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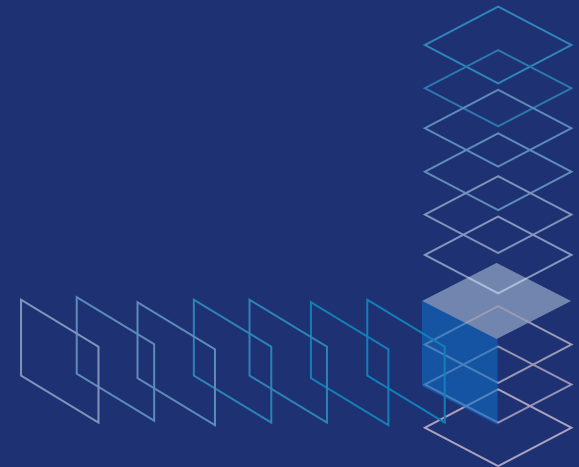
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X3Dv3 Sound Nodes



```
|
+- X3DSoundNode -+- Sound
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+- X3DTimeDependentNode -+- TimeSensor (X3DSensorNode)*
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|                               +- X3DSoundSourceNode -+- AudioClip (X3DUrlObject)*
|                               +- MovieTexture (X3DTexture2DNode, X3DUrlObject)*
```

X3DSoundNode

```
X3DSoundNode : X3DChildNode {
  SFNode [in,out] metadata NULL [X3DMetadataObject]
}
```

Sound

```
Sound : X3DSoundNode {
  SFVec3f [in,out] direction 0 0 1 (-∞,∞)
  SFFloat [in,out] intensity 1 [0,1]
  SFVec3f [in,out] location 0 0 0 (-∞,∞)
  SFFloat [in,out] maxBack 10 [0,∞)
  SFFloat [in,out] maxFront 10 [0,∞)
  SFNode [in,out] metadata NULL [X3DMetadataObject]
  SFFloat [in,out] minBack 1 [0,∞)
  SFFloat [in,out] minFront 1 [0,∞)
  SFFloat [in,out] priority 0 [0,1]
  SFNode [in,out] source NULL [X3DSoundSourceNode]
  SFBool [] spatialize TRUE
}
```

X3DSoundSourceNode

```
X3DSoundSourceNode : X3DTimeDependentNode {
  SFString [in,out] description ""
  SFBool [in,out] loop FALSE
  SFNode [in,out] metadata NULL [X3DMetadataObject]
  SFTIME [in,out] pauseTime 0 (-∞,∞)
  SFFloat [in,out] pitch 1.0 (0,∞)
  SFTIME [in,out] resumeTime 0 (-∞,∞)
  SFTIME [in,out] startTime 0 (-∞,∞)
  SFTIME [in,out] stopTime 0 (-∞,∞)
  SFTIME [out] duration_changed
  SFTIME [out] elapsedTime
  SFBool [out] isActive
  SFBool [out] isPaused
}
```

AudioClip

```
AudioClip : X3DSoundSourceNode, X3DUrlObject {
  SFString [in,out] description ""
  SFBool [in,out] loop FALSE
  SFNode [in,out] metadata NULL [X3DMetadataObject]
  SFTIME [in,out] pauseTime 0 (-∞,∞)
  SFFloat [in,out] pitch 1.0 (0,∞)
  SFTIME [in,out] resumeTime 0 (-∞,∞)
  SFTIME [in,out] startTime 0 (-∞,∞)
  SFTIME [in,out] stopTime 0 (-∞,∞)
  MFString [in,out] url [] [URI]
  SFTIME [out] duration_changed
  SFTIME [out] elapsedTime
  SFBool [out] isActive
  SFBool [out] isPaused
}
```

Extend X3D with Spatial Sound Nodes (X3Dv4) (1)



Extend X3D with Spatial Sound Nodes (X3Dv4) (2)

