



Indexed DB

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Introduction

IndexedDB a robust storage API that empowers users to store almost anything right in their browser. This is not just about storing simple data types, but also complex JavaScript objects, files, and blobs, making it a versatile tool for web development.

IndexedDB employs a key-value storage model. This means that each piece of data, or 'value', is associated with a unique identifier, or 'key'. This key is used to quickly locate and retrieve the value from the database.

The 'key' can be any data type, and the 'value' can be any object.

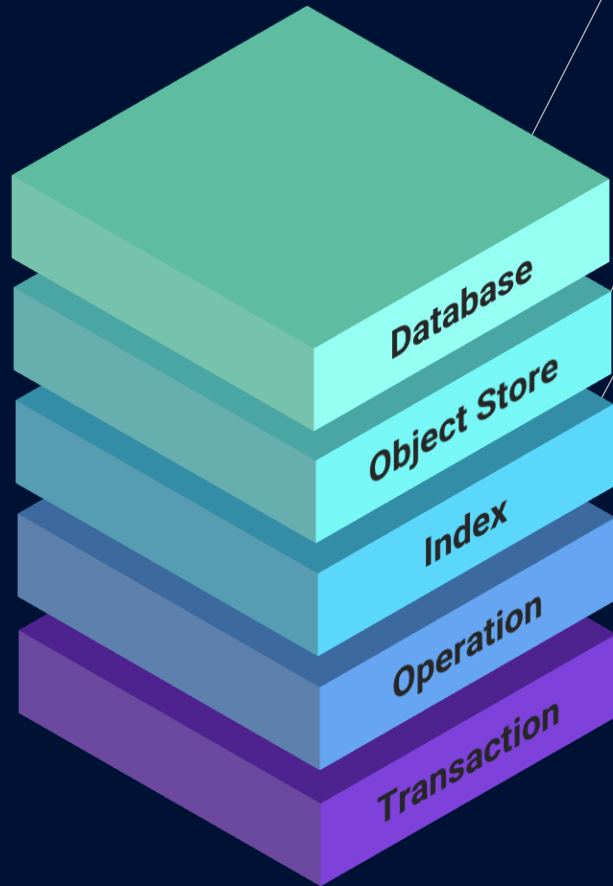
This flexible storage model is one of the reasons why IndexedDB is such a powerful tool for web development."To obtain and update data in a sequence of transactions, you must first establish a connection to your database and specify its structure.

Source: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/IndexedDB_API

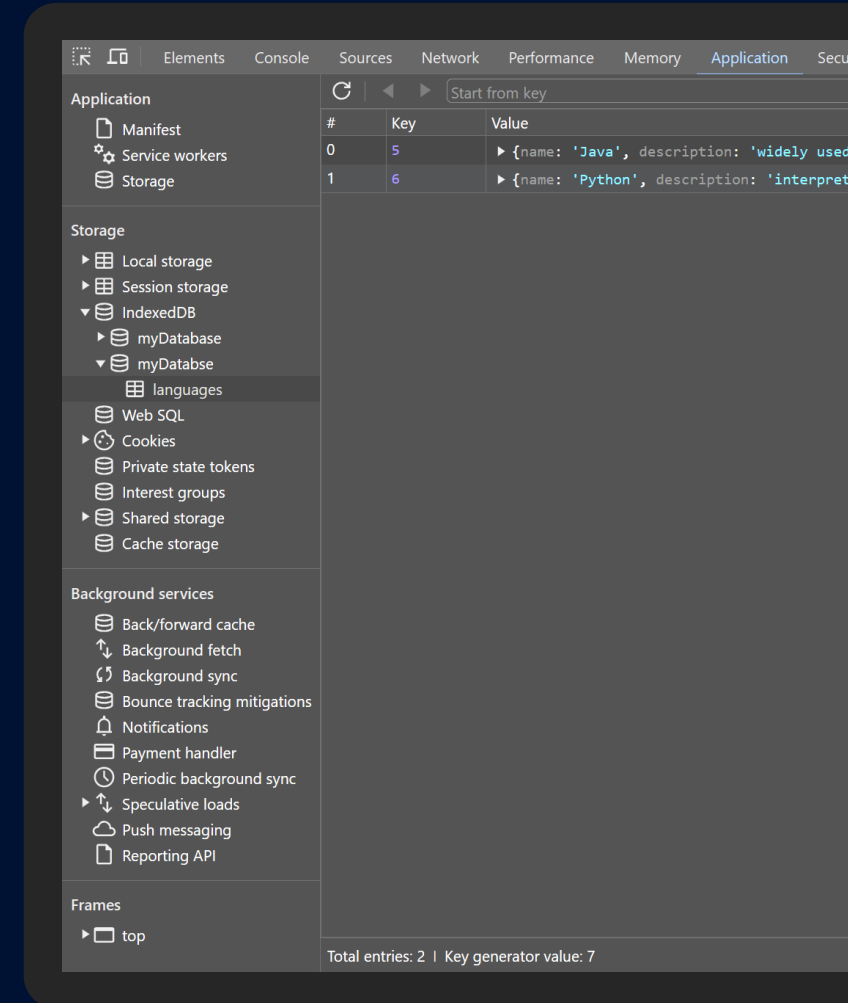
In 2011, IndexedDB made its browser debut. In January 2015, the API was approved as a W3C standard; in January 2018, API 2.0 took its place. Work on API 3.0 is ongoing. As a result, IndexedDB is available in ordinary scripts and Web Workers, and it has good browser compatibility. Even with IE10, masochistic coders can give it a shot.

