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Posted by [tojocky](#) on Wed, 30 Mar 2011 14:44:41 GMT

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mirek wrote on Wed, 30 March 2011 11:55

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Mirek,

What about V8 JavaScript performance, WebGL accelerate, etc.?

Your idea is to implement a lot of hard work what Google already done and tested.

Or I'm wrong?

Subject: Re: Chromium embedded in U++
Posted by [tojocky](#) on Wed, 30 Mar 2011 15:18:19 GMT
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Thanks to Honza for hint to analyze Google Chrome Frame. It is included in Internet Explorer Browser and communicate via IPC.

It seems that IE plug-in runs already reduced render chrome process. by command line:
"C:\Program Files\Google\Chrome Frame\Application\chrome.exe"
--automation-channel=ChromeTestingInterface:4544.1 --chrome-frame --no-first-run
--disable-popup-blocking --user-data-dir="C:\Documents and Settings\ilupascu\Local
Settings\Application Data\Google\Chrome Frame\User Data\explore"
--chrome-version=12.0.712.0 --lang=en-US --flag-switches-begin --flag-switches-end

The interesting part: Is possible to compile google Chrome frame in other OS?

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Posted by [dolik.rce](#) on Wed, 30 Mar 2011 15:48:36 GMT
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It is not very likely that Chrome Frame could be compiled under non-windows systems, but even looking at the code can give us a lot of information. Ion, did you look how does the architecture work? I assume that the chrome.exe provides just UI etc. and the rendering is separated in the renderer processes, is that right? If yes, we could just copy the interface and wrap it in U++...

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Honza

Well, I guess the question is that we already have similiar solution with IE and Firefox, at least in Win32...

Mirek

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Posted by [tojocky](#) on Fri, 01 Apr 2011 12:23:06 GMT

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Verifying the exes and dlls from C:\Program Files\Google\Chrome Frame\Application\ it seems to be the original Chrome files.

After that I downloaded the source code and find that it support NPAPI ActiveX, and ActiveDocs.

It is a good news because we can use NPAPI plugin to embed Chrome.

Some interesting links here:

<http://googlesystem.blogspot.com/2009/09/chrome-frame-not-just-for-internet.html>

http://src.chromium.org/viewvc/chrome/trunk/src/chrome_frame/

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Honza

Yes, You are right Honza.

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Posted by [xtradev](#) on Wed, 28 Dec 2011 08:50:40 GMT

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Hi Roman,

Welcome to the forum

I am following the development of this project quite closely, but for some reason I have trouble building it on my Arch linux box. Any help would be more than welcome, if you ever tried to build it...

It looks like a promising tool that could allow easy webkit integration into U++ (by "easy" I mean orders of magnitude easier than starting with vanilla webkit or chromium sources).

Best regards,
Honza

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+1

We really need a Upp Webkit control with simple usage through methods like
webkitctrl1.LoadURL("http://www.ultimatepp.org/").

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Posted by [tojocky](#) on Thu, 29 Dec 2011 14:40:56 GMT

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I'm afraid that in most cases relying that chromium is installed on the end user system (and has correct version) is not very good idea. CEF is just a library that can be packaged and shipped with your application easily, so you always know that your html rendering will work everywhere.

Honza

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wokari wrote on Sun, 10 June 2012 18:13

The information is very interesting. Thanks for sharing the info.

You are welcome.

Unfortunately I didn't had a real task to embed a browser in C++... and also I didn't had time for testing this one.

Looking in the Chromium source-code, IPC and display part (browser) is too close/dependent to all the code.

To simplify the things, I would propose to use libuv for IPC and to parse and display data on the C++ layout.

Mirek had proposed to use WebKit but I'm afraid that this is a lot of work. Mirek looks from stability

and dependents point of view.

Also you are welcome to share your ideas and your work.

Ion.
