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Questions	Answer Samples
Which SDGs does the project directly address?	SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure – by promoting digital communication solutions and improving technological infrastructure for customer support.
What strategies or actions are being implemented to achieve these goals?	Real-time chat platform to enhance digital communication and reduce response times in customer service.
How is progress measured and reported in relation to the SDGs?	Tracking user engagement, message response times, and system reliability metrics.
How were these goals identified as relevant to the project's objectives?	Helps modernize customer support systems, improve communication efficiency, and support digital transformation.
Are there any partnerships or collaborations in place to enhance this impact?	Integration with modern web technologies, WebSocket protocols, and scalable backend systems.

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ABSTRACT

The increasing demand for real-time communication in modern web applications has highlighted the need for efficient, scalable chat support systems. Traditional communication methods often lead to delays, poor user experience, and inefficient customer service management. This project aims to develop a comprehensive, web-based Real-Time Chat Support System that facilitates instant communication between users and support agents.

The system provides a centralized platform for real-time messaging, session management, and communication history tracking, while enabling administrators to manage chat sessions, monitor conversations, and analyze communication patterns. Key features include real-time message delivery

using WebSocket technology, automated session creation, message history persistence, user status tracking, and comprehensive session management capabilities.

By offering a dedicated platform tailored to the needs of both users and support agents, this project seeks to reduce response times, eliminate communication barriers, and enhance the overall customer support experience. The system employs modern web technologies including React.js for the frontend, Spring Boot for the backend, and WebSocket for real-time communication. Ultimately, the system will facilitate organized, efficient, and reliable communication management for businesses and organizations.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

S. No	ABBREVIATIONS	EXPANSION
1	API	Application Programming Interface
2	CSS	Cascading Style Sheets
3	DOM	Document Object Model
4	HTML	HyperText Markup Language
5	HTTP	HyperText Transfer Protocol
6	JPA	Java Persistence API
7	JSON	JavaScript Object Notation
8	JSX	JavaScript XML
9	REST	Representational State Transfer
10	SQL	Structured Query Language
11	UI	User Interface
12	UML	Unified Modeling Language
13	URL	Uniform Resource Locator
14	UUID	Universally Unique Identifier
15	WebSocket	Web Socket Protocol
16	CRUD	Create, Read, Update, Delete
17	MVC	Model-View-Controller

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

The rapid digitization of business communications and the increasing demand for instant customer support have made real-time chat systems essential for modern organizations. Traditional support methods, such as email or phone calls, often lead to delays, inefficiencies, and poor customer satisfaction. These challenges not only frustrate users seeking immediate assistance but also complicate operational management for support teams.

The Real-Time Chat Support System project aims to address these issues by providing a comprehensive, user-friendly platform for both customers and support agents. The system enables instant messaging, real-time communication, and efficient session management, while providing administrators with tools to monitor conversations, track response times, and analyze communication patterns.

This platform allows users to initiate chat sessions instantly, send and receive messages in real-time, and maintain conversation history. Support agents can manage multiple chat sessions simultaneously, respond to customer queries efficiently, and access conversation context for better service delivery. The system ensures reliable message delivery, maintains session persistence, and provides comprehensive communication analytics.

One of the key benefits of this system is its ability to handle concurrent chat sessions, provide real-time updates, and maintain communication history for future reference. By leveraging modern web technologies and WebSocket protocols, the platform ensures seamless, instantaneous communication between all parties.

Ultimately, the Real-Time Chat Support System aims to streamline customer support operations, enhance user satisfaction, and create a modern, efficient approach to business communication in various organizational contexts.

1.2 COMPONENTS OF SYSTEM

Chat Header Component

The chat header displays essential session information including recipient details, online status indicators, and session control options. Users can view connection status and access session management features through an intuitive interface.

Chat Window Component

The central messaging area where all communication takes place. It displays message history, sender identification, timestamps, and real-time message delivery. The component handles message alignment, status indicators, and conversation threading.

Message Input Component

A comprehensive input interface that allows users to compose and send messages. Features include text input validation, send button controls, keyboard shortcuts, and message formatting options. The component ensures reliable message delivery and user feedback.

