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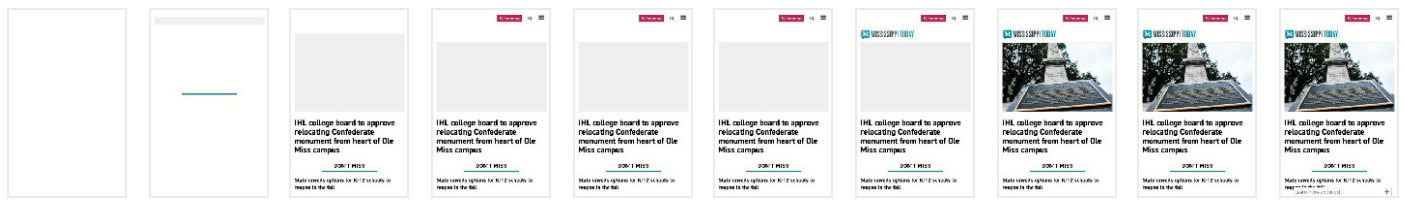
## Performance

### Metrics

- ▲ First Contentful Paint** 9.2 s  
 First Contentful Paint marks the time at which the first text or image is painted. [Learn more.](#)
- ▲ First Meaningful Paint** 9.2 s  
 First Meaningful Paint measures when the primary content of a page is visible. [Learn more.](#)
- ▲ Speed Index** 20.1 s  
 Speed Index shows how quickly the contents of a page are visibly populated. [Learn more.](#)
- ▲ First CPU Idle** 25.1 s  
 First CPU Idle marks the first time at which the page's main thread is quiet enough to handle input. [Learn more.](#)
- ▲ Time to Interactive** 28.7 s  
 Time to interactive is the amount of time it takes for the page to become fully interactive. [Learn more.](#)
- ▲ Max Potential First Input Delay** 2,980 ms  
 The maximum potential First Input Delay that your users could experience is the duration, in milliseconds, of the longest task. [Learn more.](#)

View Trace

Values are estimated and may vary. The performance score is [based only on these metrics.](#)



**Opportunities** — These suggestions can help your page load faster. They don't [directly affect](#) the Performance score.

### Opportunity

- ▲ Eliminate render-blocking resources** 6.9 s

Estimated Savings

Resources are blocking the first paint of your page. Consider delivering critical JS/CSS inline and deferring all non-critical JS/styles. [Learn more.](#)



There are a number of WordPress plugins that can help you [inline critical assets](#) or [defer less important resources](#). Beware that optimizations provided by these plugins may break features of your theme or plugins, so you will likely need to make code changes.

Show 3rd-party resources (11)

URL	Size	Potential Savings
...css/jquery.dataTables.min.css?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net)	2 KB	940 ms
...css/buttons.dataTables.min.css?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net)	2 KB	150 ms
...css/responsive.dataTables.min.css?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net)	1 KB	150 ms
...dist/hubcon.css?ver=1.2.1 (mississippitoday.org)	11 KB	600 ms
...css/wpp.css?ver=5.1.0 (mississippitoday.org)	0 KB	150 ms
/?ver=... (mississippitoday.org)	17 KB	600 ms
...slick/slick.css?ver=156... (mississippitoday.org)	1 KB	150 ms
...css/formsmain.min.css?ver=2.4.18 (mississippitoday.org)	11 KB	300 ms
...css/readyclass.min.css?ver=2.4.18 (mississippitoday.org)	3 KB	150 ms
...css/child.min.css?ver=159... (mississippitoday.org)	2 KB	150 ms
...jquery/jquery.js?ver=1.12.4-wp (mississippitoday.org)	32 KB	600 ms
...js/jquery.dataTables.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net)	28 KB	910 ms
...js/dataTables.buttons.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net)	6 KB	150 ms
...0.1.53/pdfmake.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdnjs.cloudflare.com)	391 KB	4,410 ms
...0.1.53/vfs_fonts.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdnjs.cloudflare.com)	360 KB	3,440 ms
...3.1.3/jszip.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdnjs.cloudflare.com)	29 KB	160 ms
...js/dataTables.select.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net)	4 KB	150 ms
...js/dataTables.fixedColumns.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net)	6 KB	150 ms
/jsapi?ver=5.4.1 (www.google.com)	0 KB	780 ms

