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AIM: To code and register a service worker, and complete the install and activation process for a new service worker for the E-commerce PWA **THEORY:**

Progressive web apps (PWAs)

Progressive Web Apps (PWAs) are web apps that use **service workers**, **manifests**, and other web-platform features in combination with progressive enhancement to give users an experience on par with native apps.

PWAs are web apps developed using a number of specific technologies and standard patterns to allow them to take advantage of both web and native app features. For example, web apps are more discoverable than native apps; it's a lot easier and faster to visit a website than to install an application, and you can also share web apps by sending a link.

On the other hand, native apps are better integrated with the operating system and therefore offer a more seamless experience for the users. You can install a native app so that it works offline, and users love tapping their icons to easily access their favorite apps, rather than navigating to it using a browser.

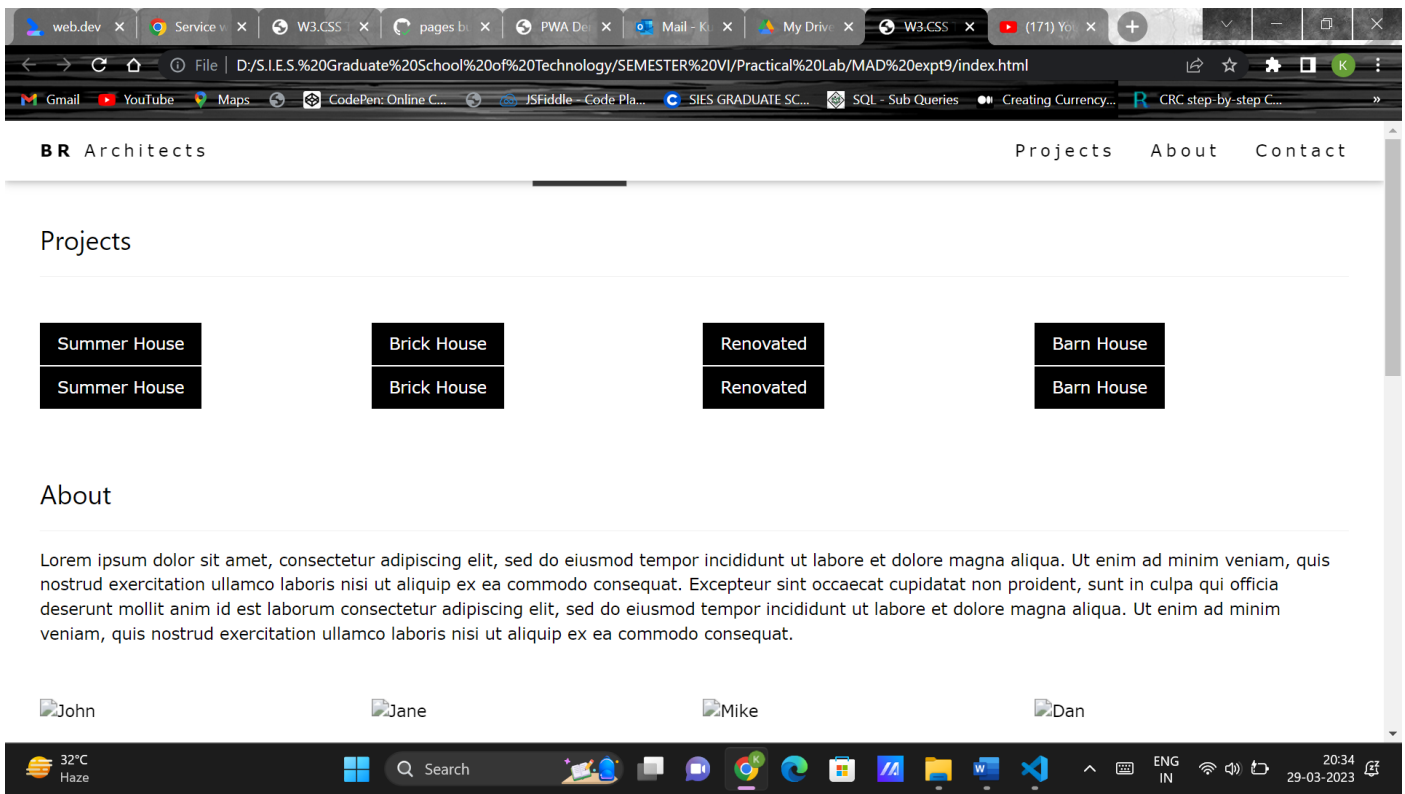
PWAs give us the ability to create web apps that can enjoy these same advantages.

What makes an app a PWA?

There are some key principles a web app should try to observe to be identified as a PWA. It should be:

- **Discoverable**, so the contents can be found through search engines.
- **Installable**, so it can be available on the device's home screen or app launcher.
- **Linkable**, so you can share it by sending a URL.
- **Network independent**, so it works offline or with a poor network connection.
- **Progressively enhanced**, so it's still usable on a basic level on older browsers, but fully-functional on the latest ones.
- **Re-engageable**, so it's able to send notifications whenever there's new content available.
- **Responsively designed**, so it's usable on any device with a screen and a browser—mobile phones, tablets, laptops, TVs, refrigerators, etc.

- **Secure**, so the connections between the user, the app, and your server are secured against any third parties trying to get access to sensitive data.



Add to Home screen (A2HS):

Add to Home screen (or A2HS for short) is a feature available in modern browsers that allows a user to "install" a web app, ie. add a shortcut to their Home screen representing their favorite web app (or site) so they can subsequently access it with a single tap.

