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Back in January 2009, I wrote a post on opening video on the web. At the time, the Mozilla Foundation had just invested \$100,000 in the Wikimedia Foundation to use Theora for videos on their sites.

In the last year and a half, the situation with video on the web has changed quite a lot. So what do those changes mean for free software and open source ? where are we now with video on the web, are we any closer to open source and patent free web video?

HTML5, audio and video tags

Something really important has happened in the last 18 months. Adobe Flash, long the dominant platform for delivering web video, is in trouble. HTML5, a standard which will soon be supported by the major browsers, supports audio and video tags which are designed to allow video and audio playback to be supported natively by the browser ? no plugins required.

[This all sounds great in theory ?](#) [1]

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