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# Going for **Speed**

## Full-Stack Performance Engineering in Modern Web-Based Applications

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# Who **We** Are



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# We Are **Baqend**

We bring performance research to practice.



Years of **web**  
**performance research**



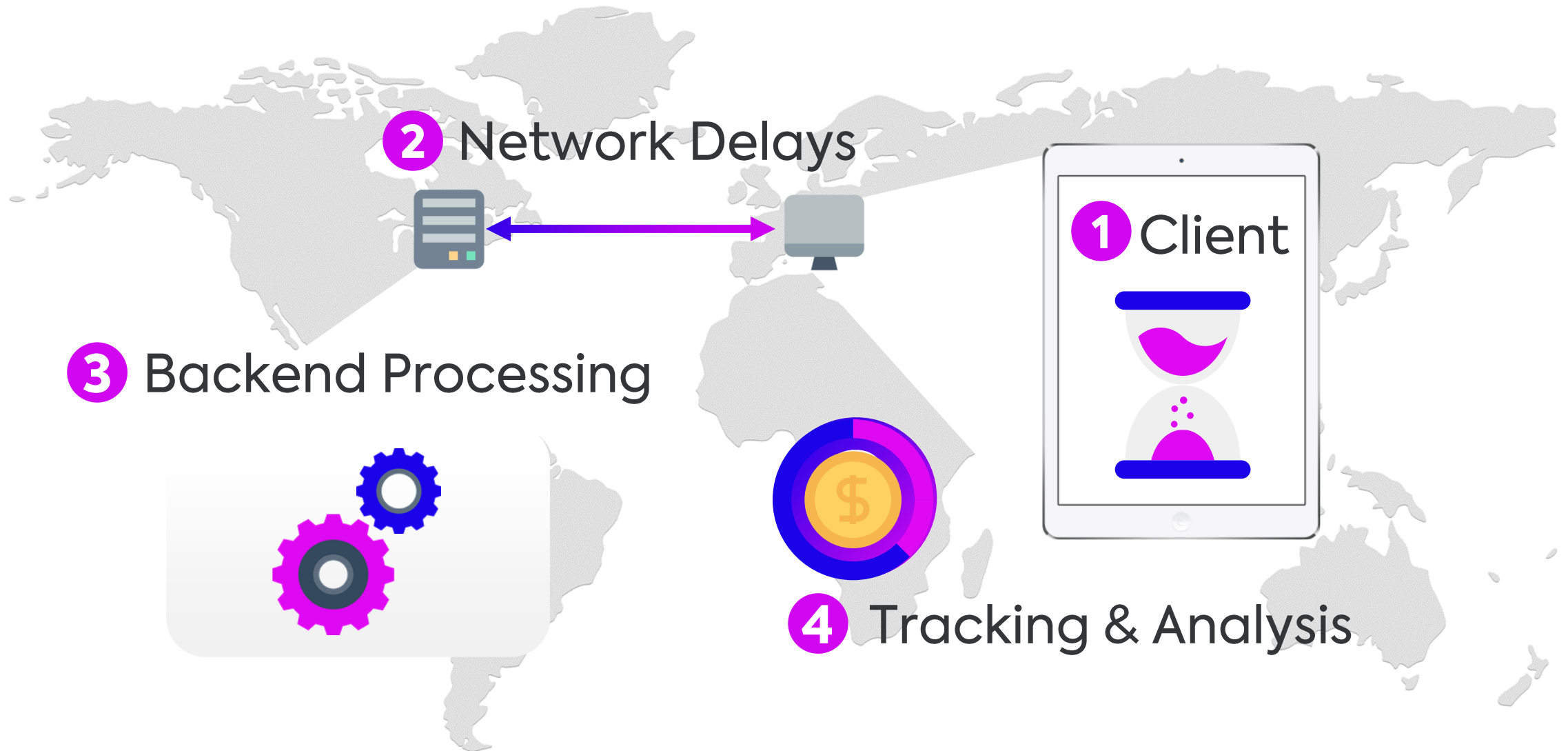
Novel approach for  
caching **dynamic data**



**Speed Kit** – SaaS for  
e-commerce speed



# The 4 Challenges of Web Performance



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## Why Should You Care About Web Performance?

2 Network Delays



1 Client



3 Backend Processing



4 Tracking & Analysis



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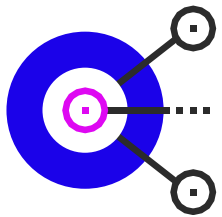
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# How Do **Users** Perceive Web Performance?

# User Profile



## Gender

Young women are less likely to buy on slow pages



## Region

Speed influences New Yorkers more than Californians



## Nationality

Japanese have the highest expectations

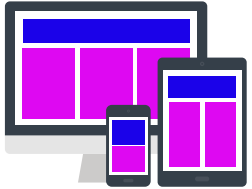


## Age

18-to-24-year olds tend to be more demanding

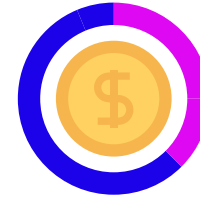


# Device Distribution



## iOS vs. Android

iOS users are more demanding



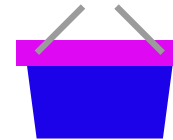
## Purchases

Mobile users buy more frequently than desktop users



## Market Share

iOS dominant in US/UK,  
Android in other markets



## Comparing

Mobile is also preferred for comparing products



Think Fast, The 2019 Page Speed Report  
Stats & Trends for Marketers, Unbounce, 2019.



Brain Food, Speed Matters, Designing  
for Mobile Performance, Google, 2017.

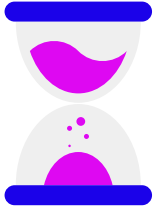


Performance Matters, 9 Key  
Consumer Insights, Akamai, 2014



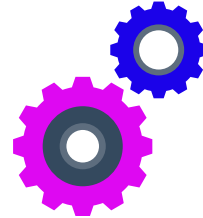
Android v iOS market share 2019  
Q2, DeviceAtlas, 2019

# Context Matters



## Situation

Pages feel slower  
when on the move



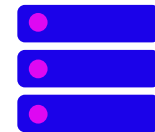
## State of Mind

Pages feel faster  
when relaxed



## Sale

Pages feel slow  
during sales



## Availability

Slow eventually  
becomes unavailable





# Delay **Psychology** : Rules of Thumb

| Delay         | User Perception         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 0 – 100 ms    | Instant                 |
| 100 – 300 ms  | Small perceptible delay |
| 300 – 1000 ms | Machine is working      |
| 1+ s          | Mental context switch   |
| 10+ s         | Task is abandoned       |



**Stay under 1000 ms to keep users' attention**



# How Do **Businesses** Measure Web Performance?

# You Heard The **Stories**



100 ms slower



-1% Conversion Rate



100 ms faster



+0.7% Revenue Per Session



100 ms faster



+1% Revenue



# Load Time & **SEO**



From 7 s to 2 s Loads



**+80%** Traffic



500 ms Slower Loads



**-20%** Traffic



40% Faster Loads



**+15%** SEO Traffic



Lucia Moses. How GQ Cut Its Webpage Load Time By 80 Percent, Digiday, 2015.



Marissa Mayer, Conference Keynote, Web 2.0, 2006



Sam Meder, Vadim Antonov, Jeff Chang. Driving User Growth With Performance Improvements, Pinterest Blog, 2017

# Load Time & User Engagement

**FORRESTER®**

**-80%** load time



**+60%** Session Length (Mobile)

**OTTO**

**-42%** time to FCP



**+25%** Session Length

 **Akamai**

**+2s** load time



**+103%** Bounce Rate



Forrester. The Total Economic Impact™  
Of Accelerated Mobile Pages, 2017



Lars Bognar. Mobile Speed Race der Otto Group  
Verbessert Mobile Ladezeiten, TWG, 2019



Akamai. Akamai Online Retail Performance Report:  
Milliseconds Are Critical, Akamai Blog, 2017

# Load Time & User Satisfaction



**+500 ms** network delay → **+26%** peak frustration

Aberdeen *Group* **+1 s** delay in response times → **-16%** customer satisfaction



**+50%** response time → **-50%** productivity



Tammy Everts. *Mobile Web Stress: The Impact of Network Speed on Emotional Engagement and Brand Perception*, Radware, 2013



The Performance of Web Applications: Customers Are Won or Lost in One Second, Aberdeen Group, 2008.



