



# WebRTC: Real Time Communications for the Web

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# WebRTC Motivations

- Easy for developers to put communications where needed
  - Enable contextual communications
- Easy to deploy across many operating systems and types of devices
- Strong security
  - Communications users can trust
- Faster to get new features from developer to user
- Peer 2 Peer



# Plan

- Take the guts of a SIP soft phone
- Stuff it into a browser
- Wrap it with an programming interface in the browser that any website can use
- TBD
- Profit



# How to Think About WebRTC

- Technology

It's a technology that enable voice, video, and data sharing in a peer to peer fashion between applications running in a browser

- Peer 2 Peer

Traditionally browsers only sent data in client server fashion, now they can talk browser to browser

- Big Eco System

It is interoperable with modern unified communication systems

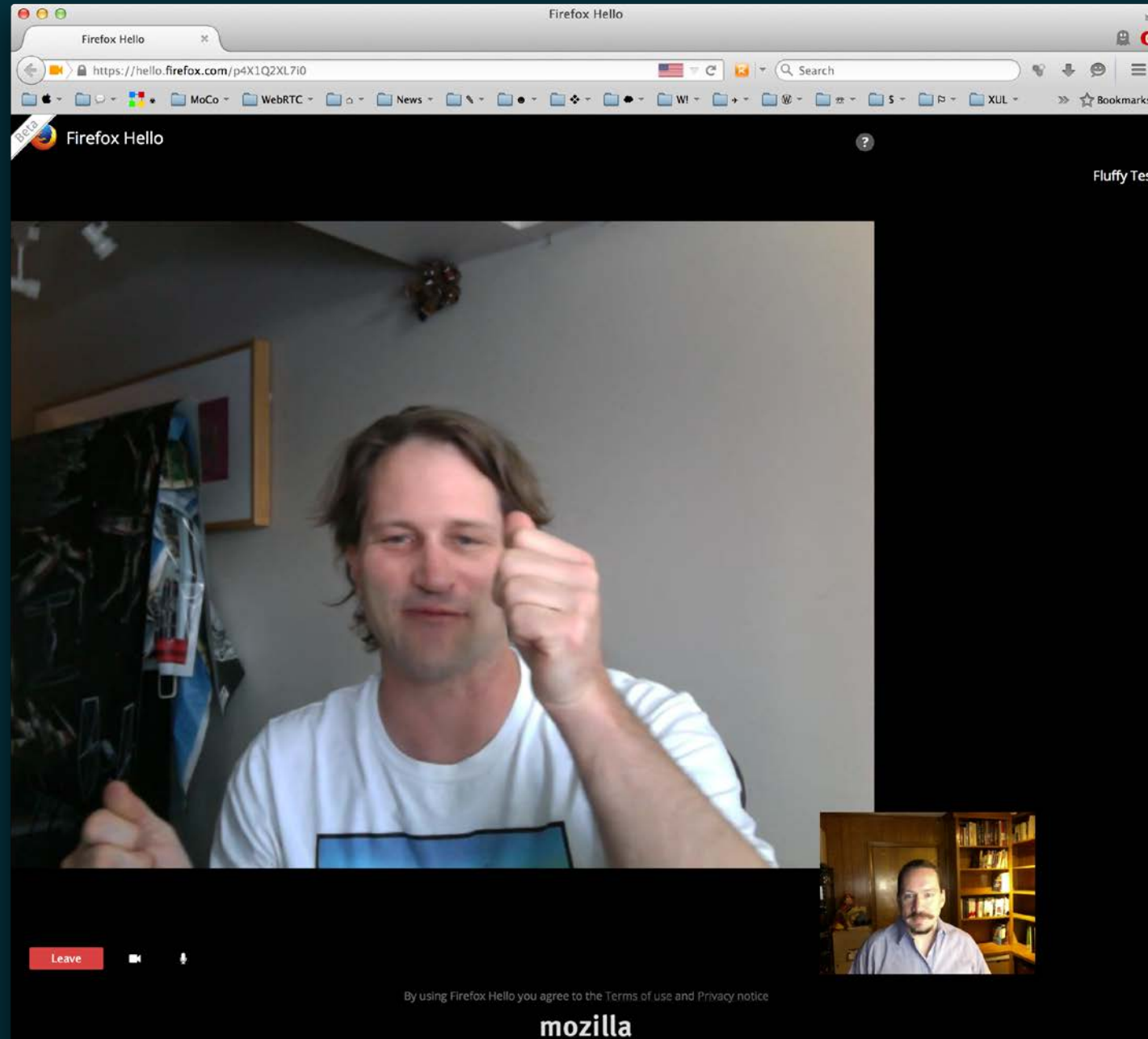
Accessible to many developers

- Zero Install

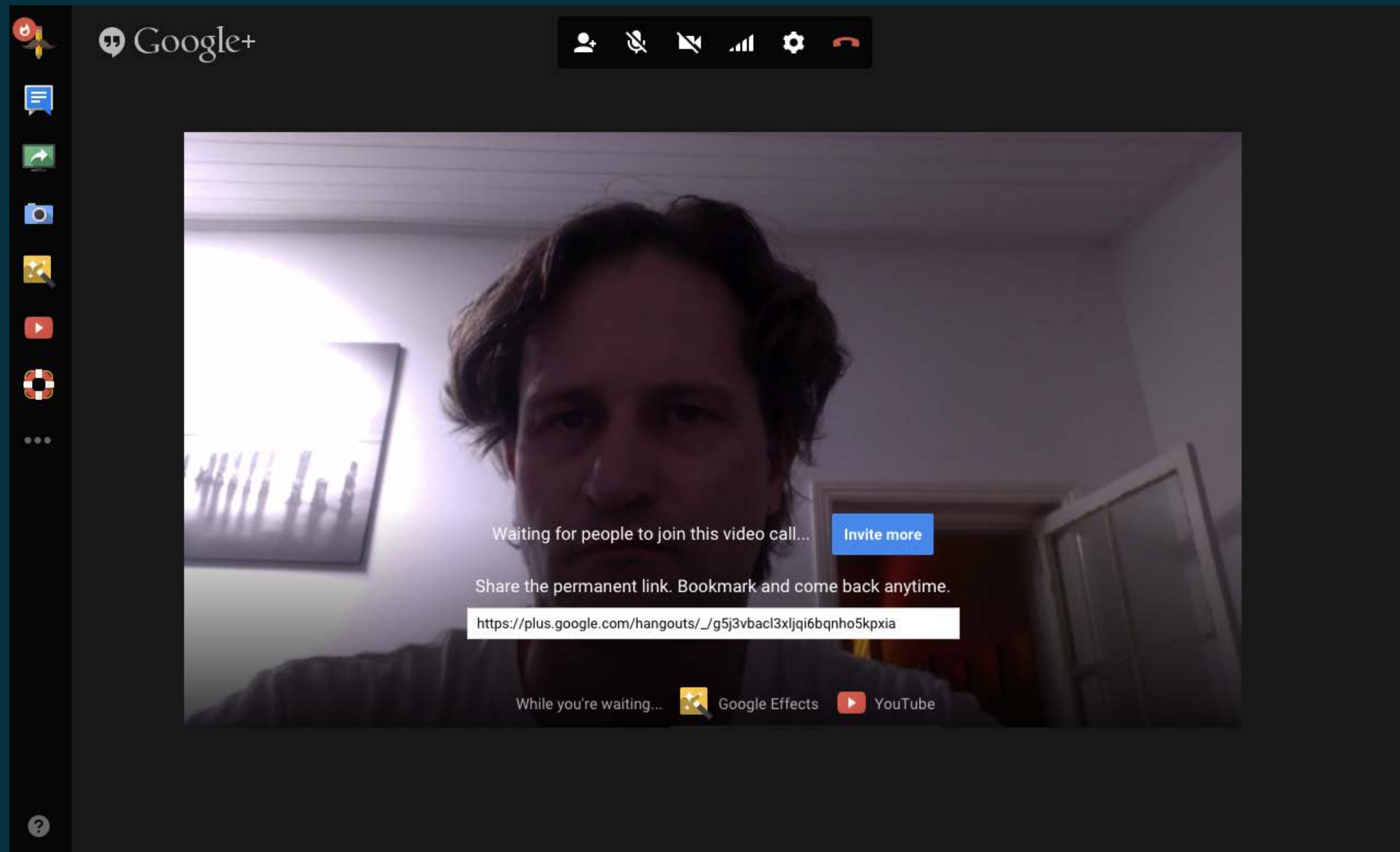
It's part of the web browser and does not require installing any extra plugins