Category	New X3D4 Node	Web Audio API
Sources	BufferAudioSource	AudioBuffer, AudioBufferSourceNode
	OscillatorSource	OscillatorNode
	StreamAudioSource	MediaStreamAudioSourceNode
	MicrophoneSource	-
	ListenerPointSource	AudioListener
Effects	SpatialSound	PannerNode
	BiquadFilter	BiquadFilterNode
	Convolver	ConvolverNode
	Delay	DelayNode
	DynamicsCompressor	DynamicsCompressorNode
	Gain	GainNode, gain field
	WaveShaper	WaveShaperNode
	PeriodicWave	PeriodicWave
	Analyser	AnalyserNode
	ChannelSplitter, ChannelSelector	ChannelSplitterNode
	ChannelMerger	ChannelMergerNode
	AcousticProperties	-
Destination	Doppler	-
	AudioDestination	AudioDestinationNode
	StreamAudioDestination	MediaStreamAudioDestinationNode

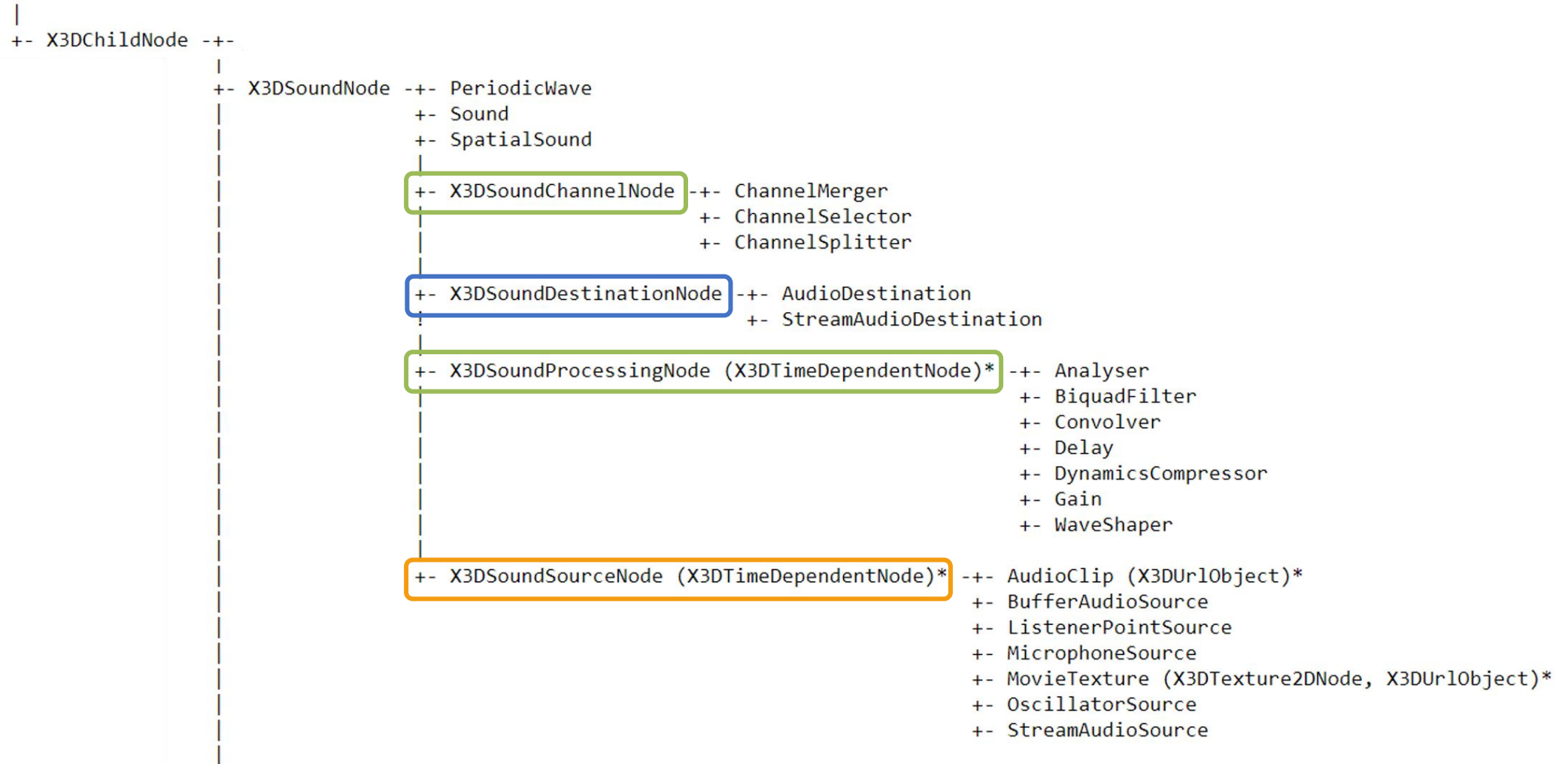
New Nodes - Design and Naming

- X3D nodes are defined in an object-oriented fashion
- X3D naming conventions follow a specific [design pattern](#)
- names for concrete instantiable nodes are kept simple and functional
- abstract node types
 - begin with “[X3D](#)” and
 - end with “[Node](#)” (e.g., X3DTexture-Node)
- since many W3C Audio API interfaces end with “Node” as well, distinct names are needed for clarity even when semantics are identical

