User-Agent Client Hints (UA-CH)

<u>User-Agent Client Hints</u> are a new expansion to the Client Hints API, that enables developers to access information about a user's browser in a privacy-preserving way.

Client Hints enable developers to actively request information about the user's device or conditions, rather than needing to parse it out of the User-Agent (UA) string. Providing this alternative route is the first step to eventually reducing User-Agent string granularity.

To take advantage of the new APIs for programmatic advertising, DV360 has added support for receiving structured user agent data in bid requests. The User-Agent Client Hints headers can be passed in an extension under the 'device' object called 'user_agent_data'.

The following subfields under 'device.ext.user_agent_data' are supported, and should be populated with the results of the corresponding 'Sec-CH-UA' headers:

JSON field	Туре	'Sec-CH-UA' source	Example
rawChUa	string	Sec-CH-UA	"" Not;A Brand";v="99", "Google Chrome";v="91", "Chromium";v="91"
fullVersion	string list	Sec-CH-UA-Full-Version	['84', '0', '4143', '2']
browser	object list	Sec-CH-UA after parsing. See parsing notes below	
browser.brand	string	Sec-CH-UA after parsing. See parsing notes below	'Google Chrome', ' Not;A Brand'
browser.version	string list	Sec-CH-UA after parsing. See parsing notes below	['91'] or
platform	object		
platform.brand	string	Sec-CH-UA-Platform	'Android'
platform.version	string list	Sec-CH-UA-Platform-Ve rson	['10'] or ['10', '1']
platform.bitness	string	Sec-CH-UA-Bitness	'32' or '64'
mobile	integer	Sec-CH-UA-Mobile	0 or 1

architecture	string	Sec-CH-UA-Arch	'arm'
model	string	Sec-CH-UA-Model	'Pixel 4'

For example, the following Sec-CH-UA headers

```
Sec-CH-UA-Mobile: ?1
Sec-CH-UA-Full-Version: "84.0,4143."
Sec-CH-UA-Bitness: "32"
Sec-CH-UA-Arch: "ARM"
Sec-CH-UA-Model: "Pixel 4"
Sec-CH-UA-Platform: "Android"
would result in the following data in a bid request
'device': {
 'ext': {
  'user agent data': {
   'rawChUa': "Not;A Brand";v="99", "Google Chrome";v="91", "Chromium";v="91",
   'browser': [{' Not; A Brand': '99'}, {'Google Chrome': '91'}, {'Chromium': '91'}],
   'platform': { 'brand' : 'Android', 'version' : ['10', '2'], 'bitness': '32'},
   'mobile': 1,
   'architecture': 'ARM',
   'model': 'Pixel 4'
}
```

Sec-CH-UA: "Not;A Brand";v="99", "Google Chrome";v="91", "Chromium";v="91"

Note: if rawChUa is populated, browser is optional and can be omitted.

If you receive an OpenRTB bid request from an upstream source that includes user_agent_data, it should be passed along without modification.

Parsing Notes

The 'Sec-CH-UA' header has an RFC 8941 Structured Field Value. Some exchanges may choose to parse the 'Sec-CH-UA' header into a list of browser (brand, version) pairs and pass these in the browser object list instead of, or in addition to the rawChUa field.

If the 'Sec-CH-UA' is parsed, all browser (brand, version) pairs should be included in the OpenRTB request, and the order in the json list should match the order in the 'Sec-CH-UA' header.