Custom Audio Bidi-streaming app sample (WebSockets) - Agent Development Kit

Source URL: https://google.github.io/adk-docs/streaming/custom-streaming-ws/

Custom Audio Streaming app (WebSocket)

This article overviews the server and client code for a custom asynchronous web app built with ADK Streaming and <u>FastAPI</u>, enabling real-time, bidirectional audio and text communication with WebSockets.

Note: This guide assumes you have experience of JavaScript and Python asyncio programming.

Supported models for voice/video streaming

In order to use voice/video streaming in ADK, you will need to use Gemini models that support the Live API. You can find the **model ID(s)** that supports the Gemini Live API in the documentation:

- Google Al Studio: Gemini Live API
- Vertex AI: Gemini Live API

There is also a SSE version of the sample is available.

1. Install ADK¶

Create & Activate Virtual Environment (Recommended):

```
# Create
python -m venv .venv
# Activate (each new terminal)
# macOS/Linux: source .venv/bin/activate
# Windows CMD: .venv\Scripts\activate.bat
```

```
# Windows PowerShell: .venv\Scripts\Activate.ps1
```

Install ADK:

```
pip install --upgrade google-adk==1.2.1
```

Set SSL CERT FILE variable with the following command.

```
export SSL_CERT_FILE=$(python -m certifi)
```

Download the sample code:

```
git clone --no-checkout https://github.com/google/adk-docs.git
cd adk-docs
git sparse-checkout init --cone
git sparse-checkout set examples/python/snippets/streaming/adk-streaming
git checkout main
cd examples/python/snippets/streaming/adk-streaming-ws/app
```

This sample code has the following files and folders:

```
adk-streaming-ws/

app/ # the web app folder

env # Gemini API key / Google Cloud Project ID

main.py # FastAPI web app

static/ # Static content folder

| js # JavaScript files folder (includes app.js)

| index.html # The web client page

google_search_agent/ # Agent folder

| joint_.py # Python package

agent.py # Agent definition
```

2. Set up the platform

To run the sample app, choose a platform from either Google Al Studio or Google Cloud Vertex Al:

Gemini - Google Al StudioGemini - Google Cloud Vertex Al

- 1. Get an API key from Google AI Studio.
- 2. Open the .env file located inside (app/) and copy-paste the following code.

.env

```
"" GOOGLE_GENAI_USE_VERTEXAI=FALSE
GOOGLE API KEY=PASTE YOUR ACTUAL API KEY HERE
```

`` 3. Replace PASTE_YOUR_ACTUAL_API_KEY_HERE with your actual API KEY`.

- 1. You need an existing Google Cloud account and a project.
- 2. Set up a Google Cloud project
- 3. Set up the gcloud CLI
- 4. Authenticate to Google Cloud, from the terminal by running gcloud auth login.
- 5. Enable the Vertex AI API.
- 6. Open the .env file located inside (app/). Copy-paste the following code and update the project ID and location.

.env

```
"" GOOGLE_GENAI_USE_VERTEXAI=TRUE
GOOGLE_CLOUD_PROJECT=PASTE_YOUR_ACTUAL_PROJECT_ID
GOOGLE_CLOUD_LOCATION=us-central1
```

...

agent.py

The agent definition code <code>agent.py</code> in the <code>google_search_agent</code> folder is where the agent's logic is written:

```
from google.adk.agents import Agent
from google.adk.tools import google_search # Import the tool

root_agent = Agent(
    name="google_search_agent",
    model="gemini-2.0-flash-exp", # if this model does not work, try be #model="gemini-2.0-flash-live-001",
    description="Agent to answer questions using Google Search.",
    instruction="Answer the question using the Google Search tool.",
    tools=[google_search],
)
```

Note: To enable both text and audio/video input, the model must support the generateContent (for text) and bidiGenerateContent methods. Verify these capabilities by referring to the <u>List Models Documentation</u>. This quickstart utilizes the gemini-2.0-flash-exp model for demonstration purposes.

