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Getting Started

Segment's **Optimizely Web (previously Optimizely)** destination supports the following Optimizely products:

- [Optimizely X Web](#)
- [Optimizely Full Stack \(JavaScript\)](#)

If you're interested in implementing Optimizely Full Stack server-side or on mobile, see Segment's **Optimizely Full Stack** destination, which supports:

- [Optimizely Full Stack \(server\)](#)
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Use Cases

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Implementation Prerequisite

Optimizely works differently than other Segment destinations: Because the Optimizely Web Snippet and Full Stack SDKs are used to modify and deliver experiences to users, they generally must be implemented at a point in your Website or app that allows them to make visual modifications in-time for users.

Because of this Optimizely requires that customers implement their Web Snippet and SDKs natively, before the Segment snippet or implementation.

Although Segment maps `track`, and in some cases `page`, events to Optimizely's `custom` events, customers must implement the snippet on their site to ensure that experiments run and Optimizely decision events can be sent to Optimizely and Segment.

Segment provides specific implementation details for each Optimizely product in the sections below, in addition to details of the out-of-the-box mappings Segment's Optimizely component handles for Optimizely users.

Optimizely X Web

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1. In your Segment source dashboard, enable the "Optimizely Web" destination (*not the "Optimizely Full Stack" destination*).
2. In Optimizely, go to the project you want to set the integration for. Then navigate to Settings -> Implementation and select the snippet to include on your Web page.
3. In your Optimizely dashboard, copy the snippet provided at the bottom of the page.
4. Include the snippet immediately after the opening `<head>` tag on every page where you'd like to include Optimizely's JavaScript.
5. Now, paste your Segment snippet below the Optimizely snippet on every page where you'd like to include Segment's JavaScript.
6. Finally, remember to define any `custom` events in your Optimizely dashboard, and to add those events as `metrics` with the appropriate Optimizely Experiments. In Optimizely in the Implementation tab, select 'Custom Event' and give it an API name that corresponds to the Segment `track` event name. Once the Optimizely events are created, they can be added to experiments as metrics to start tracking Segment data to an Optimizely experiment.

Track

Behind the scenes, Segment's Optimizely Web destination creates a global Optimizely queue on the page. Upon invocation of a Segment `track` event, Segment pushes the `track` event to the global queue.

Segment forwards the event to Optimizely:

- If the Segment event name matches exactly the name of an active experiment `metric` set up in the Optimizely dashboard;
- If the experiment `metric` is associated with a running experiment;
- If the current user has been assigned a `userId` using Segment's `identify` method (for example, `analytics.identify('123')`);

- If the current user is activated in a running experiment with the associated `metric`.

Segment also handles the following mapping:

- Segment `track` event name to Optimizely `eventName`.
- Segment `track` event `properties` to Optimizely `eventTags`.

`revenue` values should be passed as a Segment `property`. The value should be an integer and represent the value in cents, so, for example, \$1 should be represented by 100.



Note: [Custom Event Tags](#) in Optimizely, which include all Event Tags except `revenue` and `value`, are not displayed on the Optimizely results page, however, they are available in a [Data Export](#) report.

Page

Segment maps `page` calls to its own `track` events. For example, invoking `analytics.page('Page Viewed')` using Segment's API maps the event to a `analytics.track('Page Viewed')` event. Segment maps the `track` event to other downstream destinations like a regular Segment `track` event.

Experiment Listeners

Upon activation of an Optimizely experiment, an "Experiment Viewed" Track event is sent to Segment. The event includes Optimizely experiment metadata which is sent whenever the Optimizely `campaignDecided` [listener](#) is activated.



Note: When an Optimizely Web experiment is activated, Optimizely automatically sends an "Experiment Viewed" `track` event to Segment. This makes the Optimizely Web integration act as both a Destination and a Source, because the `track` calls `enrich` and send Experiment Decisions and Exposure event data to Segment, which can be used by other platforms.

Standard or Redirect Experiments

Properties sent using `track` calls:

- `campaignName`
- `campaignId`
- `experimentId`
- `experimentName`
- `referrer` (only set if the effective referrer is different than `document.referrer`)
- `variationName`
- `variationId`
- `audienceId`
- `audienceName`
- `nonInteraction` (based on your advanced settings inside Segment)

`campaignName` and `experimentName` are the same if you create an experiment directly rather than creating an "experience" inside a personalized campaign. However, `campaignId` is still auto generated by Optimizely's API, thus it is different than the `experimentId`.

