Don't Miss a Frame: Using the Page Visibility API + HTML5 Video



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The <u>Page Visibility API</u> can be used to check if the current tab is visible or not. <u>Sam Dutton</u> has thrown together a nice demo highlighting one great use case for the API: pausing a playing HTML5 video if the user switches tabs.

<u>Demo</u> <a>☑

The demo requires Chrome 13 or higher but could be adapted to work with the upcoming IE10, which will include <u>support</u> for the Page Visibility API.

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