

LiveCaps Multi-Language Transcription Architecture

Executive Summary

LiveCaps implements a sophisticated **parallel WebSocket architecture** for multi-language speech recognition. When users select multiple spoken languages, the system creates separate Deepgram connections for each language, processes the same audio through all of them simultaneously, and uses a **confidence-based winner selection algorithm** to choose the best transcription result.

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1. Overview

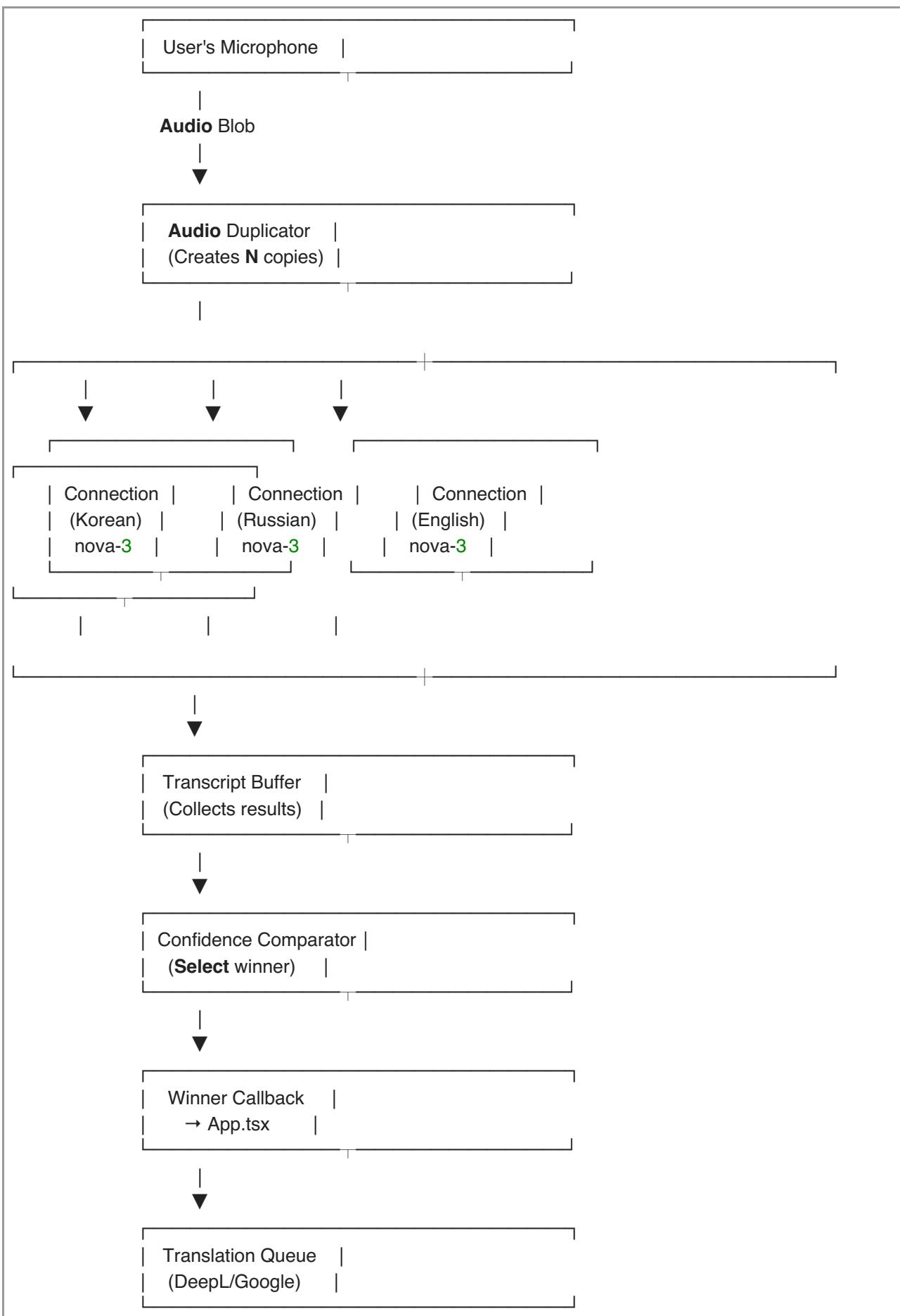
The Problem

Traditional speech-to-text systems require you to specify ONE source language. But what if:

- A speaker switches between languages (code-switching)?
- Multiple speakers use different languages?
- You're unsure which language will be spoken?

