

chat.js - code to handle chat in the room

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This module encapsulates code which is responsible for room chat

1. Wrapper function

createChat() [code](#)

Encapsulates chat code inside the closure

```
const createChat = function(room, messages, input, sendButton) {
```

2. Local variables

[code](#)

Define local variables - SFU constants and colours

```
const constants = SFU.constants;
const chatSelfColour = "green";
const chatTextColour = "black";
const chatOtherColour = "red";
const chatEventColour = "navy";
```

3. Subscribe to room events

[code](#)

Subscribe to room events that are related to chat functionality

```
room.on(constants.SFU_ROOM_EVENT.MESSAGE, function(e) {
    appendMessage(e, chatOtherColour, chatTextColour);
}).on(constants.SFU_ROOM_EVENT.JOINED, function(e) {
    appendMessage({
        nickName: e.name,
        message: e.type
    }, chatOtherColour, chatEventColour);
}).on(constants.SFU_ROOM_EVENT.LEFT, function(e) {
    appendMessage({
        nickName: e.name,
        message: e.type
    }, chatOtherColour, chatEventColour);
});
```

SFU_ROOM_EVENT.MESSAGE

Subscribe to new message event. Once received display it in local chat

[code](#)

```
.on(constants.SFU_ROOM_EVENT.MESSAGE, function(e) {
  appendMessage({
    nickName: getNickName(e.message),
    message: getMessage(e.message)
  }, chatOtherColour, chatTextColour);
})
```

SFU_ROOM_EVENT.JOINED

Subscribe to new participant event. Once received display a special notification inside the local chat

[code](#)

```
.on(constants.SFU_ROOM_EVENT.JOINED, function(e) {
  appendMessage({
    nickName: e.name,
    message: e.type
  }, chatOtherColour, chatEventColour);
})
```

SFU_ROOM_EVENT.LEFT

Subscribe to participant left event. Once received display a special notification inside the local chat

[code](#)

```
.on(constants.SFU_ROOM_EVENT.LEFT, function(e) {
  appendMessage({
    nickName: e.name,
    message: e.type
  }, chatOtherColour, chatEventColour);
});
```

4. Send message to other participants

sendMessage() [code](#)

Define the sendMessage function which will be responsible for parsing input, sending it to server and displaying it in the local chat as a message

Note that messages is sent using WebRTC data channels

```
const sendMessage = function() {
  let message = input.value;
  input.value = "";
  room.sendMessage(message);
  appendMessage({
    nickName: nickName.value,
    message: message
  }, chatSelfColour, chatTextColour);
}
```

Tie send button to sendMessage function

[code](#)

```
sendButton.addEventListener("click", sendMessage);
```

Give ability to send message by pressing Enter

[code](#)

```
input.onkeyup = function(e) {
  if (e.keyCode === 13) {
    if (e.shiftKey) {

    } else {
      sendMessage();
    }
    return false;
  }
}
```

5. Display chat messages locally

Define function that will take care of formatting and displaying messages in local chat

appendMessage() [code](#)

```
const appendMessage = function(msg, nickColour, msgColour) {
  let message = document.createElement('div');
  message.setAttribute("class", "message");
  messages.appendChild(message);
  let nickDiv = document.createElement('div');
  nickDiv.style.color = nickColour;
  nickDiv.innerText = getChatTimestamp() + " " + msg.nickName + ":";
  message.appendChild(nickDiv);
  let msgDiv = document.createElement('div');
  msgDiv.style.color = msgColour;
  msgDiv.innerText = msg.message;
  message.appendChild(msgDiv);
  scrollToBottom();
}
```

Scroll to bottom helper

scrollToBottom() [code](#)

```
const scrollToBottom = function() {
  messages.scrollTop = messages.scrollHeight;
}
```

Timestamp helper

getTimeStamp() [code](#)

```
const getChatTimestamp = function() {
  let currentdate = new Date();
  return currentdate.getHours() + ":" + currentdate.getMinutes() + ":" + currentdate.getSeconds();
}
```