React App to Progressive Web Apps (PWA)

Prerequisites: Working Knowledge of React Application

Day 1: Introduction to React and PWA Fundamentals

Morning Session: React Basics Refresher

Lecture:

- o React components, state, and props
- o React Router for single-page applications
- Basic setup of a React application using Create React App (CRA)

Lab:

- o Create a basic React app: A simple To-Do list
- o Implement React Router for navigation

Afternoon Session: Introduction to PWAs

Lecture:

- What are PWAs? Characteristics and benefits
- Core principles: Responsiveness, Connectivity Independence, and App-like Experience
- o Key technologies: Service Workers, Web App Manifest, and HTTPS

• Lab:

- o Examine an existing PWA (e.g., Starbucks PWA or Twitter Lite)
- o Identify features and analyze Lighthouse scores using Chrome DevTools

Day 2: PWA Architecture and React Integration

Morning Session: Web App Manifest

• Lecture:

- o Role of Web App Manifest in PWAs
- Key properties: name, short_name, icons, start_url, display, theme_color, and background_color

• Lab:

- Add a Web App Manifest to the React app
- Customize the app's icons, theme color, and display mode

Afternoon Session: Service Workers

• Lecture:

- o Introduction to Service Workers: Lifecycle, caching, and offline capabilities
- o Tools like Workbox for easier Service Worker implementation

Lab:

- o Register a Service Worker in the React app
- o Use Workbox to precache assets and enable offline support
- o Test offline functionality using Chrome DevTools

Day 3: Advanced Features and Optimization

Morning Session: Advanced PWA Features

• Lecture:

- o Push Notifications: Setting up notifications with Firebase
- Background Sync and Periodic Sync APIs
- o Performance optimization: Lazy loading, image optimization, and code splitting

• Lab:

- Implement Push Notifications
- Use React.lazy and Suspense for code splitting in the app

Afternoon Session: Testing, Deployment, and Debugging

Lecture:

- o Testing PWAs with Lighthouse for performance, accessibility, and best practices
- Deploying a PWA
- o Common debugging techniques and troubleshooting issues

• Lab:

- o Run Lighthouse audits and fix identified issues
- Deploy the PWA to a hosting platform
- Test the PWA on different devices (mobile and desktop)