

Task 2: You are working on a dashboard using ReactJS and Tailwind CSS. The dashboard displays data charts which 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:

- For troubleshooting and resolving real-time updates for data charts in the dashboard, I will follow some steps:

First of all, ensure that the API is returning the updated data as expected. I will check the API response using Postman or the browser console. If the API responds properly, then I will change the method of data fetching in the project.

If the data is fetched through the `useEffect` and `useState` hooks, then I will debug to make sure that the state is being updated correctly when new data is fetched from the API. and also ensure that a dependency array is given in `useEffect`.

It is best if I use TanStack Query to fetch my data. Because it should automatically refetch the data. And use dynamic values in the query keys that change when new data is available.

If that doesn't update the data in real time, then I will ensure that the `refetchOnMount` and `refetchOnReconnect` options are set appropriately to trigger updates when the component mounts or when the network reconnects.