

SIP calls in a WebRTC-compatible browser

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Web Call Server supports audio and video calls from a browser to SIP devices, PBX servers, SIP-GSM gates, VoIP conferences and other devices supporting the SIP protocol. Therefore, a web application can work in a browser as a software phone with the support for the SIP protocol, receive and initiate voice and video calls.

Overview

Supported platforms and browsers

	Chrome	Firefox	Safari 11	Edge
Windows	+	+		+
Mac OS	+	+	+	
Android	+	+		
iOS	-	-	+	

Supported protocols

- WebRTC
- RTP
- SIP

Supported codecs

- H.264
- VP8
- G.711
- Speex
- G.729
- Opus

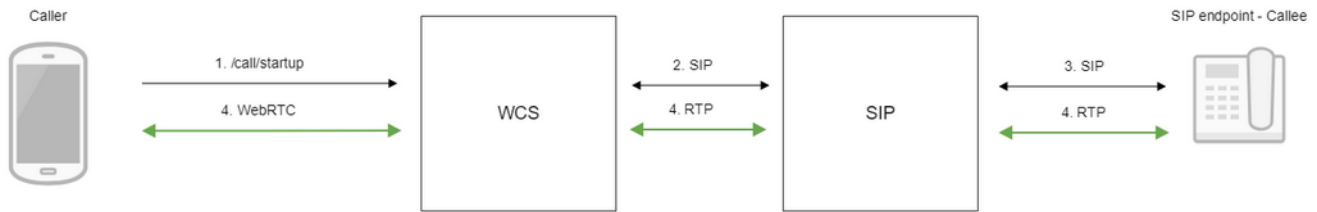
Supported SIP functions

- DTMF
- Holding a call
- Transferring a call

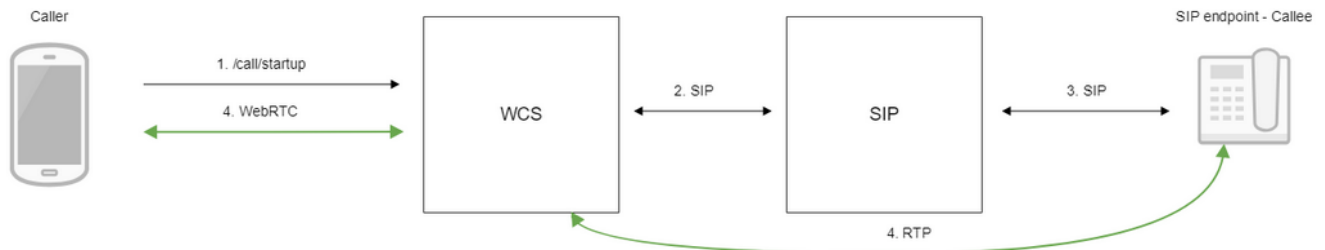
Management of SIP functions is performed with the REST API.

Operation flowchart

1: SIP server as a proxy server to transfer calls and RTP media



2: SIP server as a server to transfer calls only



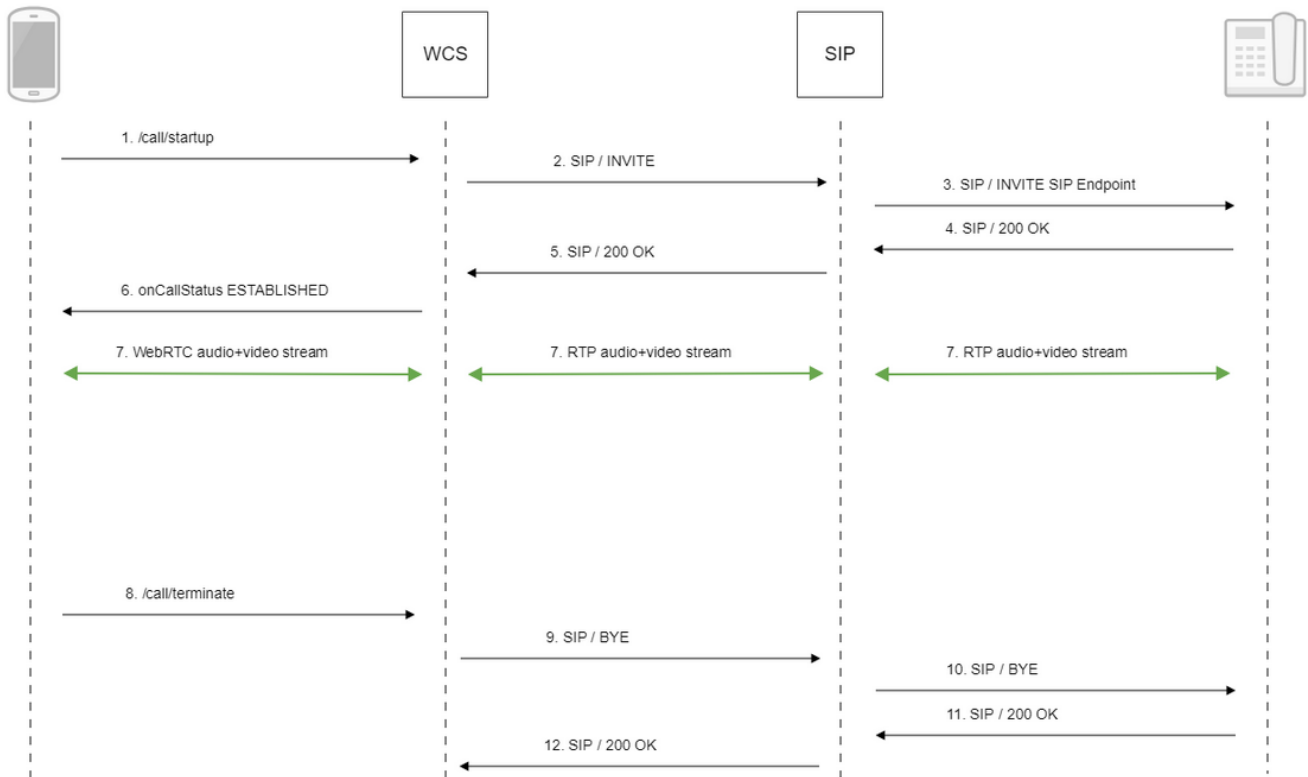
1. The browsers initiates a call using the /call/startup REST query.
2. WCS connects to the SIP server.
3. The SIP server connects to the SIP device receiving the call.
4. The browser and the SIP device exchange audio and video streams.

