

Package ‘AzureAppInsights’

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Description Imports Azure Application Insights for web pages into Shiny apps via Microsoft's JavaScript snippet.
Allows app developers to submit page tracking and submit events.

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BugReports <https://github.com/stefanedwards/AzureAppInsights/issues>

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AzureAppInsights-package

Azure Application Insights for web pages

Description

Add Azure Application Insights tracking to a Shiny App. *Requires an active Azure subscription and Application Insights instrumentation key!* Based on <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-monitor/app/javascript> / <https://github.com/microsoft/ApplicationInsights-JS>.

Details

Documentation in this page will be limited, as most is explained on the main page.

Supports so far only pageViews (automatically sent), autoTrackPageVisitTime (when configured with [config](#)), customEvents (see [trackEvent](#)).

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See Also

Useful links:

- Report bugs at <https://github.com/stefanedwards/AzureAppInsights/issues>

config

Configure Azure Application Insights

Description

Ensures an instrumentationKey/connectionString and appId is provided.

Usage

```
config(  
  appId,  
  instrumentationKey,  
  connectionString,  
  autoTrackPageVisitTime = TRUE,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| appId | String for identifying your app, if you use same Application Insights for multiple apps. |
| instrumentationKey, connectionString | connectionString is preferred for newer accounts. Must contain both InstrumentationKey and IngestionEndpoint. |
| autoTrackPageVisitTime | Submits how long time a user spent on the *previous* page (see website for more information). |
| ... | Additional options, as given in https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-monitor/app/javascript#configuration . No checks performed here. |

Details

See <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-monitor/app/javascript#configuration> for explanation of options.

If jsonlite is playing tricks on the arguments given, wrap the value with I. E.g. if you want to force an atomic vector of length 1 to be parsed as an array, use I(3.14).

Value

List.

is_instrumentation_key

Check if string matches pattern for an instrumentation key.

Description

Check if string matches pattern for an instrumentation key.

Usage

```
is_instrumentation_key(x)
```

Arguments

x A string containing nothing else but an instrumentation key.

Value

Logical value.

startAzureAppInsights *Include and run Azure Application Insights for web pages*

Description

Include the JS snippet in your ui-function with includeAzureAppInsights and start the tracking with startAzureAppInsights in your server-function.

Usage

```
startAzureAppInsights(
  session,
  cfg,
  instance.name = "appInsights",
  ld = 0,
  useXHR = TRUE,
  crossOrigin = "anonymous",
  onInit = NULL,
  heartbeat = 3e+05,
  extras = list(),
  include.ip = FALSE,
  cookie.user = FALSE
)

includeAzureAppInsights()
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------|---|
| session | The session object passed to function given to shinyServer. |
| cfg | List-object from config . |
| instance.name | Global JavaScript Instance name defaults to "appInsights" when not supplied. <i>NOT</i> the app's name. Used for accessing the instance from other JavaScript routines. |
| ld | Defines the load delay (in ms) before attempting to load the sdk. -1 = block page load and add to head. (default) = 0ms load after timeout, |
| useXHR | Logical, use XHR instead of fetch to report failures (if available). |
| crossOrigin | When supplied this will add the provided value as the cross origin attribute on the script tag. |
| onInit | Once the application insights instance has loaded and initialized this callback function will be called with 1 argument – the sdk instance |
| heartbeat | Integer, how often should the heartbeat beat – or set to FALSE to disable. |
| extras | (Named) list of values to add to any tracking. |
| include.ip | Logical, adds ip to all tracking's customDimension. See note. |
| cookie.user | Logical, when TRUE sets a cookie with a random string and submits this along with any tracking with the key user id. |

Value

Methods sends data to client's browser; returns the sent list, invisibly.

Tracking users' ip-address

Generally, Azure's Application Insight does not collect the users' ip-address, due to it being somewhat sensitive data ([link](#)).

`startAzureAppInsights` however has the argument 'include.ip' which, when set to TRUE, will add the entry ip to all trackings. The tracked ip-address is taken from `session$request$REMOTE_ADDR`, which is an un-documented feature and may or may not be the users ip-address.

References

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-monitor/app/javascript> and <https://github.com/microsoft/ApplicationInsights-JS> and <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-monitor/app/ip-collection?tabs=net>

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| trackEvent | <i>Sends an event or set of metrics to Application Insights</i> |
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Description

Use `trackEvent` for tracking a single event together with any extra properties.

Use `trackMetric` to track a summary of some measured metrics.

Usage

```
trackEvent(session, name, properties)
```

```
trackMetric(session, name, metrics, properties)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|--|
| session | The session object passed to function given to shinyServer. |
| name | Name of the event. |
| properties | List of properties to track. appId and any extras given in <code>startAzureAppInsights</code> is automatically inserted. |
| metrics | Numeric vector of values to calculate summary on. Non-finite values are removed. |

Value

Method sends data to client's browser; returns the sent list, invisibly.

Tracking Metrics

Individual measured values are not sent to Application Insights. Instead, summaries of the values (mean, range, average, standard deviation) are sent. *Note:* Standard deviation doesn't quite work yet.

Before calculating summaries, non-finite values are removed (see [is.finite](#)). If there are no values in `metrics`, nothing is sent.

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