Manifest:

The web manifest is written in standard JSON format and should be placed somewhere inside your app directory (in the root is probably best) with the name `somefilename.webmanifest`. It contains multiple fields that define certain information about the web app and how it should behave.

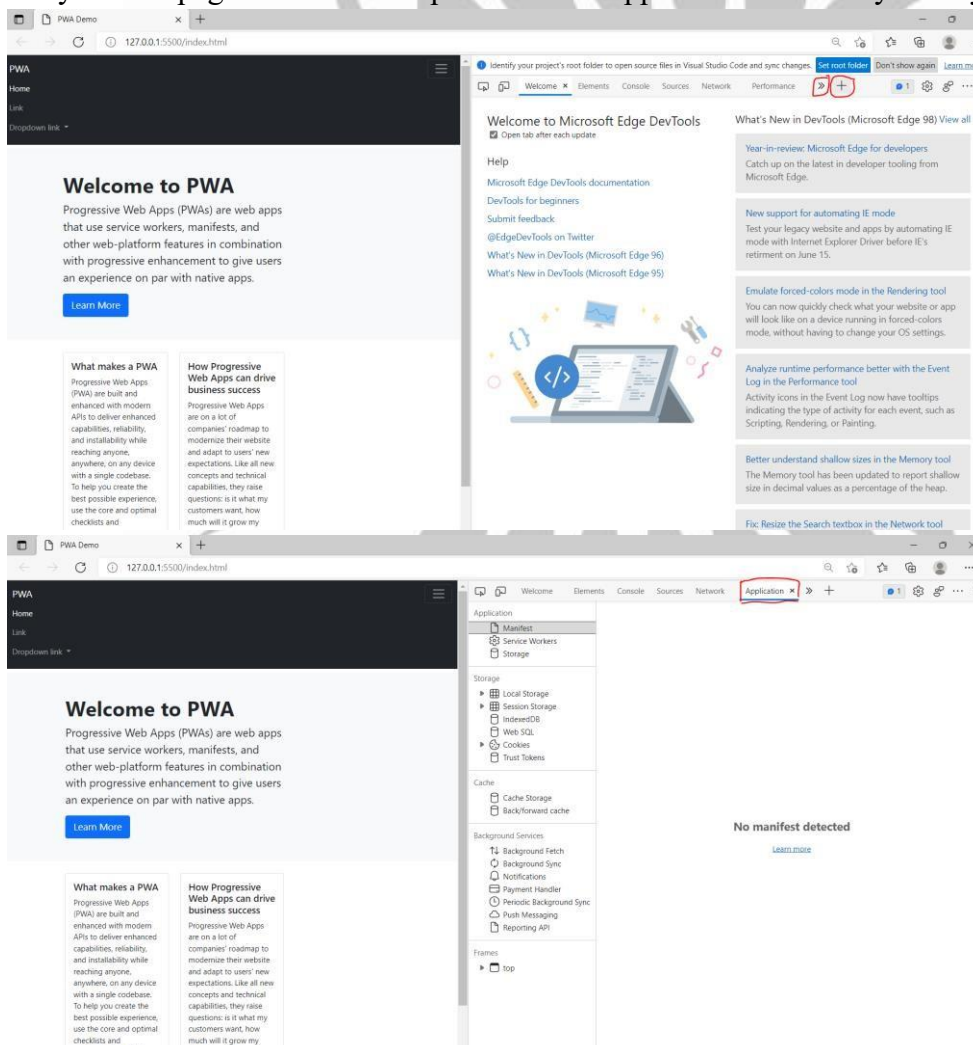
The fields needed for A2HS are as follows:

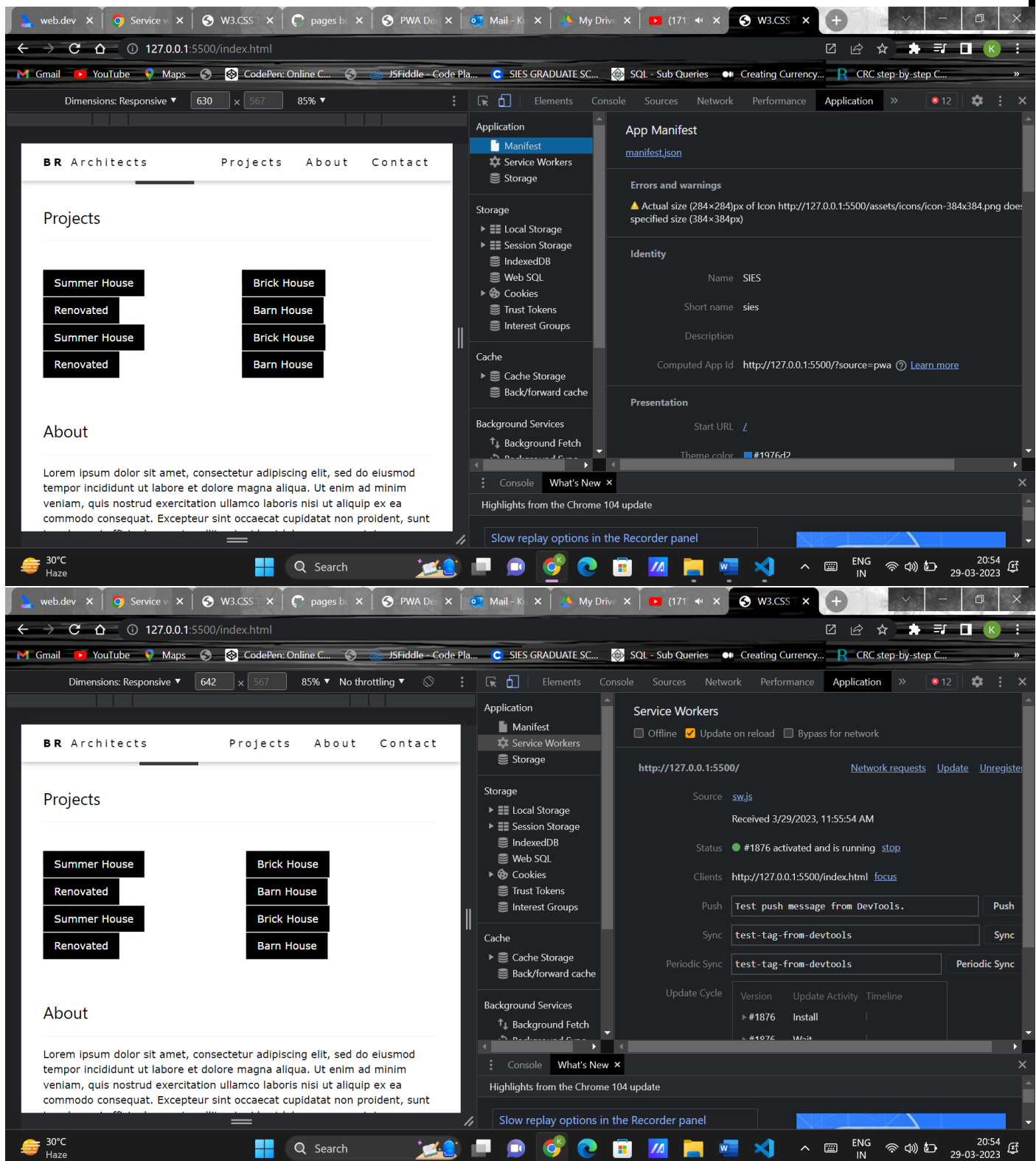
1. **background_color**: Specifies a background color to be used in some app contexts. The most relevant one to A2HS is the splash screen displayed when the app icon on the Home screen is tapped and it first starts to load (this currently appears only when apps have been added to the Home screen by Chrome).
2. **display**: Specifies how the app should be displayed. To make it feel like a distinct app (and not just a web page), you should choose a value such as `fullscreen` (no UI is shown at all) or `standalone` (very similar, but system-level UI elements such as the status bar might be visible).

3. **icons**: Specifies icons for the browser to use when representing the app in different places (such as on the task switcher, or more important, the Home screen). We've included only one in our demo.
4. **name/short_name**: These fields provide an app name to be displayed when representing the app in different places. **name** provides the full app name, and **short_name** provides a shortened name to be used when there is insufficient space to display the full name. You are advised to provide both if your app's name is particularly long.
5. **start_url**: Provides a path to the asset that should be loaded when the added-to-Home screen app is launched. Note that this has to be a relative URL pointing to the site index, relative to the url of the manifest. Also, be aware that Chrome requires this before it will display the install banner, whereas Firefox doesn't require it for showing the home-with-a-plus icon.

Steps to create a PWA and A2HS:

1. Open your webpage / website on a browser and press Ctrl+Shift+i to explore Dev Tools or Right click on your webpage and select 'Inspect'. Go to 'Application' tab that you may need to add for the first time.





2. Create an assets folder and add icons. To do so, go to <https://tools.crawlink.com/tools/pwa-icongenerator/> and upload any png image and generate its PWA Icons Bundle. You can include more sizes if you want;

Android will choose the most appropriate size for each different use case. You could also decide to include different types of icons so devices can use the best one they are able to. Copy the json code generated from manifest and modify as shown in 4.

