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NovaPOS POS Edge Client PWA Implementation

Overview: We extend the existing React PWA scaffold to implement a basic POS client with login, sales interface, offline support, and stubbed services. The repository is structured with a `frontends/pos-app` React application [1]. We will add navigation (login & sales screens), a hardcoded product catalog for UI development, a cart with add/remove and totals, offline capabilities (service worker caching and local storage of cart data), stubbed payment processing (card, cash, crypto), and a simple fake authentication flow.

Navigation and Authentication (Routing + Login Screen)

We introduce **React Router** for navigation between the Login and Sales screens, and an **Auth Context** to manage fake user authentication. The `src/main.tsx` is modified to wrap the app in React Router's `BrowserRouter` and our context providers:

```
// src/main.tsx
 import { StrictMode } from 'react'
 import { createRoot } from 'react-dom/client'
 import './index.css'
-import App from './App.tsx'
+import App from './App'
+import { AuthProvider } from './AuthContext'
+import { CartProvider } from './CartContext'
+import { BrowserRouter } from 'react-router-dom'

 createRoot(document.getElementById('root')!).render(
   <StrictMode>
-    <App />
+    <AuthProvider>
+      <CartProvider>
+        <BrowserRouter>
+          <App />
+        </BrowserRouter>
+      </CartProvider>
+    </AuthProvider>
   </StrictMode>,
 )
```

The main entry now provides context and routing. This wraps the entire app with `AuthProvider` and `CartProvider`, then mounts the app inside `BrowserRouter` for routing.

Auth Context: We implement `AuthContext` with a `login` function that checks credentials and a `logout` function. This uses React Context to store an `isLoggedIn` state. We allow a fixed dummy username/password (e.g. "admin"/"password") for fake auth. The context also exports `useAuth()` hook and a `<RequireAuth>` component to protect routes (redirect to login if not authenticated).

```
// src/AuthContext.tsx
import React, { createContext, useContext, useState } from 'react';
import { Navigate, useLocation } from 'react-router-dom';

interface AuthContextValue {
  isLoggedIn: boolean;
  login: (username: string, password: string) => boolean;
  logout: () => void;
}
const AuthContext = createContext<AuthContextValue [] undefined>(undefined);

export const AuthProvider: React.FC<{ children: React.ReactNode }> = ({
children }) => {
  const [isLoggedIn, setIsLoggedIn] = useState(false);

  // Fake login: accept a specific username/password for demo
  const login = (username: string, password: string) => {
    if (username === 'admin' && password === 'password') {
      setIsLoggedIn(true);
      return true;
    }
    return false;
  };
  const logout = () => {
    setIsLoggedIn(false);
  };

  return (
    <AuthContext.Provider value={{ isLoggedIn, login, logout }}>
      {children}
    </AuthContext.Provider>
  );
};

// Hook to use auth context
export const useAuth = () => {
  const ctx = useContext(AuthContext);
  if (!ctx) throw new Error('useAuth must be used within AuthProvider');
  return ctx;
};

// Protected route component
```

```
export const RequireAuth: React.FC<{ children: JSX.Element }> = ({ children })
=> {
  const { isLoggedIn } = useAuth();
  const location = useLocation();
  if (!isLoggedIn) {
    // Redirect to login page if not authenticated
    return <Navigate to="/" state={{ from: location }} replace />;
  }
  return children;
};
```

