

# LOCAL STORAGE AND SESSION STORAGE

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# what we will learn from here?

## Local Storage

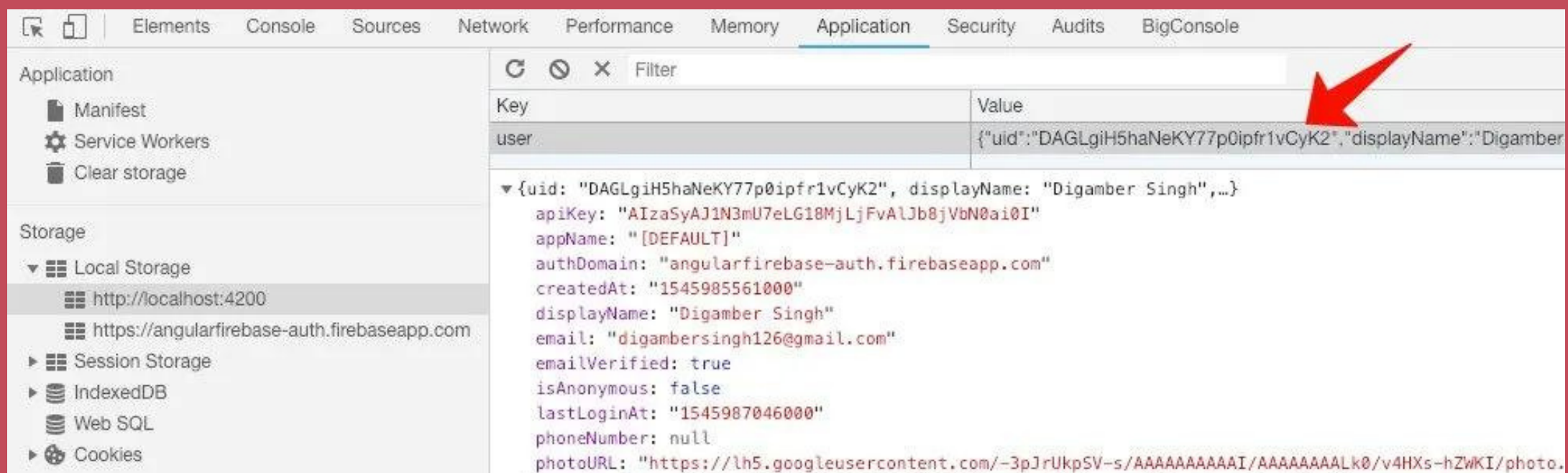
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# Local Storage

- LocalStorage is a web storage technology that allows you to **store key-value pairs in a web browser with no expiration time.**
- Data stored in LocalStorage remains available even after the browser is closed and can be accessed from the same origin



# How local storage is useful?

- LocalStorage allows you to **store data on the client-side** (in the user's browser).
- LocalStorage data is **accessible to all tabs or windows opened from the same domain**. This allows you to share data between different parts of your web application
- LocalStorage is **synchronous and relatively fast**.
- Data stored in **LocalStorage has no expiration date by default**.
- **Reduced Server Load:**By storing data locally on the user's device,

# what kind of work needs local storage?

## Form Data:

Imagine **you are filling the form of a bank** and suddenly you opened other application for replying a important message. and you are back to form and still sees the data. How that's possible , local storage make that possible.



## Shopping Carts:

**Maintaining the contents of a shopping cart between visits, allowing users to continue shopping where they left off.**



**Persistent Tokens:** Save long-term tokens, such as access tokens or refresh tokens, for use in OAuth or similar authentication flows. This can help maintain user sessions and authentication across browser restarts.

