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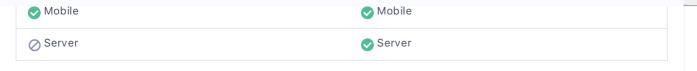
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Once you enable Adobe Analytics (formerly known as Omniture or Sitecatalyst) in Segment, you can start sending data from any of the Segment libraries to an Adobe report suite. When you send events from Segment's mobile SDKs or Cloud-mode libraries, Segment translates that data using a mapping that you configure, and then passes it to the Adobe Analytics Data Insertion API.

The following documentation provides detailed explanation of how both destination the Device-mode and Cloudmode components work. For FAQs about Device- vs Cloud-mode tracking, unique users, identifiers, and more, see the Best Practices page!

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# **Planning for Adobe Analytics**

Adobe Analytics uses a slightly different approach to tracking than Segment, and it's important to understand the difference so you can effectively set up your account. Segment uses a user-action data model, which uses different types of calls to track different activities of a user on a website or app. Adobe Analytics uses page views as the basic unit of activity, and variables like custom traffic variables (also called 'props'), eVars, list variables, and hierarchy variables to add details that allow more nuanced analysis.

For example, a Welcome Dialog Dismissed event in Segment (where the action is "dismissed") with properties that contain the user ID (user123) and the dialog name welcome-dialog, could be modeled in Adobe Analytics as a pageView with variables that represent the dialog name, visitorID, and the event name mapping the user action ("dismissed") to an eVar.

Both Segment and Adobe Analytics have recommended standard data for tracking events. Segment has the Spec, and Adobe uses predefined events. Segment automatically maps incoming event data and some product level properties to Adobe's predefined events, when the event data is in the correct Segment Ecommerce Spec format. Video calls using the format described in this document are also automatically mapped. If you're using the Mobile SDKs, mobile lifecycle events are also automatically mapped. If you will be creating Page and Track events that are outside the scope of the Ecommerce spec, you'll need to map those to your Segment destinations settings UI.

We strongly recommend that you create a tracking plan for both your Segment and Adobe Analytics events before you send any events or properties to Adobe. This will help you map your Segment events to Adobe events, and Segment properties to Adobe variables. If you decide to set up Adobe Analytics for mobile, you'll have to do this mapping in both the Segment settings, and the Adobe Mobile Services dashboard - so it's good to keep your options open!

## **Choosing between Device-mode and Cloud-mode**

If you're using device-mode JavaScript, by default Segment "bundles" (mobile) or "wraps" (when using Analytics.js) the Adobe libraries. In this configuration, Segment sends Events directly from the client using the Adobe Analytics Appmeasurement.js library. Adobe's client-side libraries can provide services to other Adobe suites and products, however they can also increase the size of your page.

If you prefer, you can enable Cloud-mode, and send data through the Segment servers where it is then mapped and sent on to Adobe Analytics. By default, mobile and server sources will use Adobe Analytics in Cloud-mode. You can enable Cloud-mode for Javascript sources from the Adobe Analytics source settings in the Segment app.

Our Cloud-mode Adobe Analytics destination also provides support for **Adobe Mobile Services** "states", "actions", and lifecycle events, metrics, and dimensions.

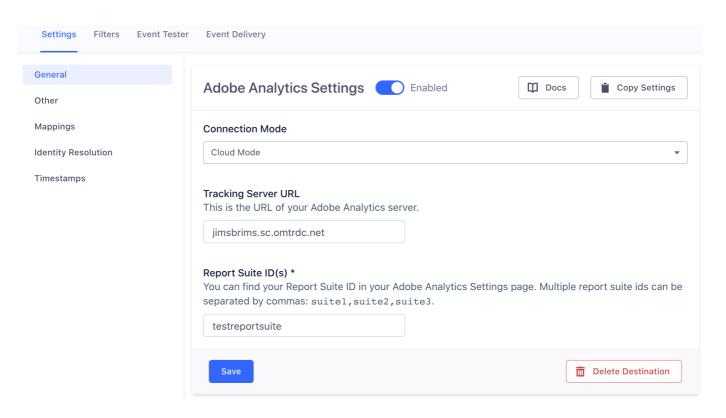
*Note*: Segment only supports Adobe Heartbeat through device-mode implementations, using Segment's JavaScript source or mobile SDKs bundled.

### **Connecting Segment to Adobe Analytics**

To set up Adobe Analytics as a destination for your Segment data, Segment needs some information on how to connect to Adobe.

