



A Novel Implementation of Video Display and Different Application Online Using Html5

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Abstract- HTML5 is not a single thing or a monolithic technology. It is a collection of features, technologies, and APIs that brings the power of the desktop and the vibrancy of multimedia experience to the web—while amplifying the web’s core strengths of interactivity and connectivity. HTML5 includes the fifth revision of the HTML markup language, CSS3, and a series of JavaScript APIs. Together, these technologies enable you to create complex applications that previously could be created only for desktop platforms. HTML5 does not belong to a company or a specific browser. It has been forged by a community of people interested in evolving the web and a consortium of technological leaders that includes Google, Microsoft, Apple, Mozilla, Facebook, IBM, HP, Adobe, and many others. The community and consortium continue to collaborate on universal browser standards to push web capabilities even further. The next generation of web apps can run high-performance graphics, work offline, store a large amount of data on the client, perform calculations fast, and take interactivity and collaboration to the next level.

I. INTRODUCTION

Following the boom of peer to peer systems that have taken the lion’s share of Internet traffic, Internet video is quickly becoming the main source of traffic on the net. According to CISCO [1], by 2014, global online video will approach 57 percent of consumer Internet traffic (up from 40 percent in 2010). The Web is already preparing to embrace these developments, paving the way for new standards. HTML5 [1] is the core specification that shapes the next open Web platform. Although HTML5 is not a Web standard yet, latest versions of Web browsers have started to implement key parts of HTML5. In particular, most desktop Web browsers now support the `<video>` tag, a key initiative in HTML5 to integrate video on the Web. The `<video>` tag opens the possibility to manipulate video within a regular Web page. Innovative user interfaces that mix video and other content can now be created without having to resort to dedicated plug-ins. As of today, the `<video>` tag does not mandate support for specific codecs and streaming technologies though. Standardization work around these technologies is needed to fully realize the potential of video on the Web as well as to allow the use of Web technologies on TV and other devices that stream video.

This paper is structured as follows: In Section 2, we give more background on the situation for video on the Web. Section 3 focuses on video delivery techniques on the Web. Section 4 looks at the future. HTML or Hypertext Markup Language is a formatting language that programmers and developers use to create documents on the Web. The latest edition HTML5 has enhanced features for programmers such as video, audio and canvas elements. You view a Web page written in HTML in a Web browser such as Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome. The HTML5 language has specific rules that allow placement and format of text, graphics, video and audio on a Web page. Programmers use these programming tags or elements to produce web pages in unique and creative ways. Tags enable the creator to make a more efficient and intelligent

web page. Users will not have to use a Flash plug-in for video and audio content. Visual Studio users typically write code in HTML5 when creating web site content.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Before HTML5

In the absence of a standard way to include video in an HTML page, video on the Web has been mostly the prerogative of browser-specific implementations or third party plug-ins such as the VLC plug-in [2], Apple QuickTime or Adobe Flash Player. These plug-ins are activated through the use of the `<object>` tag in HTML. Relying on third-party plug-ins to



Figure 1: Example of a visual effect using standard Web technology hard achieve when Is rendered via video plug-in

Render the video works fine in a variety of use cases. It does come with drawbacks though, because the video is rendered in a black box from the Web browser’s perspective. Thus, CSS cannot be used to style the video, or to apply transformations. SVG cannot be used to apply masks and filters on the video. In short, visual effects such as the ones that appear in Figure 1 cannot be achieved using regular Web technologies

There is no standard way either to control the “black box” through JavaScript, and thus no way to change the look and feel of the video playback interface from within the rest of the page. Finally, these plug-ins are rarely available

on devices that are not "regular" desktop computers, e.g. on mobile devices.

