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Performance analysis of topologies for Web-based Real-Time Communication

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Introduction

- ▶ Need of connectivity between people
- ▶ Real-time communication is in our daily life
- ▶ Complex interactive web applications are everywhere
- ▶ Developers need a way to handle real-time cross-interoperable apps in the web

Web  RTC

Background

- ▶ Open sourced by Google
- ▶ First introduced in May 2011
- ▶ Designed in conjunction by the IETF and W3C
- ▶ Still in ongoing discussion
- ▶ Works using high level JavaScript APIs
- ▶ First version to be delivered by Q4 2013
- ▶ Uses existing technologies derived from SIP

Support



Firefox



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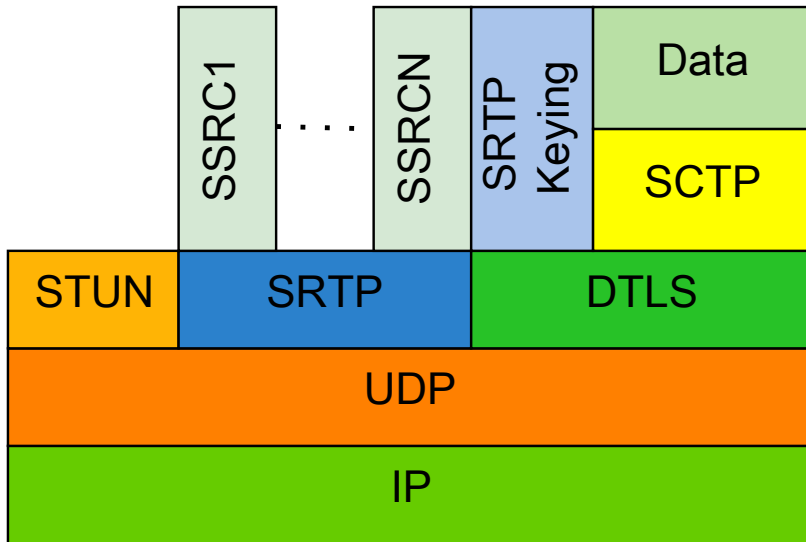
WebRTC

- ▶ Provides real-time peer-to-peer media and data transport using browsers
- ▶ Plugin-free, mechanisms are integrated on the browsers
- ▶ Interoperable between vendors
- ▶ Uses JavaScript APIs to enable the features
- ▶ Federated domain video calls
- ▶ *Google Chrome* and *Mozilla Firefox* implement all the APIs
- ▶ *Opera* only includes *getUserMedia*

WebRTC network internals

- ▶ RTP and RTCP multiplexed over the same port
- ▶ SDP for signaling content
- ▶ SCTP and DTLS for secure data
- ▶ SRTP for media
- ▶ STUN, TURN and ICE for NAT reversal
- ▶ All traffic over UDP

WebRTC protocol stack

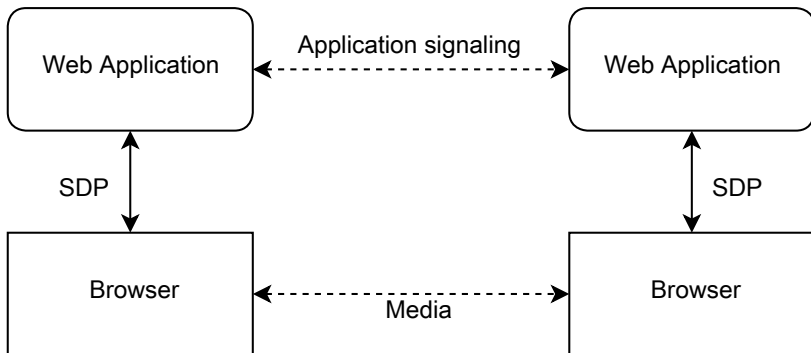


WebRTC implementation

- ▶ VP8 as de facto video codec
- ▶ G711 and Opus as audio codec
- ▶ H.264 video codec in some browser vendors
- ▶ Uses JSEP for signaling

Media codecs are still on an ongoing discussion

JSEP signaling model



WebRTC APIs

- ▶ Combines two high-level JavaScript APIs:
 - ▶ *getUserMedia()*
 - ▶ *PeerConnection()*
- ▶ Uses different specific objects:
 - ▶ *MediaStream*
 - ▶ *MediaStreamTrack*
 - ▶ *DataChannel*
- ▶ Control and monitoring:
 - ▶ *getStats()* method is used for monitoring
 - ▶ JSON objects change the constraints for video and networking
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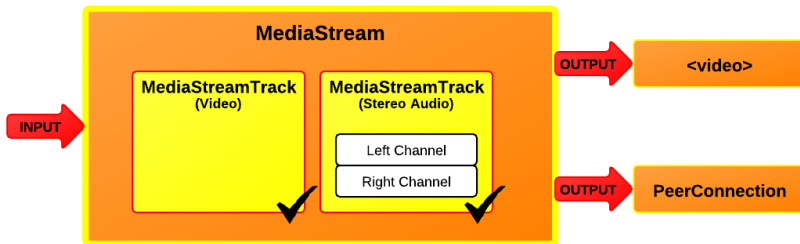
GetUserMedia()

Provides access to media devices and returns a *MediaStream* object.

```
navigator.webkitGetUserMedia(cameraConstraints(),
    gotStream, function() {
        console.log("GetUserMedia failed");
    });

function gotStream(stream) {
    //Stream is the MediaStream object returned by the API
    //and played in HTML local-video element
    console.log("GetUserMedia succeeded");
    document.getElementById("local-video").src =
        webkitURL.createObjectURL(stream);
}
```

MediaStream and MediaStreamTrack



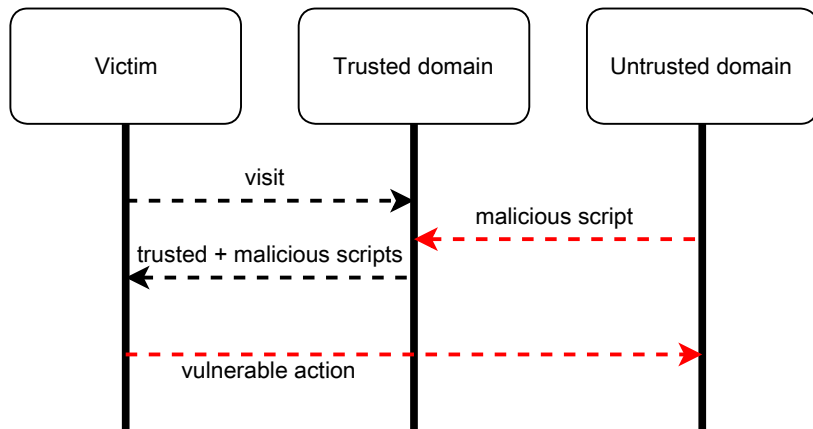
PeerConnection()

Builds a point-to-point connection

```
pc = new webkitRTCPeerConnection(pc_config);
pc.onicecandidate = iceCallback;
pc.addStream(localstream);
function iceCallback(event){
    if (event.candidate) {
        sendMessage(event.candidate);
    }
}
pc.addIceCandidate(new RTCIceCandidate(event.candidate));
pc.onaddstream = gotRemoteStream;
function gotRemoteStream(e){
    document.getElementById("remote-video").src =
        URL.createObjectURL(e.stream);
}
```

Security in WebRTC

JavaScript libraries can provide cross-scripting and trust vulnerabilities



Thank you!