**List goes according to requirement**

# Code

```
// Setting a value in local storage
localStorage.setItem('username', 'JohnDoe');

// Retrieving a value from local storage
const username = localStorage.getItem('username');
console.log('Username:', username); // Output: Username: JohnDoe

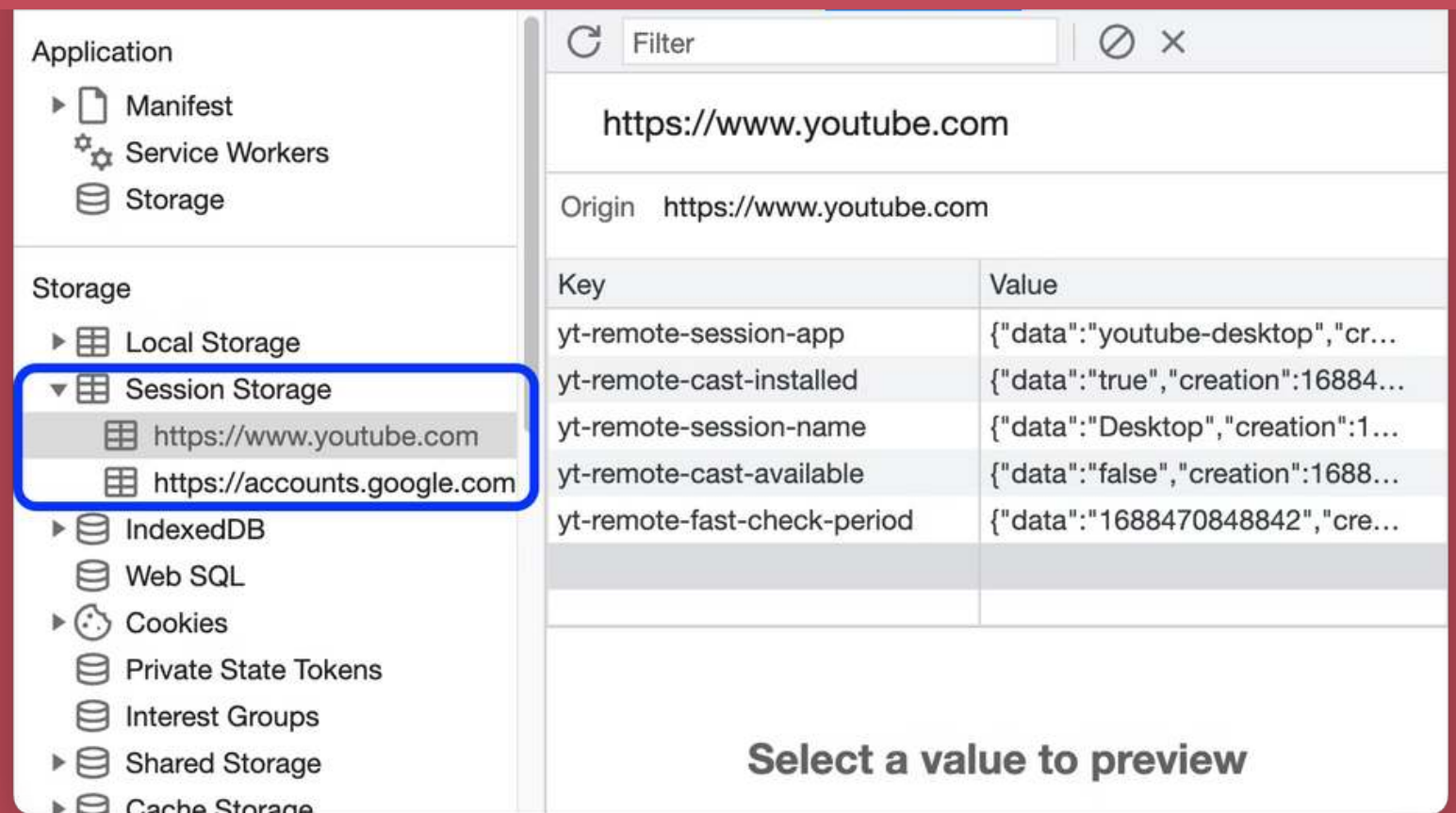
// Removing an item from local storage
localStorage.removeItem('username');
```

## To clear localStorage

```
localStorage.clear();
```

# Session storage

- **Session Storage is similar to Local Storage, but it has a shorter lifespan.**
- **Data stored in Session Storage is only available for the duration of the page session.** Once the session ends (when you close the browser or tab), the data is deleted.





## How session storage is useful ?

- Session storage is designed for temporary data storage that should be **available for the duration of a page session**
- Session storage provides **a way to persist data temporarily, even if the page is refreshed**. This can be handy for saving user preferences, form data, or application state temporarily.
- Because session storage is **client-side**, data retrieval and storage are **relatively fast** compared to making network requests to a server

# what kind of work needs session storage?

## User Authentication:

You can **store user authentication tokens, such as JSON Web Tokens (JWTs)**, in session storage after a user logs in. This allows the application to keep the user authenticated throughout their session without requiring repeated logins.

## Form Data:

When users fill out a multi-step form, you can store their input data in session storage, **ensuring that the data is not lost if they accidentally refresh the page or navigate to a different section of the form.**

**Shopping Carts:** For e-commerce websites, session storage can be used to store the contents of a user's shopping cart. This ensures that items added to the cart remain available during the shopping session, even if the user navigates to other pages.



**key difference is local storage will not expire  
but session storage expires on tab close**

# Code

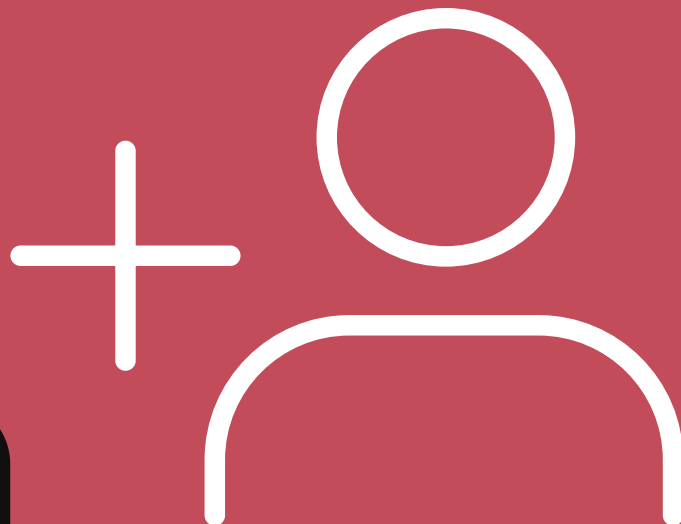
```
// Setting a value in session storage
sessionStorage.setItem('username', 'JaneDoe');

// Retrieving a value from session storage
const username = sessionStorage.getItem('username');
console.log('Username:', username); // Output: Username: JaneDoe

// Removing an item from session storage
sessionStorage.removeItem('username');
```

## To clear session storage

```
sessionStorage.removeItem('key');
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