T. Goodman, R. Spence. *The Effect of System Response Time on Interactive Computer Aided Problem Solving*, ICL, 1978

# Summary: The **Business Impact** of Site Speed



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# Going for Speed

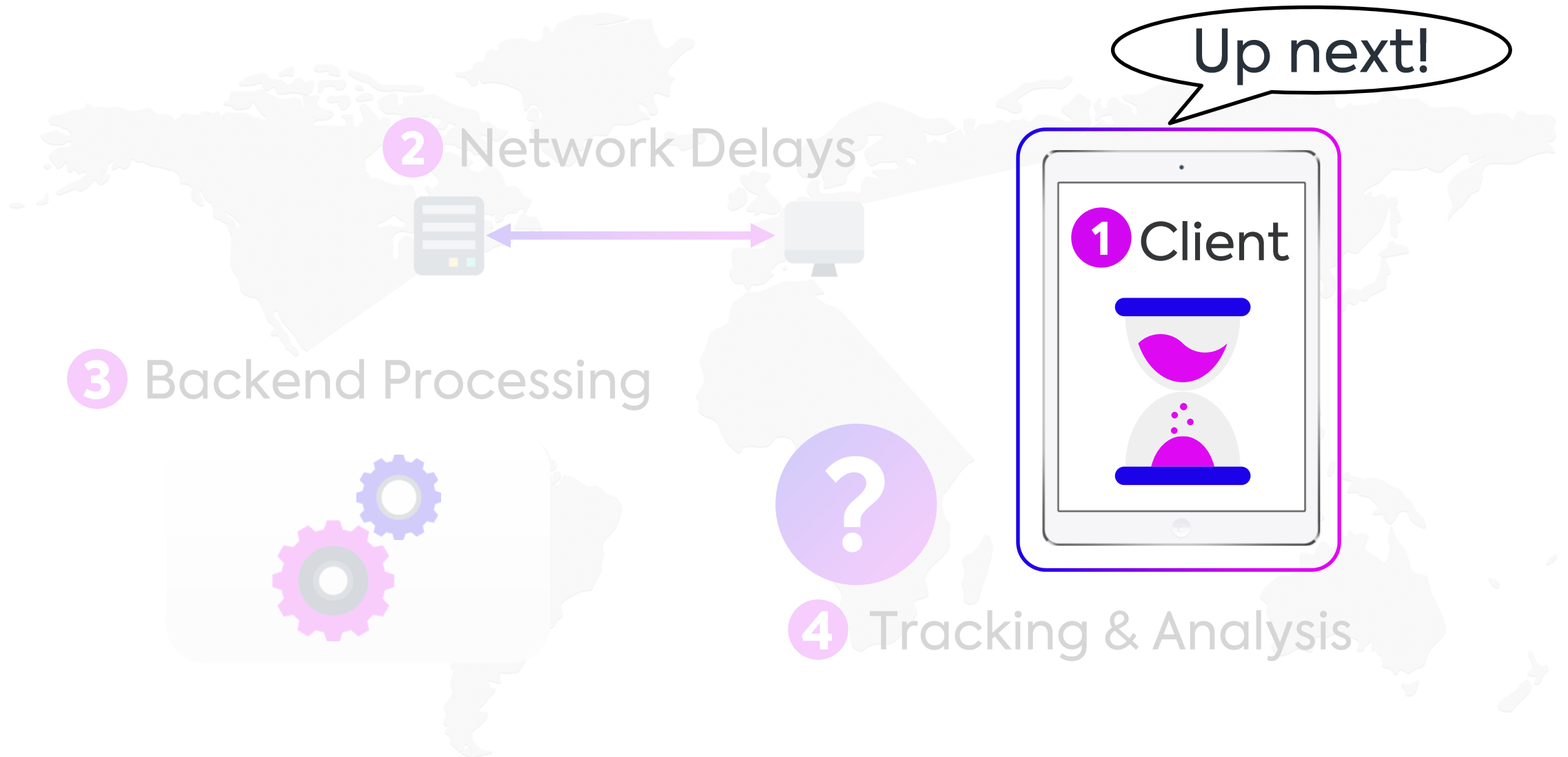
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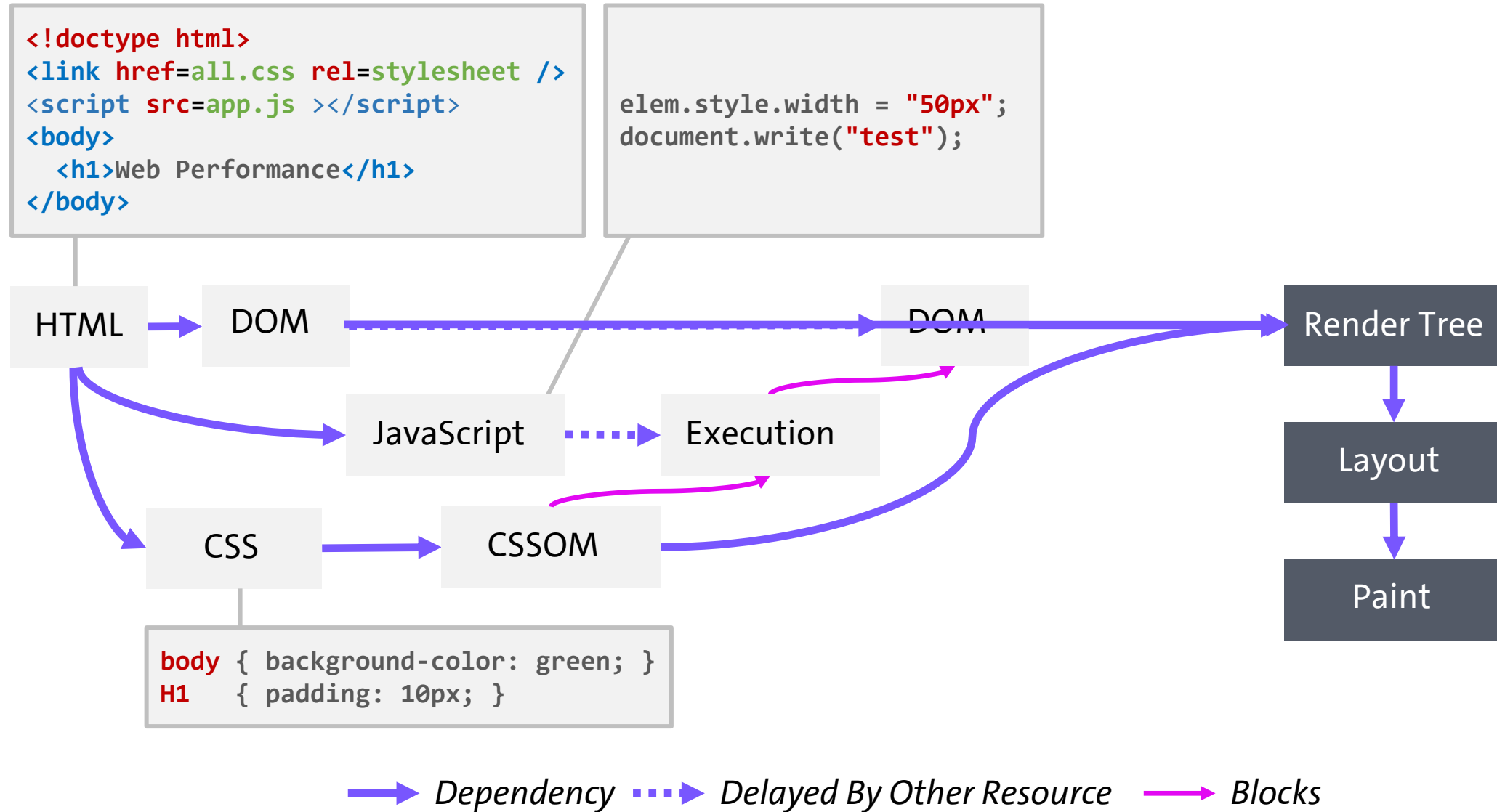
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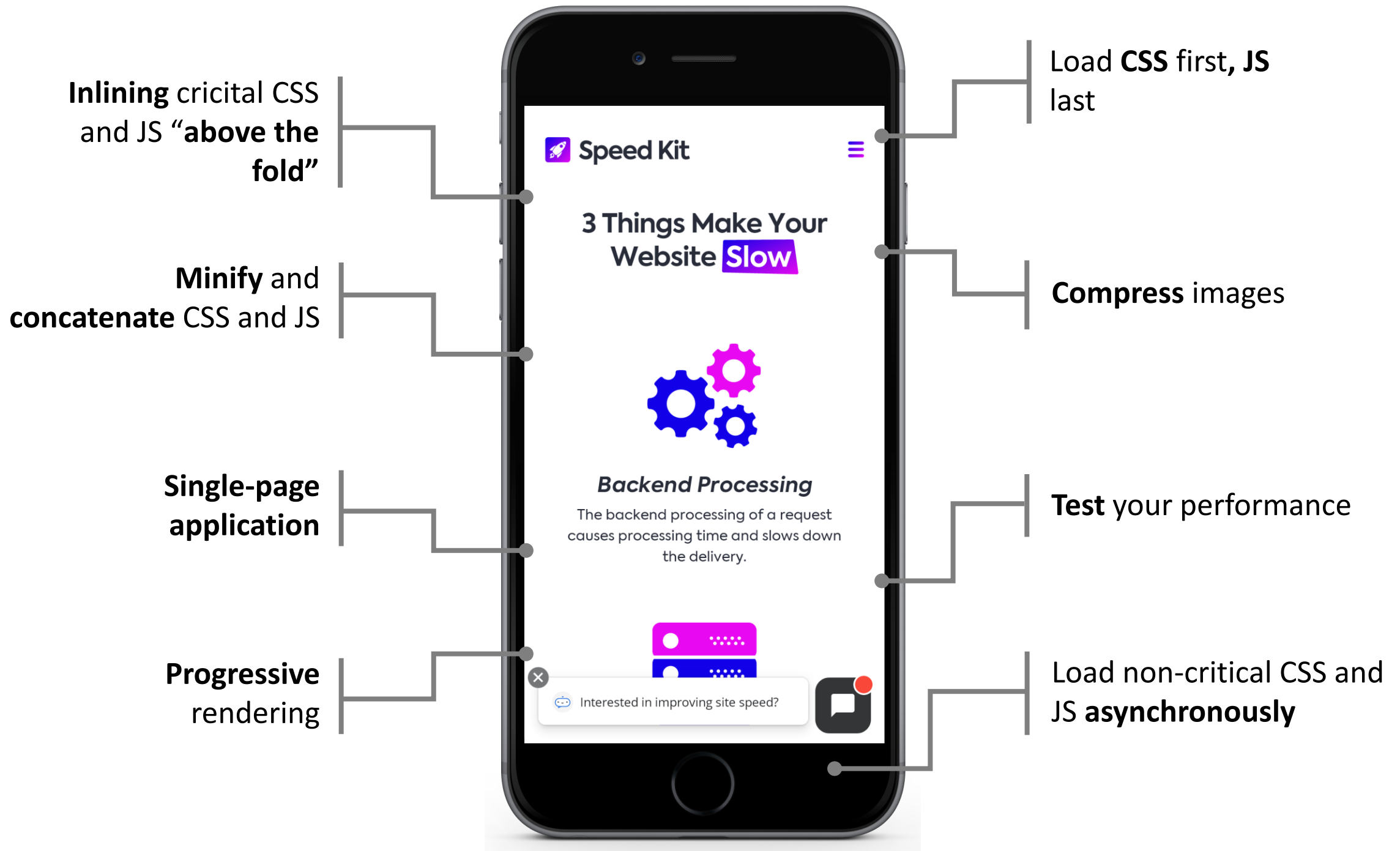


# Critical Rendering Path (CRP)



# Critical Rendering Path: **Best Practices**

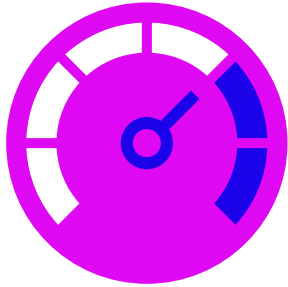
1. Minimize **Length** (*Round-Trips*)
2. Minimize **Size** (*Critical Resources*)
3. Minimize **Weight** (*Critical Bytes*)





