
ANGULAR
ARCHITECTS
INSIDE KNOWLEDGE
Further Topics of Performance Optimization
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Outline

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2. Smart vs Dumb Components
3. API Architecture
4. RxJS & NgRx
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#1: Don't use Angular resolvers

- Better to show the title and everyting possible, even just the frame
- Instead use local spinners where data is being loaded

#2: Thought experiment

- What if <flight-card> would handle use case logic?
  - e.g. communicate with API (thru a service)
- Number of requests ==> Performance?
- Traceability?
- Reusability?


Smart vs. Dumb
Components

#2: Smart vs. Dumb Components

Smart	Dumb
• Use Case controller • Container	• Independent of Use Case • Reusable • Leaf

#3: API Architecture

- Try to minimize API calls
  - E.g. fetch data in list not list item
  - If possible aggregate data in backend, not frontend
- Think about caching API calls
  - If possible, maybe valid for limited time only
- Maybe use GraphQL?

#4: Use RxJS & NgRx

- Use RxJS properly
  - Share hot observables where possible
  - Pipe operaters
  - Use async pipe
  - Manage subscriptions

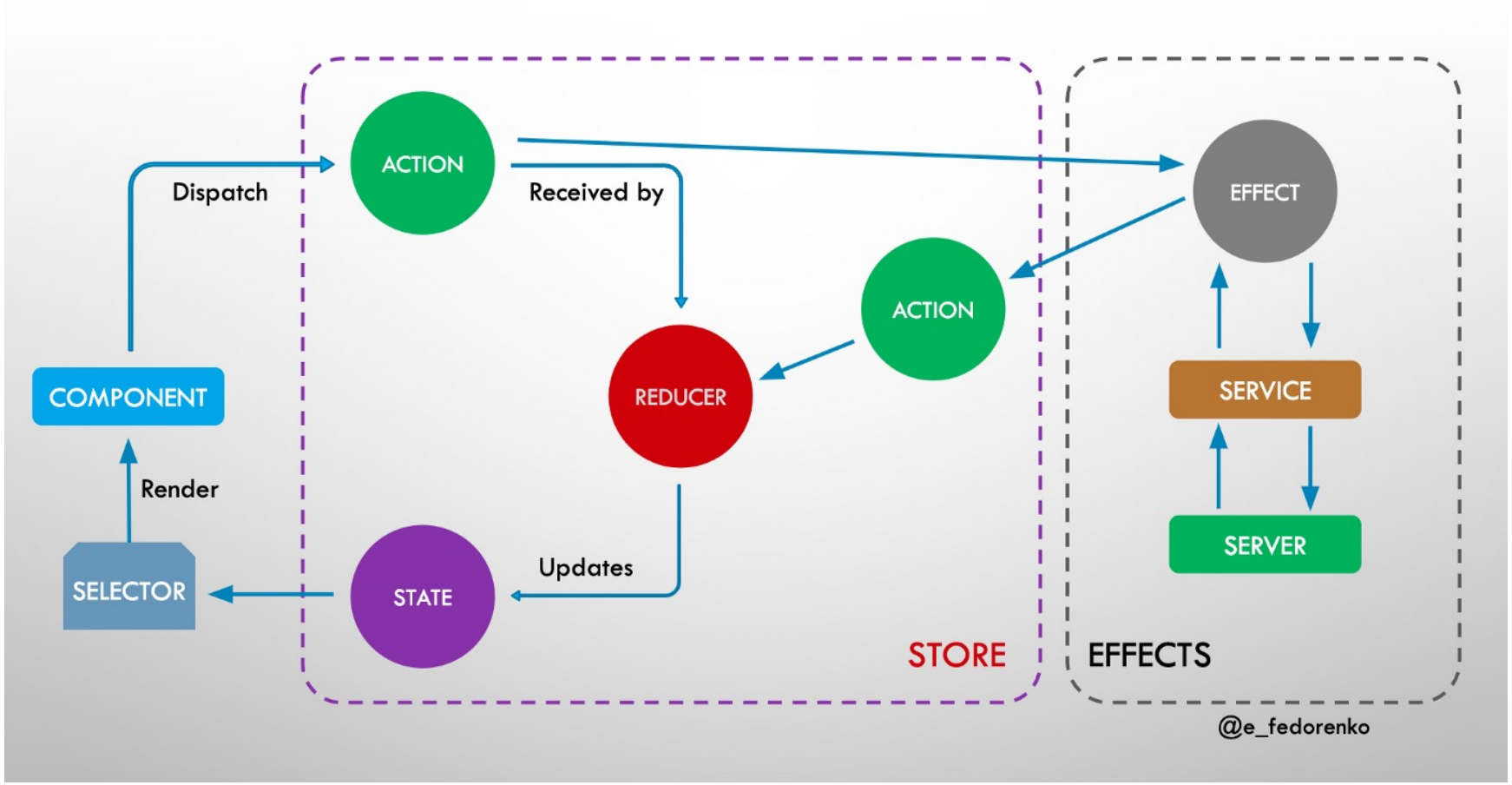
- Use State Management (NgRx preferred, else NGXS)
  - By using Redux libraries properly, you can improve its performance, by reducing the number of events that occur during data communication

