Offline web applications don't exist anymore

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Once upon a time there was the downasaur...



No internet

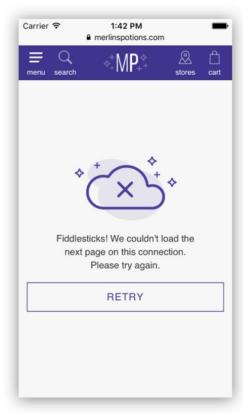
Try:

- Checking the network cables, modem, and router
- Reconnecting to Wi-Fi
- Running Windows Network Diagnostics

DNS_PROBE_FINISHED_NO_INTERNET



Modern websites nowadays!



Branded offline pages



Engaging pages



PWA Stats



networks.

The **Best Western River North Hotel** sees **300**% increase in revenue with new Progressive Web App.

Twitter Lite saw a 65% increase in pages per session, 75% in Tweets, and a 20% decrease in bounce rate. Twitter Lite loads in under 3 seconds for repeat visits even on slow

PWA Stats

AliExpress improved conversion rate for new users by 104% across all browsers, with 2× more pages visited and 74% more time spent per session.

www.pwastats.com



What is a Progressive Web Application (PWA)

A PWA is a web app using modern web capabilities to provide a native app experience to users

- **Installable:** thanks to the web app manifest
- Work offline: using service workers (sw)
- Can send push notifications



Web App Manifest (manifest.json)

```
"name": "My PWA example",
"short_name": "pwa-app",
'description": "A simple description field!",
 display": "standalone".
"icons": [
    "src": "assets/icons/icon-192×192.png",
    "sizes": "192×192",
    "type": "image/png"
    "src": "assets/icons/icon-512×512.png",
    "sizes": "512×512".
    "type": "image/png"
```



Chrome criteria

Https

Registered SW



Add to Home Screen (A2HS)









How does a PWA makes websites available offline?

A service worker:

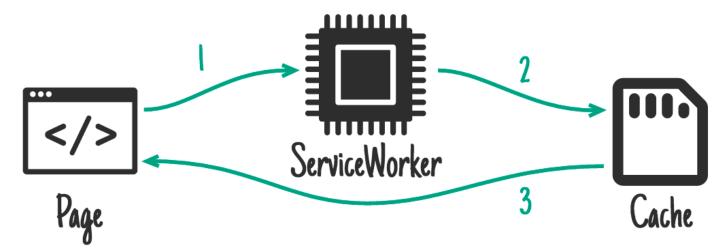
- is a component of JavaScript code
- works as a proxy between the browser and the network
- runs in the background on a separate thread (no blocking)
- works only on secure connections (localhost is considered secure)



Service worker caching strategies for data resources

Performance optimization (cache only)

→ Needed data has to be previously cached (typically during the sw install phase)

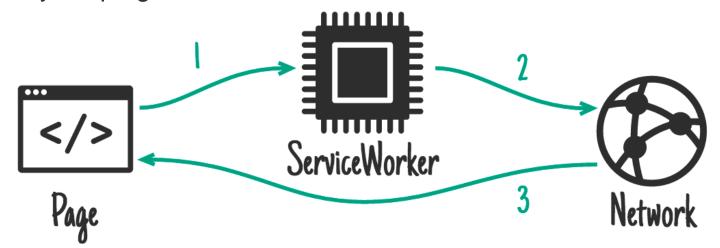




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Data freshness

→ Useful for things that have no offline equivalent, such as analytics pings

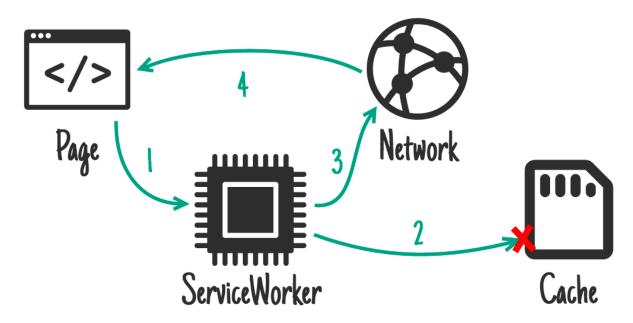




Service worker caching strategies for data resources

Cache, falling back to network

→ Ideal for the majority of requests in offline-first apps

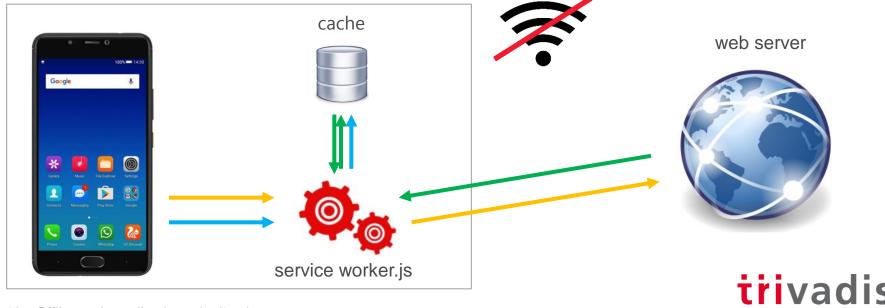




Service worker in action

The first time the app is accessed, the service worker stores the required resources in the browser cache.