If you're using Device-mode data collection with Analytics.js, or using a server-side library, you need your Adobe Report Suite ID, and your Tracking Server URL. You'll add this information in the Destination settings in the Segment app UI so that Segment can send information to Adobe. An example tracking server is jimsbrims.sc.omtrdc.net. You do not need to include the hypertext transfer protocol (ie. http://). For more information on how to identify your analytics tracking server and report suites see Adobe's documentation

#### here.



If you're collecting data from mobile devices, you can download the ADBMobileConfig.json file instead of specifying these settings in the UI which contains that information. Follow the instructions in Adobe's documentation, here for iOS, and here for Android.

Once you've done that, you can either use the default Ecommerce Spec and the mappings Segment provides, or write custom Page and Track events, and then configure how they map to your Adobe Analytics fields and settings. For more information on how to get started with implementation see the Mapping Segment to Adobe Analytics guide.

### When Will I See Data?

If you just enabled Adobe Analytics for an app already deployed with the Segment library, Adobe can require up to 24 hours to process and display new data. There is also a known reporting delay on the Adobe side due to processing times.

It can also take up to an hour for all of the mobile users' Segment settings caches to refresh. Once they refresh, the mobile devices learn about the new service and begin sending data to Adobe Analytics.

Adobe Analytics has a real-time reporting feature which displays web page traffic and ranks page views in real time. Configuring and enabling these reports are restricted to Adobe Admin users. To learn more see Adobe's overview on Real-time reporting

# **Device-mode - Analytics.js**

Device-mode web data is sent using Analytics.js, with Analytics.js either serving as a wrapper/bundle around the Adobe Analytics code, or sending directly to Segment servers where the data is then sent on to the Adobe destination.

Our Adobe Analytics device-mode destination code is open sourced on GitHub. Feel free to check it out: iOS, Android and JS.

#### **Initialization**

When you use Adobe Analytics with Analytics.js, Segment first checks to see if you have any global properties (such as window.s\_account) or any properties on the window.s object, and uses them. However, if it doesn't find anything, it uses the **Report Suite ID**, **Tracking Server URL**, and **Tracking Server Secure URL** (optional) you defined in the destination settings in the Segment app.

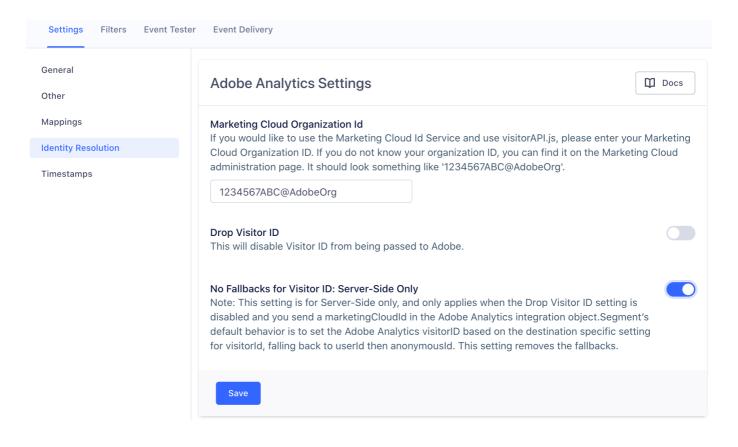
Once these required properties are set, Segment loads appmeasurement.js version 2.20.0.

# **Marketing Cloud Visitor ID Service**

Segment's Analytics.js destination loads the Adobe visitorAPI.js library, but does not initialize it unless you provide your Marketing Cloud Organization ID. When you do, Segment sets window.s.visitor with the return value from window.Visitor.getInstance(<Your Marketing Cloud Org Id>). See the Adobe Marketing Cloud documentation for more information.

**Note:** Segment loads visitorAPI.js in the same script as appmeasurement.js because Adobe Analytics requires synchronous execution of the two scripts. Using the visitor API is **optional** but if you do, Segment makes it available on the page.

To use Adobe's Marketing Cloud Visitor ID Service, enter your **Marketing Cloud Organization ID** in the **Identity Resolution** settings tab in the Segment app.



## Cloud-mode - Server-side

"Cloud-mode" data is data sent *without* bundling the Segment-Adobe-Analytics SDK. It can be sent using mobile libraries, Analytics.js, and other server-based sources. Cloud mode data is sent to Adobe using Adobe's data insertion API in XML format. To learn more about Adobe's data insertion API see the documentation here.

