# ST2228 Web and Mobile Analytics

**TOPIC 6: MOBILE ANALYTICS PART II** 

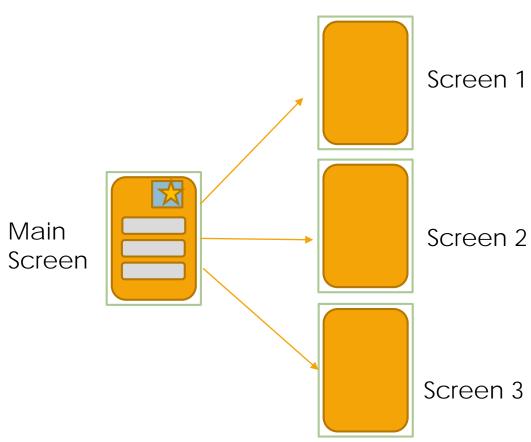
## Learning Objectives

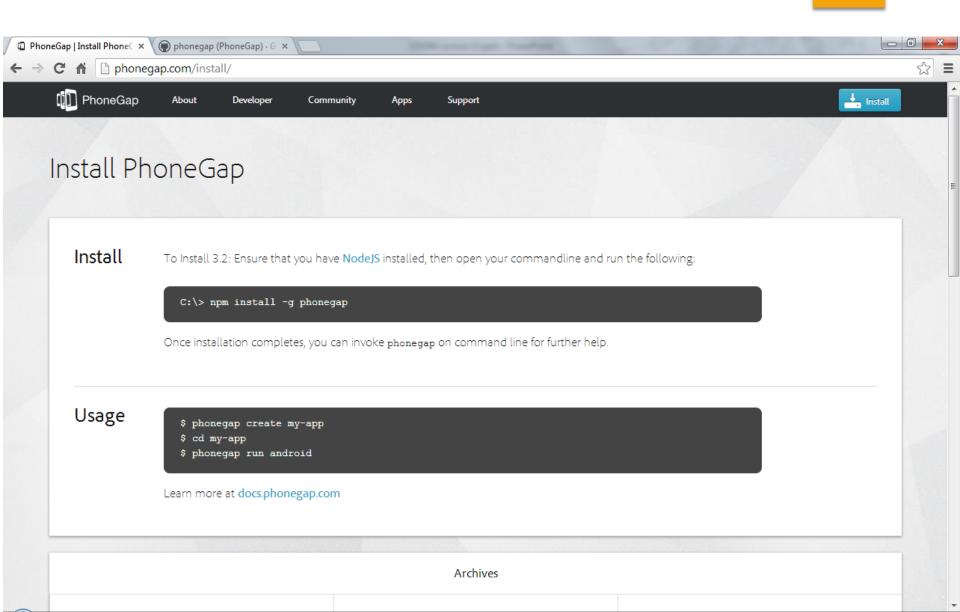
- Create Mobile App with PhoneGap
- Add the GA account to track the mobile app
- Adding the PhoneGap GA plug-in
- Testing instrumented mobile app with the Google Analytics account



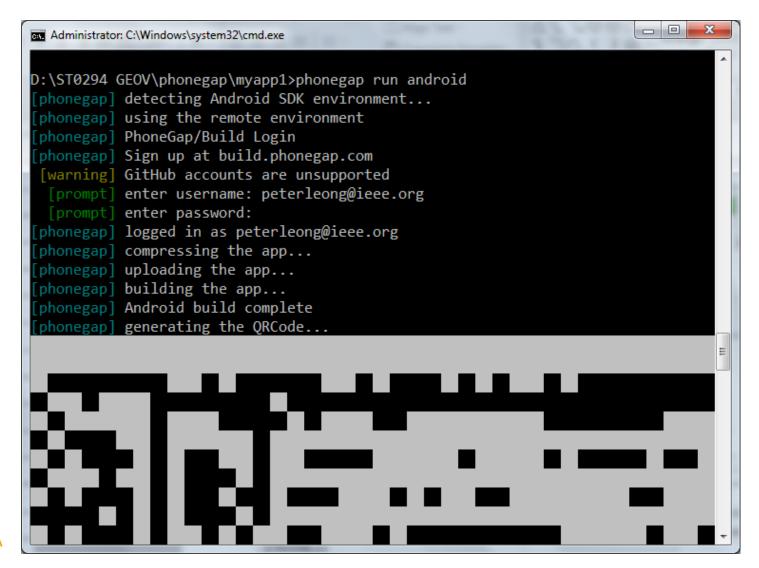
DEVELOPING A SIMPLE TEST APP USING PHONEGAP