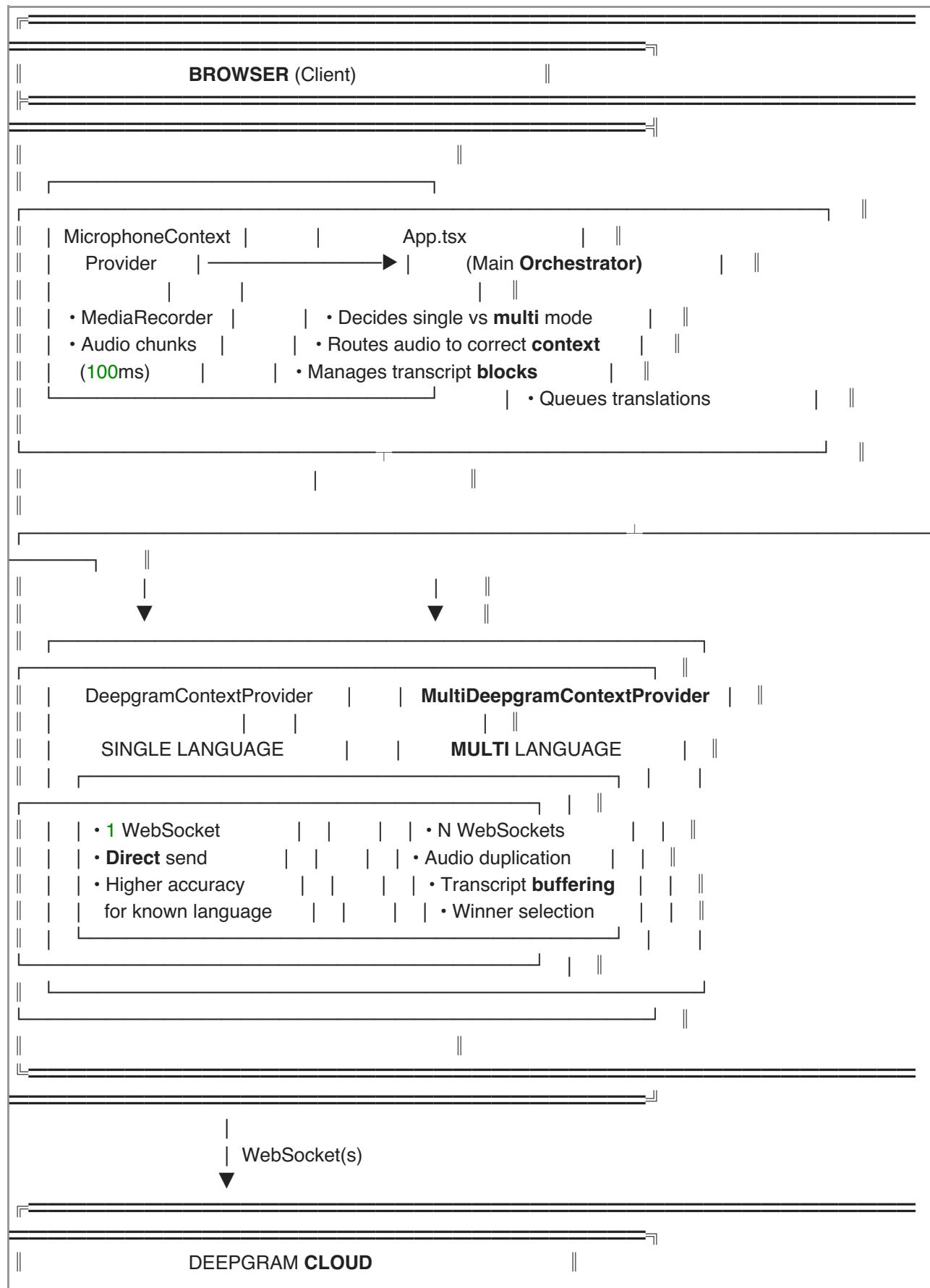
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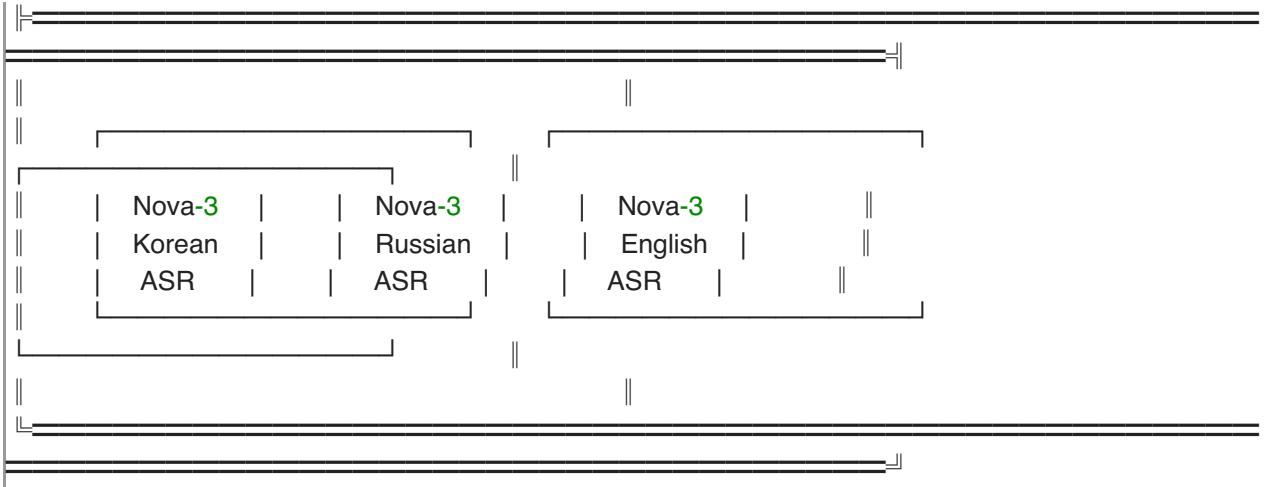
LiveCaps solves this by running **N parallel Deepgram connections** (one per selected language) and comparing their outputs in real-time:



