HYPER-LINKED COMMUNICATIONS WebRTC enabled asynchronous collaboration

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CONTEXT

Written communication could never replace face to face communication.

"No computer in our lifetimes will ever rival a human voice's capacity to conveying rich and complex social and emotional meaning"

- Geddes, Martin

Today, we can achieve more.



PROBLEM STATEMENT

Real-time communication applications can make a difference on business, education and health sectors.

An application that provides a way to remember our past communications would be a strong tool.



PROBLEM STATEMENT: USE CASE





THESIS GOALS

Development of an application that applies the hypermedia concepts.

Record and playback interactive video.

Use only standard technologies like JavaScript, WebRTC, HTML5 and CSS3.





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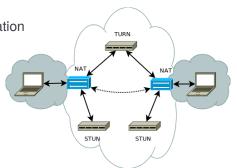
EARLY DAYS OF THE INTERNET

IPv4 Address Exhaustion

Network Address Translation

Client-Server model

O STUN + TURN = ICE





REAL-TIME COMMUNICATIONS









REAL-TIME COMMUNICATIONS

WebRTC (Web Real-Time Communications)

- MediaStream
- DataChannel
- RTCPeerConnection





SIGNALING: MEET AND GET TO KNOW

Own Implementation

SIP

○ XMPP

SigOFly



HYPERMEDIA: MORE THAN WORDS, MORE THAN IMAGES

- Concepts: HyperText & HyperMedia & HyperCommunications
- Implementations: HyperCafe & HyperHitchcock







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- Languages: HyVAL & SMIL
- WebBrowser: Ambulant & SmillingWeb & SVG

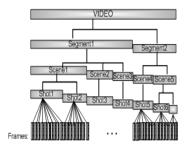


Figure: HvVAL structure

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    <img id="btn_b" src="..." dur="5s" />
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        begin="btn_a.activeEvent"
        dur="25s"/>
        <video src=".../todays_video.mpg"
        begin="btn_b.activeEvent" />
        </excl>
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Figure: SMIL example



WEB-BROWSER PLUG-INS







EXTENDING COLLABORATION TOOLS WITH TIME MANIPULATION

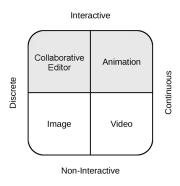


Figure: Media Types



EXTENDING COLLABORATION TOOLS WITH TIME MANIPULATION

Streaming and Recording (RTP, SRTP)

Recording and Streaming Interactive Media

Collaborative Environment (TogetherJS)



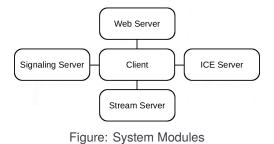


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MODULES





IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSAL

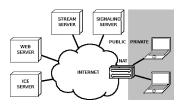


Figure: System Infrastructure

- ICE Server: restund
- Signaling Server: Ejabberd
- Web Server: Play Framework
- Stream Server: Jitsi VideoBridge

Application					
jQuery	Modernizr + HTML5 + CSS3	Strophe.js		TogetherJS	
НТТР			WebSocket	WebRTC	

Figure: App Architecture



WIREFRAME

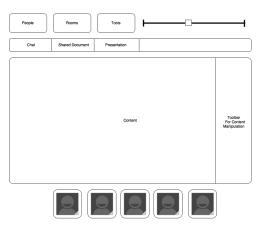


Figure: Application wireframe





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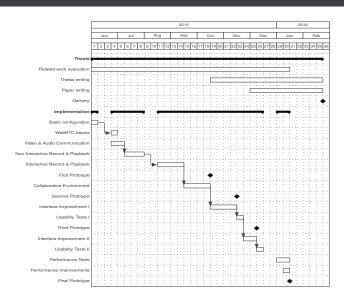
EVALUATION

Qualitative and quantitative evaluation.

- Tests with users.
 - Task duration.
 - Feedback.
- Benchmarks.
 - Amount of users.
 - Parallel conversations.



PLANNED SCHEDULE







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CONCLUSIONS

 New usage scenarios for communication and collaboration applications.

 Enrich communications using hypermedia concepts. Record, playback and collaboration features.

Prototype implementation and testing.



Questions?