# Firefox / Telefonica Hello



# Google Hangouts

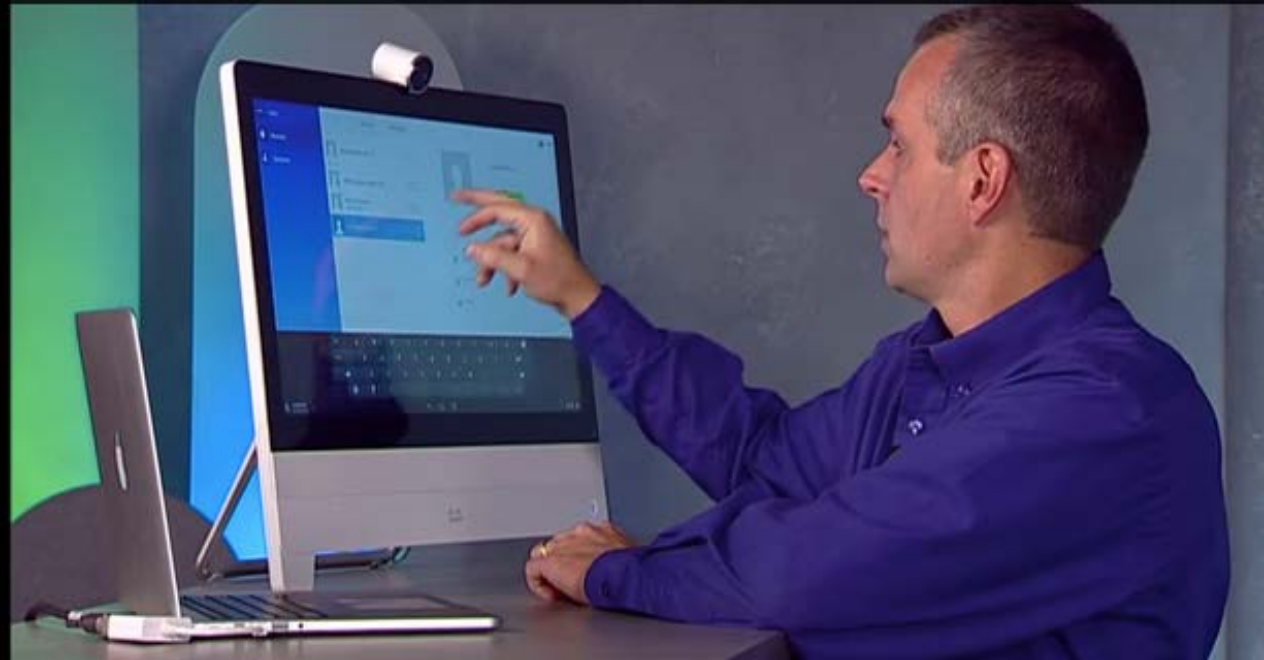
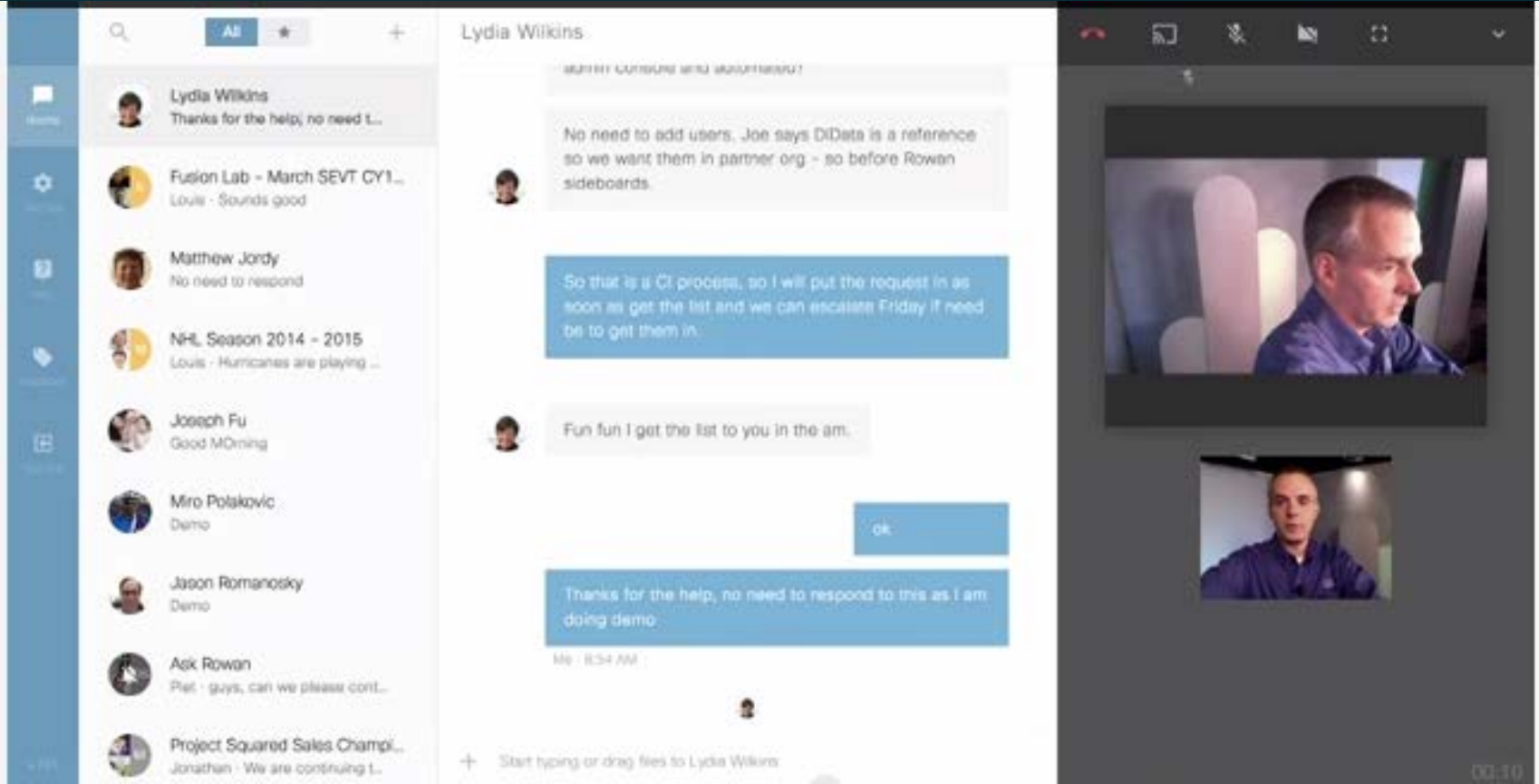


The image shows a screenshot of the AT&T Developer website. At the top left is the AT&T logo and the word "Developer". To the right is a search bar with the placeholder text "Type here to search". Further right are navigation links: "APIs +", "App Optimizer +", "Community +", and "Pricing". On the far right of the top navigation are "Sign In" and a prominent orange button labeled "Get Started Free".

The main content area features a large blue banner with the text "Seamless Video & Audio Communications in Your App" in white. To the left of the text are illustrations of a tablet and a laptop, both displaying a video call interface with orange silhouettes of people. The browser address bars on the devices show "yourwebapp.com" and "yourapp.com" respectively.

Below the banner is a white bar containing a blue icon of a video call and the text "AT&T Enhanced WebRTC API (Beta)". To the right of this bar are two blue buttons: "API Tour" and "Documentation".