3. Create a **manifest.webmanifest** file in your project directory and add the foll. Json code:

```
{
  "short_name": "SIES-PWA",
  "name": "PWA Lab Manual",
  "icons": [
    {
      "src": "assets/icons/icon-48x48.png",
      "sizes": "48x48",
      "type": "image/png",
      "purpose": "any"
    },
    {
      "src": "assets/icons/icon-72x72.png",
      "sizes": "72x72",
      "type": "image/png",
      "purpose": "any"
    },
    {
      "src": "assets/icons/icon-96x96.png",
      "sizes": "96x96",
      "type": "image/png",
      "purpose": "any"
    },
    {
      "src": "assets/icons/icon-128x128.png",
      "sizes": "128x128",
      "type": "image/png",
      "purpose": "any"
    },
    {
      "src": "assets/icons/icon-144x144.png",
      "sizes": "144x144",
      "type": "image/png",
      "purpose": "any"
    }
  ],
  "id": "/*source=pwa",
  "start_url": "/",
  "background_color": "#3367D6",
  "display": "standalone",
  "scope": "/",
  "theme_color": "#3367D6",
  "shortcuts": [
    {
      "name": "PWA Lab Manual 1",
      "short_name": "PWA1",
      "description": "PWA Lab 1",
      "url": "/*source=pwa",
      "icons": [{ "src": "assets/icons/icon-144x144.png",
        "sizes": "144x144" }]
    },
    {
      "name": "PWA Lab Manual 2",
      "short_name": "PWA2",
      "description": "PWA Lab 2",
      "url": "/*source=pwa",
      "icons": [{ "src": "assets/icons/icon-144x144.png",
```



```
    "sizes": "144x144" }]  
  },  
  "description": "PWA Lab ",  
  "screenshots": [  
    {  
      "src": "assets/icons/icon-512x512.png",  
      "sizes": "512x512",  
      "type": "image/png"  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

The screenshot displays the Chrome DevTools Application panel for a Progressive Web App (PWA) named 'PWA Lab Manual'. The panel is divided into several sections:

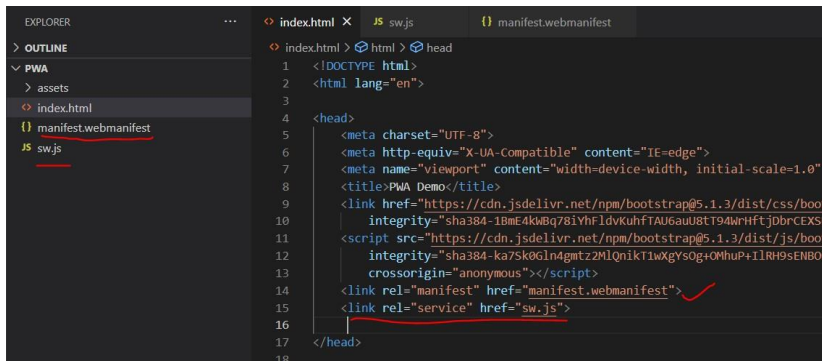
- App Manifest:** Shows the manifest file 'manifest.json'. It includes an 'Installability' warning: 'No matching service worker detected. You may need to reload the page, or check that the scope of the service worker for the current page encloses the scope and start URL from the manifest.' The 'Identity' section lists the Name ('PWA Lab Manual'), Short name ('SIES-PWA'), and Description ('PWA Lab'). The 'Presentation' section shows the Start URL ('/'), Theme color ('#3367D6'), Background color ('#3367D6'), and Orientation ('standalone').
- Icons:** Displays a list of icons for various sizes (48x48px, 72x72px, 96x96px, 128x128px, 144x144px) and their types (image/png). The primary icon is shown as a blue circle with 'PWA' text.
- Shortcut #2:** Shows details for a shortcut named 'PWA2' with a description 'PWA Lab 2' and a URL 'source=pwa'.
- Screenshot #1:** Shows a screenshot of the PWA with a size of 512x512px and type 'image/png'.

The screenshot displays the Chrome DevTools Application panel for a Progressive Web App (PWA) named 'PWA Lab Manual'. The panel is divided into several sections:

- Service Workers:** Shows the 'Service Workers' section with options for 'Offline', 'Update on reload', and 'Bypass for network'. The 'Service workers from other origins' section is also visible, with a link to 'See all registrations'.

4. Link the HTML to the manifest : To finish setting up your manifest, you need to reference it from the HTML of your application's home page:

<link rel="manifest" href="manifest.webmanifest">



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>W3.CSS Template</title>
<meta charset="UTF-8">
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
<link rel="stylesheet" href="https://www.w3schools.com/w3css/4/w3.css">
<link rel="manifest" href="manifest.json">
<link rel="service" href="sw.js">

</head>
<script>
  if ("serviceWorker" in navigator) {
    navigator.serviceWorker
      .register("/sw.js")
      .then((registration) => {
        registration.addEventListener("updatefound", () => {
          // If updatefound is fired, it means that there's
          // a new service worker being installed.
          const installingWorker = registration.installing;
          console.log(
            "A new service worker is being installed:",
            installingWorker
          );

          // You can listen for changes to the installing service worker's
          // state via installingWorker.onstatechange
        });
      })
      .catch((error) => {
        console.error(`Service worker registration failed: ${error}`);
      });
  }
}
```

```
} else {
  console.error("Service workers are not supported.");
}
</script>
<body>

<!-- Navbar (sit on top) -->
<div class="w3-top">
  <div class="w3-bar w3-white w3-wide w3-padding w3-card">
    <a href="#home" class="w3-bar-item w3-button"><b>BR</b> Architects</a>
    <!-- Float links to the right. Hide them on small screens -->
    <div class="w3-right w3-hide-small">
      <a href="#projects" class="w3-bar-item w3-button">Projects</a>
      <a href="#about" class="w3-bar-item w3-button">About</a>
      <a href="#contact" class="w3-bar-item w3-button">Contact</a>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>

<!-- Header -->
<header class="w3-display-container w3-content w3-wide" style="max-width:1500px;"
id="home">
  
  <div class="w3-display-middle w3-margin-top w3-center">
    <h1 class="w3-xxlarge w3-text-white"><span class="w3-padding w3-black w3-opacity-
min"><b>BR</b></span> <span class="w3-hide-small w3-text-light-
grey">Architects</span></h1>
  </div>
</header>

<!-- Page content -->
<div class="w3-content w3-padding" style="max-width:1564px">

  <!-- Project Section -->
  <div class="w3-container w3-padding-32" id="projects">
    <h3 class="w3-border-bottom w3-border-light-grey w3-padding-16">Projects</h3>
  </div>

  <div class="w3-row-padding">
    <div class="w3-col l3 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
      <div class="w3-display-container">
        <div class="w3-display-topleft w3-black w3-padding">Summer House</div>
        
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
```



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</div>
<div class="w3-col l3 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
  <div class="w3-display-container">
    <div class="w3-display-topleft w3-black w3-padding">Brick House</div>
    
