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**Introduction**

In the SA4#113-e meeting a solution for presentation-type overlays was presented and accepted. In this follow-up contribution, we like to add an example message flow to clarify the use of presentation overlay further. Proposed changes to the permanent document of ITT4RT are indicated with change marks.

**Changes to PD & new section for example flows**

**6.3.5 Presentation overlay (screen share)**

One common situation in a meeting is to present additional material (e.g., slides, screen share video, notes, etc.) on a display (screen or projector). When capturing such a display with a 360-degree camera, this can lead to significant quality degradations, depending on the characteristics of the camera, display, and lighting conditions. Simply most setups will not allow to capture both users and a display in high detail and ideal lighting; further, the display refresh rate and camera capture rate are often mis-aligned. To mitigate this problem the ITT4RT client allows to replace the captured content with the original presentation material. Further, the replacement might have benefits in terms of reduced bandwidth and processing load the to the receiving ITT4RT-Rx client (compared to transmitting the presentation content as overlay parallel to the 360-degree content). We can consider the replacement of image data in the 360-degree video as a special case of overlays that should either be handled in the sending client (ITT4RT-Tx) of the 360-video or in the network (MRF/MCU) in the following way:

1. Signal that content replacement capability is available
2. Obtain (presentation) material
3. Analyze and determine the position of content in the 360-recording
4. Replace content or signal overlay parameters
5. (if applicable) Signal that replacement is performed

**Signal that content replacement capability is available**

Currently, the 360-degree video is indicated with the attribute “a=3gpp\_360video” in the SDP negotiation (Section 6.1). To indicate that the content overlay replacement is available, the SDP negotiation includes an additional new attribute “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement”. This is signalled as part of the SDP negotiation between the 360-degree ITT4RT-Tx client and the MRF/MCU.

If the replacement is fully handled in the 360-degree sending client (that is, this client is responsible for both capturing the 360-degree content and displaying the presentation content), it will not signal the attribute “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement”.

Note: The main importance of the “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement” attribute is to distinguish who can perform the replacement in the event that both the 360-degree capture client and the MRF/MCU support replacement.

**Obtain (presentation) material**

The availability of the presentation content is signalled with the SDP parameter “a=content:slides”[29].

Note: this step can be skipped if the replacement is fully handled in the 360-degree sending client (i.e., this client is both responsible for capturing the 360-degree content and the display of the presentation content).

**Analyze and determine the replacement configuration in the 360-recording**

How the replacement configuration (i.e., configuration in terms of sphere-relative overlay coordinates) is determined should be left as an implementation detail that does not need further specification. The output of this analysis includes the position of the content in the 360-degree video with the associated overlay characteristics to overlay/replace the image accordingly.

Note: Ideally, while receiving both 360-degree video and presentation content, the region should be identified automatically (e.g., with image recognition tasks like pattern matching [28]). However, a manual process could also be possible when handled directly by the sending UE.

Note: Assuming a static configuration of the 360-degree camera, the content position only needs to be identified once for the lifetime of an ITT4RT communication session. Even if the presentation content changes, the positional parameters in the 360-degree video might be reused.

**Replace content or signal overlay parameters**

Replacement implies decoding, replacement of the captured presentation content at the (exact) display coordinates in the 360-degree video, and finally encoding the new 360-degree video (i.e., with the same encoding parameters as the original 360-degree video).

The solution is based on the definition of OMAF edition 1 that remote users 'viewing position is the center of the unit sphere' [4] of the 360-degree image of the conference room. This means that all users view the 360-degree conference from the centre of the sphere, which is the capture position of the 360-degree camera.

Two options to replace content are possible, a) replace content directly in the 360-degree video (by injecting and re-encoding an adjusted version of the content given the identified overlay characteristics) and b) sending the video separately as overlay in the way specified in Chapter 6.3.

Replacing the content directly in the 360-degree video can be done either in the sending client of the 360-degree video or in the network (MRF/MCU).

**(if applicable) Signal that replacement is performed**

In some boundary cases, simply signalling that replacement is available via the attribute “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement” might not be enough. To indicate explicitly that replacement is performed, the responsible component (ITT4RT-Tx in terminal or ITT4RT-MRF) shall add the attribute “a=includes:content:slides” to the SDP of the 360-degree sending video (of the 360-degree video in which the content:slides was replaced).

