

Progressive Web Apps

*“These apps aren’t packaged and deployed through stores, they are just websites that took the right vitamins”
(Alex Russell, Developer on the Google Chrome team)*

Mobile Apps / Offline Apps

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PWA — Like an App

- + Install on Desktop
- + Web-App Manifest
- + HomeScreen Button
- + Working Offline
- + Service Workers
(= caching, network proxy)

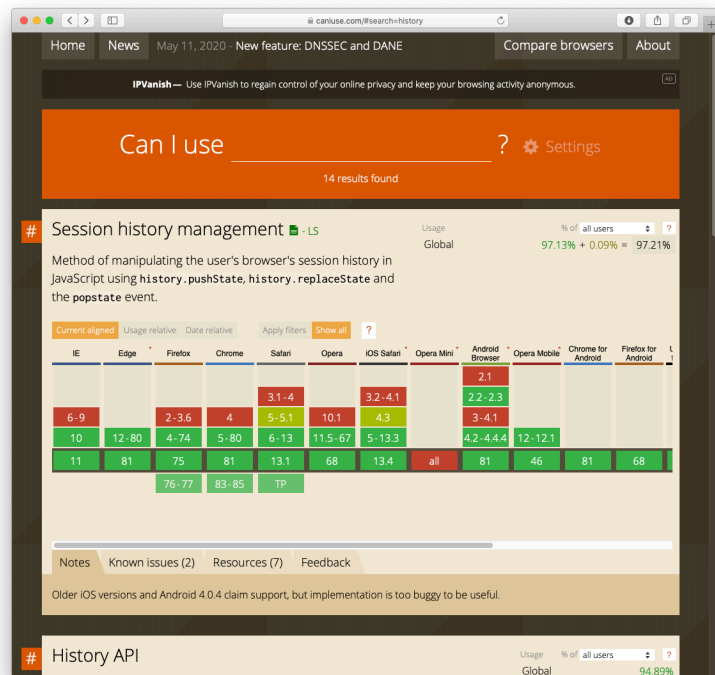
See also Sensors, Notifications

Mobile



<https://www.mirror.co.uk/3am/celebrity-news/david-beckham-texts-while-driving-his-motorbike-1391450>

What's Available?



<https://caniuse.com>

Web APIs

Web technology for developers > Web APIs

English ▼

When writing code for the Web, there are a large number of Web APIs available. Below is a list of all the APIs and interfaces (object types) that you may be able to use while developing your Web app or site.

Web APIs are typically used with JavaScript, although this doesn't always have to be the case.

Specifications

This is a list of all the APIs that are available.