Now we create the **Login page** component. It contains a simple form for username and password. On submit, it calls `authContext.login`. If login succeeds, we navigate to the Sales screen; otherwise, it displays an error message. The form uses uncontrolled inputs or simple local state for the fields for brevity.

```
// src/pages/Login.tsx
import React, { useState, useRef } from 'react';
import { useNavigate } from 'react-router-dom';
import { useAuth } from '../AuthContext';

const Login: React.FC = () => {
  const auth = useAuth();
  const navigate = useNavigate();
  const usernameRef = useRef<HTMLInputElement>(null);
  const passwordRef = useRef<HTMLInputElement>(null);
  const [error, setError] = useState<string | null>(null);

  const handleSubmit = (e: React.FormEvent) => {
    e.preventDefault();
    const username = usernameRef.current?.value || '';
    const password = passwordRef.current?.value || '';
    const success = auth.login(username, password);
    if (!success) {
      setError('Invalid credentials, please try again.');
    } else {
      setError(null);
      navigate('/sales'); // go to Sales screen after successful login
    }
  };

  return (
    <div className="login-screen">
      <h2>Login to NovaPOS</h2>
      <form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>
        <div>
          <label>Username:</label>
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          <input type="text" ref={usernameRef} required />
        </div>
        <div>
          <label>Password:</label>
          <input type="password" ref={passwordRef} required />
        </div>
        {error && <p className="error" style={{color:'red'}}>{error}</p>}
        <button type="submit">Login</button>
      </form>
    </div>
  );
};

export default Login;
```

Routing in App: We update `src/App.tsx` to define routes for login and sales. We import `Login` and `Sales` pages, and wrap the Sales route in `RequireAuth` to enforce login. The default Vite template content in `App.tsx` (counter, logos, etc.) is removed [2]. Now `App` returns a `<Routes>` configuration:

```
// src/App.tsx
-import { useState } from 'react'
-import reactLogo from './assets/react.svg'
-import viteLogo from '/vite.svg'
-import './App.css'
+import { Routes, Route } from 'react-router-dom';
+import Login from './pages/Login';
+import Sales from './pages/Sales';
+import { RequireAuth } from './AuthContext';

 function App() {
-  const [count, setCount] = useState(0)
-
-  return (
-    <>
-      <div>
-        <a href="https://vite.dev" target="_blank"> ... </a>
-        <a href="https://react.dev" target="_blank"> ... </a>
-      </div>
-      <h1>Vite + React</h1>
-      <div className="card">
-        <button onClick={() => setCount((count) => count + 1)}>
-          count is {count}
-        </button>
-        <p>Edit <code>src/App.tsx</code> and save to test HMR</p>
-      </div>
-      <p className="read-the-docs">Click on the Vite and React logos to learn
```

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more</p>
-    </>
-  )
+  return (
+    <Routes>
+      <Route path="/" element={<Login />} />
+      <Route path="/sales" element={
+        <RequireAuth>
+          <Sales />
+        </RequireAuth>
+      } />
+    </Routes>
+  );
 }

 export default App
```

Now, visiting the root path (`/`) will render the `Login` screen, and `/sales` renders the `Sales` interface if authenticated. The `RequireAuth` wrapper uses context to redirect to login if `isLoggedIn` is false. This ensures navigation flows: the user must log in before accessing sales.

Sales Screen and Cart Management

The **Sales** page is the main POS interface. It will display a list of products (hardcoded for now) and a cart summary. Users can add products to the cart, remove them, view the total, and proceed to checkout.

We define a **Cart Context** (`CartContext.tsx`) to manage cart state globally (so product list and cart can be separate components if needed). The context holds an array of cart items and provides methods to `addItem` , `removeItem` , and `clearCart` . It also stores the cart in local storage for offline persistence (more on this in the offline section). Each cart item contains product id, name, price, and quantity.

```tsx
// src/CartContext.tsx
import React, { createContext, useContext, useEffect, useState } from 'react';

// Define product and cart item types
interface Product { id: number; name: string; price: number; }
interface CartItem extends Product { quantity: number; }

interface CartContextValue {
  cart: CartItem[];
  addItem: (product: Product) => void;
  removeItem: (productId: number) => void;
  clearCart: () => void;
  totalAmount: number;
}
const CartContext = createContext<CartContextValue [] undefined>(undefined);
```

```
export const CartProvider: React.FC<{ children: React.ReactNode }> = ({
children }) => {
  const [cart, setCart] = useState<CartItem[]>([]);

  // Load cart from local storage on init (for offline persistence)
  useEffect(() => {
    const saved = localStorage.getItem('pos-cart');
    if (saved) {
      try {
        const items: CartItem[] = JSON.parse(saved);
        setCart(items);
      } catch {}
    }
  }, []);