### ▲ Properly size images

3 s ^



Serve images that are appropriately-sized to save cellular data and improve load time. [Learn more.](#)



Upload images directly through the [media library](#) to ensure that the required image sizes are available, and then insert them from the media library or use the image widget to ensure the optimal image sizes are used (including those for the responsive breakpoints). Avoid using `Full Size` images unless the dimensions are adequate for their usage. [Learn More.](#)

Show 3rd-party resources (2)

URL	Size	Potential Savings
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URL	Size	Potential Savings
 ...images/ba8c6ca...-covid-branding-no-words-4.jpg (a.omappapi.com)	311 KB	233 KB
 ...11/MT_banner-sticky-final.jpg (cdn.shortpixel.ai)	11 KB	8 KB

▲ **Remove unused CSS** 0.9 s ^

Remove dead rules from stylesheets and defer the loading of CSS not used for above-the-fold content to reduce unnecessary bytes consumed by network activity. [Learn more](#).



Consider reducing, or switching, the number of [WordPress plugins](#) loading unused CSS in your page. To identify plugins that are adding extraneous CSS, try running [code coverage](#) in Chrome DevTools. You can identify the theme/plugin responsible from the URL of the stylesheet. Look out for plugins that have many stylesheets in the list which have a lot of red in code coverage. A plugin should only enqueue a stylesheet if it is actually used on the page.

Show 3rd-party resources (2)

URL	Size	Potential Savings
...css/syndication_bundle_v1_7338528....css (ton.twimg.com)	22 KB	21 KB
/css/timeline.32f7f89....light.ltr.css (platform.twitter.com)	26 KB	19 KB
/?ver=... (mississippitoday.org)	17 KB	13 KB
...dist/hubcon.css?ver=1.2.1 (mississippitoday.org)	11 KB	11 KB
...css/formsmain.min.css?ver=2.4.18 (mississippitoday.org)	11 KB	11 KB

**Diagnostics** — More information about the performance of your application. These numbers don't [directly affect](#) the Performance score.

▲ **Minimize main-thread work** — 40.7 s ^

Consider reducing the time spent parsing, compiling and executing JS. You may find delivering smaller JS payloads helps with this. [Learn more](#)

Category	Time Spent
Script Evaluation	15,863 ms
Other	11,799 ms
Style & Layout	6,444 ms
Rendering	3,492 ms
Script Parsing & Compilation	1,578 ms
Parse HTML & CSS	956 ms
Garbage Collection	574 ms

▲ **Ensure text remains visible during webfont load** ^

Leverage the font-display CSS feature to ensure text is user-visible while webfonts are loading. [Learn more.](#)

Show 3rd-party resources (9)

URL	Potential Savings
...27/l?primer=7cdcb44...&fvd=n3&v=3 (use.typekit.net)	50 ms
...27/l?primer=7cdcb44...&fvd=n7&v=3 (use.typekit.net)	30 ms
...27/l?primer=7cdcb44...&fvd=i3&v=3 (use.typekit.net)	30 ms
...v17/mem8YaGs1....woff2 (fonts.gstatic.com)	40 ms
...v16/S6uyw4BMU....woff2 (fonts.gstatic.com)	40 ms
...v13/6xKydSBYK....woff2 (fonts.gstatic.com)	30 ms
...v13/6xK3dSBYK....woff2 (fonts.gstatic.com)	40 ms
...v13/6xKydSBYK....woff2 (fonts.gstatic.com)	30 ms
...v16/S6u9w4BMU....woff2 (fonts.gstatic.com)	30 ms