# Cisco Spark





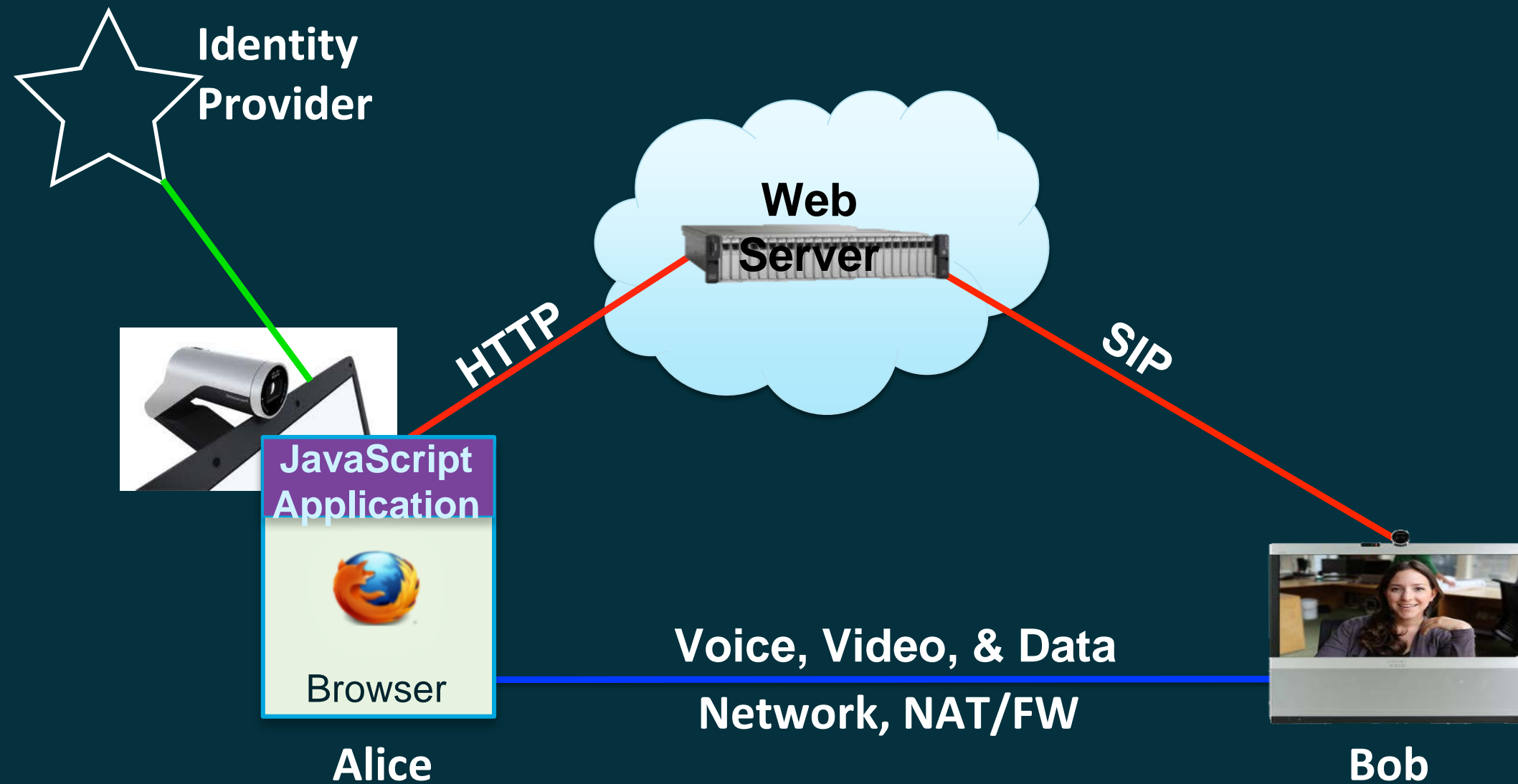
# Cisco Spark

The screenshot shows the Cisco Spark web interface in a browser window. The browser address bar displays the URL: <https://dev.projectsquared.com/#/rooms/d8e2c2b0-321f-32ad-8a74-96077c41fb38>. The interface is divided into three main sections:

- Left Sidebar:** A list of chat rooms with their respective icons and participant counts. The rooms listed are:
  - Chaya Narayanan Kutty (You · Started a call)
  - Betty Mai (You · Hi Betty)
  - Testing against Prod (Grace · @Sunil, I'll take a look)
  - SIPApps SCRUM (Christopher · ....running hom...)
  - L2SIP/ZTM and the doubl... (Aaron · When I say, "ZTM joi...)
  - JoinLocusResponse clea... (Sunil · tx)
  - Jeff Sundquist (Jeff · what do you do with th...)
  - Client issues with sip calls (Jeff · @John - this could be l...)
  - Collaboration Watercooler (Betty · bump for Darin)
- Center Panel:** The active chat room for "Chaya Narayanan Kutty". It features a hand-drawn diagram on a whiteboard. The diagram includes nodes and arrows, with handwritten text: "this is arch diagram", "Route: analytics", "SIP user", and "SIP user". Below the diagram, there are three call status notifications:
  - You started a call
  - Chaya Narayanan Kutty ended a call
  - You started a callAt the bottom of the chat area, there is a text input field with a paperclip icon and the text "Send a message to Chaya Narayanan Kutty".
- Right Panel:** A video call window showing two participants. The top video shows a woman (Chaya Narayanan Kutty) looking down. The bottom video shows a man (Jeff Sundquist) looking at the camera. A timer at the bottom right of the video call indicates "02:03".

# How WebRTC Works

# Architecture



# The Parts of WebRTC

WebRTC API

Identity

SDP

ICE/STUN/TURN

DTLS/SRTP

CODECs

# Network Protocols

# Media - Codecs

- Either end can have many codecs and a negotiation picks the best possible that both ends support
- Audio Codecs
  - Narrowband audio: G.711
  - Wideband audio: Opus
- Video standards:
  - Browser required to support both VP8 and H.264



# Data Channel

- WebRTC isn't just voice and video
  - It also provides direct P2P data channels
  - Useful for games, file sharing, P2P networks, etc.
- How does this relate to Web Sockets?
  - Similar API but data goes direct
  - This makes it easy to polyfill WebRTC DC apps to WebSockets
- Lots of apps will just use Data Channels



# Media Transport - SRTP

- SRTP provides a sequence number and timestamp for each media packets
- This allows synchronization of play out of differ media streams ( lip sync )
- It also allows detection of lost packets
  
- SRTCP provides feedback on packet loss rates and SRTP statistics
- SRTP support many forms of error recovery and forward error correction
  
- SRTP uses symmetric key cryptography to provide confidentiality and integrity
- Ongoing IETF work to multiplex multiple SRTP over same UDP flow





# Media Keying - DTLS

- DTLS is simply the same TLS used for HTTPS adapted for UDP
- DTLS handshake is used to form the session keying material for the SRTP media encryption
- Used with self signed certificates. Each certificate has a fingerprint which is bound to a user identity in a way described later in this presentation