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A/B Test

Test multiple variations against each other to find the best experience.



Multivariate Test

Test multiple sections of a page at once.



Personalization Campaign

Target multiple audiences with different personalized experiences.



Multi-Armed Bandit

Use machine learning to dynamically allocate traffic to the best-performing variation.

Example call automatically invoked upon page load:

```
analytics.track('Experiment Viewed', {
  campaignName: 'Countdown to Stranger Things 2',
  campaignId: '7554165405',
  experimentId: '7556781578',
  experimentName: 'What about Barbs?',
  variationId: '7578240035',
  variationName: 'Variation Barbs',
  audienceId: '7527565438',
  audienceName: 'Netflix Bingers',
  nonInteraction: 1
});
```

Trait sent using identify calls:

- experimentName
- variationName

Example call automatically invoked upon page load:

```
analytics.identify({
  'Experiment: What about Barbs?': 'Variation Barbs'
});
```

Since traits are cached, if you run multiple experiments during a user session subsequent experiments would fire

identify calls containing previous experiment data.

Sending Experiment Viewed events as Non-Interaction for Google Analytics

If you're using Google Analytics, you'll likely want to check this setting in the Segment UI for the Optimizely Web destination:

- ☒ Send 'Experiment Viewed' as a non-interaction event
Specifies the `Experiment Viewed` as a non-interaction event for Google Analytics

This appends an additional property in your "Experiment Viewed" events called `nonInteraction` and set it to 1. This is to prevent the "Experiment Viewed" event from affecting your bounce rate.

Sending Experiment Viewed event properties as Google Analytics Custom Dimensions

If you're sending your experiment data to Google Analytics in the form of `track` calls, Segment recommends creating hit-scoped custom dimensions in Google Analytics with titles like "Experiment Name" and "Variation Name," and then map the properties to those Custom Dimensions accordingly. For example, if you set Custom Dimension 5 to "Experiment Name" and Custom Dimension 1 to "Variation Name," here's how you'd configure the mappings in your Segment<>GA settings:

CUSTOM DIMENSIONS

variationName	>	dimension5	⌵	×
experimentName	>	dimension1	⌵	×
ADD ROW				

Optimizely Full Stack (JavaScript SDK)

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- 1 In your Segment source dashboard, enable the "Optimizely Web" destination (*not the "Optimizely Full Stack" destination*).
- 2 Require Optimizely's `@optimizely/optimizely-sdk` on your site and create an `optimizelyClientInstance`.
- 3 The instance must be named `optimizelyClientInstance`.
- 4 Attach the `optimizelyClientInstance` to the `window` so Segment recognizes it.
- 5 Now, paste your Segment snippet below the Optimizely implementation on every page where you'd like to include Segment's JavaScript. Or, if you've implemented Optimizely in a separate file, ensure Segment loads only after Optimizely has been initialized.
- 6 Finally, define any events and attributes in your Optimizely dashboard, and to associate metrics with the appropriate Optimizely Experiments. Segment maps track event names to Optimizely `eventName` - the `eventName` corresponds to an experiment `metric`.



Note: If you are using Optimizely SDKs v1.x or v2.x: if a visitor has any `activate` or `isFeatureEnabled` calls, their `attributes` object for these calls must match the `attributes` object passed to any `track` calls for that user id so that it can be

correctly attributed on the Optimizely results page.

If you are using Optimizely SDKs v3+ or the React SDK, [Easy Event Tracking](#) is enabled by default for decision events. Set up does not require maintaining the attributes of a user as long as the user id stays the same between Optimizely `activate` and `isFeatureEnabled` calls and Segment `track` calls to have Optimizely `metrics` populated in the Optimizely results page. If you would like to segment your Optimizely results by user attribute, then make sure the attributes passed in for the `activate` and `isFeatureEnabled` calls match the attributes passed in for the `track` calls for that user id.

For more details on how events are attributed on the Optimizely results page, refer to their documentation [How Optimizely Experimentation counts conversions](#).

