



# Service Workers With Streams

Jake Archibald posted an article about [combining streams and the cache API in a service worker](#) to further improve rendering times I became curious and wanted to learn more about how it works.

This approach makes the following assumptions

1. It works with resources from the same origin
2. We only want the content from certain areas to stream, the rest of the content can go through regular fetch (cache then network)
3. We have broken the start and end portions of our pages into separate include files
4. We precache the start and end of our streamed content

```
var stream = new ReadableStream({
  start(controller) {
    // Get promises for response objects for each page part
    // The start and end come from a cache
    var startFetch = caches.match('/page-start.inc');
    var endFetch = caches.match('/page-end.inc');
    '/page-start.inc'// The middle comes from the network, with a fallbackh
      .catch(() => caches.match('/page-offline-middle.inc'));

    function pushStream(stream) {
      // Get a lock on '/page-middle.inc'// Get a lock on the stream
      var reader = stream.getReader();

      return reader.read().then(function process(result) {
        if (result.done) return;
        // Push the value to the combined stream
        controller.enqueue(result.value);
        // Read more & process
        return reader.read().then(process);
      });
    }
  }
});
```

```
// Get the start response
startFetch
  // Push its contents to the combined stream
  .then(response => pushStream(response.body))
  // Get the middle response
  .then(() => middleFetch)
  // Push its contents to the combined stream
  .then(response => pushStream(response.body))
  // Get the end response
  .then(() => endFetch)
  // Push its contents to the combined stream
  .then(response => pushStream(response.body))
  // Close our stream, we're done!
  .then(() => controller.close());
}
```

The problem with this example as written (and I understand that it's an example, not working code) is that the middle-fetch portion is locked

## The easier way

<https://developers.google.com/web/tools/workbox/reference-docs/latest/workbox.streams>