#4: State management options

- Global
  - NgRx (better)
  - NgXS

- Local
  - State Services / Facades with BehaviourSubjects or Signals
  - @rx-angular/state

#4: Global state management (NgRx)



https://medium.com/angular-in-depth/how-i-wrote-ngrx-store-in-63-lines-of-code-dfe925fe979b

#5: Web Workers for heavy calculations

- Problem: JS is single threaded, how to do heavy calculations?

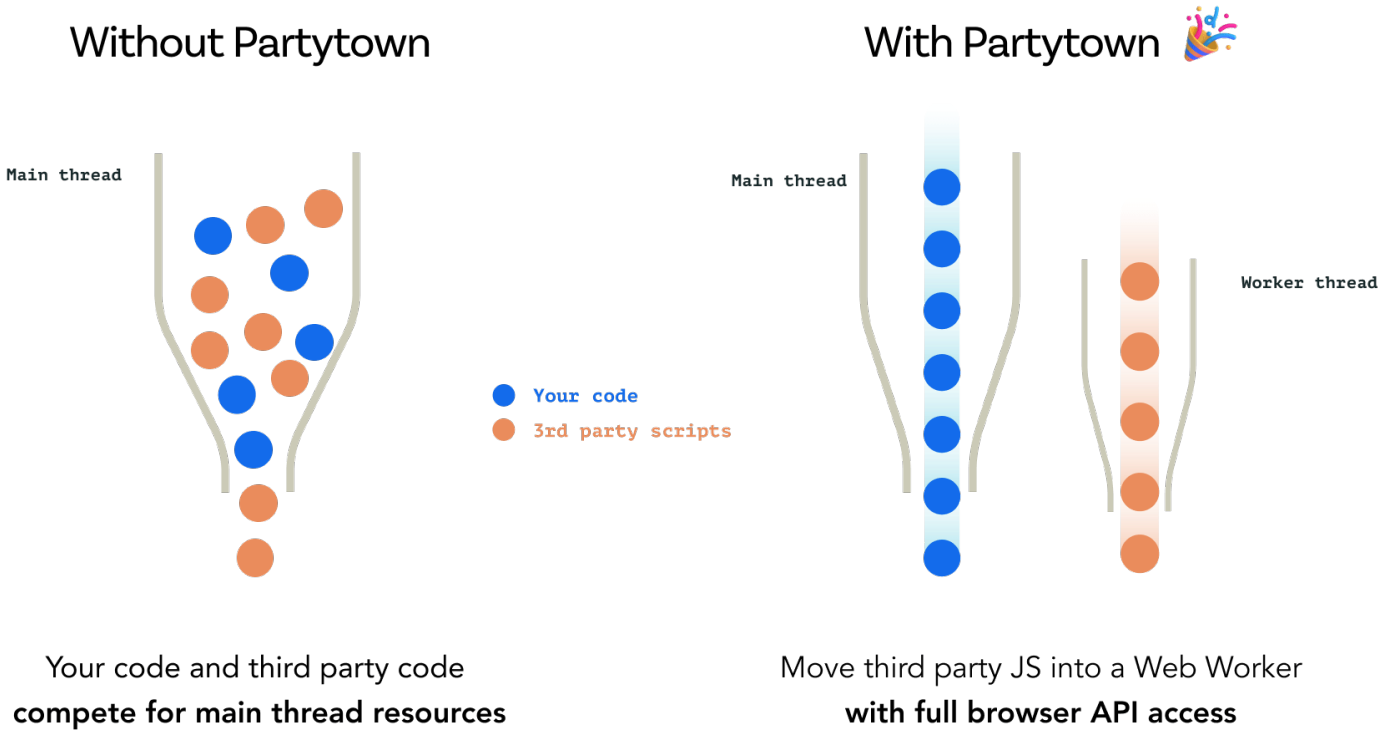
- Solution: Delegate to web worker, it will create a new thread called the Worker Thread that will run a JS script parallel to the main thread

#5: Web Workers – Use cases

- Import external scripts
- Make XMLHttpRequest / API requests
- Use setTimeout() and setInterval()
- Spawn other workers
- Use IndexedDB, Notifications API, Web Crypto API, WebAssembly, WebSockets, WebGL, OffscreenCanvas, ImageData…
- Terminate themselves when you deem they are no longer needed
- …