Session Management

Handles the creation, maintenance, and termination of chat sessions. This includes session initialization, participant management, connection monitoring, and session cleanup procedures.

Real-Time Communication Engine

The core WebSocket-based system that enables instantaneous message delivery between participants. It manages connection states, message routing, and ensures reliable real-time communication.

Message History and Persistence

Comprehensive system for storing, retrieving, and managing conversation history. Users can access past conversations, search message content, and maintain communication context across sessions.

User Status Management

Tracks and displays user presence, availability status, and connection states. Provides real-time updates on participant activity and system connectivity.

Administrative Dashboard

Centralized interface for administrators to monitor active sessions, analyze communication metrics, manage user accounts, and configure system parameters.

1.3 ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

Real-Time WebSocket Communication

Implementation of WebSocket protocol for instant, bidirectional communication between clients and servers. This ensures minimal latency and efficient message delivery across all connected participants.

Component-Based Architecture

Utilization of React.js component-based design for modular, reusable, and maintainable frontend development. Each component is independently testable and follows modern development best practices.

RESTful API Integration

Comprehensive backend API built with Spring Boot, providing robust endpoints for session management, message handling, user authentication, and system administration.

Responsive User Interface

Modern, mobile-friendly design that adapts seamlessly across different devices and screen sizes. The interface prioritizes usability and accessibility for all user types.

Session Persistence

Reliable session management that maintains conversation state, handles connection interruptions gracefully, and ensures data consistency across system restarts.

Comprehensive Testing Framework

Extensive test coverage including unit tests, integration tests, and component testing to ensure system reliability and functionality validation.

1.4 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Digital Communication Evolution

The worldwide shift toward digital-first communication has accelerated the demand for real-time messaging solutions. Organizations globally are adopting instant communication tools to improve customer engagement and operational efficiency.

Remote Work and Digital Collaboration

The rise of remote work and distributed teams has emphasized the importance of reliable, real-time communication platforms. Modern chat systems serve as critical infrastructure for business continuity and team collaboration.

Customer Experience Standards

Global customers increasingly expect instant responses and seamless communication experiences. Real-time chat systems have become standard features for competitive customer service delivery.

Technology Integration Trends

Worldwide adoption of modern web technologies, including React.js, Spring Boot, and WebSocket protocols, reflects industry standards for scalable, maintainable application development.

Accessibility and Inclusion

International focus on digital accessibility ensures that communication platforms serve users with diverse needs and capabilities, promoting inclusive design principles and universal usability.

Scalability and Performance Requirements

Global enterprises require communication systems that can handle high concurrent user loads, maintain performance across geographic regions, and scale efficiently with organizational growth.

CHAPTER 2: SYSTEM ANALYSIS

2.1 EXISTING SYSTEM

Current chat support systems in many organizations rely on basic messaging platforms or outdated customer service tools that lack real-time capabilities and comprehensive session management. These systems often struggle with message delivery reliability, session persistence, and user experience optimization.

Existing communication solutions typically provide limited real-time functionality, basic message handling, and minimal session management capabilities. Many current systems lack proper WebSocket implementation, resulting in delayed message delivery and poor user experience during high-traffic periods.

For administrators, existing systems often provide only basic monitoring capabilities, with limited analytics, session tracking, or performance metrics. Integration with modern web technologies is frequently absent, making system maintenance and feature updates challenging.

Security and user management features are often minimal in current systems, with basic authentication and limited access control. Customer support analytics and conversation tracking capabilities are typically not integrated or insufficient for operational needs.

Overall, existing chat solutions serve basic communication needs but fall short of modern requirements for real-time performance, scalability, and comprehensive feature sets needed for professional customer support environments.

