By using the Google Analytics Enhanced Ecommerce features, you can measure and analyze shopping activity on your website (product impressions, purchases, etc.). Kentico provides an API that helps get the data of products and purchases in a format suitable for logging via Google Analytics.

Visit the Google Analytics website to set up a Google Analytics account for the website that you wish to monitor.



## **Portal engine websites**

The information on this page applies to e-commerce sites developed using ASP.NET MVC.

If you are developing your on-line store using the portal engine, see: Integrating Google Analytics Enhanced Ecommerce

## Adding Google Tag Manager

Before you can start measuring e-commerce activities, you need to add Google Tag Manager to the pages of your website. Copy the snippets from the <u>Google Tag Manager Quick Start Guide</u> into the appropriate sections of your MVC website's main layout (view).

You can then start collecting your site's e-commerce data and tracking events using Google Analytics. See the sections below for more information about setting up individual types of tracking.

## Collecting e-commerce data

We recommend using a <u>data layer</u> to collect and send data to Google Analytics. For detailed information, see the <u>Enhanced</u> <u>Ecommerce</u> (UA) <u>Developer Guide</u>.

The Kentico API provides methods that allow you to get suitable JSON data for <u>product</u> and <u>order</u> objects, which you can push into the data layer. The following helper classes are available in the **CMS.Ecommerce** namespace of the standard Kentico API (provided by the *Kentico.Libraries* integration package).

### **GtmProductHelper** class:

- MapSku returns a GtmData object containing the data of a specified product (SkuInfo object). Provides the following
  data fields by default: id (the product's SKU value), name, price and brand
- MapShoppingCartItems returns an IEnumerable<GtmData> collection containing the data of specified products in a shopping cart (IEnumerable<ShoppingCartItemInfo> collection). By default, provides the same data fields as the MapSku method and also adds the unit quantity for each product.

#### GtmOrderHelper class:

- MapPurchase returns a GtmData object containing the overall purchase data for a specified order (OrderInfo object).
   Provides the following data by default:
  - o actionField object representing the overall purchase, with the following fields:
    - *id* (the integer ID of the Kentico order object)
    - revenue (the order's GrandTotal value, i.e. the final price including discounts, shipping, tax, and reductions from applied gift cards)
    - shipping
    - tax
  - products object containing all products within the order (the product data format is the same as provided by the GtmProductHelper.MapShoppingCartItems method)
- **MapOrder** returns a *GtmData* object containing a summary of the specified order (*OrderInfo* object). Provides the data fields described for the *actionField* object within the data returned by the *MapPurchase* method.
- MapOrderItems returns an IEnumerable < GtmData > collection containing the data of all products within the specified
  order (OrderInfo object). Provides the same data as the products object within the data returned by the MapPurchase
  method.

## GtmDataHelper class:

• **SerializeToJson** – serializes the *GtmData* objects returned by the *GtmProductHelper* or *GtmOrderHelper* methods into JSON strings. Provides one overload for individual objects (*GtmData* parameter) and another for collections of objects (*IE numerable*<*GtmData*> parameter).

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### **Adding custom data**

When calling the methods of the *GtmProductHelper* and *GtmOrderHelper* classes, you can add custom data fields via the optional **additionalData** parameter. The methods merge the fields and values of the custom object into the returned *Gt mData* objects.

```
Example

GtmProductHelper.MapSKU(sku, new { category = "Apparel" })
```

Use the listed methods to create a Google Analytics implementation that suits the purposes of your website. Alternatively, you can compose the required JSON data manually using your own custom code. The following sections contain best practices for various types of e-commerce tracking on Kentico MVC sites:

- Product impressions
- Product clicks
- Views of product details
- Additions and removals from a shopping cart
- Checkout steps
- Purchases

### **Product impressions**

To log impressions of products displayed to visitors (for example on product listing pages):

- 1. Set up a view model class representing individual items in the product list:
  - a. Add a property of the GtmData type, which will store the product's Google Analytics data.
  - b. Get the product's data by calling the **GtmProductHelper.MapSKU** method, and assign it to the new property.

