

Experiment No. 8

Aim: Enable real-time communication via WebSocket

Code :

```
backend > JS server.js > ...
34
35 //routes
36 app.get('/',(req,res)=>{
37   res.send('hello from server !');
38 })
39
40 app.use("/api/v1/auth",AuthRoutes);
41 app.use("/api/v1/user",UserRoutes);
42 app.use("/api/v1/chat", chatRoutes);
43 app.use("/api/v1/group",GroupRoutes);
44
45 //running:
46 const port=process.env.PORT;
47 const mongourl=process.env.MONGO_URI;
48 app.listen(port, async()=>{
49   try {
50     const connection=await mongoose.connect(mongourl);
51     if(connection)
52     {
53       console.log(`Server running on http://localhost:${port}`);
54       console.log('MongoDB connected successfully')
55     }
56   }
```

Fig 1: API endpoints defined in server.js using REST principles with mongoose connection

```
export function attachWebSocketServer(server) {

  const history = await Chat.find({ sosId }).sort({ createdAt: 1 });
  ws.send(JSON.stringify({
    type: "chat_history",
    payload: history.map(msg => ({
      sender: msg.senderType,
      text: msg.message,
      timestamp: msg.createdAt,
    }))
  }));

} catch (e) {
  console.error("Failed to process message:", e);
  ws.send(JSON.stringify({ type: "error", message: "Invalid message format" }));
}

ws.on("close", () => {
  if (userId && connectedUsers.get(userId)?.dataIntervalId) {
    clearInterval(connectedUsers.get(userId).dataIntervalId);
  }
  connectedUsers.delete(userId);
  console.log(`❌ User disconnected: ${userId}`);
});

ws.on("error", (err) => console.error("WS Error:", err));

console.log("🚀 WebSocket Server is running.");
}
```

Fig. 2: ws server connection setup in backend

```

frontend > src > pages > ChatPage.jsx > ChatPage
24  const ChatPage = () => {
83    const handleVideoCall = () => {
89      text: `I've started a video call. Join me here: ${callUrl}`,
90    });
91    toast.success("Video call link sent successfully!");
92  }
93  };
94  };
95
96  if (loading || !chatClient || !channel) return <ChatLoader />;
97
98  return (
99    <div className="h-screen bg-gray-100">
100      <Chat client={chatClient}>
101        <Channel channel={channel}>
102          <Window>
103            <div className="flex flex-col h-full">
104              <div className="flex items-center justify-between px-4 py-3 border-b border-gray-200 bg-white">
105                <div className="flex items-center">
106                  <ChannelHeader />
107                </div>
108                <div className="flex items-center gap-2">
109                  <CallButton onClick={handleVideoCall} />
110                </div>
111              </div>
112              <MessageList className="flex-1 overflow-y-auto" />
113              <MessageInput />
114            </div>
115          </Window>
116          <Thread />
117        </Channel>
118      </Chat>
119    </div>

```

Fig 3: Frontend Chatscreen UI setup.

Output:

