XEP-0272: Multiparty Jingle (Muji)

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1 Introduction

Jingle (XEP-0166) \(^1\) is used to negotiate peer to peer media sessions. Muji (short for Multiparty Jingle) is a way to coordinate Jingle sessions between a group of people. Muji conferences are held in Multi-User Chat (XEP-0045) \(^2\) rooms.

2 How it Works

A Muji conference has a number of contents, each of which has unique name, content type, and an encoding. Each participant may provide a stream for each content, and communicates which contents they are willing to provide streams for, along with encoding information, in their MUC presence. This serves two purposes. Firstly, so that each participant knows which contents every other participant provides. Secondly, so that there is a global payload type (PT) mapping for the various contents, so that clients only need to encode and payload each content that they provide once.

Participants are not required to participate all the contents that are available. For example, a Muji client might choose to only request audio streams.

3 Joining a Conference

Joining a conference is done in two stages. The first step is to declare that preparations are being done to either join or start a muji session inside the MUC. This is indicated by the client sending a presence stanza to the MUC with a preparing element in muji section.

```xml
<presence from='wiccarocks@shakespeare.lit/laptop'
to='darkcave@chat.shakespeare.lit/oldhag'>
<c xmlns='http://jabber.org/protocol/caps'
    node='http://telepathy.freedesktop.org/wiki/Muji'
    ver='48QdBuXRCFb8qIzgy1FOHSG00U='
    hash='sha-1'/>
<muji xmlns='http://telepathy.freedesktop.org/muji'>
<preparing />
</muji>
</presence>
```

The client MUST then wait until the MUC rebroadcasts its presence message, after which it MUST wait for all other participants that had a preparing element in their presence to finish preparation. Afterwards it should finish its own preparation by updating its presence with the contents it wants to take part in.

4 Leaving a Conference

To leave a conference the Muji information MUST first be removed from the participant’s presence; subsequently it SHOULD terminate all Jingle sessions related to that conference. Updating the presence first reduces the likelihood of situations where new participants
add sessions with participants who are leaving the conference.

5 Adding a Content Type

Adding a stream follows a process similar to the joining a conference. As a first step an updated presence stanza MUST be send which contains a preparing element as part of the Muji section.

```
<presence from='wiccarocks@shakespeare.lit/laptop'
to='darkcave@chat.shakespeare.lit/oldhag'>
  <c xmlns="http://jabber.org/protocol/caps"
node="http://telepathy.freedesktop.org/wiki/Muji"
ver="48QdBuXRcJFbBqIzgy1FOHSOG0U="
hash="sha-1" />
  <muji xmlns='http://telepathy.freedesktop.org/muji'>
    <content creator='initiator' name='voice'>
      <description xmlns='urn:xmpp:jingle:apps:rtp:0' media='audio'>
        <payload-type id='97' name='speex' clockrate='8000'/>
        <payload-type id='18' name='G729'/>
      </description>
    </content>
    <preparing/>
  </muji>
</presence>
```

The client MUST then wait until the MUC rebroadcasts its presence message, after which it MUST wait for all other participants that had a preparing element in their presence to finish their changes.

Afterwards the client should add the new content to the muji section of its presence and add the content to all the Jingle sessions it had with participants it shared the content with.

```
<presence from='wiccarocks@shakespeare.lit/laptop'
to='darkcave@chat.shakespeare.lit/oldhag'>
  <c xmlns="http://jabber.org/protocol/caps"
node="http://telepathy.freedesktop.org/wiki/Muji"
ver="48QdBuXRcJFbBqIzgy1FOHSOG0U="
hash="sha-1" />
  <muji xmlns='http://telepathy.freedesktop.org/muji'>
    <content name='video'>
      <description xmlns='urn:xmpp:jingle:apps:rtp:0' media='video'>
        <payload-type id='97' name='theora' clockrate='90000'/>
      </description>
    </content>
  </muji>
</presence>
```
6 Removing a Content Type

To remove a content type the participant SHOULD first sent an updated presence without the content in its muji section. Afterwards it MUST the content from all the Jingle sessions it has open.

7 Relays and Mixers

When scaling to conferences with a big number of participants it’s no longer viable for all participants to have direct connections. On connections where upstream bandwidth is the limiting factor, an RTP relay which is able to relay the stream to multiple participants on the behalf of the clients and which forwards the streams of other participants back to the client can be used. If the limiting factor is either CPU or downstream bandwidth then a mixer can be used, which receives the media streams from other participants and mixes them on behalf of the client, so that the client only has to deal with receiving and decoding a single stream for each media type. On the sending side a mixer acts like a relay and relays the clients stream to all other participants. Both these services can either be provided by dedicated services or by other clients.