Design and Development of Online Real Time Code Editor for Collaborative Programming using React

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Abstract: *The rapid progression of web technologies, along with the rising demand for remote and asynchronous collaboration, has transformed the contemporary landscape of software engineering. The rise of digital work environments, distributed teams, e-learning platforms, and global open-source ecosystems has exposed a considerable limitation in traditional code editors, which are largely desktop-centric and not designed for interactive, real-time collaboration.*

This initiative, titled "Live Code Collaboration Platform," is a web-based programming environment crafted to enable real-time code editing and interaction among multiple participants. It removes the need for installing bulky IDEs by delivering a lightweight, user-friendly browser interface. Developed using a full-stack structure—React.js on the client side, Node.js and Express on the server side, and Socket.io for live data exchange—this platform allows developers, learners, and instructors to join shared sessions using unique room identifiers and jointly write, review, or debug code. The platform integrates critical features such as:

• Real-time code synchronization using WebSockets for immediate reflection of changes across all users in a session.

• Syntax highlighting and multi-language support for seamless programming across different stacks.

• Live chat and collaborative whiteboard tools to foster communication and team-based learning.

• Code execution environment for instant testing, along with options to download completed files as a project zip.

By offering a comprehensive set of tools in a browser-accessible format, the Real-Time Code Editor contributes significantly to modern development workflows and remote educational ecosystems.

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