PageSpeed Insights

# Progressive Web Apps (PWA)



Flipkart Lite  
flipkart.com



ADD TO HOME SCREEN

Fast **Loads**  
through Caching

**Offline** Mode  
(Synchronization)

Add-to-**Homescreen**  
and **Push Notifications**

# Advantages of PWAs



## Discoverable

E.g. in search engines



## Progressive

Enhance on capable browsers



## Installable

Easy access from home screen



## Re-engageable

Engage through Web Push



## Linkable

Link into apps through URLs



## Responsive

Fit any form factor



## Network independant

Offline mode



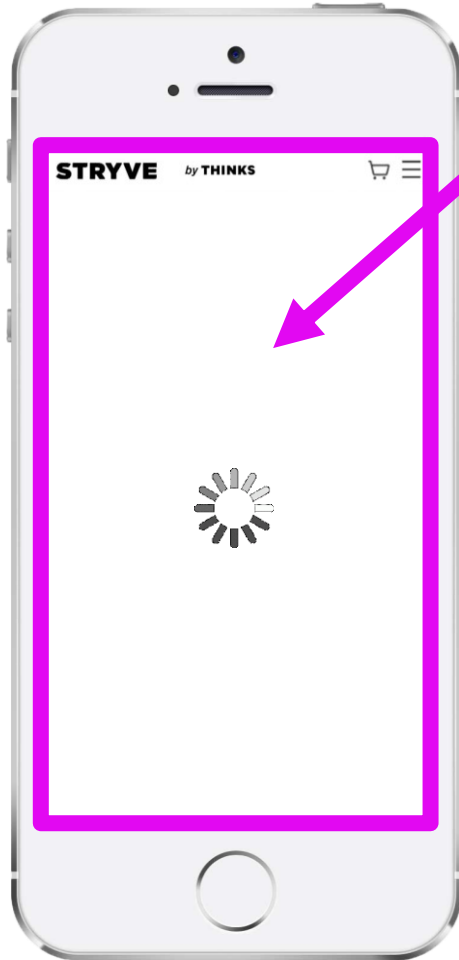
## Safe

HTTPS & recognizable URLs

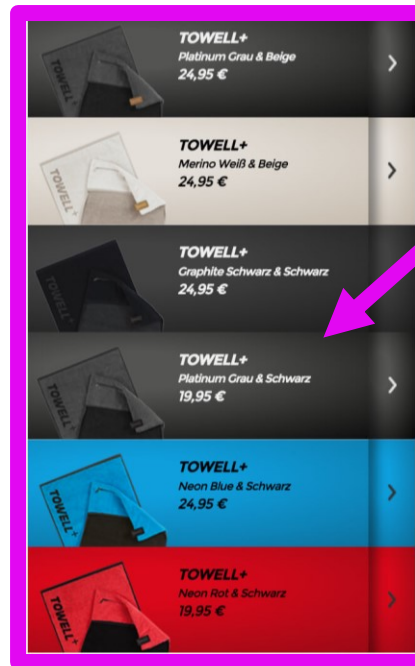




# Typical Architecture: **App Shell** Model



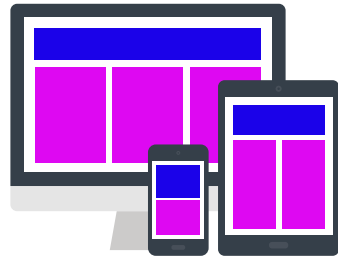
**App Shell:** HTML, JS, CSS, images  
with app logic & layout



**Content:** Fetched on  
demand & may change  
more often

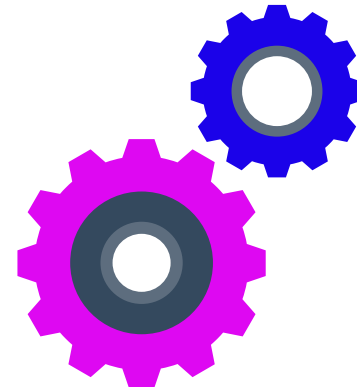
# PWA Building **Blocks**

PWAs are **best practices**  
and **open web standards**



1. **Manifest**

**Progressively enhance**  
when supported



2. **Service Worker**

# PWA Implementation

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## 1. **Manifest** declares Add-to-Homescreen:

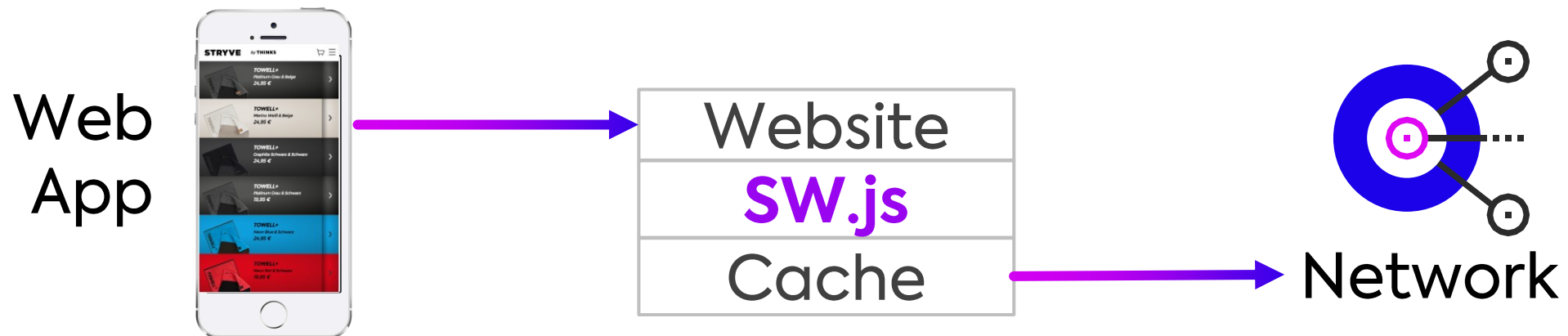
```
<link rel="manifest" href="/manifest.json">
{
  "short_name": "WWW PWA",
  "icons": [
    {"src": "icon-1x.png", "type": "image/png", "sizes": "48x48"}],
  "start_url": "index.html?launcher=true"
}
```

# PWA Implementation

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## 2. **Service Workers** for caching & offline mode:

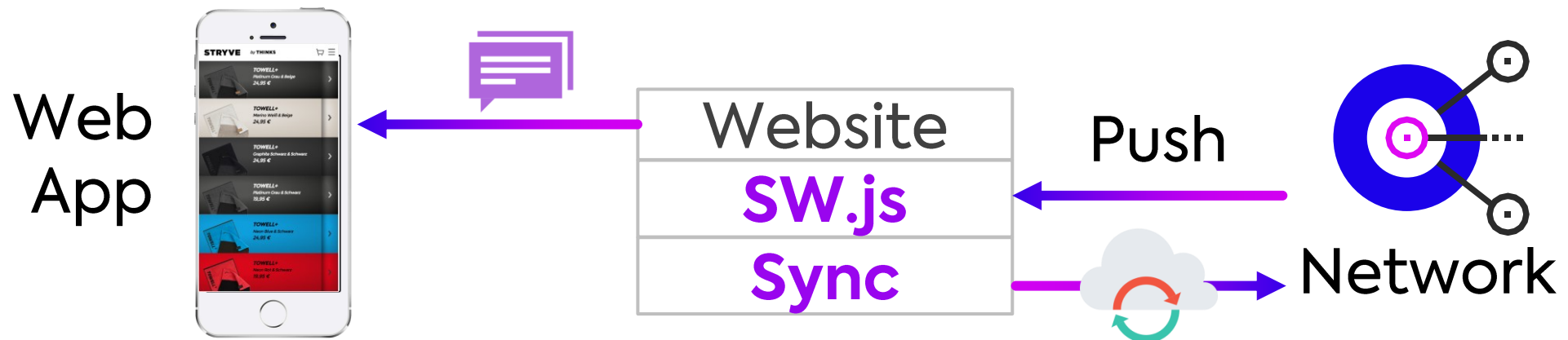


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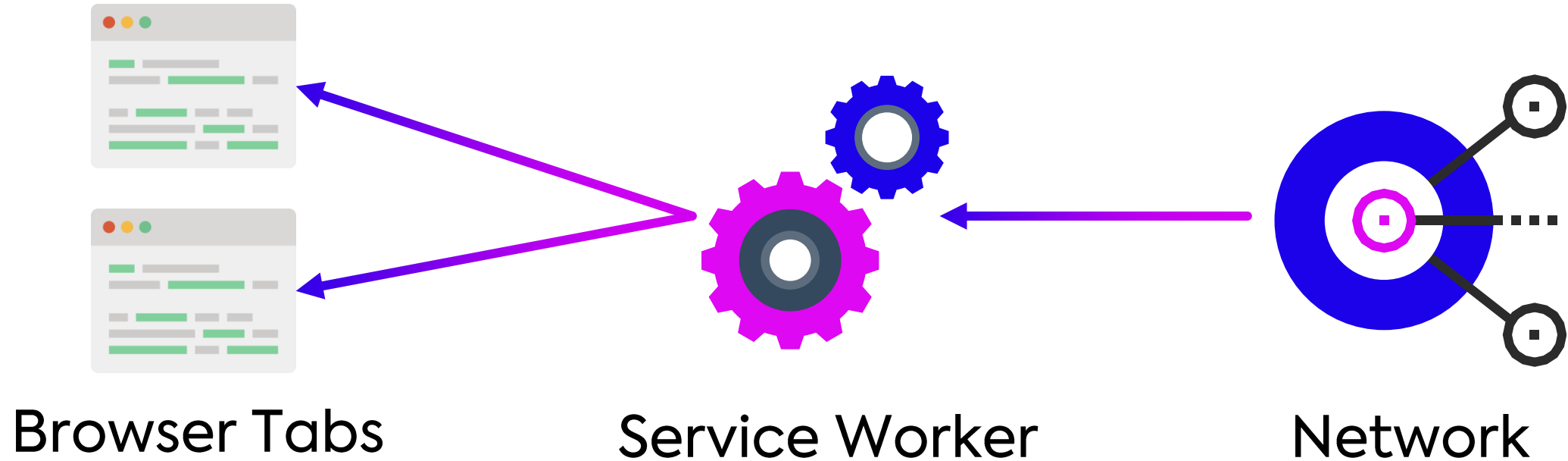
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## 3. Add **Web Push** and **Background Sync**:



