

Implementing Service Worker Events (Fetch, Sync, Push) for E-Commerce PWA

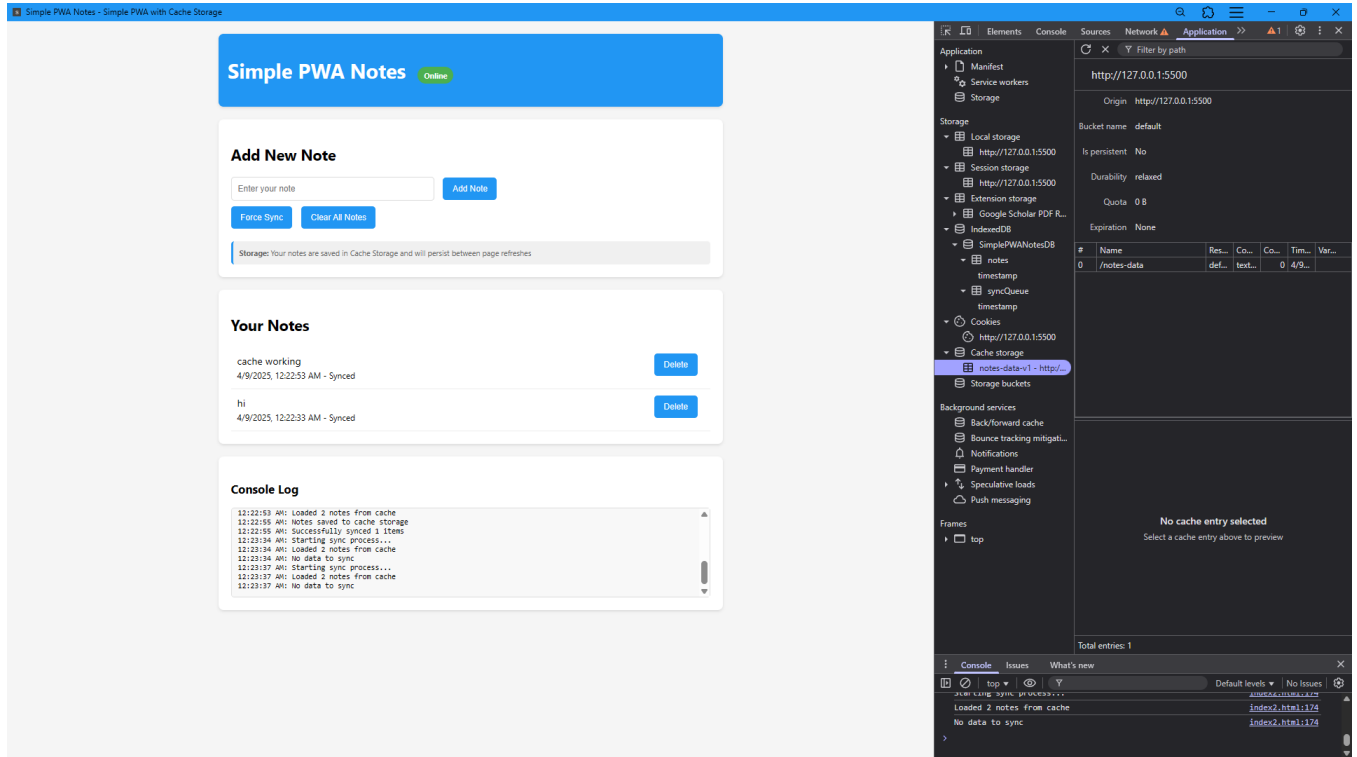
Progressive Web Apps (PWAs) are web applications that offer app-like experiences through modern web capabilities. One of the key components of a PWA is the service worker, which enables features like offline access, background sync, and push notifications. In this document, we will explore how to implement service worker events such as `fetch`, `sync`, and `push` in the context of an e-commerce application. Below is a sample implementation.