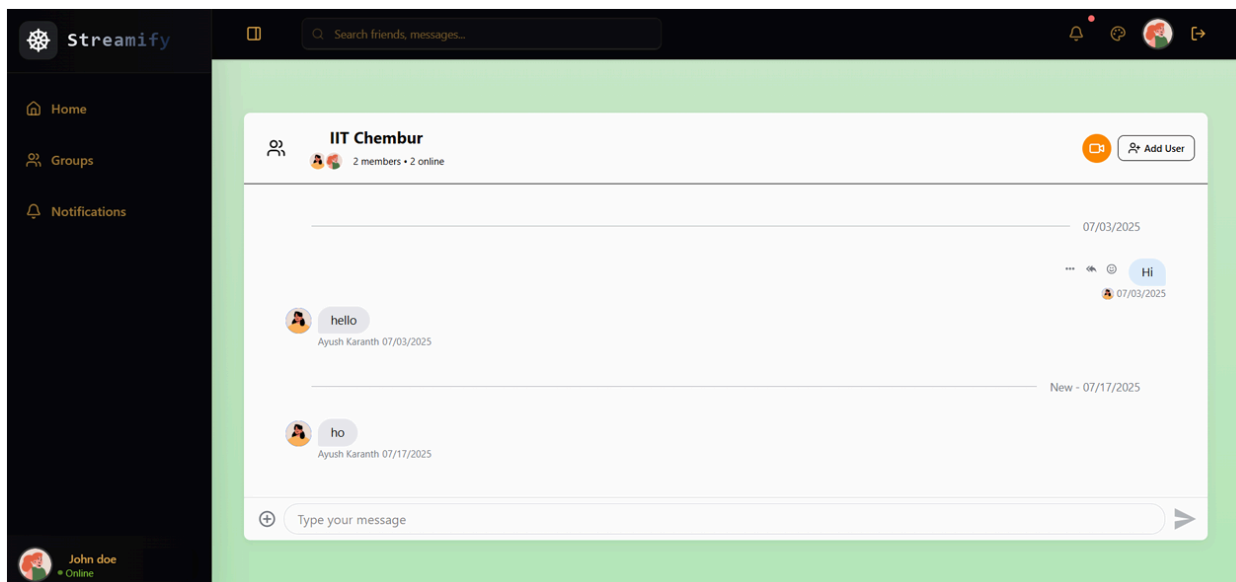


Fig 4: Group Chat Screen

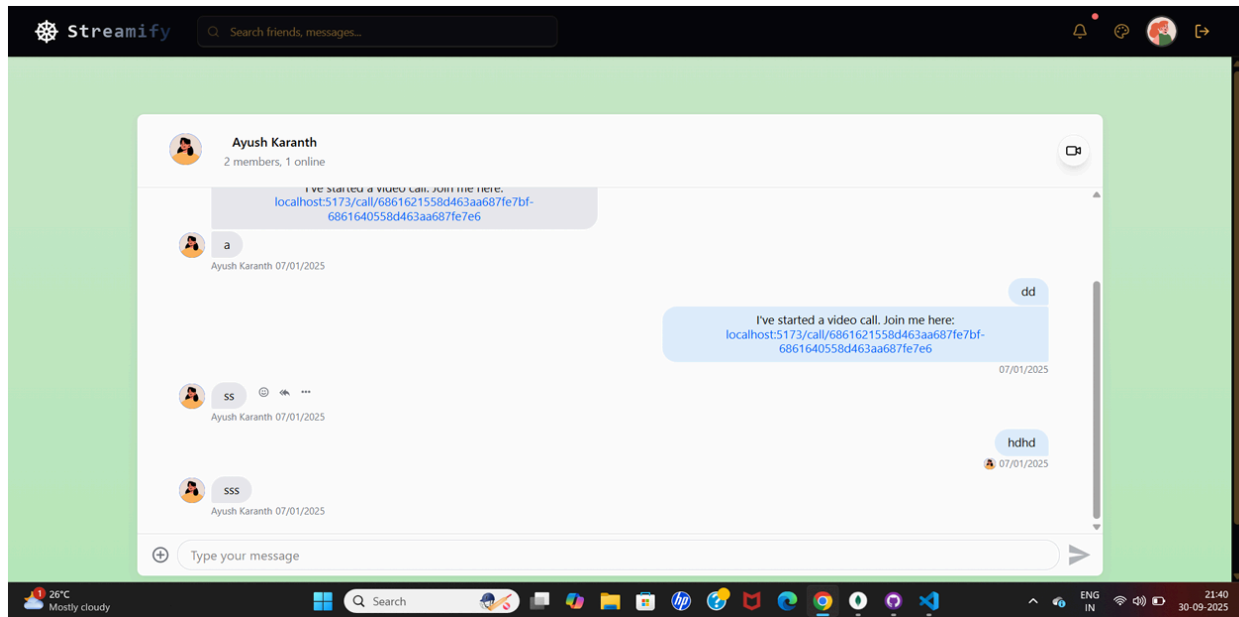


Fig 5: One to One chat screen.

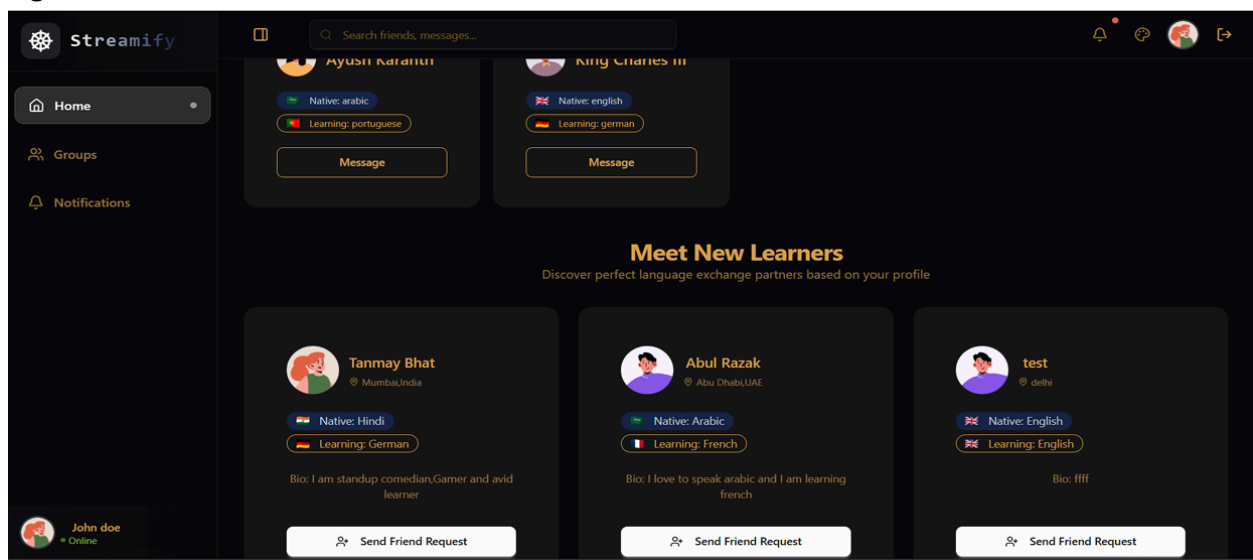


Fig 6: Home Page of Application

Conclusion :

In conclusion, enabling real-time communication via **WebSocket** provides a fast and efficient way to exchange data between clients and servers. Unlike traditional HTTP requests, WebSockets maintain a persistent connection, allowing instant two-way communication. This makes them ideal for chat apps, live notifications, gaming, and real-time data updates. Overall, WebSockets enhance user experience by delivering seamless, low-latency, and interactive communication in modern web applications.