

Step 5: Working with Open AI

ChatGPT API

We handle sessions:

```
sessions = {  
  sessionId: UID,  
  conversations: [conversation]  
}  
conversation = {  
  id: UID,  
  messages: [message, aiMessage],  
}  
message = {  
  id: UID,  
  content: string,  
  aiMessage: false,  
}  
aiMessage = {  
  id: UID  
  content: string  
  aiMessage: true,  
};
```

From ChatGPT, we can get the aiMessage; we store the aiMessage to the conversation and update the current session.

Server

src/ai.js

We need to use the OpenAI API.

```
// server/src/ai.js
const { Configuration, OpenAIApi } = require("openai");
require("dotenv").config(); // no path needed

const configuration = new Configuration({
  apiKey: process.env.OPENAI_API_KEY,
});

const openai = new OpenAIApi(configuration);
module.exports = openai;
```

- We create the OpenAIApi Object `openai` and export it.

src/socketServer.js

sessionHistoryHandler

```
socket.on("session-history", (data) => {  
  sessionHistoryHandler(socket, data);  
});
```

This function receives an argument data (`sessionId`) and emits session: `{sessionId, conversations}`

When the session with `sessionId` exists:

```
if (sessions[sessionId]) {
```

It returns session JSON.

```
socket.emit("session-details", {  
  sessionId,  
  conversations: sessions[sessionId],  
});
```

We use `session-details` API.

When the session with `sessionId` does not exist:

We generate a session JSON - new session Id, and empty conversations list and emit the session JSON.

```
const newSessionId = uuid();
sessions[newSessionId] = [];
const sessionDetails = {
  sessionId: newSessionId,
  conversations: [],
};
socket.emit("session-details", sessionDetails);
```

conversationMessageHandler

```
socket.on("conversation-message", (data) => {  
  conversationMessageHandler(socket, data);  
});
```

This function receives an argument data (sessionId, message, conversationId) and emits session: {sessionId, conversations}

Get `sessionId`, `message`, `conversationId` from the argument data and make an array to store previous messages.

If the conversations doesn't exist, exit.

```
const { sessionId, message, conversationId } = data;  
if (!sessions[sessionId]) return;
```

Get the conversation with the `conversationId` in current session.

```
const existingConversation = sessions[sessionId].find(  
  (c) => c.id === conversationId  
);
```


If the conversation exists, transform the messages ([message, aiMessage]) into [{content, role}] to communicate with ChatGPT AI.

```
const previousConversationMessages = [];  
if (existingConversation) {  
  previousConversationMessages.push(  
    ...existingConversation.messages.map((m) => ({  
      content: m.content,  
      role: m.aiMessage ? "assistant" : "user",  
    })))  
};  
}
```

This is an example:

```
existingConversation
{
  messages: [
    { content: 'Hello', aiMessage: false },
    { content: "What's up", aiMessage: true }
  ]
}
```

=>

```
previousConversationMessages
[
  { content: 'Hello', role: 'user' },
  { content: "What's up", role: 'assistant' }
]
```

The `...` is the spread operator used to insert each element into `previousConversationMessages` one by one.

Without the spread operator, we would add the array itself, resulting in an array inside an array.

```
const a = [1, 2, 3];  
b.push(a);  
// b becomes: [ [1, 2, 1,2,3] ] ← array inside array  
  
const a = [1, 2, 3];  
b.push(...a);  
// b becomes: [1, 2, 3] ← elements added individually
```

We give existing conversation and new message as an argument and make a request to ChatGPT.

```
try {
  const response = await openai.createChatCompletion({
    model: "gpt-3.5-turbo",
    messages: [
      ...previousConversationMessages,
      { role: "user", content: message.content },
    ],
  });
  aiMessageContent = response?.data?.choices?.[0]?.message?.content || aiMessageContent;
} catch (err) {
  console.error("OpenAI error:", err.response?.data || err.message);
}
```

Making a Request and Getting Answer using ChatGPT API

To make a request to ChatGPT, we should make a list of JSON objects including history of question and answer: "assistant" role means the content from ChatGPT and "users" role means the content that we make.

```
[
  {
    content: "What is 1+1", // old question
    role: "users"
  },
  {
    content: "What is 2", // old answer
    role: "assistant"
  },
  {
    content: "What is 1*1", // new question
    role: "users"
  }
]
```

Making Request

We make the `Chat Completion` request to OpenAI:

```
const response = await openai.createChatCompletion({  
  model: "gpt-3.5-turbo",  
  messages: [  
    ...previousConversationMessages,  
    { role: "user", content: message.content },  
  ],  
});
```

- `model: "gpt-3.5-turbo"` specifies which OpenAI model to use.
- The full conversation history
- `{ role: "user", content: message.content }` gives the user input "message" so it can respond naturally.

