HYPER-LINKED COMMUNICATIONS WebRTC enabled asynchronous collaboration

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- 2. Related Work
- 3. Architecture
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- 5. Evaluation
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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

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

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



THESIS GOALS

Allow multi party conference calls.

Record and playback interactive video.

Create a collaborative environment

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



STATE OF THE ART OVERVIEW

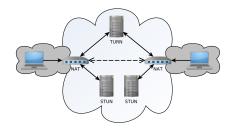
- 1. Connection Establishment
- 2. Streaming audio and video
- 3. Overlay communications with content
- 4. Collaboration Environment



CONNECTION ESTABLISHMENT

Network Address Translation

○ STUN + TURN = ICE





STREAMING AUDIO AND VIDEO

WebRTC (Web Real-Time Communications)

- Access to camera, microphone and screen*
- Peer to Peer file and stream sharing
- Standardized protocols
- No plug-ins required





^{*} requires installing a plug-in yet.

OVERLAY COMMUNICATIONS WITH CONTENT

Concepts: HyperMedia & Detail on Demand

Implementations: HyperCafe & HyperHitchcock







COLLABORATION ENVIRONMENT

Table: Comparison between Operational Transformation libraries

Library	Server Freedom	Storage Freedom	Operations
ShareJS	X	X	text+objects
TogetherJS	X	✓	text+objects
Goodow	X	X	text+objects
Etherpad Lite	X	X	extendable
OT.js	✓	✓	text



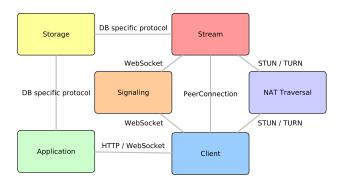
OVERVIEW



² allows the development of extensions.

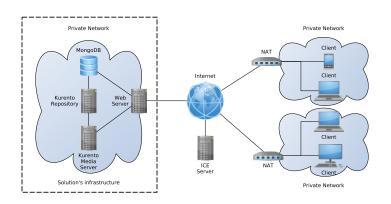


MODULES





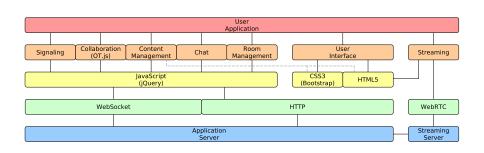
SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE



- Signaling Server & Web Server: Play Framework
- O Stream Server: Kurento Media Server
- Storage: MongoDB & Kurento Repository
- NAT Traversal: Public STUN Servers



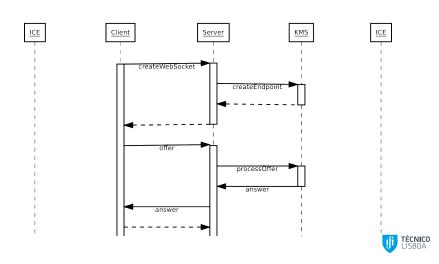
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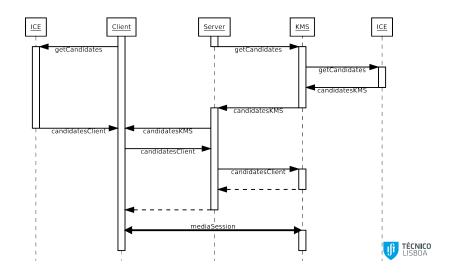




SIGNALING PROTOCOL - PART 1

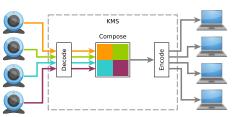


SIGNALING PROTOCOL - PART 2



STREAM OPERATIONS

- Server-side recording to database (Kurento Repository).
- Server-side stream composition.
- Speech detection.







HYPER-CONTENT

Create & Search content

Scheduler

QR codes

Security concerns





TIME MANIPULATION

Playback recordings

Create time hyper-links & annotations

Search annotations & content

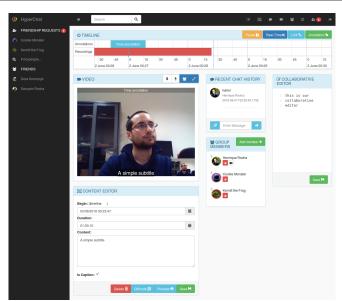


CHAT & COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT

- Instant text messaging
 - WebSockets
- File sharing
 - HTTP file upload
 - o stored in the database
- Collaborative text editor (OT.js)
 - retain
 - insert
 - delete