2. Architecture Diagram

Data Flow





3. Core Components

3.1 MultiDeepgramContextProvider

Location: app/context/MultiDeepgramContextProvider.tsx

This is the heart of the multi-language system. It:

1. **Creates N parallel connections** to Deepgram
2. **Manages connection lifecycle** (open, close, error handling)
3. **Distributes audio** to all connections simultaneously
4. **Buffers transcript results** from all connections
5. **Selects the winner** based on confidence scores
6. **Emits winner events** to consuming components

```

// Key state managed by MultiDeepgramContextProvider
const [connections, setConnections] = useState<Map<string, DeepgramConnection>>(new Map());
const [overallState, setOverallState] = useState<LiveConnectionState>(CLOSED);

// Key methods exposed
connectToDeepgram(languages: string[]) // Creates N connections
disconnectFromDeepgram() // Closes all connections
sendAudioToAll(audioData: Blob) // Distributes audio
onWinnerSelected(callback) // Subscribe to winner events

```

3.2 DeepgramConnection Interface

Each connection in the pool has this structure:

```

interface DeepgramConnection {
  id: string;           // "connection-ko", "connection-ru"
  language: string;      // "ko", "ru", "en"
  client: LiveClient;    // Deepgram SDK WebSocket client
  state: LiveConnectionState; // CLOSED, CONNECTING, OPEN
  lastTranscript: string; // Most recent text
  lastConfidence: number; // 0.0 - 1.0
  errorCount: number;    // For circuit breaking
  isHealthy: boolean;    // Circuit breaker status
  lastActivityTimestamp: number; // For health monitoring
}

