Getting Started with ASP.NET Core SignalR

UNDERSTANDING THE REAL-TIME WEB



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Module Overview



Real-time web applications

AJAX

Polling and long polling

Server sent events

WebSockets



Real-time Web Applications

Email clients

Social media

Web documents

Auctions

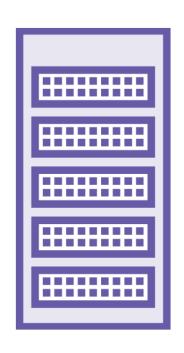
Gaming

Stock quotes



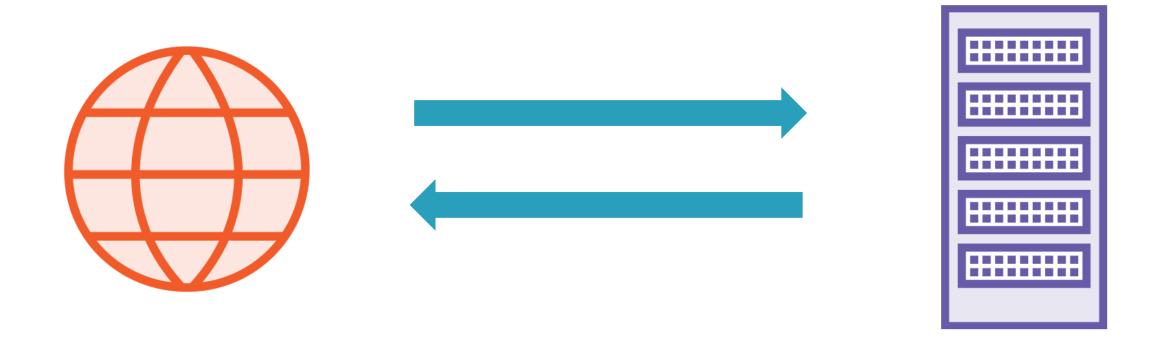
