WebRTC Encryption and Security [The Complete Guide]

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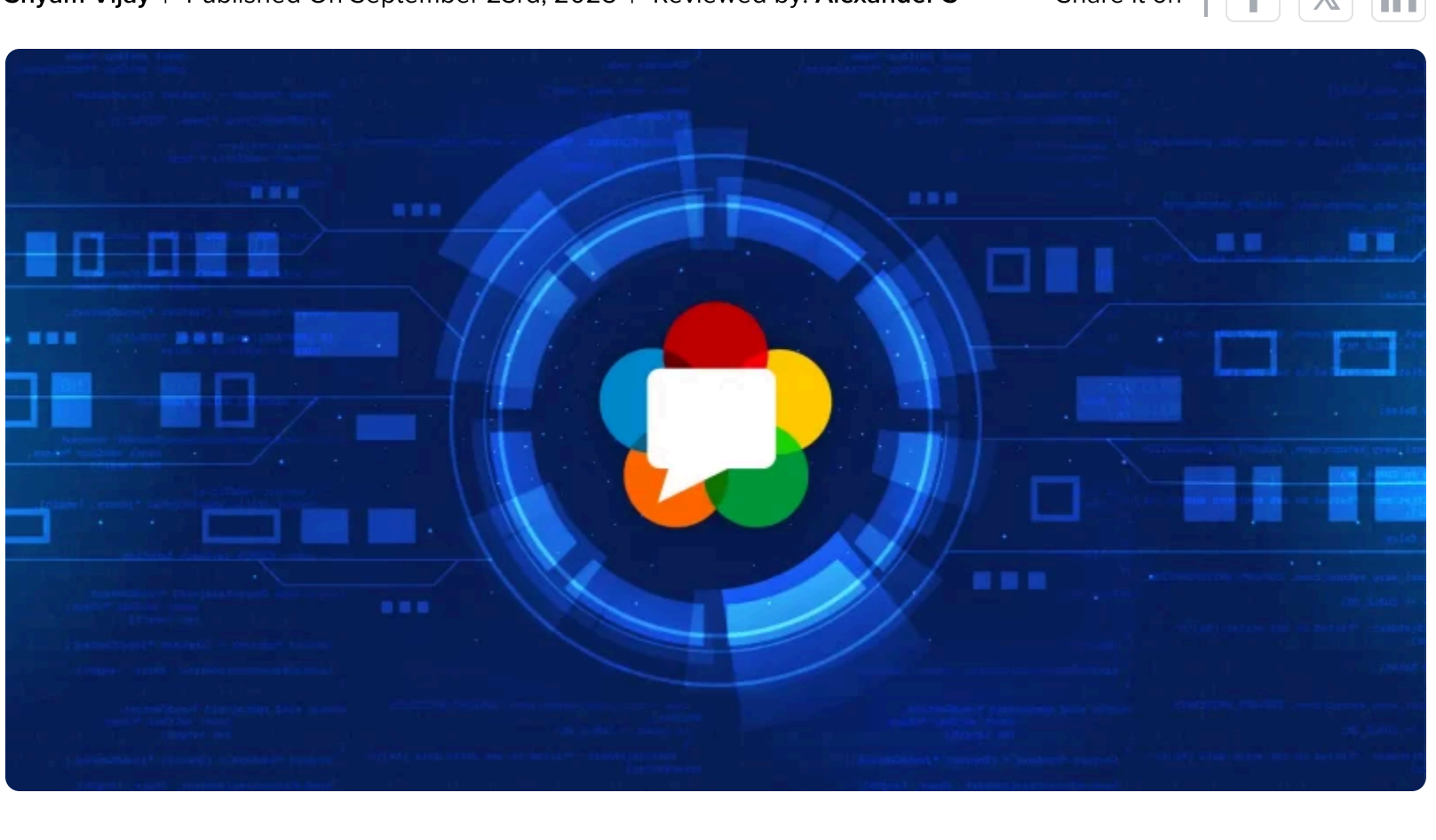

Explore WebRTC Solution

WebRTC is on the rise, especially after businesses are incorporating video and audio calls on their web browsers and mobile apps. This could be the best news when it comes to establishing sound real-time communication, but with this comes the bad news too, its **security-related pitfalls**. And, with the number of security breaches happening nearly every other day, it truly resembles a burning daylight in placing confidential information into any video conferencing solution.