Notice how easily you integrated <u>grounding with Google Search</u> capabilities. The Agent class and the <u>google_search</u> tool handle the complex interactions with the LLM and grounding with the search API, allowing you to focus on the agent's *purpose* and *behavior*.

intro components.png

3. Interact with Your Streaming app

1. Navigate to the Correct Directory:

To run your agent effectively, make sure you are in the app folder (adk-streaming-ws/app)

1. Start the Fast API: Run the following command to start CLI interface with

uvicorn main:app --reload

1. Access the app with the text mode: Once the app starts, the terminal will display a local URL (e.g., http://localhost:8000). Click this link to open the UI in your browser.

Now you should see the UI like this:

ADK Streaming app

Try asking a question What time is it now? The agent will use Google Search to respond to your queries. You would notice that the UI shows the agent's response as streaming text. You can also send messages to the agent at any time, even while the agent is still responding. This demonstrates the bidirectional communication capability of ADK Streaming.

1. Access the app with the audio mode: Now click the Start Audio button. The app reconnects with the server in an audio mode, and the UI will show the following dialog for the first time:

ADK Streaming app

Click Allow while visiting the site, then you will see the microphone icon will be shown at the top of the browser:

ADK Streaming app

Now you can talk to the agent with voice. Ask questions like What time is it now? with voice and you will hear the agent responding in voice too. As Streaming for ADK supports multiple languages, it can also respond to question in the supported languages.

1. Check console logs

If you are using the Chrome browser, use the right click and select Inspect to open the DevTools. On the Console, you can see the incoming and outgoing audio data such as [CLIENT TO AGENT] and [AGENT TO CLIENT], representing the audio data streaming in and out between the browser and the server.

At the same time, in the app server console, you should see something like this:

```
INFO: ('127.0.0.1', 50068) - "WebSocket /ws/70070018?is_audio=true
Client #70070018 connected, audio mode: true
INFO: connection open
INFO: 127.0.0.1:50061 - "GET /static/js/pcm-player-processor.js HT
INFO: 127.0.0.1:50060 - "GET /static/js/pcm-recorder-processor.js
[AGENT TO CLIENT]: audio/pcm: 9600 bytes.
INFO: 127.0.0.1:50082 - "GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 Not Found
[AGENT TO CLIENT]: audio/pcm: 11520 bytes.
[AGENT TO CLIENT]: audio/pcm: 11520 bytes.
```

These console logs are important in case you develop your own streaming application. In many cases, the communication failure between the browser and server becomes a major cause for the streaming application bugs.

1. Troubleshooting tips

- 2. When ws:// doesn't work: If you see any errors on the Chrome DevTools with regard to ws:// connection, try replacing ws:// with wss:// on app/static/js/app.js at line 28. This may happen when you are running the sample on a cloud environment and using a proxy connection to connect from your browser.
- 3. When gemini-2.0-flash-exp model doesn't work: If you see any errors on the app server console with regard to gemini-2.0-flash-exp model availability, try replacing it with gemini-2.0-flash-live-001 on app/google search agent/agent.py at line 6.

4. Server code overview

This server app enables real-time, streaming interaction with ADK agent via WebSockets. Clients send text/audio to the ADK agent and receive streamed text/audio responses.

Core functions: 1. Initialize/manage ADK agent sessions. 2. Handle client WebSocket connections. 3. Relay client messages to the ADK agent. 4. Stream ADK agent responses (text/audio) to clients.

ADK Streaming Setup¶

```
import os
import json
import asyncio
import base64
from pathlib import Path
from dotenv import load dotenv
from google.genai.types import (
   Part,
   Content,
   Blob,
)
from google.adk.runners import Runner
from google.adk.agents import LiveRequestQueue
from google.adk.agents.run config import RunConfig
from google.adk.sessions.in memory session service import InMemorySess
from fastapi import FastAPI, WebSocket
from fastapi.staticfiles import StaticFiles
from fastapi.responses import FileResponse
from google search agent.agent import root_agent
```

- Imports: Includes standard Python libraries, dotenv for environment variables, Google ADK, and FastAPI.
- load_dotenv(): Loads environment variables.
- APP NAME: Application identifier for ADK.