When the user visits the app next time, the service worker checks the cache and returns the response to the user even before accessing the web server.





(1) Generate Manifest

2 Build Service Worker

3 Publish PWA

Code for website

Select the service worker functionality for your app.

Offline page

This simple but elegant solution pulls a file from your web server called "offline.html" (make sure that file is actually there) and serves the file whenever a network connection can not be made.

Offline copy of pages

A solution that expands the offline capabilities of your app. A copy of each pages is stored in the cache as your visitors view them. This allows a visitor to load any previously viewed page while they are offline.

Offline copy with Backup offline page

A copy of each pages is stored in the cache as your visitors view them. This allows a visitor to load any previously viewed page while they are offline. This then adds the "offline page" that allows you to customize the message and experience if the app is offline, and the page is not in the cache.

O Cache-first network

Use this service worker to pre-cache content. The content you add to the "cache-array" will be added immediately to the cache and service from the cache whenever a page requests it. At the same time it will update the cache with the version you have on the server. Configure your file array to include all your site files, or a subset that you want to be served quickly.

Advanced Pre-cache (coming soon)

Use this service worker to improve the performance of your app, and make it work offline. The advanced precache allows you to configure files and routes that are cached in different manners (pre-cache, server first, cache first etc). The tool can be used to build a lightening fast app (even for dynamic content) that works offline.

Download service worker

You can also download the source code directly from GitHub.

//This is the "Offline page" service worker //Add this below content to your HTML page, or add the js file to your page at a register service worker if (navigator.serviceWorker.controller) { console.log('[PWA Builder] active service worker found, no need to register') } else {

Next Step

scope: './' }).then(function(reg) { console.log('Service worker has been registered for scope:'+ reg.scope); }); }

navigator.serviceWorker.register('pwabuider-sw.js', {

Service worker code

```
//This is the "Offline page" service worker

//Install stage sets up the offline page in the cache and opens a new cache
self.addEventListener('install', function(event) {
    var offlinePage = new Request('offline.html');
    event.waitUntil(
    fetch(offlinePage).then(function(response) {
        return caches.open('pwabuilder-offline').then(function(cache) {
            console.log('[PMA Builder] Cached offline page during Install'+ response.url);
            return cache.put(offlinePage, response);
        });
    }));
}
```





Cache Images

```
1 workbox.routing.registerRoute(
    /\.(?:png|gif|jpg|jpeg|svg)$/,
    workbox.strategies.cacheFirst({
      cacheName: 'images',
      plugins: [
         new workbox.expiration.Plugin({
          maxEntries: 60,
          maxAgeSeconds: 30 * 24 * 60 * 60, // 30 Days
        }),
    }),
12);
```



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Service Workers in Angular



With angular-cli (1.6+) we can easily turn an existing application into a PWA:

ng add @angular/pwa --project myApp

Two new files will be created and added to our project:

- ngsw-config.json
- manifest.json



Angular PWA demo



Can we do better?



Firebase platform







Build better apps



- ML Kit BETA

 Machine learning for mobile developers
- Cloud Functions BETA

 Run mobile backend code without managing servers
- Authentication

 Authenticate users simply and securely
- Hosting
 Deliver web app assets with speed and security
- Cloud Storage
 Store and serve files at Google scale
- Realtime Database

 Store and sync app data in milliseconds

Improve app quality

- Crashlytics
 Prioritize and fix issues with powerful,
 realtime crash reporting
- Performance Monitoring

 Gain insight into your app's performance
- Test Lab
 Test your app on devices hosted by
 Google

Grow your business

- Google Analytics
 Get free and unlimited app analytics
- Predictions BETA

 Define dynamic user groups based on predicted behavior
- A/B Testing BETA
 Optimize your app experience through experimentation
- Cloud Messaging
 Send targeted messages and notifications
- Remote Config

 Modify your app without deploying a new version
- Dynamic Links
 Drive growth by using deep links with attribution
- App Indexing

 Drive search traffic to your mobile app



Cloud Firestore

- Still in beta release (Oct 2017)
- NoSQL Database
- Real-time data updates (3-way binding)
- Offline support for mobile (iOS/Android) and web



Enable offline data in Cloud Firestore

```
firebase.initializeApp({
  apiKey: '### FIREBASE API KEY ###',
  authDomain: '### FIREBASE AUTH DOMAIN ###',
  projectId: '### CLOUD FIRESTORE PROJECT ID ###',
firebase.firestore() enablePersistence()
  .catch(function(err) {
      if (err.code == 'failed-precondition') {
          // Multiple tabs open, persistence can only be enabled
          // in one tab at a a time.
      } else if (err.code == 'unimplemented') {
          // The current browser does not support all of the
          // features required to enable persistence
  });
// Subsequent queries will use persistence, if it was enabled successfully
```



Offline data limitations

- Only one browser tab per time → version 5.5.0 (12.09.2018)
- Max 500 offline transactions possible
- Possible saving conflicts (last write wins)



A «never offline» app demo