Client and Server





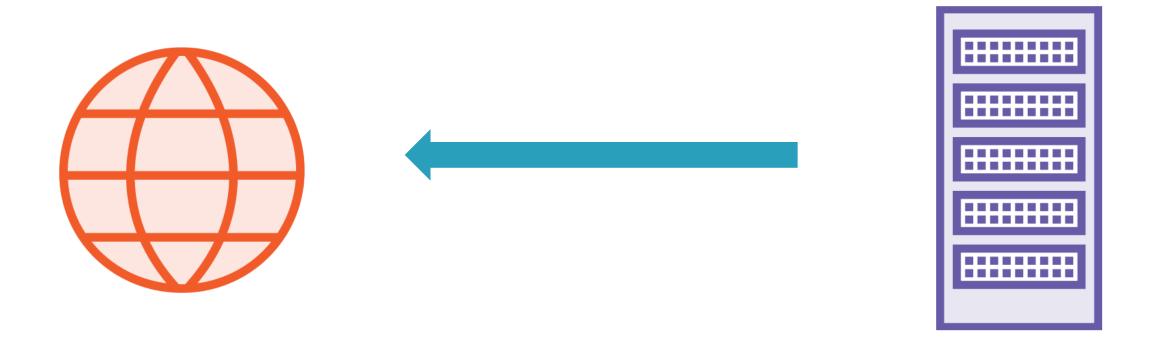


An HTTP Request



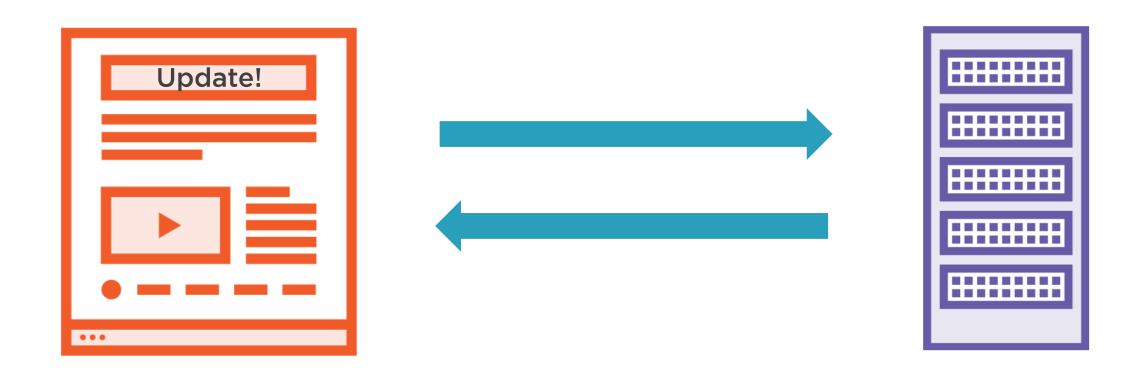


Server to Client



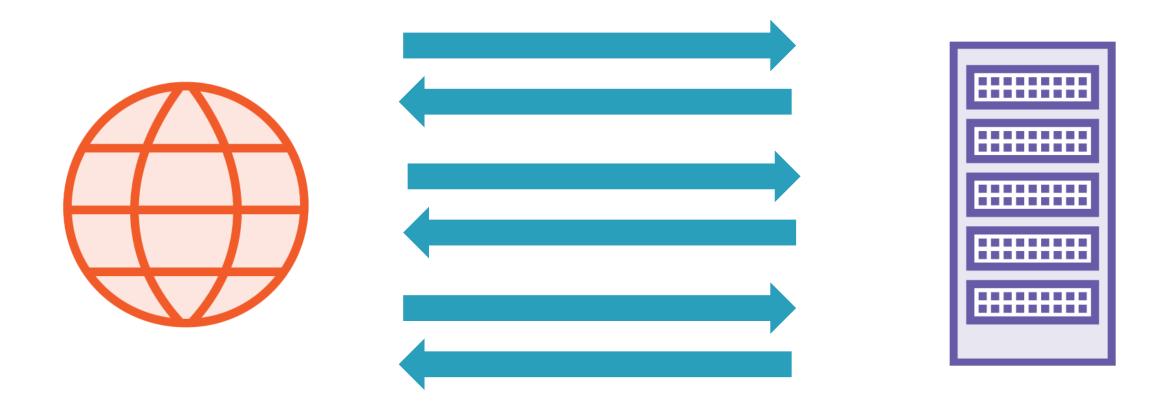


AJAX



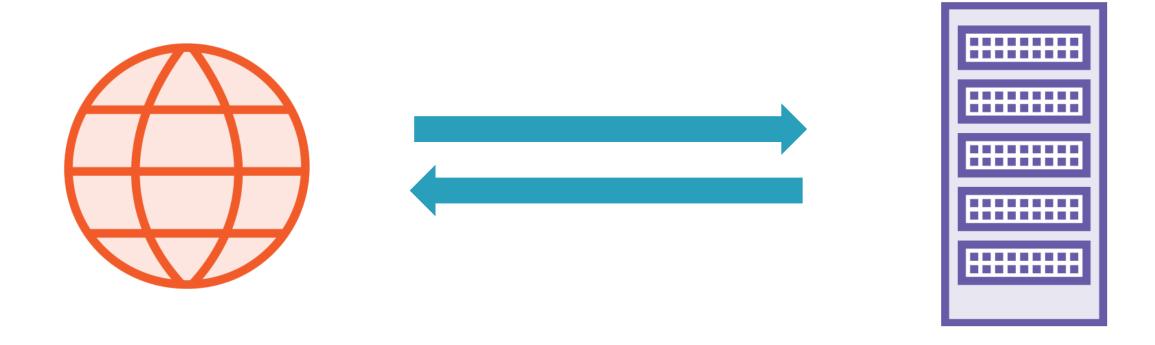


Polling





Long Polling

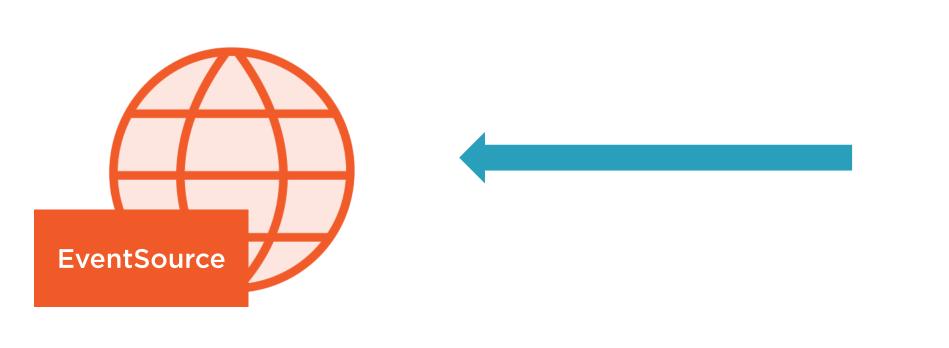


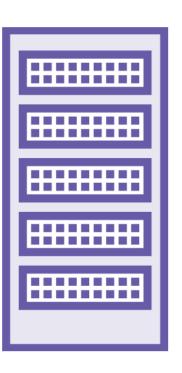


Long Polling Timeout



Server Sent Events (SSE)