Call flow

Below is the call flow when using the Phone example to create a call.

[phone.html](#)

[phone.js](#)



1. Sending the /call/startup REST query using JavaScript API:

`session.createCall()`, `call.call()`[code](#)

```

var outCall = session.createCall({
  callee: $("#callee").val(),
  visibleName: $("#sipLogin").val(),
  localVideoDisplay: localDisplay,
  remoteVideoDisplay: remoteDisplay,
  constraints: constraints,
  receiveAudio: true,
  receiveVideo: false
  ...
});

outCall.call();
  
```

2. Establishing a connection to the SIP server

3. Establishing a connection to the callee

4. Receiving a confirmation from the SIP device

5. Receiving a confirmation from the SIP server

6. Receiving from the server an event confirming successful connection.

`CallStatusEvent ESTABLISHED`[code](#)

```

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    visibleName: $("#sipLogin").val(),
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    remoteVideoDisplay: remoteDisplay,
    constraints: constraints,
    receiveAudio: true,
    receiveVideo: false
}).on(CALL_STATUS.RING, function(){
    ...
}).on(CALL_STATUS.ESTABLISHED, function(){
    setStatus("#callStatus", CALL_STATUS.ESTABLISHED);
    $("#holdBtn").prop('disabled', false);
    onAnswerOutgoing();
}).on(CALL_STATUS.HOLD, function() {
    ...
}).on(CALL_STATUS.FINISH, function(){
    ...
}).on(CALL_STATUS.FAILED, function(){
    ...
});

outCall.call();

```

7. The caller and the callee exchange audio and video streams

8. Terminating the call

call.hangup()[code](#)

```

function onConnected(session) {
    $("#connectBtn, #connectTokenBtn").text("Disconnect").off('click').click(function(){
        $(this).prop('disabled', true);
        if (currentCall) {
            showOutgoing();
            disableOutgoing(true);
            setStatus("#callStatus", "");
            currentCall.hangup();
        }
        session.disconnect();
    }).prop('disabled', false);
}

```

9. Sending the command to the SIP server

10. Sending the command to the SIP device

11. Receiving a confirmation from the SIP device

12. Receiving a confirmation from the SIP server

Making an outgoing call from a browser to a SIP device

1. For the test we use:

- two SIP accounts;
- the [Phone Video](#) web application to make a call;
- a software phone to answer the call.

2. Open the Phone Video web application. Enter the data of the SIP account making the call from a browser:

Phone Video

Connection

WCS URL

wss://test1.flashphoner.com:8443



SIP Login

10006

SIP Auth Name

10006

SIP Password

.....



SIP Domain

yourdomain.net

**SIP Outbound
Proxy**

yourdomain.net

SIP Port

5060

**Register
required**



Connect

3. Run the software phone, enter the data of the SIP account receiving the call:

Account Voicemail Topology Presence Transport Advanced

Account name:

Protocol:

Allow this account for —

☒ Call

☒ IM / Presence

User Details —

* User ID:

* Domain:

Password:

Display name:

Authorization name:

Domain Proxy —

☒ Register with domain and receive calls

Send outbound via:

☒ Domain

☐ Proxy Address:

4. Click the Connect button in the browser. Then enter the identifier of the SIP account that receives the call and click the Call button:

SIP Port

5060

Register required

☒

REGISTERED

Disconnect

10005

Call

5. Answer the call in the softphone by clicking the answer a video call button:

Softphone View Contacts Help



Presence Status

Available



Outgoing Account

Account 2



Enter name or number



Account 2: Incoming call



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1

2

ABC

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DEF

4

GHI

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JKL

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MNO

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PQRS

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TUV

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WXYZ

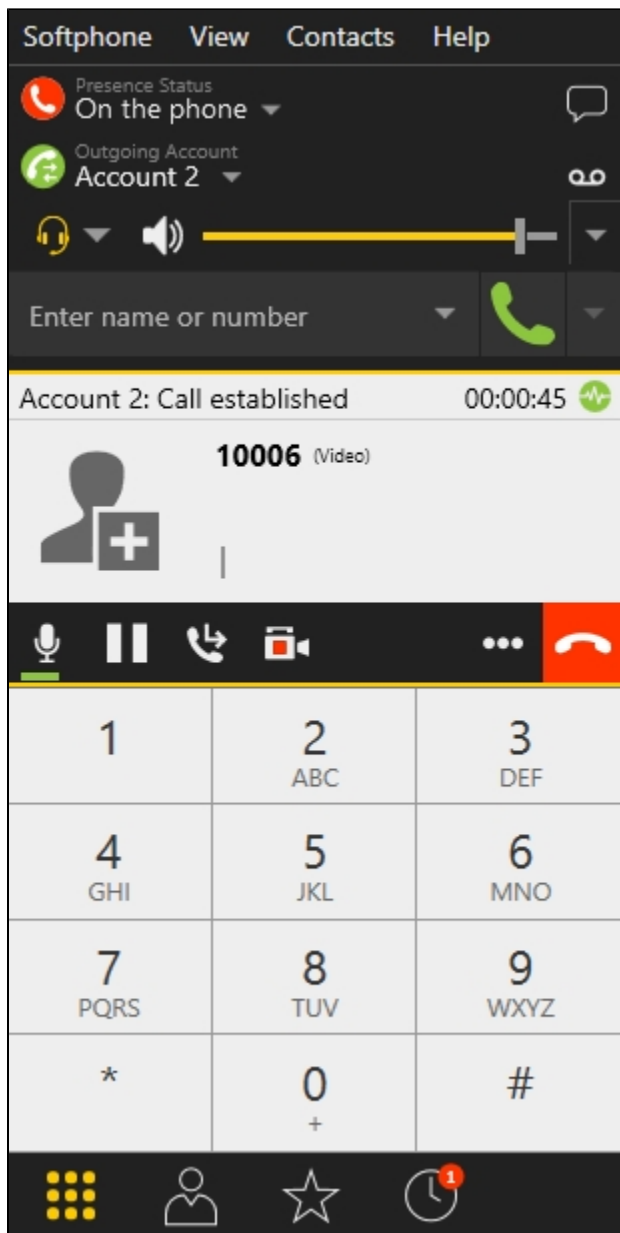
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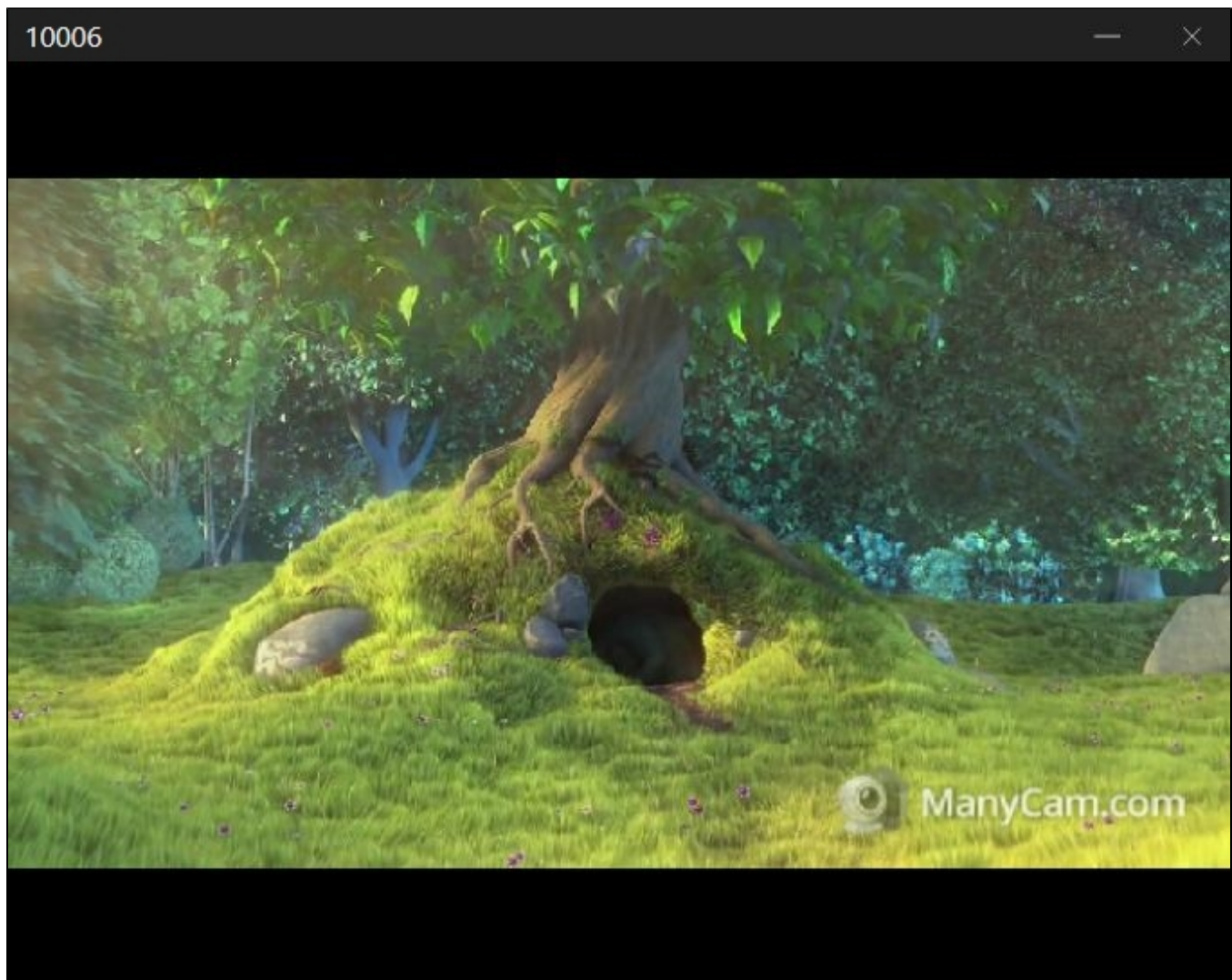
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In a separate video, the video broadcast from the browser is shown:



6. The browser also displays the video:



7. To terminate the call, click the Hangup button in the browser or in the softphone.

Receiving an incoming call from a SIP device in a browser

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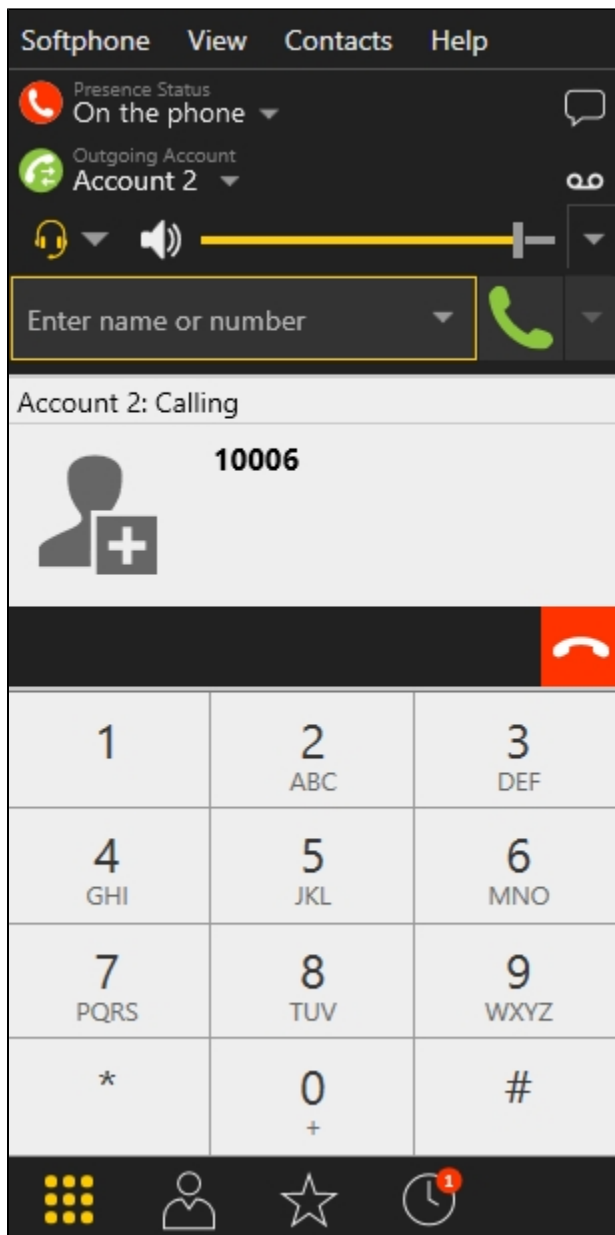
☒ Register with domain and receive calls

Send outbound via:

