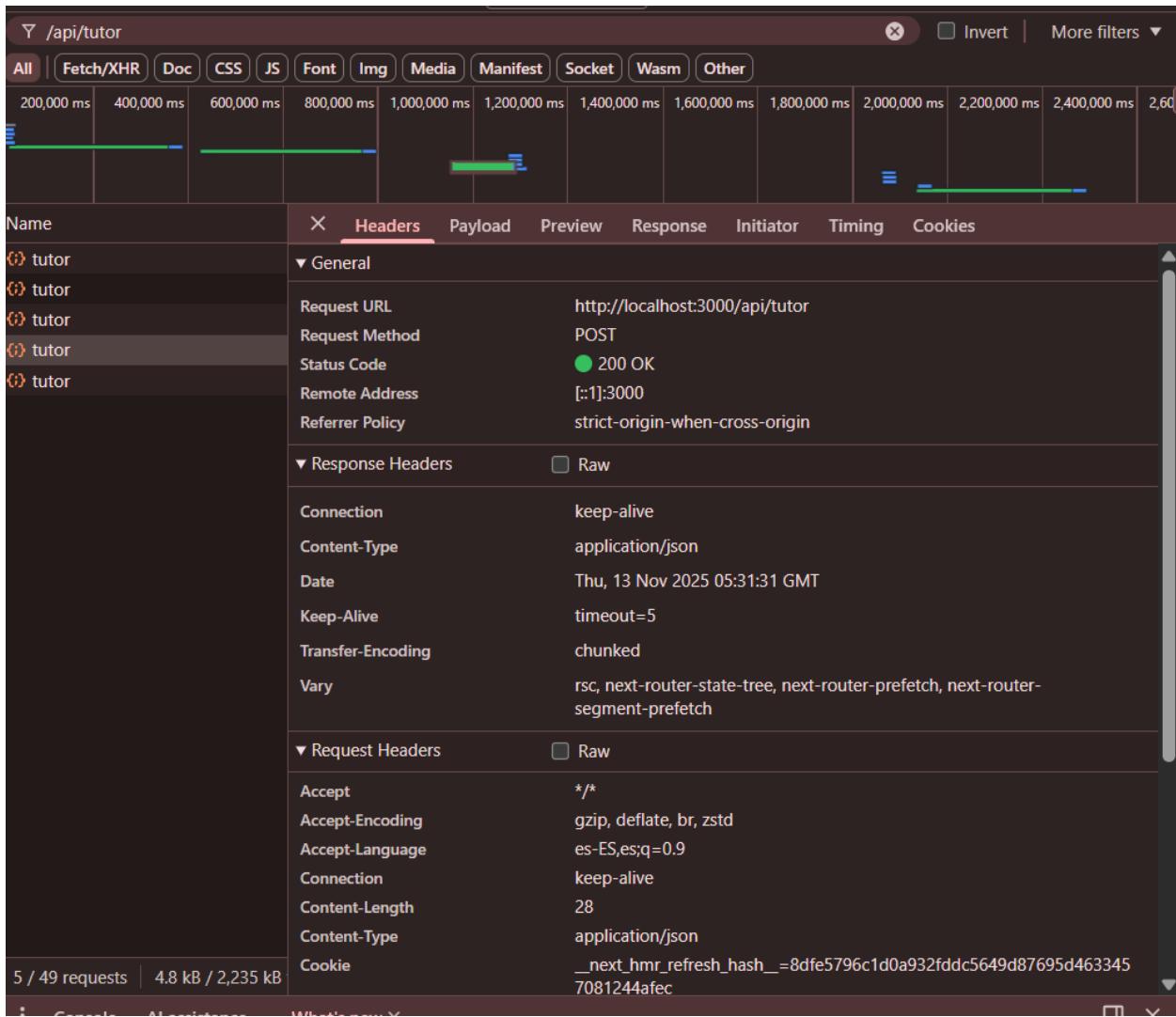


## API Analysis (Bonus)

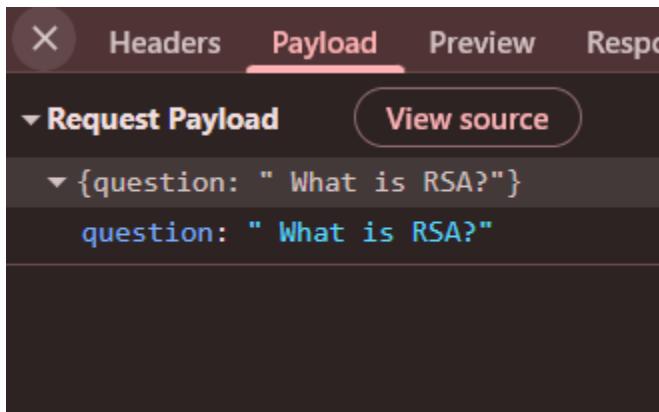
We captured the full API trace for a tutor question using Chrome DevTools. When the user submits a question from the frontend, the browser sends an HTTP request to our backend endpoint: POST /api/tutor.