▲ Reduce the impact of third-party code — Third-party code blocked the main thread for 4,450 ms ^

Third-party code can significantly impact load performance. Limit the number of redundant third-party providers and try to load third-party code after your page has primarily finished loading. [Learn more.](#)

Third-Party	Size	Main-Thread Blocking Time
<a href="#">Cloudflare CDN</a>	787 KB	2,602 ms
<a href="#">Twitter</a>	2,423 KB	1,477 ms
<a href="#">Google Tag Manager</a>	42 KB	204 ms
<a href="#">Google Analytics</a>	18 KB	88 ms
<a href="#">Google CDN</a>	496 KB	77 ms
<a href="#">Cloudflare</a>	12 KB	2 ms
<a href="#">Adobe TypeKit</a>	50 KB	0 ms
<a href="#">Disqus</a>	1 KB	0 ms
<a href="#">Other Google APIs/SDKs</a>	1 KB	0 ms

▲ Avoid enormous network payloads — Total size was 8,510 KB ^

Large network payloads cost users real money and are highly correlated with long load times. [Learn more.](#)



Consider showing excerpts in your post lists (e.g. via the more tag), reducing the number of posts shown on a given page, breaking your long posts into multiple pages, or using a plugin to lazy-load comments.

Show 3rd-party resources (6)

URL	Size
...0.1.53/pdfmake.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdnjs.cloudflare.com)	391 KB

URL	Size
...0.1.53/vfs_fonts.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdnjs.cloudflare.com)	360 KB
...images/ba8c6ca...-covid-branding-no-words-4.jpg (a.omappapi.com)	311 KB
...images/ba8c6ca...-covid-branding-no-words-4.jpg (a.omappapi.com)	311 KB
...10/confederate-monument-7816-1170x826.jpg (mississippitoday.org)	221 KB
...10/confederate-monument-7816-1170x826.jpg (mississippitoday.org)	221 KB
...05/MS-Democrats-sidebar-771x643.png (mississippitoday.org)	201 KB
/media/Eaa0vQRXgAEBE3h?format=png&name=900x900 (pbs.twimg.com)	193 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_ui_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	189 KB
...03/Census_Guide-1170x975.jpg (mississippitoday.org)	172 KB

▲ Reduce JavaScript execution time — 17.0 s



Consider reducing the time spent parsing, compiling, and executing JS. You may find delivering smaller JS payloads helps with this. [Learn more.](#)

Show 3rd-party resources (13)

URL	Total CPU Time	Script Evaluation	Script Parse
other	26,098 ms	5,597 ms	7 ms
...js/api.min.js (a.omappapi.com)	4,290 ms	2,746 ms	307 ms
/widgets.js?ver=0.6.4 (platform.twitter.com)	2,851 ms	1,758 ms	497 ms
...0.1.53/pdfmake.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdnjs.cloudflare.com)	2,756 ms	2,630 ms	77 ms
...js/autoptimize_2bd1e04...js (mississippitoday.org)	672 ms	509 ms	49 ms
...js/lazysizes.min.js?ao_version=2.7.3 (mississippitoday.org)	654 ms	134 ms	25 ms
https://mississippitoday.org	583 ms	529 ms	54 ms
...jquery/jquery.js?ver=1.12.4-wp (mississippitoday.org)	582 ms	360 ms	5 ms
/gtm.js?id=GTM-NZ5J23X (www.googletagmanager.com)	408 ms	399 ms	9 ms
/pushly-sdk.min.js?domain_key=7kPLAKhOI... (cdn.p-n.io)	339 ms	226 ms	113 ms
...cloudflare-static/mirage2.min.js (ajax.cloudflare.com)	192 ms	184 ms	8 ms
/analytics.js (www.google-analytics.com)	181 ms	162 ms	19 ms
...js/jsapi_compiled_ui_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	155 ms	97 ms	58 ms
/timeline/profile?callback=... (cdn.syndication.twimg.com)	146 ms	72 ms	9 ms
/js/timeline.dcd6593...js (platform.twitter.com)	133 ms	116 ms	17 ms
...48.1/loader.js (www.gstatic.com)	100 ms	24 ms	76 ms
...js/jsapi_compiled_format_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	57 ms	44 ms	13 ms
...0.1.53/vfs_fonts.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdnjs.cloudflare.com)	57 ms	0 ms	56 ms

