DAY 5 - TESTING, ERROR HANDLING, AND BACKEND INTEGRATION REFINEMENT

Objective:

Day 5 focuses on preparing your marketplace for real-world deployment by ensuring all components are thoroughly tested, optimized for performance, and ready to handle customer-facing tra□ic.The emphasis will be on testing backend integrations, implementing error handling, and refining the user experience.

Step 1: Functional Testing

1. Product Listing & Detail Pages

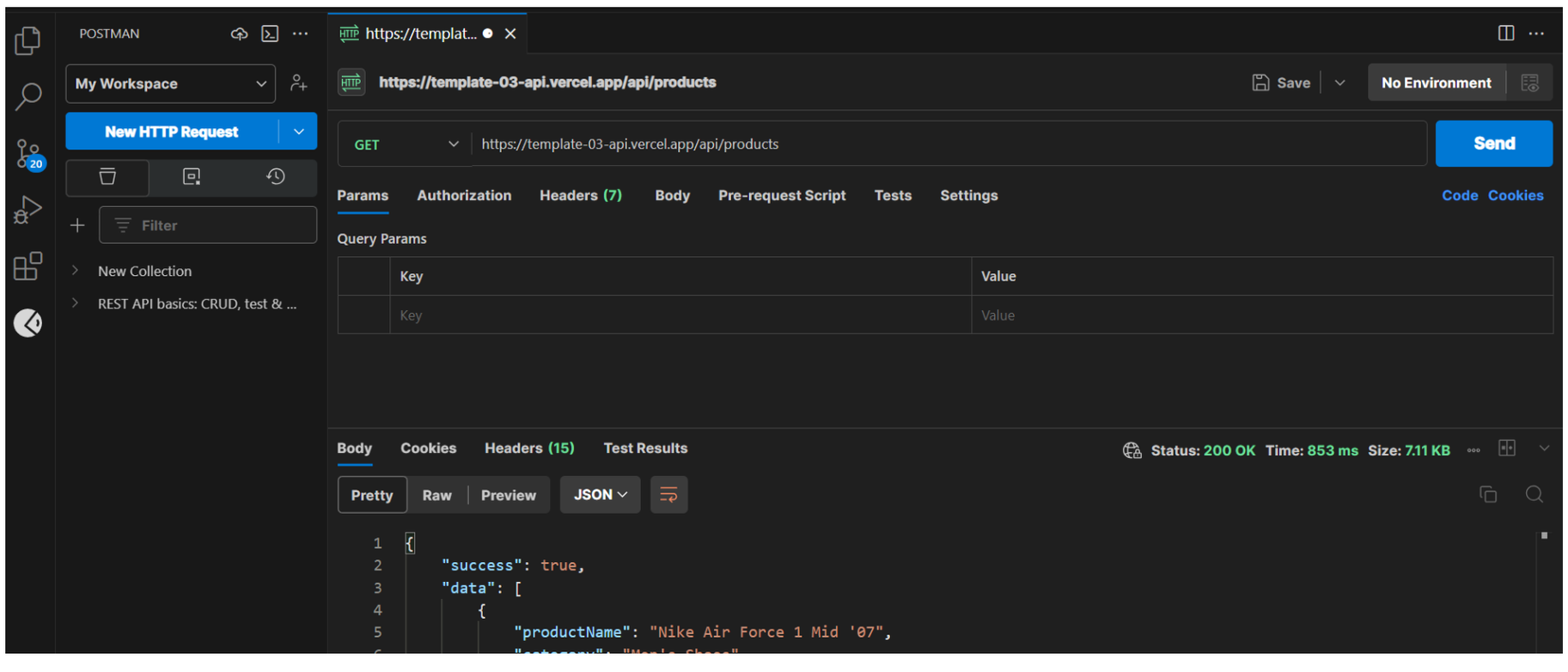
- Product load correctly even with slow internet.
- Pagination and filtering work properly.
- Search functionality displays relevant results.

2. Cart Operations

- Clicking "Add to Cart" updates the cart instantly.
- Users cannot add more than available stock.