  // Save cart to local storage whenever it changes
  useEffect(() => {
    localStorage.setItem('pos-cart', JSON.stringify(cart));
  }, [cart]);

  const addItem = (product: Product) => {
    setCart(prev => {
      // Check if product already in cart
      const existing = prev.find(item => item.id === product.id);
      if (existing) {
        // Increment quantity if exists
        return prev.map(item =>
          item.id === product.id ? { ...item, quantity: item.quantity + 1 } :
item
        );
      } else {
        // Add new item
        return [...prev, { ...product, quantity: 1 }];
      }
    });
  };

  const removeItem = (productId: number) => {
    setCart(prev => prev.filter(item => item.id !== productId));
  };

  const clearCart = () => {
    setCart([]);
  };

  // Compute total amount
  const totalAmount = cart.reduce((sum, item) => sum + item.price *
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item.quantity, 0);

  return (
    <CartContext.Provider value={{ cart, addItem, removeItem, clearCart,
totalAmount }}>
      {children}
    </CartContext.Provider>
  );
};

// Hook to use cart context
export const useCart = () => {
  const ctx = useContext(CartContext);
  if (!ctx) throw new Error('useCart must be used within CartProvider');
  return ctx;
};
```

> **Cart Persistence:** We use `localStorage` as a stand-in for IndexedDB to persist cart data offline. On app load, we restore any saved cart from `localStorage`; on updates, we save the new cart state [3]. In a real PWA, IndexedDB is preferred for robust offline storage (it allows structured data storage and offline queries), but for this prototype a simple local storage approach suffices as an *IndexedDB stub*. This ensures the cart contents remain available even if the app is refreshed offline.

Next, the **Sales page** (`Sales.tsx`) utilizes `CartContext` and lists products. We define a hardcoded product list (array of products) for development. Each product is displayed with a name, price, and an "Add" button to add to cart. The cart summary shows each item (name, quantity, price, subtotal) and a total. The user can remove items from the cart individually, and a Checkout section allows choosing a payment method (Card, Cash, Crypto) to simulate payment.

```
// src/pages/Sales.tsx
import React, { useEffect } from 'react';
import { useNavigate } from 'react-router-dom';
import { useAuth } from '../AuthContext';
import { useCart } from '../CartContext';
import { simulatePayment } from '../utils/payments';

// Sample hardcoded product catalog
const PRODUCTS = [
  { id: 1, name: 'Widget A', price: 19.99 },
  { id: 2, name: 'Widget B', price: 5.49 },
  { id: 3, name: 'Gadget C', price: 12.00 },
];

const Sales: React.FC = () => {
  const { logout } = useAuth();
```

```
  const { cart, addItem, removeItem, clearCart, totalAmount } = useCart();
  const navigate = useNavigate();

  // If not logged in (no auth), redirect to login – alternatively, we could use
<RequireAuth> at routing level.
  // (This effect is optional since we guard route with RequireAuth already)
  const { isLoggedIn } = useAuth();
  useEffect(() => {
    if (!isLoggedIn) navigate('/');
  }, [isLoggedIn, navigate]);

  // Handler for payment simulation
  const handlePayment = async (method: 'card' | 'cash' | 'crypto') => {
    alert(`Processing ${method.toUpperCase()} payment...`);
    try {
      await simulatePayment(method, totalAmount);
      alert(`${method.charAt(0).toUpperCase() + method.slice(1)} payment
successful!`);
      clearCart();
    } catch (err) {
      alert(`Payment failed: ${err}`);
    }
  };

  return (
    <div className="sales-screen">
      <header>
        <h2>Sales Terminal</h2>
        <button onClick={() => { logout(); navigate('/'); }}>
          Logout
        </button>
      </header>

      <div className="content">
        {/* Products List */}
        <div className="products-section">
          <h3>Products</h3>
          <ul>
            {PRODUCTS.map(product => (
              <li key={product.id}>
                {product.name} – ${product.price.toFixed(2)}
                <button onClick={() => addItem(product)}>Add</button>
              </li>
            ))}
          </ul>
        </div>

