Hosting Media for Web Pages



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Overview



Hosting Media for Web Pages

- Media formats
- Where to host your media
- Progressive Download vs. Streaming
- Using captions



Codecs and Containers



- Codecs are format of actual media
- Containers are file-types
- Typically, browser needs to support both

Audio Formats for the Web

Codec	Container	MIME Type	Browser Support*
PCM	.wav	audio/wav	No IE
MP3	.mp3	audio/mp3	IE9 + AII
AAC	.mp4	audio/mp4	IE9 + AII
Vorbis	.099	audio/ogg	Chrome, Firefox, Opera
Vorbis	.webm	audio/webm	Chrome, Firefox, Opera
Opus	.flac	audio/flac	Chrome, Firefox, Opera



^{*} Browser Support is always changing. Some plugins can help support on certain browsers See shawnw.me/html5-audio for up to date specs.

Video Formats for the Web

Codec	Container	MIME Type	Browser Support*
H.264	.mp4	video/mp4	All Browsers
H.265	.mp4	video/M265	Android and Safari only
VP8	.webm	video/webm	No IE, Safari or Edge
VP9	.webm	video/webm	No IE, Safari or Edge
AV1	.webm	video/webm	No IE, Safari or Edge
Theora	.ogg	video/ogg	No IE, Safari or Edge



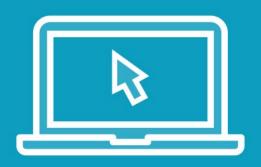
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Understanding Sources

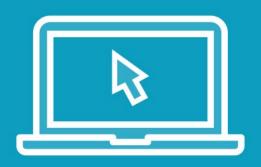
- Sources are a list of media files
- Browser picks media it supports
- Order not important