A

Ambient Light Events

B

Background Tasks

Battery API

Beacon

Bluetooth API

Broadcast Channel API

C

CSS Counter Styles

CSS Font Loading API

CSSOM

Canvas API

Channel Messaging API

Console API

Credential Management API

D

DOM

E

Encoding API

Encrypted Media Extensions

F

Fetch API

File System API

Frame Timing API

Fullscreen API

G

Gamepad API

Geolocation API

H

HTML Drag and Drop API

High Resolution Time

History API

I

Image Capture API

IndexedDB

Intersection Observer API

L

Long Tasks API

M

Media Capabilities API

Media Capture and Streams

Media Session API

Media Source Extensions

MediaStream Recording

N

Navigation Timing

Network Information API

P

Page Visibility API

Payment Request API

Performance API

Performance Timeline API

Permissions API

Pointer Events

Pointer Lock API

Proximity Events

Push API

R

Resize Observer API

Resource Timing API

S

Server Sent Events

Service Workers API

Storage

Storage Access API

Streams

T

Touch Events

U

URL API

V

Vibration API

W

Web Animations

Web Audio API

Web Authentication API

Web Crypto API

Web Notifications

Web Storage API

Web Workers API

WebGL

WebRTC

WebVR API

WebVTT

WebXR Device API

Websockets API

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API>

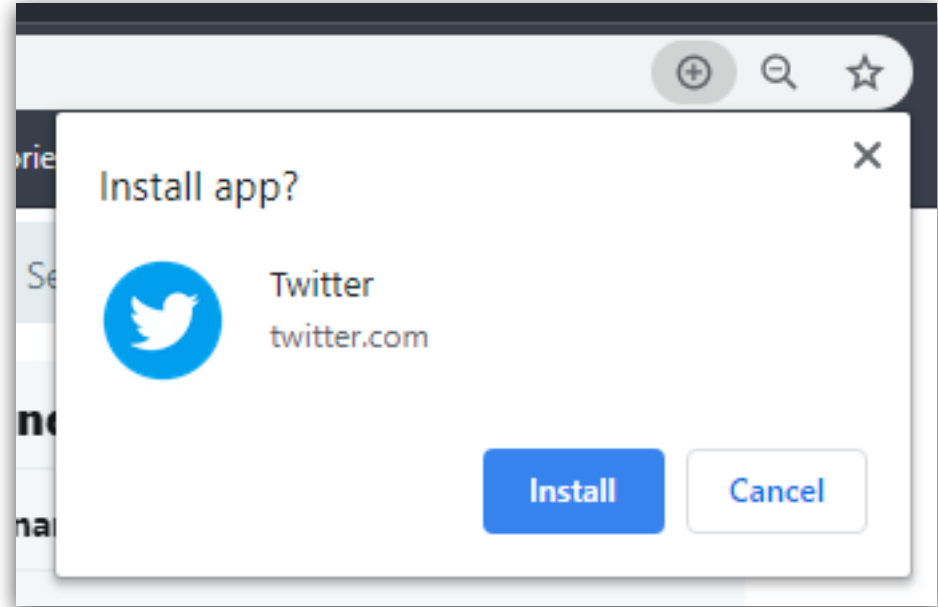
Install on Desktop

Fast launch

Desktop Icon

For

Desktop / iOS / Android



<https://www.simicart.com/blog/desktop-pwa/>

Demo Configuration for Multiple Platforms

...

```
<!-- Add to homescreen for Chrome on Android -->
```

```
<meta name="mobile-web-app-capable" content="yes">
```

```
<link rel="icon" sizes="192x192" href="../../images/touch/chrome-touch-icon-192x192.png">
```

```
<!-- Add to homescreen for Safari on iOS -->
```

```
<meta name="apple-mobile-web-app-title" content="Service Worker Sample: Pre-fetching Resources During Registration">
```

```
<meta name="apple-mobile-web-app-capable" content="yes">
```

```
<meta name="apple-mobile-web-app-status-bar-style" content="black">
```

```
<link rel="apple-touch-icon-precomposed" href="../../images/apple-touch-icon-precomposed.png">
```

```
<!-- Tile icon for Win8 (144x144 + tile color) -->
```

```
<meta name="msapplication-TileImage" content="images/touch/ms-touch-icon-144x144-precomposed.png">
```

```
<meta name="msapplication-TileColor" content="#3372DF">
```

```
<link rel="icon" href="../../images/favicon.ico">
```

...

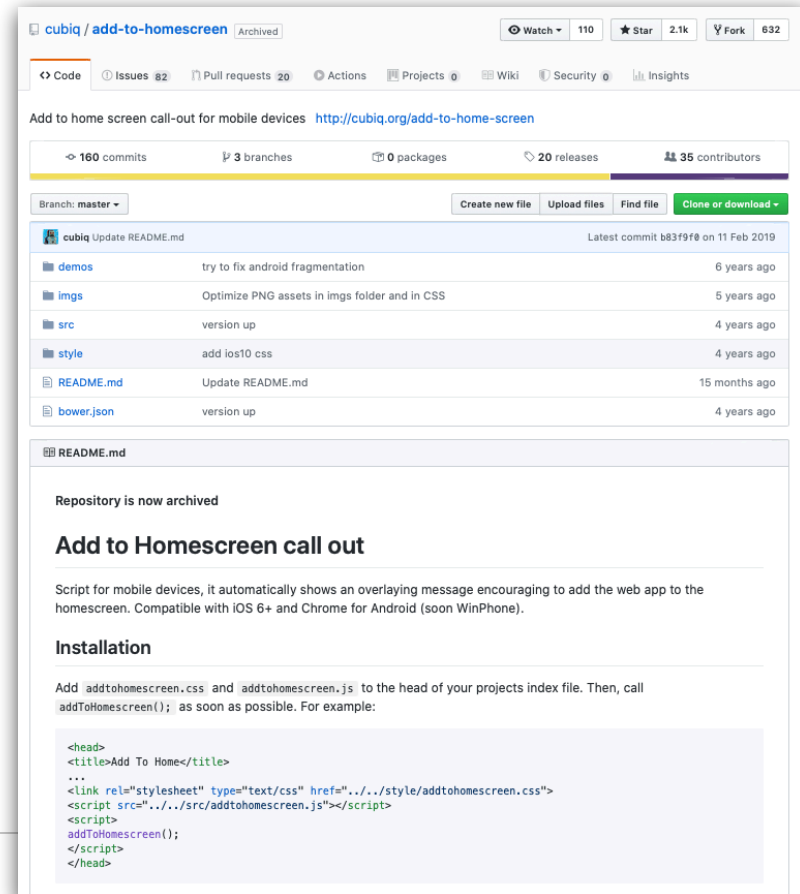
Desktop/iOS/Android Use helper

```
addToHomescreen();
```