The screenshot shows the 'Request Headers' section of the Chrome DevTools Network tab. The headers listed are:

Header	Value
Accept	*/*
Accept-Encoding	gzip, deflate, br, zstd
Accept-Language	es-ES,es;q=0.9
Connection	keep-alive
Content-Length	28
Content-Type	application/json
Cookie	_next_hmr_refresh_hash_=8dfe5796c1d0a932fddc5649d87695d4633457081244afec
Host	localhost:3000
Origin	http://localhost:3000
Referer	http://localhost:3000/tutor
Sec-Ch-Ua	"Chromium";v="142", "Google Chrome";v="142", "Not_A_Brand";v="99"
Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile	?0
Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform	"Windows"
Sec-Fetch-Dest	empty
Sec-Fetch-Mode	cors
Sec-Fetch-Site	same-origin
User-Agent	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/142.0.0.0 Safari/537.36

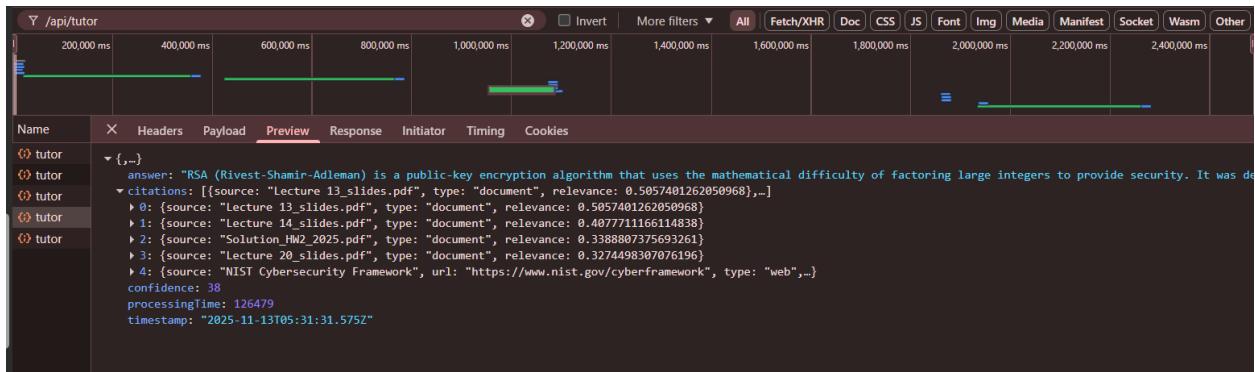
When the user submits the question “What is RSA?”, the browser sends an HTTP request to our backend endpoint POST /api/tutor. Using Chrome DevTools, we inspected the Request Payload, which shows the JSON body:



On the server side, our /api/tutor route logs both the raw and sanitized versions of this field:

```
==== Tutor API: Incoming question ====
RAW QUESTION: What is RSA?
SANITIZED QUESTION: What is RSA?
```

We visualize a preview of the answer



When the backend finishes processing the sanitized question, it sends back a detailed JSON response. We can observe the final stage of the data flow pipeline.

The response includes:

- Answer
- Citations
- Confidence
- Timestamp
- Processing time

Y /api/tutor

```

1 {
  "answer": "RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman) is a public-key encryption algorithm that uses the mathematical difficulty of factoring large integers to provide security.",

  "citations": [
    {
      "source": "Lecture 13_slides.pdf",
      "type": "document",
      "relevance": 0.5057401262050968
    },
    {
      "source": "Lecture 14_slides.pdf",
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    {
      "source": "Lecture 20_slides.pdf",
      "type": "document",
      "relevance": 0.3274498307076196
    },
    {
      "source": "NIST Cybersecurity Framework",
      "url": "https://www.nist.gov/cyberframework",
      "type": "web",
      "relevance": 0.8
    }
  ],
  "confidence": 38,
  "timestamp": "2025-11-13T05:31:31.575Z",
  "processingTime": 126479
}

```

In the timing feature of DevTools, we can visualize the time it took to get an Answer which is within the time stipulated (2 minutes)