Using Different Audio Types

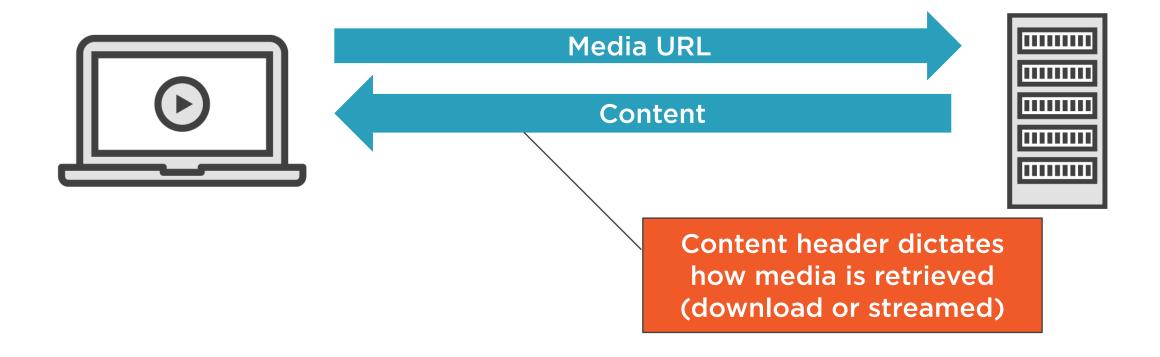




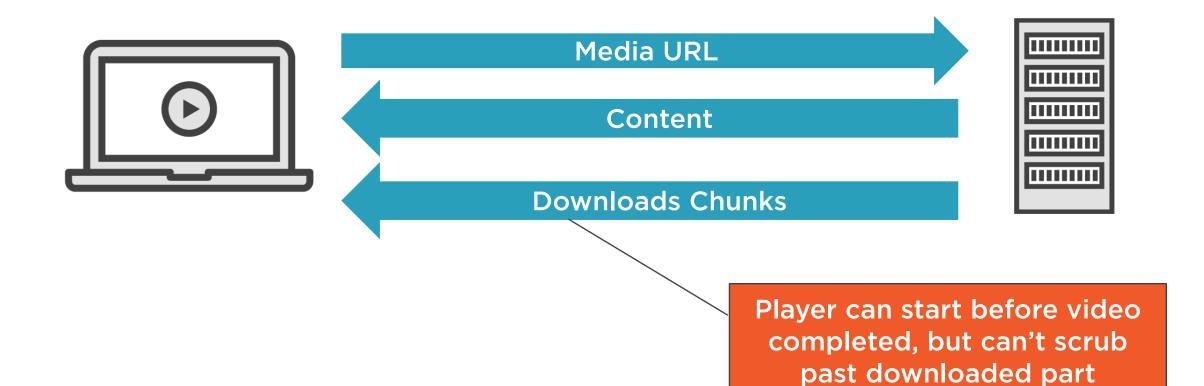
Using Different Video Types



Delivering Media to the User



How Progressive Downloading Works



How Streaming Works

Requires streaming server deliver media



Media URL

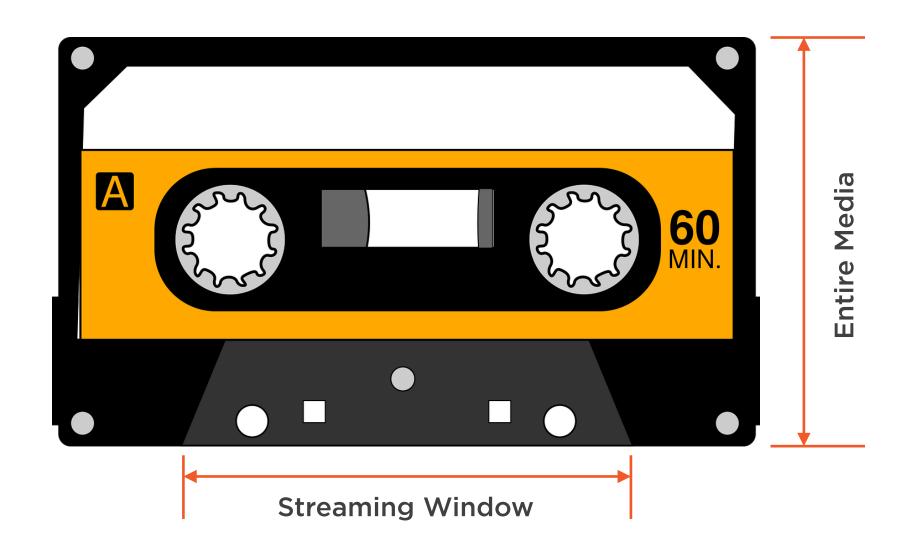
Content

Buffers Window of Media

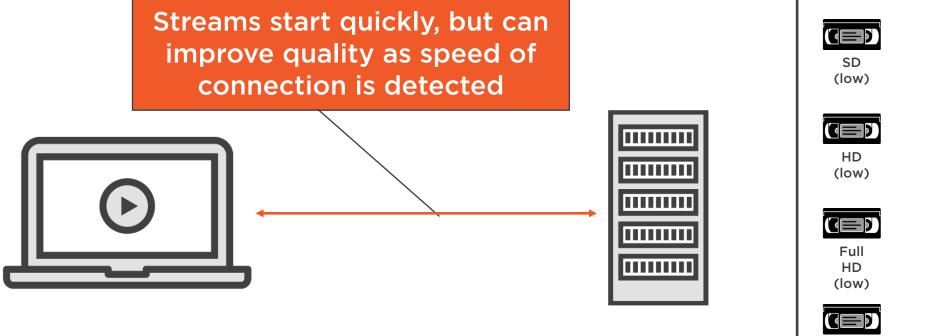
Player can start before video completed, but can scrub to anywhere in video

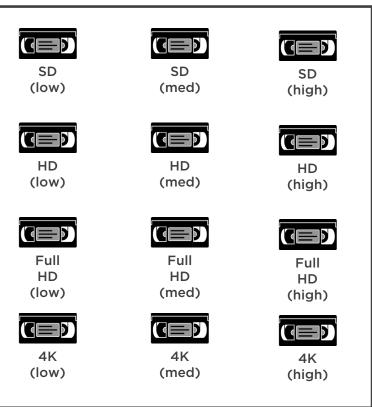


How Streaming Works



How Adaptive Streaming Works





Multiple resolution/compressions



Captioning

- Text overlays
- Often used for closed captioning
- Supports multiple languages



Using Captioning





Hosting on Public Websites

- You can use YouTube, Vimeo, etc.
- Low cost and handles streaming
- Doesn't protect your content





Embedding Video from Public Websites



What We've Learned



Video Codecs are the way in which video is delivered



Understand how video is delivered, you can choose the right way



Sometimes just relying on third parties is the right choice too



Coming Up Next:

Using JavaScript to Control Media