3. Testing Tools

- **Postman:** to check if the API returns the correct product data



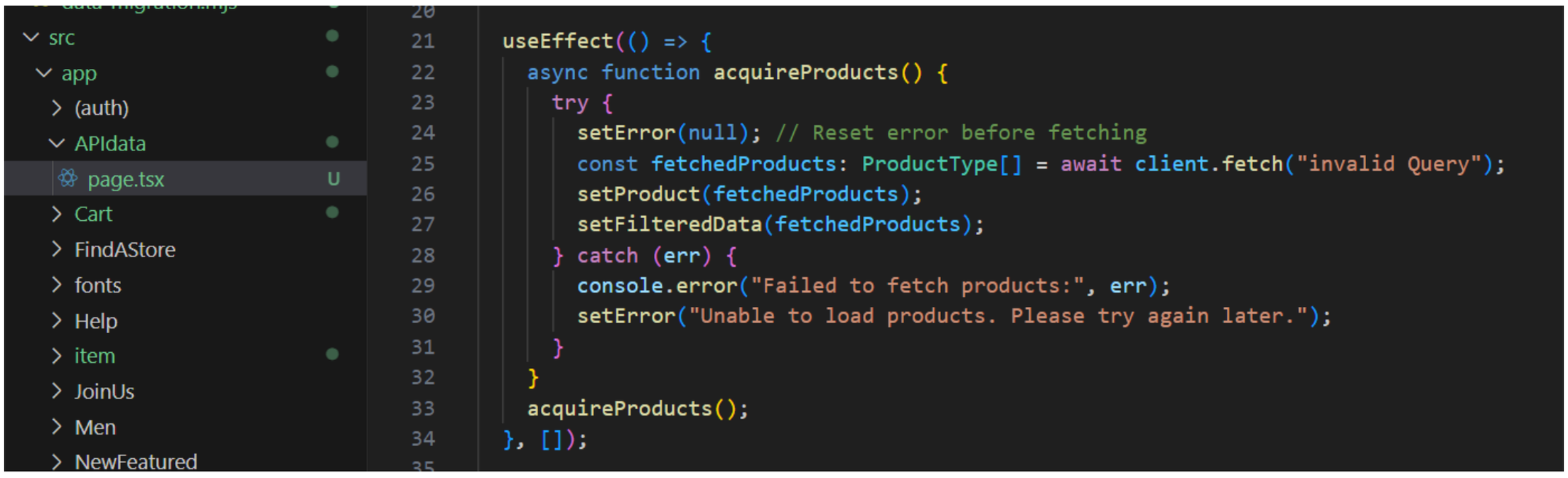
- **React Testing Library:** to test if the product components render correctly.
- **Cypress:** For end-to-end testing.

