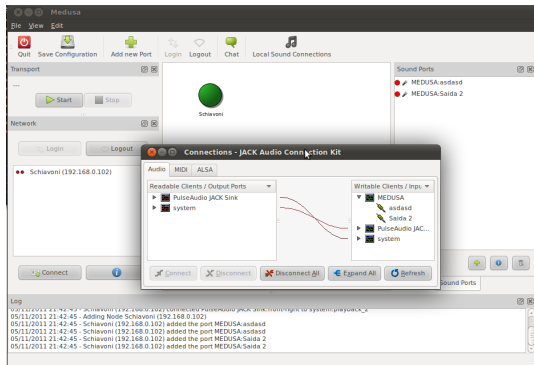


Network distribution in music applications with Medusa

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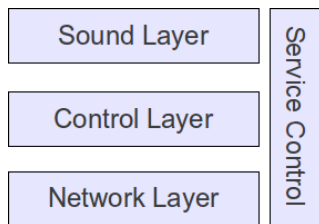
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What is Medusa?



- Distributed Audio Environment
- Focused in Usability

Medusa Architecture



Service Control allows transparent connections using messages to publish / query networked resources.

What is Medusa?

First Version:

- Jack as Audio API
- SCTP as network transport protocol
- Control Service to publish / query resources
- Transparency of resources and localization
- Qt GUI
- Monolithical development

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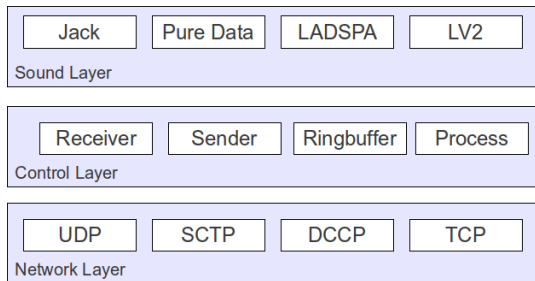
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Hypothesis 2: Different scenarios can need different approaches.

Medusa Architecture



Audio API, processing and network transport protocols alternatives to different scenarios.

Medusa Architecture

- UDP : User Datagram Protocol is the classical unreliable (but faster) transport protocol.
- TCP : Transmission Control Protocol is a reliable transport protocol, which ensures absence of packet losses.
- SCTP : Stream Control Transmission Protocol is a connection-oriented transport protocol that provides a reliable full-duplex association. This protocol was not originally meant as a replacement for TCP, but was developed for carrying voice over IP (VoIP).
- DCCP : Datagram Congestion Control Protocol is a transport protocol that combines TCP-friendly congestion control with unreliable datagram semantics for applications that transfer fairly large amounts of data.

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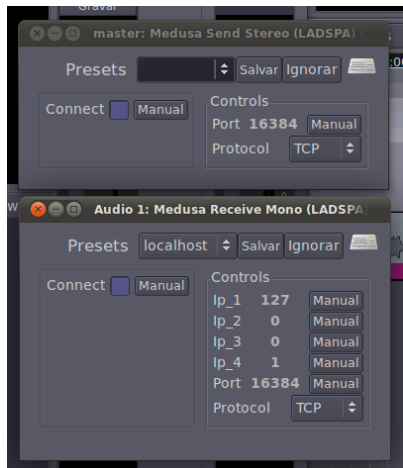


Figure: LADSPA implementation

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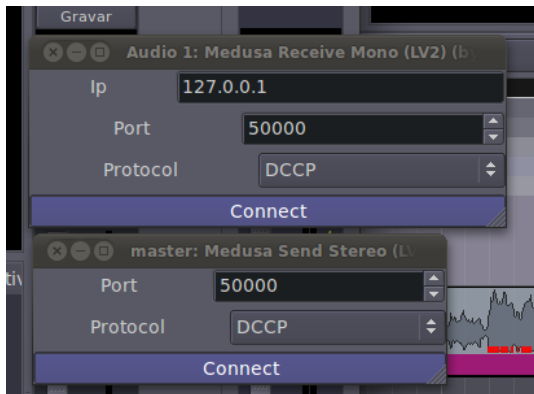


Figure: LV2 implementation

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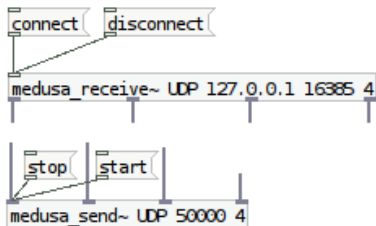


Figure: Pure Data implementation

Medusa Architecture

Process:

- CELT
- Change sample rate
- Change bit depth
- Adjust worldclock drift

Can be integrated with Service control

Implementation

- Control layer and network layer as a library
- The library provides a easy way to create senders and receivers
- Each audio API implementation creates senders and receivers
- Each audio API can has it own user interface



Easy code maintenance and more connections alternatives.

Results and Future works

- Extend the possibility of networked audio with Jack and UDP
- Try out new ways to do old things
- Better code with layered development

Future works

- Implement the service control as a separated server
- Integrate service control to implemented code
- MIDI streams
- Investigate other sounds API

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