

Aim: To implement Service worker events like fetch, sync and push for E-commerce PWA.

Theory:

Service Worker

Service Worker is a script that works on browser background without user interaction independently. Also, It resembles a proxy that works on the user side. With this script, you can track network traffic of the page, manage push notifications and develop “offline first” web applications with Cache API.

Things to note about Service Worker:

- A service worker is a programmable network proxy that lets you control how network requests from your page are handled.
- Service workers only run over HTTPS. Because service workers can intercept network requests and modify responses, "man-in-the-middle" attacks could be very bad.
- The service worker becomes idle when not in use and restarts when it's next needed. You cannot rely on a global state persisting between events. If there is information that you need to persist and reuse across restarts, you can use IndexedDB databases.
- Service workers make extensive use of promises, so if you're new to promises, then you should stop reading this and check out Promises, an introduction.

Fetch Event

You can track and manage page network traffic with this event. You can check existing cache, manage “cache first” and “network first” requests and return a response that you want.

Of course, you can use many different methods but you can find in the following example a “cache first” and “network first” approach. In this example, if the request’s and current location’s origin are the same (Static content is requested.), this is called “cacheFirst” but if you request a targeted external URL, this is called “networkFirst”.

- **CacheFirst** - In this function, if the received request has cached before, the cached response is returned to the page. But if not, a new response requested from the network.
- **NetworkFirst** - In this function, firstly we can try getting an updated response from the network, if this process completed successfully, the new response will be cached and returned. But if this process fails, we check whether the request has been cached before or not. If a cache exists, it is returned to the page, but if not, this is up to you. You can return dummy content or information messages to the page.

```