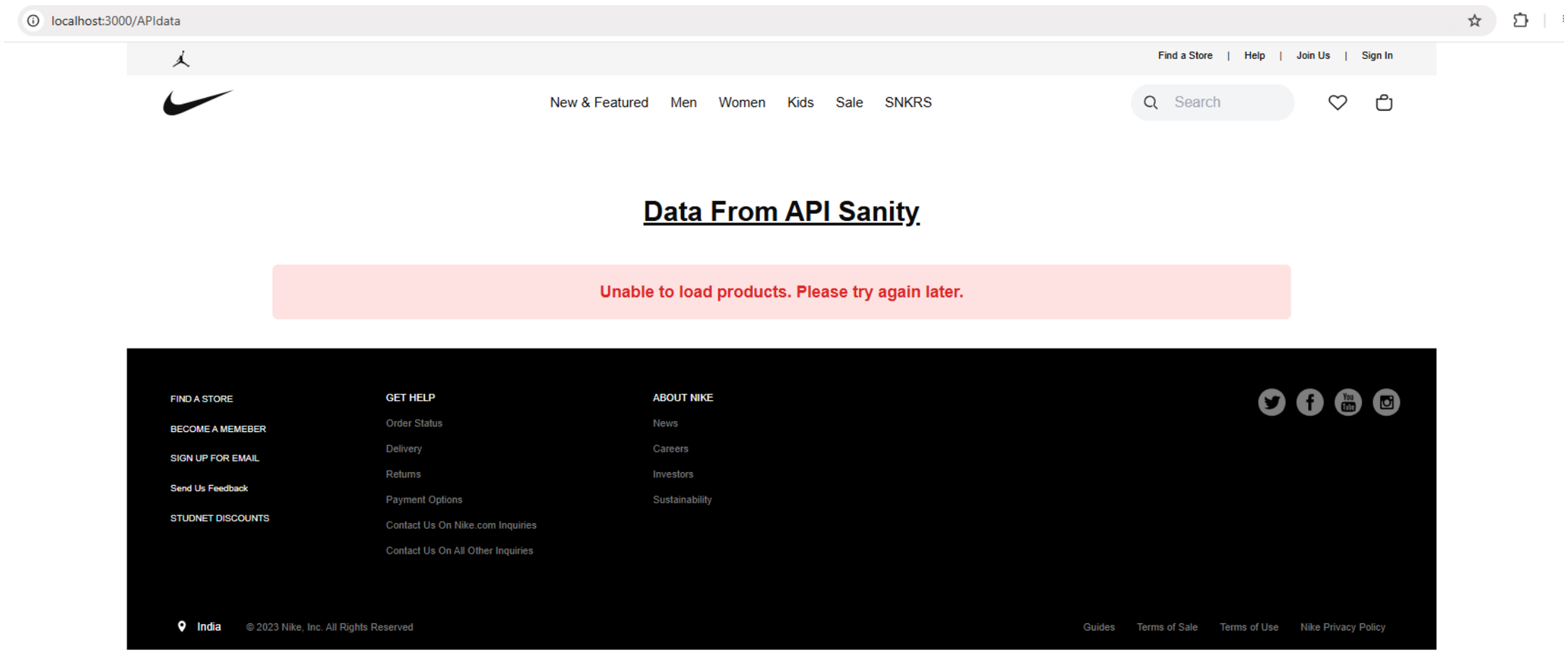
Step 2: Error Handling

Add Error Messages

try-catch blocks to handle API errors.

- ✅ If API fetches data successfully → Products will load.
- ❌ If API fails → A red error message will appear instead of a blank page.





Step 3: Performance Optimization

1. Optimize Assets

✅ Compress Images

- Use tools like TinyPNG or ImageOptim to reduce image sizes without losing quality.
- In Next.js, you can also use the next/image component, which provides automatic optimization.

✅ Implement Lazy Loading

- Apply lazy loading to images so they load only when they come into view. In Next.js, you can do this using:

```
<Image
  src="/your-image.jpg"
  alt="Product"
  width={500}
  height={300}
  loading="lazy"  // Enables lazy loading
/>
```

- For videos or third-party assets, ensure they load only when needed.

2. Analyze Performance

Use Lighthouse (Chrome DevTools)

- Open your website in Google Chrome.
- Press Ctrl + Shift + I (Windows) or Cmd + Option + I (Mac) to open DevTools.
- Go to the **Lighthouse** tab, select "Performance," and run an audit.
- Focus on key issues such as:
  - Reducing **unused CSS** (use PurgeCSS if necessary).

- **Minimizing JavaScript** (remove unnecessary scripts).
- **Enabling browser caching** (set up caching policies in Next.js).

Fix Lighthouse Issues

- If your report suggests reducing unused CSS, enable tree-shaking in Tailwind CSS by adding this to your tailwind.config.js
- If it suggests reducing JavaScript bundles, split your code using dynamic imports