B. The <video> Tag to the Rescue:

The <video> tag introduced by HTML5 alleviates these problems. Since video becomes a regular tag such as <p> or <div>, it is directly integrated within the rest of the Web page. CSS may thus be used to style and transform the video box, as shown in Figure 2. The HTML5 specification also defines a standard API to access and control the video from JavaScript. This new API opens up the possibilities in terms of the user interface, as everything may now be done through regular HTML, SVG, CSS, and JavaScript. Figure 3 shows a video player entirely developed in SVG and JavaScript by Philippe le Hégarret in W3C [3]. The text that appears at a specific time on top of the video are regular HTML paragraphs controlled through JavaScript and positioned through CSS.

One of the advantages of sticking to Web technologies for networked media content such as video is that they were designed with accessibility in mind. Rich user interfaces can be made accessible easily, following the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) [4] and Accessible Rich Internet Application (ARIA) Authoring Practices [5].

C. Codecs and Containers:

The HTML5 specification does not restrict the list of video formats and codecs that a browser may support, leaving the door open for future formats. The <video> tag features a fallback mechanism whereby alternative "sources" can be specified, each using a different format or codec. Should the Web browser not support the first format, it will try to use the second one, then the third one, and so on.

```
<video id="movie" width="640" height="480">
<source src="video.mp4" type='video/mp4;
codecs="avc1.42E01E, mp4a.40.2"' />
<source src="video.webm" type='video/webm;
codecs="vp8, vorbis"' />
<p>The video is available as <a href="video.mp4">H.264 in a
MP4 container</a>, or as <a href="video.webm">VP8 in a
WebM container</a>.</p>
</video>
```

Figure 4: Fallback mechanism of the <video> tag in HTML5

As of today, HTML5 does not mandate support for any specific codec and format container either. The situation among primary desktop browsers is currently – or will be in a near future – as follows:

- H.264 in an MP4 container: supported by Internet Explorer 9.0, Safari, and Google Chrome. Support for H.264 usually means support for the Baseline profile. In particular, this profile is the only one supported on mobile devices such as iPhone or Android.
- Theora in an Ogg container: supported by Firefox, Google Chrome, and Opera
- VP8 in a WebM container: supported by Firefox, Google Chrome, and Opera

As things stand, there will be no way to target all HTML5 capable browsers with one version of a video. Delivering video on the Web will today require at least two versions:

- one version that uses the H.264 Baseline profile in an MP4 container
- One version that uses VP8 in a WebM container, or Theora in an Ogg container.

Microsoft announced that support for additional codecs could be added to Internet Explorer, provided they are installed on the operating system. Apple has not provided information on its plans. It is impossible to add support for additional codecs in Firefox that would be supported in the <video> tag. New codecs in Firefox can only be added via the <object> tag and plug-ins, which has the "black box" disadvantages already described. The problems around codecs are caused by patents [6] and licensing fees. H.264 is a codec with clearly identified players and Intellectual Property Rights holders and a solid set of coders and decoders that take advantage of the underlying hardware. It does not come with a royalty-free license though. VP8 was released with a royalty-free license by Google early 2010, but unknown IPR holders may still surface. Theora has a similar problem.

III. STREAMING VIDEO ON THE WEB

A. HTTP Progressive Delivery:

The easiest way to deliver video on the Web is to use HTTP progressive delivery, in other words to serve video as any other content on the Web. Progressive delivery is supported by all Web browsers. Using regular HTTP has three main advantages:

- A regular HTTP Web server may be used.
- Video delivery is transparent for firewalls. Other transport protocols usually require changing the settings on firewalls to let the content pass.
- Existing solutions to improve caching can be used with video as well. In particular, Content Delivery Networks (CDN) provided by companies such as Akamai may be used to distribute video content more efficiently to a potentially large audience.

Note that HTTP-based video delivery may actually require caching solutions and CDN support for videos with massive audience, to avoid a meltdown effect triggered by the parallel streaming of the same video to a huge number of clients (HTTP delivery is "unicast"). HTTP progressive delivery is well suited for short video clips where the user does not need to be able to jump forward and backward in the video. Jumping forward in the video requires that the client has received the video up to the targeted position. This is not practical in the case of longer video clips or movies. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that the delivery rate will remain consistent overtime. If the network throughput varies over time during the delivery of the video, playback will eventually stop. Newer "intelligent" approaches to stream video on the Web that go beyond progressive delivery are being invented. Most of these methods still rely on HTTP though. Other protocols, e.g. DCCP or RTP/RTSP, will probably play a role in video delivery but are not envisioned as the main streaming methods for the <video> tag so far.

