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Real-time Chat Application

A real-time chat application allows users to exchange messages instantly over the internet. It uses Web Sockets to create a persistent connection b/w the server and client so messages appear immediately without refreshing the page.

Technologies used

- Node.js : javascript runtime for backend
- Express.js : Framework to handle server routes
- Socket.io : Library for real-time event-based
- React.js : Front-end library to create responsive UIs
- CSS/Tailwind : For responsive design and styling.

Working Principle :-

1. User connects to the server through Web Socket.
2. Server establishes a two-way persistent connection.
3. When a user sends a message, it is immediately broadcasted to all connected clients.
4. The chat interface updates dynamically without page reload.

Backend code (Node.js with Express + Socket.io)

javascript :

```
const express = require("express");
```

```
const http = require("http");
```

```
const { Server } = require("socket.io");
```

```
const app = express();
```

```
const server = http.createServer(app);
```

```
const io = new Server(server, {
```

```
  cors: { origin: "*" }
```

```
});
```

```
let messages = [];
```

```
io.on("connection", (socket) => {
```

```
  console.log("user connected:", socket.id);
```

```
  socket.emit("chat history", messages);
```

```
  socket.on("send message", (data) => {
```

```
    message.push(data);
```

```
    io.emit("receive message", data);
```

```
  });
```

```
  socket.on("disconnect", () => {
```

```
    console.log("user disconnected:", socket.id);
```

```
  });
```

```
});
```

```
server.listen(4000, () => console.log("✓ server running on port 4000"));
```


Frontend Code (React.js) :-

JavaScript

```
import React, { useState, useEffect } from "react";
```

```
import io from "socket.io-client";
```

```
const socket = io("http://localhost:4000");
```

```
function App() {
```

```
  const [message, setMessage] = useState("");
```

```
  const [chat, setChat] = useState([]);
```

```
  useEffect(() => {
```

```
    socket.on("chat history", (messages) => setChat(messages));
```

```
    socket.on("receive message", (msg) => setChat((prev) =>
```

```
      [...prev, msg]));
```

```
  }, []);
```

```
  const sendMessage = () => {
```

```
    if (message.trim() !== "") {
```

```
      const msgData = { user: "User", text: message };
      socket.emit("send message", msgData);
```

```
      setMessage("");
```

```
    }
```

```
  }
```

```
};
```

```
return (
```

```
  <div className="flex flex-col items-center justify-center min-h-screen bg-gray-100">
```


chat class name = "text - 3x / font - bold Mb - 4">

Real-time Chat App</h1>

<div class name = "w - 96 bg - white rounded - 2x / shadow p - 4">

<div class name = "h - 64 overflow - y - auto border p - 2 Mb - 3">

{ chat . Map (Msg . index) => (

<div key = {index} class name = "p - 1">

{ Msg , user } : { Msg . text }

</div>

>> }

</div>

<div class name = "flex">

<input

type = "text"

classname = "flex-grow border rounded - 1 - xl p - 2"

value = { message }

on change = { (e) => Set Message (e.target , value) }

placeholder = "Type a Message..."

/>

<button

class name = "big - blue - 500 text - white px - 4
rounded - 4 - xl"

on click = { send Message }

>

send

</button>

</div>

</div>

</div>

);

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Output :-



Real-Time Chat

User1 Hi

Hello 🖐️

I'm good, thanks 😊

Type a message...

Send