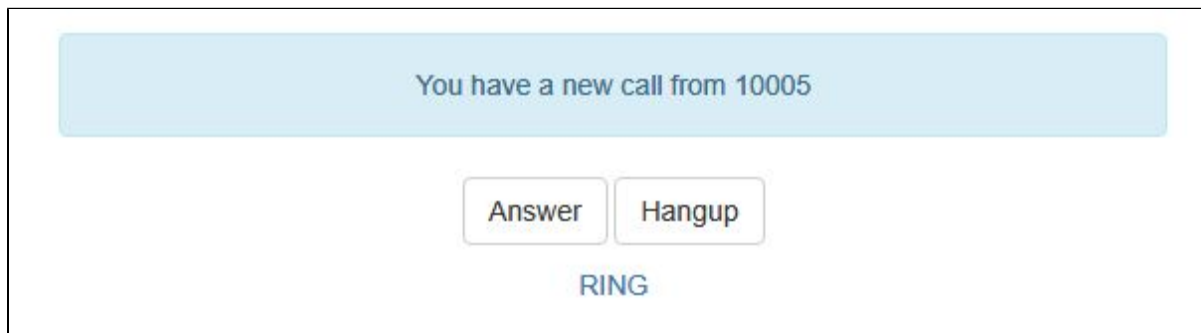
☒ Domain

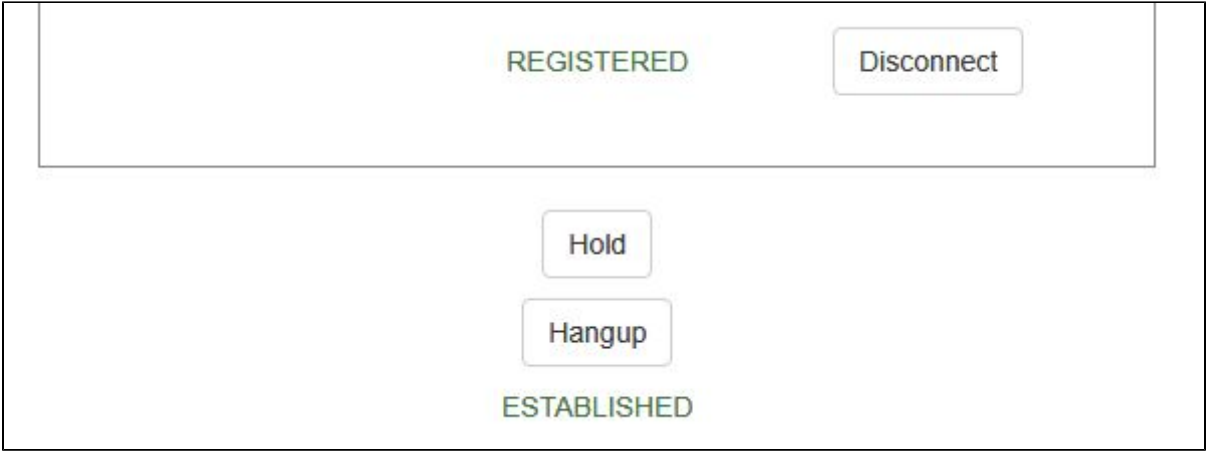
☐ Proxy Address:

4. Click the Connect button in the browser, a connection to the server is established. In the softphone enter the identifier of the SIP account that receives the call and click the Call button:



5. Answer the call in the browser by clicking the Answer button:

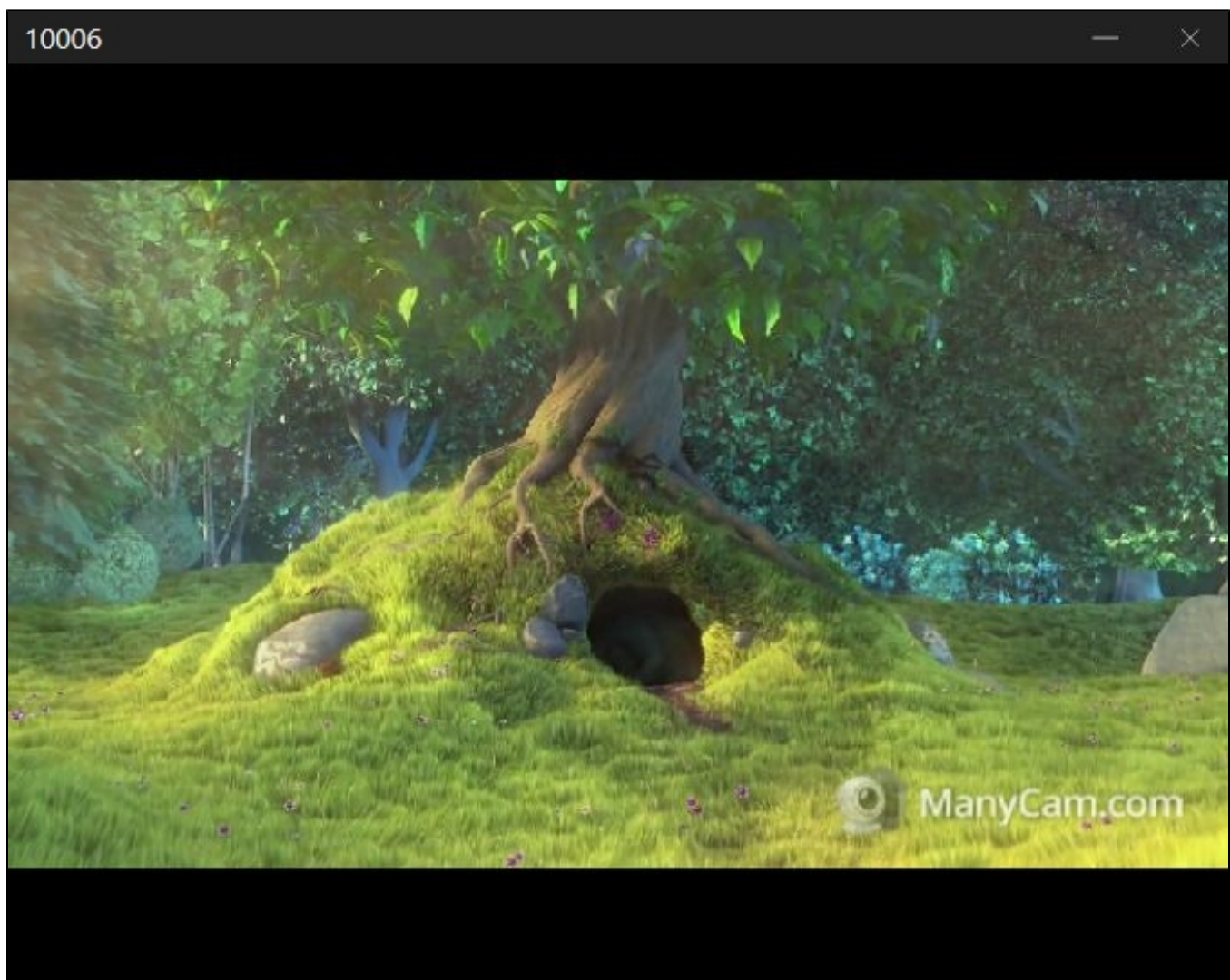




6. The browser displays the video:



7. The video broadcast from a browser also displays in a separate window of the softphone:



8. To terminate the call, click the Hangup button in the browser or the end call button in the softphone.

Camera, microphone and sound output devices management

Selection and switching input and output devices

Like a [video stream capture](#), camera, microphone and (in Chrome browser only) sound output device can be selected while making a SIP call from browser. Besides, devices can be switched during a call.