self.addEventListener("fetch", function (event) {
  const req = event.request;
  const url = new URL(req.url);

  if (url.origin === location.origin) {
    event.respondWith(cacheFirst(req));
  }
  else {
    event.respondWith(networkFirst(req));
  }
});

async function cacheFirst(req) {
  return await caches.match(req) || fetch(req);
}

async function networkFirst(req) {
  const cache = await caches.open("pwa-dynamic");
  try {
    const res = await fetch(req);
    cache.put(req, res.clone());
    return res;
  } catch (error) {
    const cachedResponse = await cache.match(req);
    return cachedResponse || await caches.match("./noconnection.json");
  }
}

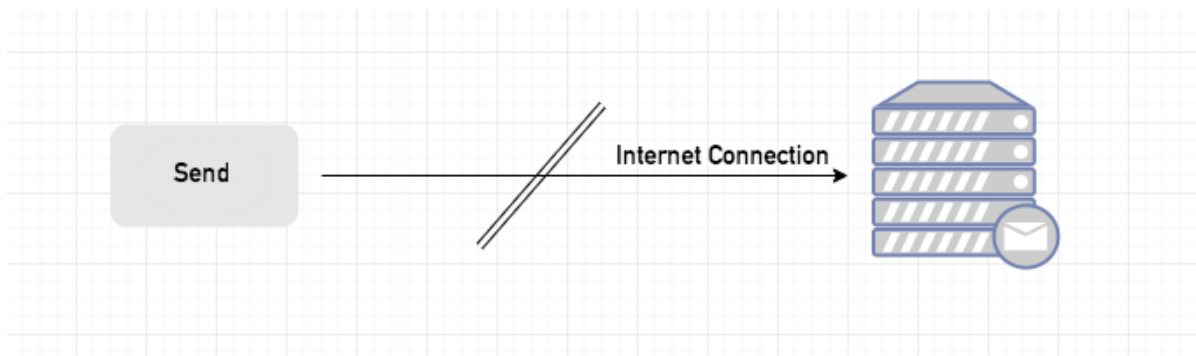
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Sync Event

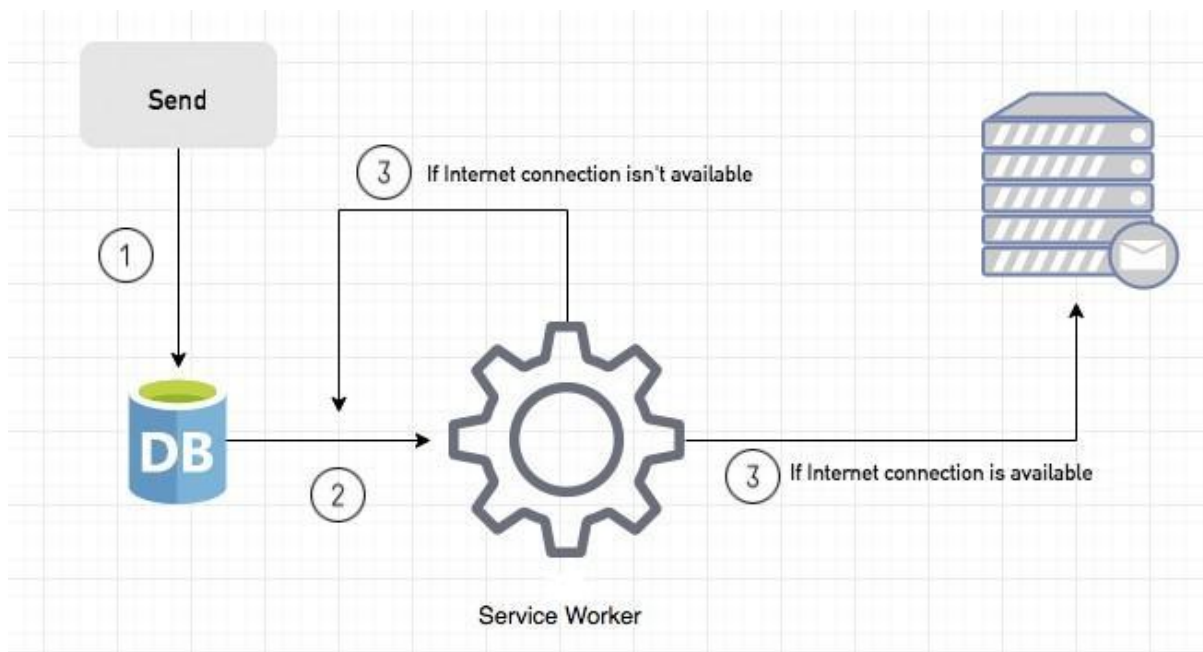
Background Sync is a Web API that is used to delay a process until the Internet connection is stable. We can adapt this definition to the real world; there is an e-mail client application that works on the browser and we want to send an email with this tool. Internet connection is broken while we are writing e-mail content and we didn't realize it. When completing the writing, we click the send button.

Here is a job for the Background Sync.

The following view shows the classical process of sending email to us. If the Internet Connection is broken, we can't send any content to Mail Server.



Here, you can create any scenario for yourself. A sample is in the following for this case.



1. When we click the “send” button, email content will be saved to IndexedDB.
2. Background Sync registration.
3. **If the Internet connection is available**, all email content will be read and sent to Mail Server.
If the Internet connection is unavailable, the service worker waits until the connection is available even though the window is closed. When it is available, email content will be sent to Mail Server.

You can see the working process within the following code block.

Event Listener for Background Sync Registration

```
document.querySelector("button").addEventListener("click", async () => {
  var swRegistration = await navigator.serviceWorker.register("sw.js");
  swRegistration.sync.register("helloSync").then(function () {
    console.log("helloSync success [main.js]");
  });
});
```

Event Listener for sw.js