2.1.1 DRAWBACKS

Performance Limitations

- Inconsistent message delivery due to lack of proper WebSocket implementation
- Poor scalability during high concurrent user loads
- Delayed response times affecting user experience and customer satisfaction

Limited Functionality

- Absence of comprehensive session management capabilities
- Basic message handling without advanced features like read receipts or typing indicators
- Limited integration options with existing business systems and workflows

User Experience Issues

- Non-responsive interfaces that don't adapt to different devices and screen sizes
- Inconsistent design patterns leading to user confusion and reduced efficiency
- Limited customization options for different organizational needs

Administrative Challenges

- Insufficient monitoring and analytics capabilities for performance tracking
- Limited user management and access control features
- Difficult system maintenance and update procedures

Technical Debt

- Legacy code structures that are difficult to maintain and extend
- Poor documentation and testing coverage leading to reliability issues
- Lack of modern development practices and security implementations

2.2 PROBLEM DEFINITION

1. **Real-Time Communication Deficiencies:** Many existing chat systems lack proper real-time messaging capabilities, resulting in delayed message delivery, poor user experience, and inadequate support for concurrent sessions.
2. **Session Management Limitations:** Current systems often fail to provide comprehensive session management, including proper session creation, maintenance, participant tracking, and graceful session termination.
3. **Scalability and Performance Issues:** Traditional chat systems struggle with high concurrent user loads, lack efficient resource management, and fail to maintain consistent performance during peak usage periods.
4. **Limited Testing and Reliability:** Existing systems often lack comprehensive testing frameworks, resulting in unreliable functionality, poor error handling, and insufficient quality assurance.

2.3 PROPOSED SYSTEM

Comprehensive Real-Time Chat Platform

The system provides a complete real-time communication solution with WebSocket-based messaging, ensuring instant message delivery and seamless user interaction across all connected participants.

Advanced Session Management

Implementation of robust session handling capabilities including automated session creation, participant management, connection monitoring, and intelligent session cleanup procedures.

Component-Based Architecture

Utilization of modern React.js component architecture for maintainable, testable, and scalable frontend development with comprehensive component testing and validation.

RESTful Backend Integration

Spring Boot-based backend providing comprehensive API endpoints for all system operations, including session management, message handling, user authentication, and administrative functions.

Comprehensive Testing Framework

Extensive test coverage with 24 passing backend tests and complete frontend component validation, ensuring system reliability and functionality verification.

Modern Web Technologies

Implementation using current industry standards including React.js, Spring Boot, WebSocket protocols, and modern development practices for optimal performance and maintainability.

2.3.1 ADVANTAGES

Enhanced Communication Experience

- Real-time message delivery ensuring instant communication
- Comprehensive session management for reliable conversation handling
- Modern, responsive interface adapting to all device types

Robust System Architecture

- Component-based design enabling easy maintenance and feature expansion
- Comprehensive testing framework ensuring system reliability
- RESTful API design following industry best practices

Scalability and Performance

- WebSocket implementation handling multiple concurrent sessions efficiently
- Optimized backend architecture supporting high-volume message traffic
- Resource-efficient design minimizing server load and response times

Administrative Capabilities

- Complete session monitoring and management tools
- Comprehensive user management and access control features
- System analytics and performance monitoring capabilities

Development Excellence

- Extensive test coverage with all components validated against specifications
- Modern development practices ensuring code quality and maintainability
- Comprehensive documentation and implementation guidelines

CHAPTER 3: SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

3.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Processor Type:** Intel i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 (minimum)
2. **RAM:** 8GB RAM (minimum), 16GB recommended

3. **Hard Disk:** 256GB SSD (minimum), 512GB recommended
4. **Network:** Stable internet connection for real-time communication

3.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Operating System:** Windows 10/11, macOS 10.15+, or Linux Ubuntu 18.04+
2. **Development Environment:** Visual Studio Code or IntelliJ IDEA
3. **Frontend Framework:** React.js 18.x
4. **Backend Framework:** Spring Boot 3.x
5. **Database:** PostgreSQL 13+ or H2 Database for development
6. **Build Tools:** Node.js 18+, Maven 3.8+

3.3 SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION

React.js Framework

React.js is a powerful JavaScript library for building user interfaces, particularly well-suited for real-time applications. It follows a component-based architecture where UIs are broken down into reusable components, making the chat system modular and maintainable.

React's virtual DOM implementation ensures efficient updates to the chat interface, crucial for real-time messaging where frequent UI updates are required. The declarative programming approach makes it easier to manage complex state changes in chat sessions and message handling.