Callee SIP username		Call
Camera	ManyCam Virtual Webcam ▼	Next
Mic	Microphone (ManyCam Virtual Microphone) ▼	Next
Speaker	Speakers (Realtek High Definition Audio) ▼	

1. Choosing camera, microphone and sound output device [code](#):

```
Flashphoner.getMediaDevices(null, true, MEDIA_DEVICE_KIND.ALL).then(function (list) {
  for (var type in list) {
    if (list.hasOwnProperty(type)) {
      list[type].forEach(function(device) {
        if (device.type == "mic") {
          ...
        } else if (device.type == "speaker") {
          ...
        } else if (device.type == "camera") {
          ...
        }
      });
    }
  }
  ...
}).catch(function (error) {
  $("#notifyFlash").text("Failed to get media devices "+error);
});
```

2. Switching sound output device during a call [code](#):

```
$( "#speakerList" ).change(function() {
  if (currentCall) {
    currentCall.setAudioOutputId($(this).val());
  }
});
```

3. Switching microphone during a call [code](#):

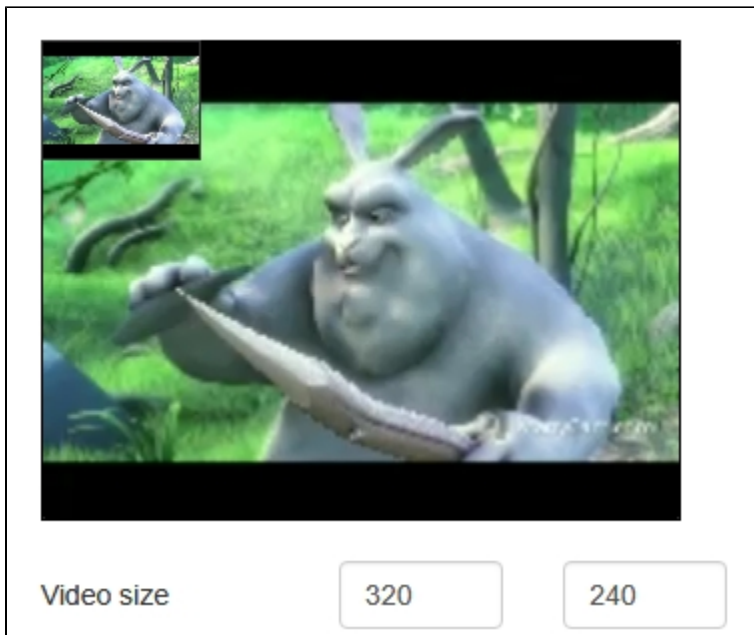
```
$("#switchMicBtn").click(function() {
  if (currentCall) {
    currentCall.switchMic().then(function(id) {
      $('#micList option:selected').prop('selected', false);
      $('#micList option[value="'+ id +'"]').prop('selected', true);
    }).catch(function(e) {
      console.log("Error " + e);
    });
  }
}).prop('disabled', true);
```

4. Switching camera during a call [code](#):

```
$("#switchCamBtn").click(function() {
  if (currentCall) {
    currentCall.switchCam().then(function(id) {
      $('#cameraList option:selected').prop('selected', false);
      $('#cameraList option[value="'+ id +'"]').prop('selected', true);
    }).catch(function(e) {
      console.log("Error " + e);
    });
  }
}).prop('disabled', true);
```

Video size setting

An outgoing video size can be specified while making a call



code:

```
function getConstraints() {
  var constraints = {
    ...
    video: {
      deviceId: {exact: $('#cameraList').find(":selected").val()},
      width: parseInt($('#sendWidth').val()),
      height: parseInt($('#sendHeight').val())
    }
  };
  if (Browser.isSafariWebRTC() && Browser.isiOS() && Flashphoner.getMediaProviders()[0] === "WebRTC") {
    constraints.video.width = {min: parseInt($('#sendWidth').val()), max: 640};
    constraints.video.height = {min: parseInt($('#sendHeight').val()), max: 480};
  }
  return constraints;
}
```

Making a call without microphone and camera

In some cases, when a call supposes no two-way communication, e.g. when calling to voice menu, it is possible to make a call without using microphone and camera.