  </div>
</div>
<div class="w3-col l3 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
  <div class="w3-display-container">
    <div class="w3-display-topleft w3-black w3-padding">Renovated</div>
    
  </div>
</div>
<div class="w3-col l3 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
  <div class="w3-display-container">
    <div class="w3-display-topleft w3-black w3-padding">Barn House</div>
    
  </div>
</div>
</div>

<div class="w3-row-padding">
  <div class="w3-col l3 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
    <div class="w3-display-container">
      <div class="w3-display-topleft w3-black w3-padding">Summer House</div>
      
    </div>
  </div>
  <div class="w3-col l3 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
    <div class="w3-display-container">
      <div class="w3-display-topleft w3-black w3-padding">Brick House</div>
      
    </div>
  </div>
  <div class="w3-col l3 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
    <div class="w3-display-container">
      <div class="w3-display-topleft w3-black w3-padding">Renovated</div>
      
    </div>
  </div>
  <div class="w3-col l3 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
    <div class="w3-display-container">
      <div class="w3-display-topleft w3-black w3-padding">Barn House</div>
      
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
```

```
</div>
</div>

<!-- About Section -->
<div class="w3-container w3-padding-32" id="about">
  <h3 class="w3-border-bottom w3-border-light-grey w3-padding-16">About</h3>
  <p>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, sed do eiusmod tempor
incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua. Ut enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud
exercitation ullamco laboris nisi ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat. Excepteur sint
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  laboris nisi ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat.
  </p>
</div>

<div class="w3-row-padding w3-grayscale">
  <div class="w3-col 13 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
    
    <h3>John Doe</h3>
    <p class="w3-opacity">CEO & Founder</p>
    <p>Phasellus eget enim eu lectus faucibus vestibulum. Suspendisse sodales
pellentesque elementum.</p>
    <p><button class="w3-button w3-light-grey w3-block">Contact</button></p>
  </div>
  <div class="w3-col 13 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
    
    <h3>Jane Doe</h3>
    <p class="w3-opacity">Architect</p>
    <p>Phasellus eget enim eu lectus faucibus vestibulum. Suspendisse sodales
pellentesque elementum.</p>
    <p><button class="w3-button w3-light-grey w3-block">Contact</button></p>
  </div>
  <div class="w3-col 13 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
    
    <h3>Mike Ross</h3>
    <p class="w3-opacity">Architect</p>
    <p>Phasellus eget enim eu lectus faucibus vestibulum. Suspendisse sodales
pellentesque elementum.</p>
    <p><button class="w3-button w3-light-grey w3-block">Contact</button></p>
  </div>
  <div class="w3-col 13 m6 w3-margin-bottom">
    
    <h3>Dan Star</h3>
    <p class="w3-opacity">Architect</p>
```

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<p>Phasellus eget enim eu lectus faucibus vestibulum. Suspendisse sodales
pellentesque elementum.</p>
<p><button class="w3-button w3-light-grey w3-block">Contact</button></p>
</div>
</div>
<!-- Contact Section -->
<div class="w3-container w3-padding-32" id="contact">
  <h3 class="w3-border-bottom w3-border-light-grey w3-padding-16">Contact</h3>
  <p>Lets get in touch and talk about your next project.</p>
  <form action="/action_page.php" target="_blank">
    <input class="w3-input w3-border" type="text" placeholder="Name" required
name="Name">
    <input class="w3-input w3-section w3-border" type="text" placeholder="Email"
required name="Email">
    <input class="w3-input w3-section w3-border" type="text" placeholder="Subject"
required name="Subject">
    <input class="w3-input w3-section w3-border" type="text" placeholder="Comment"
required name="Comment">
    <button class="w3-button w3-black w3-section" type="submit">
      <i class="fa fa-paper-plane"></i> SEND MESSAGE
    </button>
  </form>
</div>

<!-- Image of Location/map -->
<div class="w3-container">
  
</div>

<!-- End page content -->
</div>

<!-- Footer -->
<footer class="w3-center w3-black w3-padding-16">
  <p>Powered by <a href="https://www.w3schools.com/w3css/default.asp" title="W3.CSS"
target="_blank" class="w3-hover-text-green">w3.css</a></p>
</footer>

</body>
</html>
```

Adding the service worker :

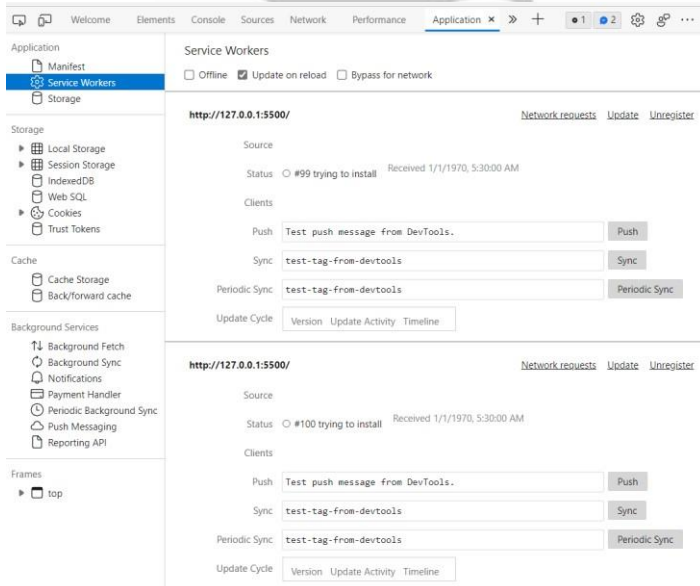
Service workers essentially act as proxy servers that sit between web applications, the browser, and the network (when available). They are intended, among other things, to enable the creation of effective offline experiences, intercept network requests and take appropriate action based on whether the network is available, and update assets residing on the server. They will also allow access to push notifications and background sync APIs.