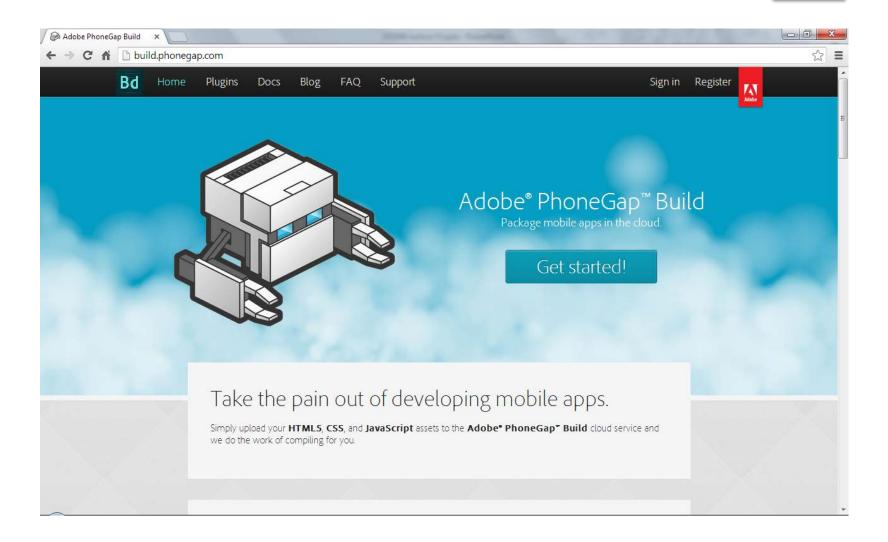
# Simple test app

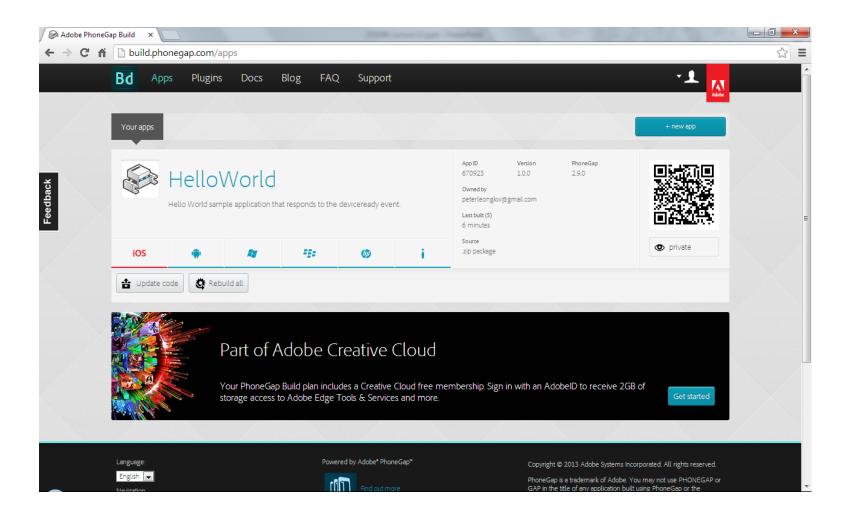


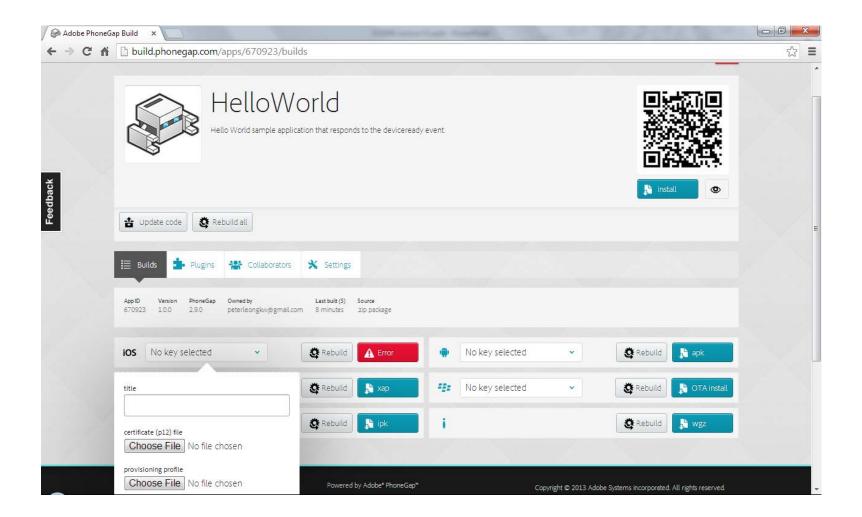


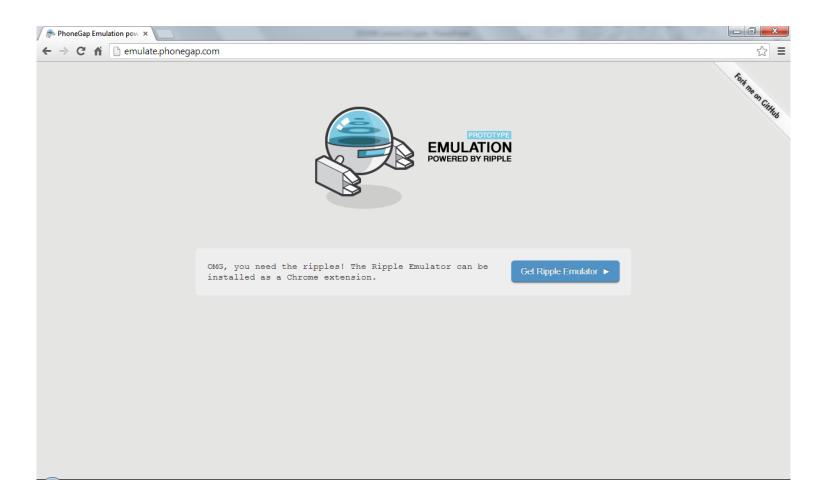
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Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
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D:\ST0294 GEOV>mkdir phonegap
D:\ST0294 GEOV>cd phonegap