Track

Upon invocation of a Segment `track` event, Segment maps the event to an Optimizely `track` event:

- If the Segment event name matches exactly the name of an active experiment `metric` set up in the Optimizely dashboard;
- If the experiment `metric` is associated with a running experiment;
- If the current user has been assigned a `userId` using Segment's `identify` method (for example, `analytics.identify('123')`);
- If the current user is activated in a running experiment with the associated `metric`.

Segment also handles the following mapping:

- Segment `track` event name to Optimizely `eventName`.
- Segment `track` event properties to Optimizely `eventTags`.
- Segment `track` event traits, falling back to cached user traits, to Optimizely `attributes`.

revenue values should be passed as a Segment property. The value should be an integer and represent the value in cents, so, for example, \$1 should be represented by 100.

Note: Custom [Event Tags](#) in Optimizely, which includes any Event Tag outside of `revenue` or `value`, will not be displayed on the Optimizely results page, however, they will be available in a [Data Export](#) report.

Page

Segment maps `page` calls to its own `track` events. For example, invoking `analytics.page("Page Viewed")` using Segment's API maps the event to `analytics.track("Page Viewed")`. Segment maps the `track` event downstream to other destinations like a regular Segment `track` event.

Experiment Listeners

Segment does not implement experiment listeners for Optimizely X Full Stack.

Tracking Anonymous Data with Optimizely X Full Stack

If you are sending anonymous data to Optimizely X Full Stack using their server-side SDK elsewhere and would like to send anonymous data for the same user using this Segment client-side component, you can pass in an Optimizely-specific `userId`:

```
analytics.track('Some event', { /* properties */ }, {
  Optimizely: { userId: 'some anonymousId' }
});
```

Troubleshooting

No Data for Anonymous Users

Segment does not map any data to Optimizely from the Segment<>Optimizely Web destination for anonymous users - in other words, to map `track` and `page` data, a user must be identified with a `userId`.

Lower Experiment Viewed counts inside Segment and other tools vs. Optimizely unique visitors

The count of “Experiment Viewed” events may be slightly lower compared to the number of unique visitors seen in Optimizely because Optimizely loads synchronously and Segment loads asynchronously. This means that if the user quickly closes or redirects from a page, sometimes Segment does not have enough time to scrape the experiment data from the global Optimizely object and make its API calls back to Segment and to your other enabled tools.

Sending Segment event ‘properties’ as Optimizely ‘events’

If you follow the Segment recommended naming conventions for `track` calls, you might not automatically capture the specificity of the conversion event that you want to for the Optimizely `eventName`. For example, you might see a Segment `track` event with the `eventName` “Category Clicked”, with additional important details about the event is stored in the Segment event’s `properties`. However, you want to send an event to Optimizely with the `eventName` “Clicked Shirts” . Here is an example of that Segment event:

```
analytics.track('Category Clicked', {
  category: 'Shirts',
  productId: '1234',
  productName: 'Red Cotton T-shirt',
  price: 23.95
});
```

If you were to send this Segment `track` event to Optimizely using any of the Segment integrations, you would only be able to use the `eventName` ‘Click’ as a `metric` in Optimizely since custom event tags in Optimizely are not available on the [Results page](#).

To send a `track` event from Segment with the context about that event from the `properties` to Optimizely, create a [custom Segment Destination Function](#) that maps the Segment `eventName` to a more specific Optimizely `eventName` and send an Optimizely event payload with the transformed `eventName` to the Optimizely [Event API](#). Using the example above, the Segment `track` event ‘Click’ can be transformed to an Optimizely event with the `eventName` ‘Clicked Shirt’.

Sending effective referrer in your automatic page calls

If you are running redirect experiments, you might run into a case where the effective referrer is different than the referrer that is captured by `page` calls, such as the default `page` call in our Segment snippet.

For example, let’s say you run a redirect experiment on page `http://home.com` that redirects you to `http://home-offers.com`. Now, if a customer visits your page using a Google ad, you want to make sure that the `page` call fired on `http://home-offers.com` knows that the true referrer was Google and NOT `http://home.com`.

Our Optimizely Web destination detects this and send the effective referrer value as a property of the subsequent Experiment Viewed. Segment also overrides the `context.page.referrer` with the effective referrer.

