

A Scalable Real-Time Coding Platform

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Abstract - Collaborative coding platforms that operate in real-time are crucial for development teams and educational settings that are distributed across various locations. This paper introduces CollabCode, a web-based code editor that allows multiple users to edit and run code at the same time. The architecture of the system is a hybrid that combines WebSocket communication with peer-to-peer connections based on WebRTC to provide low-latency synchronization. By integrating with the Judge0 API, the platform enables real-time code execution during shared sessions. Experimental findings indicate that the system ensures effective synchronization and delivers a responsive experience for users, making it ideal for uses like remote learning and technical interviews.

Keywords - Real-time collaboration, collaborative code editor, WebRTC, WebSocket, online IDE, distributed systems, low-latency synchronization.

I. INTRODUCTION

The rising necessity for remote development and online education has made real-time collaborative coding tools vital. Conventional methods like screen sharing and manual code transfers are inefficient and fail to offer genuine simultaneous interaction among participants. Current platforms such as Visual Studio Code Live Share and CodeSandbox provide collaborative functionalities but often encounter issues with latency, scalability, and limited flexibility. These drawbacks highlight the need for lightweight and effective collaborative coding solutions. This paper introduces CollabCode, a web-based real-time collaborative code editor that allows multiple users to edit and run code concurrently. The system employs a hybrid communication strategy that merges WebSocket-based messaging with WebRTC peer-to-peer connections to ensure low-latency synchronization. Additionally, it

incorporates the Judge0 API for immediate code execution within shared sessions.

The suggested system prioritizes enhancing responsiveness, ensuring uniformity among users, and delivering a scalable structure. Planned improvements involve the integration of sophisticated synchronization methods like Conflict-free Replicated Data Type.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

S r n o .	Title	Author s	Publ ishe d	Method ology	outcome
1	CRDT Based Peer-to-Peer Collaboration Editor	Abhinav Anil et al.	2026	Used Conflict-free Replicated Data Type with WebRTC for decentralized editing	Ensured eventual consistency, reduced latency, and eliminated need for centralized server
2	Collaborative Code Editor	Pavan S.R, Yashaswini Y	2025	Web-based system using React, Node.js, Socket.IO,	Achieved real-time synchronization, chat integration, and reduced

				Mongo DB	version conflicts in distributed coding
3	Real-Time Collaborative Coding Platform with WebRTC	Antara Armar kar et al.	2025	Hybrid system using WebRTC, WebSockets, Yjs CRDT, Docker sandboxing	Achieved sub-100ms sync latency and supported 50+ concurrent users efficiently
4	Comprehensive Study on Real-Time Web IDE Editors	Aparna A. Veer et al.	2025	Survey of OT, CRDT, and architectures	Identified key issues: latency, scalability, and usability challenges
5	Web RTC Applications: A Systematic Review	Multiple Authors	2024	Analysis of WebRTC systems and performance	Highlighted low-latency communication benefits and deployment challenges
6	CodeSandbox Collaborative	CodeSandbox	2024	Cloud-based IDE with	Delivered real-time editing

	Environment	Team		WebSockets sync	but dependent on centralized servers
7	Real-Time Collaborative Code Editor for Interviews	N.V. Raja Sekhar Reddy et al.	2024	Web-based editor with execution engine and video integration	Improved remote interview efficiency and collaboration experience
8	Visual Studio Live Share Collaboration	Microsoft	2024	Cloud-assisted collaboration with shared sessions	Provided robust collaboration but required heavy infrastructure
9	Google Docs Real-Time Editing System	Google Engineers	2023	Operational Transformation (OT)	Enabled large-scale real-time collaboration with consistency across users
10	Yjs: CRDT Framework for Shared Editing	Kevin Jahns	2023	CRDT-based shared data structures	Provided efficient synchronization with offline support and high performance

III. DISCUSSION

The proposed system, **CollabCode**, provides a real-time collaborative coding environment designed for students, developers, and online coding platforms. The project focuses on enabling multiple users to work together efficiently within a shared coding workspace. The system combines modern web technologies with real-time communication methods to deliver a smooth and interactive experience.