New Nodes - Abstract Nodes (1)

- **X3DSoundSourceNode**: derive node types that can emit audio data
- **X3DSoundProcessingNode**: for all sound processing nodes
- **X3DSoundChannelNode**: for nodes that handle of channels in an audio stream, allowing them to be split or merged
- **X3DSoundDestinationNode**: for all sound destination nodes, which represent the final destination of an audio signal

New Nodes - Abstract Nodes (2)



New Nodes - Set of new Nodes - Sources

- **BufferAudioSource** a memory-resident audio asset that can contain one or more channels
- **OscillatorSource** a virtual audio source generating a periodic waveform, providing a constant tone
- **StreamAudioSource** operates as an audio source whose media is received from a `MediaStream` obtained using the WebRTC
- **MicrophoneSource** captures input from a physical microphone
- **ListenerPointSource** represents the position and orientation of a person listening to virtual sound in the audio scene and provides single or multiple sound channels as output. Multiple `ListenerPointSource` nodes can be active for sound processing

New Nodes - Set of new Nodes – Effects/Filters (1)

- **SpatialSound** positions, emits and spatializes an audio stream in three-dimensional (3D) space
- **BiquadFilter** represents different kinds of filters, tone control devices, and graphic equalizers
- **Convolver** performs a linear convolution on a given AudioBuffer, often used to achieve a reverberation effect
- **Delay** causes a time delay between the arrival of input data and subsequent propagation to the output

New Nodes - Set of new Nodes – Effects/Filters (2)

- **DynamicsCompressor** implements a dynamics compression effect
- **Gain** amplifies or de-amplifies the input signal
- **WaveShaper** represents a nonlinear distorter that applies a wave-shaping distortion curve to the signal
- **PeriodicWave** defines a periodic waveform that can be used to shape the output of an Oscillator

New Nodes - Set of new Nodes – Visualisation

- **Analyser** node provides real-time frequency and time-domain analysis information, without any change to the input other than gain amplification

New Nodes - Set of new Nodes – Split & Merge

- **ChannelSplitter** separates the different channels of a single audio source into a set of monophonic output channels
- **ChannelSelector** selects a single channel output from all input channels
- **ChannelMerger** unites different input channels into a single output channel

New Nodes - Set of new Nodes – Acoustic Properties

- **AcousticProperties** describes coefficients related to Acoustic effects including surface reflection (specular, diffuse), wave phenomena (refraction, diffraction) and absorption

```
AcousticProperties : X3DAppearanceChildNode {
  SFFloat      [in,out]      absorption  0      [0,1]
  SFString     [in,out]      description ""
  SFFloat      [in,out]      diffraction 0      [0,1]
  SFFloat      [in,out]      diffuse     0      [0,1]
  SFBool       [in,out]      enabled     TRUE
  SFNode       [in,out]      metadata    NULL    [X3DMetadataObject]
  SFFloat      [in,out]      refraction  0      [0,1]
  SFFloat      [in,out]      specular    0      [0,1]}
```

