Closed captions

Additional Things GStreamer Can Do

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New things

- Rust elements: cea708mux , tttocea708 , cea708overlay ,
 speechmaticstranscriber
- Rust crates: cea608-types, cea708-types



cea708mux

- Muxes multiple CTA-708 streams into a single output stream
- 708 companion to cea608mux
- Makes heavy use of cea708-types



transcriberbin enhacements

- transcriberbin now supports muxing CEA-708 captions with cea708mux and tttocea708
 - Configurable with a mux-method property
- Additional audio streams as input



cea708overlay

- Renders CTA-708 captions into a GstVideoOverlayComposition
- Can render fallback 608 data using the same implementation as cea608overlay
- Makes heavy use of cea708-types and cea608-types



cea608-types

- Rust crate for parsing/writing CTA-608 byte pairs
- One big enum for the code space
- Documentation: https://docs.rs/cea608-types/latest/cea608_types/



cea608-types: Parsing - Cea608State

- Cea608State parses an incoming stream into one or two code values
- Swallows control code duplication
- Dual field input requires two Cea608State S
- Tracks the last received field for field reversal detection



cea608-types: Writing - Cea608Writer

- Cea608Writer writes a series of Code s into a stream of byte pairs
- Handles mixed one and two byte code s

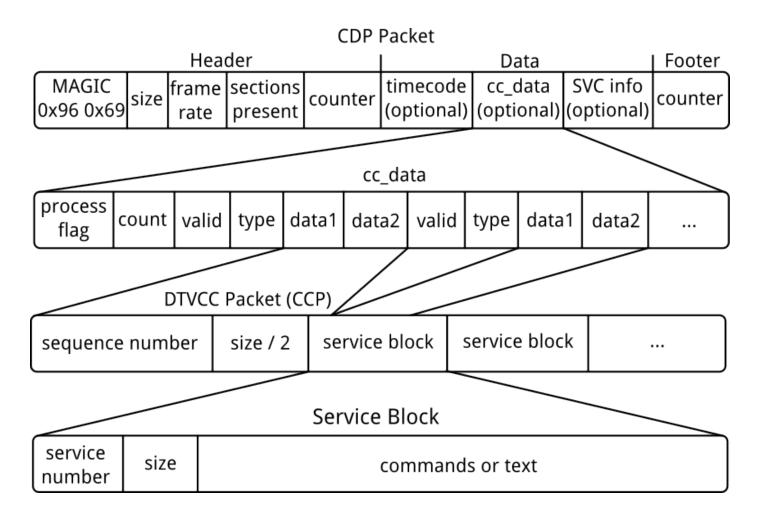


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CEA-708 Reminder





cea708-types: Parsing - CCDataParser

- Parses complete cc_data packets
- Outputs complete DTVCCPacket S
 - DTVCCPacket s may contain multiple Service which contain the code s



cea708-types: Writing - CCDataWriter

- Push any number of DTVCCPacket s and some optional Cea608
- Write the cc_data
- Padding of CTA-608 byte pairs and the cc_data is configurable separately
 - Different subformats have different requirements for padding data
 - CDP generally requires padding, however cc_data does not



Other Rust closed caption plugin changes

- No C code based on a snapshot of libcaption
 - Replaced by a dependency on cea608-types
 - https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/gstreamer/gst-pluginsrs/-/merge_requests/1517



Thanks

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