3.3.1 FRONTEND

React.js Features for Chat System:

1. Component-Based Architecture

- ChatHeader, ChatWindow, and MessageInput components are independently developed and tested
- Reusable components promote code consistency and maintainability
- Each component encapsulates specific chat functionality

2. Real-Time State Management

- React hooks (useState, useEffect) manage chat state and message updates
- Efficient re-rendering ensures smooth real-time message display
- Component state synchronization for consistent user experience

3. WebSocket Integration

- Seamless integration with WebSocket connections for real-time communication
- Event-driven architecture handling message sending and receiving

- Connection state management and automatic reconnection capabilities

4. Responsive Design

- Mobile-first approach ensuring chat functionality across all devices
- Flexible layout components adapting to different screen sizes
- Accessibility features for inclusive user experience

5. Component Testing

- Comprehensive test coverage for all chat components
- Behavioral testing ensuring components meet specification requirements
- Integration testing validating component interactions

3.3.2 BACKEND

Spring Boot Framework:

Spring Boot provides a robust, production-ready backend infrastructure for the chat system, offering comprehensive features for enterprise-level applications.

Key Backend Features:

1. RESTful API Development

- Comprehensive REST endpoints for session and message management
- Standardized HTTP methods for all chat operations
- JSON-based data exchange for frontend-backend communication

2. WebSocket Support

- Built-in WebSocket configuration for real-time messaging
- Message routing and broadcasting capabilities
- Connection lifecycle management

3. Data Persistence

- JPA entities for session and message data modeling
- Repository pattern for data access abstraction
- Database transaction management ensuring data consistency

4. Service Layer Architecture

- Business logic encapsulation in service classes
- Validation and error handling for all operations
- Comprehensive logging and monitoring capabilities

5. Security Integration

- Authentication and authorization mechanisms

- Session security and user access control
- Data encryption and secure communication protocols

6. Testing Framework

- Complete test coverage with 24 passing backend tests
- Unit testing for individual components
- Integration testing for API endpoints and database operations

CHAPTER 4: SYSTEM DESIGN

4.1 MODULE DESCRIPTION

The Real-Time Chat Support System is organized into four main modules, each responsible for specific system functionality:

4.1.1 CHAT SESSION MANAGEMENT

The chat session management module handles all aspects of chat session lifecycle, from initiation to termination. It provides comprehensive session control and monitoring capabilities.

Table 4.1.1 Chat Session Management

Field	Description
Session ID	Unique identifier for each chat session (UUID)
Participants	List of users participating in the chat session
Status	Current session status (Active, Inactive, Closed)
Created At	Session creation timestamp
Updated At	Last activity timestamp
Session Type	Type of chat session (Support, General, Group)

4.1.2 MESSAGE MANAGEMENT

The message management module handles all message-related operations including sending, receiving, storage, and retrieval of chat messages within active sessions.

Table 4.1.2 Message Management

Field	Description
Message ID	Unique identifier for each message
Session ID	Reference to the associated chat session
Sender ID	Identifier of the message sender
Content	Message text content
Timestamp	Message creation time
Message Type	Type of message (Text, System, Notification)
Read Status	Message read confirmation status

4.1.3 USER MANAGEMENT

The user management module provides user authentication, profile management, and user status tracking for all system participants.

Table 4.1.3 User Management

Field	Description
User ID	Unique identifier for each user
Username	User's chosen display name
Email	User's email address for authentication
Status	Current user status (Online, Away, Offline)
Last Active	Timestamp of user's last activity
Role	User role (Customer, Agent, Administrator)

4.1.4 SYSTEM COMPONENTS OVERVIEW

The system components module encompasses all technical components that enable the chat system's functionality.

Table 4.1.4 System Components Overview

Component	Description
Chat Header	Display session information and controls
Chat Window	Main messaging interface and message display
Message Input	Text input and message sending functionality
WebSocket Manager	Real-time communication protocol handler
API Services	Backend service integration and data management
Session Controller	Session lifecycle management and coordination

4.2 USE CASE DIAGRAM

A use case diagram illustrates the interactions between different actors (users, agents, administrators) and the chat system, showing the various functionalities available to each type of user.

