Integration of the Chromium Browser in the GENIVI Platform

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• 15 years of experience
• Important contributions to:
  • Client-side web technologies: WebKit, Blink/Chromium, Servo
  • Graphics & Multimedia: Mesa, GStreamer
  • Compilers: V8, JavaScriptCore, SpiderMonkey, Guile
  • Software-defined networking: Snabb
  • ...
Introduction
Goals of the project

- Integrate full-featured Chromium browser in GDP
  - Use Intel’s Ozone-Wayland project, most complete implementation of Wayland so far
    - Get latest possible version of the browser working

- Analyze and fix multi-seat implementation, if required

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Elements and versions

- Chromium: latest stable release was 54 at that point
- Ozone-Wayland: latest branch supports Chromium 53
- Meta-browser: supporting Chromium 48
- GENIVI BSPs
Rebase & integrate Chromium browser
Work on meta-browser

- Simplify configuration
  - Obsolete CHROMIUM_ENABLE_WAYLAND detection
- Build chromium+wayland version 53
  - Recipe was pointing to version 48
  - Required patch backport
- Fix specific build scenarios
  - x86 32 bit, mixed x11+wayland libs
- Contributed to upstream meta-browser project
Integration in GDP

- Integration with HMI: .app and .service files
  - .desktop for GDP12/master
- Force window size to get the proper aspect ratio
- Fix compilation on different platforms: Raspberry Pi 3, R-Car Gen 3
- Backport upstream chromium patch to fix issues with kernel >=4.5 (GDP master)
- Under revision on PR#53 (GDP master)
  - GDP 11 patches available in branch
Current status

- GDP integration under revision on PR#53 (GDP master)
- Supported hardware:
  - Minnowboard: up and running
  - R-Car Gen. 3: up and running
  - Raspberry Pi 3: work in progress
- HMI integration in GDP 12/master
  - Detected some issues in HMI side, hopefully fixed in master
Multi-seat implementation
Analysis

• Check status of multi-seat features in Ozone-Wayland

• Issues found:
  • Keyboard focus can be stolen
  • Only one browser window receives all input events on a multi-seat configuration
Keyboard focus can be stolen

- Underlying cause: no independent keyboard and pointer focus
  - Window with pointer focus also receives keyboard events
- Solution:
  - Split keyboard and pointer focus
  - Modify window focus logic
    - Enable window focus on keyboard events
    - Break assumption of only one focused window
Flow of events in Chromium processes
Multi-seat configuration problems

• Underlying cause: assumption there is only one focused window
  • Focused window receives all events
  • Chromium browser process gathers all events and sends them to the focused window
  • No awareness of the different seats sending events
Parts of the solution

• Input device abstractions must be aware of the seat they belong to
  • Add extra information to internal IPC messages related to events
• Browser process must be aware of the concept of “seat”
  • New IPC signal to sync seat objects between GPU and browser processes
• GPU process must check seat assignment
  • Sync with browser process using a new IPC signal
Current status

- WIP implementation available in branch wip/multi-seat
- Implementation is feature complete
- Requires some additional work & clean-up
- Goal: contribute back to main Ozone-Wayland project
  - Probably required to remove IVI input bits
Next steps
GENIVI future plans

• Short term: hardware support, Raspberry Pi
• CEF on Wayland
  • Will provide a stable API to build upon
  • Will provide API for embedders
• Browser API implementation
  • Start with a small subset of operations
GENIVI future plans

- Integration with GENIVI subsystems:
  - Audio Manager
  - Persistence API
- Longer term: replace Ozone-Wayland
  - Wait until upstream catches up