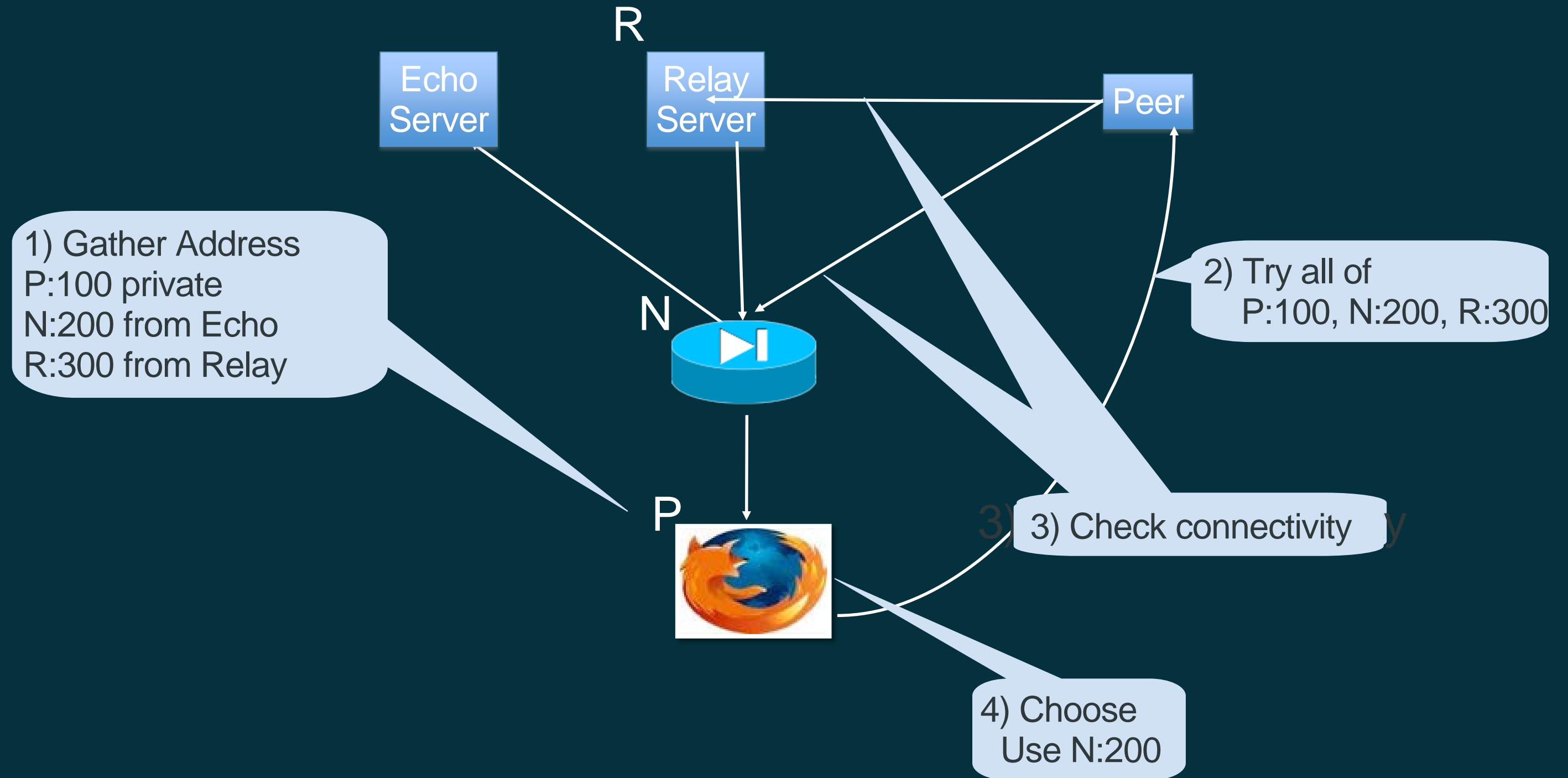


# NAT / Firewall Traversals - ICE

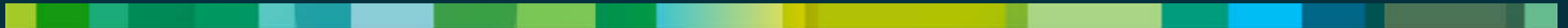
- ICE provides a way to get media between two devices that are both behind NATs and some firewalls
- It also forms a way to detect changing network conditions and switch from an interface such as WiFi to a different interface such as LTE
- Finally it is used for media consent to make sure unwanted traffic is not sent to devices
- Combination of several components
  - TURN: is a remote relay tunnel protocol to tunnel data to and from a public server
  - STUN: is a way to ask a public server what a client's apparent IP address is
  - ICE: an approach to take several addresses that might work to communicate to another peer and test them to see which one works

