

Web Audio API & d3js

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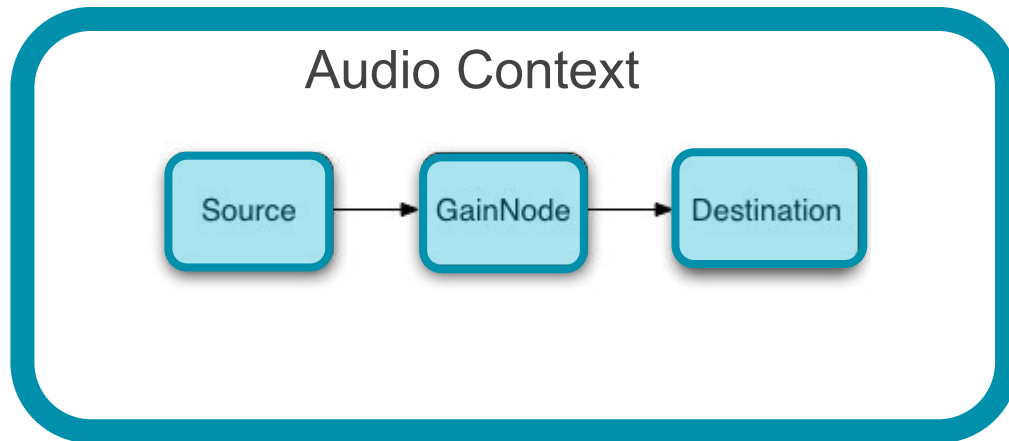
4 main objectives

- what ways are there to **create html5 audio elements**?
- on creation, how can we pass them directly into an **audio context** to work with?
- how can we **read out detailed information** about the audio (e.g. frequency)?
- how well does **svg** perform when rendering a visualisation of this information

html5 audio und the web audio API

- Html5 <audio>
 - Native in-browser-support
 - Limited audio processing
- Web Audio API
 - JavaScript built
 - First used 2011/12 in beta stage
 - 2019: still Editor's Draft

Web Audio API - Audio Context



Definitions

Variables

```
let audioURL; // audio url for html5 audio elements
const audioSource; // source node data of the audio context
```

New audio element

```
let audio = document.createElement( 'audio' );
audio.src = audioURL;
$('#' + id).append(audio);
```

New audio context

```
const AudioContext = window.AudioContext || window.webkitAudioContext;
const audioCtx = new AudioContext(); // the defined audio context
```



Load Audio Source ...

... from an existing HTML5 audio element

```
<audio controls src="piano.wav">
```

→ audioURL already set

→ use createMediaElementSource to load audio into an Audio Context:

```
let audioElement = document.querySelector( 'audio' );
```

```
let audioSource = audioCtx.createMediaElementSource(audioElement);
```



Load Audio Source ...

... by uploading a file through the browser

```
<input type="file" accept="audio/*"  
onchange="loadAudioFile(this.files[0]);">
```

Using the JavaScript FileReader:

```
function loadAudioFile(file) {  
  let reader = new FileReader();  
  reader.onloadend = async function () {  
    let arrayBuffer = this.result;  
    audioURL = URL.createObjectURL(await new Blob([arrayBuffer]));  
    audioSource = await audioCtx.decodeAudioData(arrayBuffer);  
  }  
  reader.readAsArrayBuffer(file);  
}
```




Load Audio Source ...

... by loading an audio file with Ajax

Using async await with fetch

```
async function loadAudioWithAjax() { // JS Promise
  let arrayBuffer = await (await fetch('guni.ogg')).arrayBuffer();
  audioURL = URL.createObjectURL(new Blob([arrayBuffer]));
  audioSource = await audioCtx.decodeAudioData(arrayBuffer);
}
```



Load Audio Source ...

... by using the MediaStream Recording API

```
async function recordFromMicrophone() {
  let chunks = [];
  let stream = await navigator.mediaDevices.getUserMedia({ audio: true, video: false });
  let mediaRecorder = new MediaRecorder(stream, { mimeType: "audio/webm" }); // opus
  mediaRecorder.start();
  mediaRecorder.ondataavailable = function (e) { chunks.push(e.data); };
  mediaRecorder.onstop = function () {
    let blob = new Blob(chunks, { type: mediaRecorder.mimeType });
    audioURL = URL.createObjectURL(blob); // audioSource from audioURL
  }
}
```

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TIME I



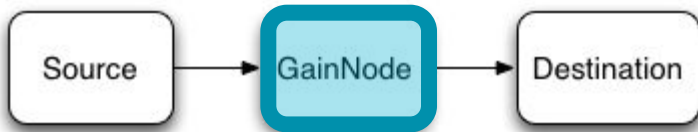
Transform audio

... !!! experiments !!! ...

```
let ctx = new OfflineAudioContext();
```

Audio Nodes used:

- Convolver
- DynamicsCompressor
- WaveShaper
- Oscillators
- BiquadFilter
- Google Jungle library
- Gain