• session_service = InMemorySessionService(): Initializes an in-memory ADK session service, suitable for single-instance or development use. Production might use a persistent store.

start agent session(session id, is audio=False) 1

```
async def start agent session(user id, is audio=False):
   """Starts an agent session"""
   # Create a Runner
   runner = InMemoryRunner(
       app name=APP NAME,
       agent=root agent,
   )
   # Create a Session
   session = await runner.session service.create session(
       app name=APP NAME,
       user id=user id, # Replace with actual user ID
   )
   # Set response modality
   modality = "AUDIO" if is audio else "TEXT"
   run config = RunConfig(response modalities=[modality])
   # Create a LiveRequestQueue for this session
   live request queue = LiveRequestQueue()
   # Start agent session
   live events = runner.run live(
       session=session,
       live request queue=live request queue,
       run config=run config,
   )
   return live events, live request queue
```

This function initializes an ADK agent live session.

Parameter	Type	Description
user_id	str	Unique client identifier.
is_audio	bool	True for audio responses, False for text (default).

Key Steps: 1. Create Runner: Instantiates the ADK runner for the root_agent . 2. Create Session: Establishes an ADK session. 3. Set Response Modality: Configures agent response as "AUDIO" or "TEXT". 4. Create LiveRequestQueue: Creates a queue for client inputs to the agent. 5. Start Agent Session: runner.run_live(...) starts the agent, returning: * live_events: Asynchronous iterable for agent events (text, audio, completion). * live_request_queue: Queue to send data to the agent.

Returns: (live_events, live_request_queue).

agent to client messaging (websocket, live events) 1

```
async def agent_to_client_messaging(websocket, live_events):
    """Agent to client communication"""
    while True:
        async for event in live_events:

        # If the turn complete or interrupted, send it
        if event.turn_complete or event.interrupted:
            message = {
                "turn_complete": event.turn_complete,
                "interrupted": event.interrupted,
            }
            await websocket.send_text(json.dumps(message))
            print(f"[AGENT TO CLIENT]: {message}")
            continue

# Read the Content and its first Part
            part: Part = (
```

```
event.content and event.content.parts and event.conter
)
if not part:
    continue
# If it's audio, send Base64 encoded audio data
is audio = part.inline data and part.inline data.mime type
if is audio:
    audio data = part.inline data and part.inline data.dat
    if audio data:
        message = {
            "mime type": "audio/pcm",
            "data": base64.b64encode(audio data).decode("a
        await websocket.send text(json.dumps(message))
        print(f"[AGENT TO CLIENT]: audio/pcm: {len(audio c
        continue
# If it's text and a parial text, send it
if part.text and event.partial:
    message = {
        "mime type": "text/plain",
        "data": part.text
    await websocket.send text(json.dumps(message))
    print(f"[AGENT TO CLIENT]: text/plain: {message}")
```

This asynchronous function streams ADK agent events to the WebSocket client.

```
Logic: 1. Iterates through live_events from the agent. 2. Turn Completion/Interruption: Sends status flags to the client. 3. Content Processing: * Extracts the first Part from event content. * Audio Data: If audio (PCM), Base64 encodes and sends it as JSON: { "mime_type": "audio/pcm", "data": "<base64 audio>" } . * Text Data: If partial
```

```
text, sends it as JSON: { "mime_type": "text/plain", "data":
"<partial_text>" } . 4. Logs messages.
```

client_to_agent_messaging(websocket, live_request_queue) ¶

```
async def client to agent messaging (websocket, live request queue):
   """Client to agent communication"""
   while True:
       # Decode JSON message
       message json = await websocket.receive text()
       message = json.loads(message_json)
       mime type = message["mime type"]
       data = message["data"]
       # Send the message to the agent
       if mime type == "text/plain":
           # Send a text message
           content = Content(role="user", parts=[Part.from text(text=
           live request queue.send content(content=content)
           print(f"[CLIENT TO AGENT]: {data}")
       elif mime type == "audio/pcm":
           # Send an audio data
           decoded data = base64.b64decode(data)
           live request queue.send realtime(Blob(data=decoded data, m
       else:
           raise ValueError(f"Mime type not supported: {mime type}")
```

This asynchronous function relays messages from the WebSocket client to the ADK agent.

```
Logic: 1. Receives and parses JSON messages from the WebSocket,

expecting: { "mime_type": "text/plain" | "audio/pcm", "data":

"<data>" } . 2. Text Input: For "text/plain", sends Content to agent via

live request queue.send content() . 3. Audio Input: For "audio/
```

pcm", decodes Base64 data, wraps in Blob, and sends via live_request_queue.send_realtime().4. Raises ValueError for unsupported MIME types. 5. Logs messages.