B. HTTP Streaming:

HTTP Streaming is HTTP progressive delivery, coupled with a protocol used by the client to be able to request a given slice of the video. This feature lets users jump to specific position in the video at any time. The current

download is simply interrupted and another HTTP exchange between the client and the server is started. Existing solutions are deployed in popular Web sites such as YouTube [8] or Vimeo [9]. Ongoing standardization work on Media Fragments URI [10] will create a standard syntax for constructing media fragment URIs that can be over the HTTP protocol.

Support for HTTP Streaming may need to be added to the HTTP Web server. In most cases, this is relatively straightforward as the protocol relies on a couple of HTTP query parameters (see Figure 5 above). HTTP Streaming is well suited for longer video clips. Content is still delivered progressively though, and not actually “streamed” in the traditional sense of the word (e.g. as in the “streaming media players” of the late 1990’s/early 2000’s). Thus, HTTP Streaming suffers from the same limitations as HTTP progressive delivery: it cannot adjust to changing network conditions during video delivery.

C. *HTTP Adaptive Streaming*

With Adaptive Streaming the bitrate of the video is changed based on real-time conditions experienced by the video player. Adaptive Streaming lets the video degrade gracefully when the network cannot keep up with higher bitrates. This is particularly useful for the comfort of users when watching a movie, a long video or a live TV show, as network throughput often varies over time. It is essential to deliver video to devices whose primary focus is on video such as TV screens, or to devices that are connected to erratic and quickly changing networks such as mobile devices. HTTP Adaptive Streaming uses HTTP as a transport. The usual approach is to maintain copies of the video content encoded using different quality levels and sizes on the server. These copies are sliced into segments (chunks) of 2-10 seconds. When the client requests the video, it receives an index file (or manifest file) that describes the different segments and copies (quality/bitrate levels) available. It then fetches each segment using regular progressive download. The next segment is chosen based on the network conditions experienced during the playback of the current slice. This technique is used by Apple in its HTTP Live Streaming protocol, described in an Informational Internet Draft, and implemented in Safari for Mac OS X and in iOS for the iPod, iPhone and iPad. Microsoft IIS Smooth Streaming and 3GPP Adaptive HTTP Streaming (reused by the Open IPTV Forum) are other examples.

The format of the index file that describes the video segments varies depending on the solution. Apple used a regular M3U8 playlist textual format while Microsoft and 3GPP solutions are XML-based. The index file may also be the container itself. The WebM container proposed by Google, derived from Matroska, could also be used to implement adaptive streaming solutions for instance. A similar approach to the HTTP adaptive streaming technique can be followed using Scalable Video Coding (SVC) and Multiple Description Coding (MDC) technologies, specifically developed with adaptive streaming in mind. They can have an important role in the future of video delivery, although they are not yet supported by any of the primary Web browsers.

D. *Peer-to-peer Video Delivery on the Web:*

Video may also be delivered using a peer-to-peer mechanism. As opposed to HTTP-based solutions, CDNs are not required in the case of peer-to-peer, as the idea is to take advantage of the number of users that watch videos concurrently to exchange video segments and improve the efficiency of the delivery. On the Web, the Web socket API and protocol go some way towards providing a persistent two-way connection between peers, but the API cannot be used to establish connections between clients directly. For security reasons, connections have to go through HTTP servers. On top of that, the Web Socket API and protocol are currently limited to sending and receiving text frames. Binary data would need to be encoded as a regular string before they may be exchanged, which is definitely not optimal for video content. Support for binary frames should be added at some point in the future though. Proper peer-to-peer connections on the Web were dropped from HTML5 for initial lack of interest from Web browser vendors and moved to a separate specification called HTML Device. The editor of the specification issued a call for actions early July 2010 to have this work move forward. Since traditional HTTP cannot be used to support peer-to-peer transmissions, video streaming between peers may use non-HTTP protocols.

