contains all filters as concatenated string to filter rows by dimension values (cause an AND combination of the filters) See advise for notation below
Metric Filters	Contains all filters as concatenated string to filter rows by metric values (cause an AND combination of the filters) See advise for notation below
Sorts	Contains all sort criteria as concatenated string. Separate multiple dimensions/metrics with a comma. See advise for notation below
Normalize Output	If true, the component normalizes the otherwise flat record into two normalized output flows (dimensions and metrics). For every raw record with its columns for dimensions and metrics this option creates one record per raw-record and dimension / metric. E.g. if the component in the flat mode would create 3 records with 4 dimensions and 2 metrics it will create for the dimensions-flow 3 x 4 records and for the metrics flow 3 x 2 records.
Exclude date dimension and provide value as return value	Set this to exclude the date dimension from the normalized output flow for dimension and instead set the date value in the globalMap as return value (available while the flow runs).

## Explanation for the Normalized Output

The normalized output as made for scenarios in which the job will be configured with metrics and dimensions at runtime. In this use case it is not possible to declare the appropriated schema for the flat output. The normalization creates 2 read only output schemas:

### Dimensions

Column	Type	Meaning
ROW_NUM	int	The row number from the original flat result row. It identifies the records, which belongs to together.
DIMENSION_NAME	String	Name of the dimension
DIMENSION_VALUE	String	Value of the dimension

### Metrics

Column	Type	Meaning
ROW_NUM	int	The row number from the original flat result row. It identifies the records, which belongs together.
METRIC_NAME	String	Name of the metric
METRIC_VALUE	Double	Value of the metric

## Advice for dimension and metric filter notation

- For dimensions, metrics, filters and sorts you must use the notation from the former Google Core API and these filters will be translated into the new GA4 filters. Unfortunately, there is currently no other way to express the filters in a generic way like in UA because limitations of the current GA4-API.
- Combine all filter entries with OR or AND ( use comma for OR and semicolon for AND )
- In a filter you can currently only combine all expressions with OR or AND but not mixed.
- On the left side of a filter term is the dimension or metric and on the right side the value to compare.
- Unlike in UA you can now add spaces in your filter expressions to make the better readable.

Filter comparison operators:

Operator	Meaning
==	Exact match to include (both filters)
!=	Exact match to exclude (both filters)
=~	Regex match to include (only for dimension filters)
!~	Regex match to exclude (only for dimension filters)
=@	Contains string (only for dimension filters)
!@	Does not contain string (only for dimension filters)
>	Greater than (only for metric filters)
>=	Greater or equals than (only for metric filters)
<=	Lower or equals than (only for metric filters)
<	Lower than (only for metric filters)

### Example for dimension filter in OR combination

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"city == Berlin , city == Paris"
```

### Example for dimension filter in AND combination:

```
"city == (not set) ; country =@ Fran"
```

## Building Flat Schema for Component

In the schema you need same number columns equals to the sum of the number of dimensions and metrics.

Columns in the schema must start at first with dimensions (if provided) and ends with metrics.

Schema column types must match to the data types of the dimensions and metrics. The schema column names can differ from the names of dimensions and metrics. Only the order and their types are important.

In Talend schema columns must follow the Java naming rules therefore avoid writing customEvent:xxx instead e.g. use the name without the namespace prefix.

**Important:** For date dimensions (e.g.: date) you must specify the date pattern as “yyyyMMdd” if you want it as Date typed value.

## Advanced Option Parameters

Property	Content
Timeout in s	How long should the component wait for getting the first result and fetching all result with one internal iteration
Fetch Size	This is the amount of data the component fetches at once. The value is used to set the max_rows attribute. max_rows mean not the absolute amount of data! The component manages setting the start index to get all data. To achieve this, the component iterates if the last result set are completely fetched.
Local Number Format	You can get numbers in various formats. Here you can define the locale in which format double or float values are should textually format by the API.
Reuse Client for Iterations	If you use this component in iterations, it is strongly recommended to set this option. It saves time to authenticate unnecessary often and avoids problems because of max amount of connects per time range.

## Return values

Return value	Content
ERROR_MESSAGE	Last error message
NB_LINE	Number of delivered lines (only set if normalization is not used)
TOTAL_AFFECTED_ROWS	Number of rows, which are collected by Google to calculate the result.
NB_LINE_DIMENSIONS	Number of normalized dimension records (only set if normalization is used)
NB_LINE_METRICS	Number of normalized metric records (only set if normalization is used)
CURRENT_DATE	The value of the date dimension (if present in the file) for every row. This value is only available in the “Normalized Flow” mode. Type: java.util.Date
ERROR_CODE	The last error code as Integer. Default value is 0 at start.

## Scenario 1: Plain flat output

The screenshot shows the Talend Designer interface. At the top, a job diagram displays the `tGoogleAnalytics4Input_1` component connected to a `plain output` target. The component's status bar indicates "7 rows in 2,34s" and "2,99 rows/s". Below the diagram, the configuration panel for `tGoogleAnalytics4Input_1` is visible. The "Basic settings" tab is active, showing the following configuration:

- Client Setup**
  - Key File (\*.json): `"/Users/jan/development/testdata/ga/config/ga4_test_talendcomp-jlo-6a6adfd8a6b6.json"`
- Report Query**
  - GA4 Property-ID: `310976591`
  - Start Date: `"2022-07-01"`
  - End Date: `"2022-07-30"`
  - Dimensions: `"country"`
  - Metrics: `"activeUsers,sessions"`
- Schema**
  - Schema: `Built-In`
  - ☒ Die on Error

A modal window titled "Schema of tGoogleAnalytics4Input\_1" is open, showing the schema definition for the component:

Column	Key	Type	Nullab	Date Pattern	Length	Precis
country	<input type="checkbox"/>	String	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
activeUsers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Double	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Double	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

The schema must be setup with the dimensions first and then the metrics. If dimensions are not used, start with the metrics.

This is the output:

plain output		
country	activeUsers	sessions
Germany	13.0	16.0
China	12.0	12.0
United States	10.0	10.0
Netherlands	1.0	1.0
Singapore	1.0	1.0
Taiwan	1.0	2.0
United Kingdom	1.0	1.0

## Scenario 2: Normalized output

This mode helps you to store the dimension and metric values for different reports in the same table design.

**tGoogleAnalytics4Input\_2**

**Basic settings**

Client Setup

Key File (\*.json)

Report Query

GA4 Property-ID

Start Date

End Date

Dimensions

Metrics

Dimension Filters

Metric Filters

Sort By

☒ Normalized output flows

☐ Exclude date dimension and provide value as return value

Schema Dimensions

Schema Metrics

☒ Die on Error

Output for normalized mode in in job (left) compared to the same output in plain flat mode (right)

normalized dimension values		
ROW_NUM	DIMENSION_NAME	DIMENSION_VALUE
1	country	Germany
2	country	China
3	country	United States
4	country	Netherlands
5	country	Singapore
6	country	Taiwan
7	country	United Kingdom

normalized metric values		
ROW_NUM	METRIC_NAME	METRIC_VALUE
1	activeUsers	13.0
1	sessions	16.0
2	activeUsers	12.0
2	sessions	12.0
3	activeUsers	10.0
3	sessions	10.0
4	activeUsers	1.0
4	sessions	1.0
5	activeUsers	1.0
5	sessions	1.0
6	activeUsers	1.0
6	sessions	2.0
7	activeUsers	1.0
7	sessions	1.0

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