

# Push Notifications

SESSION #15

# Web Push

- ▶ Web push requires that push messages triggered from a backend be done via the Web Push Protocol
- ▶ If you want to send data with your push message, you must also encrypt that data according to the Message Encryption for Web Push spec

# Two Technologies

- ▶ Push and notification use different, but complementary, APIs:
  - ▶ **Push** is invoked when a server supplies information to a service worker
    - ▶ Supported by Push API
  - ▶ A **notification** is the action of a service worker or web page script showing information to a user
    - ▶ Supported by Notification API

# Example

- ▶ Start by preparing the server side (index.js)
- ▶ Write the client side code:
  - ▶ (client.js): Registering work service and send subscription
  - ▶ (index.html): The html file to display in the client side
  - ▶ (worker.js): The service worker needed to display the notification message

```
└─ client
   ├── JS client.js
   ├── <> index.html
   ├── JS worker.js
   └─ node_modules
      ├── JS index.js
      ├── {} package-lock.json
      └── {} package.json
```

# Requirements

- ▶ `const express = require('express');`
- ▶ `const webpush = require('web-push');`
- ▶ `const bodyParser = require('body-parser');`
- ▶ `const path = require('path');`
  
- ▶ `const app = express();`

# VAPID Keys

- ▶ Voluntary Application Server Identification – VAPID defines a handshake between your app server and the push service and allows the push service to confirm which site is sending messages
- ▶ The process is pretty simple:
  - ▶ Your application server creates a public/private key pair
    - ▶ The public key is given to your web app
  - ▶ When the user elects to receive pushes, add the public key to the `subscribe()` call's options object
  - ▶ When your app server sends a push message, include a signed JSON Web Token along with the public key

# Generating VAPID Keys

- ▶ `.\node_modules\.bin\web-push generate-vapid-keys`

**Public Key:**

BBx40eGK\_MfJGex\_Lha0SLA0-mSphh2MKJFp9Sjh9KF9iqu91S8Ho74Rqr06LDHB\_23\_6vdq-yMlgZYP2RP6Pyg

**Private Key:**

UzmzZTryWlbWGpGuBh9cmGXfXz3156pwYDXUeQ0i9g0

- ▶ Or, you can use the web-push node library to generate them:

```
function generateVAPIDKeys() {  
  var curve = crypto.createECDH('prime256v1');  
  curve.generateKeys();  
  
  return {  
    publicKey: curve.getPublicKey(),  
    privateKey: curve.getPrivateKey(),  
  };  
}
```

# Setting VAPID Keys Information

- Get the VAPID keys and pass them to setVapidDetails function

```
const publicVapidKey = 'BBx40eGK_MfJGex_Lha0SLA0-mSphh2MKJFp9Sjh9KF9iqu91S8Ho74Rqr06LDHB_23_6vdq-yMlgZyF2RP6Pyg';  
const privateVapidKey = 'UzmzZTryWlbWGpGuBh9cmGXfXz3156pwYDXUeQ0i9g0';  
  
webpush.setVapidDetails('mailto:mahmoud_elias@yahoo.com',  
                        publicVapidKey,  
                        privateVapidKey);
```



# Serving Static Files

- ▶ Use the following code to serve static files such as images, CSS files, and JavaScript files in a directory named *client*:
  - ▶ `app.use(express.static(path.join(__dirname, "client")));`
  - ▶ As a result all files found in the corresponding folder (and all sub-folders) are easily accessible by:
    - ▶ `localhost:3000/client/...`

# Managing Subscription Route in the Server

```
app.post('/subscribe', (req, res) => {  
  // Get pushSubscription object  
  const subscription = req.body;  
  
  // Create payload : OPTIONAL  
  const payload = JSON.stringify({ title: 'Push Test' });  
  
  // Pass object into sendNotification  
  webpush.sendNotification(subscription, payload).catch(err => console.error(err));  
});
```

# Example – client.js

```
const publicVapidKey = 'BBx40eGK_MfJGex_Lha0SLA0-mSphh2MKJFp9Sjh9KF9iqu91S8Ho74Rqr06LDHB_23_6vdq-yMlgZYF2RP6Pyg';
```

```
// Check for service worker
```

```
if ('serviceWorker' in navigator) {  
  send().catch(err => console.log(err));  
}
```

```
// Register SW, Register Push, Send Push
```

