

# WS402: Pay-as-you-go Protocol for Digital Resources

**WS402** is an open-source protocol that enables real-time, pay-as-you-go payments for digital resources using WebSocket technology. It allows users to pay only for what they consume—per second, per request, or per data unit—making digital services more efficient, transparent, and fair. The protocol integrates automatic refunds, instant micropayments, and pricing transparency directly into WebSocket connections, transforming the way APIs, cloud services, and streaming platforms handle transactions. **Key Features:**

- Real-time metered billing via WebSocket.
- Instant payments and automatic refunds.
- Open-source and blockchain-agnostic.
- Ideal for APIs, data, AI inference, and media streaming.
- Built for developers, designed for trust and automation.

**Website:** <https://ws402.org>

**Tagline:** Pay only for what you consume — instant, automatic, and open-source.

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