3. Analyze Performance

Measure Page Speed

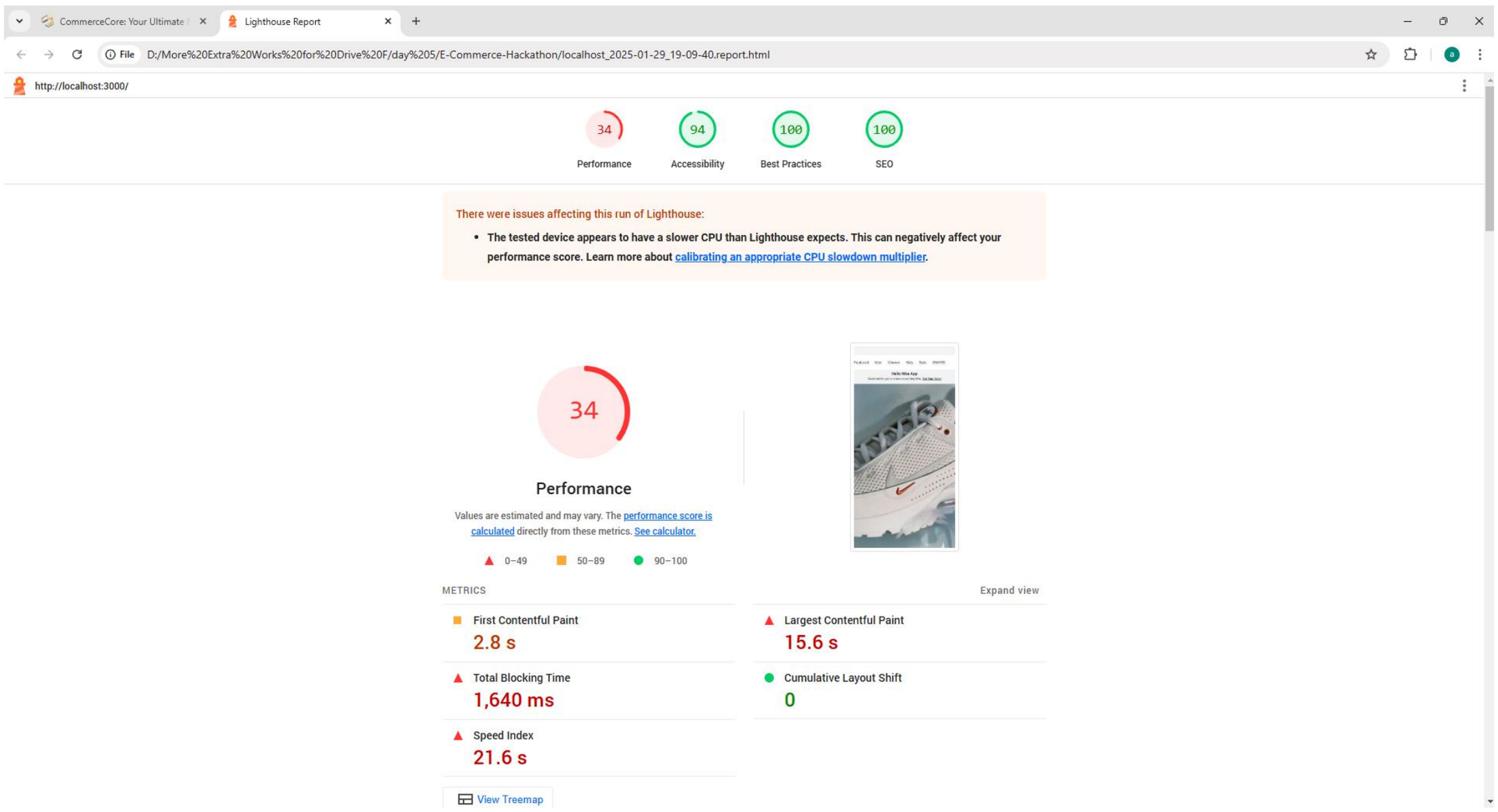
- Use tools like PageSpeed Insights or Lighthouse to check load times.
- Goal: Aim for a load time of under 2 seconds.