For more information on mobile native integrations using Segment's iOS and Android Adobe Analytics SDKs, see the section "Setting up Adobe Analytics for Mobile".

Important: For data sent from server-side libraries, you must define your events and custom properties BEFORE

you send events to Adobe Analytics server-side destination. However, *for data sent from mobile devices*, Segment sends *every* event along automatically, and you can use the Adobe Analytics processing rules UI to map actions, lifecycle dimensions, and custom properties from contextData to events, props and eVars.

Segment's server-side integration is not open-source. Let's explore what happens when Segment generates the XML to send to Adobe:

f. your Timestamp Option is Timestamp Enabled or Timestamp Optional, Segment sets the <timestamp>.

**2**or .track() events, Segment sets <channel> as properties.channel or fallback to properties.category. If neither property is provided, the XML tag is not set.

For .page() events, this XML tag is set as the category of the page call, which is sent by providing both category and name (ie. .page('Some Category', 'Some Name');)

Since Adobe Analytics does not support sending timestamped hits a <visitorID>, if you have set your Report to **Timestamp Disabled**, Segment sets <visitorID> as these values in order of precedence:

visitorId passed manually from the client. Adobe Analytics sets a cookie with their own visitorId on the client. You can read from this cookie and pass it to your servers manually and then send it to Segment. This is generally unnecessary, but may be worth considering if you're concerned about unique user identification.

(In Node.js)

```
analytics.track({
  userId: '019mr8mf4r',
  event: 'Gotta catch em all',
  properties: {
    caught: 1738
  },
  integrations: {
    'Adobe Analytics': {
     visitorId: '12345'
    }
  });
```

userId

anonymousId



Adobe Analytics timestamp options need to match in the Segment destination settings and Adobe setting. Otherwise, events might be silently dropped by Adobe despite sending a 200 success response to Segment

Segment maps a number of other supported XML tags. For example, it sets <ipAddress> with the ip of the call.

Note: For server side libraries, the ip is by default be the ip address of your company servers, NOT the customers' own. This means that for server side events, it is best practice to record the customer's ip from their requests, and manually send that to Segment as context.ip.

Segment also set your context.locale (which is automatically collected if using a mobile library) to <language>. Since mobile libraries also send your traits from previous .identify() calls inside the context.traits, Segment tries to send <state> and <zip> by looking up context.traits.address.state and context.traits.postalCode respectively, as noted in the Identify spec. If these lookups fail, Segment uses the default properties.state and properties.zip.

For mobile libraries, since Segment can detect whether the event occurred while the user had a wifi

connection, it also sends the <connectionType> as lan/wifi. All other events are treated as Mobile Carrier inside Adobe's Mobile Web Reports.

Segment also calculates the timezone offset from UTC/GMT as required by Adobe, and sends a <timezone> based on your context.timezone and the timestamp fields.

Since many out of the box reports from Mobile Web services rely on the <userAgent> tag, Segment also maps this to your context.userAgent.

**Important**: The Android library can collect the userAgent automatically - however, the iOS library cannot do so. However, since Segment does collect other contextual metadata about a device, it can render a valid iOS userAgent string to populate your Mobile Web Reports.

**1.** you are using the Marketing Cloud ID Service, you can pass the **Marketing Cloud Visitor ID** as a destination specific setting and which Segment sets as <marketingCloudVisitorID>.

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   userId: '019mr8mf4r',
   event: 'Gotta catch em all',
   properties: {
     caught: 1738
   },
   integrations: {
      'Adobe Analytics': {
      marketingCloudVisitorId: '12345'
     }
  });
```

For .track() events only, set some custom link report parameters such as:

```
<linkType> to 'o' (stands for 'Other')
```

<linkURL> to context.page.url with a default fallback to 'No linkURL provided'

<linkName> to 'Link Name - <whatever was set as the linkURL>'

On the server, Segment sends *all* property values as contextData. \$propertyKey by default, so you can further map them with Adobe Processing Rules. You can also choose to add a prefix for properties in the destination's advanced settings page. Properties with a prefix are sent as contextData. spropertyKey.

**3**egment automatically translates native mobile spec events and forwards them to Adobe Analytics as Mobile Services Lifecycle Metrics.

Specifically, Segment maps the following events:

Segment Event Name	Adobe Analytics Event Name
Application Opened	a.LaunchEvent
Application Installed	a.InstallEvent
Application Updated	a.UpgradeEvent

The following metrics and dimensions are supported:

```
a.AppID
a.HourOfDay
a.DayOfWeek
a.OSVersion
a.DeviceName
a.CarrierName
```

Set <userAgent> with context.userAgent (which is automatically populated by the Segment libraries). Note this is omitted for mobile events and superseded by DeviceName and OSVersion.

**2**or any ecommerce events, Segment tries to set products> if possible. The product description has the same logic as the ecommerce event processing done on the client side destination.

**3**egment follows the same logic as the client side: it looks up any mappings for custom properties and generates the correct <eVar>, , and <hVar> XML tags.

Ainally, Segment sends the event POST request to your **Tracking Server URL!** 

# **Engage**

You can send computed traits and audiences generated using Engage to this destination as a **user property**. To learn more about Engage, schedule a demo.

For user-property destinations, an identify call is sent to the destination for each user being added and removed. The property name is the snake\_cased version of the audience name, with a true/false value to indicate membership. For example, when a user first completes an order in the last 30 days, Engage sends an Identify call with the property order\_completed\_last\_30days: true. When the user no longer satisfies this condition (for example, it's been more than 30 days since their last order), Engage sets that value to false.

When you first create an audience, Engage sends an Identify call for every user in that audience. Later audience syncs only send updates for users whose membership has changed since the last sync.



#### Real-time to batch destination sync frequency

Real-time audience syncs to Adobe Analytics may take six or more hours for the initial sync to complete. Upon completion, a sync frequency of two to three hours is expected.

# **Settings**

Segment lets you change these destination settings from the Segment app without having to touch any code.

SETTING	DESCRIPTION
Add application build to Adobe's App ID	boolean , defaults to FALSE .
	If this setting is enabled, we will add context.app.build, if present, to Adobe's ApplD, as `````(``)`.
Collect High-Entropy Client Hints	boolean, defaults to FALSE.
	If you enable this option, Adobe's library will request high-entropy hints. High-entropy hints contain more detailed information about a user's device. See Adobe documentation for more information. Note: This setting is for web device-mode only.
Context Data Variables	text-map, defaults to {}.
	Map values you pass into the context object to Context Data Variables in Adobe Analytics. Then you can use processing rules to map you Context Data Variables in Adobe to other variables with Adobe Analytics Processing Rules. In the box on the left, put your Segment context key. The box on the right is what Context Data Variable you'd like it to be mapper to in Adobe. If you have a nested object, separate the name with a
	For example if you wanted to map the page referrer, you would put: page.referrer. <b>NOTE</b> : By default Segment send alls your <b>properties</b> as Context Data Variables so you do not need to map them again here.
Context Data Property Prefix	string . If you would like to prefix your Segment properties before sending them as contextData, enter a prefix here.

SETTING	DESCRIPTION
List Variable and Prop Custom Delimiter: Server-Side Only	map , defaults to {}.  Add a custom delimiter to concatenate Adobe Analytics IVars or props sent as an array. Note, if you do not specify a custom delimiter, arrays will be concatenated with a comma. Please add the Adobe Analytics IVar or prop on the left and select a custom delimiter on the right. IVars must be in format 'list1', 'list2', etc. and props in format 'prop1', 'prop2', etc. Must be all lowercase with no whitespace.
Drop Visitor ID	boolean, defaults to FALSE.  This will disable Visitor ID from being passed to Adobe.
Enable pageName for Track Events	boolean, defaults to TRUE .  If you do not want to attach pageName for your .track() calls, you can disable this option.
eVars	map , defaults to {}.  Map your Adobe Analytics eVar names to the property names you're using in your Segment events. Enter a Segment property name on the left and an Adobe Analytics eVar number on the right. You can view your Segment events and properties in your Schema.
Events	mixed , defaults to .  Map your Segment events to custom Adobe events.
Events V2 (Bundled Mobile Only)	text-map, defaults to {}.  Note: If you are bundling our Adobe Analytics SDK on your mobile device, you should map your events here. If you are sending via server side you should use the Events option instead. Map your Adobe Analytics property names on the left to Adobe event names on the right. Your events MUST be set up in Adobe and mapped here in order to to be forwarded to the destination. This setting only applies to Mobile integrations with Adobe.
Heartbeat Tracking Server URL	string . This is the URL of your Adobe Heartbeat server. Please contact Adobe to obtain this URL.