D:\ST0294 GEOV\phonegap>phonegap create myapp1
[phonegap] missing library phonegap/www/3.2.0
[phonegap] downloading https://github.com/phonegap/phonegap-app-hello-world/arch
ive/3.2.0.tar.gz...
[phonegap] created project at D:\ST0294 GEOV\phonegap\myapp1
D:\ST0294 GEOV\phonegap>
D:\ST0294 GEOV\phonegap>dir
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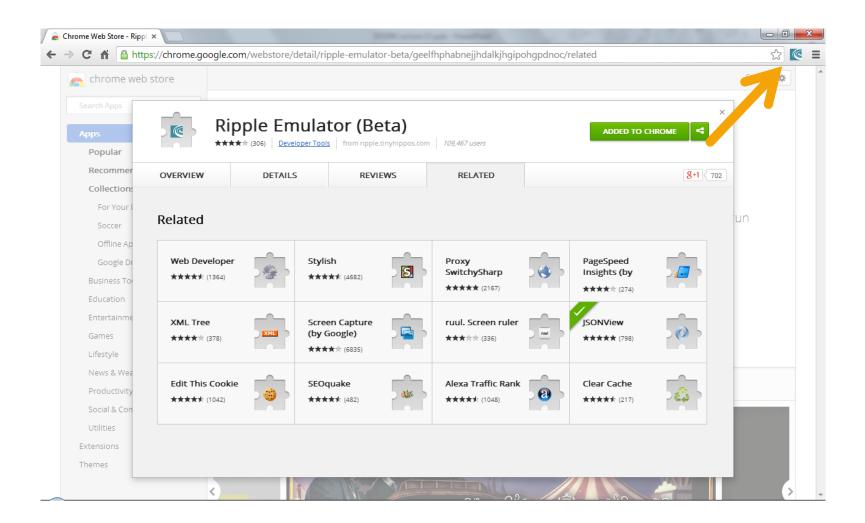


