

Site Isolation

Out Of Process Iframes

Chromium Today



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Browser Process

Sandbox

Renderer for
Tab 1

Sandbox

Renderer for
Tab 2

Sandbox

Renderer for
Tab 3

<https://crbug.com/351787>

```
var ab = new ArrayBuffer(4);
ab.__defineGetter__("byteLength",
function() {
    return 0xFFFFFFFFFC;
});
var aaa = new Uint32Array(ab);
```

Is the sandbox sufficient?

- The renderer makes security decisions
- Cookies
- Geolocation permissions
- X-Frame-Options

Our Goals

- Site isolation with frame granularity
- Remove legacy code for swapping out `content::RenderView`
- Enforce security decisions for web content in the browser

Original Architecture

WebFrameClient

WebFrame

Frame

DOMWindow

Document

New Architecture

WebFrameClient	WebRemoteFrameClient
WebLocalFrame	WebRemoteFrame
LocalFrame	RemoteFrame
LocalDOMWindow	RemoteDOMWindow
Document	

New Architecture

- Frame tree holds Frames
- Frames have FrameOwners, not HTMLFrameOwnerElements
- Cross-origin operations are exposed by Frame/FrameOwner/DOMWindow interfaces.
- Most code shouldn't need to downcast to Local/Remote types.

Remote vs Cross-Origin

- Remote implies cross-origin.
- Local does not imply same-origin.

Why not CrossOriginDOMWindow?

- Site isolation isn't actually cross-origin
- Many pages have lots of frames
 - sourceforge.net: 57 frames
 - 163.com: 49 frames
- "Cross origin" is relative

Since BlinkOn 2...

- Basic frame swap
- Frame tree replication
- `content::RenderFrameProxy`

Demo!

Current Work

- Security context replication
- WebWidget refactoring
- RemoteDOMWindow
- Transition from remote to local frames.

Security context replication

- Security decisions can involve other frames
 - Navigation
 - `postMessage()`
- Not just origins; sandboxed iframe attribute
- Currently unhandled; most security decisions just silently fail for `RemoteFrames`

Security context replication

- Browser replicates security information
- Add SecurityContext accessor to Frame
- LocalFrame simply returns Document
- RemoteFrame has its own SecurityContext
 - populated with replicated data
 - browser maintains canonical information

Security context replication

- `frame->document()->canDo(...)`
becomes
`frame->securityContext()->canDo(...)`
- CSP won't be replicated
- Caution needed to prevent time of check to time of use bugs

Security context replication

- Time of check to time of use issues?
- Renderer might send an IPC assuming the target renderer has one origin, e.g.
`postMessage()`
- Renderer might send an IPC to the browser for a frame that's already swapped to another process

WebWidget refactoring

- Entry point for input event dispatch
- Viewport size
- Provides drawing surface for layout
- Sends frames to compositor