The H.264 SVC profiles could become prevalent for this sort of usage, as demonstrated by Google for its Gmail Video chat or as proposed by the P2P-Next project for their Next Share platform. Furthermore, MDC (Multiple Description Coding) which addresses the issue of content adaptation from the point of resilience and robustness rather than scalability, is another important candidate for supporting media streaming over P2P architectures. The inherent ability to use any of the decoded descriptions for the reconstruction of the video rather than decoding layers successively make it ideal for use under P2P architectures. In the SARACEN project the system architecture is planned as a Multi-Source HTTP client and server providing an advanced form of Web Seeding (HTTP based peer-to-peer downloading/uploading), aimed to support layered video coding such as the H.264 SVC profile and the Multiple Description Coding. In the context of the project, the use of SVC and MDC in different scenarios for video streaming over P2P architectures will be evaluated, demonstrating the benefits of use of adaptive coding techniques both in situations where robustness is a key factor, but also in cases where adaptation from HD down to SD can be used to provide

IV. FUTURE SCOPE

As we have seen in previous sections, the promotion of video as a first-class citizen on the Web both opens up new possibilities and creates challenges that need to be addressed in the future.

A. *The Web on TV and Set-Top Boxes:*

The <video> tag brings video to the Web. The opposite is true as well: the <video> tag brings the Web to video. In other words, TV and set-top boxes may now take full advantage of Web technologies to create rich user interfaces based on:

- a. HTML5

- b. Access to device APIs, whose standardization is underway (Geo location, Calendar, Media Capture, Contacts), to leverage the functionalities of the device and to react to user's preferences, as well as his physical and social environment
- c. The possibility to package Web applications as widgets that may be verified, signed, and installed as any other application.

More APIs, more specifically targeted at these kinds of equipment, may need to be defined. For instance, widgets on TV should be able to retrieve information about the TV channel that the user is currently watching. enhanced Quality of Experience.

B. Consolidation of HTTP Streaming:

One of the key points that is still missing for the use of Web technologies within video equipment is a robust and standard way to stream video on the Web and adapt to changing network conditions in real time. In the absence of agreement for common codecs and container formats on the Web, video streaming needs to be defined at a different level. This is the direction taken by most recent initiatives around HTTP Adaptive Streaming that describe the different segments of a video in an index (manifest) file separated from the content itself.

Consolidation of the existing index formats among players is needed to avoid running into a situation where streaming video on the Web requires more than one streaming mechanism server-side. The standard format should take the form of a playlist format and should not impose or rely on the use of specific codecs for the video (and audio). To reach a global audience, this format should simply work as-is with a regular HTTP server, possibly completed with support for media fragments URIs.

C. Peer-to-peer Connections on the Web:

Technical solutions can be found to enable the use of peer-to-peer connections within the Web browser sandbox. For example, security issues that arise when if peer is allowed to connect to another peer may be solved using a peer introduction mechanism within the control of the Web server. On top of file exchange and video delivery, peer-to-peer is needed for video conferencing and real-time network games, as HTTP-based solutions are not reliable enough to handle these use cases. Support for advanced graphic rendering through the Web GL specification and background worker threads (Web Workers) put the Web as a platform in a strong position for gaming in particular, provided peer-to-peer is possible. Thus, the incentive to add peer-to-peer support in Web browsers will come from multiple fronts and a standard peer-to-peer interface is likely to emerge in a near future.

V. APPLICATION

A. Accessibility:

HTML5 makes creating accessible sites easier for two main reasons: semantics and ARIA. The new (some currently available) HTML headings like `<header>`, `<footer>`, `<nav>`, `<section>`, `<aside>`, etc. allow screen readers to easily access content. Before, your screen readers had no way to determine what a given `<div>` was even if you assigned it an ID or Class. With new semantic tags

screen readers can better examine the HTML document and create a better experience for those who use them.