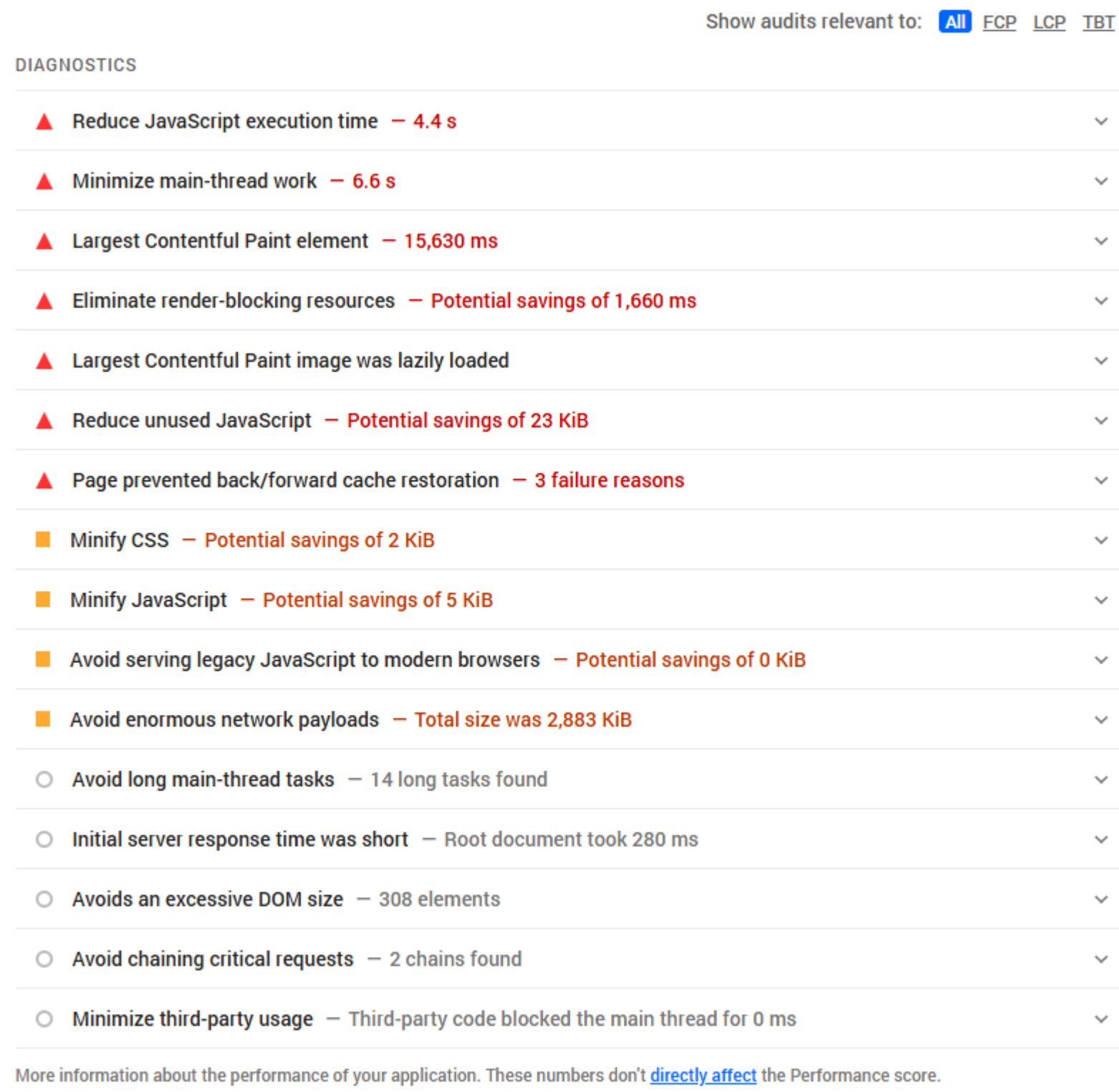
Optimize Page Load Speed

- Enable caching: Configure caching in next.config.js

```
module.exports = {
  images: {
    domains: ['your-image-domain.com'],
  },
  headers: async () => [
    {
      source: '/(.*)',
      headers: [{ key: 'Cache-Control', value: 'public, max-age=31536000, immutable' }],
    },
  ],
};
```

- Use Next.js Automatic Static Optimization where possible.





Performance Analysis Report

After running a Lighthouse Performance on our General E-Commerce Website, the initial performance score was 34. This indicates that several optimizations are required to enhance the website's speed and overall user experience.

Key Performance Issues Identified:

1. **Large Unoptimized Images:** High-resolution images are increasing load times.
2. **Unused CSS & JavaScript:** Some styles and scripts are not efficiently utilized, causing unnecessary page weight.
3. **Lack of Browser Caching:** Resources are not effectively cached, leading to repeated downloads on every visit.
4. **Render-Blocking JavaScript:** Some scripts delay page rendering, reducing the speed of first contentful paint.
5. **Slow Initial Page Load:** The website currently takes longer than recommended to display content.

Optimization Plan:

- Implement **image compression** using tools like TinyPNG or Next.js image optimization (`next/image`).
- Enable CSS and JavaScript tree-shaking to remove unused styles and scripts.
- Set up browser caching to improve repeat visit speeds.
- Use lazy loading for images and non-critical scripts to prioritize faster rendering.
- Optimize JavaScript bundles using dynamic imports (next/dynamic).