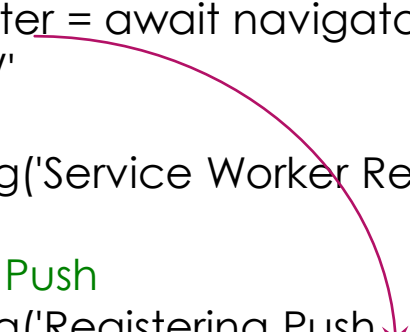
```
async function send() { ... }
```

```
// When using your VAPID key in your web app, you'll need to convert the URL safe base64 string  
// to a Uint8Array to pass into the subscribe call
```

```
function urlBase64ToUint8Array(base64String) { ... }
```

# Example – client.js (continue)

```
async function send() {  
  // Register Service Worker  
  console.log('Registering service worker ...');  
  const register = await navigator.serviceWorker.register('/worker.js', {  
    scope: '/'  
  });  
  console.log('Service Worker Registered.');
```



```
  // Register Push  
  console.log('Registering Push ...');  
  const subscription = await register.pushManager.subscribe({  
    userVisibleOnly: true,  
    applicationServerKey: urlBase64ToUint8Array(publicVapidKey)  
  });  
  console.log('Push Registered.');
```

```
  // Send Push Notification  
  console.log('Sending Push ...');  
  await fetch('subscribe', {  
    method: 'POST',  
    body: JSON.stringify(subscription),  
    headers: {  
      'content-type': 'application/json'  
    }  
  });  
  console.log('Push Sent.');
```

# urlBase64ToUint8Array

► Fetch from:

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/web-push>

```
function urlBase64ToUint8Array(base64String) {  
  const padding = '='.repeat((4 - base64String.length % 4) % 4);  
  const base64 = (base64String + padding)  
    .replace(/-/g, '+')  
    .replace(/_/g, '/');  
  
  const rawData = window.atob(base64);  
  const outputArray = new Uint8Array(rawData.length);  
  
  for (let i = 0; i < rawData.length; ++i) {  
    outputArray[i] = rawData.charCodeAt(i);  
  }  
  return outputArray;  
}
```

# Example – worker.js

```
self.addEventListener('push', e => {  
  try {  
    const data = e.data.json();  
    console.log('Push Received.');    self.registration.showNotification(data.title, {  
      body: 'Notified by Syriatel Company!',  
      icon: 'http://www.syriatel.sy/sites/all/themes/syriatel/images/my_syriatel.png'  
    });  
  } catch (error) {  
    console.log('Error while receiving Push data: ', error);  
  }  
});
```

# index.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta charset='utf-8'>
  <meta http-equiv='X-UA-Compatible' content='IE=edge'>
  <title>Push Notification Using Node</title>
  <meta name='viewport' content='width=device-width, initial-scale=1'>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Push Notification Using Node</h1>

  <script src="client.js"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

# Push Notifications

## Client Side



1. *Get Permission to Send Push Messages*



2. *Get PushSubscription*



3. *Send PushSubscription to Your Server*

## Server Side



Your Server



*Web Push Protocol Request*



Push Service



Message Arrives on the Device



# Subscription Request

- ▶ A typical subscription object looks like this

```
{"endpoint": "https://fcm.googleapis.com/fcm/send/dopVR08jXfE:APA9...TFW1daL9y51gOdpP877K",  
  "keys":  
    {"p256dh": "BNDUTEbTuu...1tm333CFuRApMJ7S9zrMAktfF6s",  
      "auth": "8mJ92tDammp-lrVXDszg_w"  
    }  
}
```

```
{"endpoint" : "https://updates.push.services.mozilla.com/wpush/v2/gAAAAAABcsR7W...vAbN0plbsY1JQ",  
  "keys" :  
    {"auth": "IKAGN8Bj2QKtRNUShGF3DQ",  
      "p256dh": "BHzlqYxzy38sAIL4lkel2RF0cQEBG..._Bn4qHt_MePTiVwHDSAGH2Yxg"  
    }  
}
```

# Subscription Request (continue)

- ▶ **endpoint**: It's a URL that contains a unique identifier
  - ▶ This identifier is used to route the message that you send to the correct device, and when processed by the browser, identifies which service worker should handle the request
- ▶ **keys**: the keys **p256dh** and **auth** are used in encryption process



Mini-Project

SESSION #16

# Book Store

- ▶ Books are identified by:
  - ▶ ISBN: numeric
  - ▶ Title: alphanumeric
  - ▶ Author: alphanumeric
  - ▶ Keywords: comma separated words
  - ▶ Publisher: alphanumeric

# Functions to Verify

- ▶ Server side:
  - ▶ Manage books and users: CRUD
  - ▶ Notification for new books related to a given author/keywords
- ▶ Client side:
  - ▶ Manage books (use reactive forms and animation)
  - ▶ Search for books
  - ▶ Work offline
  - ▶ Display notifications