

Experiment No. 9

Aim: To implement Service Worker events like fetch, sync, and push for an E-commerce Progressive Web Application (PWA).

Theory:

Service Worker:

A Service Worker is a script operating in the background of a browser without user interaction, akin to a proxy on the user's side. It facilitates tracking network traffic, managing push notifications, and developing "offline-first" web applications using Cache API.

Key Points about Service Worker:

- It acts as a programmable network proxy to control how page network requests are handled.
- Service workers function exclusively over HTTPS to mitigate potential "man-in-the-middle" attacks.
- They become idle when not in use and restart when needed. Global states do not persist between events, but IndexedDB databases can be utilized for persistent data.
- Extensive use of promises is made, making familiarity with promises crucial for effective implementation.

Fetch Event:

This event enables tracking and management of page network traffic. It offers flexibility in managing "cache first" and "network first" requests.

- CacheFirst: If the requested content is cached, the cached response is returned; otherwise, a new response is fetched from the network.
- NetworkFirst: Attempts to retrieve an updated response from the network; if unsuccessful, checks for cached responses. If no cache exists, customizable actions can be taken, such as returning dummy content or informational messages.

Sync Event:

Background Sync, a Web API, defers processes until a stable internet connection is available. This concept can be likened to sending an email in an email client application when the internet connection is unreliable.

Push Event:

Handles push notifications received from the server. The example demonstrates a straightforward approach of displaying a notification when a "pushMessage" method is received.

Code: sw.js

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var filesToCache = [  
  '/pages/index.html',  
  '/styles/style.css',  
  '/images/Work.png',  
  '/manifest.json',  
  '/offline.html', // Add the offline page to be cached  
  // Add other files and routes you want to cache here  
];  
  
// Function to cache files during installation  
var preLoad = function() {  
  return caches.open("ecommerce-app").then(function(cache) {  
    return cache.addAll(filesToCache);  
  });  
};  
  
// Service Worker installation event  
self.addEventListener("install", function(event) {  
  event.waitUntil(preLoad());  
});  
  
// Service Worker fetch event// Service Worker fetch event  
self.addEventListener("fetch", function(event) {  
  event.respondWith(  
    // Check if request is in cache  
    caches.match(event.request).then(function(response) {  
      // If request is found in cache, return it  
      if (response) {  
        return response;  
      }  
      // If request is not found in cache, fetch it from the network  
      return fetch(event.request).then(function(response) {  
        // Check if the request URL scheme is supported for caching  
        if (!event.request.url.startsWith('http')) {  
          return response;  
        }  
        // Clone the response to cache it  
        var responseToCache = response.clone();  
        // Cache the fetched response for future use  
        caches.open("ecommerce-app").then(function(cache) {  
          cache.put(event.request, responseToCache);  
        });  
      });  
    });  
});
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    });
    return response;
  }).catch(function() {
    // If fetching from network fails, return the offline page
    return caches.match("/offline.html");
  });
})
);
});

// Service Worker sync event
self.addEventListener('sync', function(event) {
  if (event.tag === 'syncData') {
    event.waitUntil(syncData());
  }
});

// Function to synchronize data in the background
function syncData() {
  // Implement data synchronization logic here
  // For example, send pending orders to the server
}

// Service Worker push event
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self.addEventListener('push', function(event) {
  if (event && event.data) {
    var data = event.data.json();
    if (data.method === "pushMessage") {
      console.log("Push notification sent");
      // Request permission to show notifications
      self.registration.showNotification("Abhishek's MBAKARO", {
        body: data.message
      });
    }
  }
});
...

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Output:

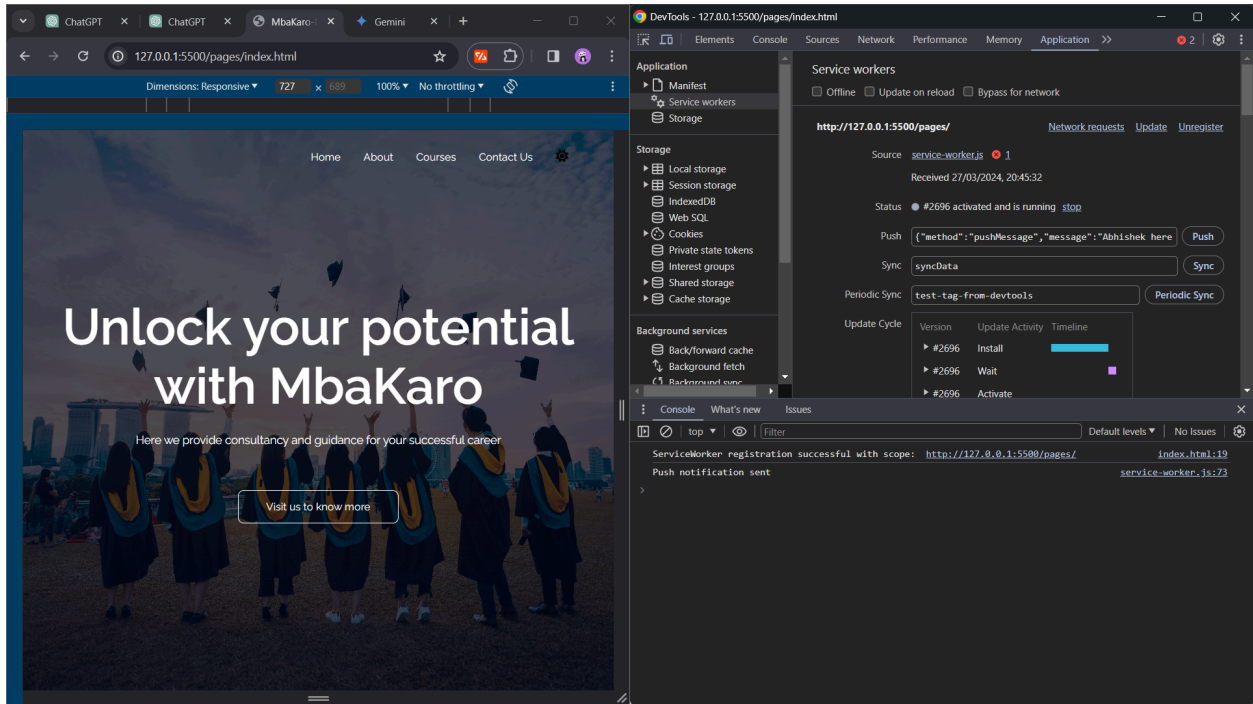
- Fetch event
- Sync event
- Push event

o/p:

The screenshot displays the Chrome DevTools Application tab for a web application running at `http://127.0.0.1:5500/pages/index.html`. The left sidebar shows the 'Application' panel with 'Service workers' selected. The main area shows the 'Service workers' section for the scope `http://127.0.0.1:5500/pages/`. It indicates that the service worker `service-worker.js` is activated and running. The status is '#2696 activated and is running'. Below this, there are controls for 'Push' (with a message `{ "method": "pushMessage", "message": "Abhishek here" }`), 'Sync' (with `syncData`), and 'Periodic Sync' (with `test-tag-from-devtools`). An 'Update Cycle' table shows the lifecycle of the service worker.

Version	Update Activity	Timeline
#2696	Install	<div></div>
#2696	Wait	<div></div>
#2696	Activate	<div></div>

The bottom console shows two log messages: 'ServiceWorker registration successful with scope: `http://127.0.0.1:5500/pages/`' and 'Push notification sent'. The console also shows the source file `service-worker.js` at line 73.



Conclusion:

The implementation and understanding of Service Worker events like fetch, push, and sync have been successfully achieved for our e-commerce PWA.