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Abstract

Specifications in W3C's Media Capture Task Force and WebRTC Working Group have need of a registry in which to maintain a list of HTML Media constraints. This document defines this registry.

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1. Introduction

There are two W3C specifications that have need of a registry in which to represent constraints: `getusermedia`: Getting access to local devices that can generate multimedia streams [W3C.WD-getusermedia-2012xxxx] and `WebRTC 1.0: Real-time Communication Between Browsers` [W3C.WD-webrtc-20120209]. In the former, the `getUserMedia()` method on the `NavigatorUserMedia` interface takes an "options" argument (which may be renamed "constraints"). In the latter, the `addMedia()` method on the `PeerConnection` interface takes a "hints" parameter (soon to be renamed "constraints"). Both of these parameters make use of a data structure representing a list of constraints on the HTML media or media connection to be established. Additionally, both specifications also (will soon) define `getCapabilities()` methods that are used to query the web browser about its capabilities. The returned data structure specifies the browser's capabilities in terms of constraints that it can satisfy. The data structures and their use are defined in the aforementioned specifications. This document specifies the registry used to define individual constraint names, their allowed values, and their meanings.

2. Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

3. IANA Considerations

This document defines a registry "RTCWeb Media Constraints" for use by W3C specifications needing to indicate constraints on HTML Media, both as used by web application authors to indicate preferences and as used by web browsers to indicate constraints they can satisfy.

3.1. RTCWeb Media Constraints

IANA SHALL create a new name space of "RTCWeb Media Constraints". All maintenance within and additions to the contents of this name space MUST be according to the "Specification Required with Expert Review" registration policy as defined in RFC5226 [RFC5226]. The registry is initially empty. The registry is defined in the remainder of this section.

Each registry entry consists of a Name and a Reference (or list of references).

An RTCWeb Media Constraint Name MUST satisfy the following ABNF [RFC5234] specification:


```
rtcweb-media-constraint = media-type constraint-type constraint
media-type              = "audio" / "video"
constraint-type         = "Min" / "Max" / "Enum"
constraint               = %x41-5A 0*constraint-char
constraint-char         = ALPHA / DIGIT
```

Constraint names are case-sensitive.

A registration request **MUST** include the following information:

- o The constraint name to be registered
- o Name and Email address of a contact person for the registration
- o Organization or individuals having the change control
- o Reference(s) to the specification(s) defining the constraint

3.1.1. Designated Expert Instructions

Constraint names are of unlimited length according to the syntax. However, it is **RECOMMENDED** that they be no longer than 80 characters in total. This is to keep them reasonable for humans to read and use.

A constraint name with media-type of "audio" **MUST** be relevant to audio media streams and connections. A constraint of media-type "video" **MUST** be relevant to video media streams and connections.

A constraint **MUST** satisfy the following criteria based upon its constraint-type:

min

When used by a web application author, the constraint **MUST** represent the minimum value the author is willing to accept. When returned by a web browser as a capability, the constraint **MUST** represent the minimum value that the web browser could satisfy if requested to by the web application author. The constraint specification **MUST** clearly define the units associated with the value if the value itself does not specify them.

max

When used by a web application author, the constraint **MUST** represent the maximum value the author is willing to accept. When returned by a web browser as a capability, the constraint **MUST** represent the maximum value that the web browser could satisfy if requested to by the web application author. The constraint specification **MUST** clearly define the units associated with the value if the value itself does not specify them.

enum

The constraint specification **MUST** enumerate all allowed values.

The constraint MUST be well enough defined in the specification that it is understandable by implementors and application developers that will use the constraint. The constraint SHOULD NOT duplicate a condition that can be achieved using constraints already defined in the registry. The constraint name SHOULD be appropriate and specific enough for the constraint.

4. Security Considerations

Since the constraints envisioned for this registry are fairly generic in nature, it is not expected that the mere existence of this registry will introduce any particular security issues. Any specification defining one or more new constraints SHOULD address any specific security issues that might be introduced by the constraint(s).

5. References

5.1. Normative References

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