

Ogg Theora

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Ogg Theora: Activity

- New decoder
 - theora-exp decoder and API promoted to mainline
 - Supports full specification
 - Additional asm optimization by Nils Pipenbrinck
- Monty developing new encoder: "thusnelda"
 - Uses theora-exp motion search, mode decision
 - New rate control module planned
- Google Summer of Code: André Costa
 - FPGA decoder implementation on a LEON3
 - Works at 96x80, but needs memory controller



Ogg Theora: Challenges

- Getting active developers
 - Require highly specialized technical background
 - Corporate interests focused on MPEG
- Good tool integration
 - Seeking support usually poor or broken
 - Virtually no chaining support
 - Needed for hybrid streams that are a mix of 24fps and 30fps content, since Theora is fixed-framerate
- Adoption



Ogg Theora: Dependencies

- Libraries in use: libogg
- Projects dependent upon
 - Players (totem, vlc, xine, mplayer, etc.)
 - Content creation (ffmpeg2theora, Cinelerra, LiVES)



Ogg Theora: Next Steps

- Decoder
 - ARM/DSP optimization (Nokia N800, etc.)
- Encoder
 - Make "thusnelda" the new mainline
 - Still much work to do before it is ready
- Opera/Firefox integration
 - The codec issue in HTML5 is still not resolved
 - A defacto standard is better than nothing