1. Caching Static Assets Using Install Event

The `install` event is triggered when the service worker is installed. During this phase, essential files are cached to enable offline access.

```
const CACHE_NAME = "campquest-v1"; const
ASSETS_TO_CACHE = [
  "/",
  "/index.html",
  "/src/main.jsx",
  "/CampQuest.svg",
  "/manifest.json",
];

self.addEventListener("install", (event) => {
  event.waitUntil(
    caches.open(CACHE_NAME).then((cache) => {
      return cache.addAll(ASSETS_TO_CACHE);
    })
  );
});
```



2. Handling Fetch Requests

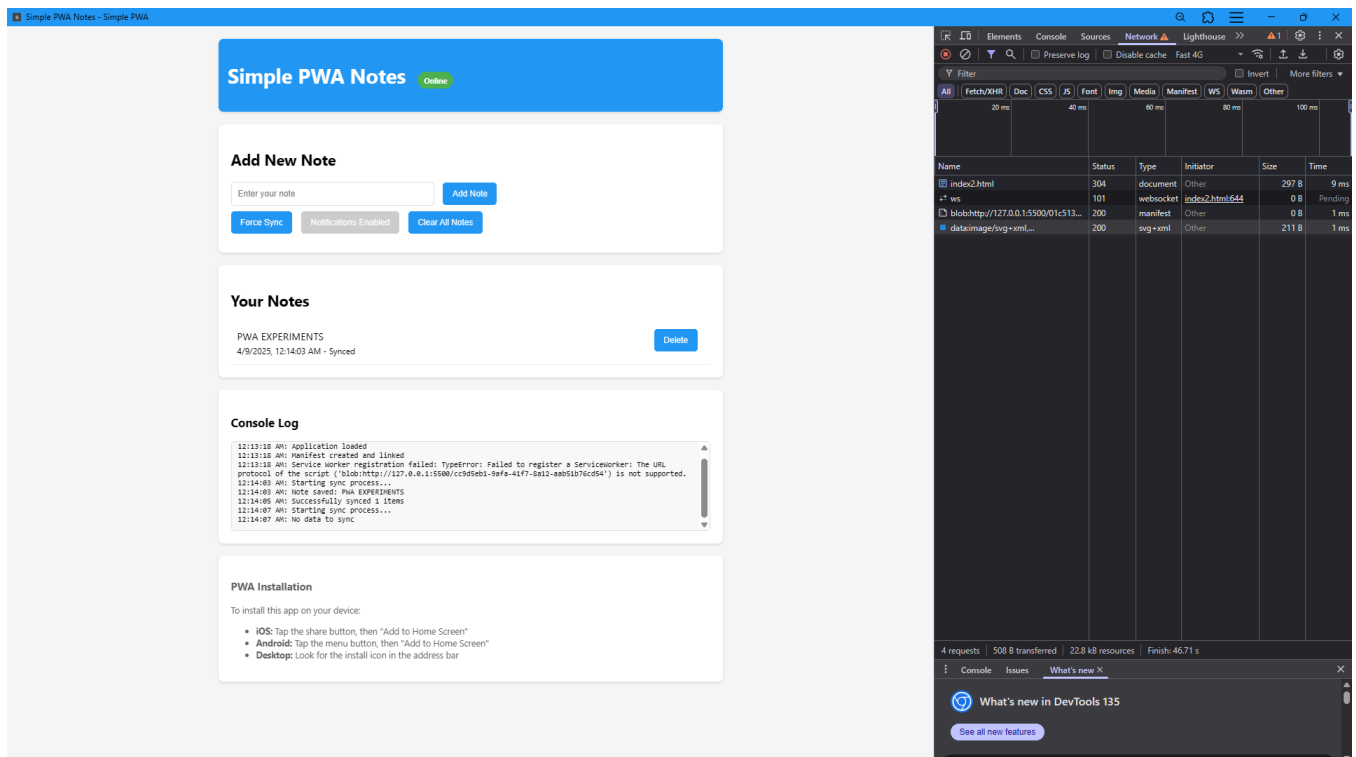
The `fetch` event intercepts network requests. We use this event to implement a cache-first or network-first strategy depending on the URL path.

```
self.addEventListener("fetch", (event) => {
  const url = new URL(event.request.url);
  if (url.pathname.startsWith("/campgrounds")) {
    event.respondWith(
      fetch(event.request)
        .then((response) => {
          const responseClone = response.clone();
          caches.open(CACHE_NAME).then((cache) => {
            cache.put(event.request, responseClone);
          });
          return response;
        })
        .catch(() => {
          return caches.match(event.request);
        })
    );
  }
});
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    })
  );
} else { event.respondWith(
  caches.match(event.request).then((response) => {
    return response || fetch(event.request);
  })
);
}
});