<https://github.com/cubiq/add-to-homescreen>

iOS: <https://developer.apple.com/library/archive/documentation/AppleApplications/Reference/SafariWebContent/ConfiguringWebApplications/ConfiguringWebApplications.html>

Android <https://codelabs.developers.google.com/codelabs/add-to-home-screen/#0>



Web App Manifest

whatever.manifest
or manifest.json

```
<!-- Startup configuration -->  
<link rel="manifest" href="manifest.webmanifest">
```

manifest.json

Content-Type: application/manifest+json)

```
{  
  "short_name": "",  
  "name": "",  
  "icons": [  
    {  
      "src": "",  
      "sizes": "",  
      "type": ""  
    }  
  ],  
  "start_url": "",  
  "background_color": "",  
  "Theme_color": "",  
  "display": ""  
}
```

<https://codelabs.developers.google.com/codelabs/add-to-home-screen/#2>

<https://w3c.github.io/manifest/>

Service Workers

*Minimal latency with caching
and prefetching using service
worker proxy*

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How (and why) to Avoid Latency?

Why?

Mobile Scenario: fast startup, save state, short use time, offline usage, ...

How?

Caching, preloading, ...

Review: Web Worker

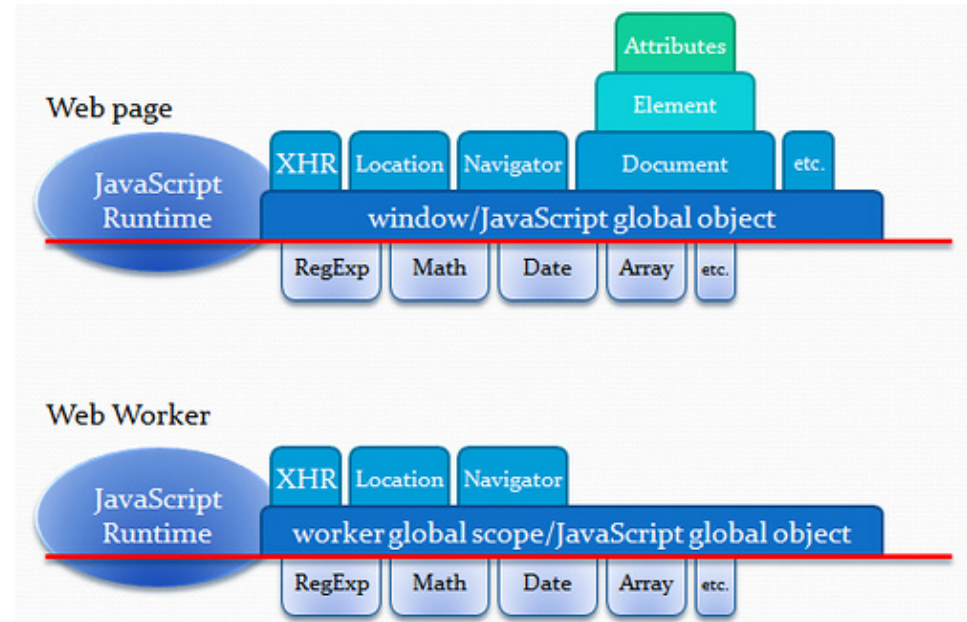
General for concurrency:

Tasks v.s Threads vs. Co-Routines, ...

Web Worker:

Dedicated vs. Shared Workers

Text messages (de)serialisation
for communication between
workers and web page.



Service Worker

Online/Offline:

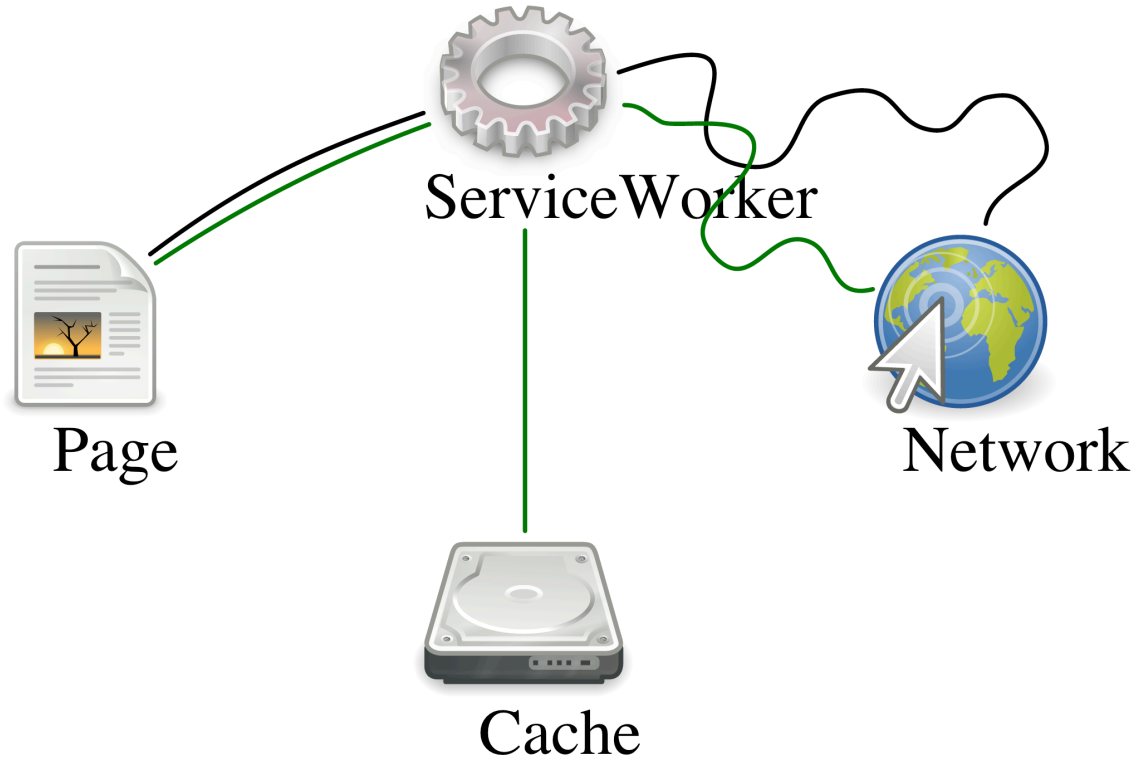
Proxy for caching, fallback, ...

(Web)Push Notification

Background Sync:

defer until net available

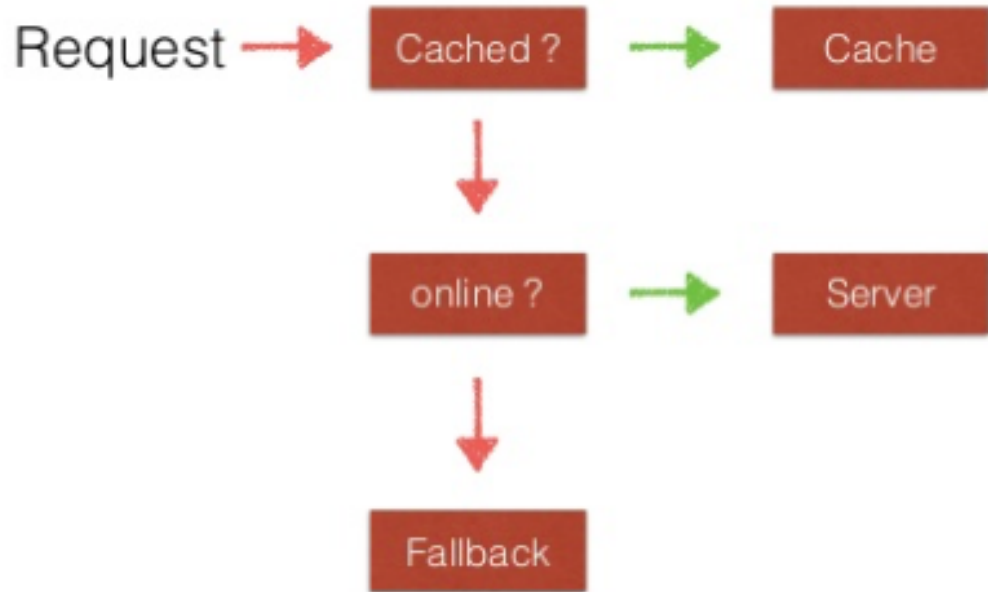
Caching



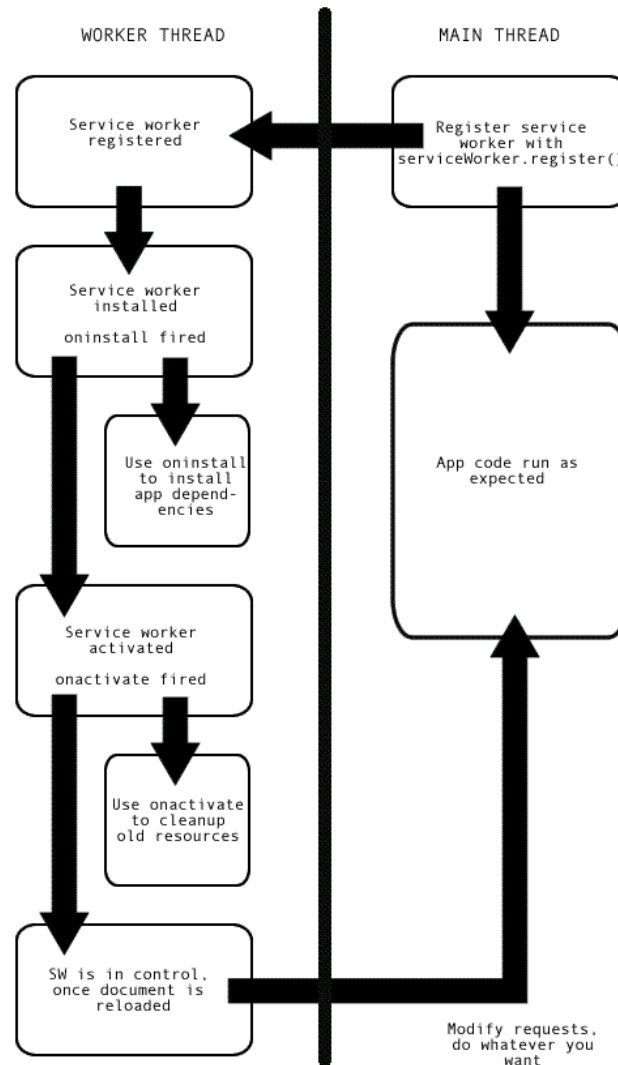
Service Worker

Online/Offline:
proxy for
caching, fallback,
...

Offline mechanism



Life-Cycle in Detail



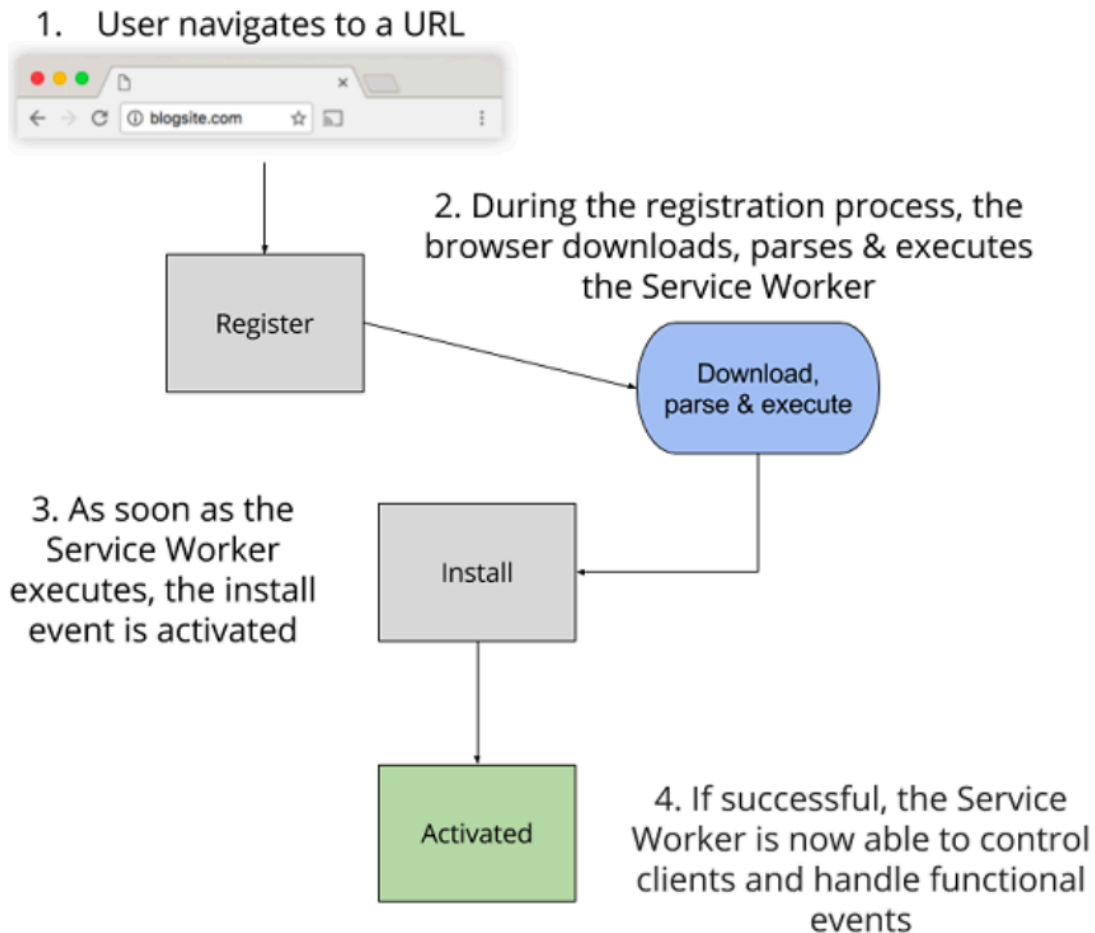
https://developer.mozilla.org/de/docs/Web/API/Service_Worker_API/Using_Service_Workers

