

## EXPERIMENT NO. 7

### MAD and PWA Lab

**Aim:** To learn about Progressive Web Apps and how they are different from standard websites.

#### Theory:

#### PWA

PWA stands for a progressive web app. This is an app built from the web technologies we all know and love, like HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, but with a feel and functionality that rivals an actual native app. Thanks to a couple of smart additions, you can turn almost any website into a progressive web app. This means that you can build a PWA rather quickly, in regards to a native app that's pretty difficult to develop. Plus, you can offer all the features of native apps, like push notifications, offline support, and much more.

#### Difference Between Websites and PWA

Websites	PWA
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Need to be accessed by URLs and/or search engines in a browser.</li><li>2. Offer lesser engagement options since the only interaction is on the website.</li><li>3. Cannot be accessed offline.</li><li>4. Not as good as PWAs in the context of metrics.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Can be directly accessed just like a native application.</li><li>2. Offers more engagement options via popups, push notifications, etc.</li><li>3. Static and cached data can be accessed offline.</li><li>4. Generally perform better with metrics.</li></ol>

#### Benefits of PWA

- You don't have to go through the process to get into different app stores
- You can build PWAs with common web technologies
- They are often cheaper to build
- Since you're turning your site into an app, you'll have fewer code-bases to maintain
- PWAs are responsive and work with many different screen sizes
- PWAs are smooth, fast and lightweight
- No need to hand off big chunks of money to Google and Apple
- They work offline, unlike your regular site
- PWAs are discoverable via search engines (which have a much larger audience than app stores. Plus, if you want you can still get your PWAs distributed via app stores)

- You can use push notifications to re-engage users
- Installing a PWA can lead to higher engagement

### Disadvantages of PWA

- **No Access to App Stores** - The app needs to be installed from its proprietary website.
- **Limited Functionality** - Support for Hardware functionality like Bluetooth, WiFi, NFC etc. is always doubtful since these are always supported better in native apps.
- **Performance** - Since the app essentially runs on a browser client, it'll never be as fast as a native application.

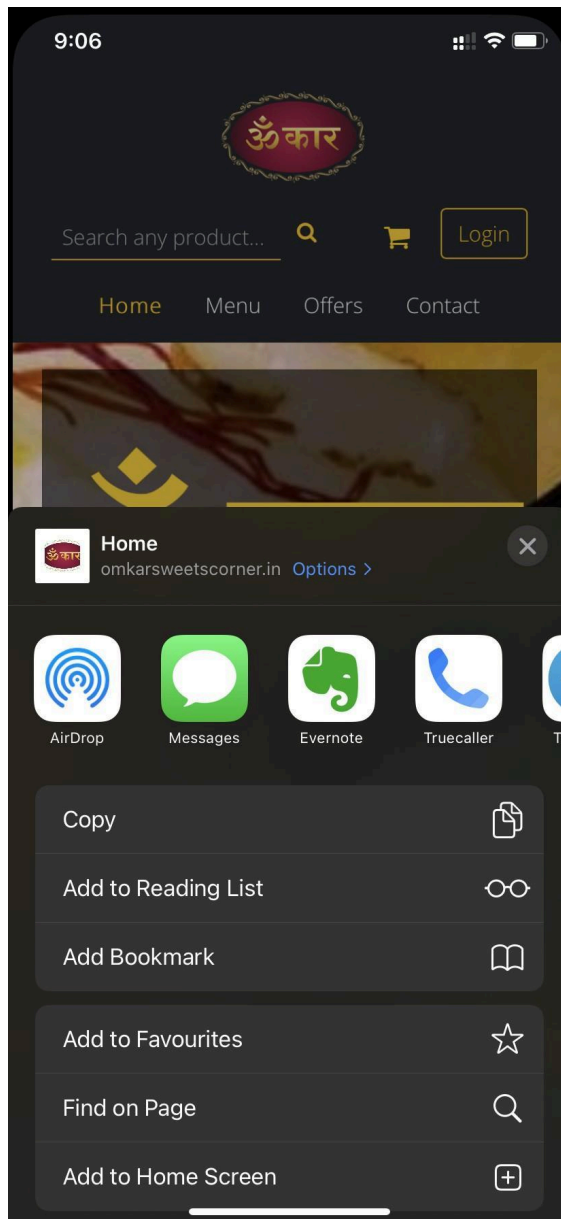
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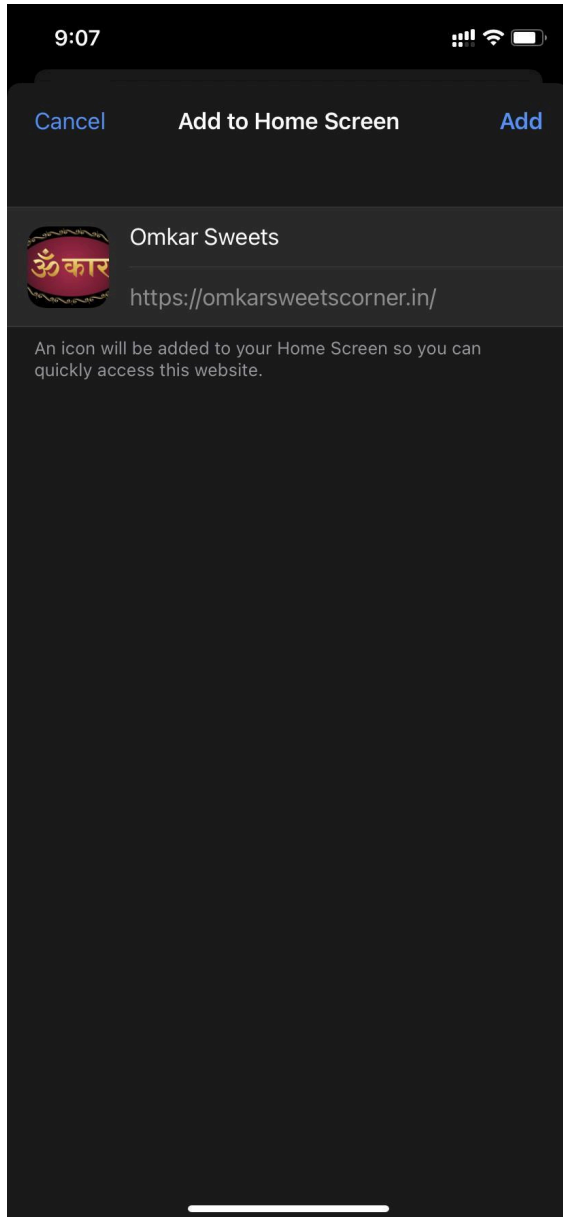
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## Output





**Conclusion :** We learnt about Progressive Web Apps and how they are different from standard websites.