```

3.3 TranscriptBuffer

Location: app/utils/confidenceComparison.ts

A time-windowed buffer that collects results from all connections before comparison:

```

class TranscriptBuffer {
  private buffer: Map<string, BufferedTranscript>;
  private windowMs: number;        // Default: 50ms
  private expectedConnections: number;

  addResult(result: TranscriptResult): void;
  isWindowComplete(): boolean;
  getResults(): TranscriptResult[];
  clear(): void;
}

```

Why buffer? Network latency means responses arrive at different times. The buffer waits up to 50ms to collect all responses before comparing.

3.4 Audio Duplicator

Location: app/utils/audioDuplication.ts

Creates identical copies of audio blobs for each connection:

```

async function duplicateAudioBlob(blob: Blob, count: number): Promise<Blob[]> {
  const arrayBuffer = await blob.arrayBuffer();
  return Array(count).fill(null).map(() =>
    new Blob([arrayBuffer.slice(0)], { type: blob.type })
  );
}

```

4. How It Works - Step by Step

Step 1: Mode Selection

When the app loads, it determines the transcription mode:

```
// In App.tsx
const isMultiMode = transcriptionMode === "multi-detect"
  && sessionLanguages.spoken.length > 1;
```

- **Single Mode:** 1 spoken language → use DeepgramContextProvider
- **Multi Mode:** 2+ spoken languages → use MultiDeepgramContextProvider

Step 2: Connection Establishment

When entering multi-mode:

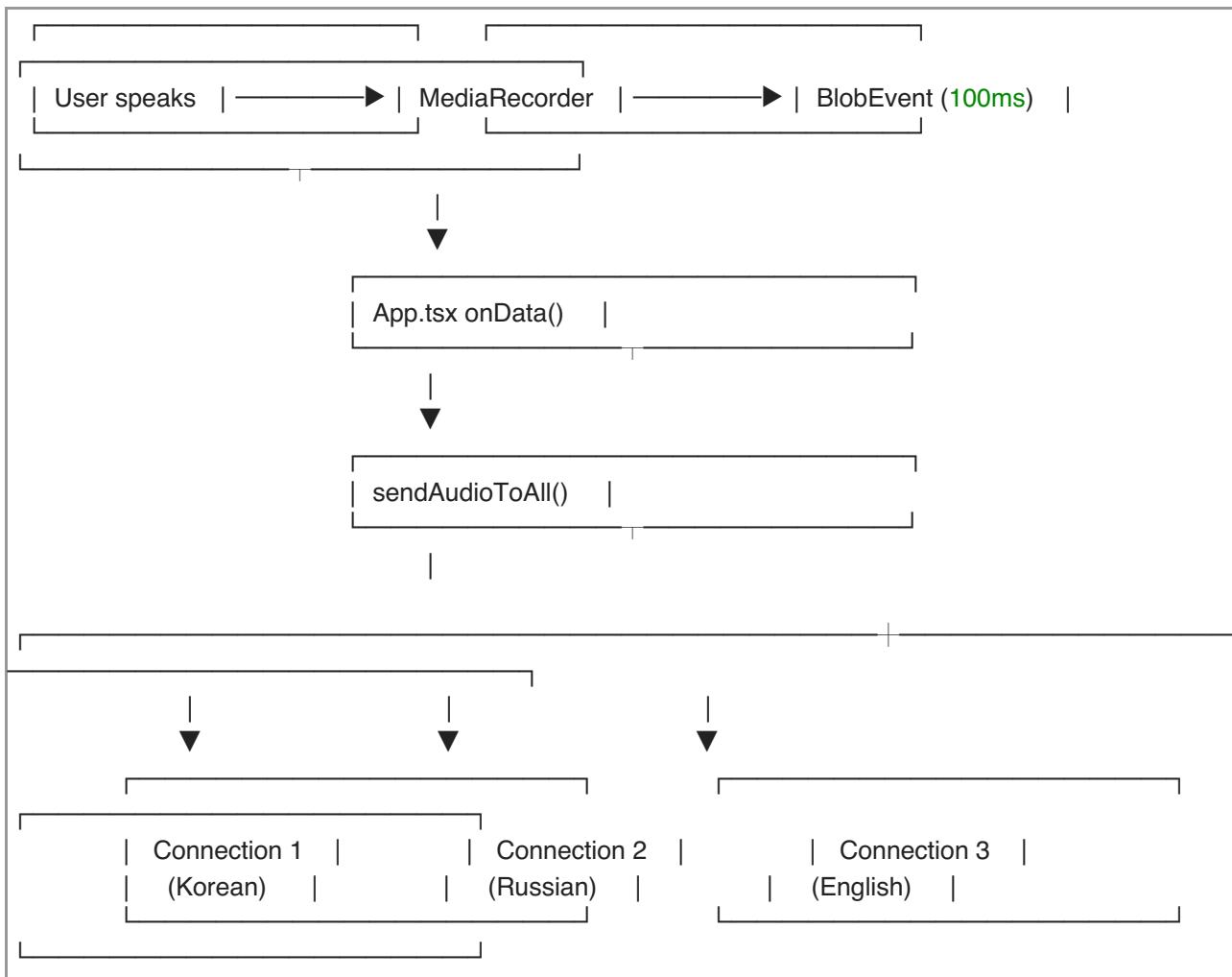
```
// App.tsx triggers connection
await multiContext.connectToDeepgram(["ko", "ru"]);

// MultiDeepgramContextProvider creates connections
for (const language of languages) {
  const connection = await createConnection(language, apiKey);
  connections.set(connection.id, connection);
}
```

