Communication Protocol Interview Questions

- 1. What is short polling, and how does it differ from other communication techniques like long polling and WebSockets?
- 2. Explain the basic workflow of short polling in web development.
- 3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using short polling for real-time communication?
- 4. Describe the concept of long polling and how it addresses some of the limitations of short polling.
- 5. What scenarios are suitable for using long polling, and what are its potential drawbacks
- 6. Explain how long polling can be implemented on the client and server sides.
- 7. What is a WebSocket, and how does it enable full-duplex communication between clients and servers?
- 8. How does WebSocket handle bi-directional communication, and what are its key advantages for real-time applications?
- 9. Explain the WebSocket handshake process and the role of the "Upgrade" header.
- 10. What are Server-Sent Events (SSE), and how do they differ from other real-time communication techniques?
- 11. Describe the steps involved in implementing Server-Sent Events in a web application.
- 12. What types of applications benefit most from using SSE, and what are the potential limitations?
- 13. Define what a webhook is and how it facilitates communication between applications.
- 14. Compare webhooks with other real-time communication techniques in terms of use cases and implementation complexity.
- 15. When would you choose WebSockets over other communication techniques like short polling or long polling, and vice versa?