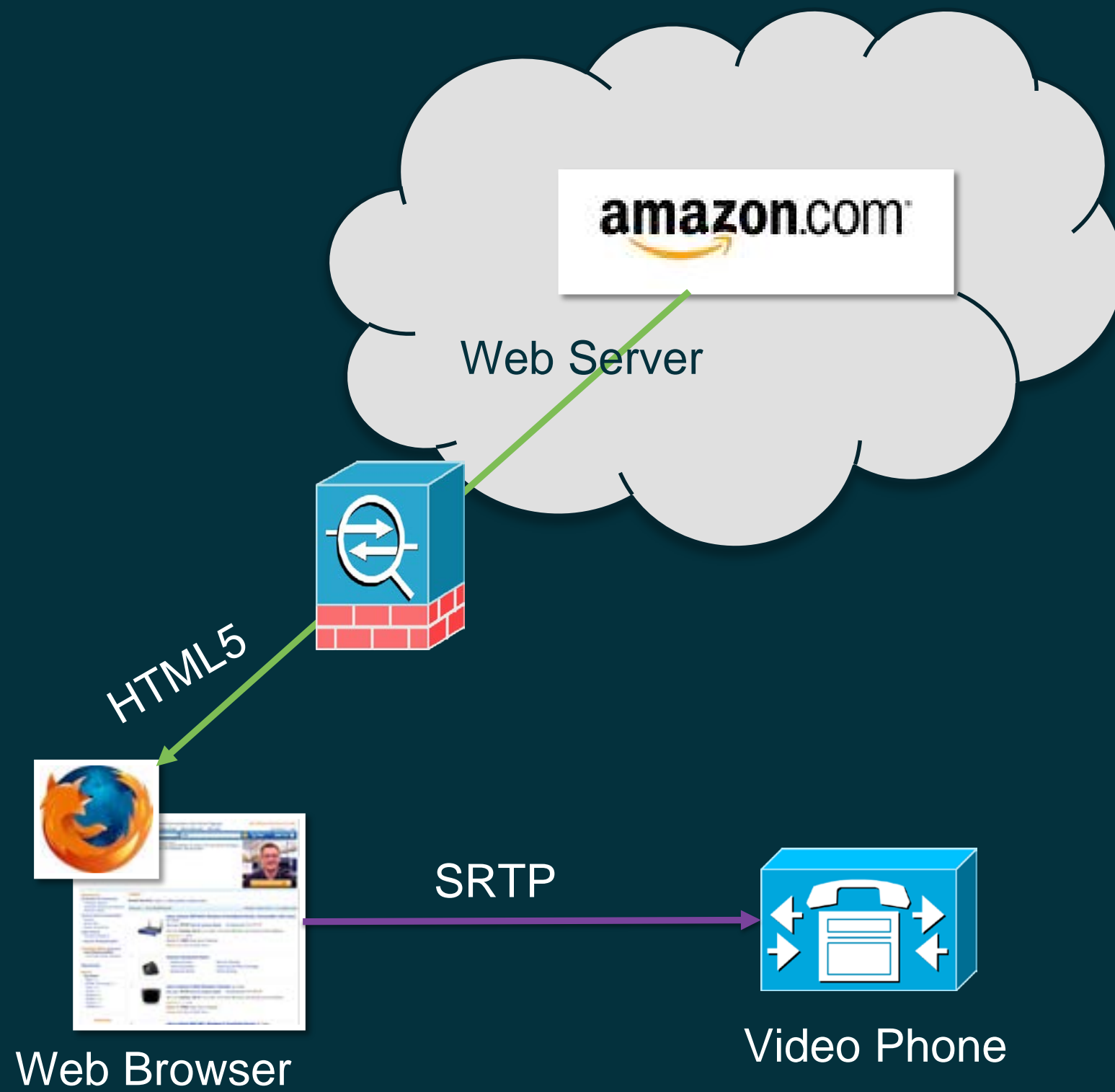


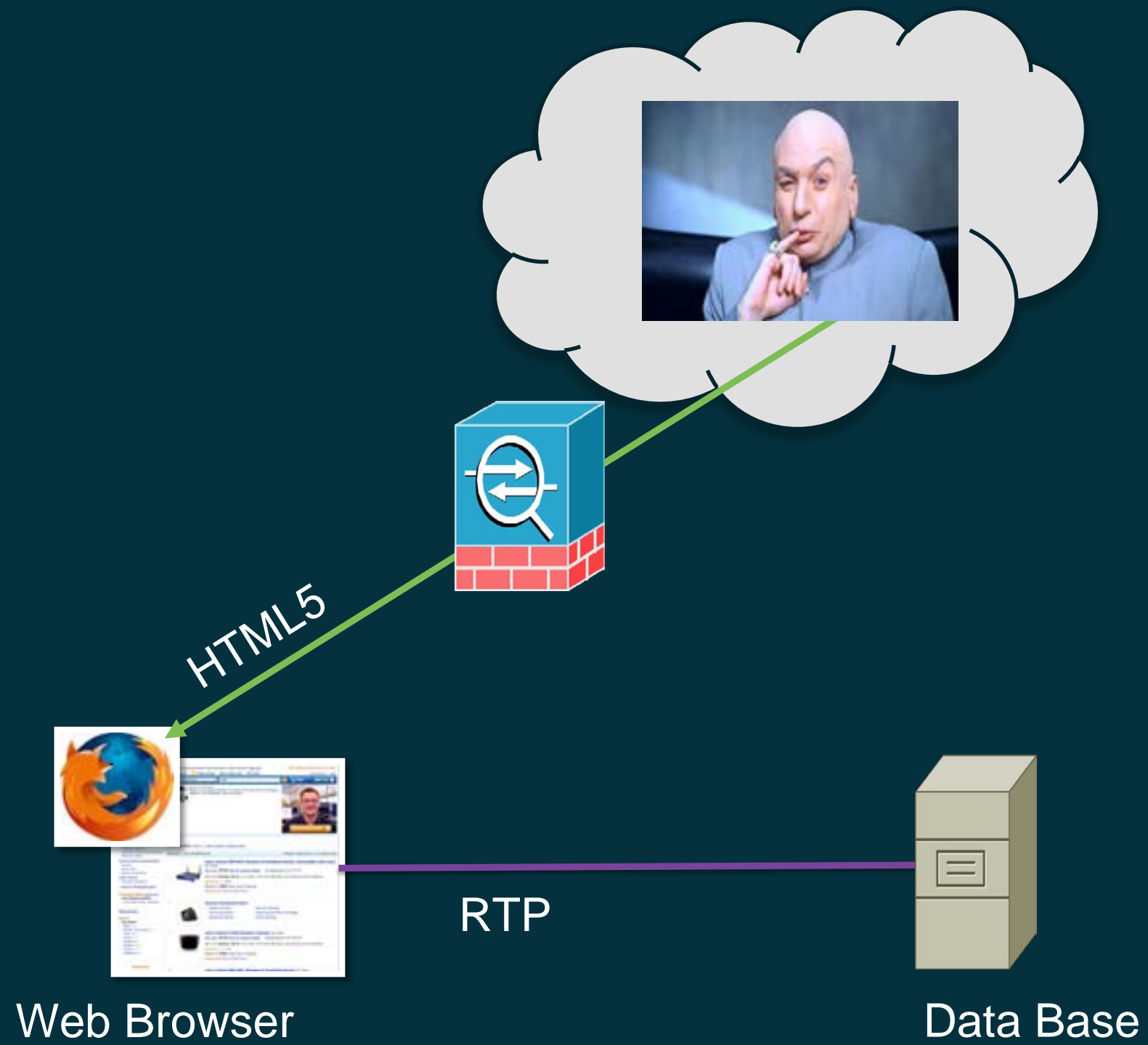
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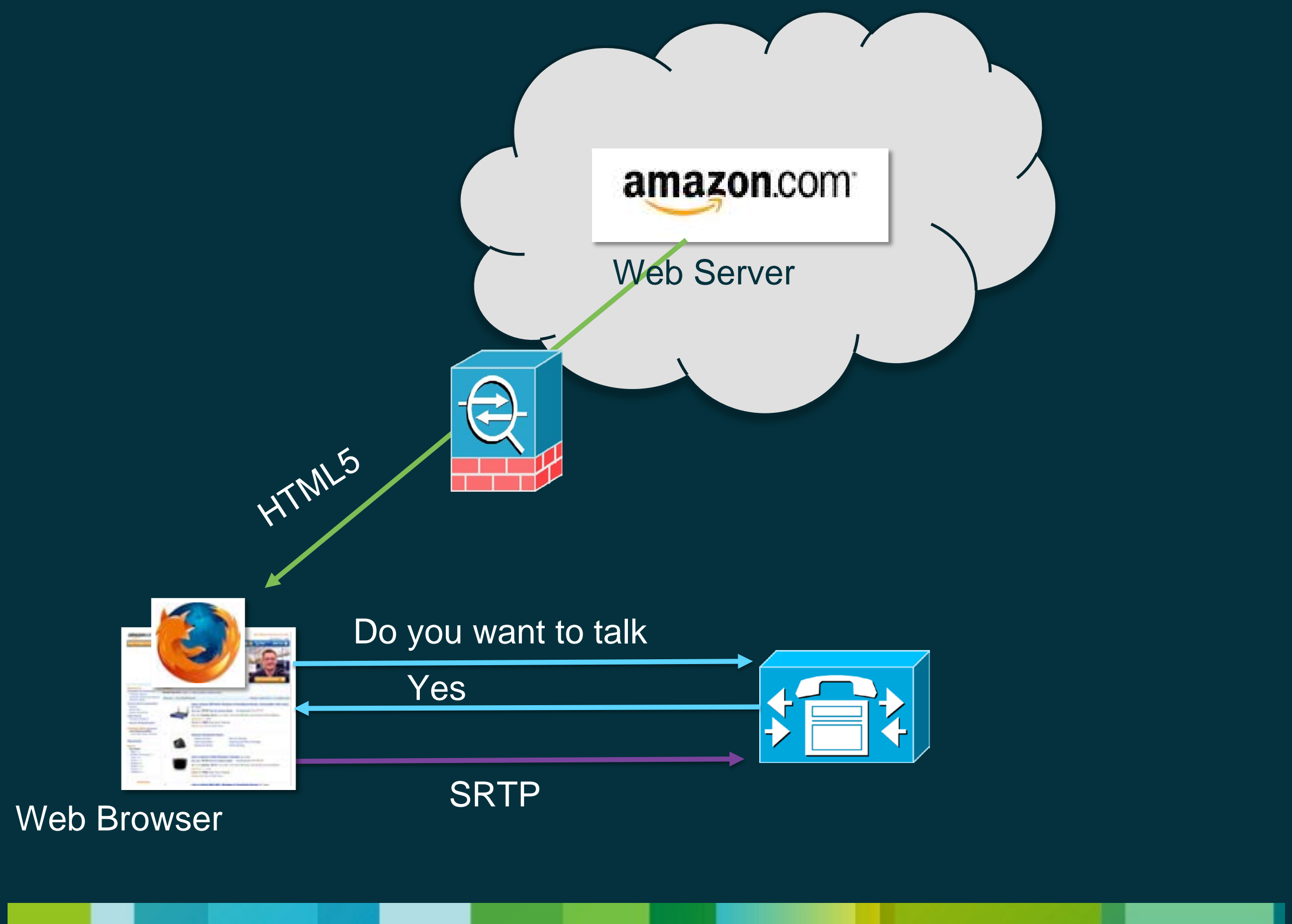