Each connection uses **Nova-3** with language-specific configuration:

```
const options = {
  model: "nova-3",
  language: language,      // "ko", "ru", etc.
  interim_results: true,
  smart_format: true,
  punctuate: true,
  endpointing: 100,
  utterance_end_ms: 1500,
  vad_events: true,
};
```

Step 3: Audio Capture & Distribution



Step 4: Transcript Collection

Each connection receives its own transcription:

```
// Same audio produces different results:
```

```

Connection [ko]: "안녕하세요" (confidence: 0.95)
Connection [ru]: "аньхасео" (confidence: 0.42)
Connection [en]: "an young ha say yo" (confidence: 0.38)

```

Step 5: Winner Selection

The TranscriptBuffer collects results within a 50ms window:

```

transcriptBuffer.addResult({
  connectionId: "connection-ko",
  language: "ko",
  transcript: "안녕하세요",
  confidence: 0.95,
  isFinal: true,
  timestamp: Date.now()
});

// When window completes or times out:
const winner = selectWinnerByConfidence(buffer.getResults());

```

Step 6: Winner Callback

The winner is emitted to App.tsx:

```

// In App.tsx
const cleanup = multiContext.onWinnerSelected(handleWinnerTranscript);

function handleWinnerTranscript(winner: WinnerTranscript) {
  // winner.transcript: "안녕하세요"
  // winner.language: "ko"
  // winner.confidence: 0.95

  // Create transcript block and queue translations
}

```

5. Single vs Multi Mode

Decision Logic

```

// In App.tsx
const isMultiMode = transcriptionMode === "multi-detect"
  && sessionLanguages.spoken.length > 1;

const connectionState = isMultiMode
  ? multiContext.overallState
  : singleContext.connectionState;

```

Comparison Table

| Aspect | Single Mode | Multi Mode |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| WebSocket Connections | 1 | N (one per language) |
| API Calls | 1x | Nx |
| Latency | Lower | Higher (buffering) |
| Accuracy | Higher for known lang | Best across all langs |
| Use Case | Know the speaker's language | Code-switching, unknown lang |
| Cost | 1x | Nx |

When to Use Each

Single Mode (Recommended when possible):

- You know what language will be spoken
- Single speaker with one language
- Cost-sensitive applications

