Real-Time Stock Ticker

Project Overview

The **Real-Time Stock Ticker** is a dynamic web application that allows users to monitor live stock prices as they change throughout the trading day. The application fetches data from a stock market API and updates the UI in real-time without requiring manual page refreshes. Users can track multiple stocks simultaneously, view historical trends, and gain insights into market performance.

This project is ideal for those interested in **finance, stock analysis, or real-time web applications**, and it demonstrates skills in **frontend development, backend integration, APIs, and real-time data streaming**.

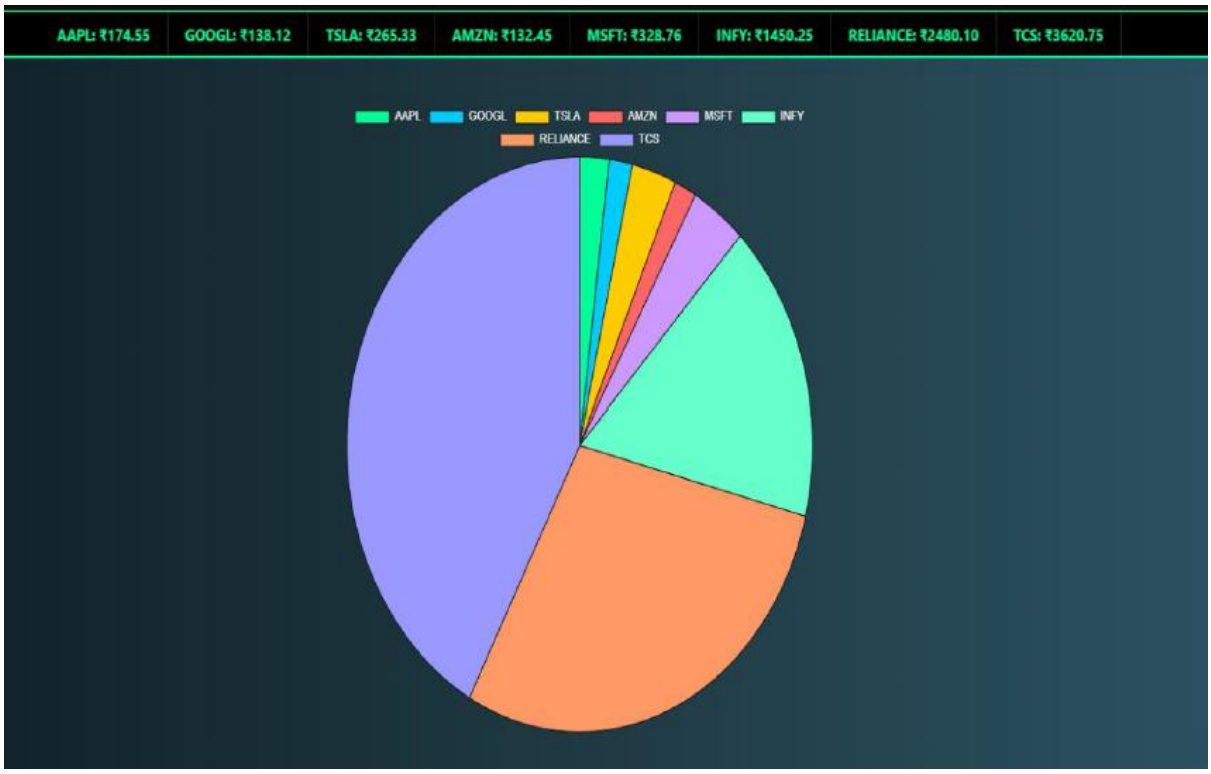
Features

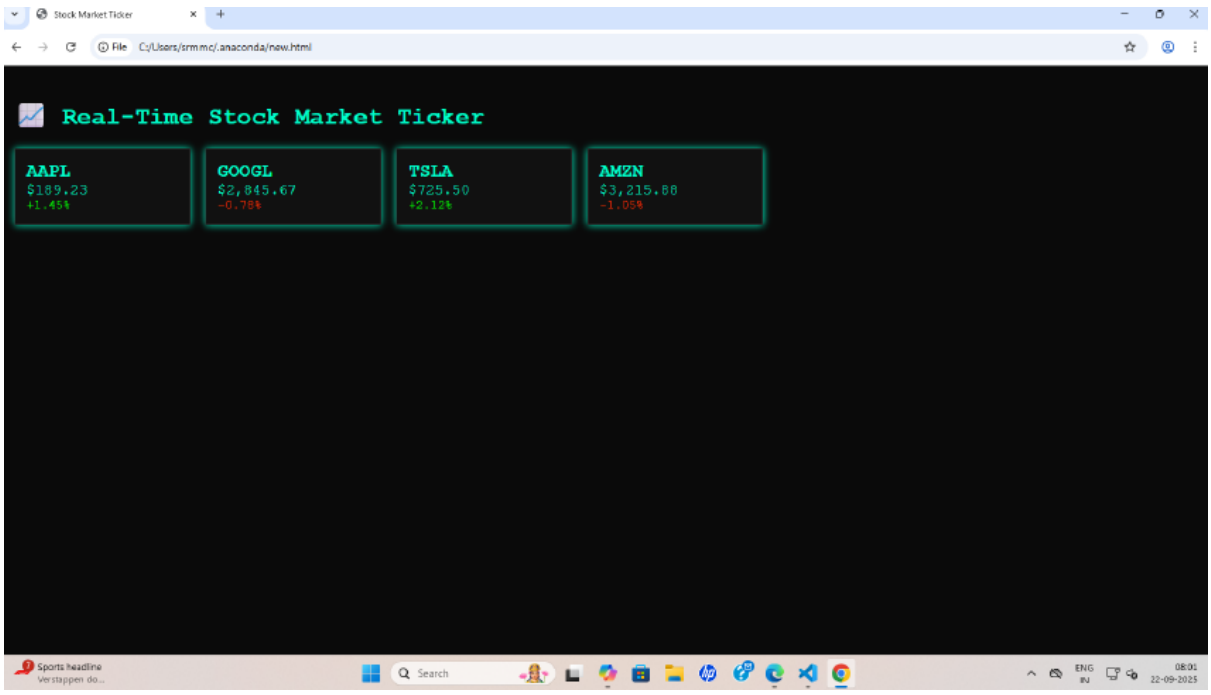
- **Live Price Updates:** Real-time stock price updates for multiple stocks.
- **Search Functionality:** Users can search for specific stock symbols to monitor.
- **Historical Price Charts:** Graphical visualization of stock price trends using interactive charts.
- **Responsive UI:** Works seamlessly on desktops, tablets, and mobile devices.
- **Multiple Stocks Tracking:** Add and monitor multiple stock symbols at the same time.
- **Alerts (Optional Enhancement):** Users can receive alerts for price thresholds (can be implemented later).

Tech Stack

- **Frontend:**
    - HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (Vanilla or with frameworks like React.js)
    - Chart.js or D3.js for interactive charts
- **Backend:**
