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Introduction

The Cloud Connector framework allows customers to import data collected and managed by a third-party or device vendor's cloud platform to Oracle mHealth Connector Cloud. This document explains how device cloud vendors and the Oracle services team can use a set of standard connectors, including the standard HTTP connector, which accepts messages in JSON format from an external service.

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Connector Framework Components

The four components of the connector framework are the connector, the interpreter, the mapper, and the messenger.



Figure 1 mHealth Connector Cloud-to-Cloud Connector framework components

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- **Connector**—This provider-specific code manages connection and communication with the provider's devices and services. It's responsible for device discovery, connection management, and communication of data from the external devices or cloud services, including the processing of any provider-specific communication metadata, known as the envelope. The three types of connectors are generic, specialized, and custom.
- Interpreter—The interpreter parses device payloads and extracts data and telemetry information. Interpreters can be categorized as JSON or binary. Binary interpreters support additional payload grammars which can be used to parse device-native binary payloads.
- Mapper—The device model mapper takes data extracted from incoming device data and processes it into messages that are compatible with the mHealth Connector cloud message format. You can create a mapping between the fields extracted from the incoming data parsed by the interpreter, to the fields of mHealth Connector device model format. The mapping docCloud-to-Cloud Connector Framework for Data Ingestion from a Third-Party Cloud Serviceument associates a grammar and a device model.
- Messenger—The messenger communicates information about the device registration, device metadata, and device message to the Oracle Internet of Things service instance embedded within the mHealth Connector platform.

Typical Workflow

In a typical workflow, a device cloud vendor calls a REST endpoint published by the mHealth Connector. The mHealth Cloud Service framework invokes a series of mappings and transformation steps, configured for each clinical study, to create a new data message and stores the message in the mHealth Cloud Service.

Task	More Information	Description
Create an HTTP connector and configure it.	Give a name and credentials for authentication.	Create and configure HTTP Connector.
Verify that the connector has stared.	Once the connector configuration is saved, it is automatically started by the framework.	Create and configure HTTP Connector.
	Review status and messages on the connector screen.	

Table 1Typical workflow

Task	More Information	Description
Create/upload device models.	Device models define the structure of a transformed message.	Create a new device model.
	Once a message is received, the interpreter transforms or maps incoming messages to a message format defined in the device model.	
Create an interpreter.	The interpreter transforms or maps a message to an mHealth Connecter message format.	Configure interpreter.
	From the Interpreter screen, configure an interpreter specifying selection criteria, a device model, and the payload processing information. Create an interpreter for each device message format.	
Review device registration.	Send sample data from calling published mHealth Connector REST endpoint and verify that the virtual device instance and message created per the structure specified in the mapping screen of the interpreter.	Manage a virtual device.

Table 1 (Cont.) Typical workflow

Create and Configure an HTTP Connector

Connectors manage the connection and communication with devices or with third-party cloud services. They also process the metadata and telemetry data from the devices or the services. HTTP Connector hosts a set of HTTP servers that are front-ended with a load balancer. The HTTP Connector must be configured for basic authentication. For authentication configuration, create a user account with the administrator role in the embedded IoT cloud service console and configure the same in the Connector screen.

- 1. Open the Internet of Things Cloud Service management console.
- 2. Click Menu =.
- **3.** Click **Devices**, and then click **Connectors**.
- **4.** On the Connectors page, click **Create New Connector** $\textcircled{\bullet}$.
- 5. Enter values in the Name and Description fields.
- 6. If you need only one instance of the connector, select 1 in the Scale Factor field.
- 7. In the **Type** field, select **Generic**.
- 8. In the **Telemetry** section, select the appropriate values.
 - **Protocol:** Select **HTTP Server**.

- Authentication: Select Basic authentication, and then enter your user name and password. You must have administrative access to perform this step.
- Envelope: Click Add Grammar, and add the details in the Grammar window. Use the Map field to map the required device metadata fields with the values of the interpreted envelope data.
- Payload encoding: If your payload is in JSON, select asciihex. if your payload is in base64-encoded binary, select base64.
- **9.** Click **Save**. When you receive the message, *Saved successfully*, click **Back**.

The generic connector is listed on the Connectors page and the State field displays the status of the connector. The five states are STARTING, STARTED, FAILED, STOPPING, and STOPPED. STARTED indicates that the connector is ready to accept device data.

- To modify your generic connector, click Edit
- To remove the generic connector, click **Delete W**.
- To create an instance of your generic connector, click Start

Note: The Edit, Delete, and Start buttons are enabled only when the connector is in STOPPED state.