**6.3.5.1 Presentation overlay example message flow**

Based on the four steps above, we can end up in four situations between the ITT4RT-Tx and ITT4RT-MRF negotiations:

1. The 360-content from the ITT4RT-Tx is suitable for replacement and the ITT4RT-MRF does support replacement
2. The 360-content from the ITT4RT-Tx is suitable for replacement and the ITT4RT-MRF does NOT support replacement – Replacement is executed in the ITT4RT-Tx
3. The 360-content from the ITT4RT-Tx is suitable for replacement and the ITT4RT-MRF does NOT support replacement – no replacement is executed
4. The 360-content is not suitable for replacement but the ITT4RT-MRF does support replacement
5. The 360-content is not suitable for replacement (e.g., the presentation is not visible in the conference room) and the ITT4RT-MRF does not supported replacement

Note: In the following examples, we focus on the flows where the ITT4RT-Tx is initiating the SDP negotiation. However, the flow would remain very similar for the case in which the ITT4RT-MRF initiates the SDP negotiation, in terms of added SDP parameters.

**Case 1 - The 360-content from the ITT4RT-Tx is suitable for replacement and the ITT4RT-MRF does support replacement**

Both ITT4RT-Tx and ITT4RT-MRF signal “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement” in the SDP negotiation and the replacement is executed in the ITT4RT-MRF.



**Figure 6.3.5.1.1 Replacement Flow – replacement in the ITT4RT-MRF**

**Case 2 - The 360-content from the ITT4RT-Tx is suitable for replacement and the ITT4RT-MRF does NOT support replacement – Replacement is executed in the ITT4RT-Tx**

In this case, the ITT4RT-Tx includes the attribute “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement” in the SDP negotiation, but any answer by the ITT4RT-MRF does NOT include the attribute “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement”. The ITT4RT-Tx will execute the replacement.



**Figure 6.3.5.1.2 Replacement in ITT4RT-Tx Flow – the ITT4RT-MRF does not support replacement and ITT4RT-Tx is executing the replacement**

Note: The details on how the ITT4RT-Tx (360) obtains the presentation material (a=content:slides) is not shown in this diagram and for further study. Important for the flow (if the ITT4RT-Tx is performing replacement) is that replacement can only be performed once the presentation material is signalled to the ITT4RT-Tx.

**Case 3 - The 360-content from the ITT4RT-Tx is suitable for replacement and the ITT4RT-MRF does NOT support replacement – no replacement is executed**

In this case, the ITT4RT-Tx includes the “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement” in the SDP negotiation, but any answer by the ITT4RT-MRF does NOT include the “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement” attribute. The presentation content is signalled by other means (send directly to the client).



**Figure 6.3.5.1.3 No Replacement Flow – the ITT4RT-MRF does not support replacement and additional content is signalled directly to the client as individual stream**

Note: Figure 6.3.5.1.1 depicts one potential outcome of Case 3, but other might be possible based on the application logic. For example, signaling the presentation content as a sphere-relative overlay.

Note: The presentation content could also be signaled between the MRF and the Client with the 3gpp overlay properties (to instruct the client with suitable overlay characteristics).

Note: If the MRF initiates the SDP negotiation, the call flow would be very similar, but the MRF would send an offer that does not include the replacement attribute (while the ITT4RT-Tx client would answer without the replacement attribute as well).

**Case 4 - The 360-content is not suitable for replacement but the ITT4RT-MRF does support replacement.**

In this case, the ITT4RT-Tx does not include the “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement” in the SDP negotiation. If the SDP negotiation is initiated by the ITT4RT-MRF, the ITT4RT-MRF includes the “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement” attribute, followed by an SDP response of the ITT4RT-Tx that does NOT include the attribute “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement”. Replacement will not be executed, and any additional presentation material can be signalled by other means (e.g. as sphere relative overlay).

**Case 5 - The 360-content is not suitable for replacement (e.g., the presentation is not visible in the conference room) and the ITT4RT-MRF does not support replacement**

In this case, no specific replacement related signalling will occur. Neither the ITT4RT-Tx nor the ITT4RT-MRF includes “a=3gpp\_360video\_replacement” in the SDP negotiation and no replacement will be made. Any additional presentation material can be signalled by other means (e.g., as a sphere relative overlay).

**Proposal**

With this contribution, we propose to add the example flow (Section 6.3.5.1) and minor text corrections in Section 6.3.5 into the permanent document of ITT4RT.