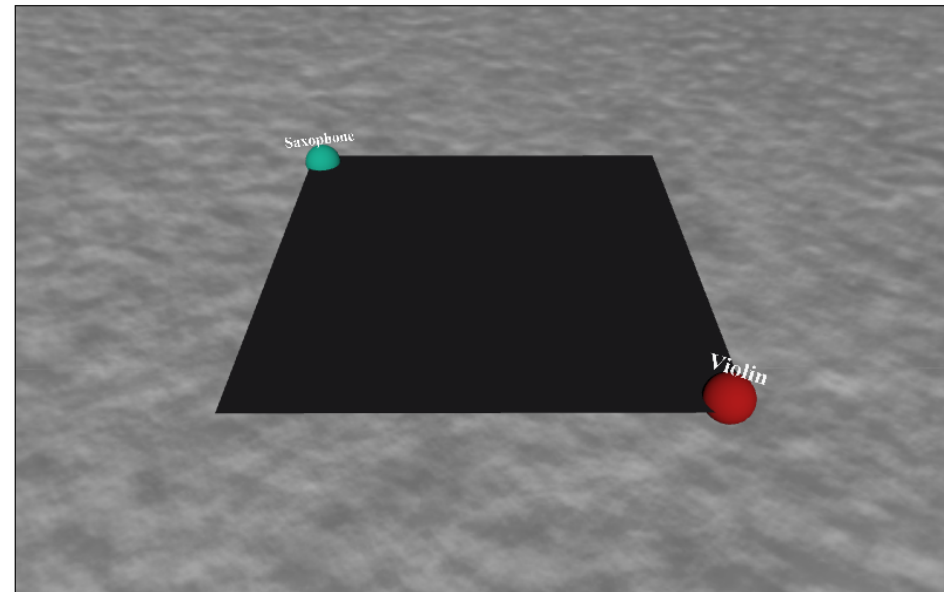
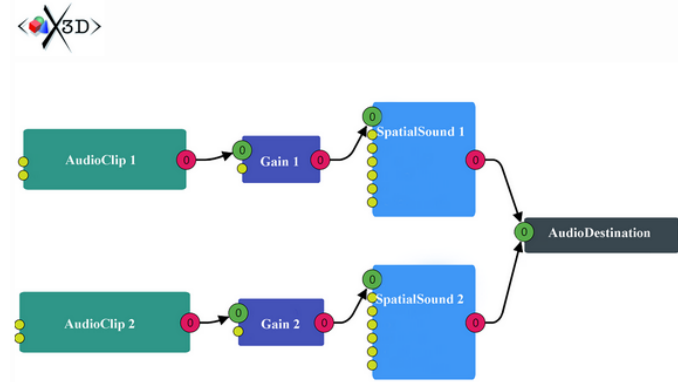
New Nodes - Set of new Nodes – Destinations

- **AudioDestination** represents the final audio destination and is what user ultimately hears, typically from the speakers of user device
- **StreamAudioDestination** is an audio destination representing a `MediaStream` with a single `MediaStreamTrack` whose kind is "audio"

X3D Step by Step – 1st Example (1)

- Description: evaluates the attenuation of **two** different sound sources, while the **camera (the user)** is moving in the 3D scene. Through the immersion in the X3D scene the user could attend a rational navigation. Whenever the camera moves in the direction of an existing sound source, the sound strength of this source increases, while the sound strength of the other (the second one) decreases and vice versa
- X3D scene – use of new sound nodes
- X3DOM – registration of new nodes
- jQuery – parse the xml nodes
- Web Audio API – control the audio