#5: Web Workers – Implementations

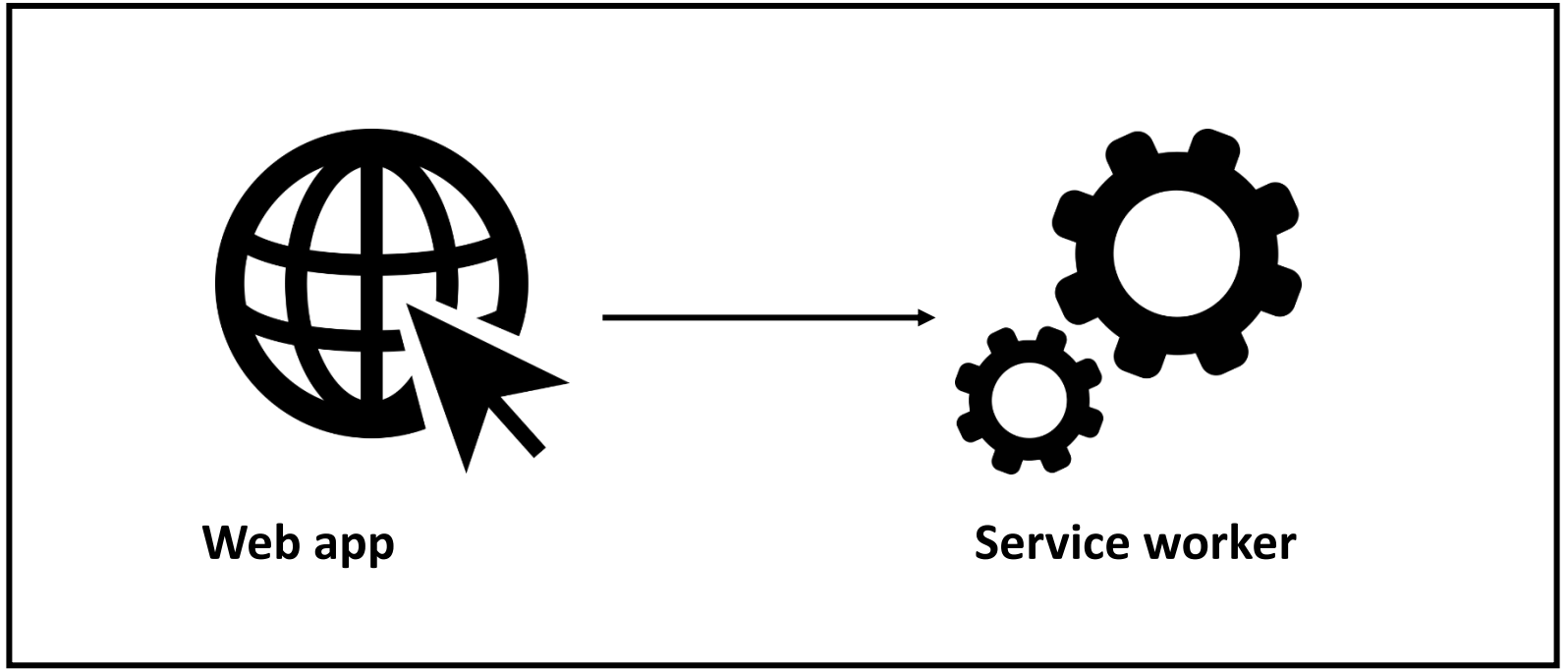
- Worklet API
- partytown
- Comlink?
- …



#6: Service Workers (PWA)

- Handle offline state (no connection)
- Web push notifications (new in iOS)
- Proxy or serving HTTP requests
- Background code execution
- Process payments
- …