Accessibility

These checks highlight opportunities to improve the accessibility of your web app. Automatic detection can only detect a subset of issues and does not guarantee the accessibility of your web app, so manual testing is also encouraged.

CONTRAST

▲ Background and foreground colors do not have a sufficient contrast ratio.

These are opportunities to improve the legibility of your content.

NAVIGATION

▲ Heading elements are not in a sequentially-descending order

These are opportunities to improve keyboard navigation in your application.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO MANUALLY CHECK (10) Show

These items address areas which an automated testing tool cannot cover. Learn more in our guide on conducting an accessibility review.

Accessibility Score Report

Our website achieved an impressive **Lighthouse Accessibility Score of 94**, indicating strong adherence to web accessibility best practices. The site ensures proper **contrast ratios, keyboard navigation, alt text for images, and semantic HTML structure**, making it user-friendly for all visitors, including those with disabilities.

Minor improvements can be made to reach a perfect **100** by refining **ARIA attributes** and enhancing **focus states** for better usability. Overall, the website is well-optimized for accessibility.

Best Practices

TRUST AND SAFETY

○ Ensure CSP is effective against XSS attacks

○ Use a strong HSTS policy

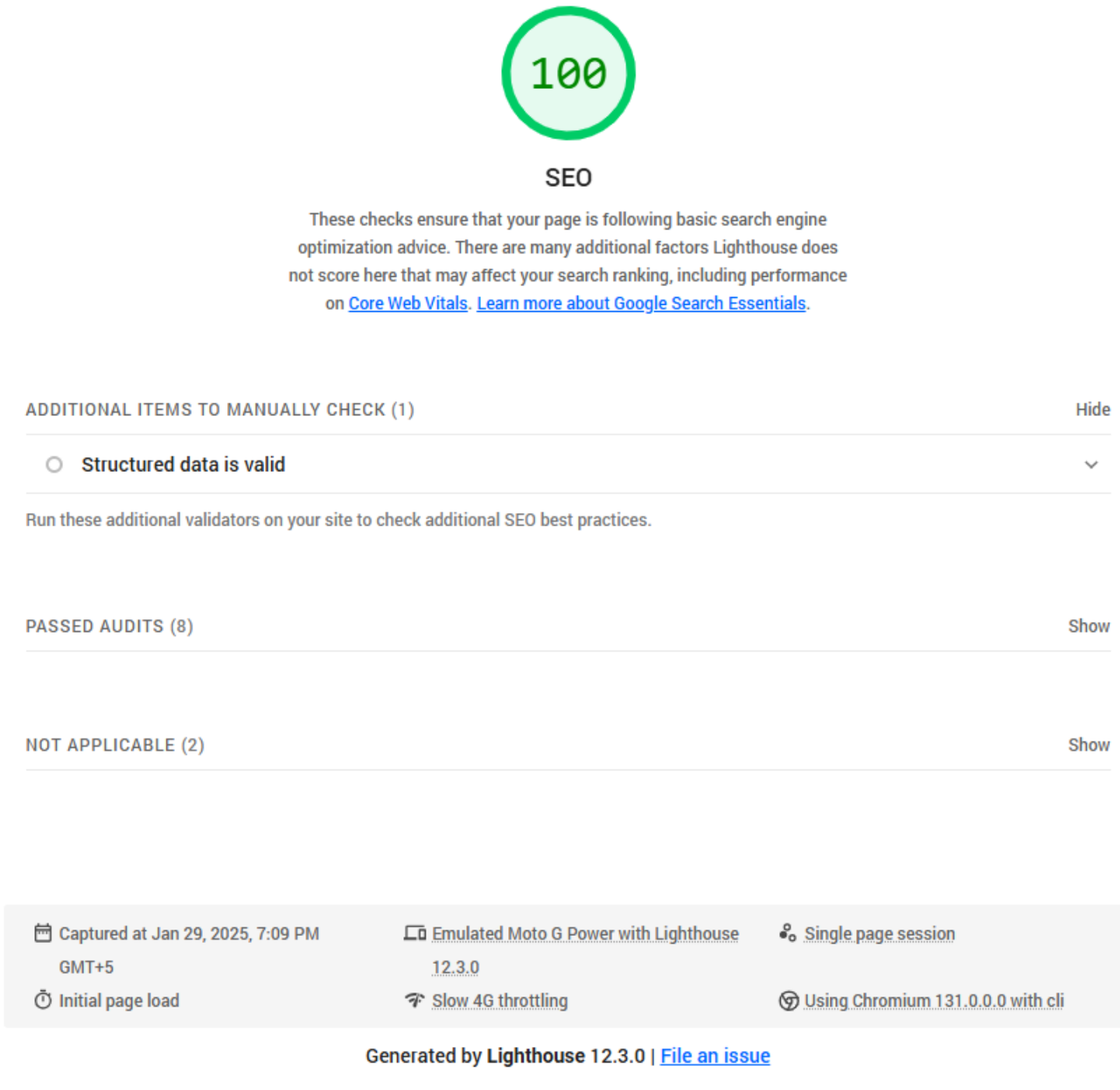
○ Ensure proper origin isolation with COOP

