

Use as many of the sections below as needed, or create more, to explain every function, method, class, or object type you used from this library/framework.

websocket.serve

Purpose

- Creates the websocket server at a given IP address/port, and sends incoming messages to a customizable callback function
- This will be used to initialize the websocket server within websocket.py of our repo (line 34)

- an instance of [serve](#) is created by calling `websockets.serve`.
- `Serve` creates a [WebSocketServer](#), which creates, holds, and destroys `WebSocketServerProtocols`.
- `Serve` also creates a [WebSocketServerProtocol](#), which receives, processes, and sends out data to the server
- The handler for `WebSocketServerProtocol` waits for a handshake to commence, holding the entire handshake process in the [handshake](#) function
- The protocol created waits for an attempt at a valid handshake request, which is determined by reading the raw bytes and attempting to convert into a HTTP request using the [read http request](#) function.
- The proper HTTP handshake response is validated and processed by `handshake`, which after reading the HTTP request builds the response using [build response](#) and writes it back to the client through [write http response](#).

websocket.broadcast

Purpose

On a pre-existing websocket, `send` takes a string or bytes, formats it into a websocket frame, and then sends it to the client.

Broadcast is used to send messages to a variable amount of active users across multiple channels. Regardless of how they are chosen to be delivered, all usages of `broadcast` (lines 26 and 27 of `websocket.py` in our repo) echo messages sent over the channels back to other users listening into that channel, or to other channels (like the user's notification channel).

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- The [send](#) coroutine (which WebSocketServerProtocol inherits from WebSocketCommonProtocol) is called with something that can be used as a payload (string, bytes)
- The payload is given to [write_frame](#), who in turn calls write_frame_sync
- [write_frame_sync](#) creates an instance of [Frame](#), which through instantiation and its own write function constructs the frame to write, and then writes to the TCP
- [broadcast](#) takes a list of websockets and data, and for each websocket in the list calls its write_frame_sync.