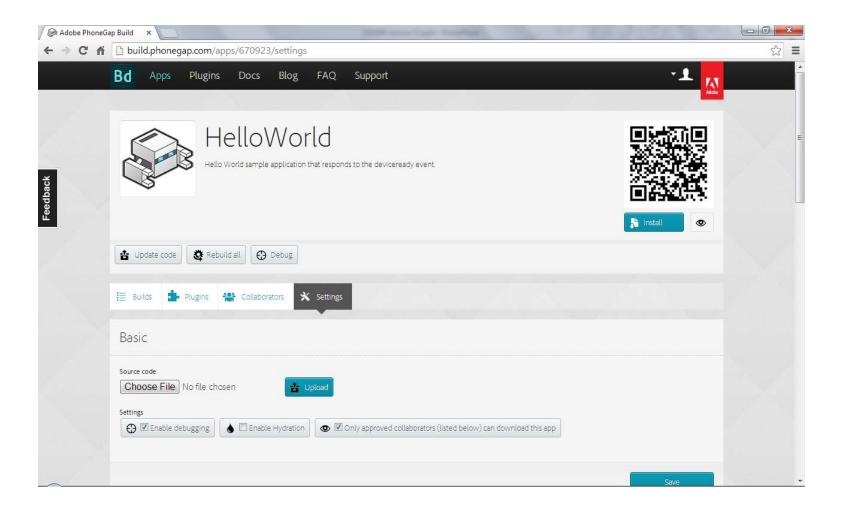


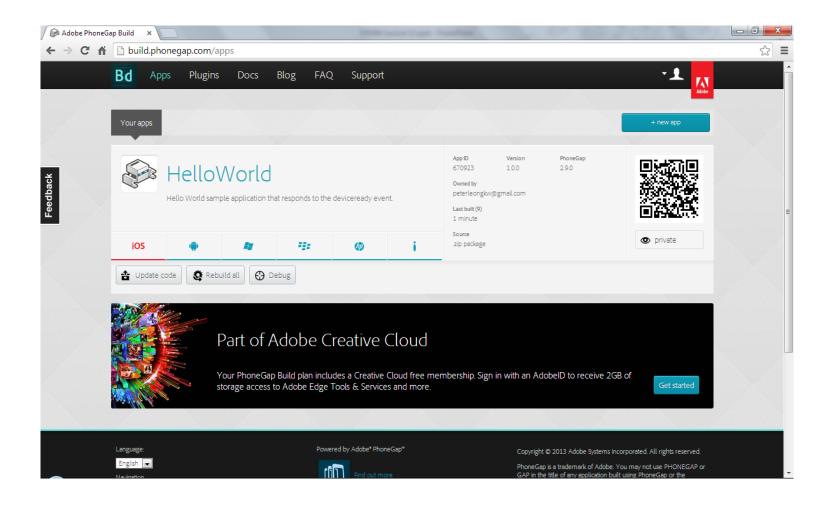


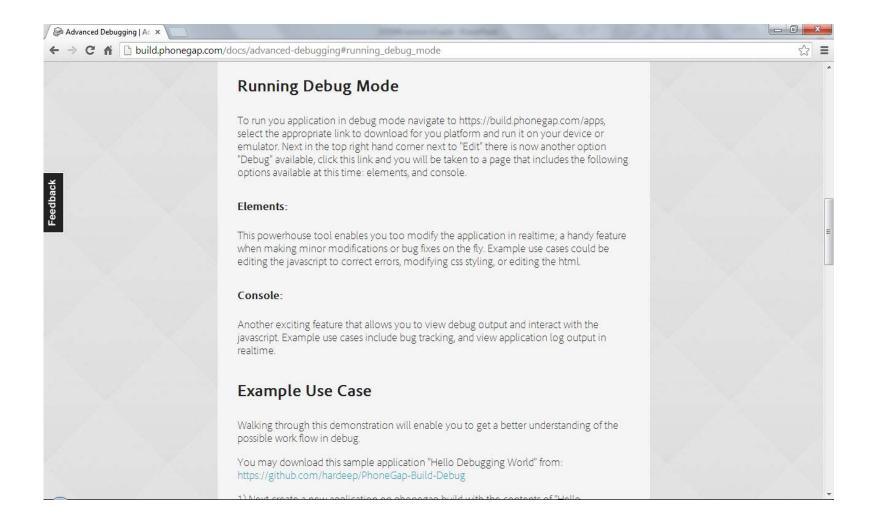












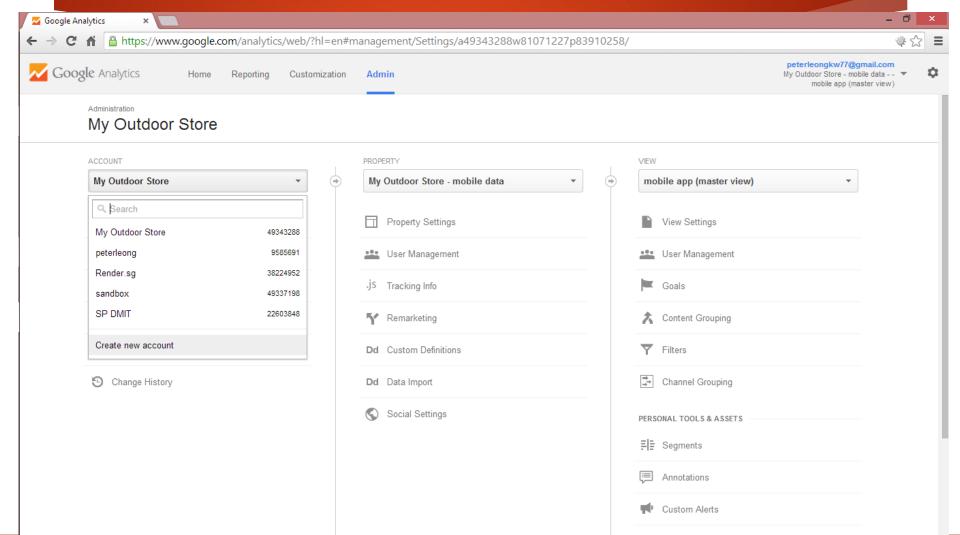