2. Set up another view model class representing the overall product list:

- a. Add a property storing a collection of the listed products (represented by your list item view model class).
- b. Add a string property, which will store the JSON data of all listed products.
- c. Create the product list JSON string by calling the **GtmDataHelper.SerializeToJson** method. Prepare an *IEnumer able* collection containing the *GtmData* values of individual products as the method's parameter. Assign the resulting string into the new property.

```
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Ling;
using CMS.Ecommerce;
public class ProductListViewModel
    public IEnumerable<ProductListItemViewModel> Products;
    public readonly string GtmProductsJsonString;
    // Constructor of the view model class representing the overall product
list
    public ProductListViewModel(IEnumerable<ProductListItemViewModel>
products)
    {
        Products = products;
        // Creates the Google Tag Manager JSON data for the product list
and assigns it to a property
        GtmProductsJsonString = GtmDataHelper.SerializeToJson(Products.
Select(product => product.GtmSKUJson));
    }
}
```

3. Adjust your controller actions that display products to work with the view models. For example:

```
public ActionResult Index()
    // Gets products of the product page type (via the generated page type code)
    List<LearningProductType> products = LearningProductTypeProvider.
GetLearningProductTypes()
        .LatestVersion(false)
        .Published(true)
        .OnSite(siteName)
        .Culture("en-US")
        .CombineWithDefaultCulture()
        .WhereTrue("SKUEnabled")
        .OrderByDescending("SKUInStoreFrom")
        .ToList();
    // Prepares the view model for the listing page
    var model = new ProductListViewModel(products.Select(
        product => new ProductListItemViewModel(
            product,
            pricingService.CalculatePrice(product.SKU, shoppingService.
GetCurrentShoppingCart()),
            product.Product.PublicStatus?.PublicStatusDisplayName))
        );
    // Displays the action's view with an initialized view model
    return View(model);
}
```

- 4. Edit the view representing your product list pages.
- 5. Run a script that pushes the JSON data from the product listing view model into the data layer.
  - You can either add a script tag directly into the view code or link an external JavaScript file.
  - Process the JSON string to ensure that the output is not HTML encoded (for example by calling the <a href="https://html/HtmlHelper."><u>HtmlHelper.</u></a>
     Raw method).

```
document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", function (event) {
    dataLayer.push({
        "ecommerce": {
            "impressions": @Html.Raw(Model.GtmProductsJsonString)
      }
    });
});
```

#### **Product clicks**

To log clicks of product links:

- 1. Edit the view model class that you use to display product links (for example on product listing pages):
  - a. Add a string property, which will store the JSON data of the given product.
  - b. Create a JSON string containing the product's data by calling the **GtmProductHelper.MapSKU** and **GtmDataHel per.SerializeToJson** methods, and assign the string to the new property.

- 2. Define a JavaScript function for the pages containing product links (for example by adding a script tag to the corresponding views or by linking an external JavaScript file).
  - Within the function, push the data of the clicked product into the data layer. The function must have parameters containing the product JSON data and the URL of the clicked link.
  - Use the *eventCallback* datalayer variable to perform redirection after the product data is sent to Google Analytics.

```
Function example

function productClick(productJson, link) {
   dataLayer.push({
      "event": "productClick",
```

- 3. Add an **onclick** script to your product links and call the defined product click function.
  - Get the JSON data of the clicked product from the view model.
  - Process the JSON string to ensure that the output is not HTML encoded (for example by calling the <a href="https://html/HtmlHelper.Raw"><u>HtmlHelper.Raw</u></a> method).

```
View example
@model ProductListViewModel
@foreach (ProductListItemViewModel product in Model.Products)
{
    @* Creates a hyperlink to the product controller to display the product detail page *@
    string productDetailLink = Url.RouteUrl("Product", new { id = product.ProductPageID, productAlias = product.ProductPageAlias });
    <a href="@productDetailLink" onclick='productClick(@Html.Raw(product.GtmSKUJsonString), "@productDetailLink"); return false;'>
    ...
    </a>
}
```

## Views of product details

To log data when visitors view your website's product detail pages:

- 1. Edit the view model class that you use to display product details.
- 2. Add a new string property to the view model.
- 3. Create a JSON string containing the product's data by calling the **GtmProductHelper.MapSKU** and **GtmDataHelper. SerializeToJson** methods, and assign the string to the new property.

```
(sku));
...
}
}
```

- 4. Edit the view representing your product detail pages.
- 5. Run a script that pushes the product JSON data from the view model into the data layer.
  - You can either add a script tag directly into the view code or link an external JavaScript file.
  - Process the JSON string to ensure that the output is not HTML encoded (for example by calling the <a href="https://html/HtmlHelper."><u>HtmlHelper.</u></a>
     Raw method).

## Additions and removals from a shopping cart

To log data when customers add or remove shopping cart items:



For more information about shopping cart management in general, see <u>Using a shopping cart on MVC sites</u>.