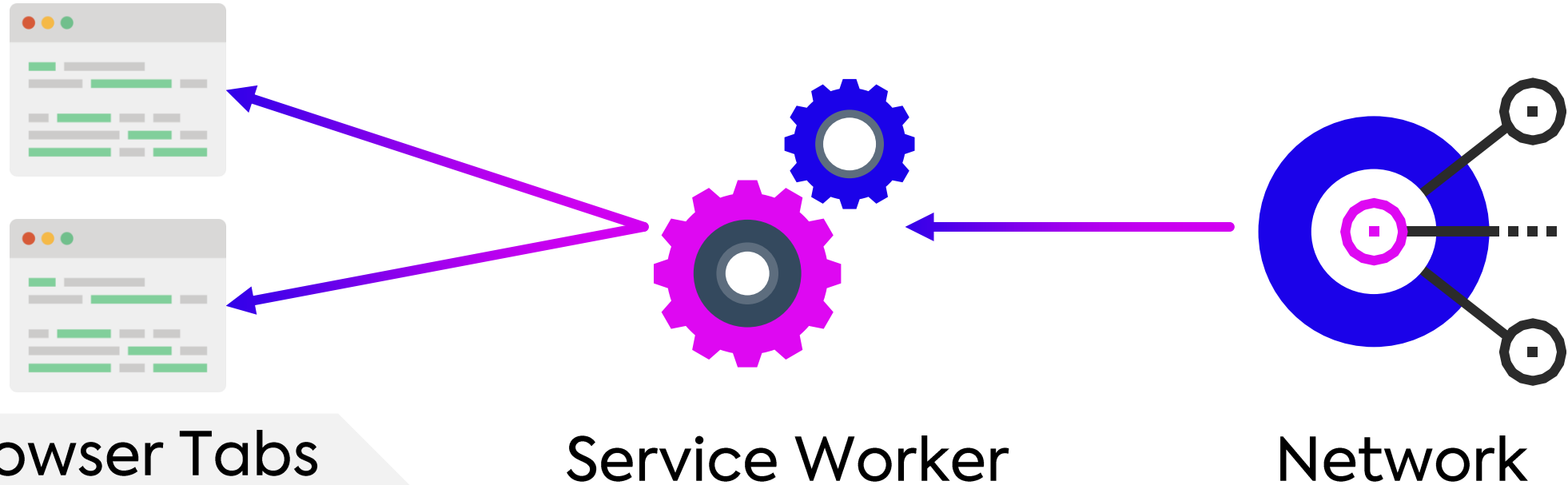
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# What Are **Service Workers**



Programmable **Network Proxy**, running as a separate **Background Process**, without any **DOM Access**.

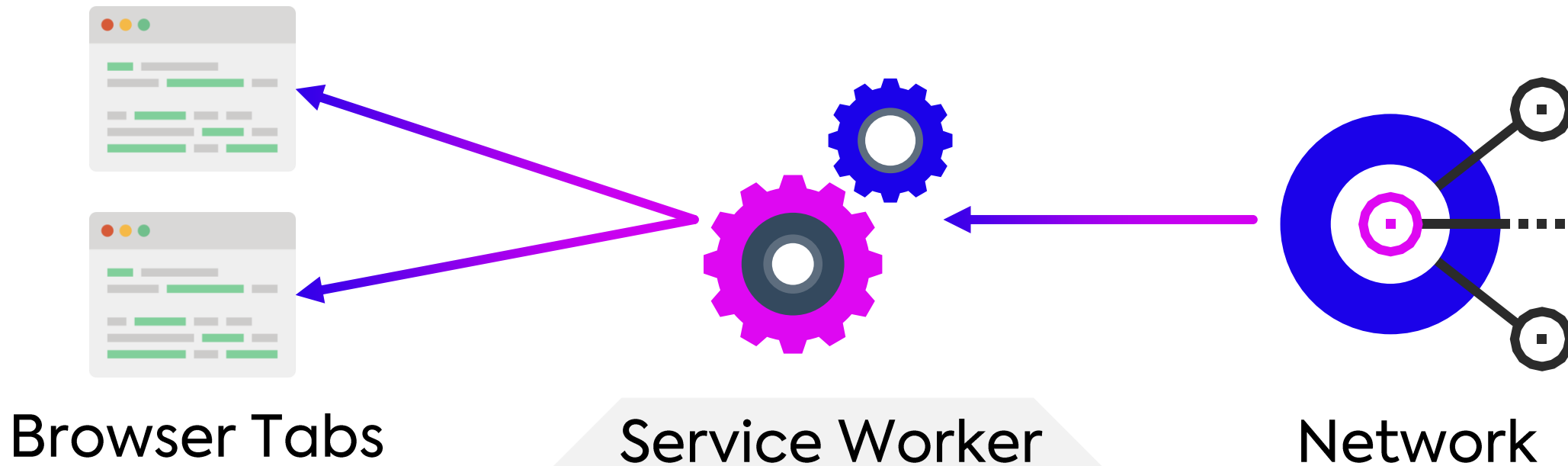
# How are Service Workers **Registered**



```
<script>  
  navigator.serviceWorker.register('/sw.js');  
</script>
```

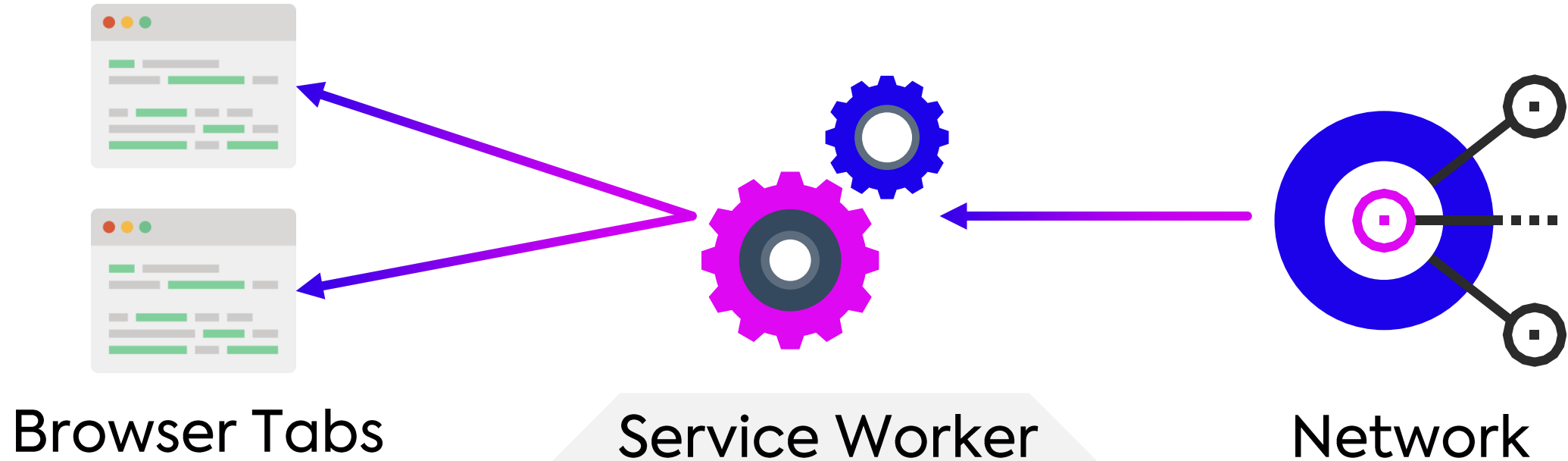


# What do Service Workers **Do?**



- **Cache** Data (CacheStorage)
- **Store** Data (IndexedDB)
- Receive **Push**
- Respond when **Offline**

# What do Service Workers **Do?**



- **Intercept** HTTP Requests
- **Sync** Data in Background
- Hide **Flaky Connectivity** from the User

# Service Workers **Browser Support**

| IE | Edge * | Firefox | Chrome | Safari | Safari on iOS * | Opera Mini * | Chrome for Android | UC Browser for Android | Samsung Internet |
|----|--------|---------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|
|    |        |         | 87     |        |                 |              |                    |                        |                  |
|    | 88     | 86      | 88     | 13.1   | 13.7            |              |                    |                        |                  |
| 11 | 89     | 87      | 89     | 14     | 14.5            | all          | 89                 | 12.12                  | 13.0             |
|    |        | 88      | 90     | TP     |                 |              |                    |                        |                  |
|    |        | 89      | 91     |        |                 |              |                    |                        |                  |
|    |        |         | 92     |        |                 |              |                    |                        |                  |

Supported by **~95%** of browsers.