 To view the device notifications that the connector receives, click connectors_ messageALERT

Note: On the Notifications page, click the data under Content to view the device information. You can also create an interpreter from this page when device data is received for the first time. See Configure an Interpreter.

• To view the details of your generic connector, click **View** ⁽¹⁾.



Name *	wmgw1		Description	Wellness device message gateway implementation 1
Туре * 🚱	generic		Scale Factor 🚱	1 ~
Assigned Port	20000			
Configuration				
Telemetry				
Protocol • 😡	HTTP Server	~		
HTTP Server URL	https://iottrtestam02iotjis-iottrainin	ngam20.uscom-central-1.oraclecioud.com		
Authentication 🔞	Basic authentication	~		
User name 🍨 🔞	iot			
Password • 🕖				
Envelope	+ View Grammar			
Payload encoding *	ascilhex	~		
Discovery				
Protocol 🔞	Please Choose	~		
Authentication (2)	Please Choose	~		
Device metadata 🔞	+ View Grammar			

Create an Interpreter

An interpreter parses the payload and extracts the device telemetry data. The framework then uses the data to form a device message in the mHealth Cloud. You create interpreters on the embedded IoT cloud service Devices configuration screen.

To create an interpreter you need the following:

• Selection criteria: The framework uses the selection criteria to decide which interpreter(s) to use to process the message received by a connector. If multiple interpreters are created with same selection criteria, the input messages will be processed by all those Interpreters. See Configure an Interpreter to define selection criteria.

Example: If the "type" attribute in the message payload contains string "E1," the Interpreter associated with this selection criterion will be used to process the message.

Figure 3 Selection criteria for creating an interpreter

Selection Criteria *

Attribute		Text	
Туре	like	% <u></u> E1%	
/	~ ^		

- **Device model:** Identify the device model. The device model's attributes are used for mapping the message attributes.
- **Sample payload:** Provide a sample JSON payload data so that the mapping tool can start creating a source message-to-device model attributes mapping.
- Device metadata: Map the standard metadata fields such as Name, Hardware ID, or custom fields from parsed sample data (for example, Hardware ID mapped to KEY_UID (as per sample)).

Configure an Interpreter

To create an Interpreter from the management console:

- 1. Open the Oracle Internet of Things Cloud Service management console.
- 2. Click Menu =.
- 3. Click **Devices**, and then click **Interpreters**.
- **4.** On the Interpreters page, click **Create New Interpreter (·)**.

- 5. Enter values in the Name and Description fields.
- **6.** In the **Selection Criteria** field, select an attribute and map it to a pattern or value. The connector uses the selection criteria to select the interpreter.

Figure 4 Selection criteria for configuring an interpreter

Name *	wgw1wellness			Description	wgw1weilness
Selection Criteria *					
Attribute	Text				
study 😑	"placebo"				
~ ^		^			
Device Model *					
Wellness Device		~	Edit Grammar		

- 7. Select the Device Model, and click Add Grammar.
 - **a.** Do one of the following:

For a **JSON payload**, enter the payload data in Sample Data and click Validate. The interpreted values are listed.

For a **binary payload**, enter the payload in Sample Data, enter the binary grammar in Grammar, and click Validate.

The interpreted values are listed.

- **b.** From the **Map list** box, select an attribute of the device model.
- **c.** From the adjacent combo box, select **Property**, **ATTRIBUTE**, and then the field of one of the interpreted values. Values can also be combined or manipulated using the Formula menu.
- d. To select another attribute, click Add.
- **e.** Repeat steps c and d to map the attributes of the device model that you need in the device message.

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Figure 5 Map the attributes of the device model

- **8.** In the **Device Metadata** section, select a field from the list box and map it to an attribute.
- **9.** Click **Add**, and repeat the step for all the fields that you wish to map. These fields appear as metadata in the device record when the device is registered in Oracle Internet of Things Cloud Service.
- 10. Click Save.
- 11. When you receive a message, Saved successfully, click Back.

On the Interpreters page, your interpreter is listed and its Device Model is displayed.

- To modify any of the fields of your interpreter, click Edit
- To remove the interpreter, click Delete

On-boarding a Device Cloud

To send data to mHealth Cloud Service, a device cloud needs POST device messages for JSON format to a HTTP connector REST resource created in the mHealth Cloud Service. The entities within a JSON payload must be accessible using JSONPath notation. Although a data message can have an array of entities, it is expected that every POST message includes the same number of entities.

If one HTTP Connector handles data messages across multiple clinical studies, make sure that each message includes a study identifier field. Similarly, it is assumed that a subject identifier (a non-PII value) and a physical or virtual device identifier and /or serial number is included in every message. For example:

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