        {/* Cart Section */}
```

```
        <div className="cart-section">
          <h3>Cart</h3>
          {cart.length === 0 ? (
            <p>Your cart is empty.</p>
          ) : (
            <ul>
              {cart.map(item => (
                <li key={item.id}>
                  {item.name} x {item.quantity} = ${ (item.price *
item.quantity).toFixed(2) }
                  <button onClick={() => removeItem(item.id)} style={{
marginLeft: '1em' }}>
                    Remove
                  </button>
                </li>
              ))}
            </ul>
          )}
          <p><strong>Total: ${totalAmount.toFixed(2)}</strong></p>

          {/* Checkout/Payment */}
          {cart.length > 0 && (
            <div className="checkout">
              <h4>Choose Payment Method:</h4>
              <button onClick={() => handlePayment('card')}>Pay with Card</
button>
              <button onClick={() => handlePayment('cash')}>Pay with Cash</
button>
              <button onClick={() => handlePayment('crypto')}>Pay with Crypto</
button>
            </div>
          )}
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  );
};

export default Sales;
```

In the code above, `PRODUCTS` is a hardcoded list of product items for the UI [4]. The Sales screen is divided into a **Products list** (left side) and a **Cart section** (right side):

- **Adding to Cart:** Clicking "Add" on a product invokes `addItem(product)` from `CartContext`, updating the cart state.
- **Removing from Cart:** Each cart item has a "Remove" button to remove that item entirely (`removeItem(id)`).

- **Cart Totals:** We display the total amount using `totalAmount` from context, calculated as sum of item prices * quantities.
- **Logout:** A logout button is provided in the header to allow the cashier to log out (calls `AuthContext.logout` and navigates back to login screen).
- **Checkout & Payment:** If the cart is not empty, the UI presents payment method options. Clicking a payment button triggers `handlePayment(method)` which simulates a payment process:
- It alerts that processing has started, calls `simulatePayment` for the chosen method, then alerts success and clears the cart. (If an error were to occur, it would alert a failure, but our simulation always succeeds as implemented.)

Cart Functionality: The cart state and logic are handled in one place (the context). We ensure correct behavior for adding duplicates (increment quantity) and full removal. The total is derived from state and updates reactively. This design makes it easy to integrate real product data or connect to a backend later without changing the UI components.

Offline Support (Caching & Storage)

Service Worker Caching: To make the app a true Progressive Web App, we add a service worker to cache assets and enable offline usage. We integrate Workbox via Vite's PWA plugin [5] [6]. This plugin auto-generates a service worker that precaches static assets (JS, CSS, HTML, images) and can cache API responses. By caching the product list and other assets, the app can load and function offline. We configure the plugin in `vite.config.ts`:

```
 // src/vite.config.ts
 import { defineConfig } from 'vite'
 import react from '@vitejs/plugin-react'
+import { VitePWA } from 'vite-plugin-pwa'