More importantly, to send the true referrer value with the initial `page` call inside the Segment snippet, you can look up `window.optimizelyEffectiveReferrer`, and if it exists, you can pass that into your `page` call. This is how you might modify your Segment snippet to pass the extra code inside [ready\(\)](#) so its only called after Optimizely SDK has finished loading:

```

<script>
    !function(){var i="analytics",analytics=window[i]=window[i]||[];if(!analytics.initialize)if(analytics.invoked)wind
w.console&&console.error&&console.error("Segment snippet included twice.");else{analytics.invoked=!0;analytics.method
s=["trackSubmit","trackClick","trackLink","trackForm","pageview","identify","reset","group","track","ready","alias","
debug","page","screen","once","off","on","addSourceMiddleware","addIntegrationMiddleware","setAnonymousId","addDestin
ationMiddleware","register"];analytics.factory=function(e){return function(){if(window[i].initialized)return window[i
][e].apply(window[i],arguments);var n=Array.prototype.slice.call(arguments);if(["track","screen","alias","group","pag
e","identify"].indexOf(e)>-1){var c=document.querySelector("link[rel='canonical']");n.push({__t:"bpc",c:c&&c.getAttri
bute("href")||void 0,p:location.pathname,u:location.href,s:location.search,t:document.title,r:document.referrer})}n.u
nshift(e);analytics.push(n);return analytics}};for(var n=0;n<analytics.methods.length;n++){var key=analytics.methods[
n];analytics[key]=analytics.factory(key)}analytics.load=function(key,n){var t=document.createElement("script");t.type
="text/javascript";t.async=!0;t.setAttribute("data-global-segment-analytics-key",i);t.src="https://cdn.segment.com/an
alytics.js/v1/" + key + "/analytics.min.js";var r=document.getElementsByTagName("script")[0];r.parentNode.insertBefore
(t,r);analytics._loadOptions=n;analytics._writeKey="YOUR_WRITE_KEY";analytics.SNIPPET_VERSION="5.2.1";

analytics.ready(function() {
    /* MODIFIED SECTION */
    // Hey did Optimizely set an effective referrer?
    if (window.optimizelyEffectiveReferrer) var referrer = window.optimizelyEffectiveReferrer;

    // If they did, override the document.referrer
    referrer ? analytics.page({ referrer: referrer }):analytics.page();
    /* MODIFIED SECTION */
});
})();
</script>

```

Settings

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

SETTING	DESCRIPTION
Custom Campaign Properties	<p><code>text-map</code>, defaults to <code>{}</code>.</p> <p>Map here the properties from your event that want to pass to Optimizely as part of the Campaign. The keys for the map correspond to Segment's properties, and the values the Campaign properties. For example, <code>source -> campaign_name</code>.</p>
Custom Experiment Properties	<p><code>text-map</code>, defaults to <code>{}</code>.</p> <p>Map here the properties from your event that want to pass to Optimizely as part of the Experiment. The keys for the map correspond to Segment's properties, and the values the Experiment properties. For example, <code>color -> experiment_color</code>.</p>
Send experiment data to other tools (as a track call)	<p><code>boolean</code>, defaults to <code>TRUE</code> .</p> <p>Sends the experiment and variation information as properties on a track call.</p>
Send `Experiment Viewed` as a non-interaction event	<p><code>boolean</code>, defaults to <code>TRUE</code> .</p> <p>Specifies the Experiment Viewed as a non-interaction event for Google Analytics</p>
Send `properties.revenue` only on `Order Completed` events (recommended)	<p><code>boolean</code>, defaults to <code>TRUE</code> .</p> <p>This is Optimizely expected behavior. This will send revenue only on Order Completed events.</p>
Track Categorized Pages	<p><code>boolean</code>, defaults to <code>TRUE</code> .</p> <p>This will track events to Optimizely for <code>page method</code> calls that have a <code>category</code> associated with them. For example <code>page('Docs', 'Index')</code> would translate to Viewed Docs Page.</p>
Track Named Pages	<p><code>boolean</code>, defaults to <code>TRUE</code> .</p> <p>This will track events to Optimizely for <code>page method</code> calls that have either a <code>name</code> or <code>category</code> associated with them. For example <code>page('Signup', 'Home')</code> would translate to Viewed Home Signup Page.</p>

SETTING	DESCRIPTION
Send experiment data to other tools as an identify call (not recommended)	<code>boolean</code> , defaults to <code>FALSE</code> . The reason this is not recommended is because if you're running lots of experiments, this could lead to loads of unwanted properties in end tools as well as unwanted columns in Segment connected databases.

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