System Actors:

- **Customer:** Initiates chat sessions, sends messages, views conversation history
- **Support Agent:** Manages multiple chat sessions, responds to customer queries, accesses user information
- **Administrator:** Monitors system performance, manages user accounts, configures system settings

Primary Use Cases:

- Create Chat Session
- Send Message
- Receive Message
- View Message History
- Manage User Status
- Monitor Active Sessions
- Close Chat Session
- Manage User Accounts
- Generate System Reports

4.3 SEQUENCE DIAGRAM

A sequence diagram demonstrates the chronological flow of interactions between system components during a typical chat session lifecycle, from session creation through message exchange to session termination.

Key Interactions:

1. User initiates chat session request
2. System creates new session and assigns unique identifier
3. WebSocket connection establishment between participants
4. Real-time message exchange through WebSocket protocol
5. Message persistence to database for history maintenance
6. Session status updates and participant notifications
7. Session termination and cleanup procedures

4.4 DATA FLOW DIAGRAM

A Data Flow Diagram (DFD) illustrates how data moves through the chat system, showing the transformation and storage of information at different system levels.

Level 0 DFD (Context Diagram):

- External entities: Users, Administrators
- System boundary: Real-Time Chat Support System
- Data flows: Chat requests, messages, system responses

Level 1 DFD (System Overview):

- Processes: Session Management, Message Processing, User Authentication
 - Data stores: Session Database, Message Database, User Database
 - Data flows: Session data, message content, user information
-

CHAPTER 5: TESTING

5.1 UNIT TESTING

Unit testing forms the foundation of the testing strategy for the Real-Time Chat Support System. Individual components and functions are tested in isolation to ensure correct behavior and identify issues early in the development cycle.

Frontend Component Testing:

- ChatHeader component functionality and display logic
- ChatWindow message rendering and user interaction
- MessageInput validation and message sending capabilities
- API service functions and error handling

Backend Service Testing:

- Session management service operations
- Message processing and validation logic
- User authentication and authorization functions
- Database repository operations and data integrity

Unit testing is conducted using modern testing frameworks, with comprehensive test coverage ensuring reliable component behavior and facilitating safe code refactoring.

5.2 INTEGRATION TESTING

Integration testing focuses on validating the interactions between different system components, ensuring seamless data flow and proper communication between frontend and backend systems.

API Integration Testing:

- REST endpoint functionality and response validation
- WebSocket connection establishment and message routing
- Database integration and data persistence verification
- Error handling and exception management across system boundaries

Component Integration Testing:

- Frontend component interaction and state management
- Real-time data synchronization between UI components
- User interaction workflows and system response validation
- Cross-browser compatibility and responsive design verification

Integration testing ensures that all system components work harmoniously together, providing a seamless user experience and reliable system operation.

5.3 SYSTEM TESTING

System testing validates the complete chat system functionality, performance, and reliability under various operational conditions and user scenarios.

Functional System Testing:

- End-to-end chat session workflows
- Multi-user concurrent session handling
- Message delivery reliability and ordering
- Session persistence and recovery capabilities

Performance Testing:

- System response times under normal and peak loads
- WebSocket connection scalability and resource usage
- Database query performance and optimization
- Memory usage and system resource management

Security Testing:

- User authentication and session security

- Data transmission security and encryption
- Access control and authorization validation
- Input validation and injection attack prevention

5.4 TEST CASES

Test Case Coverage Summary

Backend Testing: 24/24 Passing Tests

- Controller layer: 10 passing tests
- Service layer: 13 passing tests
- Application context: 1 passing test

Frontend Testing: Complete Implementation

- API integration scenarios: 7/7 validated
- ChatHeader component: 3/3 scenarios verified
- ChatWindow component: 3/3 scenarios validated
- MessageInput component: 4/4 scenarios confirmed

5.4.1 TEST CASE I: SESSION CREATION

Test Objective: Validate successful chat session creation and initialization

Test Steps:

1. User initiates new chat session request
2. System validates user authentication
3. System creates new session with unique identifier
4. System establishes WebSocket connection
5. System confirms session creation to user

Expected Result: New chat session created successfully with active WebSocket connection

Actual Result: Session created with unique ID, WebSocket connection established, user notified of successful session creation

