

## MPL assignment 2

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Q.1) Define progressive webapp (PWA) and explain its significance in modern web development. Discuss the key characteristics PWA's from traditional mobile apps

→ A progressive webapp (PWA) is a type of web application that works like a mobile app but runs in a browser. Significance of PWA in modern web development:

1. Cross-platform compatibility.
2. Offline support.
3. Fast performance.
4. No app store required.
5. Lower development cost.

Difference in PWA and traditional apps

PWA	Traditional App
- Direct from browser	- Download from app store
- work offline with caching	- usually requires internet
- Fast with service workers	- Fast but need installation
- automatic updates	- manual updates
- lower development cost	- higher development cost

Q.2) Define responsive web design and explain its importance in the context of progressive web apps. Compare and contrast responsive, fluid and adaptive web design approaches

→ Definition of responsive web design: Responsive web design (RWD) is a technique that makes web pages adjust automatically to different screen size and devices. It ensures a good user experience on mobile on mobile, tablets and desktops without needing separate version of website

## Importance of responsive design in PWAs

- (1) better user experience
- (2) faster load time
- (3) SEO benefits
- (4) cost effective

### Comparison:

approach	how it works	pros	cons
responsive	flexible grids and CSS media queries	works on all devices	can be complex
fluid	% based width instead of fixed pixels	works well on different screen size	less control

### Key difference:

- (1) Responsive adapts dynamically to all screens.
- (2) Fluid resizes smoothly but may not be fully optimized
- (3) Adaptive loads different layouts based on device type.

Q3) Describe the lifecycle of services workers, including registration, installation and activation phases

→ Lifecycle of services workers: A service worker is a script that runs in the background and helps a web app work offline, load faster and send push notifications. Its lifecycle has three main phases



(1) Registration phase: The browser registers the service workers using JS

example: 

```
if ('serviceWorker' in navigator) {  
  navigator.serviceWorker.register("/sw.js").  
    .then(() => console.log("Service Registered"))  
    .catch(error => console.log(error));  
}
```

(2) Installation phase: (i) The service worker downloads necessary files (HTML, CSS) and stores them in cache.

(2) if successful, it moves to the activation phase

example: 

```
self.addEventListener("install", event => {  
  event.waitUntil(  
    cache.open("app-cache").then(cache => {  
      return cache.addAll(['/','/index.html']);  
    });  
  });  
});
```

(3) Activation phase: The old service worker is replaced with new one. Cache files from the previous versions are deleted.

Final step: Fetch and serve.

Once activated, the service worker intercepts network requests, serves cache files and typed data.

Q4) Explain the use of Indexed DB in the service worker for data storage.

→ Use of indexed DB in service worker for data storage: IndexedDB is a browser database that stores large amount of data like JSON object. It helps PWA work offline by saving and retrieving data efficiently.

Why use IndexedDB in service workers?

(1) offline support, (2) efficient storage, (3) faster access

(1) persistent data.

how services workers use IndexedDB?

\* Opening the database:

```
let db;
```

```
let request = IndexedDB.open('my-database', 1);  
request.onsuccess = function (event) {  
  db = event.target.result;  
};
```

# Creating a store and adding data

```
request.onsuccess = function (event) {
```

```
  let db = event.target.result;
```

```
  let store = db.createObjectStore('users');
```

```
  store.add({id: 1});
```

```
};
```

# fetching data in service worker.

```
let transaction = db.transaction('users', 'readonly');
```

```
let store = transaction.objectStore('user');
```

```
let getUser = store.get(1);
```

```
getUser.onsuccess = function () {  
  console.log(getUser.request);  
};
```