FastAPI Web Application¶

```
app = FastAPI()
STATIC DIR = Path("static")
app.mount("/static", StaticFiles(directory=STATIC DIR), name="static")
@app.get("/")
async def root():
    """Serves the index.html"""
   return FileResponse(os.path.join(STATIC DIR, "index.html"))
@app.websocket("/ws/{user id}")
async def websocket endpoint (websocket: WebSocket, user id: int, is au
    """Client websocket endpoint"""
    # Wait for client connection
    await websocket.accept()
    print(f"Client #{user id} connected, audio mode: {is audio}")
    # Start agent session
   user id str = str(user id)
    live events, live request queue = await start agent session(user i
    # Start tasks
    agent to client task = asyncio.create task(
        agent to client messaging (websocket, live events)
    client to agent task = asyncio.create task(
        client to agent messaging (websocket, live request queue)
    )
```

```
# Wait until the websocket is disconnected or an error occurs
tasks = [agent_to_client_task, client_to_agent_task]
await asyncio.wait(tasks, return_when=asyncio.FIRST_EXCEPTION)

# Close LiveRequestQueue
live_request_queue.close()

# Disconnected
print(f"Client #{user_id} disconnected")
```

- app = FastAPI(): Initializes the application.
- Static Files: Serves files from the static directory under /static.
- @app.get("/") (Root Endpoint): Serves index.html.
- @app.websocket("/ws/{user id}") (WebSocket Endpoint):
- Path Parameters: user id (int) and is audio (str: "true"/"false").
- Connection Handling:
 - 1. Accepts WebSocket connection.
 - 2. Calls start_agent_session() using user_id and
 is audio.
 - 3. Concurrent Messaging Tasks: Creates and runs

```
agent_to_client_messaging and
client_to_agent_messaging concurrently using
asyncio.gather. These tasks handle bidirectional message
flow.
```

4. Logs client connection and disconnection.

How It Works (Overall Flow)

- 1. Client connects to ws://<server>/ws/<user_id>?
 is_audio=<true_or_false>.
- 2. Server's websocket_endpoint accepts, starts ADK session
 (start_agent_session).
- 3. Two asyncio tasks manage communication:
- 4. client_to_agent_messaging: Client WebSocket messages -> ADK live request queue.

- 5. agent_to_client_messaging: ADK live_events -> Client WebSocket.
- 6. Bidirectional streaming continues until disconnection or error.

5. Client code overview

The JavaScript app.js (in app/static/js) manages client-side interaction with the ADK Streaming WebSocket backend. It handles sending text/audio and receiving/displaying streamed responses.

Key functionalities: 1. Manage WebSocket connection. 2. Handle text input. 3. Capture microphone audio (Web Audio API, AudioWorklets). 4. Send text/audio to backend. 5. Receive and render text/audio agent responses. 6. Manage UI.

Prerequisites 1

- HTML Structure: Requires specific element IDs (e.g., messageForm, message, messages, sendButton, startAudioButton).
- Backend Server: The Python FastAPI server must be running.
- Audio Worklet Files: audio-player.js and audio-recorder.js for audio processing.

