Are PWAs ready to take over the world?

Implementing main progressive web app features in practice

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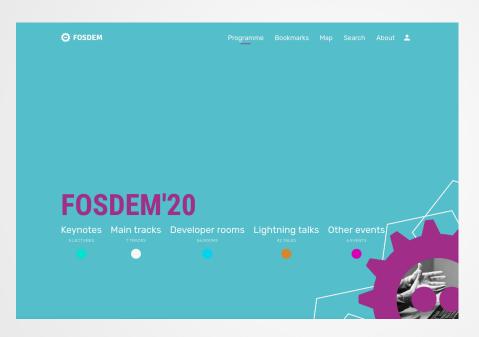
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What are PWAs?

" PWA is a set of technologies designed to make faster, more capable web sites. They load fast, are available offline, are secure, can be accessed from your home screen, have push notifications, and more.

-- Luke Wroblewski, notes from Jason Grigsby's talk

PWA demo: Sojourner





https://fosdem.sojourner.rocks

https://github.com/loomchild/sojourner-web

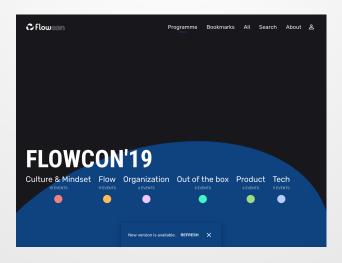
Sojourner Usage

Unique visits Saturday (per 30 min) Active users (5+ bookmarks)

600

165

Other conferences: FlowCon



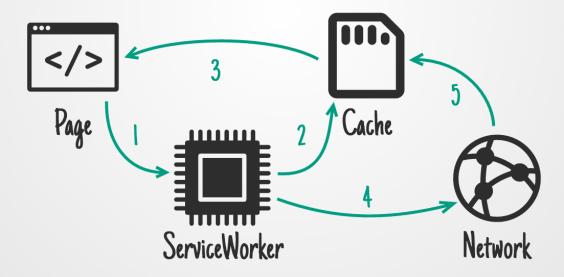
Selected PWA aspects

Offline-first
Installation
UX / UI

Offline-first Caching via Service Worker

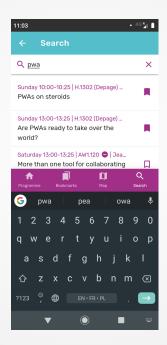
Pre-caching static resources (shell, images, fonts)

Using Stale-While-Revalidate strategy to handle schedule



No-caching of real-time information (room full)

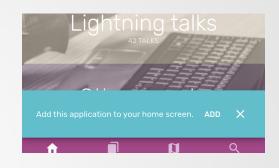
Offline-first Search



There are client-side full-text search libraries, such as Elasticlunr or Fuse.js

Installation

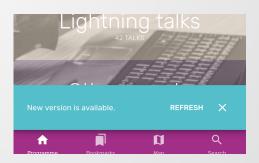
Happens automatically on first visit Add To Home Screen (A2HS)



Offers almost universal support:

- Chrome (Android, Linux, MacOS, Windows)
- Firefox (Android)
- Safari (iOS)

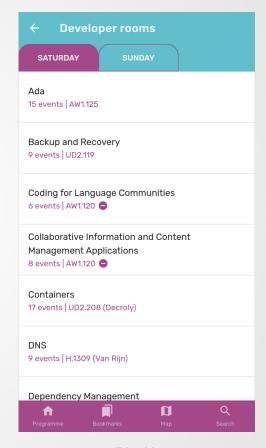
Update automatically on next visit, can invite the user to do immediately.



UX / UI



Nokia N900 app



PWA

Which design system: Material Design, Human Interface Guidelines?

So are PWAs ready to take over the world?

Thank you!

Resources

- The Case for Progressive Web Apps by Jason Grigsby An Event Apart: video
- 2. Progressive Web Apps book by Jason Grigsby: excerpt
- 3. The offline cookbook by Jake Archibald: article
- 4. Client-side full-text search: article, Elasticlunr, Fuse.js
- 5. PWAs on iOS: article
- 6. All powerful front-end developer talk by Chris Coyier, JAMStack: video
- 7. Why "Progressive Web Apps vs. native" is the wrong question to ask by Dan Dascalescu: article
- 8. Progressive Web Apps simply make sense by Jason Grigsby: article