**What are WebSockets?**

[WebSockets](https://ably.com/topic/websockets) are a communication protocol that enable bidirectional communication between applications.

They are a great choice when two-way communication is needed such as chat and multiplayer collaboration.

Additionally, WebSockets are well-suited when you need to push fresh data from the server as soon as it’s available - like [live sports score updates](https://ably.com/blog/building-realtime-updates-in-sports-media-and-entertainment-apps), [updates on a package delivery](https://ably.com/blog/supporting-realtime-update-infrastructure-in-transportation-and-logistics-apps), or perhaps [realtime chart data](https://ably.com/blog/how-to-use-google-charts-with-react).