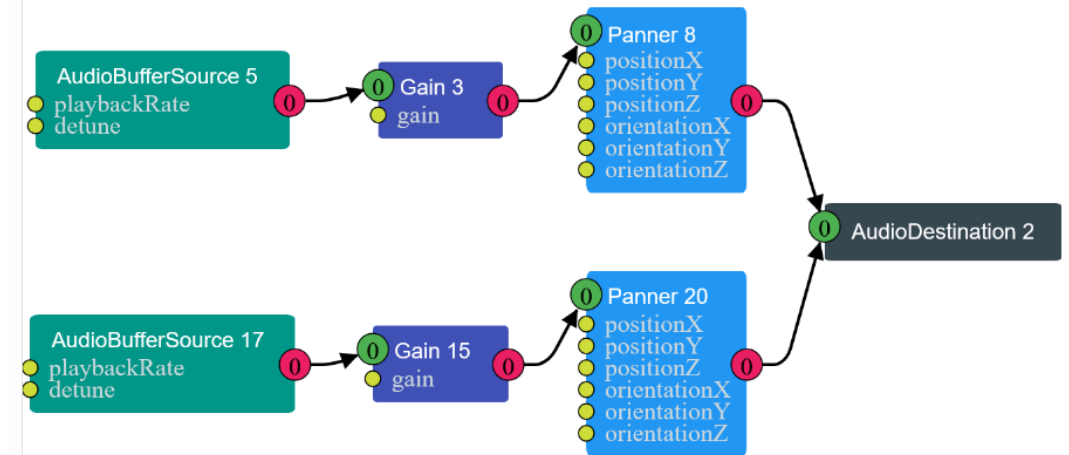
X3D Nodes



X3D-X3DOM Scene



Console Parse the X3D Scene



Web Audio API Graph Nodes

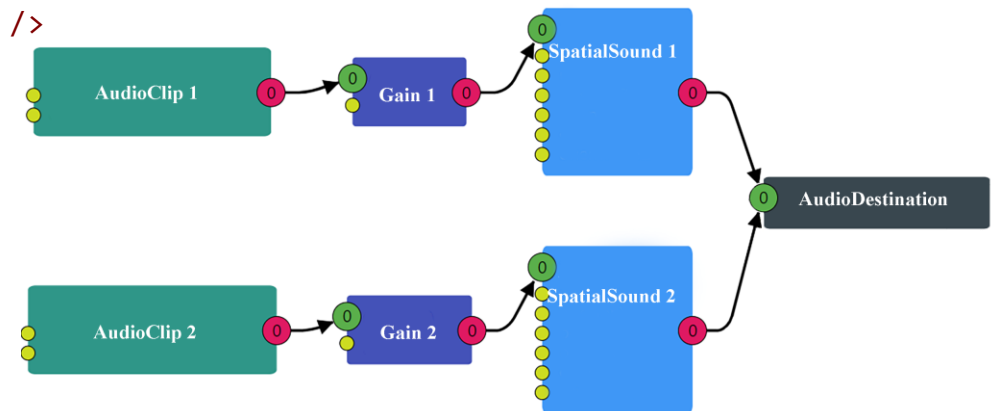
X3D Step by Step – 1st Example (3)

X3D CODE

```
<AudioDestination id='AudioDestination' channelInterpretation= 'speakers'>

<SpatialSound USE='Audio1' location='0 0 0' direction='1 0 0' coneInnerAngle='360' coneOuterAngle='0' coneOuterGain='0'
    distanceModel='linear' maxDistance='3500' enableHRTF='true' referenceDistance='1' rolloffFactor='1'>
    <Gain id='Gain1' gain= '1.0'>
        <AudioClip loop='true' url='sound/violin.mp3' pauseTime = '-1' resumeTime= '-1' stopTime = '-1' pitch = '1' />
    </Gain>
</SpatialSound>

<SpatialSound USE='Audio2' location='0 0 0' direction='1 0 0' coneInnerAngle='360' coneOuterAngle='0' coneOuterGain='0'
    distanceModel='linear' maxDistance='3500' enableHRTF='true' referenceDistance='1' rolloffFactor='1'>
    <Gain id='Gain2' gain= '1.0' >
        <AudioClip loop='true' url='sound/saxophone.mp3' pauseTime = '-1' resumeTime= '-1' stopTime = '-1' pitch = '1' />
    </Gain>
</SpatialSound>
</AudioDestination>
<ListenerPointSource id = 'listenerPoint' trackCurrentView = 'true' />
```



X3D Step by Step – 1st Example (4)

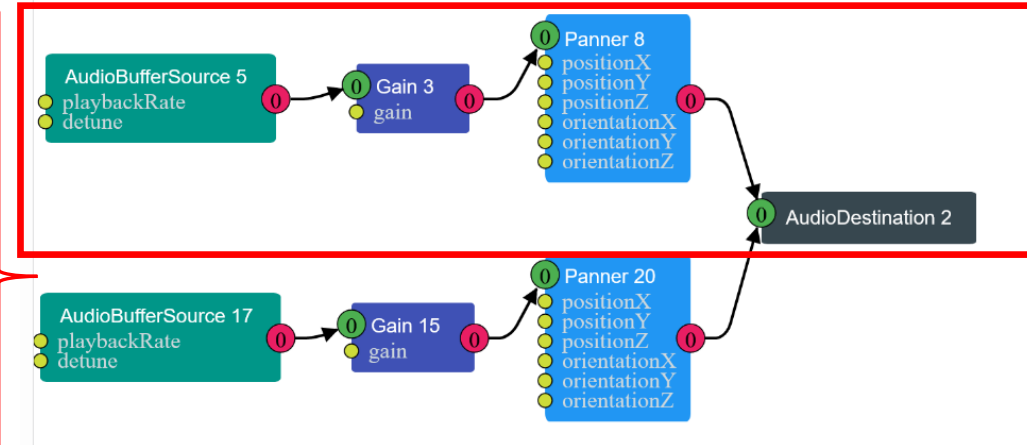
Javascript CODE

```
//Parse the xml nodes - find the "AudioDestination"
var numberSources = $("AudioDestination").children().length;
//Parse the xml nodes - find the n-th SpatialSound
newAudioNode.SpatialSound = $("SpatialSound:nth-of-type("+j+")");
//create Web Audio API PannerNode
newAudioNode.panner = context.createPanner();
//if find Gain-->create Web Audio API GainNode
if(newAudioNode.SpatialSound.children()[i].localName == "Gain")
    newAudioNode.volume = context.createGain();
//if find AudioClip-->create Web Audio API AudioBufferSourceNode
if(newAudioNode.Gain.children[0].localName == "AudioClip")
    newAudioNode.source = context.createBufferSource();
...
```