ARIA is a W3C spec that is mainly used to assign specific "roles" to elements in an HTML document – essentially creating important landmarks on the page: header, footer, navigation or article, via role attributes. This has been well overlooked and widely under-used mostly due to the fact that it wasn't valid, however, HTML5 will validate these attributes. Also, HTML5 will have built in roles that can't be over-ridden making assigning roles a no brainer. For a more in depth discussion on HTML5 and ARIA please visit the WAI.

B. Video And audio Support:

Forget about Flash Player and other third party media players, make your videos and audio truly accessible with the new HTML5 `<video>` and `<audio>` tags. Getting your media to play correctly has always been pretty much a nightmare, you had to use the `<embed>` and `<object>` tags and assign a huge list of parameters just to get the thing visible and working correctly. Your media tags just become these nasty, huge chunks of confusing code segments. HTML5's video and audio tags basically treat them as images; `<video src="url"/>`. But what about all those parameters like height, width and auto play? No worries my good man, just define those attributes in the tag just like any other HTML element: `<video src="url" width="640px" height="380px" autoplay/>`.

C. Doctype:

That is the doctype, nothing more, nothing less. Pretty simple right? No more cutting and pasting some long unreadable line of code and no more dirty head tags filled with doctype attributes. You can simply and easily type it out and be happy. The really great thing about it though, beyond the simplicity, is that it works in every browser clear back to the dreaded IE6.

D. Game Development:

You can develop games using HTML5's `<canvas>` tag. HTML5 provides a great, mobile friendly way to develop fun, interactive games. If you've built Flash games before, you'll love building HTML5 games.

E. Local Storage:

One of the coolest things about HTML5 is the new local storage feature. It's a little bit of a cross between regular old cookies and a client-side database. It's better than cookies because it allows for storage across multiple windows, it has better security and performance and data will persist even after the browser is closed. Because it's essentially a client side data base you don't have to worry about the user deleting cookies and it is been adopted by all the popular browsers.

Local storage is great for many things, but it's one of HTML5 tools that are making web apps possible without third party plugins. Being able to store data in the user's browser allows you to easily create those app features like: storing user information, the ability to cache data, and the ability to load the user's previous application state. If you are interested in getting started with local storage, check out Christian Heilmann's great 24 Ways article from last year

VI. FEATURE

Any HTML5 syntax requires a doctype to be specified so that the browser can render the page in standards mode. The good news though is that the doctype declaration has also been simplified from previous HTML. It is now just: `<!DOCTYPE html>`. The audio and visual support in HTML5 is outstanding. As soon as it's fully running and all browsers support HTML5, you will find it easy to add audio and video to websites without the need for outside plugins. Editing the content of your website is simplified with HTML5. Using the contenteditable attribute, you can quickly and painlessly change your text by adding contenteditable="true" to any element. The canvas element makes it possible for you to bypass Photoshop to make your 2D images and directly place them in your code. The application cache enables you to navigate web applications while you are offline.

VII. CONCLUSION

Because HTML5 is still a work in progress and not due to completely roll out until the latter part of 2011, there is no urgency to redesign a Web site using the new iteration of the language. Only a handful of major brands, including Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome, currently support HTML5 elements. Those companies' browsers are only a small fraction of the browsing populations. Microsoft's Internet Explorer is the most widely used browser and currently has the least amount of support for HTML5. To stay informed about HTML5 developments, there are several online resources to reference. Mark Pilgrim's "Dive Into HTML5" is an unofficial crash course into what's new and available

using the new language. For the savvy designer, the WC3 has a working document of differences between HTML4 and HTML5. Tripwire Magazine has a list of over 25 useful HTML5 resources for a more in-depth look at the language. Familiarizing yourself with how this language can affect and enhance your Web presence will help you and your business stay on the forefront of Web design.

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