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Introduction to progressive web applications.

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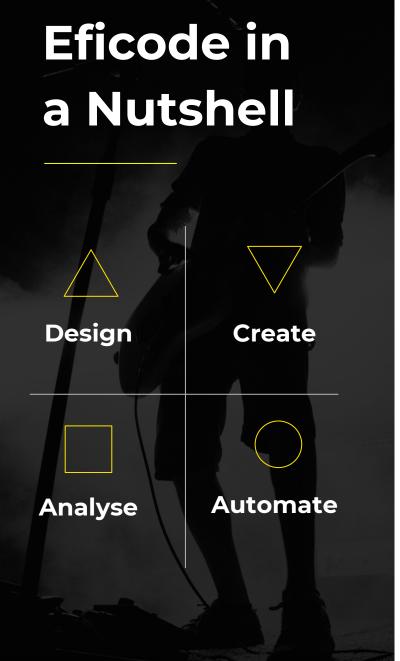
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Introduction

A Progressive Web App uses modern web capabilities to deliver an app-like user experience.

They Evolve from pages in browser tabs to immersive, top-level apps, maintaining the web's low friction at every moment.

Ask yourself: How many applications have you installed during past month?

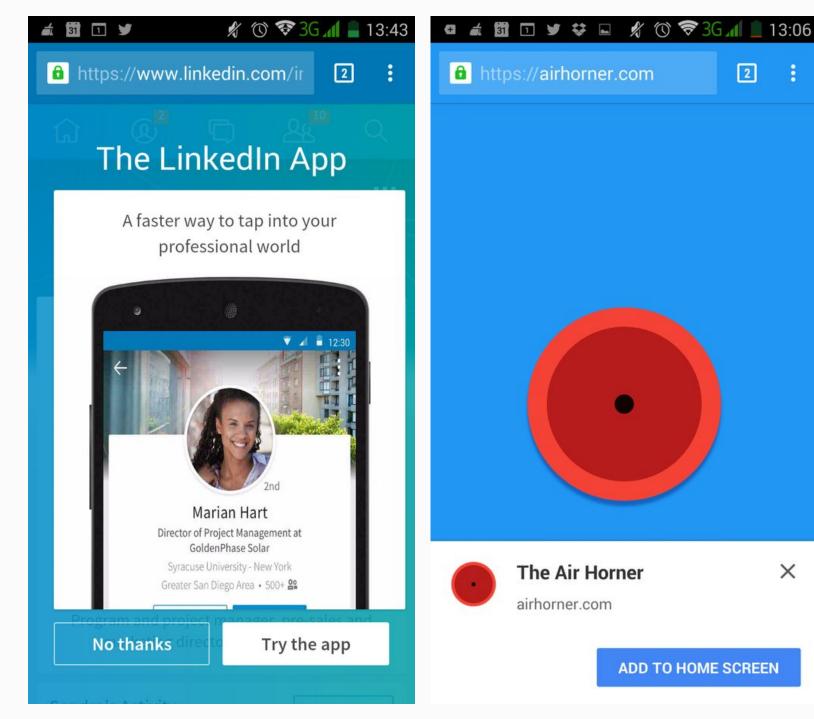
It's important to remember that Progressive Web Apps work everywhere but are supercharged in modern browsers. Progressive enhancement is a backbone of the model.



What is the point?

- Installs are not an issue \bullet
- Have no APK size \bullet restrictions
- Are always up-to-date ullet(do not require re-installs for an update to happen)
- They work everywhere \bullet (a browser is)
- Tend to be trusted more \bullet than native apps

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"In a consumer app, every step you make the users take to access your services costs you 20% of your users." http://goo.gl/aefHJ0

Add to home screen banner

Chrome on Android has support adding in your site to the homescreen for a while now, but recent versions also support proactively suggesting sites to be added using native Web App install banners.