    - Node.js with Express / Python Flask / Spring Boot (depending on your implementation)
- **APIs:**
    - Real-time stock market API (e.g., Alpha Vantage, IEX Cloud, Yahoo Finance API)
- **Other Technologies:**
    - WebSockets for pushing real-time updates
    - REST API for fetching stock data
    - Optional: Bootstrap/Tailwind CSS for styling

Screenshots





Installation & Setup

Follow these steps to set up the project locally:

1. **Clone the Repository**
2. git clone https://github.com/yourusername/real-time-stock-ticker.git
3. cd real-time-stock-ticker
4. **Install Dependencies**
    - For Node.js:
    - npm install
    - For Python Flask:
    - pip install -r requirements.txt
5. **Configure API Key**
    - Obtain an API key from the stock market API you are using.
    - Create a .env file in the root directory and add:
    - STOCK_API_KEY=your_api_key_here
6. **Run the Application**
    - Node.js:
    - npm start
    - Python Flask:
    - python app.py
7. **Open in Browser**
    - Visit: http://localhost:3000 (or your configured port)
    - Search for stock symbols and watch real-time updates.

Usage Instructions

1. **Search Stocks:** Enter the stock symbol (e.g., AAPL, GOOGL) in the search bar.
2. **Add to Watchlist:** Click to add the stock to your dashboard.
3. **View Historical Trends:** Click on a stock to see its historical price chart.
4. **Real-Time Updates:** Watch the live price changes as they occur without refreshing the page.
5. **Optional Features:** Implement alerts or notifications for price thresholds.