Service Worker

Register

Install

Activate



Service Workers - Code Snippets

```
if ('serviceWorker' in navigator) {  
    window.addEventListener('load', function() {  
        navigator.serviceWorker.register('01_sw.js').then(function(registration)  
        {  
            // Registration was successful  
            console.log('ServiceWorker registration successful with scope: ', registration.scope);  
        }, function(err) {  
            // registration failed :(  
            console.log('ServiceWorker registration failed: ', err);  
        });  
    });  
} else {  
    console.log('ServiceWorker not supported');  
}
```


Service Workers - Code Snippets

```
var CACHE_NAME = 'my-site-cache-v1';
var urlsToCache = [
  '/',
  '/styles/main.css',
  '/script/main.js'
];

self.addEventListener('install', function(event) {
  // Perform install steps
  event.waitUntil(
    caches.open(CACHE_NAME)
      .then(function(cache) {
        console.log('Opened cache');
        return cache.addAll(urlsToCache);
      })
  );
});
```

Service Workers - Code Snippets

```
self.addEventListener('fetch', function(event) {  
  if (/\.jpg$/\.test(event.request.url)) {  
    event.respondWith(  
      fetch('/images/unicorn.jpg', {  
        mode: 'no-cors' })  
    );  
  }  
});
```

Fetch API (and Cache and Service Workers)

Fetch returns a **Promise** object:

```
fetch('http://example.com/movies.json')  
  .then(function(response) {  
    return response.json();  
  })  
  .then(function(myJson) {  
    console.log(JSON.stringify(myJson));  
  });
```

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Fetch_API/Using_Fetch

Cache API

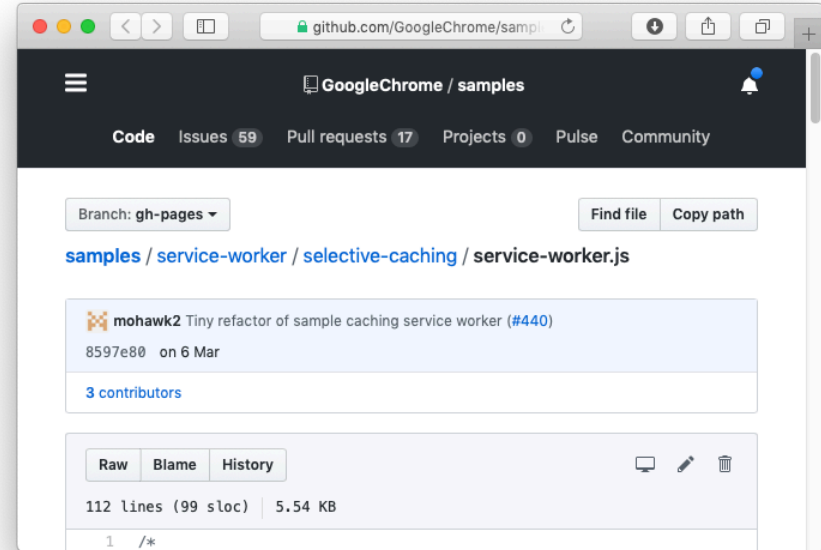
Usage:

```
cache.put(...)  
cache.match(...)  
...
```

Fetch and put:

```
cache.add(...)
```

- + Combine with ServiceWorker
- Limited Browser Support

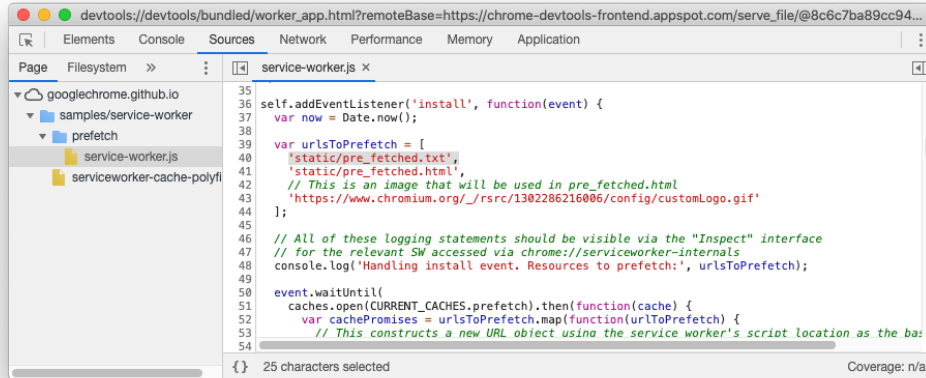


<https://github.com/GoogleChrome/samples/blob/gh-pages/service-worker/selective-caching/service-worker.js>