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Progressive web apps are:

01. Progressive

Work for every user, regardless of browser choice

02. Responsive Fit any form factor, desktop, mobile, tablet or whatever is next

03. Connectivity independent

Enhanced with service workers to work offline or on low quality networks

Progressive web apps are:

04. App-like

Use the app-shell model to provide app-style navigation and interactions

05. Fresh Always up-to-date

06. Safe Served via https to prevent snooping and ensure content hasn't been tampered with

Progressive web apps are:

Discoverable 07.

Are identifiable as "applications" thanks to W3C manifests and service worker registration scope allowing search engines to find them

Re-engageable 08.

Make re-engagement easy through features like push notifications

Installable

09. Allow users to "keep" apps they find most useful on their home screen without the hassle of an app store

Principles

Progressive apps aren't packaged and deployed through stores, they're just websites that took all the right vitamins. They progressively become "apps" - Alex Russel (Google Software Engineer)

01. Web App Manifest

Define app properties: icon, name, orientation, mode etc.

03. Service Workers

Client side network proxy. But that's not the only trick it has up it's sleeves.

02.

Add to Home Screen Banner

Re-engage the user with push notifications and by installing the software as an "app"

04.

Secure: SSL / HTTPS

Service worker has a lot of power. We wouldn't want it to fall into the wrong hands.



Web App Manifest

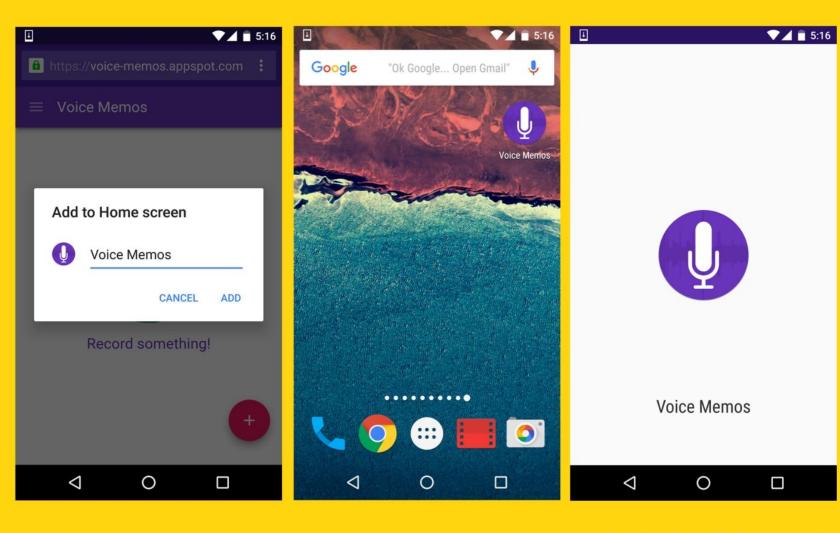
The Manifest for Web applications is a simple JSON file that gives you, the developer, the ability to control how your app appears to the user in the areas that they would expect to see apps (for example the device home screen), direct what the user can launch and more importantly how they can launch it.

```
name: "My Awesome Web App",
short name: "Awesome App",
icons: [{
    src: "images/touch/icon-96x96.png",
    sizes: "96x96",
    type: "image/png"
}, {
    src: "images/touch/icon-128x128.png",
    sizes: "128x128",
    type: "image/png"
}, {
    src: "images/touch/apple-touch-icon.png",
    sizes: "152x152",
    type: "image/png"
}, {
    src: "images/touch/chrome-touch-icon-192x192.png",
    sizes: "192x192",
    type: "image/png"
}1,
start url: "/index.html?homescreen=1",
display: "standalone",
background color: "#3E4EB8",
theme color: "#2F3BA2"
```

Manifest

The manifest enables your web app to have a more native-like presence on the user's home screen. It allows the app to be launched in full-screen mode, provides control over the screen orientation and in recent versions of Chrome on Android supports defining a Splash Screen and theme color for the address bar. It is also used to define a set of icons by size and density used for the aforementioned Splash screen and homescreen icon.