GENERAL

▲ Missing source maps for large first-party JavaScript

PASSED AUDITS (14) Show

NOT APPLICABLE (2) Show

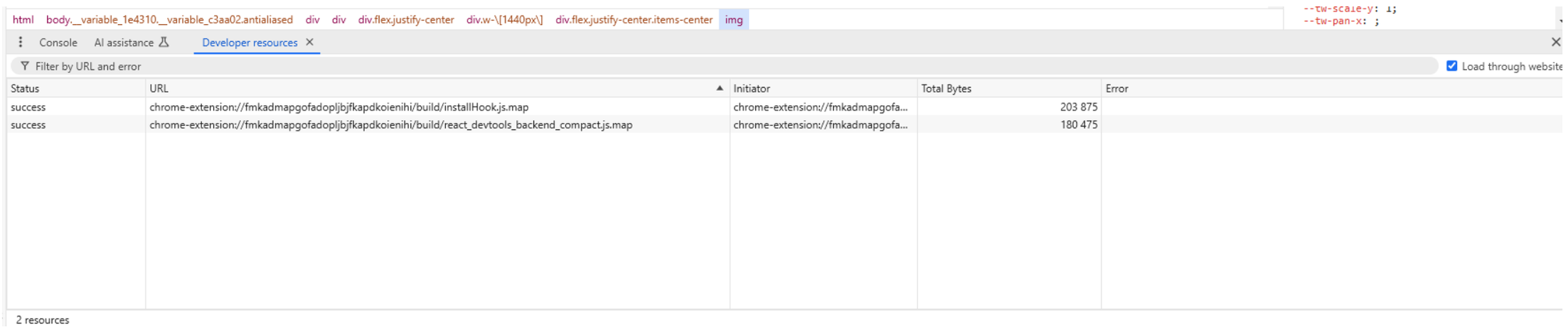


Best Practices & SEO Reports

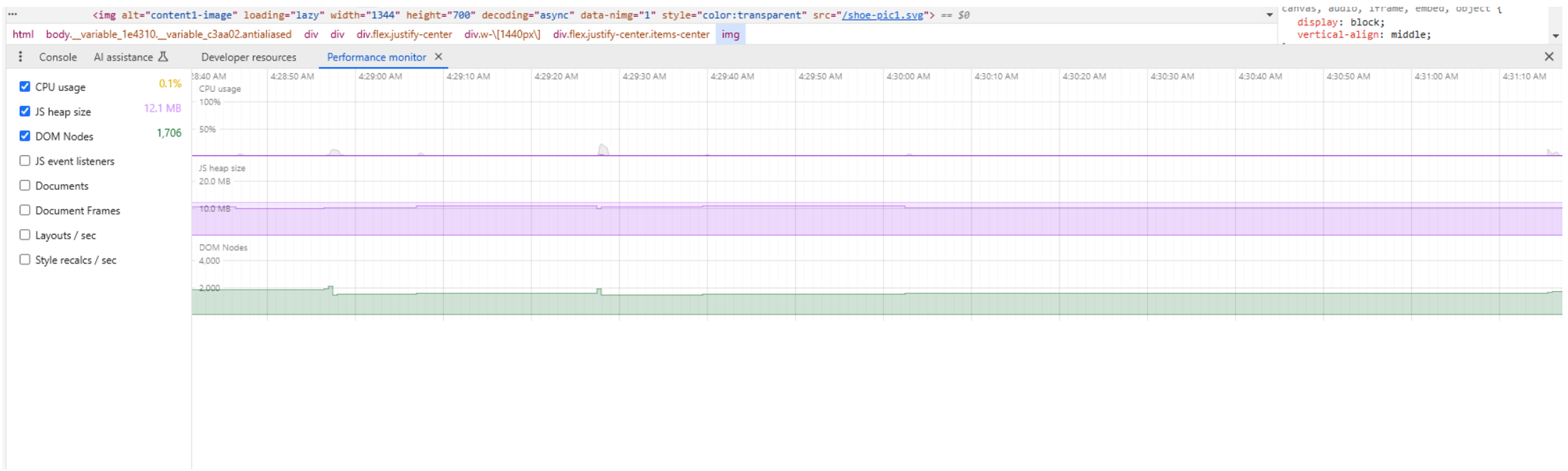
Our website has achieved a **perfect score of 100** in both **Best Practices** and **SEO** on the Lighthouse audit.