```



3. Background Sync (Conceptual Example)

The `sync` event is used to defer actions until the user has stable connectivity. For an e-commerce app, you could use this to sync cart data or orders.

```

self.addEventListener("sync", (event) => {
  if (event.tag === "sync-cart") {
    event.waitUntil(
      // Logic to sync cart data with server
    );
  }
});

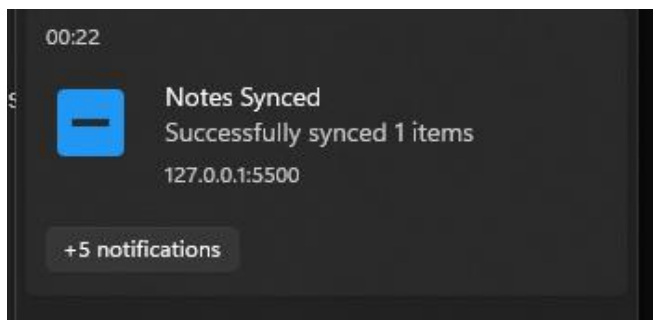
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});
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4. Push Notifications (Conceptual Example)

The `push` event is triggered when a push message is received. This could be used to notify users of new deals or order status updates.

```
self.addEventListener("push", (event) => {  
  const data = event.data.json();  const  
  options = {  body: data.body,  icon:  
    "/icon.png",  
  };  
  event.waitUntil(  
    self.registration.showNotification(data.title, options)  
  );  
});
```



The image displays two screenshots of a web application named "Simple PWA Notes" in an offline state, alongside the Chrome DevTools Application panel.

Top Screenshot:

- Header:** "Simple PWA Notes" with a red "Offline" badge.
- Add New Note:** A form with "Enter your note" and an "Add Note" button. Below it are buttons for "Force Sync", "Notifications Enabled", and "Clear All Notes".
- Your Notes:** A list of notes with "Delete" buttons.
 - THIS IS OFFLINE: 4/9/2023, 12:16:00 AM - Pending sync
 - 3d3df: 4/9/2023, 12:15:38 AM - Synced
 - PWA EXPERIMENTS: 4/9/2023, 12:14:03 AM - Synced
- Console Log:** A log showing sync process details.

```
12:15:31 AM: Starting sync process...
12:15:31 AM: No data to sync
12:15:34 AM: Network connection lost
12:15:38 AM: Note saved: 3d3df
12:15:42 AM: Network connection restored
12:15:42 AM: Starting sync process...
12:15:44 AM: Successfully synced 1 items
12:15:58 AM: Network connection lost
12:16:00 AM: Note saved: THIS IS OFFLINE
```
- PWA Installation:** Instructions for installing the app on various devices.
 - iOS:** Tap the share button, then "Add to Home Screen"
 - Android:** Tap the menu button, then "Add to Home Screen"
 - Desktop:** Look for the install icon in the address bar

Bottom Screenshot:

- Header:** "Simple PWA Notes" with a green "Online" badge.
- Add New Note:** Similar form to the top screenshot.
- Your Notes:** Similar list of notes to the top screenshot.
- Console Log:** A log showing sync process details.

```
12:15:38 AM: Note saved: 3d3df
12:15:42 AM: Network connection restored
12:15:42 AM: Starting sync process...
12:15:44 AM: Successfully synced 1 items
12:15:58 AM: Network connection lost
12:16:00 AM: Note saved: THIS IS OFFLINE
12:16:08 AM: Network connection restored
12:16:09 AM: Starting sync process...
12:16:11 AM: Successfully synced 1 items
```
- PWA Installation:** Same instructions as the top screenshot.

DevTools Application Panel:

- Application:** Shows the manifest, service workers, and storage (local, session, extension, indexedDB, cookies, cache, storage buckets).
- Service workers:** Shows the service worker status (Offline, Update on reload, Bypass for network) and a list of service workers from other origins.
- Background services:** Shows background services like back/forward cache, bounce tracking mitigation, notifications, payment handler, speculative loads, and push messaging.
- Frames:** Shows the top frame.

Conclusion

Service workers are powerful tools in building resilient and engaging e-commerce PWAs. By handling `install`, `fetch`, `sync`, and `push` events effectively, you can create a seamless experience for users, even in offline or low-connectivity scenarios.