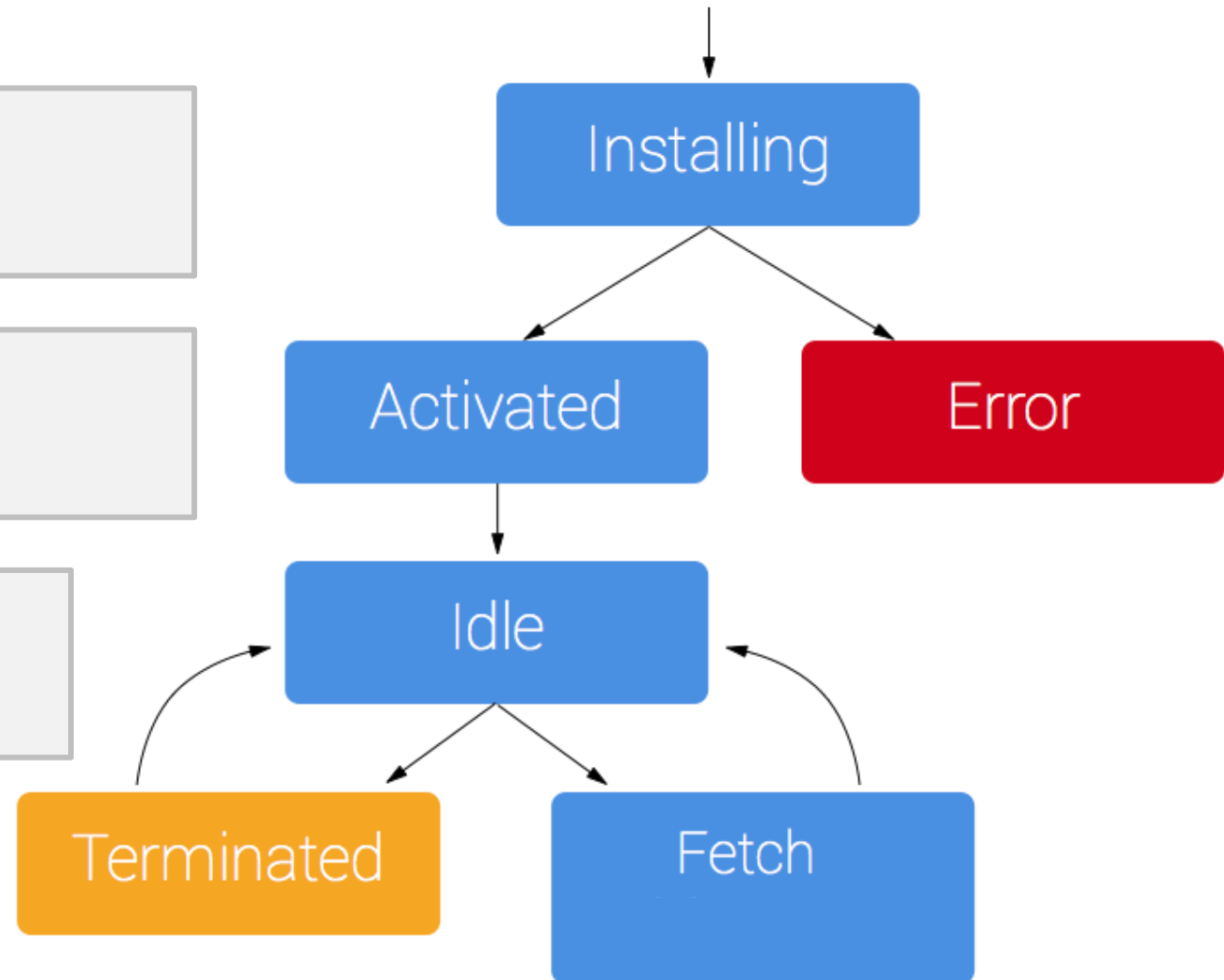
Requires **TLS Encryption**.

# Service Worker Lifecycle

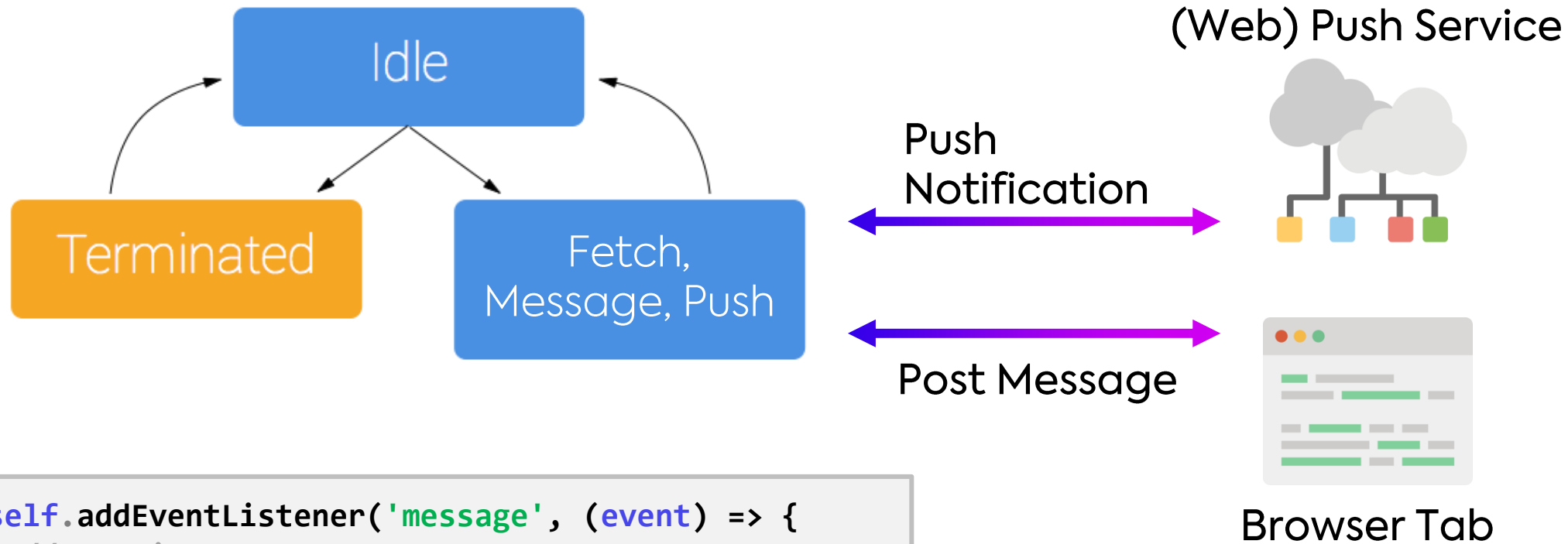
```
self.addEventListener('install', (event) => {  
  // Perform install steps  
});
```

```
self.addEventListener('activate', (event) => {  
  // Perform activate steps  
});
```

```
self.addEventListener('fetch', (event) => {  
  // React to fetch event  
});
```



# Service Worker Communication

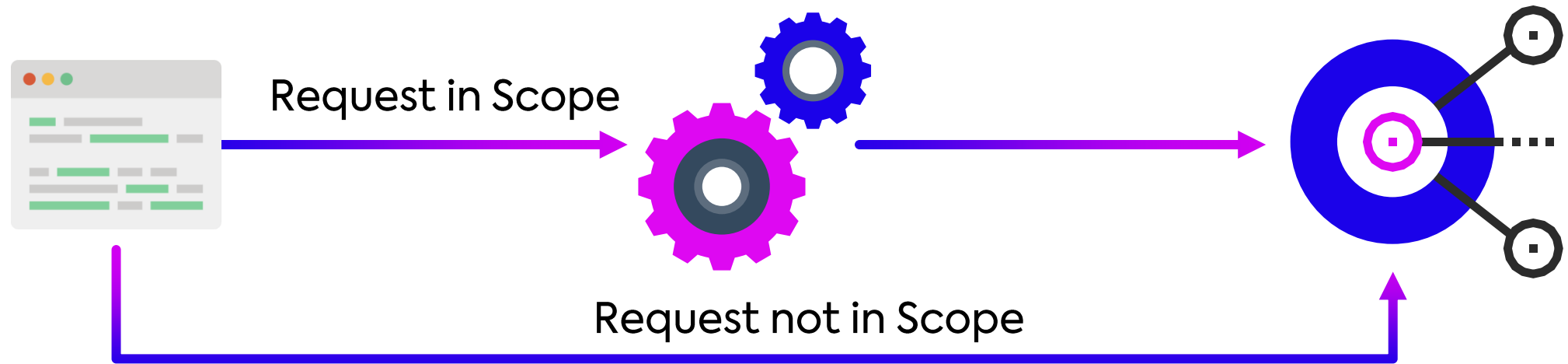


```
self.addEventListener('message', (event) => {  
  // Receive message  
});
```

```
// Send message to browser tab  
const client = await clients.get('id');  
client.postMessage(someJsonData);
```

```
self.addEventListener('push', (event) => {  
  // Receive push notification  
});
```

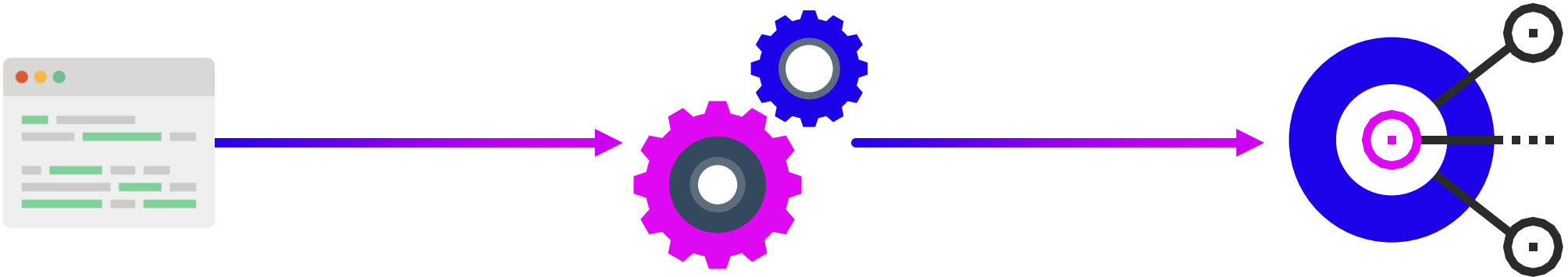
# Service Worker Scope



**Scope** determines which requests go to the Service Worker

```
// Default (and maximum) scope is location of Service Worker  
// Gets all requests starting with '/path/'  
navigator.serviceWorker.register('/path/sw.js');
```

# Service Worker Request Interception

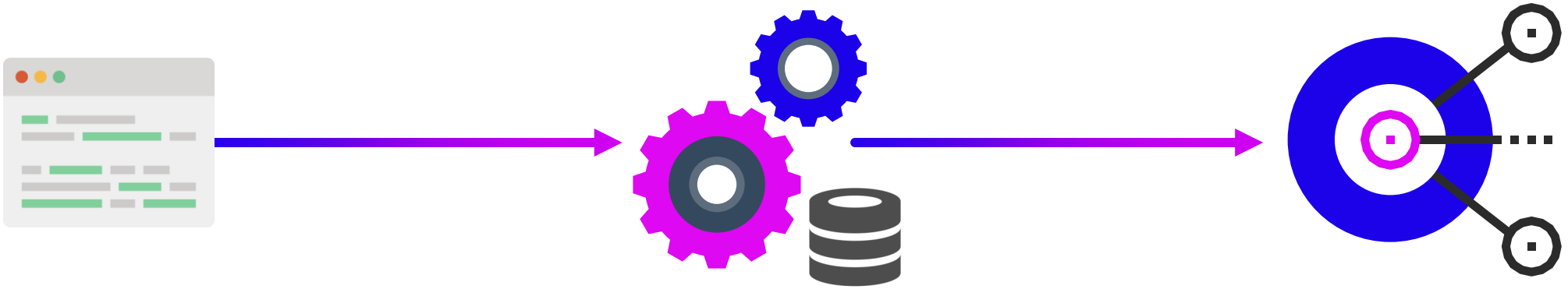


```
self.addEventListener('fetch', (event) => {  
  // React to fetch event  
  const { url } = event.request;  
  event.respondWith(async () => {  
    const request = new Request(url.replace('.com', '.de'))  
    const response = await fetch(request);  
    const text = await response.text();  
    const newText = text.replace('Goethe', 'Schiller');  
    return new Response(newText, { status: 200 });  
  })());  
});
```

There is so much you can do:

- **Rewrite** Requests
- **Change** Responses
- **Concat** Responses
- **Cache** Responses
- **Serve** Cached Data
- ...

