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Statement of interests

For the last 12 months or so, I've been conducting survey research on so-called emerging devices including smartphones, e-readers, tablets, digital photo-frames, TVs and so on, which are connected to each other via the Internet. Some people that I interviewed through the research had a common vision, which was that one would soon put various contents such as text, audio and video on the Internet Cloud and be able to access them from anywhere via the emerging devices.

According to the interviewees, TV, or Web TV more precisely, would play a major part in the forementioned cloud-content system and I agree with that view. Some of my interests about the Web TV are content-search and social media functions as well as nomadic UI. What I mean by nomadic UI is something like, you play video on your smartphone and you are coincidentally near a TV, then the motion picture is automatically shown on the large screen of the TV, not the small one of the smartphone.

My viewpoint regarding my interests mentioned above is how HTML5 will integrate the heterogeneous network consisting of the different kinds of devices centered on Web TV. Right now, people pay much attention to e-readers and e-publishing such as Kindle, iPad and iBookstore. One of the major problems about them is that there are several formats of the e-publishing content, such as AZW(of Amazon Kindle), ePub and XMDF (of Sharp). I think that existing of different formats is not good for content providers neither consumers. So, I suggest that there be a standardized format to cover not only e-readers but also other devices including Web TV, which should be HTML5.

Thank you for your consideration in this letter. I'm looking forward to being able to participate in the workshop.

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