Extracting the AI's Reply

The answer is stored in `response` :

```
aiMessageContent = response?.data?.choices?.[0]?.message?.content || aiMessageContent;
```

- `response?.data?.choices?.[0]?.message?.content`

This is the actual AI-generated text.

- If, for some reason this value is undefined, we keep the previous `aiMessageContent` instead of crashing.
- This is safe extraction using optional chaining (`?.`) to avoid runtime errors.

We make a new AI message from the returned content from ChatGPT.

```
const aiMessage = {  
  content: aiMessageContent,  
  id: uuid(),  
  aiMessage: true,  
};
```

We find the conversation ID

```
const conversation = sessions[sessionId].find((c) => c.id === conversationId);
```


Then, if there is no conversation create a new conversationId with messages.

```
if (!conversation) {  
  sessions[sessionId].push({  
    id: conversationId,  
    messages: [message, aiMessage],  
  });  
}
```

If there is an existing conversation, push (append) message and AI generated message to the message list.

```
} else {  
  conversation.messages.push(message, aiMessage);  
}
```

Get the conversation and emit using the `conversation-details` API.

```
const updatedConversation = sessions[sessionId]
  .find((c) => c.id === conversationId);

socket.emit("conversation-details", updatedConversation);
```

conversationDeleteHandler

```
socket.on("conversation-delete", (data) => {  
  conversationDeleteHandler(socket, data);  
});
```

We delete the session with `sessionId` .

```
const conversationDeleteHandler = (_, data) => {  
  const { sessionId } = data;  
  
  if (sessions[sessionId]) {  
    sessions[sessionId] = [];  
  }  
};
```

Client

Dashboard/Chat/Messages.js

Automatic scrolling

In this example, we implement the feature of automatic scrolling down to the latest message.

```
return (  
  <div className="chat_messages_container">  
    {conversation?.messages.map((m, index) => (  
      <Message  
        key={m.id}  
        content={m.content}  
        aiMessage={m.aiMessage}  
        animate={index === conversation.messages.length - 1 && m.aiMessage}  
      />  
    ))}  
    <div ref={scrollRef} />  
  </div>  
);  
};
```

This code sets only the last message as `animate = true`.

```
animate={index === conversation.messages.length - 1 && m.aiMessage}
```

We use `scrollRef` reference to a real DOM element that React keeps for you so you can scroll to it programmatically.

```
const scrollRef = useRef();  
  
// In React  
...  
  <div ref={scrollRef} />  
...
```

- `useRef()` creates an object with a `.current` property.
- `React` assigns `.current` to the actual DOM node of whatever element you attach it to:

We make scrollToButton is activated when message are updated.

```
useEffect(scrollToButton, [conversation?.messages]);  
const scrollToButton = () => {  
  scrollRef.current.scrollToView({ behavior: "smooth" });  
};
```

As a result, the chat window automatically scrolls down to the latest message.

Dashboard/Chat/NewMessageInput.js

Set state fields

We can get `conversations` and set `selectedConversation` with `selectedConversationId` with new state field.

```
const conversations = useSelector((state) => state.dashboard.conversations);  
  
const selectedConversation = conversations.find(  
  (c) => c.id === selectedConversationId  
);
```

Disable Input

```
return (  
  <div className="new_message_input_container">  
    <input  
      ...  
      disabled={ // <---  
        selectedConversation &&  
        !selectedConversation.messages[  
          selectedConversation.messages.length - 1  
        ].aiMessage  
      }  
    />  
    <div className="new_message_icon_container" onClick={handleSendMessage}>  
      <BsSend color="grey" />  
    </div>  
  </div>  
)  
);  
};
```


The disabled `={ ... }` logic controls when the user is allowed to type a new message.

```
disabled={
  selectedConversation &&
  !selectedConversation.messages[
    selectedConversation.messages.length - 1
  ].aiMessage
}
```

This expression becomes true or false, which then disables or enables the input.

Using state field, we get the conversations and selectedConversationId from stored states.

```
const dispatch = useDispatch();  
const selectedConversationId = useSelector(  
  (state) => state.dashboard.selectedConversationId  
);  
const conversations = useSelector((state) => state.dashboard.conversations);
```

Find the conversation from the conversations.

```
const selectedConversation = conversations.find(  
  (c) => c.id === selectedConversationId  
);
```