# Service Worker Persistence



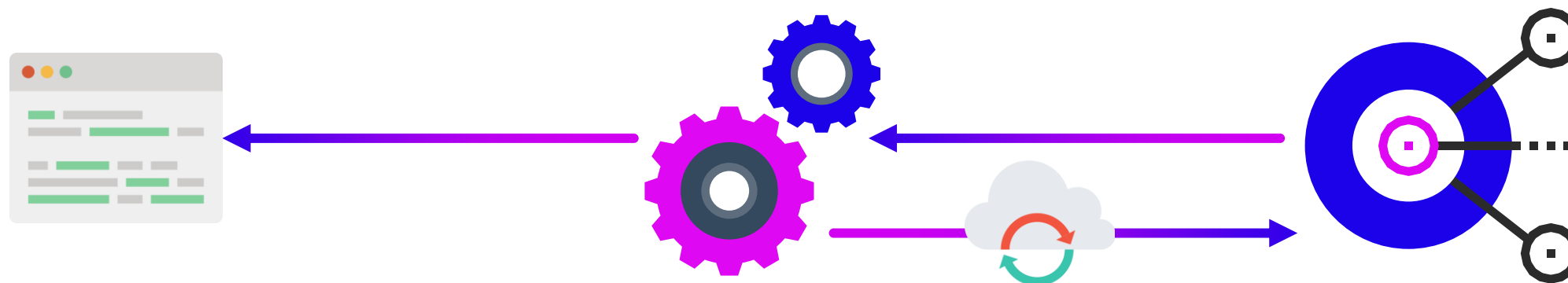
## IndexedDB

an actual database in the browser

- Stores Data **Persistently**
- Stores **Structured** Data
- Supports **Range Queries**
- **Browser Support** 94%



# Service Worker Background Sync



## One-off Sync

- executed when user is **online**
- **retried** when failed (exponential backoff)

### Use Cases

- Save **file** when online again
- Send **email** when online again

## Periodic Sync

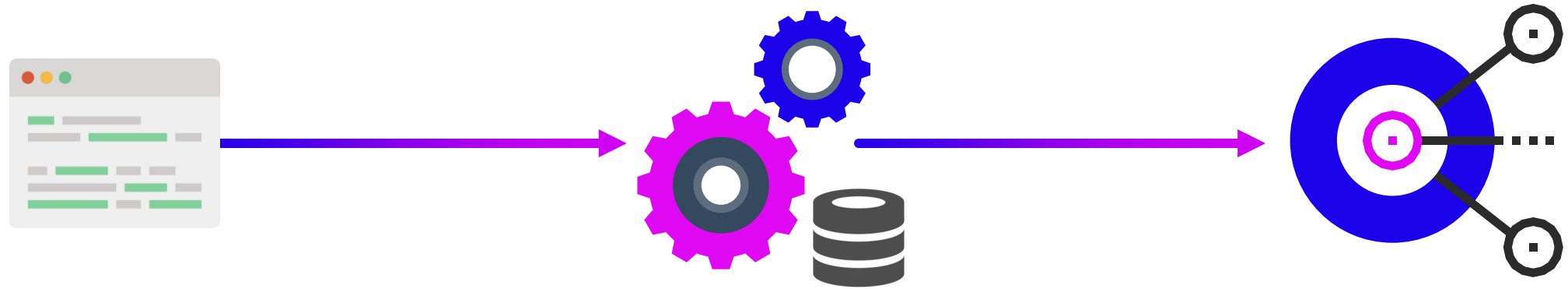
- executed when online, according to **period options**

### Use Cases

- Load updates to **social media time-line** when browser closed

# Service Worker Caching Strategies

# Service Worker **Caching**



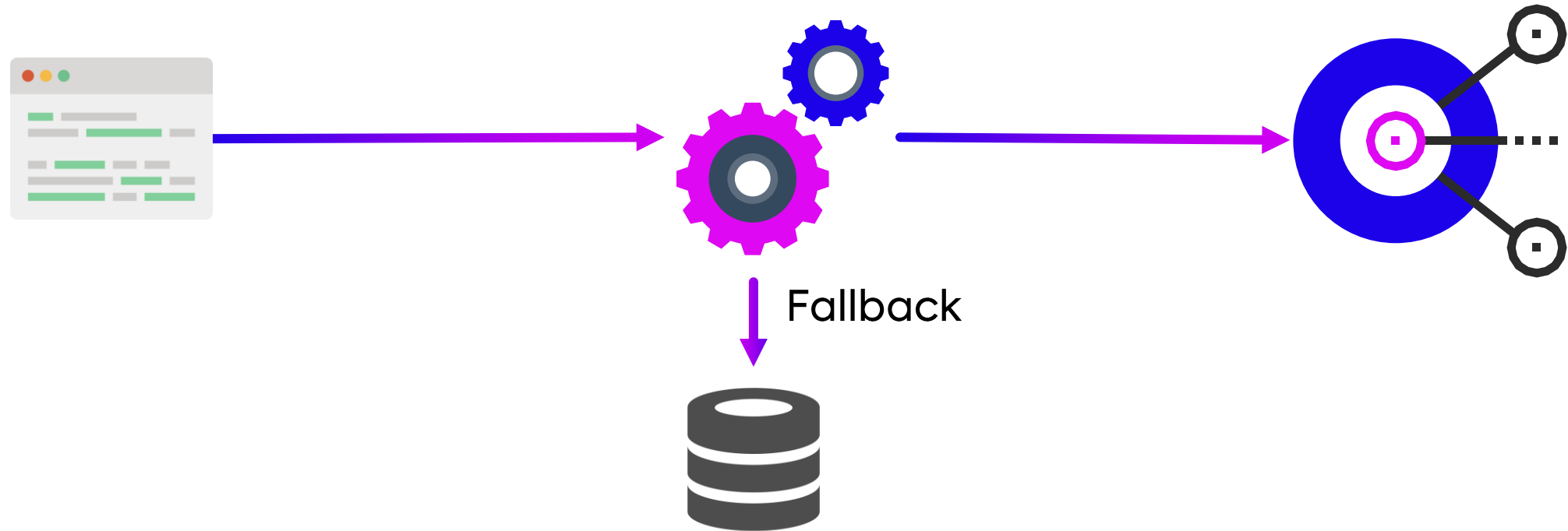
## Cache Storage

Stores Request/Response pairs

### Cache Storage

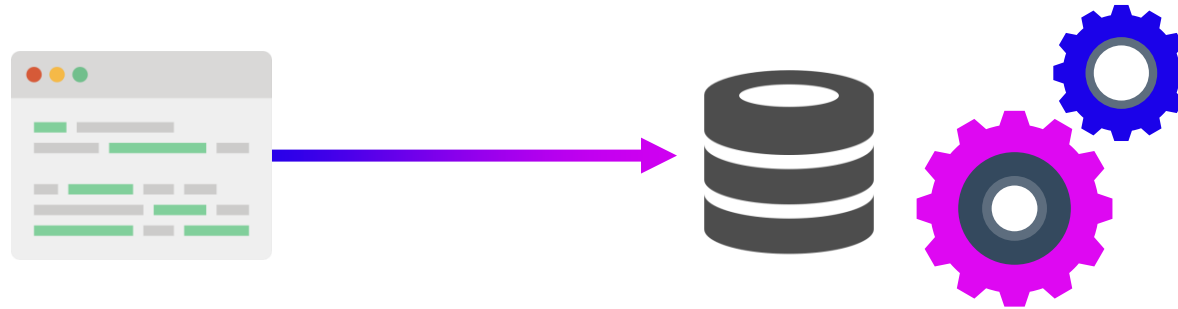
- **Programmatically** managed
- **Persistent** and non-expiring
- Supports only **HTTP**
- Only caches **GET** requests (no HEAD)

# Caching Strategies **Network, Cache Fallback**



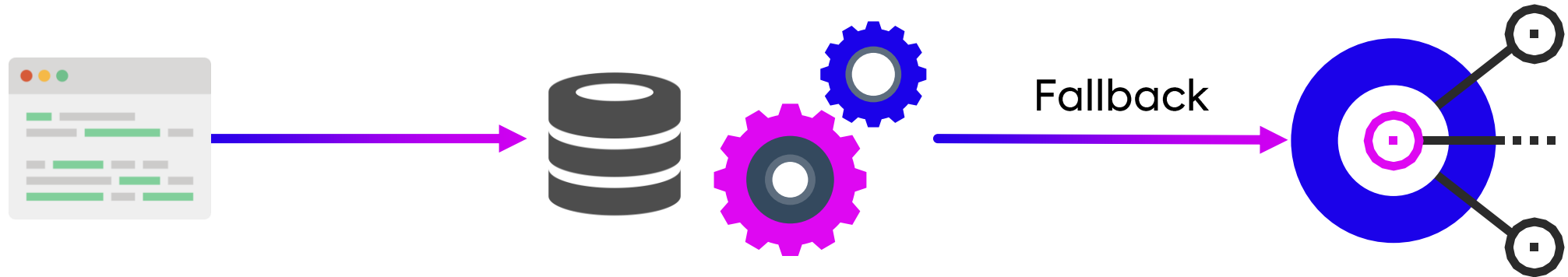
Gets requests from network, the cache acts as fallback (offline mode).