X3D Step by Step – 1st Example (5)

Javascript CODE

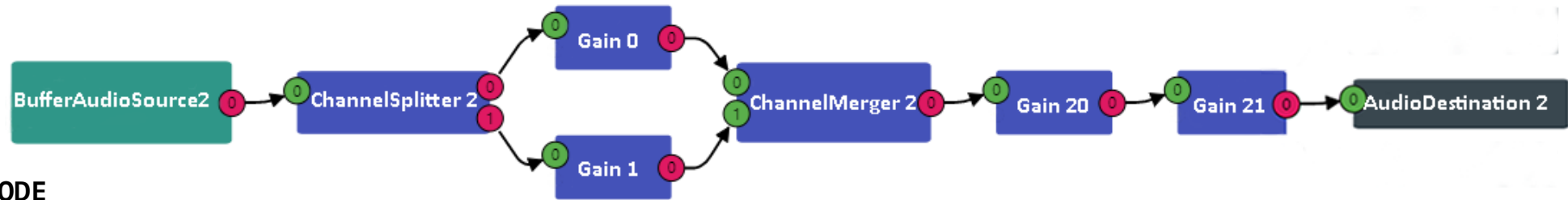
```
//connect source with GainNode
newAudioNode.source.connect(newAudioNode.volume);
//connect GainNode with PannerNode
newAudioNode.volume.connect(newAudioNode.panner);
//connect PannerNode with the destination
newAudioNode.panner.connect(context.destination);
...
//check if the ListenerPoint will be the camera
if($("#listenerPoint")[0].getAttribute("trackCurrentView") == "true")
    newAudioNode.ListenerPoint = x3dom.canvases[0].doc._scene.getViewpoint();
```



X3D Step by Step – 2nd Example (1)

- Description: assesses the capability of the audio channels split. It includes a simple sound source which can be moved right and left. Depending on the position of the sound source, the user can hear the produced sound from the corresponding output speaker
- New X3D nodes:
 - BufferAudioSource
 - ChannelSplitter
 - ChannelSelector
 - ChannelMerger
 - Gain
 - AudioDestination

X3D Step by Step – 2nd Example (2)



X3D CODE

```
<ChannelSplitter DEF='ChannelSplitter2' channelCountMode='explicit'>
  <BufferAudioSource DEF='BufferAudioSource2' />
  <Gain DEF='Gain0' gain='-0.5'>
    <ChannelSelector DEF='ChannelSelector1' channelNumber='0' />
  </Gain>

  <Gain DEF='Gain1' gain='0.2'>
    <ChannelSelector DEF='ChannelSelector2' channelNumber='1' />
  </Gain>
</ChannelSplitter>

<AudioDestination DEF='AudioDestination2' channelInterpretation='speakers'>
  <Gain DEF='Gain21' gain='0.5'>
    <Gain DEF='Gain20' gain='0.2'>
      <ChannelMerger DEF='ChannelMerger2'>
        <ChannelSplitter USE='ChannelSplitter2' />
      </ChannelMerger>
    </Gain>
  </Gain>
</AudioDestination>
```

Conclusion – Next Steps

- Evaluation: more examples with the use of new X3D registered nodes
- Extension of the current examples using X_ITE Javascript library
- Development and demonstration of Acoustic Properties algorithms
- Developed more sophisticated 3D scenes using the X3D4 sound nodes

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