DEMO TIME II

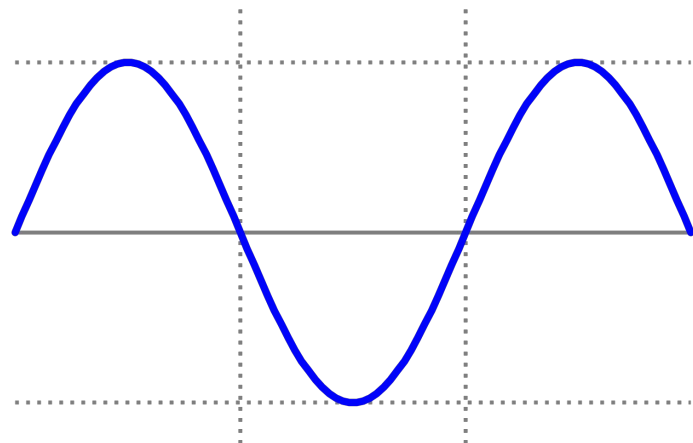


Visualise audio with d3js

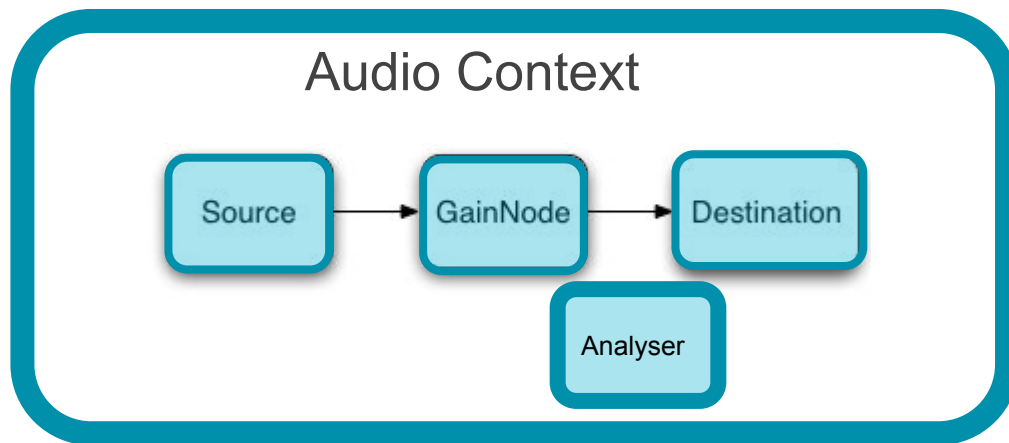
Bar chart == Frequency



Line chart == Waveform



Web Audio API - Audio Context



Audio Analyzer Node

```
analyser = audioCtx.createAnalyser();  
  
frequencyData = new Uint8Array(analyser.frequencyBinCount); // 0 to 256  
  
waveformData = new Float32Array(analyser.fftSize); // -1 to 1  
  
audioSrc.connect(analyser);  
  
audioSrc.connect(audioCtx.destination);
```

console.log:

```
Uint8Array(256) [163, 209, 222, 226, 234, 248, 242, 226, 118, ...]
```

```
Float32Array(256) [0.21924972534179688, 0.22220782935619354, 0.19966179132461548, 0.18443599343299866,  
0.19523921608924866, 0.2031596302986145, 0.17519770562648773, 0.12178484350442886, ...]
```

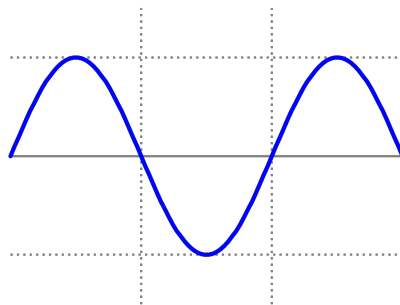

d3js

```
<svg id="svg">
  <g class="frequency"></g>
  <g class="waveform"><path></path></g>
</svg>
```

```
let frequencyGroup = d3.select('.frequency');
let waveformGroup = d3.select('.waveform');
```

```
frequencyGroup.selectAll('rect')
  .data(frequencyData)
  .attr('y', function (d) {
    return svgPathHeight - d;
  })
  .attr('height', function (d) {
    return d;
  })
  .attr('fill', function (d) {
    return 'rgb(' + d + ', 40, 50)';
  });
```

```
waveformGroup.select('path')
  .datum(waveformData)
  .attr('d', waveLine);
```



DEMO TIME III



Project Code & Demo

<https://gitlab.web.fh-kufstein.ac.at/gunharth/webaudio-d3js>

Name	Last commit	Last update
📁 audio	Code cleanup	2 weeks ago
📁 css	Styles and order of samples	4 hours ago
📁 js	comments	6 minutes ago
📄 .eslintrc.json	eslint	1 week ago
📄 README.md	Styles and order of samples	4 hours ago
📄 index.html	Styles and order of samples	4 hours ago
📄 package-lock.json	Code cleanup	2 weeks ago
📄 package.json	Code cleanup	2 weeks ago

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<https://mozdevs.github.io/MediaRecorder-examples/record-live-audio.html>