To do this RTP activity timer should be disabled with following parameter in [flashphoner.properties](#) file

```
rtp_activity_detecting=false
```

and turn off audio and video in outgoing call constraints for Chrome, Safari and MS Edge browsers

```

var constraints = {
  audio: false,
  video: false
};

var outCall = session.createCall({
  callee: $("#callee").val(),
  visibleName: $("#sipLogin").val(),
  constraints: constraints,
  ...
})

```

In addition to it, an empty audio stream should be created for Firefox browser:

```

var constraints = {
  audio: false,
  video: false
};
if(Browser.isFirefox()) {
  var audioContext = new AudioContext();
  var emptyAudioStream = audioContext.createMediaStreamDestination().stream;
  constraints.customStream = emptyAudioStream;
}
var outCall = session.createCall({
  callee: $("#callee").val(),
  visibleName: $("#sipLogin").val(),
  constraints: constraints,
  ...
})

```

WebRTC statistics displaying

A client application can get WebRTC statistics according to the [standard](#) during a SIP call. The statistics can be displayed in browser, for example:



Video size

Mute Audio

☐ off

Mute Video

☐ off

Statistics Video

Bytes sent	41485
Packets sent	535
Frames encoded	517

Statistics Audio

Bytes sent	154972
Packets sent	901

Note that in Safari browser audio only statistics can be displayed.

1. Statistics displaying during a SIP call

call.getStats()[code](#):

```
currentCall.getStats(function (stats) {
  if (stats && stats.outboundStream) {
    if (stats.outboundStream.videoStats) {
      $('#videoStatBytesSent').text(stats.outboundStream.videoStats.bytesSent);
      $('#videoStatPacketsSent').text(stats.outboundStream.videoStats.packetsSent);
      $('#videoStatFramesEncoded').text(stats.outboundStream.videoStats.framesEncoded);
    } else {
      ...
    }

    if (stats.outboundStream.audioStats) {
      $('#audioStatBytesSent').text(stats.outboundStream.audioStats.bytesSent);
      $('#audioStatPacketsSent').text(stats.outboundStream.audioStats.packetsSent);
    } else {
      ...
    }
  }
});
```

Supported codecs setting

WCS sets the codecs supported to INVITE SDP according to the following parameters in [flashphoner.properties](#) file

1. The codecs specified with codecs parameter are included to INVITE SDP, by default

```
codecs=opus,alaw,ulaw,g729,speex16,g722,mpeg4-generic,telephone-event,h264,vp8,flv,mpv
```

2. The codecs specified with codecs_exclude_sip parameter are excluded from INVITE SDP, by default

```
codecs_exclude_sip=mpeg4-generic,flv,mpv
```

3. The codecs specified by browser are excluded from INVITE SDP if this parameter is set

```
allow_outside_codecs=false
```

4. The codecs specified with stripCodecs parameter in client application are excluded from INVITE SDP, for example:

```
var outCall = session.createCall({
  callee: $("#callee").val(),
  ...
  stripCodecs: "SILK,G722"
  ...
});

outCall.call();
```

Additional SDP parameters passing in INVITE request and 200 OK response

When call is made with JavaScript API, an additional parameters can be passed to control bandwidth via SDP, for outgoing calls (to INVITE request)

```
var sdpAttributes = ["b=AS:3000","b=TIAS:2500000","b=RS:1000","b=RR:3000"];
var outCall = session.createCall({
  sipSDP: sdpAttributes,
  ...
});
```

and incoming calls (to 200 OK response)

```

var sdpAttributes = ["b=AS:3000", "b=TIAS:2500000", "b=RS:1000", "b=RR:3000"];
    inCall.answer({
        sipSDP: sdpAttributes,
        ...
    });

```

Those parameters will be added to SDP after connection information ("c=IN IP4 <WCS IP>") and before time description ("t=0 0"):

```

v=0
o=Flashphoner 0 1541068898263 IN IP4 192.168.1.5
s=Flashphoner/1.0
c=IN IP4 192.168.1.5
b=AS:3000
b=TIAS:2500000
b=RS:1000
b=RR:3000
t=0 0
m=audio

```

SIP calls using SIP TLS signaling

SIP TLS signaling may be enabled with the following parameter

```
sip_use_tls=true
```

In this case, SIP PBX certificate will be checked using local system certificates storage. Therefore, a valid SSL certificate from well known CA should be installed on SIP PBX server to use SIP TLS.

SIP calls via SIP PBX server with self-signed SSL certificate

To make a SIP call via SIP PBX server with self-signed SSL certificate, this certificate should be added to local storage on the server where WCS is installed:

1. Get self-signed SSL certificate from SIP PBX server

```
openssl s_client -showcerts -connect 192.168.0.153:5061
```

Where

- 192.168.0.153 - SIP PBX server IP address
- 5061 - SIP TLS port

2. Copy certificates from the SIP server response

```

Certificate chain
 0 s:/CN=pbx.mycompany.com/O=My Super Company
  i:/CN=Asterisk Private CA/O=My Super Company
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
... SIP server certificate goes here
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
 1 s:/CN=Asterisk Private CA/O=My Super Company
  i:/CN=Asterisk Private CA/O=My Super Company
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
... SIP server CA certificate goes here
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

```

then add them to pbx.crt file. The file content should be like this:

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
... SIP server certificate goes here
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
... SIP server CA certificate goes here
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

3. Detected Java home path

```
readlink -f $(which java)
```

For example, if the command above returned

```
/usr/java/jdk1.8.0_181/bin/java
```

then Java is installed to the folder

```
/usr/java/jdk1.8.0_181/
```

4. Find Java local certificate storage file path, for example

```
find /usr/java/jdk1.8.0_181/jre/lib/security/cacerts
```