▲ Serve static assets with an efficient cache policy — 31 resources found



A long cache lifetime can speed up repeat visits to your page. [Learn more.](#)



Read about [Browser Caching in WordPress.](#)

Show 3rd-party resources (31)

URL	Cache TTL	Size
/count.js (mississippitoday.disqus.com)	5 m	1 KB
/pushly-sdk.min.js?domain_key=7kPLAKhOI... (cdn.p-n.io)	15 m	99 KB
/widgets.js?ver=0.6.4 (platform.twitter.com)	30 m	29 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_ui_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	189 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_default_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	111 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_fw_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	50 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_format_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	48 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_controls_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	17 KB
/charts/loader.js?ver=5.4.1 (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	13 KB
...48.1/loader.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	10 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_timeline_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	7 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_annotationchart_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	7 KB
...util/util.css (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	6 KB
...dygraphs/dygraph-tickers-combined.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	6 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_corechart_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	6 KB
...table/table.css (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	4 KB
...controls/controls.css (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	4 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_gauge_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	3 KB
...annotationchart/annotationchart.css (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	3 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_table_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	1 KB
...core/tooltip.css (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	1 KB
...util/format.css (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	1 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_annotatedtimeline_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	0 KB
...js/jsapi_compiled_geochart_module.js (www.gstatic.com)	1 h	0 KB
/analytics.js (www.google-analytics.com)	2 h	18 KB
...cloudflare-static/mirage2.min.js (ajax.cloudflare.com)	2 d	12 KB
...css/syndication_bundle_v1_7338528....css (ton.twimg.com)	6 d 23 h 59 m 37 s	44 KB
...css/syndication_bundle_v1_7338528....css (ton.twimg.com)	6 d 23 h 59 m 37 s	7 KB

URL	Cache TTL	Size
/p.css?s=... (p.typekit.net)	7 d	0 KB
...11/MT_banner-sticky-final.jpg (cdn.shortpixel.ai)	29 d 23 h 22 m 17 s	11 KB
...11/MT_banner-sticky-final.jpg (cdn.shortpixel.ai)	29 d 23 h 22 m 18 s	1 KB

### Avoid an excessive DOM size — 1,082 elements ^

A large DOM will increase memory usage, cause longer [style calculations](#), and produce costly [layout reflows](#). [Learn more](#).

Statistic	Element	Value
Total DOM Elements		1,082
Maximum DOM Depth	<em>	28
Maximum Child Elements	<body class="home blog wp-embed-responsive">	37

### Avoid chaining critical requests — 64 chains found ^

The Critical Request Chains below show you what resources are loaded with a high priority. Consider reducing the length of chains, reducing the download size of resources, or deferring the download of unnecessary resources to improve page load. [Learn more](#).