```
self.addEventListener('sync', event => {
  if (event.tag == 'helloSync') {
    console.log("helloSync [sw.js]");
  }
});
```

Push Event

This is the event that handles push notifications that are received from the server. You can apply any method with received data.

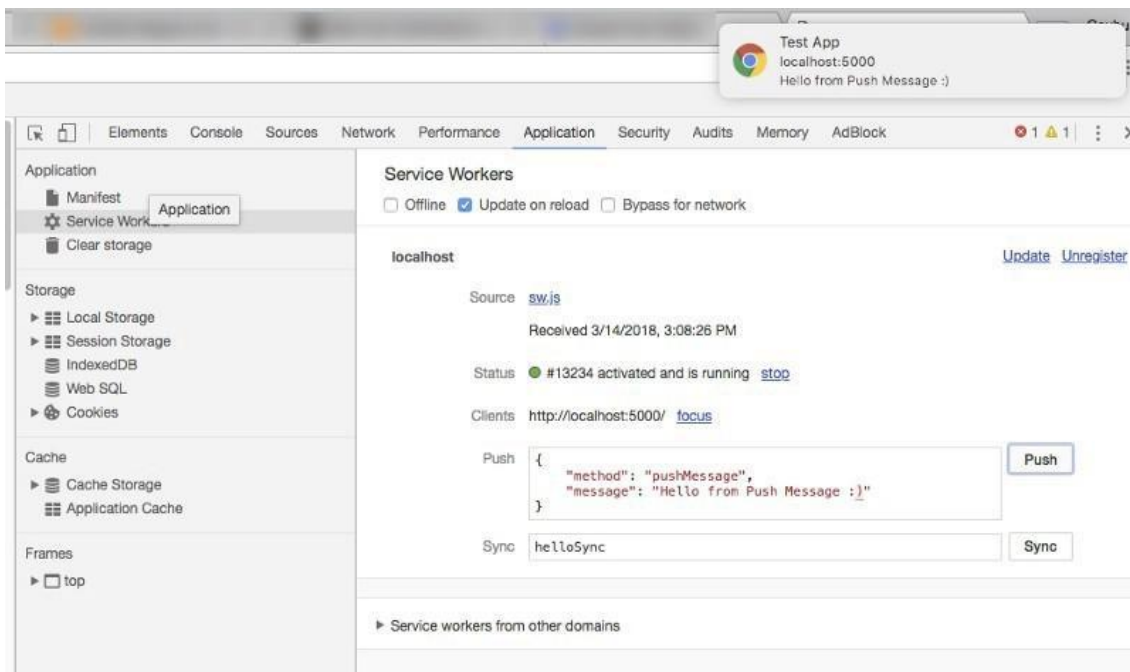
We can check in the following example.

“Notification.requestPermission();” is the necessary line to show notification to the user. If you don’t want to show any notification, you don’t need this line.

In the following code block is in `sw.js` file. You can handle push notifications with this event. In this example, I kept it simple. We send an object that has “method” and “message” properties. If the method value is “pushMessage”, we open the information notification with the “message” property.

```
self.addEventListener('push', event => {
  if (event && event.data) {
    var data = event.data.json();
    if (data.method === "pushMessage") {
      event.waitUntil(self.registration.showNotification("Test App", {
        body: data.message
      }));
    }
  }
});
```

You can use Application Tab from Chrome Developer Tools for testing push notification.



Code:

`serviceworker.js`

```
self.addEventListener("install", function (event) {
  event.waitUntil(preLoad());
});

self.addEventListener("fetch", function (event) {
  event.respondWith(checkResponse(event.request).catch(function () {
    console.log("Fetch from cache successful!")
    return returnFromCache(event.request);
  }));
  console.log("Fetch successful!")
});
```

```

    event.waitUntil(addToCache(event.request));
  });
  self.addEventListener('sync', event => {
    if (event.tag === 'Sync from cache') {
      console.log("Sync successful!")
    }
  });

  self.addEventListener('push', function (event) {
    if (event && event.data) {
      var data = event.data.json();
      if (data.method === "PushMessageData") {
        console.log("Push notification sent");
        event.waitUntil(self.registration.showNotification("Myntra"))
      }
    }
  })

  var filesToCache = [
    '/',
  ];

  var preLoad = function () {
    return caches.open("offline").then(function (cache) { // caching index and important routes
      return cache.addAll(filesToCache);
    });
  };

  self.addEventListener("fetch", function (event) {
    event.respondWith(checkResponse(event.request).catch(function () {
      return returnFromCache(event.request);
    }));
    event.waitUntil(addToCache(event.request));
  });

  var checkResponse = function (request) {
    return new Promise(function (fulfill, reject) {
      fetch(request).then(function (response) {
        if (response.status !== 404) {
          fulfill(response);

          } else {
            reject();
          }
        }, reject);
      });
    };

  var addToCache = function (request) {
    return caches.open("offline").then(function (cache) {

```