WebSocket Handling¶

```
// Connect the server with a WebSocket connection
const sessionId = Math.random().toString().substring(10);
const ws_url =
    "ws://" + window.location.host + "/ws/" + sessionId;
let websocket = null;
let is_audio = false;

// Get DOM elements
const messageForm = document.getElementById("messageForm");
const messageInput = document.getElementById("message");
const messageSDiv = document.getElementById("messages");
let currentMessageId = null;

// WebSocket handlers
```

```
function connectWebsocket() {
 // Connect websocket
 websocket = new WebSocket(ws url + "?is audio=" + is audio);
 // Handle connection open
 websocket.onopen = function () {
   // Connection opened messages
   console.log("WebSocket connection opened.");
   document.getElementById("messages").textContent = "Connection oper
   // Enable the Send button
   document.getElementById("sendButton").disabled = false;
   addSubmitHandler();
 };
 // Handle incoming messages
 websocket.onmessage = function (event) {
   // Parse the incoming message
   const message from server = JSON.parse(event.data);
   console.log("[AGENT TO CLIENT] ", message from server);
   // Check if the turn is complete
   // if turn complete, add new message
   if (
     message from server.turn complete &&
     message from server.turn complete == true
   ) {
     currentMessageId = null;
     return;
   // If it's audio, play it
   if (message from server.mime type == "audio/pcm" && audioPlayerNoo
     audioPlayerNode.port.postMessage(base64ToArray(message from serv
```

```
// If it's a text, print it
    if (message from server.mime type == "text/plain") {
      // add a new message for a new turn
      if (currentMessageId == null) {
        currentMessageId = Math.random().toString(36).substring(7);
        const message = document.createElement("p");
       message.id = currentMessageId;
        // Append the message element to the messagesDiv
       messagesDiv.appendChild(message);
      }
      // Add message text to the existing message element
      const message = document.getElementById(currentMessageId);
     message.textContent += message from server.data;
      // Scroll down to the bottom of the messagesDiv
     messagesDiv.scrollTop = messagesDiv.scrollHeight;
   }
  };
  // Handle connection close
  websocket.onclose = function () {
    console.log("WebSocket connection closed.");
    document.getElementById("sendButton").disabled = true;
    document.getElementById("messages").textContent = "Connection clos
    setTimeout(function () {
      console.log("Reconnecting...");
      connectWebsocket();
   }, 5000);
  };
  websocket.onerror = function (e) {
   console.log("WebSocket error: ", e);
  };
connectWebsocket();
```

```
// Add submit handler to the form
function addSubmitHandler() {
 messageForm.onsubmit = function (e) {
   e.preventDefault();
   const message = messageInput.value;
   if (message) {
      const p = document.createElement("p");
     p.textContent = "> " + message;
     messagesDiv.appendChild(p);
     messageInput.value = "";
     sendMessage({
       mime type: "text/plain",
       data: message,
     });
      console.log("[CLIENT TO AGENT] " + message);
   return false;
 };
// Send a message to the server as a JSON string
function sendMessage(message) {
 if (websocket && websocket.readyState == WebSocket.OPEN) {
   const messageJson = JSON.stringify(message);
   websocket.send(messageJson);
// Decode Base64 data to Array
function base64ToArray(base64) {
 const binaryString = window.atob(base64);
 const len = binaryString.length;
 const bytes = new Uint8Array(len);
 for (let i = 0; i < len; i++) {
   bytes[i] = binaryString.charCodeAt(i);
```

```
return bytes.buffer;
}
```

- Connection Setup: Generates sessionId, constructs ws_url.

 is_audio flag (initially false) appends ?is_audio=true to URL

 when active. connectWebsocket() initializes the connection.
- websocket.onopen: Enables send button, updates UI, calls addSubmitHandler().
- websocket.onmessage: Parses incoming JSON from server.
- Turn Completion: Resets currentMessageId if agent turn is complete.
- Audio Data (audio/pcm): Decodes Base64 audio
 (base64ToArray()) and sends to audioPlayerNode for playback.
- Text Data (text/plain): If new turn (currentMessageId is null), creates new . Appends received text to the current message paragraph for streaming effect. Scrolls messagesDiv.
- websocket.onclose: Disables send button, updates UI, attempts auto-reconnection after 5s.
- websocket.onerror: Logs errors.
- Initial Connection: connectWebsocket() is called on script load.

DOM Interaction & Message Submission¶

- Element Retrieval: Fetches required DOM elements.
- addSubmitHandler(): Attached to messageForm's submit. Prevents default submission, gets text from messageInput, displays user message, clears input, and calls sendMessage() with { mime_type: "text/plain", data: messageText }.
- sendMessage (messagePayload) : Sends JSON stringified messagePayload if WebSocket is open.