Maximum critical path latency: **7,600 ms**

#### Initial Navigation

https://mississippitoday.org

- ...block-library/style.min.css?ver=5.4.1 (mississippitoday.org) - **100 ms, 7.15 KB**
- ...css/jquery.dataTables.min.css?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **120 ms, 2.2 KB**
- ...css/buttons.dataTables.min.css?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **110 ms, 2.06 KB**
- ...css/select.dataTables.min.css?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **120 ms, 0.81 KB**
- ...css/fixHeader.dataTables.min.css?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **130 ms, 0.32 KB**
- ...css/fixColumns.dataTables.min.css?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **120 ms, 0.28 KB**
- ...css/responsive.dataTables.min.css?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **120 ms, 1.28 KB**
- ...siteorigin-widgets/sow-image-default-d6014b76747a.css?ver=5.4.1 (mississippitoday.org) - **130 ms, 0.22 KB**
- ...css/style.css?ver=1.17.0 (mississippitoday.org) - **140 ms, 0.46 KB**
- ...siteorigin-widgets/sow-button-atom-7646f188b8f6.css?ver=5.4.1 (mississippitoday.org) - **120 ms, 0.69 KB**
- ...siteorigin-widgets/sow-button-flat-fce7d0132f94.css?ver=5.4.1 (mississippitoday.org) - **120 ms, 0.39 KB**
- ...siteorigin-widgets/sow-button-atom-98a12d11b109.css?ver=5.4.1 (mississippitoday.org) - **140 ms, 0.58 KB**
- ...siteorigin-widgets/sow-headline-default-fd80d9b94f99.css?ver=... (mississippitoday.org) - **140 ms, 0.32 KB**
- ...slider/slider.css?ver=1.17.0 (mississippitoday.org) - **140 ms, 1.09 KB**
- ...siteorigin-widgets/sow-slider-default-abf3e628296a.css?ver=... (mississippitoday.org) - **140 ms, 0.21 KB**
- ...css/style.css?ver=1.17.0 (mississippitoday.org) - **140 ms, 0.32 KB**
- ...siteorigin-widgets/sow-cta-default-74958e4c1e48.css?ver=5.4.1 (mississippitoday.org) - **170 ms, 0.19 KB**
- ...siteorigin-widgets/sow-hero-default-0d170ff96aaf.css?ver=5.4.1 (mississippitoday.org) - **180 ms, 0.46 KB**

...siteorigin-widgets/sow-headline-default-9d78f6ae6466.css?ver=... (mississippitoday.org) - **310 ms, 0.36 KB**

...siteorigin-widgets/sow-headline-default-5a2e7859d37d.css?ver=... (mississippitoday.org) - **190 ms, 0.34 KB**

...dist/hubcon.css?ver=1.2.1 (mississippitoday.org) - **400 ms, 11.17 KB**

...css/wpp.css?ver=5.1.0 (mississippitoday.org) - **190 ms, 0.31 KB**

/?ver=... (mississippitoday.org) - **470 ms, 17.07 KB**

...slick/slick.css?ver=156... (mississippitoday.org) - **190 ms, 0.53 KB**

...css/slides.css?ver=156... (mississippitoday.org) - **190 ms, 1.66 KB**

...css/gutenberg.min.css?ver=156... (mississippitoday.org) - **190 ms, 0.62 KB**

...css/app.css?ver=2.8.1 (mississippitoday.org) - **190 ms, 0.3 KB**

...css/formreset.min.css?ver=2.4.18 (mississippitoday.org) - **340 ms, 0.43 KB**

...css/formsmain.min.css?ver=2.4.18 (mississippitoday.org) - **390 ms, 11.04 KB**

...css/readyclass.min.css?ver=2.4.18 (mississippitoday.org) - **340 ms, 3.18 KB**

...css/browsers.min.css?ver=2.4.18 (mississippitoday.org) - **270 ms, 1.21 KB**

...css/child.min.css?ver=159... (mississippitoday.org) - **340 ms, 2.33 KB**

...css/homepage.min.css?ver=5.4.1 (mississippitoday.org) - **350 ms, 0.54 KB**

...jquery/jquery.js?ver=1.12.4-wp (mississippitoday.org) - **460 ms, 32.34 KB**

...js/jquery.dataTables.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **460 ms, 28.36 KB**

...js/dataTables.buttons.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **420 ms, 6.4 KB**

...js/buttons.colVis.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **410 ms, 1.14 KB**

...js/buttons.print.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **420 ms, 1.25 KB**

...0.1.53/pdfmake.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdnjs.cloudflare.com) - **560 ms, 391.17 KB**

...0.1.53/vfs\_fonts.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdnjs.cloudflare.com) - **540 ms, 360.25 KB**

...3.1.3/jszip.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdnjs.cloudflare.com) - **440 ms, 28.5 KB**