Prefetching

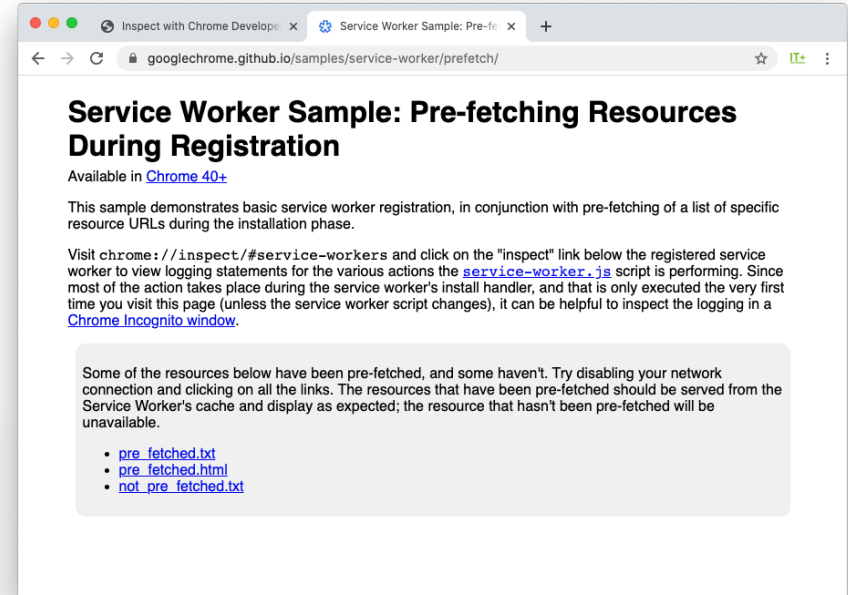
During installation phase

<chrome://inspect/#service-workers>



```
35 self.addEventListener('install', function(event) {
36   var now = Date.now();
37
38   var urlsToPrefetch = [
39     'static/pre_fetched.txt',
40     'static/pre_fetched.html',
41     // This is an image that will be used in pre_fetched.html
42     'https://www.chromium.org/_rsrc/1302286216006/config/customLogo.gif'
43   ];
44
45   // All of these logging statements should be visible via the "Inspect" interface
46   // for the relevant SW accessed via chrome://serviceworker-internals
47   console.log('Handling install event. Resources to prefetch:', urlsToPrefetch);
48
49   event.waitUntil(
50     caches.open(CURRENT_CACHES.prefetch).then(function(cache) {
51       var cachePromises = urlsToPrefetch.map(function(urlToPrefetch) {
52         // This constructs a new URL object using the service worker's script location as the base
53         return cache.add(new URL(urlToPrefetch, self.location));
54       });
55       return Promise.all(cachePromises);
56     })
57   );
58 })
```

<https://googlechrome.github.io/samples/service-worker/prefetch/>



Service Worker Sample: Pre-fetching Resources During Registration

Available in [Chrome 40+](#)

This sample demonstrates basic service worker registration, in conjunction with pre-fetching of a list of specific resource URLs during the installation phase.

Visit <chrome://inspect/#service-workers> and click on the "inspect" link below the registered service worker to view logging statements for the various actions the [service-worker.js](#) script is performing. Since most of the action takes place during the service worker's install handler, and that is only executed the very first time you visit this page (unless the service worker script changes), it can be helpful to inspect the logging in a [Chrome Incognito window](#).

Some of the resources below have been pre-fetched, and some haven't. Try disabling your network connection and clicking on all the links. The resources that have been pre-fetched should be served from the Service Worker's cache and display as expected; the resource that hasn't been pre-fetched will be unavailable.

- [pre_fetched.txt](#)
- [pre_fetched.html](#)
- [not_pre_fetched.txt](#)

Background Sync

...defer until connectivity...

How to request a background sync

In true [extensible web](#) style, this is a low level feature that gives you the freedom to do what you need. You ask for an event to be fired when the user has connectivity, which is immediate if the user already has connectivity. Then, you listen for that event and do whatever you need to do.