# Caching Strategies **Cache Only**



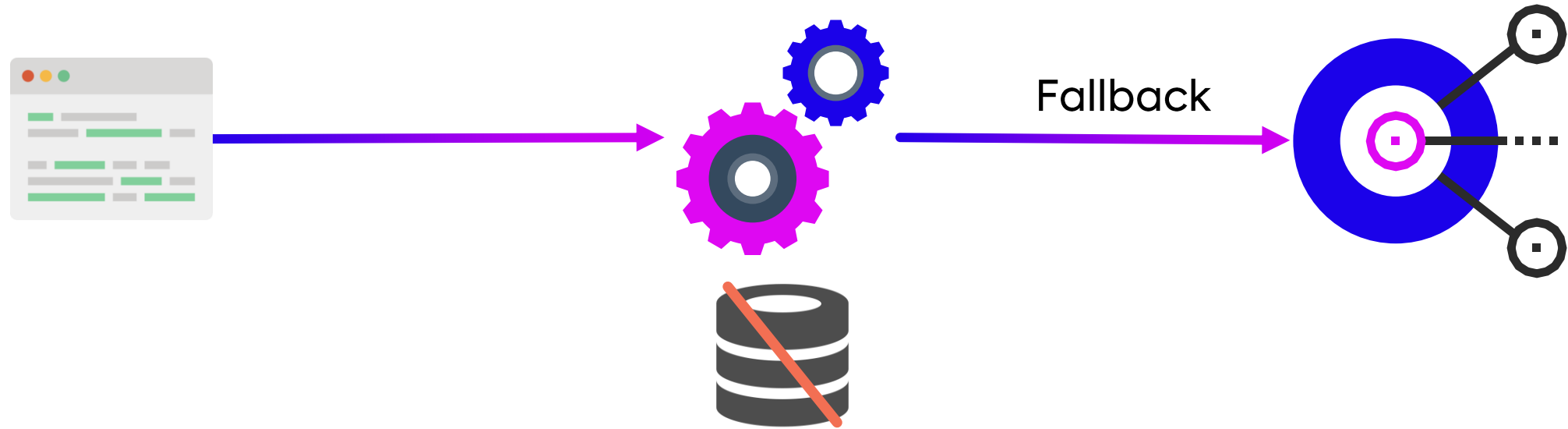
Gets all requests from cache or fails.

# Caching Strategies **Cache, Network Fallback**



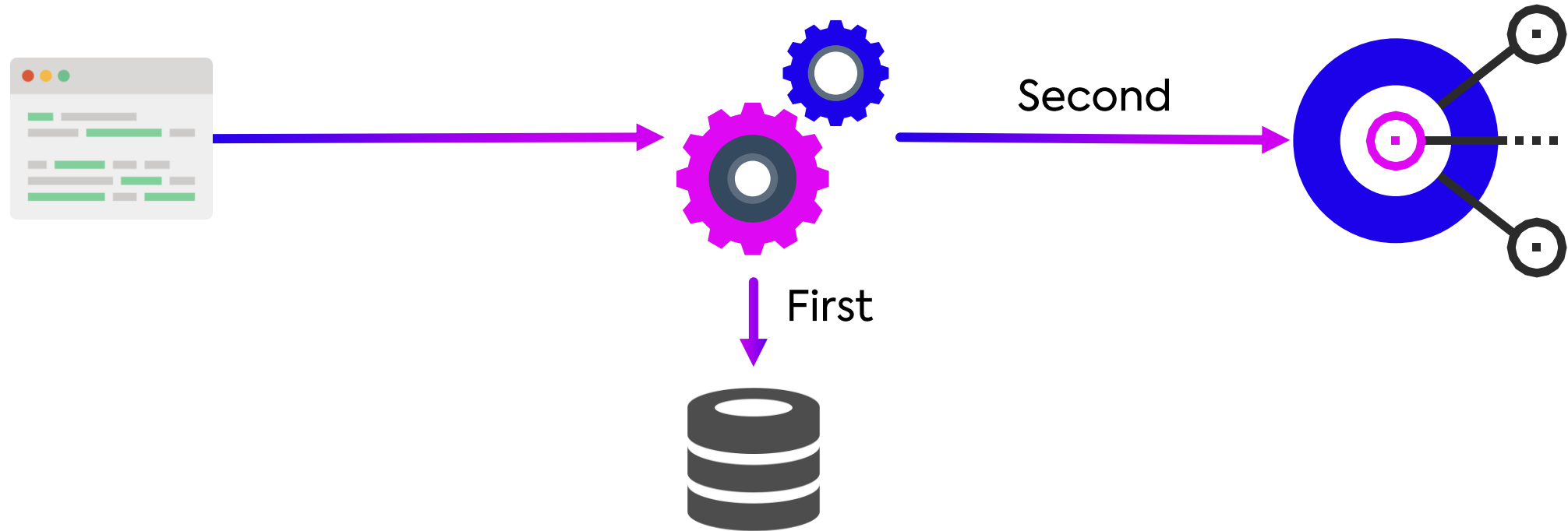
Gets requests from cache & uses network as fallback.

# Caching Strategies **Network Only**



Gets requests from network only.

# Caching Strategies **Cache, Then Network**



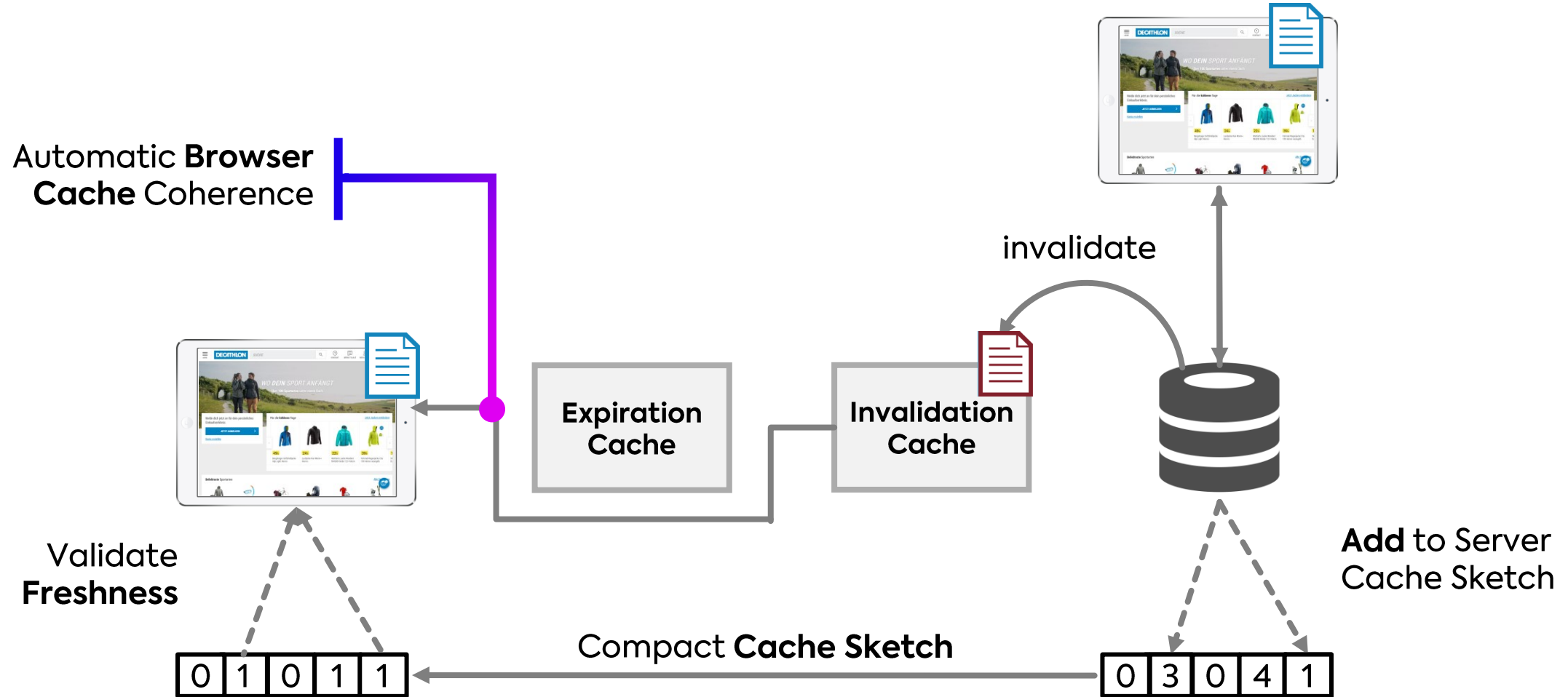
Gets requests from cache first and from network in background.



# Main Challenges:

## Cache Coherence & Personalization

# How Speed Kit Solves Cache Coherence



# How Speed Kit Solves **Cache Coherence**

Automatic Browser  
Cache Coherence

## Example

**1500** entries & **0.0019%** false positives → **7 KB** size



**>25% cache hits** on HTML in production

Validate  
Freshness

0 1 0 1 1

Compact Cache Sketch

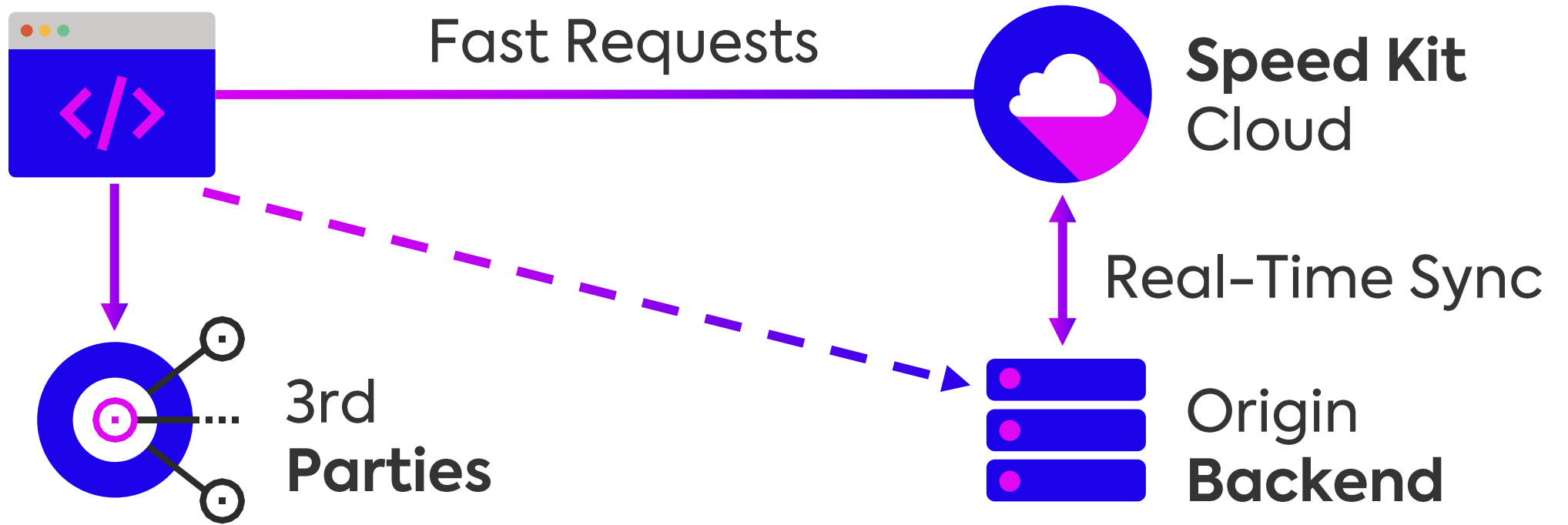
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Added to Server  
Cache Sketch