Test Status: PASS

5.4.2 TEST CASE II: REAL-TIME MESSAGE DELIVERY

Test Objective: Verify real-time message sending and receiving functionality

Test Steps:

1. User composes message in MessageInput component
2. User clicks send button or presses Enter key
3. System validates message content and session status
4. System transmits message via WebSocket connection
5. System displays message in recipient's ChatWindow
6. System confirms message delivery to sender

Expected Result: Message delivered instantly to all session participants with delivery confirmation

Actual Result: Message transmitted in real-time, displayed in correct conversation thread, delivery status confirmed

Test Status: PASS

5.4.3 TEST CASE III: SESSION MANAGEMENT

Test Objective: Validate session lifecycle management and cleanup procedures

Test Steps:

1. Administrator accesses session management interface
2. System displays list of active chat sessions
3. Administrator selects session for termination
4. System confirms session closure request
5. System terminates session and notifies participants
6. System performs cleanup and data archival

Expected Result: Session terminated gracefully with proper cleanup and participant notification

Actual Result: Session closed successfully, participants notified, data archived, resources cleaned up

Test Status: PASS

CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

6.1 CONCLUSION

The Real-Time Chat Support System project successfully addresses the critical need for efficient, scalable communication solutions in modern business environments. Through comprehensive implementation of real-time messaging capabilities, robust session management, and intuitive user interfaces, the system delivers a complete solution for organizational communication needs.

The project's technical achievements include successful implementation of WebSocket-based real-time communication, comprehensive component-based frontend architecture, and robust backend services with complete test coverage. The system's 24 passing backend tests and validated frontend components demonstrate the reliability and quality of the implementation.

Key accomplishments include seamless real-time message delivery, comprehensive session management capabilities, responsive user interface design, and extensive testing framework ensuring system reliability. The integration of modern web technologies including React.js and Spring Boot provides a scalable foundation for future enhancements and organizational growth.

The system successfully eliminates communication delays, provides intuitive user experiences, and offers comprehensive administrative capabilities for system management. This project represents a significant advancement in addressing modern communication challenges and establishing a foundation for efficient customer support operations.

6.2 FUTURE WORK

Mobile Application Development Development of native mobile applications for iOS and Android platforms would extend the system's accessibility and enable communication from any device. Mobile apps could include push notifications, offline message queuing, and mobile-optimized user interfaces.

Advanced Analytics and Reporting Implementation of comprehensive analytics dashboards providing insights into communication patterns, response times, user satisfaction metrics, and system performance indicators. Machine learning integration could provide predictive analytics for support demand forecasting.

Multi-Language Support and Internationalization Expansion to support multiple languages and regional customizations would enable global deployment. This includes real-time translation capabilities, cultural interface adaptations, and timezone-aware features.

Integration with External Systems Development of APIs and connectors for integration with existing customer relationship management (CRM) systems, helpdesk platforms, and business intelligence tools. This would enable seamless workflow integration and data synchronization.

Advanced Security and Compliance Features Implementation of enhanced security features including end-to-end encryption, audit logging, compliance reporting, and advanced authentication methods such as single sign-on (SSO) and multi-factor authentication.

AI-Powered Features Integration of artificial intelligence capabilities including chatbot support, automated response suggestions, sentiment analysis, and intelligent message routing based on content analysis and user behavior patterns.

CHAPTER 7: APPENDICES

APPENDIX I: SOURCE CODE

ChatHeader Component Implementation

javascript

```
import React from 'react';
import './ChatHeader.css';

const ChatHeader = ({
  recipientName,
  isOnline,
  onEndChat
}) => {
  return (
    <div className="chat-header">
      <div className="recipient-info">
        <span data-testid="recipient-name" className="recipient-name">
          {recipientName}
        </span>
        <div className="status-indicator">
          <span
            data-testid="online-dot"
            className={`status-dot ${isOnline ? 'online' : 'offline'}`}
          />
          <span data-testid="status-text" className="status-text">
            {isOnline ? 'Online' : 'Offline'}
          </span>
        </div>
      </div>
      <button
        data-testid="end-chat-btn"
        className="end-chat-button"
        onClick={onEndChat}
      >
        End Chat
      </button>
    </div>
  );
};

export default ChatHeader;
```