Multi Mode (For complex scenarios):

- Code-switching (mixing languages)
- Multiple speakers with different languages
- Unsure which language will be spoken

6. Confidence-Based Winner Selection

The Algorithm

```
function selectWinnerByConfidence(results: TranscriptResult[]): WinnerTranscript {  
    // 1. Filter out low-confidence results  
    const validResults = results.filter(r =>  
        r.confidence >= MIN_CONFIDENCE_THRESHOLD && // 0.3  
        r.transcript.trim().length > 0  
    );  
  
    // 2. Find highest confidence  
    let winner = validResults[0];  
    for (const result of validResults) {  
        if (result.confidence > winner.confidence) {  
            winner = result;  
        }  
    }  
  
    // 3. Return winner with metadata  
    return {  
        connectionId: winner.connectionId,  
        language: winner.language,  
        transcript: winner.transcript,  
        confidence: winner.confidence,  
        timestamp: Date.now(),  
        allResults: results  
    };  
}
```

Configuration

```
const CONFIDENCE_CONFIG = {  
    BUFFER_WINDOW_MS: 50,          // Wait time for all responses  
    MIN_CONFIDENCE_THRESHOLD: 0.3, // Minimum valid confidence  
    SIGNIFICANT_DIFFERENCE_THRESHOLD: 0.05, // Margin for "clear" winner  
    MAX_WAIT_TIME_MS: 100         // Force decision timeout  
};
```

Example Comparison

Audio: "Привет, как дела?" (Russian: "Hello, how are you?")

Results received:

| Language | Transcript | Confidence | |
|----------|---------------------|------------|----------|
| Russian | "Привет, как дела?" | 0.94 | ← WINNER |
| Korean | "프리벳 까끄 딜라" | 0.31 | |
| English | "pre vet kak dela" | 0.45 | |

Winner: Russian (confidence 0.94)

7. Audio Distribution

The Challenge

WebSocket connections expect independent audio streams. Sending the same Blob object to multiple connections could cause issues.