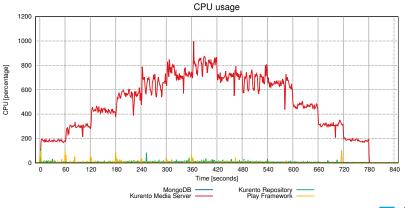
DEMONSTRATION





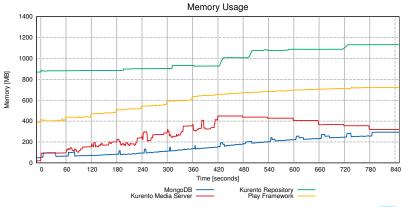


PERFORMANCE TESTS AT SERVER - CPU USAGE



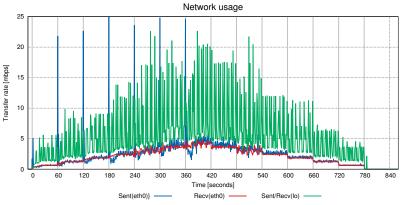


PERFORMANCE TESTS AT SERVER - MEMORY USAGE



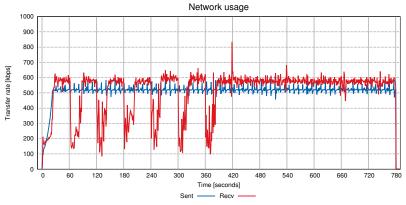


PERFORMANCE TESTS AT SERVER - NETWORK USAGE



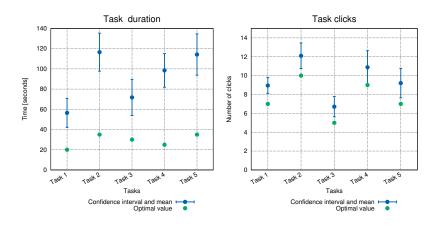


PERFORMANCE TESTS AT CLIENT - NETWORK USAGE





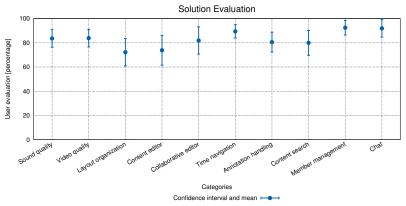
USABILITY TESTS



- O Difficulty per task.
- Errors per task.



OVERALL EVALUATION







CONCLUSIONS

 New usage scenarios for communication and collaboration applications.

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

Prototype implementation and testing.





FUTURE WORK

Implement fast-forward playback.

Improve solution's security.

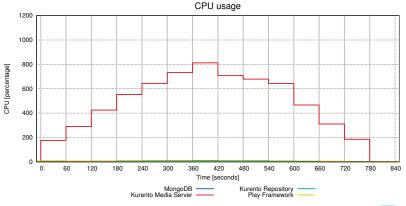
Scale our solution to multiple servers.



Questions?

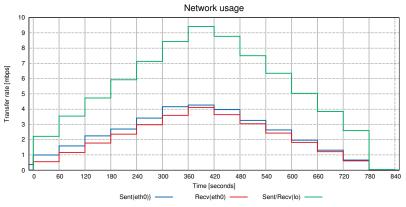


PERFORMANCE TESTS - CPU (AVERAGE)



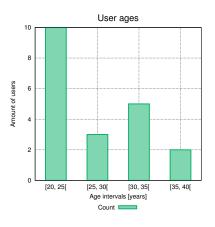


PERFORMANCE TESTS - NETWORK USAGE (AVERAGE)



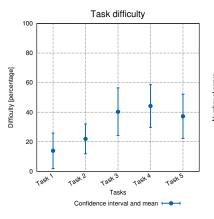


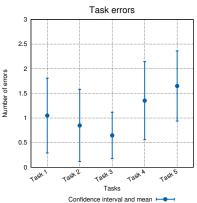
USER INTERFACE TESTS





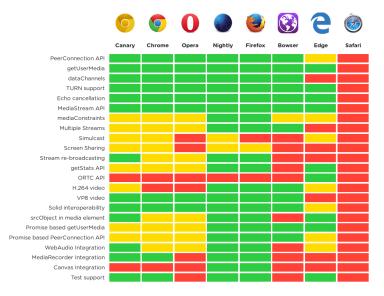
FIVE TASKS







WEB BROWSER SUPPORT





SECURITY CONCERNS

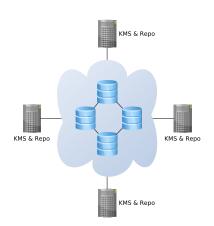
Subset of actions implemented and triggered by messages.

- O Defined actions on demand, requires detecting malicious code.
 - EarlyBird machine learning techniques.



SCALABILITY

- Kurento Media Server and Kurento Repository in the same machine.
- Fast data transfer on localhost.
- Database bottleneck





FAST FORWARD

Implement fast forward on Kurento Media Server.

 Convert videos in real time with a new playback velocity using ffmpeg.

 Convert videos after recording with predefined playback velocities.



MEMORY USAGE

- MongoDB Always receiving data, caches inserted data on RAM. Checkpoints data to disk every 60 seconds or when journal data exceeds 2GB.
- Play Framework JVM uses memory recycling techniques instead of releasing to operating system.
- Kurento Repository Caching videos.
- Kurento Media Server Releases some memory and also recycles some of it.