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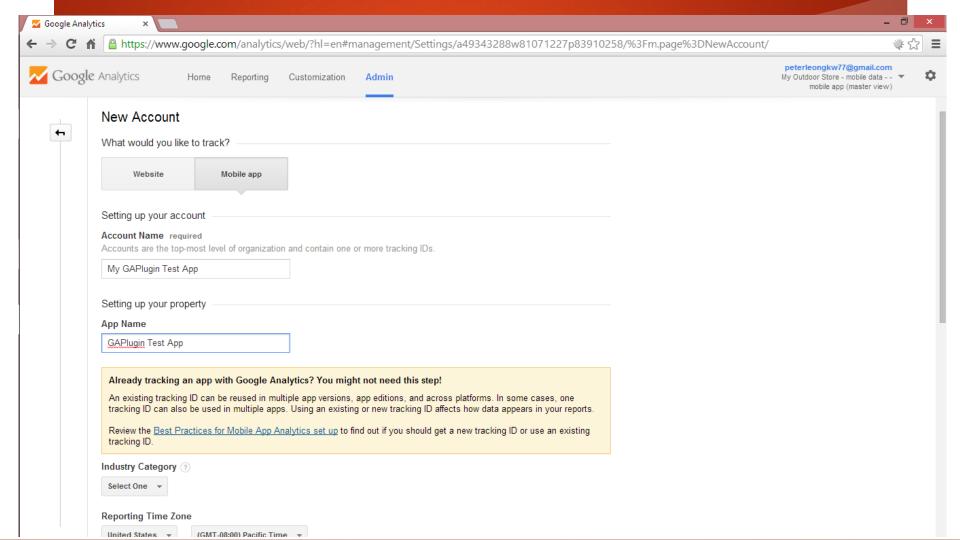
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ADDING THE GOOGLE ANALYTICS ACCOUNT TO TEST APP