Audio Handling¶

```
let audioPlayerNode;
let audioPlayerContext;
```

```
let audioRecorderNode;
let audioRecorderContext;
let micStream:
// Import the audio worklets
import { startAudioPlayerWorklet } from "./audio-player.js";
import { startAudioRecorderWorklet } from "./audio-recorder.js";
// Start audio
function startAudio() {
 // Start audio output
  startAudioPlayerWorklet().then(([node, ctx]) => {
   audioPlayerNode = node;
   audioPlayerContext = ctx;
  });
  // Start audio input
  startAudioRecorderWorklet(audioRecorderHandler).then(
    ([node, ctx, stream]) => {
      audioRecorderNode = node;
     audioRecorderContext = ctx;
     micStream = stream;
  );
// Start the audio only when the user clicked the button
// (due to the gesture requirement for the Web Audio API)
const startAudioButton = document.getElementById("startAudioButton");
startAudioButton.addEventListener("click", () => {
  startAudioButton.disabled = true;
 startAudio();
 is audio = true;
 connectWebsocket(); // reconnect with the audio mode
});
// Audio recorder handler
```

```
function audioRecorderHandler(pcmData) {
    // Send the pcm data as base64
    sendMessage({
        mime_type: "audio/pcm",
        data: arrayBufferToBase64(pcmData),
    });
    console.log("[CLIENT TO AGENT] sent %s bytes", pcmData.byteLength);
}

// Encode an array buffer with Base64
function arrayBufferToBase64(buffer) {
    let binary = "";
    const bytes = new Uint8Array(buffer);
    const len = bytes.byteLength;
    for (let i = 0; i < len; i++) {
        binary += String.fromCharCode(bytes[i]);
    }
    return window.btoa(binary);
}</pre>
```

- Audio Worklets: Uses AudioWorkletNode via audio-player.js (for playback) and audio-recorder.js (for capture).
- **State Variables:** Store AudioContexts and WorkletNodes (e.g., audioPlayerNode).
- **startAudio()**: Initializes player and recorder worklets. Passes audioRecorderHandler as callback to recorder.
- "Start Audio" Button (startAudioButton):
- Requires user gesture for Web Audio API.
- On click: disables button, calls startAudio(), sets is_audio = true, then calls connectWebsocket() to reconnect in audio mode (URL includes ?is audio=true).
- audioRecorderHandler (pcmData) : Callback from recorder worklet with PCM audio chunks. Encodes pcmData to Base64 (arrayBufferToBase64()) and sends to server via sendMessage() with mime type: "audio/pcm".

• Helper Functions: base64ToArray() (server audio -> client player) and arrayBufferToBase64() (client mic audio -> server).

How It Works (Client-Side Flow)

- 1. Page Load: Establishes WebSocket in text mode.
- 2. **Text Interaction:** User types/submits text; sent to server. Server text responses displayed, streamed.
- 3. **Switching to Audio Mode:** "Start Audio" button click initializes audio worklets, sets <code>is_audio=true</code>, and reconnects WebSocket in audio mode.
- 4. Audio Interaction: Recorder sends mic audio (Base64 PCM) to server. Server audio/text responses handled by websocket.onmessage for playback/display.
- 5. **Connection Management:** Auto-reconnect on WebSocket close.

Summary

This article overviews the server and client code for a custom asynchronous web app built with ADK Streaming and FastAPI, enabling real-time, bidirectional voice and text communication.

The Python FastAPI server code initializes ADK agent sessions, configured for text or audio responses. It uses a WebSocket endpoint to handle client connections. Asynchronous tasks manage bidirectional messaging: forwarding client text or Base64-encoded PCM audio to the ADK agent, and streaming text or Base64-encoded PCM audio responses from the agent back to the client.

The client-side JavaScript code manages a WebSocket connection, which can be re-established to switch between text and audio modes. It sends user input (text or microphone audio captured via Web Audio API and AudioWorklets) to the server. Incoming messages from the server are processed: text is displayed (streamed), and Base64-encoded PCM audio is decoded and played using an AudioWorklet.

Next steps for production

When you will use the Streaming for ADK in production apps, you may want to consinder the following points:

- **Deploy Multiple Instances:** Run several instances of your FastAPI application instead of a single one.
- Implement Load Balancing: Place a load balancer in front of your application instances to distribute incoming WebSocket connections.
- Configure for WebSockets: Ensure the load balancer supports longlived WebSocket connections and consider "sticky sessions" (session affinity) to route a client to the same backend instance, *or* design for stateless instances (see next point).
- Externalize Session State: Replace the InMemorySessionService for ADK with a distributed, persistent session store. This allows any server instance to handle any user's session, enabling true statelessness at the application server level and improving fault tolerance.
- Implement Health Checks: Set up robust health checks for your WebSocket server instances so the load balancer can automatically remove unhealthy instances from rotation.
- **Utilize Orchestration:** Consider using an orchestration platform like Kubernetes for automated deployment, scaling, self-healing, and management of your WebSocket server instances.