So, before entering into the juicy part of **how secure WebRTC is**, let us see what privacy leaks it handles and how to improve internal communication through WebRTC end-to-end encryption methods.

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What is WebRTC Security?

WebRTC or Web Real-time Communication is a profound, flexible streaming protocol, and an open-source technology suitable for offering **uninterrupted and bi-directional** messaging, audio, and video chats in real-time between browsers and devices.

They are written using **JavaScript APIs** that help establish P2P (peer-to-peer) communications without the need for any external plugins or interfaces or special integration software.

Plus, the WebRTC protocol is highly liked by the developer community because of its offerings like,

WebRTC Security Standards

- **Low bandwidth and latency** – These days all video calling APIs are built with WebRTC to render low latency solutions.
- **Seamless audio/video transmission** – The data streams, STUN/TURN servers, signaling, and network sockets in WebRTC helps developers to embed audio/video chats.
- **Open Source** – Anyone can build the app using this open-source technology.

Knowledge Fact: WebRTC works on all major devices or precisely on all internet of things using a WebRTC library.

But, this benefit of WebRTC in being an open source protocol can be a dismay to many, leading to the birth of WebRTC vulnerabilities. And yes, you have guessed it rightly, our next section is,

Vulnerabilities of WebRTC Security

Vulnerabilities mostly referred to "**as WebRTC leaks**" are not something to be worried about because they are not anything that's broken or dismantled. Instead, with end-to-end encryption, WebRTC security can turn out to be selling hot pancakes once again amidst the developer bunch.

But, in absence of an **encrypted WebRTC**, the entire ecosystem falls leading to the compromise of the victim's identity. This can be a tricky one to solve, and with additional vulnerabilities like the ones discussed below, developers can go erratic while developing applications and businesses would run out of errands in launching new security measures.

- JavaScript injections
- Introducing malwares to WebRTC apps
- Improper session termination
- Absence of certain privileges while installation
- Less secure authentication methods and
- Using signaling server for disclosing information

With WebRTC leaks, should you be worried about its security? **That's our next topic**.

Is WebRTC Secure?

Considering the WebRTC security issues, you may ask whether this protocol is really that safe. Without a doubt, yes, it is.

Because WebRTC approaches security from different angles. They come with different encryption specifications like,

1. **STRP Protocol:** For transmitting information through voice, video, or chats between users in WebRTC, the data must be encrypted using SRTP (Secure Real Time Protocol). Using SRTP, the session is encrypted so that without authentication keys, none can decode the message.
2. **Setting Secure Channels:** Not just stopping with encrypting messages, WebRTC sets up secure encryption channels by using key exchange mechanisms like MIKEY, ZRTP, SDES, and DTLS- SRTP.
3. **Secure Signaling:** At the last, WebRTC secures the web servers too that handle signaling and client's systems using HTTPS protocol – the same protocol that most websites use. This prevents any man-in-the-middle attacks.

What is WebRTC Encryption?

WebRTC Encryption

WebRTC Encryption is a means to protect data sent between browsers or apps through WebRTC-enabled connections. Using end-to-end encryption for WebRTC helps protect all the sessions even if any of the connections bypass other security protocols.

Majorly, there are three prime WebRTC security specifications:

1. **Secure Real Time Protocol (SRTP):** It is a secure real-time protocol that encrypts any type of data transmitted across the channel thereby protecting any malicious attacks in this path.
2. **Encryption Key:** This category uses a protocol named DTLS- SRTP requiring keys to transmit data from one peer to another. WebRTC does not make use of other encryption key protocols.
3. **Signaling:** This encryption type locates devices connected over the internet waiting to establish a connection.