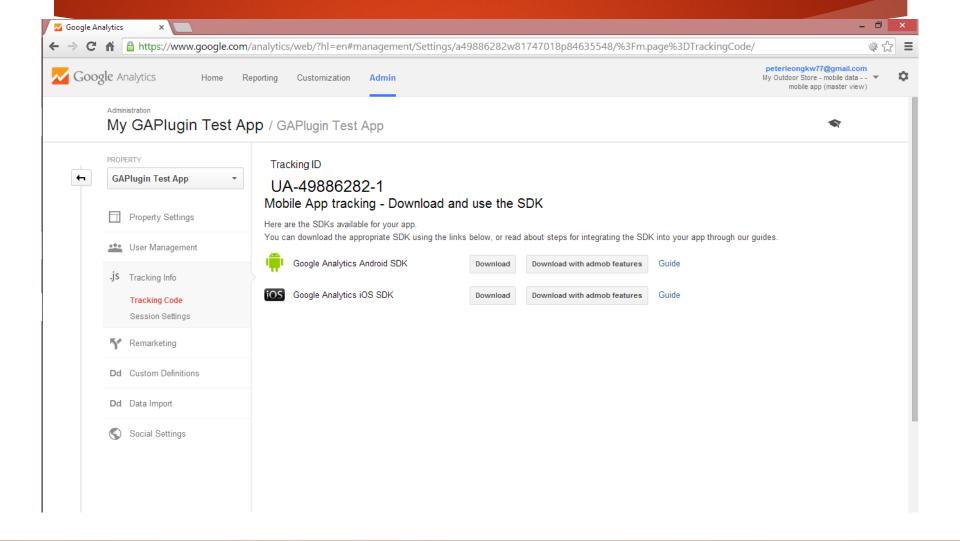
# Create new account (Admin tab)