...js/buttons.html5.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **450 ms, 6.57 KB**

...js/dataTables.select.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **450 ms, 3.96 KB**

...js/dataTables.fixedHeader.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **450 ms, 3.22 KB**

...js/dataTables.fixedColumns.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **420 ms, 5.97 KB**

...js/dataTables.responsive.min.js?ver=5.4.1 (cdn.datatables.net) - **440 ms, 4.86 KB**

/jsapi?ver=5.4.1 (www.google.com)

    /jsapi?ver=5.4.1 (www.google.com)

        /charts/loader.js?ver=5.4.1 (www.gstatic.com) - **200 ms, 13.38 KB**

...js/load-more-posts.min.js?ver=156... (mississippitoday.org) - **350 ms, 0.56 KB**

...cloudflare-static/mirage2.min.js (ajax.cloudflare.com) - **580 ms, 12.02 KB**

...css/dfp.css?ver=0.3.0 (mississippitoday.org) - **320 ms, 0.36 KB**

...js/largoCore.min.js?ver=0.6.4 (mississippitoday.org) - **310 ms, 1.15 KB**

/widgets.js?ver=0.6.4 (platform.twitter.com)

    ...v17/mem8YaGs1...woff2 (fonts.gstatic.com) - **40 ms, 8.98 KB**

    ...v16/S6uyw4BMU...woff2 (fonts.gstatic.com) - **40 ms, 17.96 KB**

    /css/timeline.32f7f89...light.ltr.css (platform.twitter.com) - **30 ms, 12.02 KB**

    ...css/syndication\_bundle\_v1\_7338528...css (ton.twimg.com) - **120 ms, 6.91 KB**



/luvz4wvc.css (use.typekit.net) - 140 ms, 1.08 KB

/p.css?s=... (p.typekit.net) - 40 ms, 0.16 KB

...font/fontello.woff (mississippitoday.org) - 50 ms, 11.24 KB

...27/l/?primer=7cdcb44...&fvd=n3&v=3 (use.typekit.net) - 50 ms, 15.93 KB

...27/l/?primer=7cdcb44...&fvd=n7&v=3 (use.typekit.net) - 30 ms, 16.27 KB

...27/l/?primer=7cdcb44...&fvd=i3&v=3 (use.typekit.net) - 30 ms, 16.75 KB

...v13/6xKydsBYK....woff2 (fonts.gstatic.com) - 30 ms, 25.63 KB

...v13/6xK3dsBYK....woff2 (fonts.gstatic.com) - 40 ms, 26.05 KB

...v13/6xKydsBYK....woff2 (fonts.gstatic.com) - 30 ms, 25.37 KB

Keep request counts low and transfer sizes small — 274 requests • 8,516 KB

To set budgets for the quantity and size of page resources, add a budget.json file. [Learn more.](#)

Resource Type	Requests	Transfer Size
Total	274	8,516 KB
Image	93	6,385 KB
Script	44	1,755 KB
Font	10	178 KB
Stylesheet	48	119 KB
Other	73	43 KB
Document	6	35 KB
Media	0	0 KB
Third-party	207	4,890 KB

## Passed audits (12)


### Defer offscreen images — Potential savings of 46 KB

Consider lazy-loading offscreen and hidden images after all critical resources have finished loading to lower time to interactive. [Learn more.](#)



Install a [lazy-load WordPress plugin](#) that provides the ability to defer any offscreen images, or switch to a theme that provides that functionality. Also consider using [the AMP plugin](#).

Show 3rd-party resources (0)

URL	Size	Potential Savings
 ...11/MT_banner-small.jpg (mississippitoday.org)	46 KB	46 KB

### Minify CSS — Potential savings of 3 KB

Minifying CSS files can reduce network payload sizes. [Learn more.](#)



A number of [WordPress plugins](#) can speed up your site by concatenating, minifying, and compressing your styles. You may also want to use a build process to do this minification up-front if possible.