WebWidget refactoring

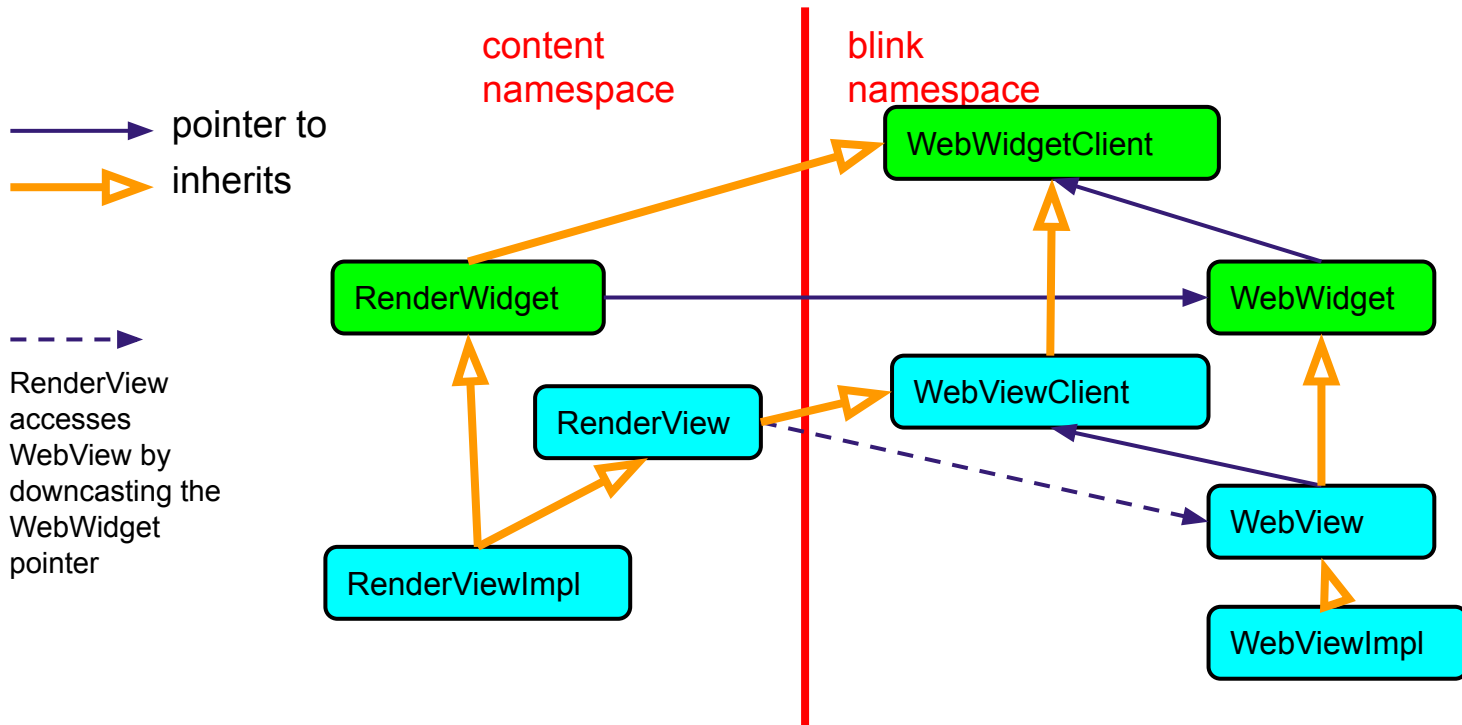
- Each subframe renderer pretends it's a top level renderer.
- Works as long as you hold it the right way
- Breaks down with two subframes from the same site

WebWidget refactoring

- Current code just picks the first local frame it finds for rendering purposes.
- In the future, rendering and input will be based off “local root”
- Each local root will have a WebWidget