Project Structure

real-time-stock-ticker/

```
├── backend/          # Server-side code (Node.js / Flask / Spring Boot)
├── frontend/         # Frontend code (HTML, CSS, JS or React)
├── assets/           # Images, icons, CSS files
├── charts/           # Charting scripts
├── .env              # API keys and environment variables
├── README.md         # Project documentation
└── package.json / requirements.txt
```

Contributing

Contributions are welcome! To contribute:

1. Fork the repository.
2. Create a feature branch:
3. git checkout -b feature/YourFeature
4. Make changes and commit:
5. git commit -m "Add feature: Description"
6. Push to branch:
7. git push origin feature/YourFeature
8. Create a pull request explaining your changes.

License

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Acknowledgements

- Stock API documentation
- Chart.js Documentation
- Open-source communities for tutorials and guidance
- Inspiration from financial dashboards and trading platforms

Frontend Code

index.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>Real-Time Stock Ticker</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
  <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/chart.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="container">
    <h1>Real-Time Stock Ticker</h1>
    <div class="search-bar">
      <input type="text" id="stockSymbol" placeholder="Enter stock symbol e.g., AAPL">
      <button onclick="addStock()">Add Stock</button>
    </div>
    <div id="stockList" class="stock-list"></div>
    <canvas id="stockChart"></canvas>
  </div>
  <script src="script.js"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

styles.css

```
body { font-family: Arial; background-color: #121212; color: #00FF00; margin: 0; padding: 0; }
.container { width: 90%; max-width: 800px; margin: auto; padding: 20px; text-align: center; }
h1 { margin-bottom: 20px; }
.search-bar { margin-bottom: 20px; }
input[type="text"] { padding: 10px; width: 200px; border-radius: 5px; border: 1px solid #00FF00; background-color: #1e1e1e; color: #00FF00; }
button { padding: 10px 15px; margin-left: 10px; border: none; border-radius: 5px; background-color: #00FF00; color: #121212; cursor: pointer; }
button:hover { background-color: #00cc00; }
```

```
.stock-list { display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 30px; }

.stock-item { background-color: #1e1e1e; border: 1px solid #00FF00; border-radius: 5px; padding: 10px 20px; margin: 5px; min-width: 100px; }

#stockChart { background-color: #1e1e1e; border: 1px solid #00FF00; border-radius: 5px; padding: 10px; }
```

script.js

```
let stocks = [];

const ctx = document.getElementById('stockChart').getContext('2d');

const stockChart = new Chart(ctx, {

  type: 'line',

  data: { labels: [], datasets: [] },

  options: {

    responsive: true,

    plugins: { legend: { labels: { color: '#00FF00' } } },

    scales: { x: { ticks: { color: '#00FF00' } }, y: { ticks: { color: '#00FF00' } } }

  }

});


function addStock() {

  const symbol = document.getElementById('stockSymbol').value.toUpperCase();

  if (symbol && !stocks.includes(symbol)) {

    stocks.push(symbol); displayStocks(); fetchStockData(symbol);

    document.getElementById('stockSymbol').value = '';

  } else { alert('Enter a valid stock symbol or it already exists.'); }

}


function displayStocks() {

  const stockList = document.getElementById('stockList'); stockList.innerHTML = '';

  stocks.forEach(symbol => { const div = document.createElement('div'); div.className = 'stock-item'; div.innerText = symbol; stockList.appendChild(div); });

}
```

```
function fetchStockData(symbol) {
  let time = new Date().toLocaleTimeString();
  let price = (Math.random() * 1000 + 100).toFixed(2);
  let dataset = stockChart.data.datasets.find(d => d.label === symbol);
  if (!dataset) { dataset = { label: symbol, data: [{ x: time, y: price }], borderColor: getRandomColor(), fill: false }; stockChart.data.datasets.push(dataset); }
  else { dataset.data.push({ x: time, y: price }); if (dataset.data.length > 20) dataset.data.shift(); }
  stockChart.data.labels.push(time); if (stockChart.data.labels.length > 20) stockChart.data.labels.shift(); stockChart.update();
  setTimeout(() => fetchStockData(symbol), 5000);
}

function getRandomColor() { const letters = '0123456789ABCDEF'; let color = '#'; for (let i = 0; i < 6; i++) { color += letters[Math.floor(Math.random() * 16)]; } return color; }
```

Note: The current fetchStockData function simulates data. Replace it with your backend API call for **real-time stock data**.