# Media Consent









# Signaling - SDP

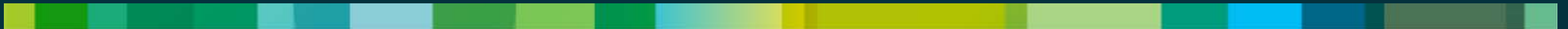
- The SDP offer/answer protocol used by SIP is used for media negotiation
- Rich interface to describe what codecs, network transports, and media options one side can support (the offer) and which ones the other sides wants to select (the answer)

```
v=0
o=- 292742730 29277831 IN IP4 131.163.72.4
s=
c=IN IP4 131.164.74.2
t=0 0
m=video 52886 RTP/AVP 31
a=rtpmap:31 H261/90000
a=content:slides
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a=content:main
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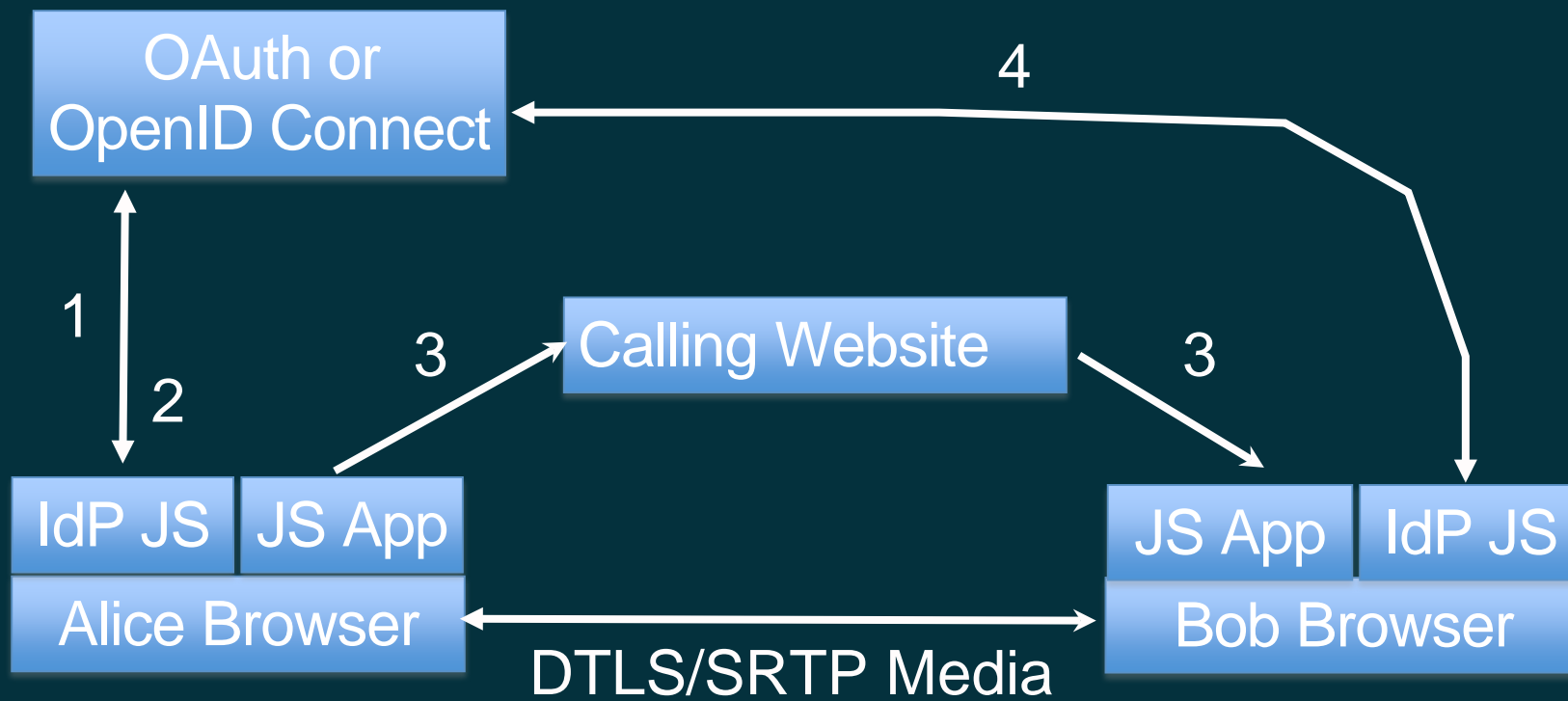
# Identity



# Who is fluffy@cisco.com

- Who is in the best position to make strong assertions about who fluffy@cisco.com is?
  - Cisco.com allocated the address fluffy to Cullen
  - They provided a way for Cullen to prove his identity with logon password, secure token card, etc.
  - Having a certificate authority (CA) assert that some random person can receive email sent to fluffy@cisco.com is a weak assertion of identity
- Who knows who cisco.com is?
  - The CA can verify with DNS registrars who has been given that name and can get appropriate contacts for it

# Identity



- Browser is configured with identity provider(s) for the user
1. User “logs on” using protocol downloaded from identity provider in JavaScript/HTML
  2. Browser get an assertion from identity provider which binds the DTLS fingerprint to the identity such as fluffy@cisco.com
  3. The calling JavaScript passes the assertion to far side
  4. Bob’s browser verifies the assertion with identity provider and check DTLS fingerprint matches the assertion
  5. Browser display "secure to [fluffy@cisco.com](mailto:fluffy@cisco.com)"

# Quality of Service (QoS)

- Based on Differentiated Service Code Point markings set on media packets
  - JS Application can provide hints about relative priority of media streams
  - Browser knows media type of packets
  - Browser sets the DSCP appropriately
  - Network may take DSCP into account when prioritizing packets



# Congestion Control & Rate Adaptation

- Goals:

- Be “fair” with TCP - i.e.. don’t push TCP traffic to floor and don’t be pushed to floor by TCP

- Minimize latency

- React to changing network conditions quickly

- Provide a consistent flow of data

- Variety of algorithms combined:

- Losing too many packets, slow down

- Not losing many packets, speed up

- Packet delay starts going up, slow down

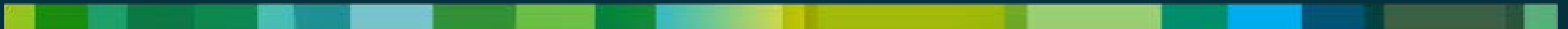
- If up shifted, then promptly downshifted, wait awhile for next upshift



# Transitions

# Industry Transitions

- Viruses / malware / industrial spying
  - reduce willingness to run plugins or new software
- Dev Op
  - driving a need for rapid deployment
- Embedded communications
  - put communications in the tools and systems that need it
- Internet of Things
  - enable more “thing” to “people” communications



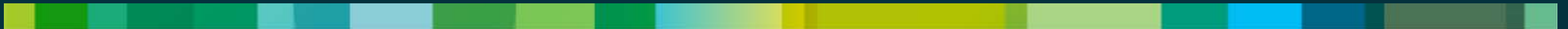
# Cloud Data

- Huge amount of data in the cloud which WebRTC further adds too
- Large amounts of collection by governments and less legal entities
- Continuous stream of financial losses





If you can't protect data, don't collect it

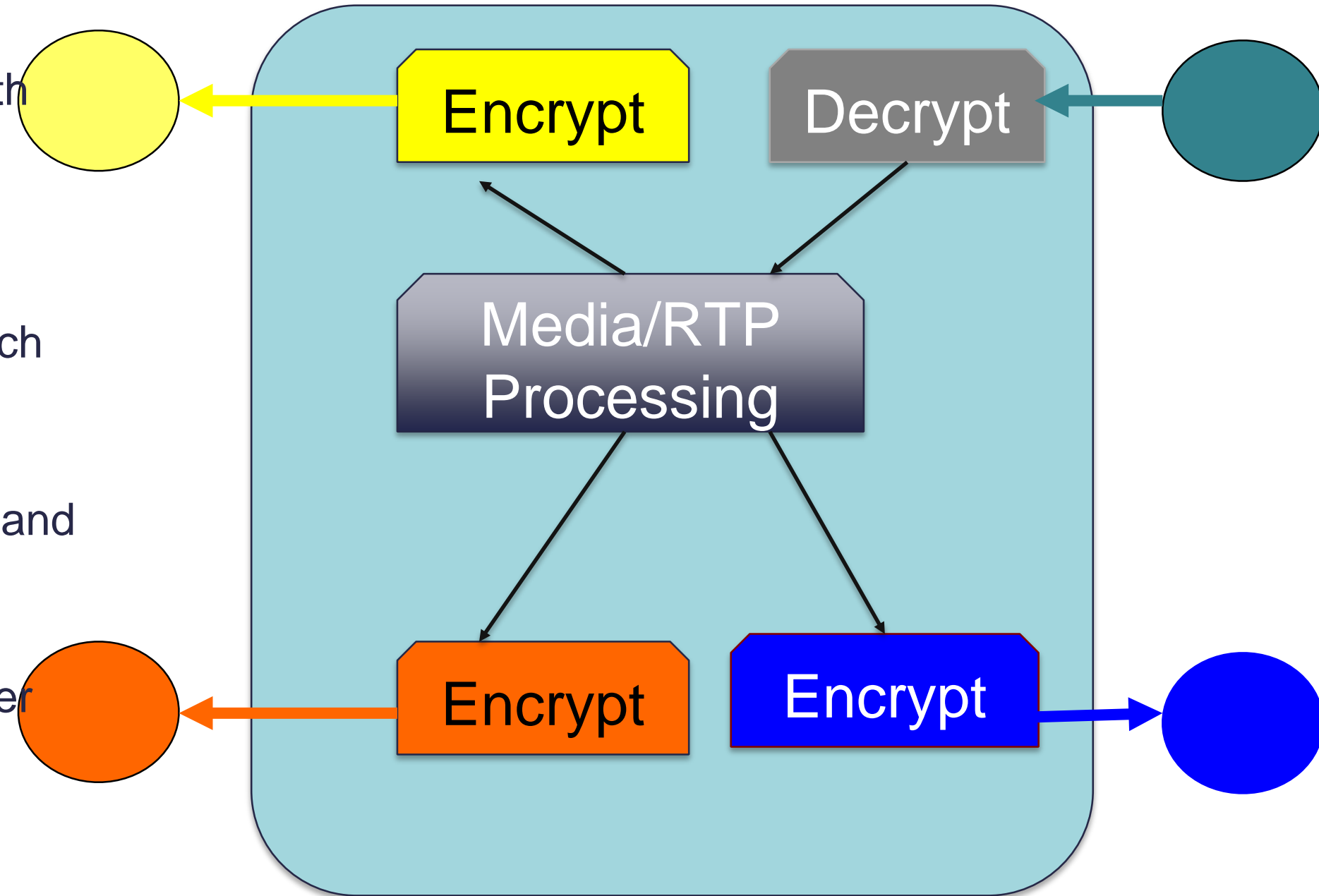


# Securing the Cloud

Conference Bridges with the Keys

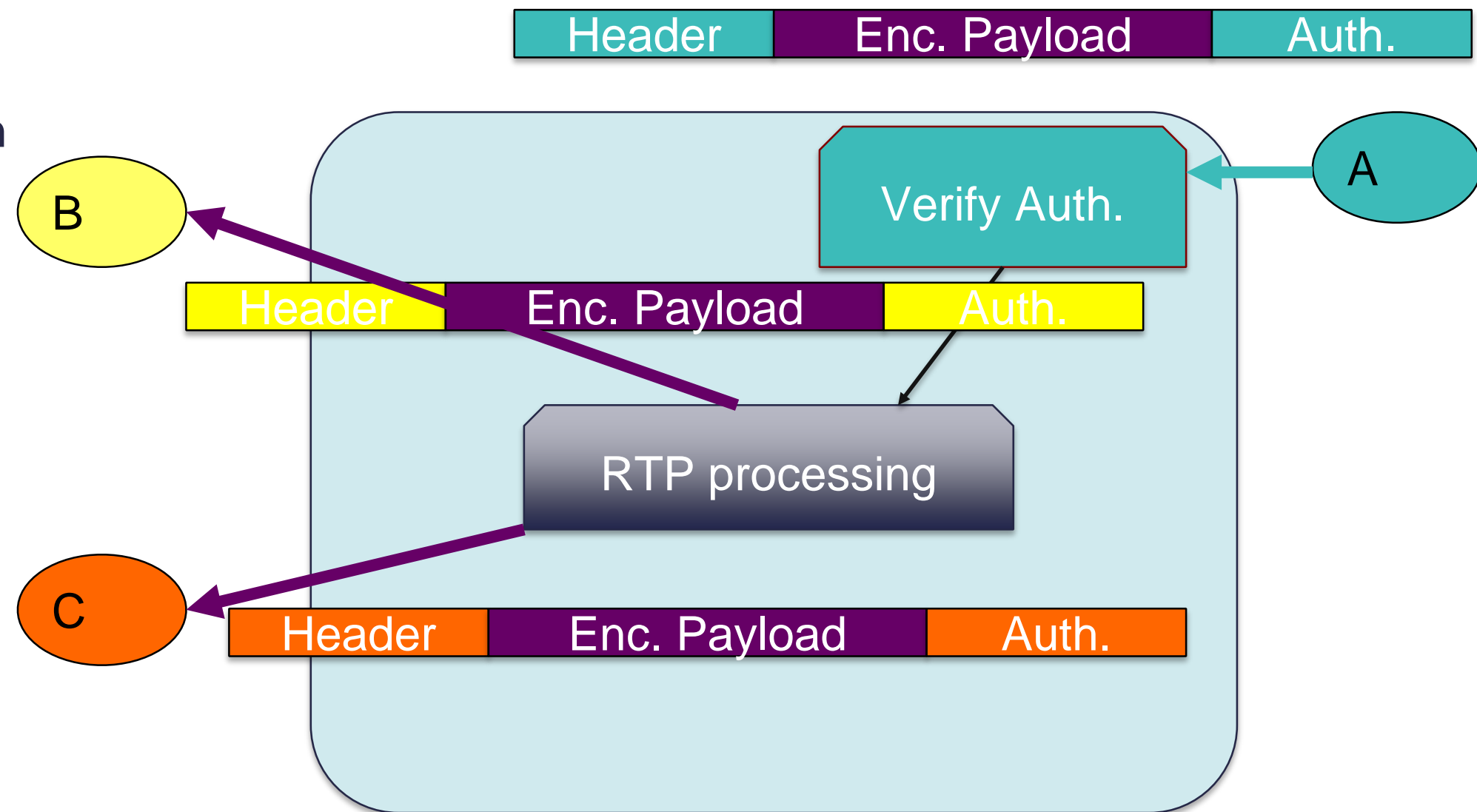
# The Old way to do Multi-User Security Using SRTP

- ✦ Endpoint encrypts/authenticates using SRTP with its own key and unique SSRC per stream