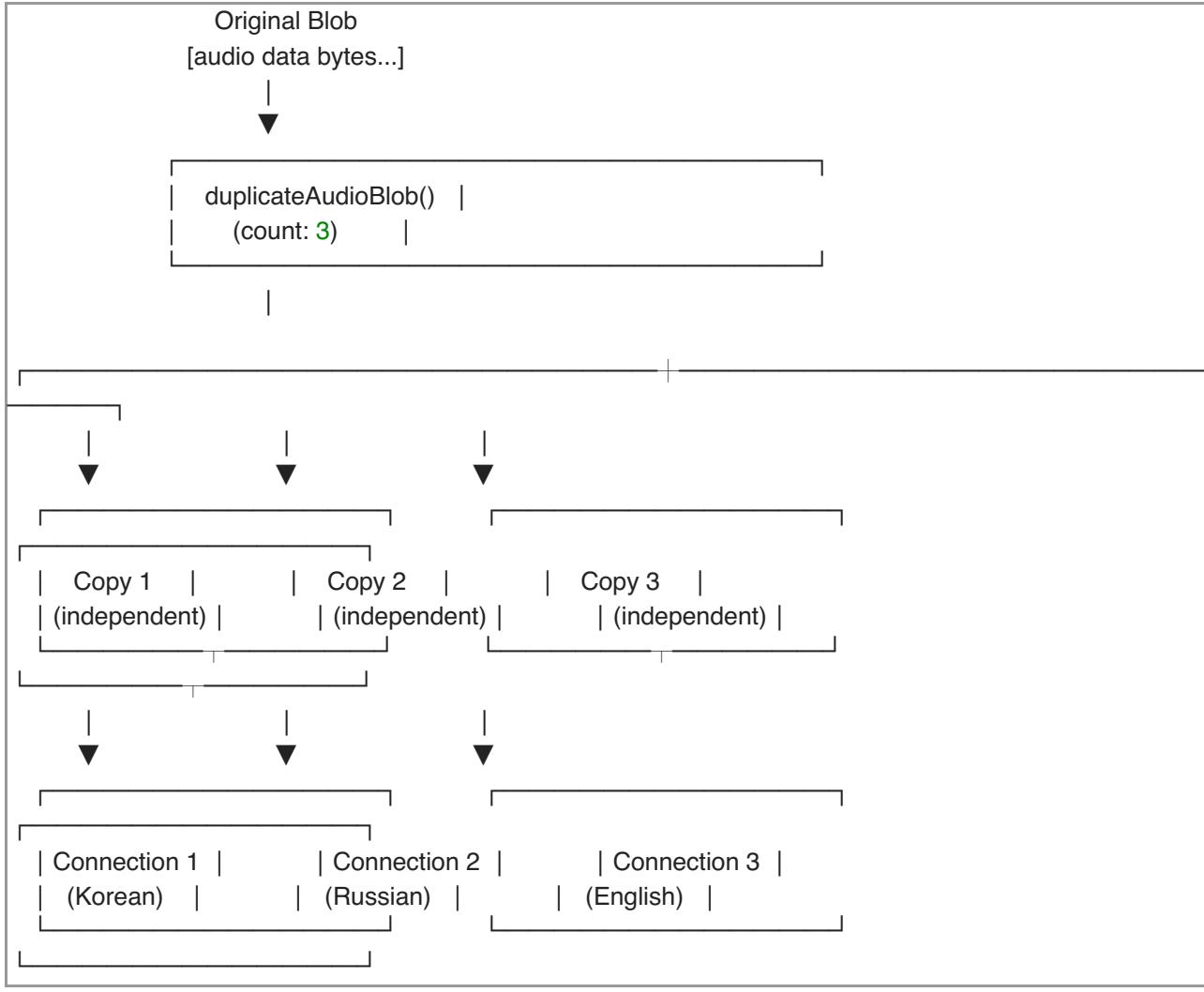
The Solution: Audio Duplication

```
// app/utils/audioDuplication.ts

export async function duplicateAudioBlob(
  blob: Blob,
  count: number
): Promise<Blob[]> {
  // Convert to ArrayBuffer (raw bytes)
  const arrayBuffer = await blob.arrayBuffer();

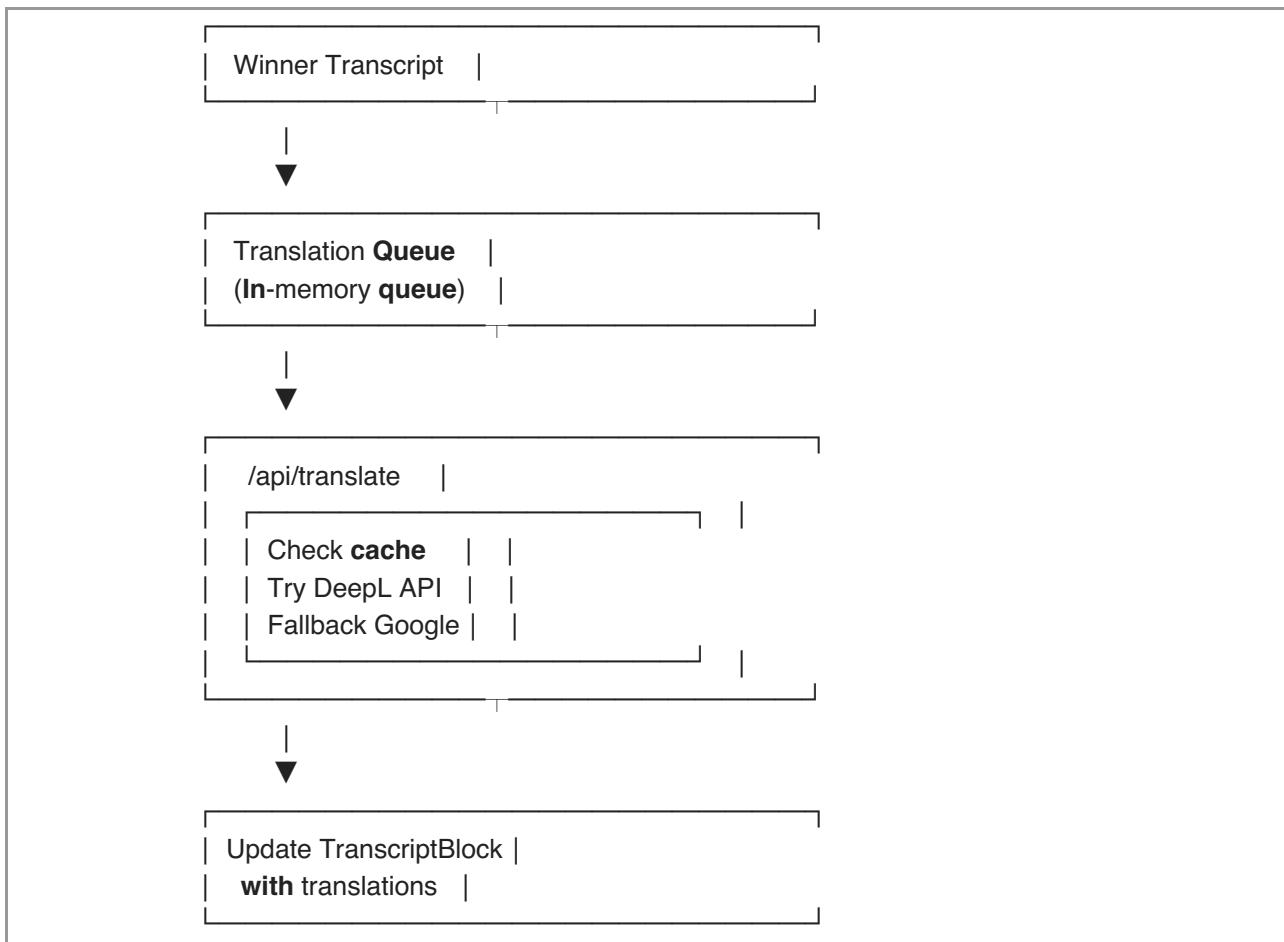
  // Create independent copies
  return Array(count)
    .fill(null)
    .map(() => new Blob(
      [arrayBuffer.slice(0)], // slice(0) creates a copy
      { type: blob.type } // Preserve MIME type
    ));
}
```