5. Import the certificates retrieved on step 2 to Java local certificate storage

```
keytool -importcert -keystore /usr/java/jdk1.8.0_181/jre/lib/security/cacerts -storepass changeit -file pbx.crt -alias "pbx"
```

6. Restart WCS.

Connection to an existing session

Sometimes it is necessary to connect to already existing session and receive an incoming call. It is usually actual on mobile devices where websocket session is closed automatically when browser goes to background. In this case, only push notifications are available. To keep the session active after disconnection, the `keepAlive` option should be set while creating the session

```
var connectionOptions = {
  urlServer: url,
  keepAlive: true,
  sipOptions: sipOptions
};
...
Flashphoner.createSession(connectionOptions).on(SESSION_STATUS.ESTABLISHED, function(session, connection){
  ...
});
```

In this case, session stays active until the following interval in milliseconds is expired (3600 seconds, or 1 hour by default)

```
client_timeout=3600000
```

This interval is periodically checked. The checking period is set in milliseconds by the following parameter (300 seconds, or 5 minutes by default)

```
client_timeout_check_interval=300000
```

A session token should be stored while creating the session

```
Flashphoner.createSession(connectionOptions).on(SESSION_STATUS.ESTABLISHED, function(session, connection){
    authToken = connection.authToken;
    ...
});
```

Then application may connect to the session again using this token (for example, if incoming call push notification is received):

```
var connectionOptions = {
    urlServer: url,
    keepAlive: true
};

if (authToken) {
    connectionOptions.authToken = authToken;
} else {
    connectionOptions.sipOptions = sipOptions;
}

Flashphoner.createSession(connectionOptions).on(SESSION_STATUS.ESTABLISHED, function(session, connection){
    ...
});
```

Known issues

1. It's impossible to make a SIP call if 'SIP Login' and 'SIP Authentication name' fields are incorrect

Symptoms: SIP call stuck in PENDING state.

Solution: according to the [standard](#), 'SIP Login' and 'SIP Authentication name' should not contain any of unescaped spaces and special symbols and should not be enclosed in angle brackets '<>'.

For example, this is not allowed by the standard

```
sipLogin='Ralf C12441@host.com'
sipAuthenticationName='Ralf C'
sipPassword='demo'
sipVisibleName='null'
```

and this is allowed

```
sipLogin='Ralf_C12441'
sipAuthenticationName='Ralf_C'
sipPassword='demo'
sipVisibleName='Ralf C'
```

2. There are some problems with sound while SIP calls from Edge browser.

Symptoms:

- a) The outgoing sound is sometimes abruptly muffled, then it goes normally.
- b) The incoming sound is heard only if you speak into the microphone.

Solution:

Switch SILK and G.722 codecs usage off in SIP calls for Edge browser with `stripCodecs` option:

```
var outCall = session.createCall({
  callee: $("#callee").val(),
  visibleName: $("#sipLogin").val(),
  localVideoDisplay: localDisplay,
  remoteVideoDisplay: remoteDisplay,
  constraints: constraints,
  receiveAudio: true,
  receiveVideo: false,
  stripCodecs: "silk,g722"
  ...
});

outCall.call();
```

or with server setting

```
codecs_exclude_sip=g722,mpg4-generic,flv,mpv
```

3. Microphone swithing does not work in Safari browser.

Symptoms: microphone does not switch usingswitchMic() WCS WebSDK method.

Solution: use another browser, because Safari always uses sound input microphone, that is chosen in system sound menu (hold down the option (alt) button and click on the sound icon in the menu bar). When microphone is chosen in sound menu, Mac reboot is required.

If Logitech USB camers microphone does not work (when it is chosen in sound menu), format / sample rate changing in Audio MIDI Setup and rebooting can help.

4. Outgoing video SIP call cannot be established if INVITE SDP size exceeds MTU

Symptoms: SIP server return 408 Reques timeout when trying to establish video SIP call, audio calls can be established successfully through the same server.

Solution: reduce the number of codecs in the INVITE SDP so that the SDP fit into the packet size defined by MTU (usually 1500 bytes)using the following settings

```
codecs_exclude_sip=mpg4-generic,flv,mpv,opus,ulaw,h264,g722,g729
allow_outside_codecs=false
```

Only codecs supported by both sides of the call should be left, in this case it is VP8 andPCMA (alaw).

5. There is no sound in browser if caller makes an audio+video call and callee responds with audio only

Symptoms: there is no sound in caller browser if caller makes an audio+video call (for instance, using Phone Video example) and callee responds with audio only (for instance, a call to IVR)

Solution: update WCS to build [5.2.1672](#) and enable video frames generator

```
generate_av_for_ua=all
```

6. IVR greeting plays not from beginning if caller makes audio+video call

Symptoms: there is a gap before IVR greeting starts playing if caller makes an audio+video call (for instance, using Phone Video example)

Solution: update WCS to build [5.2.1755](#) and reduce video frames generator start timeout

```
generate_av_for_ua=all
rtp_generator_start_timeout=100
```

7. An excessive video transcoding to VP8 starts when making a call between browsers

Symptoms: a video traffic is receiving from SIP server in H264 codec, but video is playing as VP8 in browser

Solution:

a) add the following parameter to WCS settings

```
profiles=42e01f,640028
```

b) add the following parameter if above does not help

```
proxy_use_h264_packetization_mode_1_only=false
```