- ✦ Multi-point server verifies authentication and decrypts each stream
- ✦ Multi-point server generates a unique key for each endpoint and a unique SSRC per stream per endpoint
- ✦ Multi-point server generates a new RTP header and encrypts and authenticates prior to forwarding
- ✦ SRTP context is managed between endpoint transmitters and server as well as between server and endpoint receivers



# Multi-User Security with Content Privacy (the New Way)

- ✦ Endpoint transmitter encrypts and authenticates content
- ✦ Multi-point server verifies authentication, modifies RTP header and re-authenticates
- ✦ Key used for media encryption is not known to server
- ✦ Endpoint receiver authenticates packet and decrypt media



# WebRTC, Privacy, TOR, and VPNs

- The WebRTC API allows a webpage to get your IP addresses

This includes, public, private, and multi-homed

Needed to provide these to the other side to send peer to peer traffic

Web servers have always got your public address

- If you run a split tunnel VPN, it reveals both external interfaces

If you are in Canada, and have a VPN into the US so you look american to netflix, a netflix web client might be able to figure out that one of your public IPs is in Canada and one is in the US

- If you are using a VPN to hide your location, don't use a split tunnel

Many enterprises have a policy against using split VPN



# Standards & Implementations

# Standards: WebRTC and RTCW

W3C Working Draft



## WebRTC 1.0: Real-time Communication Between Browsers

W3C Working Draft 21 August 2012

**This version:**  
<http://www.w3.org/TR/2012/WD-webrtc-20120821/>  
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Network Working Group	H. Alvestrand
Internet-Draft	Google
Intended status: Standards Track	February 20, 2013
Expires: August 24, 2013	

## Overview: Real Time Protocols for Brower-based Applications

### Abstract

This document gives an overview and context of a protocol suite applications that can be deployed in browsers - "real time comm". It intends to serve as a starting and coordination point to make s achieve this goal are findable, and that the parts that belong in t specified and on the right publication track. This document is a work item of the RTCWEB working group.

Network Working Group	J. Uberti
Internet-Draft	Google
Intended status: Standards Track	C. Jennings
Expires: April 25, 2013	Cisco
	October 22, 2012

## Javascript Session Establishment Protocol

### Abstract

This document proposes a mechanism for allowing a Javascript application to fully control the signaling plane of a multimedia session, and discusses how this would work with existing signaling protocols.

RTC-Web	E. Rescorla
Internet-Draft	RTFM, Inc.
Intended status: Standards Track	January 22, 2013
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## Security Considerations for RTC-Web

### Abstract

The Real-Time Communications on the Web (RTC-Web) working group is tasked with for real-time communications between Web browsers. The major technology are real-time audio and/or video calls, Web data transfer. Unlike most conventional real-time systems (e.g., RTC-Web communications are directly controlled by some Web security challenges. For instance, a Web browser might expose a sows a server to place a video call. Unrestricted access to such an which a user visited to "bug" a user's computer, capturing any front of their camera. This document defines the RTC-Web threat chitecture which provides security within that threat model.

