

EXP-04

- **AIM:-** To develop a full-stack web application that displays the live character count as a user types into a text area and stores the entered text on a backend server.
- **THEORY:-** A live character counter is a common feature in text-based applications such as social media platforms, messaging apps, and form validations. It provides real-time feedback to the user on the number of characters typed, which can help maintain input constraints and improve user experience.

- ✓ In this experiment:
- ✓ **Frontend (HTML, CSS, JavaScript)** updates the character count dynamically using the input event listener.
- ✓ **Backend (Node.js + Express)** provides APIs to store and retrieve the text.
- ✓ **AJAX (Fetch API)** is used for communication between the frontend and backend without reloading the page.
- ✓ **Key concepts:**
- ✓ DOM manipulation to update count
- ✓ Event-driven programming using input events
- ✓ RESTful API handling in Express.js
- ✓ Serving static files using `express.static()`

- **CODE:-**

- ✓ **Server.js**

```
const express = require("express");
const bodyParser = require("body-parser");
const cors = require("cors");
const path = require("path");
```

```
const app = express();
app.use(cors());
app.use(bodyParser.json());
```

```
// Serve static files from public folder
app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname, "public")));
```

```
let savedText = "";
```

```
app.post("/save-text", (req, res) => {
  const { text } = req.body;
  savedText = text;
  console.log(`Received text: "${text}" (${text.length} characters)`);
  res.json({ message: "Text saved successfully!", length: text.length });
});
```

```
app.get("/get-text", (req, res) => {
  res.json({ text: savedText, length: savedText.length });
}
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```
app.listen(3000, () => {
  console.log("✅ Server running at http://localhost:3000");
});
```

✓ Index.html:-

```
✓ <!DOCTYPE html>
✓ <html lang="en">
✓ <head>
✓   <meta charset="UTF-8">
✓   <title>Live Character Count</title>
✓   <style>
✓     /* Reset & base styles */
✓     body {
✓       font-family: 'Segoe UI', Tahoma, Geneva, Verdana, sans-
✓ serif;
✓       background: linear-gradient(135deg, #4facfe, #00f2fe);
✓       display: flex;
✓       justify-content: center;
✓       align-items: center;
✓       height: 100vh;
✓       margin: 0;
✓       color: #333;
✓     }
✓
✓     .container {
✓       background: white;
✓       padding: 30px;
✓       border-radius: 15px;
✓       box-shadow: 0 8px 20px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.15);
✓       width: 400px;
✓       text-align: center;
✓       animation: fadeIn 0.6s ease-in-out;
✓     }
✓
✓     h1 {
```