 export default defineConfig({
-  plugins: [react()],
+  plugins: [
+    react(),
+    VitePWA({
+      registerType: 'autoUpdate',
+      manifest: {
+        name: 'NovaPOS',
+        short_name: 'NovaPOS',
+        start_url: '/',
+        display: 'standalone',
+        background_color: '#ffffff',
+        theme_color: '#317EFB'
+        // (icons would be specified here in a real app)
+      },
+      workbox: {
+        globPatterns: ['**/*.{js,css,html,png,svg,json}']
+      }
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+    })
+  ],
 })
```

This setup registers a service worker that will automatically cache all compiled assets and the static files matching the patterns on build. We use `registerType: 'autoUpdate'` so the service worker updates in the background when new versions are deployed [7]. The manifest provides basic PWA metadata (name, colors, etc.), and Workbox is instructed to precache files (including any `.json` data files). Because our product list is hardcoded in the bundle, it's cached as part of the JS. If we had a separate `products.json`, we could include it in `globPatterns` or add runtime caching rules to ensure it's available offline.

With this in place, the app shell and product data will be available offline. If a user loads the app once online, the service worker caches the assets; thereafter, the app can load from cache without a network connection. The ability to function regardless of network means the PWA delivers a native-like reliable experience [3].

Offline Cart Storage: As described earlier, the cart data is persisted locally (using `localStorage` as a simple approach). This means that if the user is offline or the page is refreshed, the cart contents remain intact. Persistent storage is crucial for offline apps – IndexedDB is typically used for robust storage of structured data (it allows your app "to work both online and offline" by storing data in the browser [3]). Here we simulate that by saving the cart JSON to local storage on every update. In a full implementation, we might switch to using the IndexedDB API or a library like LocalForage for better reliability and capacity, but the current approach lays the foundation for offline capability.

Payment Simulation (Stubbed Payments)

Real payment processing involves external services or hardware; for this prototype, we **stub** those interactions. We create a utility module that simulates payment processing for Card, Cash, and Crypto methods:

```
// src/utils/payments.ts
export async function simulatePayment(method: 'card' | 'cash' | 'crypto',
amount: number): Promise<void> {
  console.log(`Simulating ${method} payment for $${amount.toFixed(2)}`);
  // Simulate different processing time based on method (just for demonstration)
  let delay = 1000;
  if (method === 'cash') {
    delay = 500;   // cash is quick (no authorization needed)
  } else if (method === 'crypto') {
    delay = 1500;  // crypto might be a bit slower
  }
  return new Promise((resolve) => setTimeout(resolve, delay));
}
```

In this `simulatePayment` function, we simply wait for a short duration (e.g., 1 second for card, 0.5s for cash, 1.5s for crypto) to mimic processing time, then resolve the promise. We log to console for debugging. All simulated payments resolve successfully (we do not simulate failures here, though that could be extended if needed).

The Sales component calls this function when a user selects a payment method. For example, if "Pay with Card" is clicked, `simulatePayment('card', totalAmount)` is awaited. We present an alert to the user that the payment was successful and then clear the cart. Each payment type is treated similarly, but we've differentiated the delay to reflect possible real-world differences (card transactions might take a moment to authorize, cash is essentially immediate, crypto might involve waiting for a network confirmation, etc.).

After a payment, the cart is emptied to indicate the sale is complete. The app is then ready for a new transaction. Because everything is happening in the PWA client with stubbed logic, this works offline as well – e.g., an offline card payment in the real world might not be possible, but for our development/testing purposes, we simulate it as if it succeeded.

By following the above module structure and patterns, we adhere to best practices and the existing project architecture. We have a clear separation of concerns: authentication context, cart context, UI components for pages, a service worker for offline capability, and utility for payment simulation. The NovaPOS PWA now has a functioning login screen, a sales interface with product selection and cart management, offline resilience (caching and local storage), and stubbed integrations for payments – fulfilling the prototype requirements:

- **Basic Navigation:** Implemented with React Router (login and sales routes).
- **Hardcoded Products List:** Provided via a constant `PRODUCTS` array in the Sales component.
- **Cart Management:** Handled by `CartContext` (add/remove items, quantity aggregation, total calculation).
- **Offline Foundations:** Service worker caching all static assets (via Workbox/Vite PWA) including the product data, enabling the app to load and run without network [5].
- **Offline Storage:** Cart contents persisted in browser storage so they survive offline use or refresh.
- **Stub Payments:** A `simulatePayment` function that imitates processing for card/cash/crypto flows.
- **Login (Fake Auth):** A simple login form and `AuthContext` that uses a dummy credential check to simulate authentication.

This approach ensures the POS client works in a limited offline demo mode now, and provides a solid foundation to integrate real services later (e.g. hooking up to the Rust backend services for products, orders, auth, and payments when those are available). The application is structured for maintainability and growth, consistent with the repository's conventions and the overall system design. All new code aligns with the existing scaffold and uses modern React/TypeScript patterns, ready to be tested and iterated.

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