A service worker is an event-driven worker registered against an origin and a path. It takes the form of a JavaScript file that can control the web-page/site that it is associated with, intercepting and modifying navigation and resource requests, and caching resources in a very granular fashion to give you complete control over how your app behaves in certain situations (the most obvious one being when the network is not available).

To register / create a service worker, go to <https://developers.google.com/web/fundamentals/primers/serviceworkers>, and copy the code for service worker stepwise as shown next.

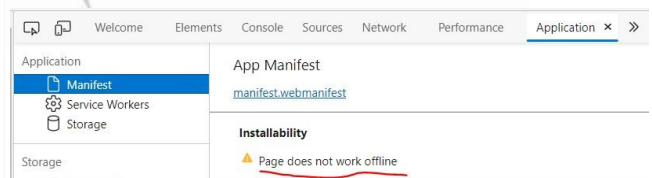
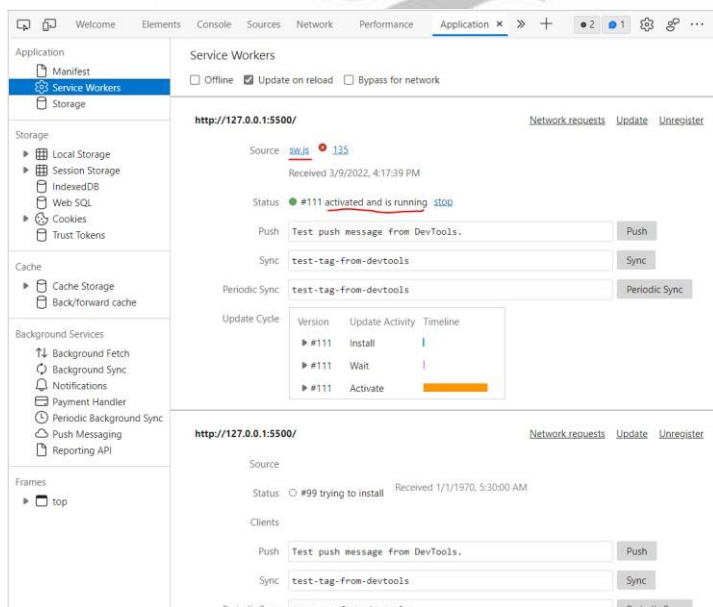


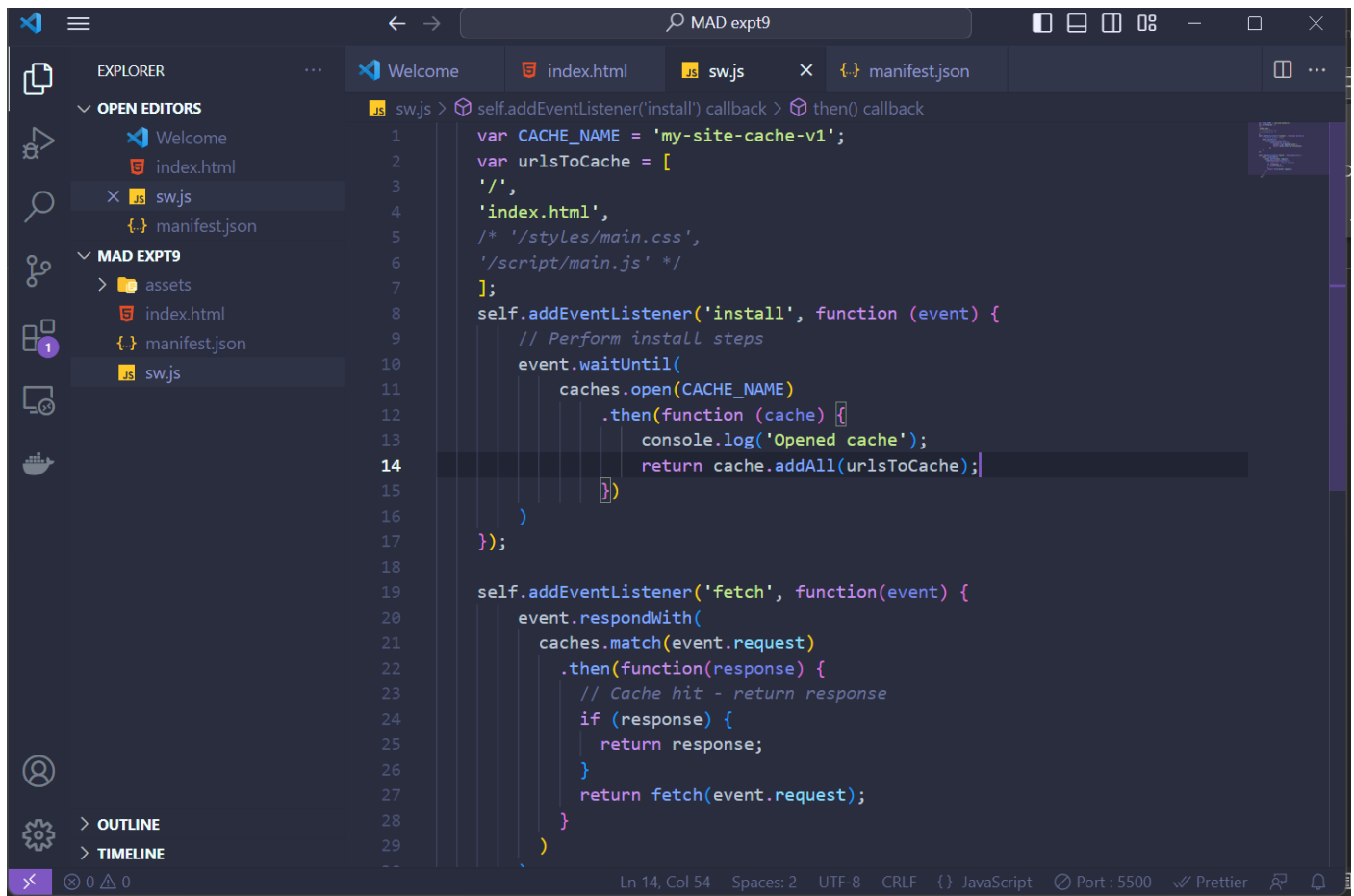
```
1  if ('serviceworker' in navigator) {  
2    window.addEventListener('load', function () {  
3      navigator.serviceWorker.register('/sw.js').then(function (registration) {  
4        // Registration was successful  
5        console.log('ServiceWorker registration successful with scope: ', registration.scope);  
6      }, function (err) {  
7        // registration failed :(  
8        console.log('ServiceWorker registration failed: ', err);  
9      });  
10   });  
11 }  
12  
13
```