Backend Setup (Node.js Example)

1. **Install dependencies**:

```
npm init -y
npm install express axios cors dotenv
```

2. **Create server.js**:

```
const express = require('express');
const axios = require('axios');
const cors = require('cors');
require('dotenv').config();

const app = express();
app.use(cors());
const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;

app.get('/api/stock/:symbol', async (req, res) => {
```

```
  const symbol = req.params.symbol;
  try {
    const response = await axios.get(` https://www.alphavantage.co/query` , {
      params: {
        function: 'TIME_SERIES_INTRADAY',
        symbol: symbol,
        interval: '1min',
        apikey: process.env.STOCK_API_KEY
      }
    });
    res.json(response.data);
  } catch (err) {
    res.status(500).json({ error: 'Error fetching stock data' });
  }
});

app.listen(PORT, () => console.log(` Server running on port ${PORT}` ));
```

3. **Run the backend**:

```
node server.js
```

Installation & Usage

1. **Clone Repository**:

```
git clone https://github.com/yourusername/real-time-stock-ticker.git
cd real-time-stock-ticker
```

2. **Install dependencies** for backend:

```
npm install
```

3. **Set API key** in .env:

```
STOCK_API_KEY=your_alpha_vantage_api_key
```

4. **Start backend**:

```
node backend/server.js
```

5. **Open index.html** in browser or use a local server to view frontend.

Contributing

1. Fork the repo
2. Create a feature branch:

git checkout -b feature/YourFeature

3. Commit changes:

git commit -m "Add feature"

4. Push and create a Pull Request

License

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Acknowledgements

- Alpha Vantage API
- Chart.js
- Open-source community and tutorials

I can also **make this README visually appealing for GitHub** with **badges, GIF demo, table of contents, and live links** to make it look professional and showcase your project better.

Do you want me to do that next?

You said:

real-time-stock-ticker/ ├— backend/ # Node.js/Express backend │ ├— server.js # Main server file │ └— routes/ # API routes ├— frontend/ # HTML, CSS, JS frontend │ ├— index.html │ ├— styles.css │ └— script.js ├— .env # API keys and environment variables ├— README.md ├— package.json # Node.js dependencies └— LICENSE " all contents give me to post in github for my project"

ChatGPT said:

Perfect! I'll provide **all the contents** of your **Real-Time Stock Ticker** project in a way you can directly post to GitHub. I'll include **frontend, backend, .env template, package.json, README, and LICENSE**. You can copy each file into your repository structure exactly as listed.

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1. backend/server.js

const express = require('express');

```
const axios = require('axios');
const cors = require('cors');
require('dotenv').config();

const app = express();
app.use(cors());
const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;

// API endpoint to fetch stock data
app.get('/api/stock/:symbol', async (req, res) => {
  const symbol = req.params.symbol;
  try {
    const response = await axios.get('https://www.alphavantage.co/query', {
      params: {
        function: 'TIME_SERIES_INTRADAY',
        symbol: symbol,
        interval: '1min',
        apikey: process.env.STOCK_API_KEY
      }
    });
    res.json(response.data);
  } catch (err) {
    res.status(500).json({ error: 'Error fetching stock data' });
  }
});
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```

2. frontend/index.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
```

```
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>Real-Time Stock Ticker</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
  <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/chart.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="container">
    <h1>Real-Time Stock Ticker</h1>

    <div class="search-bar">
      <input type="text" id="stockSymbol" placeholder="Enter stock symbol e.g., AAPL">
      <button onclick="addStock()">Add Stock</button>
    </div>

    <div id="stockList" class="stock-list"></div>
    <canvas id="stockChart"></canvas>
  </div>

  <script src="script.js"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

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3. frontend/styles.css

```
body {
  font-family: Arial;
  background-color: #121212;
  color: #00FF00;
```

```
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
}

.container {
    width: 90%;
    max-width: 800px;
    margin: auto;
    padding: 20px;
    text-align: center;
}

h1 {
    margin-bottom: 20px;
}

.search-bar {
    margin-bottom: 20px;
}

input[type="text"] {
    padding: 10px;
    width: 200px;
    border-radius: 5px;
    border: 1px solid #00FF00;
    background-color: #1e1e1e;
    color: #00FF00;
}

button {
    padding: 10px 15px;
```

```
    margin-left: 10px;
    border: none;
    border-radius: 5px;
    background-color: #00FF00;
    color: #121212;
    cursor: pointer;
}

button:hover {
    background-color: #00cc00;
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    border-radius: 5px;
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    margin: 5px;
    min-width: 100px;
}