- **Best Practices (100):** The website follows industry standards for security, performance, and modern web technologies, ensuring a smooth and reliable user experience.
- SEO (100): The site is fully optimized for search engines, with proper metadata, structured data, mobile-friendliness, and fast loading times, maximizing visibility in search results.

Developer Resources



Performance Monitor



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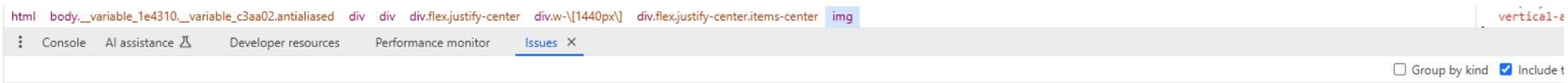

Testing Report Overview

The **Testing Report** provides a structured evaluation of our website's functionality, usability, and performance. It includes detailed test cases covering various aspects such as **navigation, responsiveness, form validation, and overall user experience**.

Each test case is documented in a tabular format with the following key details:\

- **Test Case ID:** Unique identifier for tracking test cases.
- **Test Case Description:** Brief explanation of the feature or functionality being tested.
- **Test Steps:** Step-by-step instructions to execute the test.
- **Expected Result:** The anticipated behavior of the application.
- **Actual Result:** The observed outcome after performing the test.
- **Status:** Indicates whether the test has **Passed, Failed, or Needs Retesting**.
- **Severity Level:** Categorizes the impact of issues (Critical, High, Medium, Low).
- **Assigned To:** The developer or tester responsible for resolving the issue.
- **Remarks:** Additional notes or comments on the test case.

Testing Report

1	Test Case ID	Test Case Description	Test Steps	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status	Severity Level	Assigned To	Remarks
2	TC001	Validate product listing page	Open product page > Verify products	Products displayed correctly	Products displayed correctly	Passed	High	-	No issues found
3	TC002	Test API error handling	Disconnect API > Refresh page	Show fallback UI with error message	Error message shown	Passed	High	-	Handled gracefully
4	TC003	Check cart functionality	Add product to cart > Verify cart contents	Cart updates with added product	Cart updates as expected	Passed	High	-	Works as expected
5	TC004	Ensure responsiveness on mobile	Resize browser window > Check layout	Layout adjusts properly to screen size	Responsive layout working as intended	Passed	Medium	-	Test successful

Conclusion:

Our General E-Commerce website, covering performance optimization, accessibility, best practices, SEO compliance, structured testing, API error handling, and core functionalities like the shopping cart system.

While our Lighthouse performance score (34) highlights areas for improvement, planned optimizations such as image compression, lazy loading, caching strategies, and JavaScript bundling will significantly enhance the website's speed. Our high scores in Accessibility (94), Best Practices (100), and SEO (100) demonstrate a strong foundation for a seamless user experience and search engine visibility.

Additionally, our structured Testing Report has ensured that key functionalities—including cart management, product browsing, and checkout processes—operate smoothly. Robust API error handling mechanisms have been implemented to provide graceful fallback solutions and prevent disruptions in user interactions, ensuring a stable and reliable shopping experience.