1. Edit the view model class that you use to display shopping cart content and add a *string* property. The property will store JSON data for added or removed products.

```
public class ShoppingCartViewModel
{
    public ShoppingCart Cart { get; set; }
    public IEnumerable<ShoppingCartItem> Items => Cart.Items;
    public decimal RemainingAmountForFreeShipping { get; set; }

    // Property containing Google Tag Manager JSON data for added or removed products
    public string GtmAddOrRemoveCartItemJsonString { get; set; }
}
```

- 2. Adjust the controller actions that you use to add or remove products to/from the shopping cart:
  - Create an object with an <u>Anonymous type</u>, and define the data fields that you wish to push into the Google Analytics data layer (see the <u>Enhanced Ecommerce (UA) Developer Guide</u> for details).
  - Get the data of the added or removed product by calling the GtmProductHelper.MapSKU method. Use the
    method's optional additionalData parameter to add the quantity of the added/removed product units into the
    data.
  - Serialize the anonymous type object into a JSON string (for example using the <u>Json.Encode</u> method) and assign
    the string into the corresponding property of the shopping cart view model. For example, you can use the <u>TempD</u>
    ata dictionary to pass the JSON string into another controller action that prepares the shopping cart view model.

```
Example - Action for adding items
```

```
[HttpPost]
public ActionResult AddItem(int itemSkuId, int itemUnits)
    // Gets the current user's shopping cart
   ShoppingCart cart = shoppingService.GetCurrentShoppingCart();
    // Adds a specified number of units of a specified product
   cart.AddItem(itemSkuId, itemUnits);
    // Evaluates the shopping cart
   cart.Evaluate();
    // Creates an anonymous type object representing the Google Tag Manager
JSON data for the product addition event
   var addToCartJson = new
    {
        @event = "addToCart",
        ecommerce = new
            currencyCode = cart.Currency.CurrencyCode,
            add = new
                products = new[]
                    GtmProductHelper.MapSKU(SKUInfoProvider.GetSKUInfo
(itemSkuId), new { quantity = itemUnits })
       }
    };
    // Serializes the Google Tag Manager JSON data of the product addition
event into a string
   // Stores the string in the TempData dictionary, which is later used to
prepare the shopping cart view model
   TempData["gtmAddOrRemoveCartItemJsonString"] = System.Web.Helpers.Json.
Encode(addToCartJson);
    // Displays the shopping cart
   return RedirectToAction("ShoppingCart");
}
```

```
Example - Action for removing items

[HttpPost]
public ActionResult RemoveItem(int itemID)
{
    // Gets the current user's shopping cart
    ShoppingCart cart = shoppingService.GetCurrentShoppingCart();

    // Gets the ShoppingCartItemInfo object representing the removed product
    // Note: Must be performed before calling the ShoppingCart.RemoveItem
method
    ShoppingCartItemInfo cartItem = ShoppingCartItemInfoProvider.
GetShoppingCartItemInfo(itemID);

    // Creates an anonymous type object representing the Google Tag Manager
JSON data for the product removal event
```

```
var removeFromCartJson = new
        @event = "removeFromCart",
        ecommerce = new
            remove = new
                products = new[]
                    GtmProductHelper.MapSKU(cartItem.SKU, new { quantity =
cartItem.CartItemUnits })
            }
        }
    };
    // Removes a specified product from the shopping cart
    cart.RemoveItem(itemID);
    // Evaluates the shopping cart
    cart.Evaluate();
    // Serializes the Google Tag Manager JSON data of the product removal
event into a string
    \ensuremath{//} Stores the string in the TempData dictionary, which is later used to
prepare the shopping cart view model
    TempData["gtmAddOrRemoveCartItemJsonString"] = System.Web.Helpers.Json.
Encode(removeFromCartJson);
    // Displays the shopping cart
    return RedirectToAction("ShoppingCart");
```

# Example - Updated action displaying the shopping cart public ActionResult ShoppingCart() // Gets the current user's shopping cart ShoppingCart currentCart = shoppingService.GetCurrentShoppingCart(); // Initializes the shopping cart model ShoppingCartViewModel model = new ShoppingCartViewModel // Assigns the current shopping cart to the model Cart = currentCart, RemainingAmountForFreeShipping = pricingService. CalculateRemainingAmountForFreeShipping(currentCart), // Gets Google Tag Manager JSON data for product addition or removal events from the TempData dictionary GtmAddOrRemoveCartItemJsonString = TempData ["gtmAddOrRemoveCartItemJsonString"] as string }; // Displays the shopping cart return View(model); }

- 3. Edit the view that you use to display shopping cart content.
- 4. Run a script that pushes the JSON string from the shopping cart view model into the data layer:
  - You can either add a script tag directly into the view code or link an external JavaScript file.
  - Wrap the script code into a condition that checks the JSON string for null or empty values. The condition ensures that the script only runs when displaying the shopping cart after a customer adds or removes products.
  - Process the JSON string to ensure that the output is not HTML encoded (for example by calling the <a href="httmlHelper.Raw"><u>HtmlHelper.Raw</u></a> method).