ChatWindow Component Implementation

javascript

```
import React from 'react';
import './ChatWindow.css';

const ChatWindow = ({ messages }) => {
  return (
    <div data-testid="chat-window" className="chat-window">
      {messages.length === 0 ? (
        <div className="empty-state">No messages yet.</div>
      ) : (
        <div className="messages-container">
          {messages.map((message, index) => (
            <div
              key={message.id}
              className={`message ${message.sender === 'user' ? 'sent' : 'received'}`}
            >
              <div className="message-content">
                <span className="sender-label">
                  {message.sender === 'user' ? 'You' : 'Agent'}
                </span>
                <p className="message-text">{message.text}</p>
                <span
                  data-testid={`timestamp-${index}`}
                  className="timestamp"
                >
                  {new Date(message.timestamp).toLocaleTimeString()}
                </span>
              </div>
            </div>
          ))}
        </div>
      )}
    </div>
  );
};

export default ChatWindow;
```

MessageInput Component Implementation

javascript

```
import React, { useState } from 'react';
import './MessageInput.css';

const MessageInput = ({
  onSendMessage,
  disabled = false
}) => {
  const [message, setMessage] = useState("");

  const handleSubmit = (e) => {
    e.preventDefault();
    if (message.trim() && !disabled) {
      onSendMessage(message.trim());
      setMessage("");
    }
  };

  const handleKeyPress = (e) => {
    if (e.key === 'Enter' && !e.shiftKey) {
      e.preventDefault();
      handleSubmit(e);
    }
  };

  return (
    <div className="message-input-container">
      <div className="input-wrapper">
        <input
          data-testid="message-input"
          type="text"
          value={message}
          onChange={(e) => setMessage(e.target.value)}
          onKeyPress={handleKeyPress}
          placeholder="Type your message..."
          disabled={disabled}
          className="message-input"
        />
        <button
          data-testid="send-btn"
          onClick={handleSubmit}
          disabled={!message.trim() || disabled}
          className="send-button"
        >
          Send
        </button>
      </div>
    </div>
  );
};
```



```
</div>  
);  
};  
  
export default MessageInput;
```

API Services Implementation

```
javascript
```

```
// apiService.js
```

```
const API_BASE_URL = 'http://localhost:8080/api';
```

```
// Session Management APIs
```

```
export const createSession = async (sessionData) => {  
  const response = await fetch(`${API_BASE_URL}/sessions`, {  
    method: 'POST',  
    headers: {  
      'Content-Type': 'application/json',  
    },  
    body: JSON.stringify(sessionData),  
  });  
};
```

```
if (!response.ok) {  
  throw new Error('Failed to create session');  
}
```

```
return response.json();  
};
```

```
export const getSessionById = async (sessionId) => {  
  const response = await fetch(`${API_BASE_URL}/sessions/${sessionId}`);
```

```
  if (!response.ok) {  
    throw new Error('Failed to fetch session');  
  }
```

```
  return response.json();  
};
```

```
export const closeSession = async (sessionId) => {  
  const response = await fetch(`${API_BASE_URL}/sessions/${sessionId}/close`, {  
    method: 'PUT',  
  });  
};
```

```
if (!response.ok) {  
  throw new Error('Failed to close session');  
}
```

```
return response.json();  
};
```

```
// Message Management APIs
```

```
export const createMessage = async (messageData) => {  
  const response = await fetch(`${API_BASE_URL}/messages`, {  
    method: 'POST',
```

```

headers: {
  'Content-Type': 'application/json',
},
body: JSON.stringify(messageData),
});

if (!response.ok) {
  throw new Error('Failed to send message');
}

return response.json();
};

export const getMessagesBySessionId = async (sessionId) => {
  const response = await fetch(`${API_BASE_URL}/messages/${sessionId}`);

  if (!response.ok) {
    throw new Error('Failed to fetch messages');
  }

  return response.json();
};

export const markMessageAsRead = async (messageId) => {
  const response = await fetch(`${API_BASE_URL}/messages/${messageId}/read`, {
    method: 'PUT',
  });

  if (!response.ok) {
    throw new Error('Failed to mark message as read');
  }

  return response.json();
};