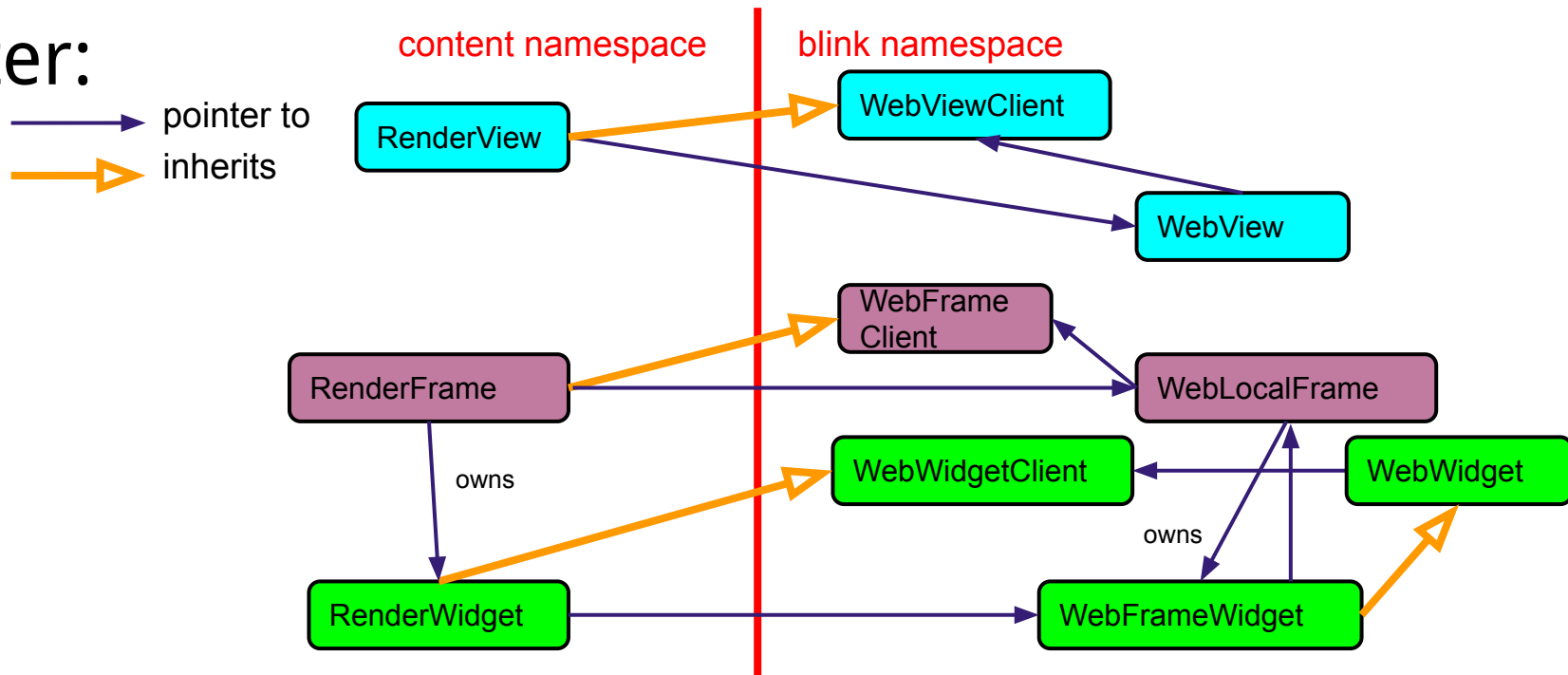
WebWidget refactoring

Before:



WebWidget refactoring

After:



DOMWindow

- Original DOMWindow renamed to LocalDOMWindow
- RemoteFrame currently has no DOMWindow
- DOMWindow interface factored out for bindings

WindowProxy

- For security, each Document has its own associated Window object.
- Hidden from the web by using WindowProxy to redirect to the Window object for the active Document.
- Managed by custom WindowProxy bindings

WindowProxy

```
var w = window.frames[0];  
w.location = "https://example.com/";  
window.setTimeout(function () {  
    w.location =  
        "https://foo.example.com";  
});
```

Current solution: swappedout://

- Hacky: navigates to a blank page and pretends it's not there.
- Fragile: requires IPC filtering to ignore swapped out frames.
- Dangerous: security bugs from RenderFrameHost confusion in browser.

Frame swap

- Implemented in `WebFrame::swap()`
- Magic that understands how to transfer relevant state from one `WebFrame` to another
 - `FrameOwner`
 - Child, parent, opener, opened frames.
 - Eventually, `DOMWindow` handoff.

Frame swap

- Cross-process transitions are hard.
- Currently fixing remote to local transitions.
- Tricky because of provisional navigations.

What is a provisional frame...?

- A renderer-initiated navigation might not actually result in a navigation.
- Plz Navigate will move navigation logic to browser process.

Anti-patterns

- Assuming the main frame is a local frame
- Checking if a WebFrame/Frame is local
- Checking if a DOMWindow is local
- Saving page state on the main frame
- Adding ASSERT_NOT_REACHED() methods to WebRemoteFrameImpl

What's Next?

- Measuring performance
- Coordinating unload
- Input events
- Better testing framework
- Process per pixel

What's Next

- Need your help to update Blink features
- Mailing list:
site-isolation-dev@chromium.org

Questions?

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Security context replication

- Frame will get an accessor to expose its `SecurityContext`
 - `LocalFrame` will redirect to `Document`
 - `RemoteFrame` will have its own security context initialized with replicated data
 - browser process will maintain origin info on its frame tree nodes and send it along whenever it is creating a new `RemoteFrame`
 - if `LocalFrame` alters its origin (e.g., when setting `document.domain`), it will need to notify the browser process
- `frame->document()->securityOrigin()->*()` will become `frame->securityContext()->securityOrigin()->*()`