Server Sent Events

Simple HTTP

Auto reconnects

No support for older browsers

Easily polyfilled

Maximum HTTP connections issue

Just text messages

One-way connection

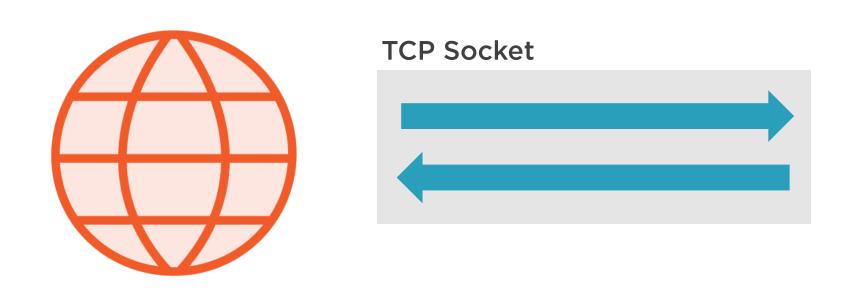


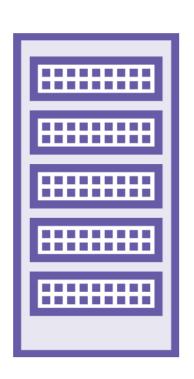
Web Sockets

A standardized way to use one TCP socket through which messages can be sent from server to client and vice versa.



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Full duplex messaging

No 6 connection limit

Multi data-type support

TCP socket upgrade

WS protocol



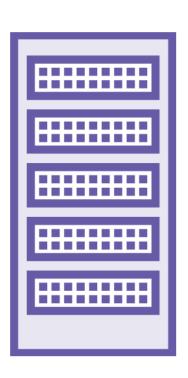
Lifetime of a Web Socket





Web Sockets Handshake







Web Sockets Handshake: Request

```
GET /chat HTTP/1.1
Host: server.chat.com
Origin: client.chat.com
Upgrade: websocket
Connection: Upgrade
Sec-WebSocket-Key: dfsddscxvb
Sec-WebSocket-Protocol: chat, superchat
Sec-WebSocket-Version: 13
Sec-WebSocket-Extensions: deflate-stream
```



Web Sockets Handshake: Response

```
HTTP/1.1 101 Switching Protocols
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Upgrade: websocket

Connection: Upgrade

<u>Sec-WebSocket-Accept:</u> vcbvcbasdef

Sec-WebSocket-Protocol: chat

Sec-WebSockets-Extensions: deflate-stream



WebSocket Keys Client sends random string

Server add constant and hashes and base64 encodes

Sends key back in accept header

Cache busting



Message Types

Text

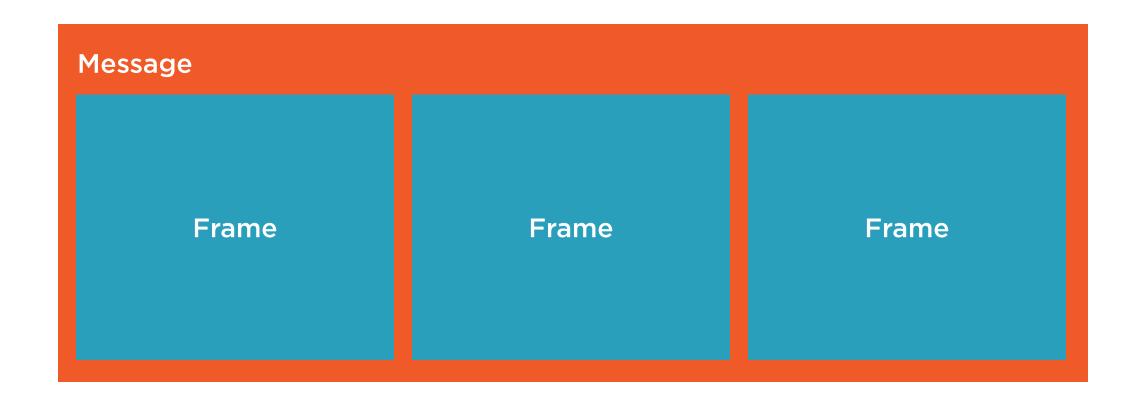
Binary

Ping/pong

Close



Frames





Frames

Header bits

Client to server messages are masked

Payload is the message content



Summary



Real-time web applications are essential

Several techniques to make real-time web apps happen

Some more efficient than others