```

return fetch(request).then(function (response) {
  return cache.put(request, response);
});
});
};

var returnFromCache = function (request) {
  return caches.open("offline").then(function (cache) {
    return cache.match(request).then(function (matching) {
      if (!matching || matching.status === 404) {
        return cache.match("index.html");
      } else {
        return matching;
      }
    });
  });
};
};

```

Output:

Fetch event

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a shopping website with various product categories and promotional banners. The Chrome DevTools Application tab is open, showing the Service Workers section. The Service Worker is named 'http://127.0.0.1:5500/' and is currently active. The 'Fetch event' log shows a successful fetch of 'index.html:92' from 'serviceworker.js:10'.

Service Workers Section:

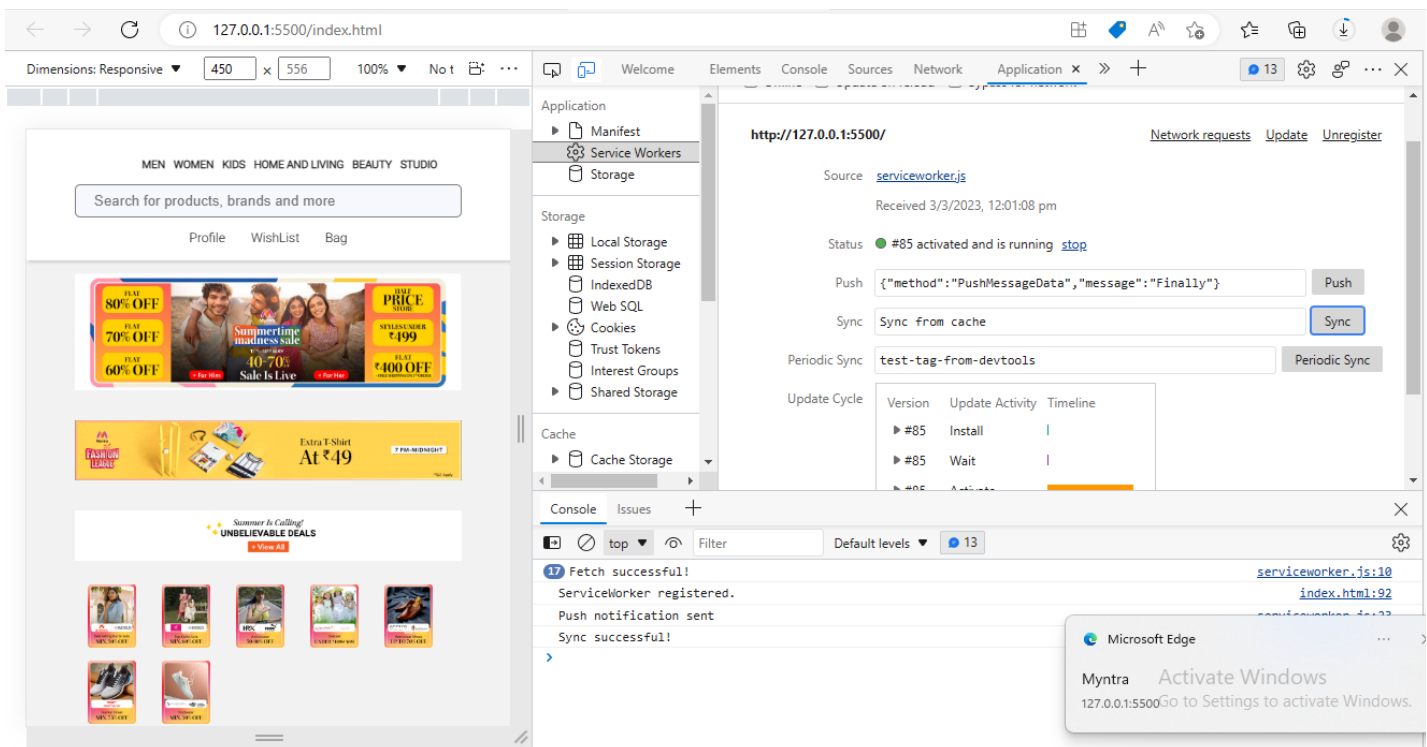
- Source:** [serviceworker.js](#)
- Received:** 3/3/2023, 12:01:08 pm
- Status:** #85 activated and is running [stop](#)
- Push:** [Push](#)
- Sync:** [Sync](#)
- Periodic Sync:** [Periodic Sync](#)
- Update Cycle:**

Version	Update Activity	Timeline
#85	Install	
#85	Wait	
#85	Activate	

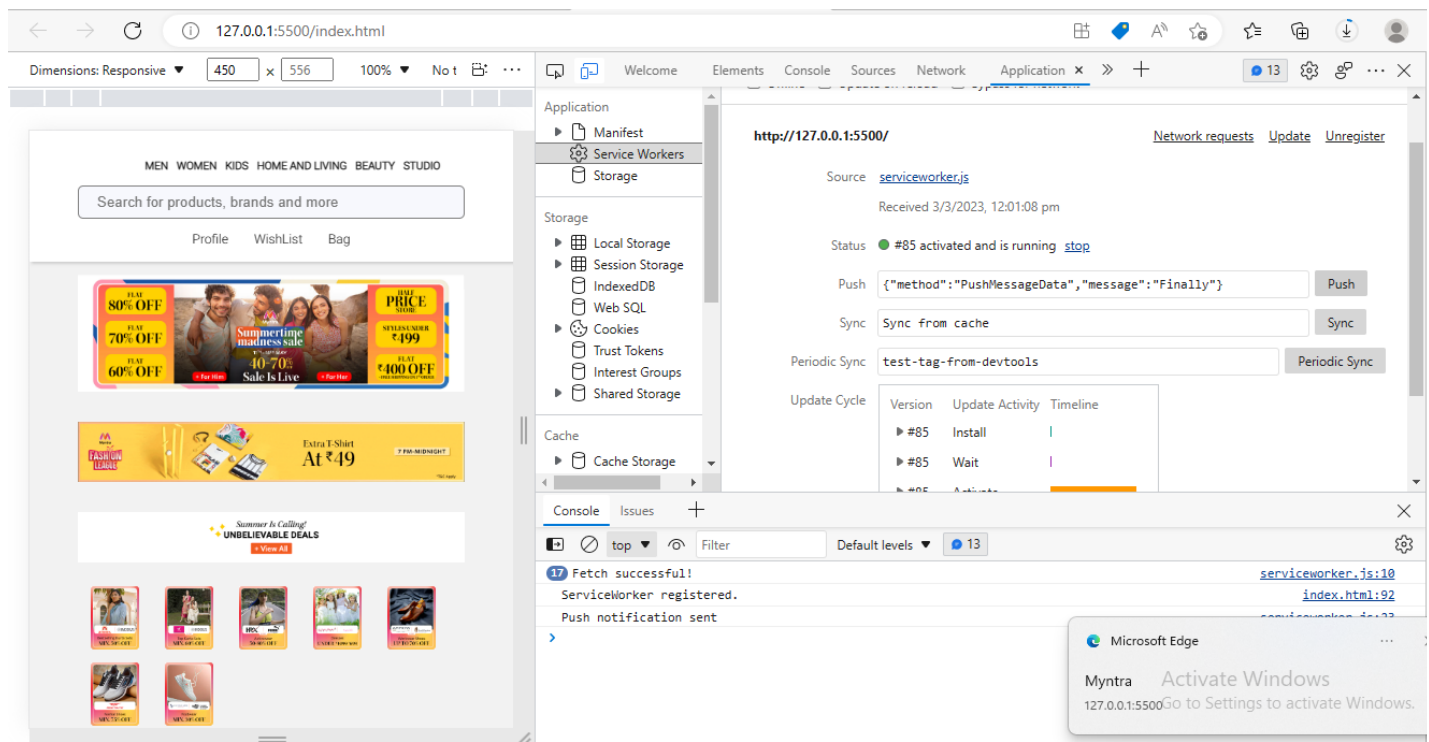
Console Log:

- Fetch successful! [serviceworker.js:10](#)
- ServiceWorker registered. [index.html:92](#)

Sync event



Push event



Conclusion-

We have successfully implemented Service worker events like fetch, sync and push for E-commerce PWA. These events are very useful for creating better offline experiences for web apps. Service Worker spec allows us to cache assets for offline use.