Why This Matters



8. Translation Pipeline

After the winner is selected, the transcript goes through translation:



TranscriptBlock Structure

```

interface TranscriptBlock {
  id: string;
  original: {
    text: string;
    detectedLanguage: string;
    confidence: number;
  };
  translations: [
    language: string; // "en", "ru"
    text: string; // Translated text
    cached: boolean;
  ];
  timestamp: number;
}

```

9. Key Files Reference

| File | Purpose |
|--|---|
| app/context/MultiDeepgramContextProvider.tsx | Multi-connection management, winner selection |
| app/context/DeepgramContextProvider.tsx | Single connection management |
| app/context/MicrophoneContextProvider.tsx | MediaRecorder, audio capture |
| app/components/App.tsx | Main orchestrator, mode switching, UI |

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| app/utils/confidenceComparison.ts | Winner selection algorithm, buffer |
| app/utils/audioDuplication.ts | Audio blob copying |
| app/types/multiDeepgram.ts | TypeScript interfaces |
| app/services/translationService.ts | Translation API integration |
| app/api/translate/route.ts | Translation endpoint (DeepL + Google) |
| app/api/authenticate/route.ts | Deepgram API key provider |

Summary

LiveCaps multi-language transcription works by:

1. **Creating parallel WebSocket connections** to Deepgram (one per language)
2. **Duplicating audio blobs** and sending identical copies to each connection
3. **Buffering transcript results** within a 50ms window
4. **Selecting the winner** based on highest confidence score
5. **Passing the winner** to the translation pipeline

This architecture enables real-time transcription of code-switched speech or unknown languages, at the cost of increased API usage proportional to the number of selected languages.

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