

Working with streamed content: theMediaElementSource node

In the previous lesson, we encountered theMediaElementSource node that is useful for routing the sound from a <video> or <audio> element stream. The above video shows how to make a simple example step by step, how to setup FireFox for debugging Web Audio applications and visualize the audio graph.

Typical use:

[Example at JSBin](#)

HTML:

```
<audio id="player" controlscrossorigin="anonymous" loop>
  <source src="http://mainline.i3s.unice.fr/mooc/guitarRiff1.mp3">
  Your browser does not support the audio tag.
</audio>
```

JavaScript:

```
var ctx = window.AudioContext || window.webkitAudioContext;
var context = new ctx();
var mediaElement = document.querySelector('#player');
var sourceNode = context.createMediaElementSource(mediaElement);
sourceNode.connect(context.destination); // connect to the
speakers
```

The MediaElementSource node is built

using context.createMediaElementSource(elem) , where elem is an <audio> or

a `<video>` element.

Then we connect this source Node to other nodes. If we connect it directly to `context.destination`, the sound goes to the speakers with no additional processing.

In the following lessons, we will see the different nodes that are useful with streamed audio and with the `MediaElementSource` node. Adding them in the audio graph will enable us to change the sound in many different ways.