One of the major features of the system is real-time code synchronization, where changes made by one user are instantly reflected for all connected users. This functionality is implemented using WebSocket communication through **Socket.IO**, ensuring smooth collaboration with minimal delay.

Another important feature is room-based collaboration, which allows users to create and join separate coding rooms using unique room IDs. This supports isolated collaborative sessions and enables multiple groups to work simultaneously without interference.

The project also integrates real-time code execution using the **Judge0 API**. Users can write, compile, and execute code in different programming languages directly within the editor, making the platform useful for coding practice, online learning, and technical interviews.

To improve communication efficiency, the system utilizes **WebRTC** peer-to-peer connections, reducing dependency on centralized servers and minimizing synchronization latency. The frontend interface, developed using **Next.js**, provides a user-friendly and responsive environment for seamless interaction.

Additional features of the system include:

- Multi-user collaboration support
- Instant update synchronization
- Unique room generation and sharing
- Cross-platform web accessibility
- Scalable and modular architecture
- Responsive user interface

The implemented features demonstrate that CollabCode is capable of providing an efficient collaborative coding experience for small to medium-scale environments. However, future improvements may include advanced synchronization techniques, improved security mechanisms, and support for larger numbers of concurrent users to further enhance system performance and reliability.

IV. PROPOSED APPROACH

The CollabCode, is designed as a web-based totally actual-time collaborative code editor that permits more than one customers to simultaneously edit and execute code inside shared classes. The structure follows a hybrid communication model that mixes WebSocket-based messaging with peer-to-peer information alternate the use of WebRTC to achieve green and low-latency synchronization.

Machine architecture:

The system is divided into primary additives:

Frontend: constructed the usage of subsequent.js, it offers an interactive consumer interface for code enhancing, room control, and real-time updates.

Backend: evolved the usage of Node.js and Socket.IO, it handles consumer connections, room introduction, and signaling for peer-to-peer conversation.

Operating Mechanism:

Room creation and joining: customers can create or join particular collaboration rooms the use of room IDs, permitting isolated coding periods.

real-Time Code Synchronization: Code changes are transmitted the usage of WebSockets for fast updates, whilst WebRTC permits direct peer-to-peer communicate to lessen server load and latency.

Code Execution: The gadget integrates the Judge0 API to collect and execute code in more than one programming languages, with results displayed in real time to all individuals.

Records Consistency:

The gadget ensures synchronization through broadcasting updates to all connected clients. even though it does not absolutely put in force advanced algorithms like battle-unfastened Replicated information kind, it keeps acceptable consistency for small to medium collaborative periods. blessings of Proposed method decreased latency due to hybrid communicate version

decrease server dependency via peer-to-peer connections simple and scalable architecture real-time code execution assist.

V. CONCLUSION

The proposed CollabCode system is a web-based collaborative coding platform designed to allow multiple users to edit and execute code together in real time. The system uses modern communication technologies to provide fast synchronization, smooth interaction, and an efficient collaborative experience for users.

The developed platform successfully maintains shared code updates and provides a responsive environment for collaborative programming activities. Integration of the Judge0 API enables users to compile and run code directly within the platform, improving overall usability and functionality.

The system includes several useful features such as real-time code sharing, multi-user collaboration, instant updates, and online code execution. These features make the platform suitable for educational purposes, remote teamwork, coding practice, and technical discussions.

However, the current system still has some limitations when handling a large number of users and more complex synchronization situations. Future improvements can focus on increasing scalability, improving performance, enhancing security, and implementing better synchronization methods to provide a more reliable collaborative environment.

Overall, CollabCode provides an effective and practical solution for real-time collaborative coding and demonstrates the importance of modern web technologies in supporting online software development and learning environments.

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