```

Backend Session Controller

```
java
```

```

@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api/sessions")
@CrossOrigin(origins = "*")
public class SessionController {

    @Autowired
    private SessionService sessionService;

    @PostMapping
    public ResponseEntity<Session> createSession(@RequestBody CreateSessionRequest request) {
        try {
            Session session = sessionService.createSession(request);
            return ResponseEntity.ok(session);
        } catch (Exception e) {
            return ResponseEntity.status(HttpStatus.INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR).build();
        }
    }

    @GetMapping("/{sessionId}")
    public ResponseEntity<Session> getSession(@PathVariable String sessionId) {
        try {
            Session session = sessionService.getSessionById(sessionId);
            return ResponseEntity.ok(session);
        } catch (SessionNotFoundException e) {
            return ResponseEntity.notFound().build();
        }
    }

    @PutMapping("/{sessionId}/close")
    public ResponseEntity<Session> closeSession(@PathVariable String sessionId) {
        try {
            Session session = sessionService.closeSession(sessionId);
            return ResponseEntity.ok(session);
        } catch (SessionNotFoundException e) {
            return ResponseEntity.notFound().build();
        }
    }

    @GetMapping
    public ResponseEntity<List<Session>> getAllSessions() {
        List<Session> sessions = sessionService.getAllSessions();
        return ResponseEntity.ok(sessions);
    }
}

```

Backend Message Service

java

@Service

@Transactional

public class MessageService {

@Autowired

private MessageRepository messageRepository;

@Autowired

private SessionRepository sessionRepository;

```
public Message createMessage(CreateMessageRequest request) {  
    Session session = sessionRepository.findById(request.getSessionId())  
        .orElseThrow(() -> new SessionNotFoundException("Session not found"));
```

```
    Message message = new Message();  
    message.setSessionId(request.getSessionId());  
    message.setSenderId(request.getSenderId());  
    message.setContent(request.getContent());  
    message.setTimestamp( LocalDateTime.now());  
    message.setMessageType(MessageType.TEXT);  
    message.setReadStatus(false);
```

```
    return messageRepository.save(message);  
}
```

```
public List<Message> getMessagesBySessionId(String sessionId) {  
    return messageRepository.findBySessionIdOrderByTimestampAsc(sessionId);  
}
```

```
public Message markMessageAsRead(Long messageId) {  
    Message message = messageRepository.findById(messageId)  
        .orElseThrow(() -> new MessageNotFoundException("Message not found"));  
  
    message.setReadStatus(true);  
    return messageRepository.save(message);  
}
```

```
public void deleteMessage(Long messageId) {  
    Message message = messageRepository.findById(messageId)  
        .orElseThrow(() -> new MessageNotFoundException("Message not found"));  
  
    messageRepository.delete(message);  
}
```

APPENDIX II: SCREENSHOTS

System Interface Screenshots

Figure A.2.1: Chat Interface The main chat interface showing the integrated ChatHeader, ChatWindow, and MessageInput components working together to provide a seamless real-time communication experience.

Figure A.2.2: Message Input Component Detailed view of the message input component with send button enabled/disabled states and keyboard interaction support for enhanced user experience.

Figure A.2.3: Chat Header Component Chat header displaying recipient information, online status indicators, and session control options with responsive design elements.

Figure A.2.4: Session Management Interface Administrative interface for session management showing active sessions, participant information, and session control capabilities.

Figure A.2.5: API Testing Interface Development testing interface demonstrating successful API integration with all endpoints functioning correctly and returning appropriate responses.

Figure A.2.6: Component Testing Results Visual representation of comprehensive test coverage showing all components passing validation tests and meeting specification requirements.

Testing Screenshots

Backend Test Results:

- All 24 backend tests passing successfully
- Controller layer tests: 10/10 passed
- Service layer tests: 13/13 passed
- Application context test: 1/1 passed

Frontend Component Validation:

- ChatHeader component: All test scenarios validated
- ChatWindow component: Message display and interaction confirmed
- MessageInput component: Input validation and submission verified
- API integration: All service endpoints functioning correctly

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