Now that we saw how an encrypted WebRTC can help. The next big question remains.

Is WebRTC Encryption Necessary?

To evade all the WebRTC security concerns or issues, adding a layer of encryption is mandatory. Besides this fact, it has become the **IETF's** requirement to include the three security specifications mentioned above.

Thereafter, keeping the security and compliance point in mind and going green with the WebRTC encryption is always positive.

The next part that we are going to discuss is a little sturdy and red-blooded one, and your consciousness is very much required.

How Does WebRTC End-to-End Encryption Work?

WebRTC in general has a protocol layer security by default that is controlled by the WebRTC security architecture, and so, developers may not be worried about it too much. However, there are other issues related to browsers and operating systems that could hamper WebRTC connections.

Let us put some light onto the four major WebRTC security concerns of this modern era, starting right with,

WebRTC End-to-End Encryption Work

1. Web Browser Security

Though this topic is usually not included under WebRTC encryption, still it plays a vital role because these days almost all connections are established through a browser. Therefore, their security has to be monitored closely as they help in securing other supporting connections.

Just like how WebRTC security is mandated by **IETF**, web browser security standards are also required to be met by the **W3C and other internet security specifications**. Comparatively to the former, browser security protocols are a bit stringent and order websites to be created with either HTTP or HTTPS connections only.

Their other requirements include granting permission for accessing cameras and microphones on websites, protecting device information, and not allowing sharing IP address information without the user's notice.

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2. Operating System Security

Much similar to the browser security protocols, even mobile and desktop operating systems have security protocols in-built that help protects data from malicious attackers. A small hindrance here would be while using mobile devices because different apps for security must be installed from the app store.

You need not worry about the safety of the app because only after strict analysis and tests, the app would have been released.

3. WebRTC Community Security

To be honest in this case, one might think the open-source type of WebRTC can attract many heinous criminals to websites. But that's not true. Since the code is explicitly available to the public, many would try to correct and improve the code and fix bugs so that any type of security concern is fixed faster than expected.

Similarly, apps that are designed poorly with this technology will receive feedback on how to correct the code and improve the design functionality. This may surely seem counterintuitive, but considering in the long run, it is much better than proprietary technologies.

4. Finally, Protocol Layer Security

As we discussed above the three specifications, SRTP, encryption key, and signaling server form the protocol security club.

- **SRTP** is used to encrypt any message, audio, or video that is sent across the WebRTC sessions. Here, data will not be compromised as the attacker will not have access to the key.
- **Encryption keys** are what secures the **DTLS- SRTP** connection that enables devices and browses connected over WebRTC to exchange encryption and decryption keys. The keys are built with strong codes and are hence difficult to intrude on.
- **A signaling server** is used by WebRTC to manage all network connections during a session. It is agreed that though WebRTC is a peer-to-peer service, it makes use of a server to find or locate the devices connected over the Internet. It is protected by an **HTTPS** connection and is pretty much enough for accessing banking and government websites.

That's it, time to cover up what we discussed.

Conclusion

From learning about the WebRTC security vulnerabilities to taking measures like encryption to protect a connection, we hope we covered almost all the topics that a naive reader would look on for. However, we also suggest you to be in compliance with the security standards to develop or build a secure real-time connection just like how **MirrorFly** does.

Their video calling APIs are built with secure WebRTC codes that help in offering seamless and low-latency connections on all platforms. If you wish to dive deeper into this topic, take a look at this blog.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- What are the security features of WebRTC? +
- What is the architecture of WebRTC? +
- Is WebRTC TCP or UDP? +
- Does WebRTC have encryption? +
- Does WebRTC use TLS? +
- What Is SRTP in Cyber Security? +
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