

EXPERIMENT - 8

Enable **real-time communication** via WebSockets

In this experiment, we added **real-time communication** to our Budget Tracker app using **Socket.IO**, which is based on **WebSockets**.

- **WebSockets** allow the server and multiple clients (browsers) to **send data to each other instantly** without refreshing the page.
- **Socket.IO** is a Node.js library that makes WebSocket communication simple and reliable.
- When a user adds a transaction, the **server receives the data** and **broadcasts it to all connected clients**.
- This means every user sees the updated transaction list **immediately**, creating a **real-time experience**.
- The experiment also demonstrates **bi-directional communication**:
 - Client → Server: Sends new transactions
 - Server → All Clients: Updates transaction lists in real-time

Outputs :

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PS C:\Users\Bajaj\OneDrive\Documents\budget-tracker\server> npm install socket.io
added 18 packages, removed 8 packages, changed 9 packages, and audited 397 packages in 10s
50 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details
found 0 vulnerabilities
PS C:\Users\Bajaj\OneDrive\Documents\budget-tracker\server> |
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PS C:\Users\Bajaj\OneDrive\Documents\budget-tracker\server> npm run dev

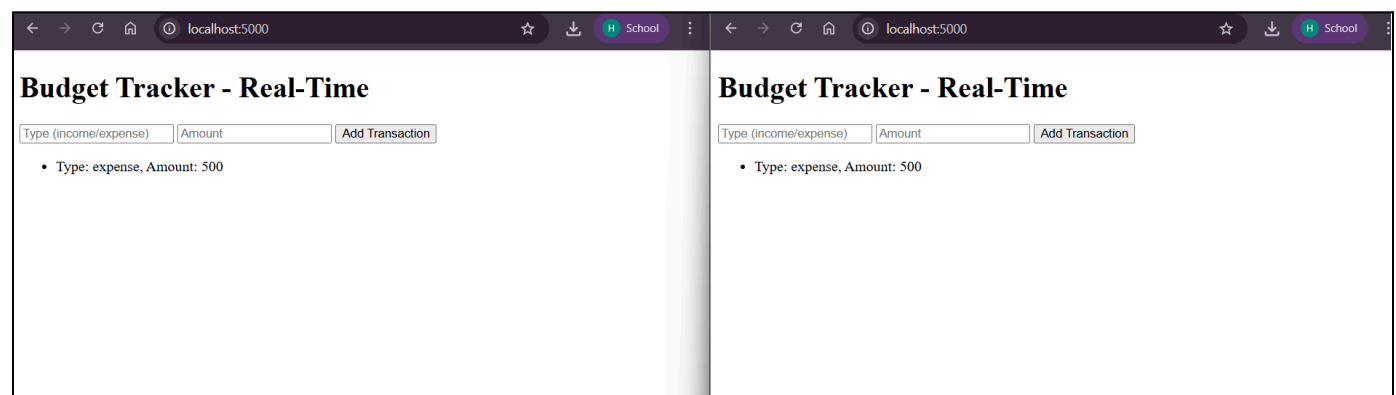
> budget-tracker@1.0.0 dev
> nodemon server.js

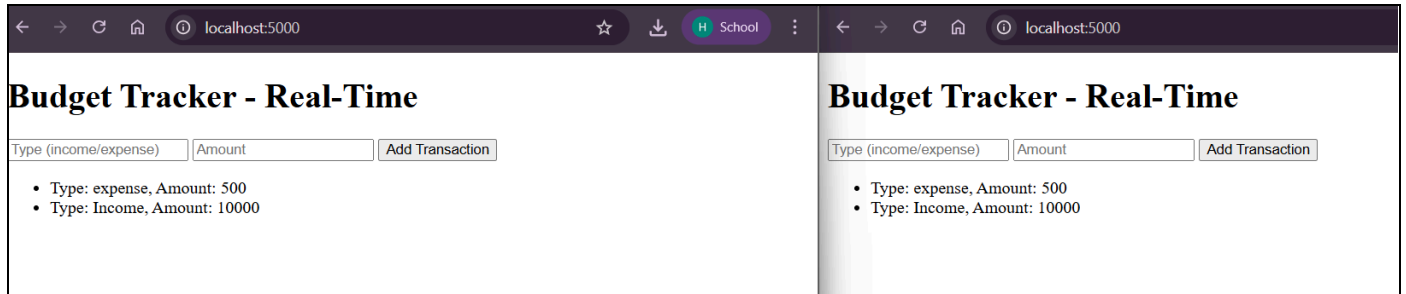
[nodemon] 3.1.10
[nodemon] to restart at any time, enter `rs`
[nodemon] watching path(s): *.*
[nodemon] watching extensions: js,mjs,cjs,json
[nodemon] starting `node server.js`
[dotenv@17.2.3] injecting env (3) from .env -- tip: ⚙️ suppress all logs with { quiet: true }
(node:13276) [MONGODB DRIVER] Warning: useNewUrlParser is a deprecated option: useNewUrlParser has no effect since Node.
js Driver version 4.0.0 and will be removed in the next major version
(Use `node --trace-warnings ...` to show where the warning was created)
(node:13276) [MONGODB DRIVER] Warning: useUnifiedTopology is a deprecated option: useUnifiedTopology has no effect since
Node.js Driver version 4.0.0 and will be removed in the next major version
🚀 Server running on port 5000
✅ MongoDB connected
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index.html

Budget Tracker - Real-Time

- Type: expense, Amount: 500





Key Outcome:

When a transaction is added in one browser tab, it appears **instantly** in other tabs without refreshing, proving that **real-time updates** are working perfectly.