WebRTC-based multimedia real-time communication service from GÉANT portfolio

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WebRTC video-conferencing facilities for research, educational and art societies
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- represents Poland in numerous organisations and associations, including RIPE NCC and is a partner in such activities as GÉANT, Internet2, CineGrid, NEM, etc
Web based RTC services

WebRTC

- web-based RTC technology
- set of communications protocols and application programming interfaces
- enables real-time communication over peer-to-peer connections
- browsers can request real-time information from browsers of other users
- applications: video conferencing, file transfer, chat, or desktop sharing without the need of either internal or external plugins
Goals:

- develop technical infrastructure and components for open WebRTC services,
- provide common, open-source service for research, educational and art societies,
- simplify real-time communication and introduce web browser based tools (no additional software or plugins!)
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Provide a complete solution to end user, in particular to:

- make easy to use WebRTC desktop videoconferencing service, available to all R&E and art users
- establish a GÉANT STUN/TURN infrastructure to support WebRTC technology (to overcome firewall and NAT traversal problems)
- establish WebRTC core infrastructure monitoring service and testing engines for users
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8 NRENs directly involved in development and pilot phase:

Cooperation:
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Current status

• **VC software for remote collaboration (live demo)**
  - direct, peer-to-peer communication up to 8 participants (mesh)
  - centralized, multi-site version for more users (SFU based)
  - functional extensions (desktop sharing, chat,....)
  - available as a service and as on-prem solution

• **server nodes for firewall / NAT locations support**
  - 10 locations in EU and Asia
  - US and Australia – coming soon

• **essential monitoring of nodes**
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Features:

- Resolution tested: up to 4K
- Latency: similar to H.323, optimization to be checked
- Very easy to use (click to connect), simple interface
- Video codecs: VP8, VP9, H.264, HEVC/H.265, AV1 development
- Audio codecs: Opus, iSAC, iLBC
- Free – open source
- Very ubiquitous (most browsers)
- High availability potential
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Features:

- Cloud and on prem
- Platform independent (Win / iOS / Linux / Android / …)
- Echo cancellation on / off
- easy multipoint (mesh and SFU)
- NAT / Firewall traversal
- multi-channel (AV + data)
- moderate bandwidth requirements (up to 20Mbit/s for 4K)
Potential scopes of collaboration:

- common scenarios
- common testing
- common infrastructure
- share your needs and ideas

Please help us with testing, we will support your nodes
4K WebRTC

High quality ready solution
4K WebRTC
4K WebRTC

Demo architecture

- 4K camera
- 6G-SDI
- 3840x2160 30fps
- ~20 Mbit/s
4K WebRTC

Software
- Windows 10, Linux
- Firefox, Chrome, Opera

Hardware
- PC workstation (2x XEON E5-2687w)
- 4K ready graphics card (Nvidia 980GTX, M4000)
- 4K Blackmagic Studio Camera
- 4K Blackmagic DeckLink 4K Extreme capture card
8K WebRTC

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Thank you!

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