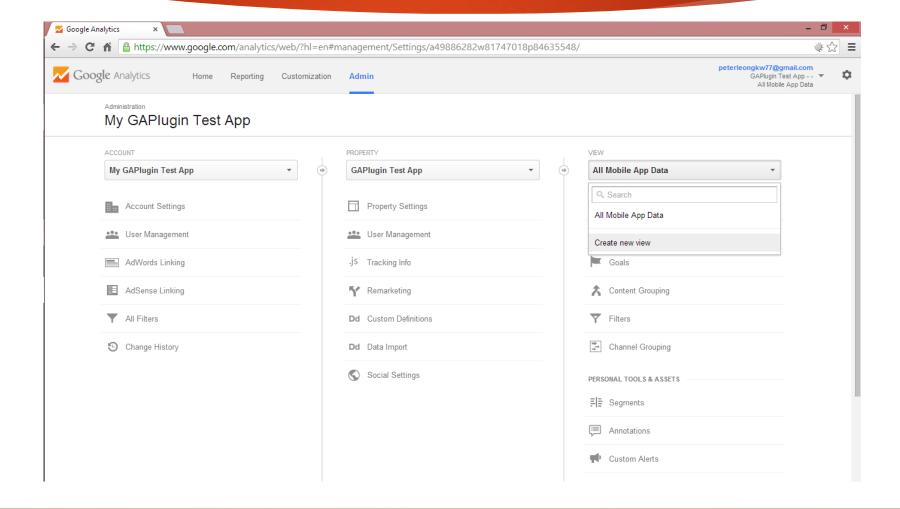
# Choose mobile app type

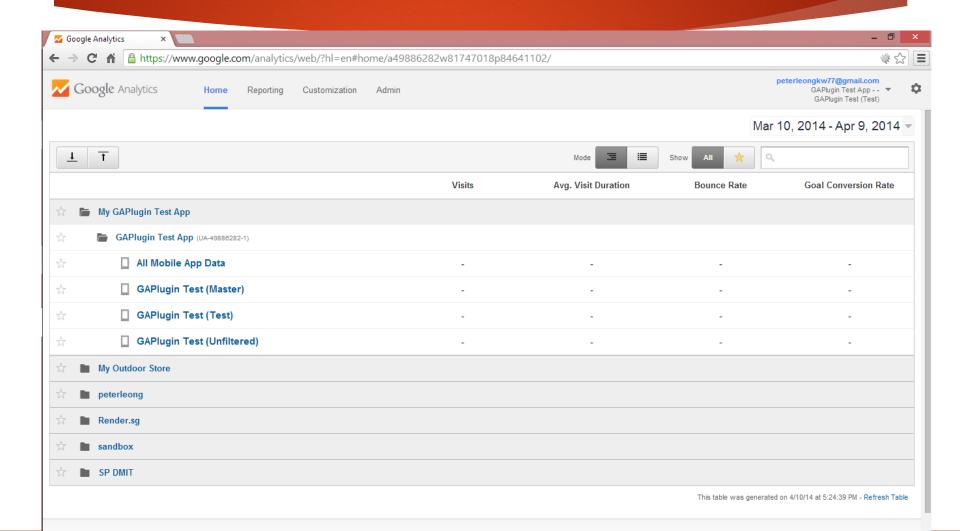


# Get the tracking id

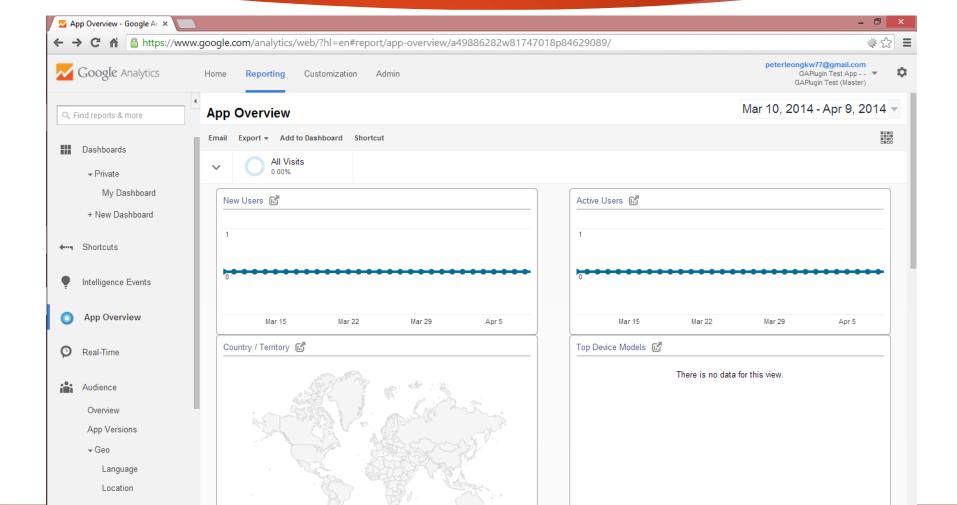


# Create the master, test, unfiltered views





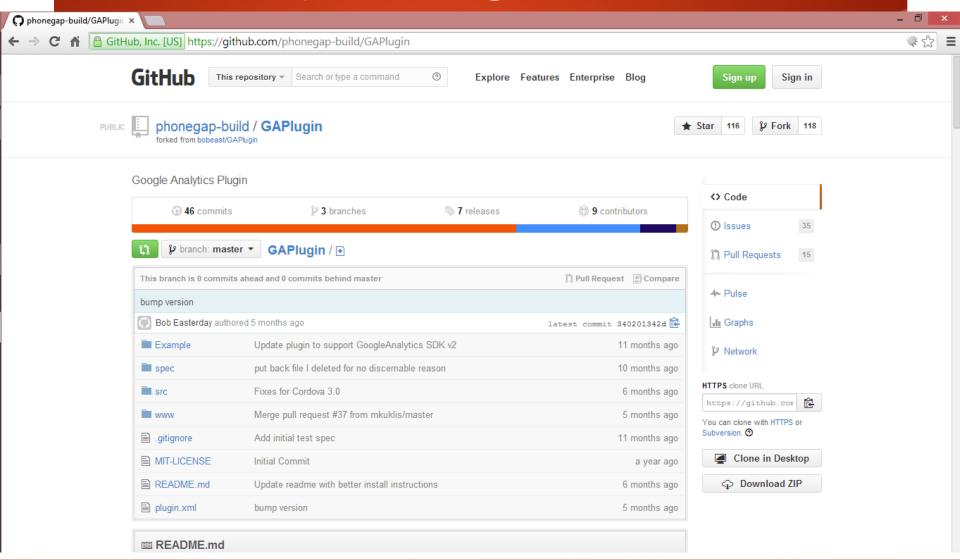
# Check the App Overview for the master view





ADDING THE PLUG-IN

# PhoneGap GA Plug-in



## **GAPlugin**

Google Analytics plugin for iOS and Android. This allows you to post usage information to your Google Analytics account.

#### **Preparation:**

Before you can begin collecting metrics data, you need to set up a GoogleAnalytics Mobile App account so you can view them. When you do so, you will obtain an app tracking id which we'll use during session initialization. Start by going to the Google Analytics site and click on the Create an Account button. Once signed in, click on the Admin button and the + New Account button under the Accounts tab. At the top of the resulting tab, select the App button in answer to the What would you like to track? query. Fill out the form as appropriate. Complete instructions can be found here.

