EXPERIMENT 08

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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:

A **Service Worker** is a core component of a Progressive Web App (PWA). It runs separately from the web page, intercepting network requests and enabling features like offline caching, background sync, and push notifications.

To use a service worker in a web app, it must be:

- 1. Registered from the main JavaScript file.
- 2. **Installed** through the install event.
- 3. **Activated** through the activate event.

1. Registering a Service Worker

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This is done in the main JavaScript file (e.g., index.js or main.js) as: javascript

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if ('serviceWorker' in navigator) {
    navigator.serviceWorker.register('/service-worker.js')
    .then(reg => console.log('Service Worker registered:', reg))
    .catch(err => console.error('Registration failed:', err));
}
```

2. Install Event

This event is triggered when the browser installs the service worker. It's typically used to cache essential static assets:

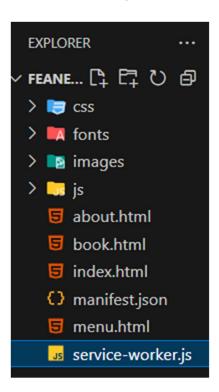
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});
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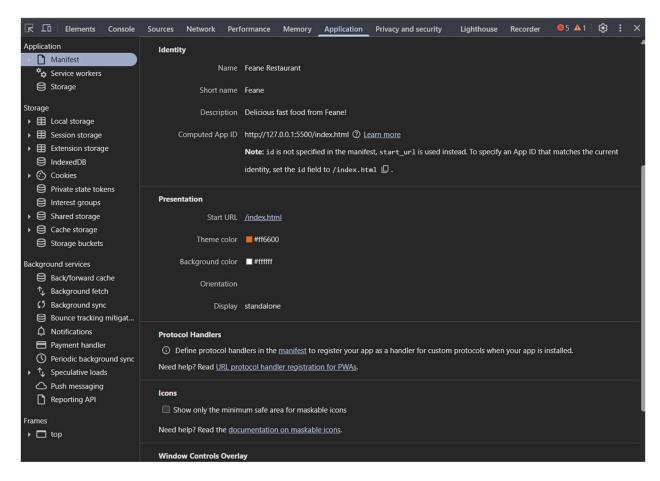
});

3. Activate Event

This event is used to clear old caches and take control of the client immediately:
javascript
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self.addEventListener('activate', event => {
 event.waitUntil(
 caches.keys().then(keys => {
 return Promise.all(
 keys.filter(key => key !== 'static-v1')
 .map(key => caches.delete(key))
);
 })
);

These steps ensure that the service worker is properly set up to cache assets and manage updates effectively.





Conclusion:

By coding and registering a service worker and handling its install and activate events, we prepare the E-commerce PWA for offline support and future enhancements like caching and background processes. The install event allows pre-caching of essential assets, while the activate event ensures outdated caches are cleaned up. This foundational setup is crucial for building a responsive, reliable, and user-friendly PWA experience, especially for users with unstable or limited internet access.