

ACTION-62, <http://www.w3.org/2011/04/webrtc/track/actions/62>, "Propose Priority API" was assigned to me at Lyon.

There are several way to do this, e.g.

- * Constraints at addStream time
- * Fortran style, e.g.
 - ** pc.setPriority(track, priority);
- * Fortran style with constraints
 - ** pc.applyConstraints(track, constraints); //constraint for priority included
- * Follow what we did for DTMF, allow the creation of a separate object
 - ** pc.createTransportController(track);
 - ** Operate on the "TransporController".

After some thinking, I think I prefer the last solution (i.e. enable the creation of a separate object to handle transport related things) in combination with re-using constraints in the way Travis proposed in v6 [1].

There are a couple of reasons for this:

- * Constraints at addStream time can't handle tracks added to a stream at a later time, nor does it allow for changes
- * I think we will not only want to change priority, but also things like bit-rate, video codec operation (CBR, VBR), DTX on/off, ... - this means the Fortral style design would make the PeerConnection API grow a lot
- * Fortran style with Constraints is quite OK, but gives no natural place for reporting if during the session a constraint can (temporarily) not be met

So what I propose is basically:

- * Add one new method to PeerConnection:
 - ** createTransportHandler - takes a track (must be in a MediaStream in localStreams - otherwise there will be an error) as argument and returns a RTCTransportHandler object
- * The RTCTransportHandler (and please propose better names!) uses constraints in the same way is outlined in section 6.2 of [1]
- ** Initial constraints are priority and bitrate - we can add later as we see need

This design is very similar to the one selected for DTMF, re-uses constraints and how they are proposed to be used with MediaStreamTracks.

[1] http://dvcs.w3.org/hg/dap/raw-file/tip/media-stream-capture/proposals/SettingsAPI_proposal_v6.html

Addition to PeerConnection:

```
RTCTransportHandler createTransportHandler (MediaStreamTrack track);
```

New object:

```
interface RTCTransportHandler {
    readonly attribute MediaStreamTrack track;
    any          getConstraint (DOMString constraintName, optional boolean mandatory =
false);
    void          setConstraint (DOMString constraintName, any constraintValue, optional
boolean mandatory = false);
    TrackTransportConstraints? constraints ();
    void          applyConstraints (MediaTrackConstraints constraints);
    void          prependConstraint (DOMString constraintName, any constraintValue);
    void          appendConstraint (DOMString constraintName, any constraintValue);
    readonly attribute unsigned long?      bitrate;
    readonly attribute unsigned long?      priority;
    readonly attribute RTCTransportState transportState;
                attribute EventHandler onoverconstrained;
                attribute EventHandler ontransportstatechange;
};
```

```
enum RTCTransportState {
    "inactive",
    "active",
    "removed"
};
```

/* The idea above is that before any media starts flowing the state will be "inactive", once flowing has started the state will be "active"; if the media for some reason can not be streamed it will go back to "inactive", perhaps temporarily. "removed" covers the cases when a track, that is still part of a stream in localStreams, has been removed from the session (i.e. by some SDP manipulation).*/

Constraints:

```
bitrate      unsigned long or MinMaxConstraint
priority PriorityEnum
```

```
enum RTCPriority {
    "very-low",
    "low",
    "medium", //default
    "high",
```

```
    "very-high"  
}
```

Constraints that can be considered for addition in the future:

- Video codec operation (CBR, VBR)
- Use discontinuous transmission/comfor noise
- Use of FEC

Example:

```
var audioMinBitrate = 15; // we would not like the audio to go below 15 kbps  
var audioMaxBitrate = 30; // we would not like the audio to go above 30 kbps  
var videoMinBitrate = 400; // we would not like the video to go below 400 kbps  
var videoMaxBitrate = 1000; // we would not like the audio to go above 1000 kbps
```

```
/* stream has two tracks, one audio (Id = xyz) and one video (Id = zyx) */  
{  
    pc.addStream(stream);  
    var audioTrsp = pc.createTransportHandler(stream.getTrackById(xyz));  
    audioTrsp.setConstraint("bitrate", {min: audioMinBitrate, max: audioMaxBitrate}, false);  
    var videoTrsp = pc.createTransportHandler(stream.getTrackById(zyx));  
    videoTrsp.setConstraint("bitrate", {min: videoMinBitrate, max: videoMaxBitrate}, false);  
}
```

/* onnegotiationneeded fires, the app carries out the JSEP / SDP o/a stuff, and rtp starts flowing.

At some later point in time there is a reason to put the priority for the video to very-high, and that is the most important thing: */

```
{  
    var videoTrsp = pc.createTransportHandler(stream.getTrackById(zyx));  
    videoTrsp.prependConstraint("priority", "very-high", false);  
}
```