#### Installation:

#### local

Add the following feature tag in your config.xml

```
<feature name="GAPlugin" >
   < param name="android-package" value="com.adobe.plugins.GAPlugin"/>
</feature>
```

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This plugin is based on plugman. to install it to your app, simply execute plugman as follows;

```
plugman install --platform [PLATFORM] --project [TARGET-PATH] --plugin [PLUGIN-PATH]
where
   [PLATFORM] = ios or android
   [TARGET-PATH] = path to folder containing your xcode project
    [PLUGIN-PATH] = path to folder containing this plugin
```

For additional info, take a look at the Plugman Documentation

#### PhoneGap Build

To use this plugin with PhoneGap Build, add the following plugin reference to your config.xml

```
<gap:plugin name="com.adobe.plugins.gaplugin" />
```



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### Usage

The plugin creates the object 'window.plugins.gaPlugin

After onDeviceReady, create a local var and startup the plugin like so;

```
var gaPlugin;
function onDeviceReady() {
    gaPlugin = window.plugins.gaPlugin;
    gaPlugin.init(successHandler, errorHandler, "UA-12345678-1", 10);
```

To get things rolling you need to call init() when your device ready function fires. Init takes 4 arguments; 1) success - a function that will be called on success 2) fail - a function that will be called on error. 3) id - Your Google Analytics account ID of the form; UA-XXXXXXXXXX This is the account ID you were given when you signed up. 4) period - An integer containing the minimum number of seconds between upload of metrics. When metics are logged, they are enqued and are sent out in batches based on this value. You'll want to avoid setting this value too low, to limit the overhead of sending data.

Example:

```
gaPlugin.init(successHandler, errorHandler, "UA-12345678-1", 10);
```





To track an event, call (oddly enough) trackEvent(). trackEvent takes 6 arguments;

- 1) resultHandler a function that will be called on success
- 2) errorHandler a function that will be called on error.
- 3) category This is the type of event you are sending such as "Button", "Menu", etc.
- 4) eventAction This is the type of event you are sending such as "Click", "Select". etc.
- 5) eventLabel A label that describes the event such as Button title or Menu Item name.
- 6) eventValue An application defined integer value that can mean whatever you want it to mean.

#### Example:

```
gaPlugin.trackEvent( nativePluginResultHandler, nativePluginErrorHandler, "Button", "Click", "event only", 1);
```

TrackEvent covers most of what you need, but there may be cases where you want to pass arbitrary data. setVariable() lets you pass values by index (Up to 20, on free accounts). For free accounts, each variable is given an index from 1 - 20. Reusing an existing index simply overwrites the previous value. Passing an index out of range fails silently, with no data sent. The variables will be sent ONLY for the next trackEvent or trackPage, after which those indexes will be available for reuse. setVariable() accepts 4 arguments;

```
1) resultHandler - a function that will be called on success
```

- 2) errorHandler a function that will be called on error.
- 3) index the numerical index representing one of your variable slots (1-20).
- 4) value Arbitrary string data associated with the index.

#### Example:

```
gaPlugin.setVariable( nativePluginResultHandler, nativePluginErrorHandler, 1, "Purple");
```

#### Important:

Variable values are assigned to what Google calls Custom Dimensions in the dashboard. Prior to calling setVariable() in your client for a particular index, you need to create a slot in the GA dashboard. When you do so, you will be able to assign a name for the dimension, its index, and its scope. More info on creating Custom Dimensions can be found here. The next event or page view you send after setVariable will contain your variable at Custom Dimension specified by the index value you passed in the setVariable call. This Example app shows how you might use that next event to specify a label for the variable you just set.

In addition to events and variables, you can also log page visits with trackPage(). Unlike variables, however, page hits do not require a subsequent call to trackEvent() as they are considered unique events in and of themselves. trackPage() takes 3 arguments;

- resultHandler a function that will be called on success
- 2) errorHandler a function that will be called on error.
- 3) url The url of the page hit you are logging.

Example:

```
gaPlugin.trackPage( nativePluginResultHandler, nativePluginErrorHandler, "some.url.com");
```

Finally, when your app shuts down, you'll want to cleanup after yourself by calling exit(); exit() accepts 2 arguments;

- 1) resultHandler a function that will be called on success
- 2) errorHandler a function that will be called on error.

Example:

```
gaPlugin.exit(nativePluginResultHandler, nativePluginErrorHandler);
```



TESTING THAT THE DATA FEED TO GOOGLE ANALYTICS IS ACTIVE