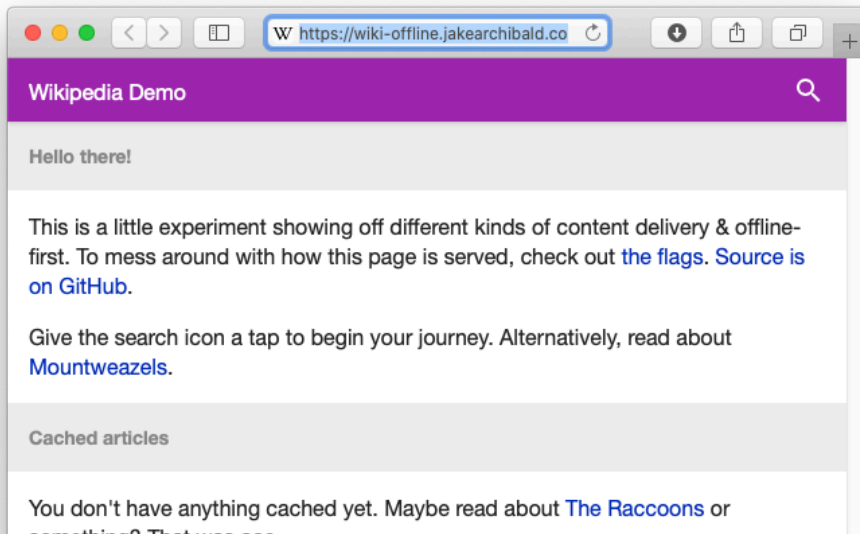
Like push messaging, it uses a [service worker](#) as the event target, which enables it to work when the page isn't open. To begin, register for a sync from a page:

```
// Register your service worker:
navigator.serviceWorker.register('/sw.js');

// Then later, request a one-off sync:
navigator.serviceWorker.ready.then(function(swRegistration) {
  return swRegistration.sync.register('myFirstSync');
});
```

Then listen for the event in `/sw.js`:

```
self.addEventListener('sync', function(event) {
  if (event.tag == 'myFirstSync') {
    event.waitUntil(doSomeStuff());
  }
});
```



<https://caniuse.com/#search=background>

Background Sync API UNOFF

Provides one-off and periodic synchronization for Service Workers with an onsync event.

Current aligned

Usage relative

Date relative

Apply filters

Show all

?

IE	Edge	Firefox	Chrome	Safari	Opera	iOS Safari	Opera Mini	Android Browser
12-18			4-48		10-41			
6-10	79-80	2-74	49-80	31-13	42-67	32-133		21-444
11	81	75	81	13.1	68	13.4	all	81
	76		83-85	TP				
	77							

<https://developers.google.com/web/updates/2015/12/background-sync>

<https://wiki-offline.jakearchibald.com>

Draft Only: Background Fetch

Feature detect

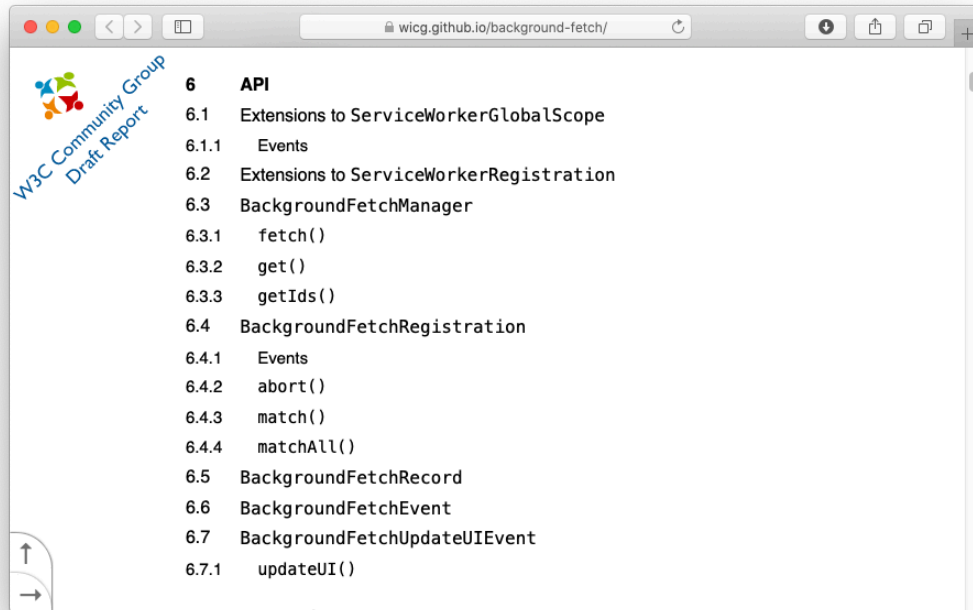
As with any new feature, you want to detect if the browser supports it. For Background Fetch, it's as simple as:

```
if ('BackgroundFetchManager' in self) {  
  // This browser supports Background Fetch!  
}
```

Starting a background fetch

The main API hangs off a [service worker](#) registration, so make sure you've registered a service worker first. Then:

```
navigator.serviceWorker.ready.then(async (swReg) => {  
  const bgFetch = await swReg.backgroundFetch.fetch('my-fetch', [ '/ep-5.mp3'  
    title: 'Episode 5: Interesting things.',  
    icons: [{  
      sizes: '300x300',  
      src: '/ep-5-icon.png',  
      type: 'image/png',  
    }],  
    downloadTotal: 60 * 1024 * 1024,  
  });  
});
```



<https://wicg.github.io/background-fetch/>

<https://developers.google.com/web/updates/2018/12/background-fetch>