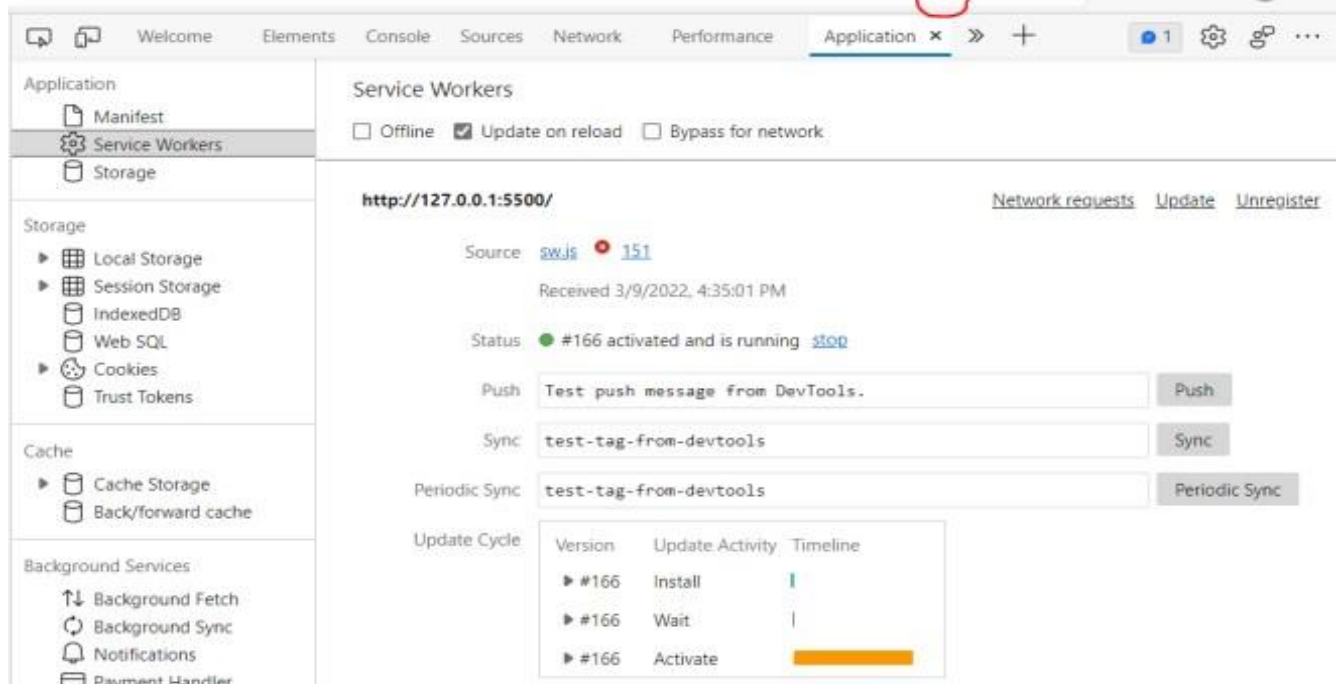
To install and activate Service worker to enable A2HS feature:

```
JS sw.js > ...
1  var CACHE_NAME = 'my-site-cache-v1';
2  var urlsToCache = [
3    '/',
4    'index.html',
5    /* '/styles/main.css',
6    '/script/main.js' */
7  ];
8  self.addEventListener('fetch', function(event) {
9    event.respondWith(
10     caches.match(event.request)
11     .then(function(response) {
12       // Cache hit - return response
13       if (response) {
14         return response;
15       }
16       return fetch(event.request);
17     })
18   );
19 }
20 };
```





```
1  self.addEventListener('install') callback > then() callback
2  var CACHE_NAME = 'my-site-cache-v1';
3  var urlsToCache = [
4    '/',
5    'index.html',
6    /* '/styles/main.css',
7    '/script/main.js' */
8  ];
9  self.addEventListener('install', function (event) {
10    // Perform install steps
11    event.waitUntil(
12      caches.open(CACHE_NAME)
13        .then(function (cache) {
14          console.log('Opened cache');
15          return cache.addAll(urlsToCache);
16        })
17    );
18  });
19  self.addEventListener('fetch', function(event) {
20    event.respondWith(
21      caches.match(event.request)
22        .then(function(response) {
23          // Cache hit - return response
24          if (response) {
25            return response;
26          }
27          return fetch(event.request);
28        })
29    );
30  });
```