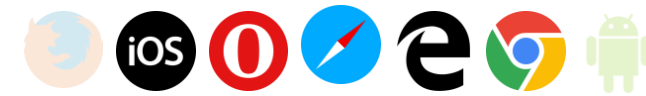
# How Speed Kit Works

Website + **Speed Kit JS**  
(Service Worker)



# Fancy PWA Features

# Integrated Payment



[Samples](#)

## Background

PaymentRequest Free Shipping Sample



PaymentRequest Free Shipping Sample

googlechrome.github.io



### [Order summary](#)

Donation

USD \$55.00

### [Shipping](#)

Eiji Kitamura

Ripping Hills Mori Tower 4...ato-ku, TOKYO, 106-6144

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Free shipping worldwide

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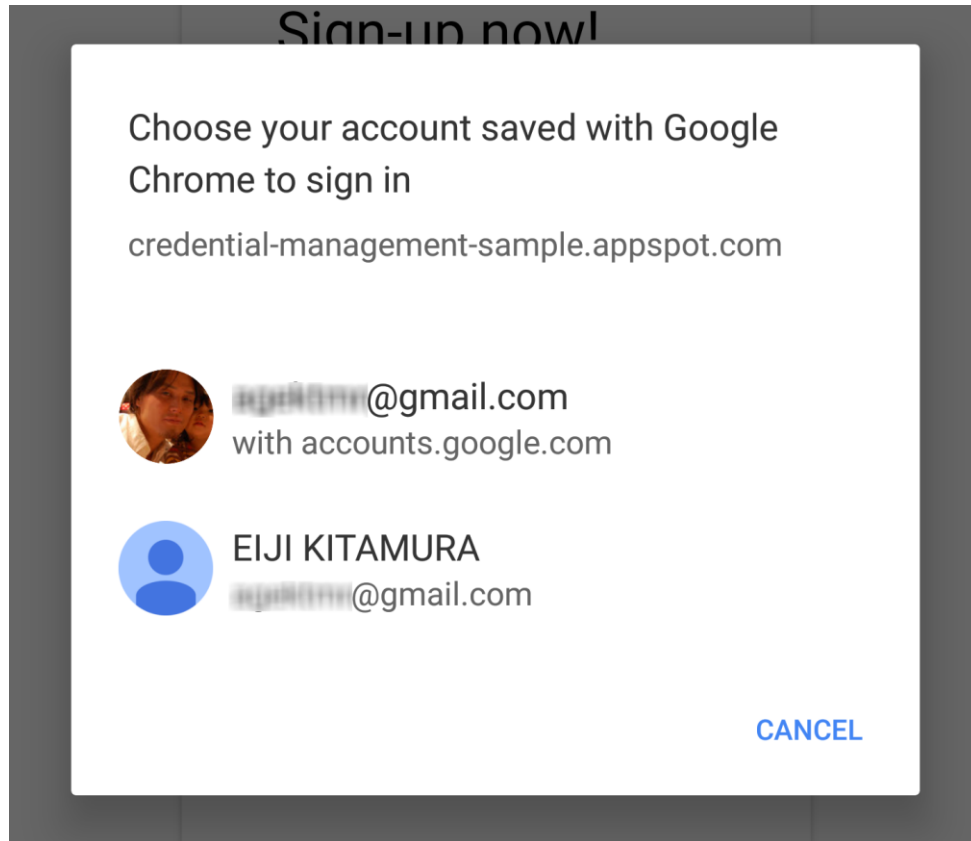
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## Web Payment APIs

- Goal: replace traditional **checkout** forms
- Just ~10 LOC to implement **payment**
- Vendor- & Browser-**Agnostic**

# User Management



## Credentials Management API

1. Click **Sign-in** → Native Account Chooser
2. Credentials API **stores** information for future use
3. **Automatic Sign-in** afterwards

# Conversational Interfaces



## Web Speech API

Native Speech Recognition in the Browser:

```
annyang.addCommands({  
  'Hello Code Talks': () => {  
    console.log('Hello you.');  }  
});
```



# Seamless **Sharing**



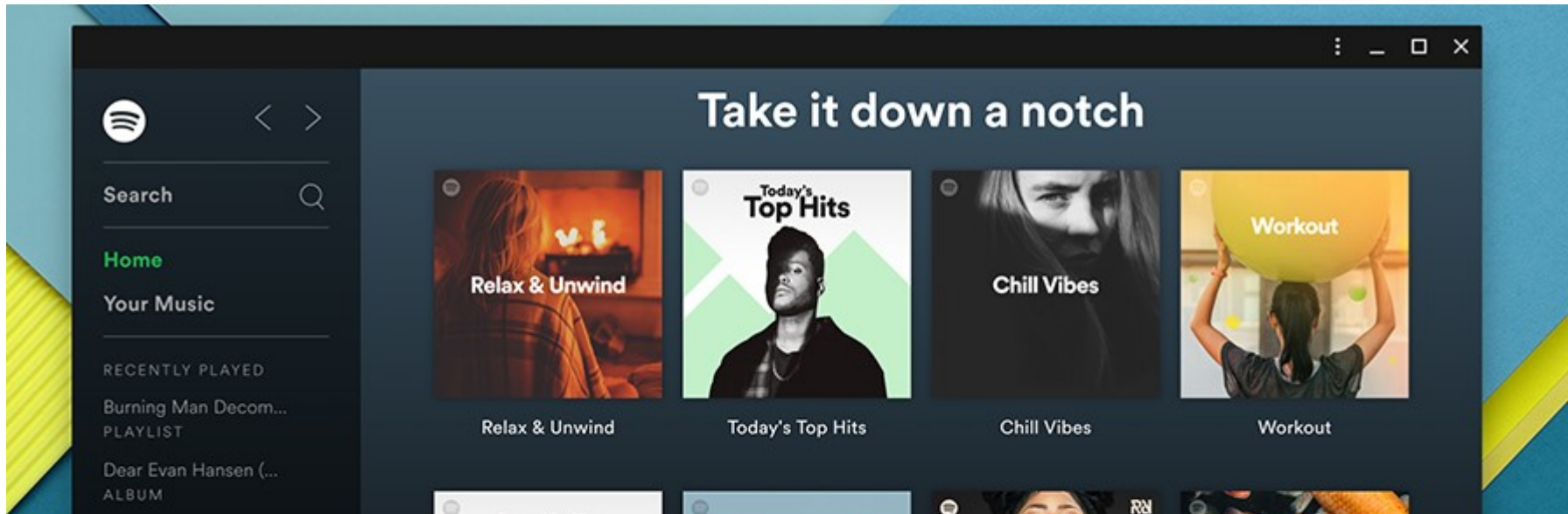
## Web Share API

- **Share** site through native share sheet UI
- Service Worker can register as a **Share Target**

# Cross-Device Support Through **Desktop PWAs**

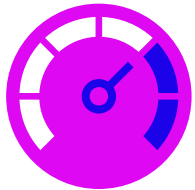
Chrome >73 now supports  
**Desktop PWAs** on every  
platform

**Customizable** installation  
process/UI (with Event  
beforeinstallprompt)



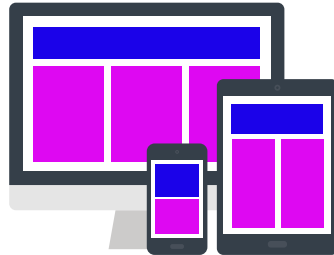
# Wrapup: **Frontend** Design

## Traditional Optimization



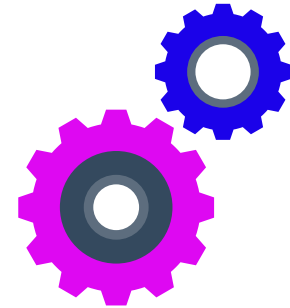
Minimize page weight, blocking & critical resources

## PWAs



Novel alternative to native apps

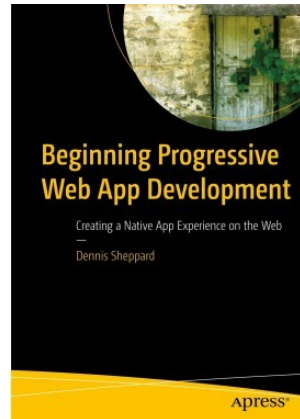
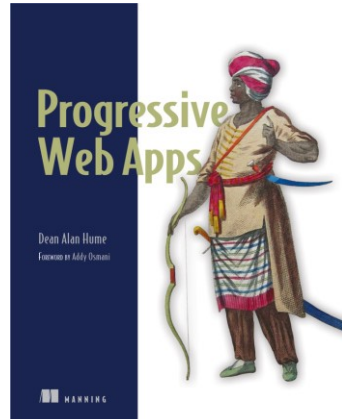
## Service Workers



Powerful programmable network proxy

# Learn More About PWAs & Service Workers

## Recommended Books



## Blogs



**Baqend Blog**  
On Building a Faster Web

<https://blog.baqend.com/>

**Ilya Grigorik**  
Internet plumber

<https://www.igvita.com/>



<https://jakearchibald.com/>

## Guides & Tutorials

### Progressive Web Apps

A new way to deliver amazing user experiences on the web.

<https://developers.google.com/web/progressive-web-apps/>

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12:50 Q&A