## **Checkout steps**

To log progress of customers through the steps of your website's checkout process:

- 1. Identify the first page in your checkout process where modifications of the shopping cart content are no longer allowed.
- 2. Edit the view model class that you use for the given checkout page and add a *string* property. The property will store JSON data for the products in the shopping cart.

```
public class DeliveryDetailsViewModel
{
   public CustomerModel Customer { get; set; }
   public BillingAddressModel BillingAddress { get; set; }
   public ShippingOptionModel ShippingOption { get; set; }

   // Property containing Google Tag Manager JSON data for products in the shopping cart
   public string GtmCartItemsJsonString { get; set; }
}
```

- 3. Adjust the controller actions that you use to display the given checkout page:
  - Get the JSON data for the products in the shopping cart by calling the GtmProductHelper.
     MapShoppingCartItems method.
  - Serialize the shopping cart product data into a JSON string by calling the **GtmDataHelper.SerializeToJson** method, and assign the string into the corresponding property of the view model.

```
Example - Action for displaying the delivery details page

public ActionResult DeliveryDetails()
{
```

```
// Gets the current user's shopping cart
    ShoppingCart cart = shoppingService.GetCurrentShoppingCart();
    \ensuremath{//} Creates the Google Tag Manager JSON data for the products in the
shopping cart
    IEnumerable<ShoppingCartItemInfo> cartItemInfos = cart.Items.Select
(item => ShoppingCartItemInfoProvider.GetShoppingCartItemInfo(item.ID));
    string gtmCartItemsJsonString = GtmDataHelper.SerializeToJson
(GtmProductHelper.MapShoppingCartItems(cartItemInfos));
   DeliveryDetailsViewModel model = new DeliveryDetailsViewModel
        Customer = new CustomerModel(cart.Customer),
        BillingAddress = new BillingAddressModel(cart.BillingAddress,
countries, null).
        ShippingOption = new ShippingOptionModel(cart.ShippingOption,
shippingOptions),
        GtmCartItemsJsonString = gtmCartItemsJsonString
    // Displays the customer details step
   return View(model);
}
```

- 4. Edit the view representing the appropriate checkout page:
  - Run a script that pushes the required checkout data into the data layer. Get the JSON data of the shopping cart's products from the view model.
  - You can either add a script tag directly into the view code or link an external JavaScript file.
  - Process the JSON string to ensure that the output is not HTML encoded (for example by calling the <a href="httmlHelper."><u>HtmlHelper.</u></a>
     Raw method).

- 5. Edit the views representing the pages used for the remaining steps in the checkout process.
  - For each step, run a script that pushes the required checkout data into the data layer, but without including the *p* roducts field. For example:

```
}
}
}
};

});
```

#### **Purchases**

To log purchases (i.e. completed orders) on your website:

- 1. Identify the page that you display to customers after they successfully complete a purchase on your website (for example a "thank you" page).
- 2. Set up a view model class for this "thank you" page:
  - Add a string property, which will store the JSON data for the purchase.
  - Create a JSON string containing the purchase data by calling the GtmOrderHelper.MapPurchase and GtmData
     Helper.SerializeToJson methods, and assign the string to the property.



To get the required *OrderInfo* parameter, call the **OrderInfoProvider.GetOrderInfo** method (from the *C MS.Ecommerce* namespace). The internal *OrderInfo* object has the same ID as the matching *Kentico. Ecommerce.Order* object (this class is used to manage orders in the E-commerce integration API for MVC).

```
using CMS.Ecommerce;
using Kentico.Ecommerce;

public class ThankYouViewModel
{
    public readonly string GtmPurchaseJsonString;

    // Constructor of the view model class for the "thank you" page of the checkout process
    public ThankYouViewModel(Order order)
    {
        // Gets the internal OrderInfo object for the completed order
        OrderInfo orderInfo = OrderInfoProvider.GetOrderInfo(order.OrderID);

        // Creates the Google Tag Manager JSON data for the purchased order
        GtmPurchaseJsonString = GtmDataHelper.SerializeToJson
(GtmOrderHelper.MapPurchase(orderInfo));
    }
}
```

- 3. Find an appropriate controller action to display the "thank you" view (for example an action that handles payments). Create an instance of the view model class for the related *Kentico.Ecommerce.Order* object. For more information about order processing, see <u>Creating the preview step in MVC checkout processes</u>.
- 4. Edit the view that you use to display the "thank you" page.
- 5. Run a script that pushes the purchase JSON data from the view model into the data layer:
  - You can either add a script tag directly into the view code or link an external JavaScript file.
  - Process the JSON string to ensure that the output is not HTML encoded (for example by calling the <a href="httmlHelper."><u>HtmlHelper.</u></a>
     Raw method).

});
});