Service Worker



Service Worker

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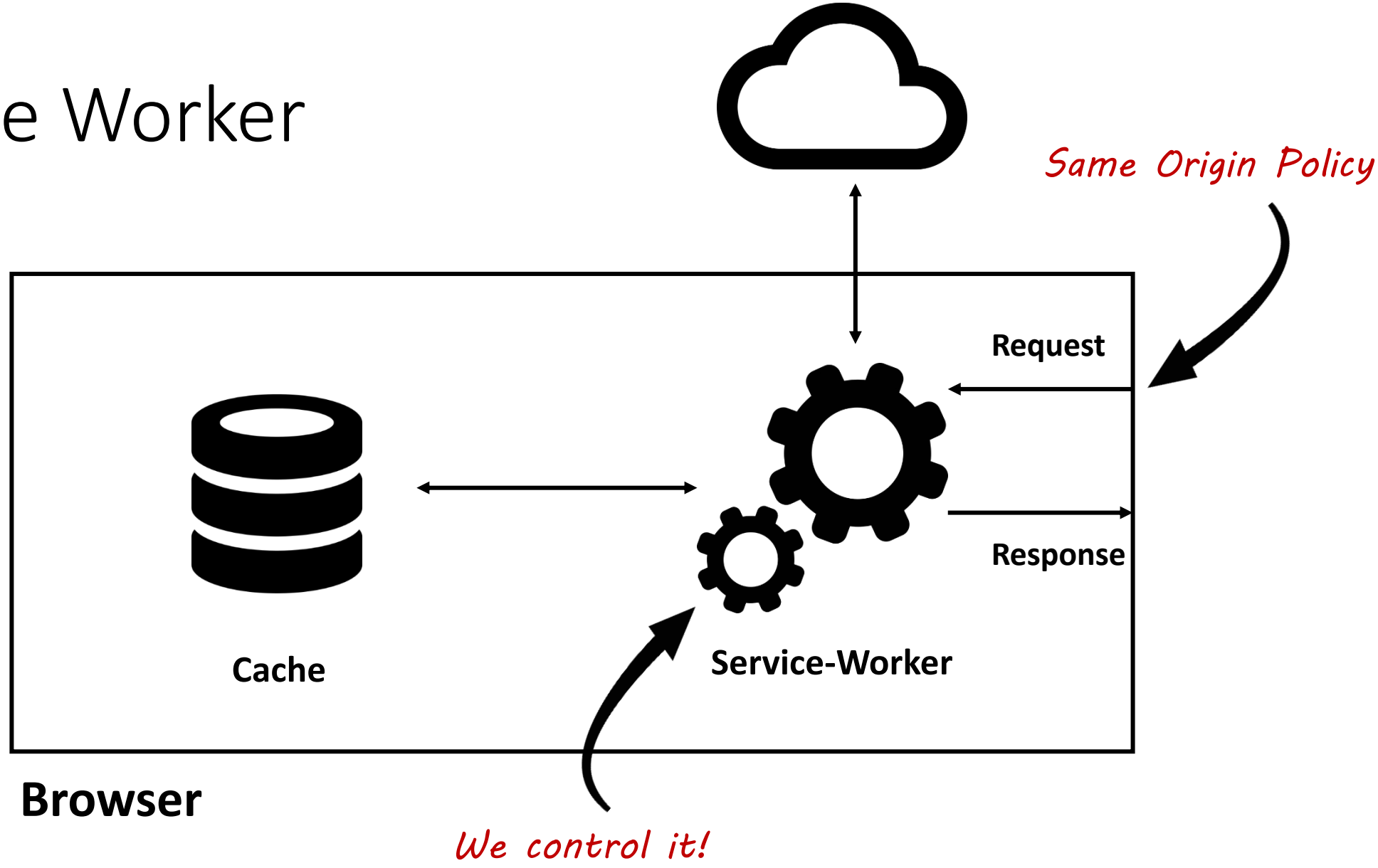

Cache Strategies

Cache only

Network only

Try Cache, fallback to Network

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Add to
home screen

Web App Manifest

```
{
  "name": "Hotel PWA-Demo",
  "short_name": "Hotel",
  "icons": [{
        "src": "images/touch/icon-128x128.png",
        "sizes": "128x128",
        "type": "image/png"
      }, […] ],
  "start_url": "/index.html?homescreen=1",
  "display": "standalone",
  […]
}
```

@angular/pwa

- Installiert @angular/service-worker
  - npm install
  - Importiert Angular-Modul
  - Generiert ngsw-config.json
  - Generiert Web App Manifest
- ng add @angular/pwa

#7: Scheduling

- Use setTimeout() to delay work
- Use setInterval() to invoke tasks continously
- Don't forget to clearTimeout() and clearInterval() on destroy
- Can lead to unwanted Change Detection

#8: Building with Nx

- For bigger / enterprise Apps use @nx

- Nx is a 3rd party extension for Angular CLI supporting
  - Monorepo workspace
    - Split App(s) into buildable parts / libs
    - Only recompile changed parts (both during serve & build)
    - Possible to have a cloud build cache
  - Other features like
    - Schematics / generators
    - Access restrictions
    - Dependy graph
  - Out-of-the-box support for JEST, (Cypress | Playwright) & Storybook

#9: Use latest Angular

- Try to update to latest version
  - My recommendation: Wait for X.1.0 or X.2.0
- From v. 12 – 15 migration should be easy (and automatic)
- Caution with v. 16: ViewEngine support dropped for libraries
- Use https://update.angular.io

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