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Bridging WebRTC and SIP using GStreamer & SIPjs

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Who? asympt: tic

- ▶ Open source consulting firm based out of Bangalore and Toronto.
- Building high-quality, low-level systems software.
- ▶ Most of our work revolves around audio/video using GStreamer and PipeWire.

WebRTC asympt*tic

- getUserMedia gets access to data streams such as the user's camera and phone
- ► RTCPeerConnection enables audio or video calling with facilities for encryption and bandwidth management
 - RTCDataChannel enables peer-to-peer communication of generic data
- Works in conjunction with other standards involved.
 - Session Description Protocol (SDP)
 - ► Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ICE)
 - Session Traversal Utilities for NAT (STUN)/Traversal Using Relays around NAT (TURN)
 - Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP)

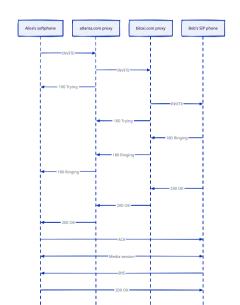
Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)

- ► RFC 3261
- Signalling Protocol
- Managing session (initiate, maintain, stop)
- Works in conjunction with other standards involved.
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 - Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP)
- Resources on network (user agents, routers) are identified by a Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)
- Carried by transport layer protocols like TCP or UDP

Why SIP? asympt: tic

- ▶ SIP is how phones connect to the Internet
- ▶ Dial in and dial out
- ► Conference room equipment interoperates using SIP

SIP session setup



SIPjs

- ► Library for talking to SIP servers from JavaScript
 - ▶ Uses WebSockets for SIP signalling (RFC 7118)
 - Uses RTCPeerConnection for media
 - Primarily used on browser

```
const transportOptions = {
  server: "wss://atlanta.com:8443"
};
const uri = UserAgent.makeURI("sip:alice@atlanta.com");
const userAgentOptions: UserAgentOptions = {
  authorizationPassword: 'secretPassword',
  authorizationUsername: 'authorizationUsername'.
  transportOptions.
  uri
}:
const userAgent = new UserAgent(userAgentOptions);
userAgent.start().then(() => {
  registerer.register();
}):
```

¹SIPis guides - user agent

```
// userAgent defined elsewhere
userAgent.start().then(() => {
  const target = UserAgent.makeURI("sip:bob@biloxi.com");
  const inviter = new Inviter(userAgent, target);
  // make a call
  inviter.invite();
});
// receive call
function onInvite(invitation) {
  invitation.accept();
```

²SIPjs guides - make call ³SIPis guides - receive call

```
// Assumes you have a media element on the DOM
const mediaElement = document.getElementById('mediaElement');
const remoteStream = new MediaStream(); // getUserMedia
function setupRemoteMedia(session: Session) {
  session.sessionDescriptionHandler.peerConnection.getReceivers().
    forEach((receiver) => {
      if (receiver.track) {
        remoteStream.addTrack(receiver.track);
  }):
  mediaElement.srcObject = remoteStream;
  mediaElement.play();
```

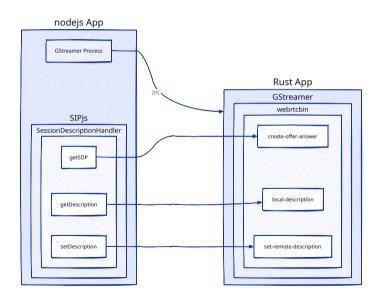
⁴SIPjs guides - attach media

```
export interface SessionDescriptionHandler {
  getDescription(
    options?: SessionDescriptionHandlerOptions,
    modifiers?: Array<SessionDescriptionHandlerModifier>
  ): Promise < Body And Content Type > :
  hasDescription(contentType: string): boolean;
  setDescription(
    sdp: string,
    options?: SessionDescriptionHandlerOptions,
    modifiers?: Array<SessionDescriptionHandlerModifier>
  ): Promise < void >;
```

```
export class SessionDescriptionHandler
  implements SessionDescriptionHandlerDefinition {
    protected localMediaStream: MediaStream;
    protected remoteMediaStream: MediaStream;
    protected dataChannel: RTCDataChannel:
    protected peerConnection: RTCPeerConnection;
    private iceGatheringCompletePromise: Promise<void>;
    private iceGatheringCompleteTimeoutId: number;
    private iceGatheringCompleteResolve: ResolveFunction;
    private iceGatheringCompleteReject: RejectFunction;
    private localMediaStreamConstraints: MediaStreamConstraints;
    private onDataChannel: ((dataChannel: RTCDataChannel) => void);
```

webrtcbin & SIPjs

- SIPjs provides hooks to override RTCPeerConnection usage
 - ▶ GStreamer has a webrtc implementation with an API similar to RTCPeerConnection
 - ▶ Use this to call out to a GStreamer-based implementation leveraging webrtcbin
 - ▶ that's SIPjs (Node) -> GStreamer app (Rust)



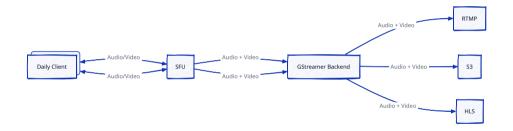
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```
class GstSessionDescriptionHandler implements SessionDescriptionHandler {
 gstProcess: ChildProcess;
 private async sendGst(msg: JsMessage): Promise<GstMessageSdp> {
    this.gstProcess.send(msg);
    return new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
     this.gstProcess.stdout.on('data', (message: string) => {
        let msg: GstMessage = JSON.parse(message);
       resolve(msg):
     }):
   }):
 hasDescription(contentType: string): boolean {
    return contentType === 'application/sdp';
```

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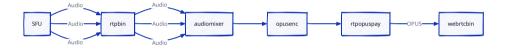
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async getDescription(): Promise<BodyAndContentType> {
  let msg =
    await this.sendGst({ code: JsMessageCode.GET LOCAL DESCRIPTION });
  return Promise resolve({
    body: msg.sdpBody,
    contentType: 'application/sdp',
 });
async setDescription(
  sdp: string,
): Promise<void> {
  await this.sendGst({ code: JsMessageCode.SET REMOTE DESCRIPTION,
  sdpBody: sdp });
```

Daily back-end architecture⁵

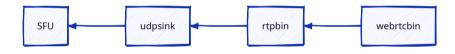


⁵GStreamer for your back-end services

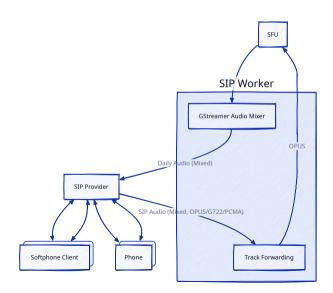
WebRTC -> SIP



SIP -> WebRTC



SIP Architecture



Learnings

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- Refactoring as bins
- ► NodeJS & Rust interop alternative approaches
 - Library style wrapper/FFI
 - Develop RTCPeerConnection like API
- Minor webrtcbin changes
 - Handling of non bundle media with webrtcbin
 - No default direction specified in SDP
- Media/Codec incompatibilities
- Latency

What's next asympt: tic

- ▶ Upstream webrtcbin patches
- ▶ Open source webrtcbin and SIPjs demo
- ► Implement matrix/audio mixing ourselves
- Add video support

Questions? asympt*tic

Thank You.