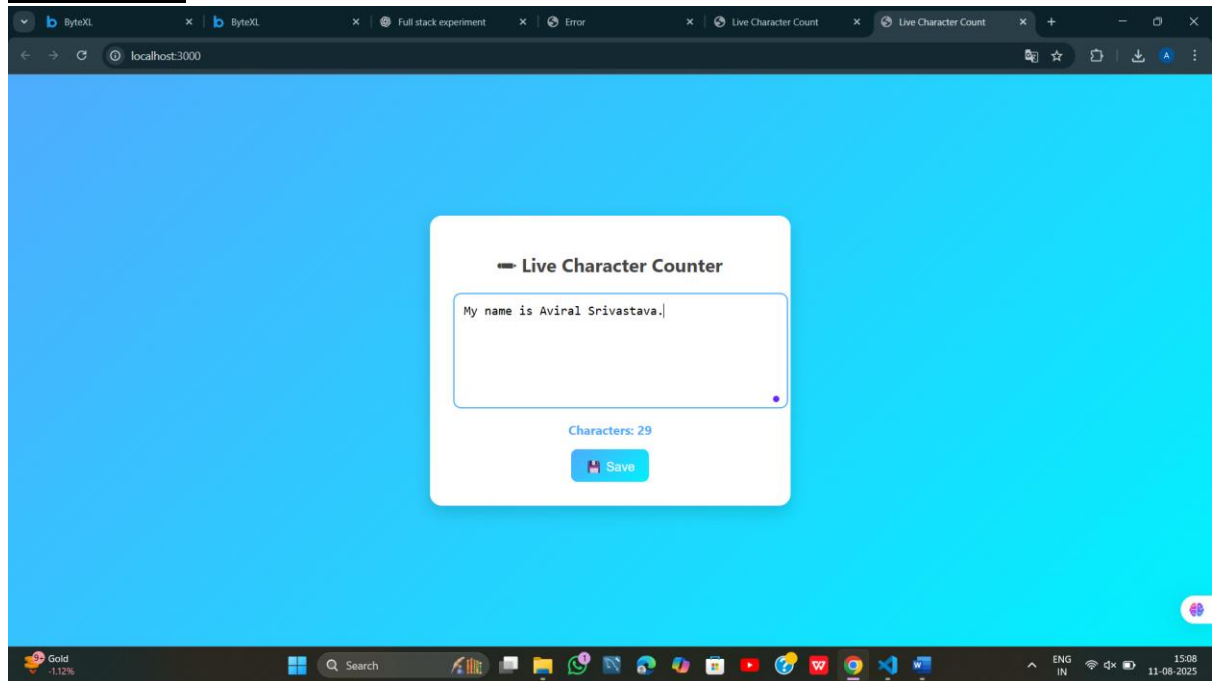
```
✓      margin-bottom: 20px;
✓      font-size: 24px;
✓      color: #444;
✓    }
✓
✓    textarea {
✓      width: 100%;
✓      height: 120px;
✓      padding: 12px;
✓      font-size: 16px;
✓      border: 2px solid #ddd;
✓      border-radius: 10px;
✓      resize: none;
✓      outline: none;
✓      transition: border-color 0.3s;
✓    }
✓
✓    textarea:focus {
✓      border-color: #4facfe;
✓    }
✓
✓    .count {
✓      margin-top: 12px;
✓      font-weight: bold;
✓      font-size: 16px;
✓      color: #4facfe;
✓    }
✓
✓    button {
✓      margin-top: 15px;
✓      padding: 10px 18px;
✓      font-size: 16px;
✓      border: none;
✓      border-radius: 8px;
✓      background: linear-gradient(135deg, #4facfe, #00f2fe);
✓      color: white;
✓      cursor: pointer;
✓      transition: transform 0.2s ease, box-shadow 0.2s ease;
✓    }
✓
✓    button:hover {
✓      transform: translateY(-2px);
✓      box-shadow: 0 5px 15px rgba(79, 172, 254, 0.4);
✓    }
✓
✓    @keyframes fadeIn {
✓      from { opacity: 0; transform: translateY(15px); }
✓      to { opacity: 1; transform: translateY(0); }
```

```

✓      }
✓    </style>
✓ </head>
✓ <body>
✓   <div class="container">
✓     <h1>👉 Live Character Counter</h1>
✓     <textarea id="textArea" placeholder="Type something
amazing..."></textarea>
✓     <div class="count">Characters: <span
id="charCount">0</span></div>
✓     <button id="saveBtn">💾 Save</button>
✓   </div>
✓
✓   <script>
✓     const textArea = document.getElementById("textArea");
✓     const charCount = document.getElementById("charCount");
✓     const saveBtn = document.getElementById("saveBtn");
✓
✓     // Update count live
✓     textArea.addEventListener("input", () => {
✓       charCount.textContent = textArea.value.length;
✓     });
✓
✓     // Save text to backend
✓     saveBtn.addEventListener("click", async () => {
✓       const res = await fetch("/save-text", {
✓         method: "POST",
✓         headers: { "Content-Type": "application/json" },
✓         body: JSON.stringify({ text: textArea.value })
✓       });
✓       const data = await res.json();
✓       alert(` ${data.message} ( ${data.length} characters)`);
✓     });
✓
✓     // Load saved text
✓     window.onload = async () => {
✓       const res = await fetch("/get-text");
✓       const data = await res.json();
✓       textArea.value = data.text;
✓       charCount.textContent = data.length;
✓     };
✓   </script>
✓   <script src="server.js"></script>
✓ </body>
✓ </html>
✓

```

- **OUTPUT:-**



- **LEARNING OUTCOMES:-**

- ✓ Implement **real-time UI updates** using JavaScript event listeners.
- ✓ Create and consume **REST APIs** using Node.js and Express.
- ✓ Serve static frontend files from a backend server.
- ✓ Use **Fetch API** for asynchronous communication.
- ✓ Apply **basic UI design** for improved user experience.