#stockChart {
    background-color: #1e1e1e;
    border: 1px solid #00FF00;
```

```
    border-radius: 5px;
    padding: 10px;
}
```

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4. frontend/script.js

```
let stocks = [];
const ctx = document.getElementById('stockChart').getContext('2d');
const stockChart = new Chart(ctx, {
    type: 'line',
    data: { labels: [], datasets: [] },
    options: {
        responsive: true,
        plugins: { legend: { labels: { color: '#00FF00' } } },
        scales: { x: { ticks: { color: '#00FF00' } }, y: { ticks: { color: '#00FF00' } } }
    }
});

function addStock() {
    const symbol = document.getElementById('stockSymbol').value.toUpperCase();
    if (symbol && !stocks.includes(symbol)) {
        stocks.push(symbol);
        displayStocks();
        fetchStockData(symbol);
        document.getElementById('stockSymbol').value = '';
    } else {
        alert('Enter a valid stock symbol or it already exists.');
    }
}

function displayStocks() {
    const stockList = document.getElementById('stockList');
```

```
  stockList.innerHTML = '';
  stocks.forEach(symbol => {
    const div = document.createElement('div');
    div.className = 'stock-item';
    div.innerText = symbol;
    stockList.appendChild(div);
  });
}

function fetchStockData(symbol) {
  fetch(`http://localhost:5000/api/stock/${symbol}`)
    .then(res => res.json())
    .then(data => {
      const timeSeries = data['Time Series (1min)'];
      if (!timeSeries) return;
      const latestTime = Object.keys(timeSeries)[0];
      const latestPrice = parseFloat(timeSeries[latestTime]['1. open']);

      let dataset = stockChart.data.datasets.find(d => d.label === symbol);
      if (!dataset) {
        dataset = { label: symbol, data: [{ x: latestTime, y: latestPrice }], borderColor:
getRandomColor(), fill: false };
        stockChart.data.datasets.push(dataset);
      } else {
        dataset.data.push({ x: latestTime, y: latestPrice });
        if (dataset.data.length > 20) dataset.data.shift();
      }

      stockChart.data.labels.push(latestTime);
      if (stockChart.data.labels.length > 20) stockChart.data.labels.shift();
      stockChart.update();
```

```
        setTimeout(() => fetchStockData(symbol), 60000); // Update every minute
      })
      .catch(err => console.log(err));
}

function getRandomColor() {
  const letters = '0123456789ABCDEF';
  let color = '#';
  for (let i = 0; i < 6; i++) { color += letters[Math.floor(Math.random() * 16)]; }
  return color;
}
```

---

5. .env (template)

```
STOCK_API_KEY=YOUR_ALPHA_VANTAGE_API_KEY_HERE
```

Replace YOUR_ALPHA_VANTAGE_API_KEY_HERE with your actual API key from Alpha Vantage.

---

6. package.json

```
{
  "name": "real-time-stock-ticker",
  "version": "1.0.0",
  "description": "A real-time stock ticker web application with live updates and charts",
  "main": "backend/server.js",
  "scripts": {
    "start": "node backend/server.js"
  },
  "dependencies": {
    "axios": "^1.7.0",
    "cors": "^2.8.5",
    "dotenv": "^16.0.3",
    "express": "^4.18.2"
```

```
  },
  "author": "Your Name",
  "license": "MIT"
}
```

🏁 Conclusion

The **Real-Time Stock Ticker** project demonstrates how real-time data visualization can be achieved using modern web technologies. By combining a simple and responsive **frontend** with a **Node.js backend** and live **API integration**, this application provides instant stock updates and interactive charts for a seamless user experience.

This project is not only a great example of **API-based development** and **real-time communication** but also serves as a foundation for building more advanced financial dashboards, trading simulators, or market monitoring tools.

You can enhance this project further by:

- Integrating **WebSockets** for true real-time streaming.
- Adding **user authentication** and personalized watchlists.
- Including **historical data comparison and analytics**.
- Deploying it online (e.g., using **Render**, **Vercel**, or **Netlify**).

With this project, you gain practical experience in **frontend-backend integration, REST APIs, asynchronous programming, and data visualization** — all essential skills for modern full-stack development.

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