# IETF RTCWeb WG

- Main IETF work is done in the RTCWeb working group
- Key documents are
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-audio
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-audio-codecs-for-interop
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-constraints-registry
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-data-channel
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-data-protocol
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-fec
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-jsep
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-overview
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-rtp-usage
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-stun-consent-freshness-11.txt
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-transports
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-use-cases-and-requirements
  - draft-ietf-rtcweb-video

# W3C WebRTC WG

- W3C work is done in WebRTC working group
- Key documents are:
  - <http://w3c.github.io/webrtc-pc/>
  - <http://w3c.github.io/mediacapture-main/>



# Implementations

- **Mozilla - Firefox**

Working implementation with  
audio / video  
data channels

Ongoing work on evolving standards

- **Google - Chrome**

Working implementation with  
audio / video  
data channels

Ongoing work on evolving standards

- **Apple - Safari**

Maintaining strict secrecy

- **Microsoft - IE**

Very active in contributing to standards

Released a plugin that can provide limited  
functionality via polyfill

Conflicting statements about will do WebRTC 1.1 /  
will not do SDP

# ORTC

- WebRTC always recognized they could do both a high level and low level API
  - Decided to start with high level API and later do low level API
  - Microsoft had desired a low level API first but that proposal was rejected by the WG
- Microsoft formed a community group to push it's low level API called ORTC
  - this is not a standards forming group
- Once WebRTC 1.0 is done, the WebRTC WG would like to start working on a low level API
  - The low level API would sill keep the high level API as well and become WebRTC 1.1
  - ORTC would be relevant input to this
  - Microsoft has objected to the WG charter update to do this



# Ongoing Major Items

- Screen Capture API
- Depth Camera (3D range images)
- Control of coding for video on particular Peer Connection (Adding new JS object)
- Congestion Control
- Recording
- Simulcast Video
- Trickle ICE
- Port reduction with Bundle
- Partial Offer / Answer



# Summary

# The Power to Create

Ease of  
Development

- No VoIP expertise needed
- Enables huge web developer population
- New applications
- Mashable components
- Cross platform

Ease of  
Deployment

- Distribution = URL
- Datacenter, not individual devices
- Low maintenance
- Rapid updates

Many  
Devices

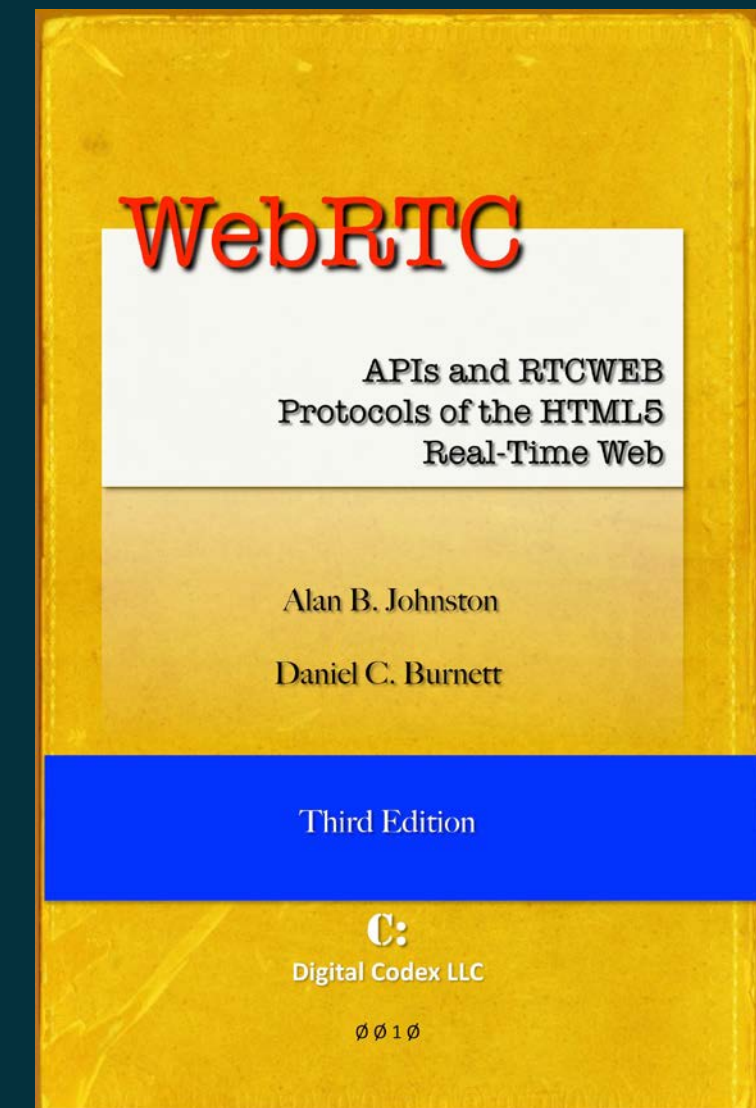
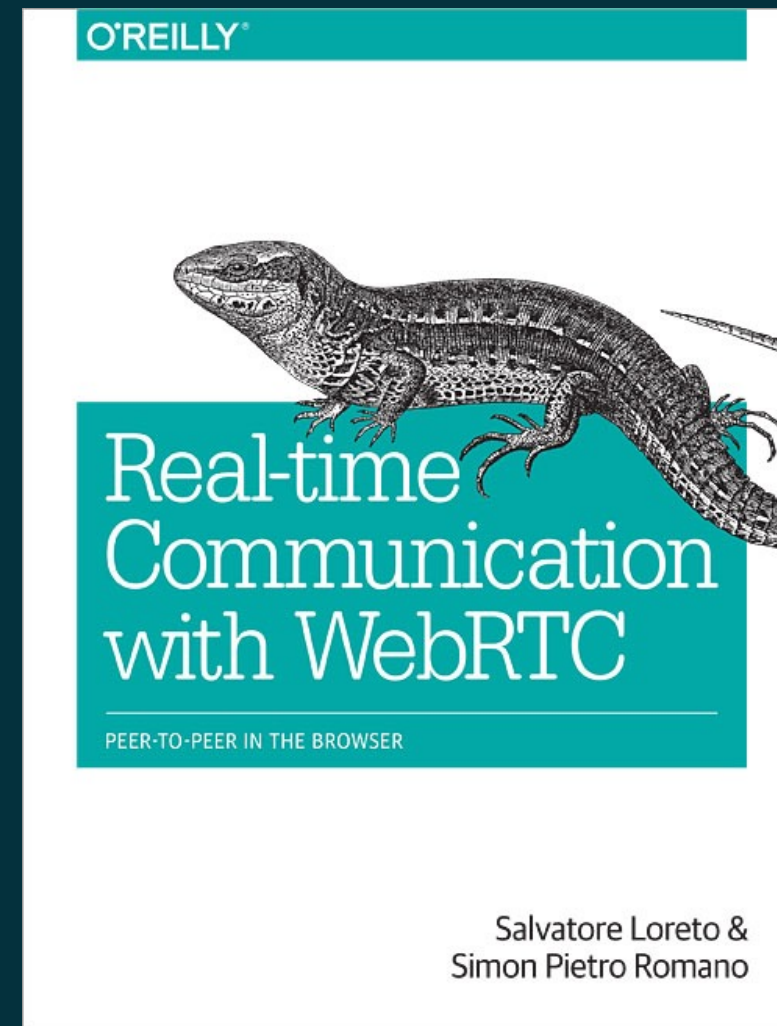
- Click to access
- Any device
- Reduced need for plugins/native apps
- Extends business comm. systems

Massive  
Adoption



# Digging Deeper

- Read the specifications at :
  - <http://w3c.github.io/webrtc-pc/>
  - <http://w3c.github.io/mediacapture-main/>
  - <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/rtcweb/>
- Read the books:
  - <http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0636920030911.do>
  - <http://webrtcbook.com/>(and many more )
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