Hierarchy Variables	map , defaults to {}.  Map your Adobe Analytics hVars to the property names you're using in your Segment page calls. Enter a Segment property name on the left and an Adobe Analytics hVar number on the right. You can view your Segment page calls and properties in your Schema.
List Variables	map , defaults to {}.  Map your Adobe Analytics list variables names to the property names you're using in your Segment events.  Enter a Segment property name on the left and an Adobe Analytics list variable number on the right. You can view your Segment events and properties in your Schema.
Marketing Cloud Organization Id	string . If you would like to use the Marketing Cloud Id Service and use visitorAPI.js, please enter your Marketing Cloud Organization ID. If you do not know your organization ID, you can find it on the Marketing Cloud administration page. It should look something like '1234567ABC@AdobeOrg'.
Merchandising Events	mixed, defaults to.  Configure merchandising event, such as purchase or currency events. This is currently in Beta Testing and not generally available.
OAuth Client ID	string . Client ID for your OAuth Server-to-Server Credential
OAuth Client Secret	password . Client Secret for your OAuth Server-to-Server Credential
Page Name Fallback to Screen	boolean, defaults to FALSE.  If "Enable pageName for Track Events" is enabled but page name is not populated by default mapping, then page name will be populated by screen property if this is enabled.
Prefer VisitorID for Hybrid Timestamp Reporting	boolean, defaults to FALSE.  If you enable this option and you also have a <i>Timestamp Optional</i> reporting suite, you can opt to send your visitorID instead of the timestamp since Adobe does not allow you to send both. If you care more about your user attribution, you should enable this if you're using a hybrid timestamp reporting suite.

SETTING	DESCRIPTION
Product Identifier	select, defaults to name.  Adobe Analytics only accepts a single product identifier. Use this option to choose whether we send product name, id, or sku.
Props	map , defaults to {}.  Map your Adobe Analytics property names to the property names you're using in your Segment events. Enter a Segment property name on the left and an Adobe Analytics property number on the right. You can view your Segment events and properties in your Schema.
No Fallbacks for Visitor ID: Server-Side Only	boolean, defaults to FALSE.  Note: This setting is for Server-Side only, and only applies when the Drop Visitor ID setting is disabled and you send a marketingCloudld in the Adobe Analytics integration object. Segment's default behavior is to set the Adobe Analytics visitorID based on the destination specific setting for visitorId, falling back to userId then anonymousId. This setting removes the fallbacks.
Report Suite ID(s) (required)	string . You can find your Report Suite ID in your Adobe Analytics Settings page. Multiple report suite ids can be separated by commas: suite1, suite2, suite3.
Send Both Timestamp and VisitorID for Timestamp Optional Reporting Suites	boolean, defaults to FALSE.  If you have a <i>Timestamp Optional</i> Reporting Suite, you can opt to send <i>both</i> the timestamp and the visitorID in your XML when sending events server side. However, note that this is <i>NOT</i> recommended by Adobe as it may lead to out of order data. This setting will only work for reporting suites that have optional timestamp setting enabled.
Send False values	boolean, defaults to FALSE.  By default, we don't send properties with a false as value on cloud mode. Enabling this setting will send any boolean property where value is false.
SSL	boolean , defaults to FALSE .  Check this box if you would like your Adobe Heartbeat calls to be made over HTTPS.
Timestamp Option	select, defaults to enabled.  Adobe Analytics can have Report Suites that will accept timestamped, non-timestamped or hybrid data. Note that we can only play historical data for timestamped or hybrid Report Suites.
Tracking Server Secure URL	string. This is the secure URL of your Adobe Analytics server. Please input your URL without https://prepended.
Tracking Server URL	string. This is the URL of your Adobe Analytics server. Please input your URL without http:// prepended.
Use Legacy LinkName	boolean, defaults to FALSE.  Before sending LinkName to Adobe Analytics, prepend the URL with Link Name This setting enables a legacy behavior for backwards compatibility. You probably want to keep this setting turned off.
Use Secure URL for Server-side	boolean, defaults to FALSE.  Enable this option if you want to use the 'Tracking Server Secure URL' endpoint instead of the normal URL for server-side and Cloud Mode calls.
Use UTF-8 Charset	boolean, defaults to TRUE.  Only applicable on server-side or cloud-mode. If this setting is enabled, we will send the payload to Adobe Analytics with UTF-8 charset. Useful when your events contains accents or other special characters.

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