Add to Home screen

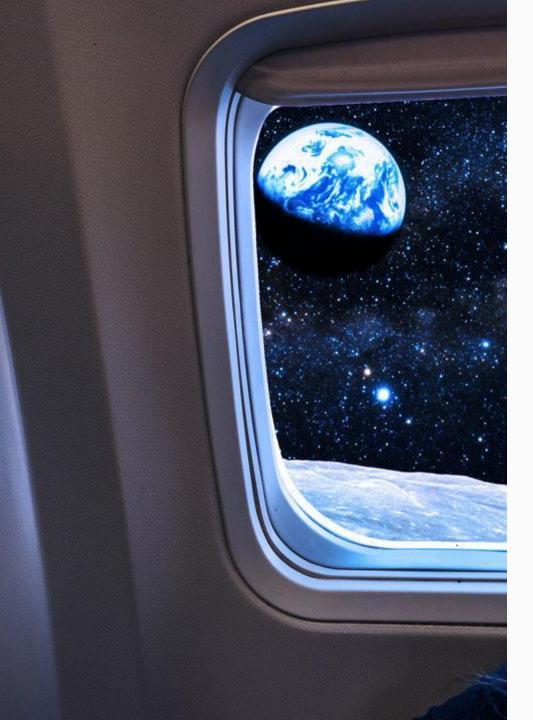
Launch from Home screen

Full-screen "app-like" experience. Splash screen customisation

In order for the app install prompts to display your app must:

- Have valid Web App manifest
- Be served over HTTPS
- Have valid service worker registered
- Be visited twice, with at least 5 minutes between visits
- A number of App Install banner samples are available, covering basic banners through to more complex use-cases like displaying related applications



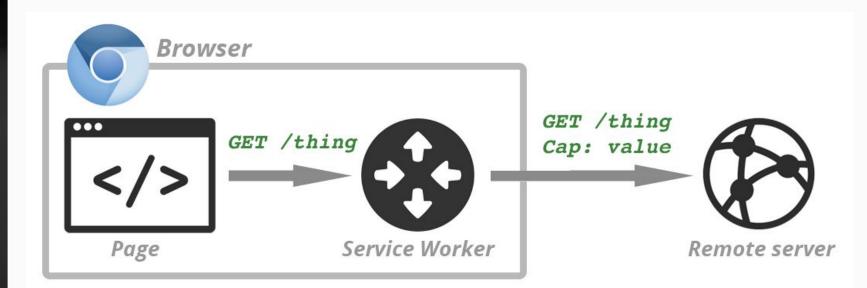


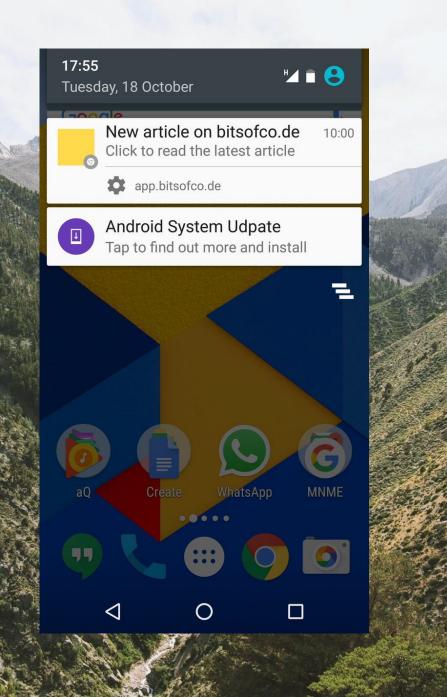
Service worker for offline caching

A service worker is a script that runs in the background, separate from your web page. It responds to events, including network requests made from pages it serves. A service worker has an intentionally short lifetime.

Service worker

Service workers are powerful for offline caching but they also offer significant performance wins in the form of instant loading for repeat visits to your site or web app. You can cache your application shell so it works offline and populate its content using JavaScript





Push notifications for re-engagement

Push notifications allow your users to opt-in to timely updates from sites they love and allow you to effectively re-engage them with customized, engaging content.

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