

# **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.scrollIntoView({ 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
);
```