

Task 2: You are working on a dashboard using ReactJS and Tailwind CSS. The dashboard displays data charts that are fetched from a REST API. However, the charts are not updating in real-time as new data arrives from the API.

Question: How would you troubleshoot and resolve this issue ensuring the charts update in real-time as the data changes? Explain your approach, potential challenges, and the overall thought process.

Answer: While working with Charts, fetching the data dynamically, and showing them not correctly, there could be several problems. I will check the following things to identify the issue:

☐ **Check API Response:**

- Start by checking the API response to ensure that the data is indeed changing on the server side.
- Use tools like browser developer tools or Postman to inspect the API responses and verify that new data is being sent.

☐ **Update Component State:**

- Make sure that your React component's state is being updated correctly with the new data from the API.
- Check the React component where you are storing and managing the data fetched from the API.

☐ **Check React Lifecycle Methods:**

- Ensure that you are using lifecycle methods like **useEffect** to trigger the update of the charts when the component receives new data.
- Verify that the state update triggers a re-render of the component.

☐ **Use State Management:**

- If you are using a state management library (e.g., Redux), ensure that the data flow is correctly implemented. Actions should dispatch new data to the store, and components should subscribe to changes.

☐ **Check Charting Library Integration:**

- Verify that the charting library you are using supports dynamic updates and is configured to update the charts based on the new data.
- Some charting libraries require explicit calls to update or redraw the chart when the underlying data changes.

☐ **Debugging and Logging:**

- Introduce logging statements or use tools like React DevTools to debug the flow of data within your components.
- Check the console for any error messages that might indicate issues with data processing or rendering.

☐ **CORS (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing) Issues:**

Ensure that your API server is configured to allow requests from the domain where your React application is hosted. CORS issues can sometimes prevent the client from receiving updates.

☐ **Throttling and Debouncing:**

Check if any unintentional throttling or debouncing mechanisms in place might delay the processing of new data.

☐ **Testing with Dummy Data:**

Consider temporarily using static or dummy data to simulate the API response for troubleshooting purposes. This can help isolate whether the issue is related to data fetching or chart rendering.

By systematically going through these steps, I can identify issues and narrow down the root cause of the problem.