Source: <https://www.sitepoint.com/indexeddb-store-unlimited-data/#:~:text=IndexedDB%20Introduction,API%202.0%20in%20January%202018>.

Basic overview and structure of IndexedDB



- the greatest IndexedDB level.
- multiple databases can be created within the IDB
- a single bucket for data storage
- are comparable to tables in RDMS
- data structure that improves the speed of data retrieval operations
- allowing you to quickly locate data without having to scan every record in the database.
- Operation = interaction with the database
- all read and write operations have to be a part of a transaction
- allows for atomic read-modify-write operations without the danger of other threads acting on the DB at the same time








LocalStorage vs IndexedDB

	LS	IDB
Maximum Storage	2.5 MB – 10 MB	Unlimited (depending on disk space & browser)
Data Types	String only	String, Date, Number
Allow Search	No	Yes
Performance	synchronous operations	asynchronous operations, usually slower than LS
Persistence	Data persistent, despite restart or system crash	

Source: <https://browsee.io/blog/unleashing-the-power-a-comparative-analysis-of-indexeddb-local-storage-and-session-storage/>

RDBMS vs IndexedDB

	RDBMS	IndexedDB
 Structure of data	Relational databases that store data in tables	Object oriented database provided by web browsers that store data as key-value pairs
 Query language	Structured Query Language	JavaScript – no dedicated query language like SQL
 Maximum capacity	524 Petabytes	Depending on web-browser – up to 80 % of disk space
 Storage location	Server-side databases	Web browsers / client-side storage solution
 Concurrency	Support concurrent transactions using control mechanisms	Support concurrent transactions by allowing only one transaction access to the object store in read-write mode

Sources:

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/sql-server/maximum-capacity-specifications-for-sql-server?view=sql-server-ver16>

<https://stackshare.io/stackups/indexeddb-vs-sqlite>

Query language comparison



CREATE	INSERT INTO table_name VALUES (value1, value2)	let transaction = db.transaction([„table“], „readwrite“); let store = transaction.objectStore(„table“); let request = store.add({column1: „value1“, column2: „value2“});
READ	SELECT * FROM table_name	transaction = db.transaction([„table“], „readonly“); store = transaction.objectStore(„table“); request = store.get(key);
UPDATE	UPDATE table_name SET column = value WHERE condition	transaction = db.transaction([„table“], „readwrite“); store = transaction.objectStore(„table“); request = store.put({column1: „newValue1“, column2: newValue2}, key);
DELETE	DELETE FROM table_name WHERE condition	transaction = db.transaction([„table“], „readwrite“); store = transaction.objectStore(„table“); request = store.delete(key);

Sources:

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/IndexedDB_API/Using_IndexedDB

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZ26CXny3il&t=605s&ab_channel=AlexEagleson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-Lc2Og5AxQ&t=302s&ab_channel=Code180



Showcase

PROs & CONs



Versatile Data Storage: IndexedDB can store a variety of data types -> objects, arrays, blobs etc.

Large Storage Capacity: from a few megabytes to gigabytes

Transactions Support: data integrity through atomic read-update-write operations

Fast Accessibility: by storing your data in the browser, data can be accessed quickly

Browser Support: most modern browsers support IDB

Steep Learning Curve: difficult, if you're not familiar with JavaScript – SQL is easier

Scalability Limitations: while it is great, for client-side storage, it may not scale well for large datasets

Synchronization Challenges: data is only available in your browser

Security: while data is relatively secured in the browser, there are a few things to consider

- data is not encrypted automatically
- data is stored on your physical device
- plain text form using browser developer tools

Use cases

Offline data availability: data can be accessed even without being connected to the internet

Performance optimization: possibility to speed up load times for repeat visits, enabling a good UX

Examples of data, that can be stored in the browser that's unrelated to any data on a server:

- To-Do list
- Calendar
- Games that are played locally



Source: <https://app.theirstack.com/search/tech/new?query=JTdCJTlybmFtZSUyMiUzQSUyMkNvbXBhbmlcyUyMHVzaW5nJTlwSW5kZXhlZERCJTlyJTJD>

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Q&A