Application

- Manifest
- Service Workers**
- Storage

Storage

- Local Storage
- Session Storage
- IndexedDB
- Web SQL
- Cookies
- Trust Tokens

Cache

- Cache Storage
- Back/forward cache

Background Services

- Background Fetch
- Background Sync
- Notifications
- Payment Handler

Service Workers

☐ Offline ☒ Update on reload ☐ Bypass for network

<http://127.0.0.1:5500/> [Network requests](#) [Update](#) [Unregister](#)

Source [sw.js](#) 151

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Status ● #166 activated and is running [stop](#)

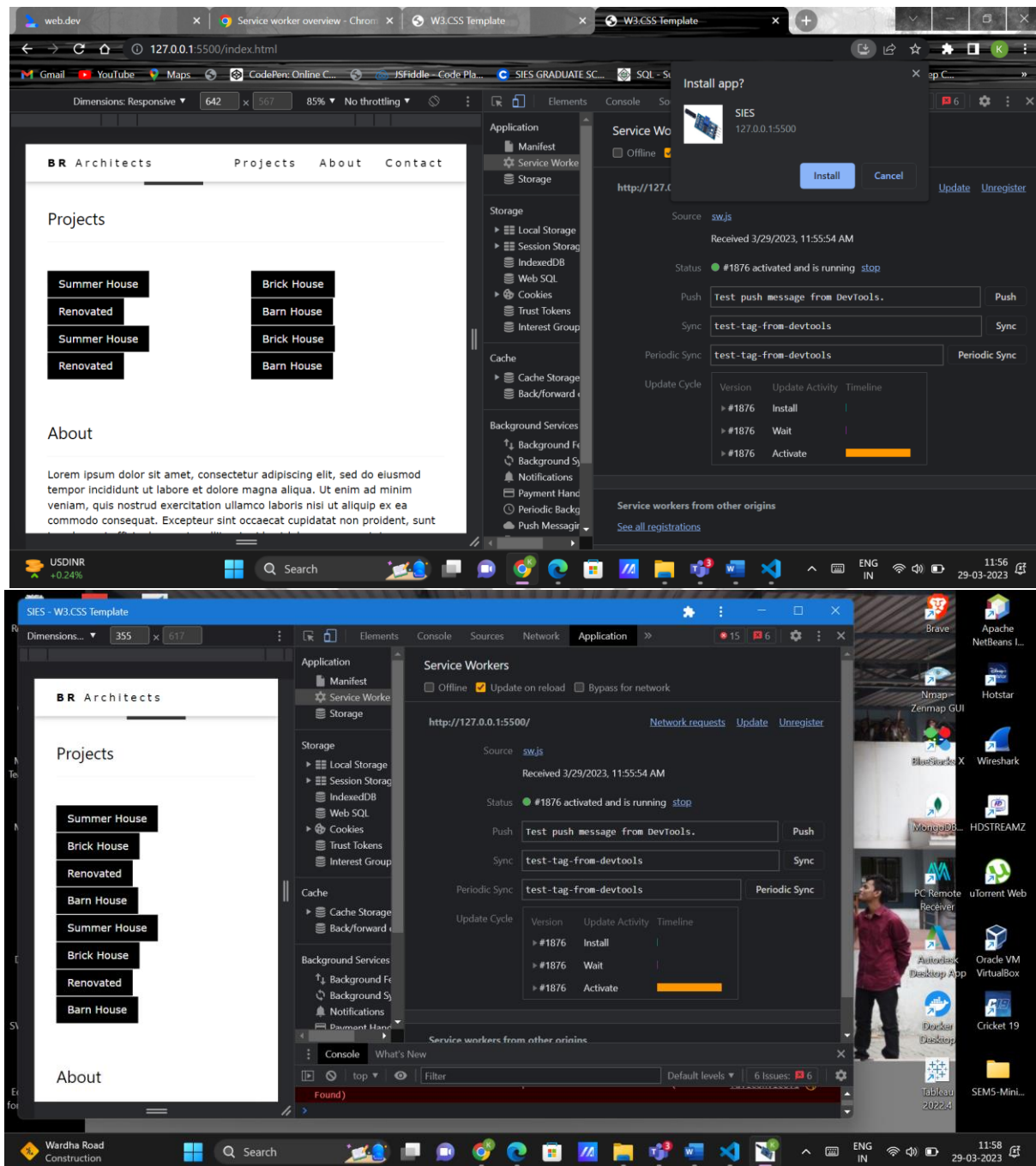
Push [Push](#)

Sync [Sync](#)

Periodic Sync [Periodic Sync](#)

Update Cycle

Version	Update Activity	Timeline
#166	Install	
#166	Wait	
#166	Activate	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>



Conclusion: - Hence we have successfully registered a service worker and completed the installation and activation process for a new service worker for the E-commerce PWA.