Show 3rd-party resources (1)

URL	Size	Potential Savings
...util/util.css (www.gstatic.com)	6 KB	3 KB

### Minify JavaScript ^

Minifying JavaScript files can reduce payload sizes and script parse time. [Learn more.](#)



A number of [WordPress plugins](#) can speed up your site by concatenating, minifying, and compressing your scripts. You may also want to use a build process to do this minification up front if possible.

### Efficiently encode images ^

Optimized images load faster and consume less cellular data. [Learn more.](#)



Consider using an [image optimization WordPress plugin](#) that compresses your images while retaining quality.

### Serve images in next-gen formats ^

Image formats like JPEG 2000, JPEG XR, and WebP often provide better compression than PNG or JPEG, which means faster downloads and less data consumption. [Learn more.](#)



Consider using a [plugin](#) or service that will automatically convert your uploaded images to the optimal formats.

### Enable text compression ^

Text-based resources should be served with compression (gzip, deflate or brotli) to minimize total network bytes. [Learn more.](#)



You can enable text compression in your web server configuration.

### Preconnect to required origins ^

Consider adding `preconnect` or `dns-prefetch` resource hints to establish early connections to important third-party origins. [Learn more.](#)

### Server response times are low (TTFB) — Root document took 130 ms ^

Time To First Byte identifies the time at which your server sends a response. [Learn more.](#)



Themes, plugins, and server specifications all contribute to server response time. Consider finding a more optimized theme, carefully selecting an optimization plugin, and/or upgrading your server.

### Avoid multiple page redirects ^

Redirects introduce additional delays before the page can be loaded. [Learn more.](#)

### Preload key requests ^

Consider using `<link rel=preload>` to prioritize fetching resources that are currently requested later in page load. [Learn more](#).

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### Use video formats for animated content ^

Large GIFs are inefficient for delivering animated content. Consider using MPEG4/WebM videos for animations and PNG/WebP for static images instead of GIF to save network bytes. [Learn more](#)



Consider uploading your GIF to a service which will make it available to embed as an HTML5 video.

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### User Timing marks and measures ^

Consider instrumenting your app with the User Timing API to measure your app's real-world performance during key user experiences. [Learn more](#).

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## Accessibility

These checks highlight opportunities to [improve the accessibility of your web app](#). Only a subset of accessibility issues can be automatically detected so manual testing is also encouraged.

**Contrast** — These are opportunities to improve the legibility of your content.

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

Low-contrast text is difficult or impossible for many users to read. [Learn more](#).

##### Failing Elements

a

button#viriniabeach-FieldsElementButton--x26SPidqeOAXOXY7XwVQ.sc-AxjAm.sc-AxirZ.jXXSvR.viriniabeach-field-submit

span

span

a.twitter.subscribe.btn.social-btn

a.rss.subscribe.btn.social-btn

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**Best practices** — These items highlight common accessibility best practices.

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#### ▲ [id] attributes on the page are not unique ^

The value of an id attribute must be unique to prevent other instances from being overlooked by assistive technologies. [Learn more](#).

## Failing Elements

ul#header-social.social-icons.visible-desktop

▲ [user-scalable="no" ] is used in the <meta name="viewport"> element or the [maximum-scale] attribute is less than 5. ^

Disabling zooming is problematic for users with low vision who rely on screen magnification to properly see the contents of a web page. [Learn more](#).

## Failing Elements

meta

**Names and labels** — These are opportunities to improve the semantics of the controls in your application. This may enhance the experience for users of assistive technology, like a screen reader.

▲ <frame> or <iframe> elements do not have a title ^

Screen reader users rely on frame titles to describe the contents of frames. [Learn more](#).

## Failing Elements

iframe.lazyload

iframe.lazyload

▲ Links do not have a discernible name ^

Link text (and alternate text for images, when used as links) that is discernible, unique, and focusable improves the navigation experience for screen reader users. [Learn more](#).

## Failing Elements

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## Failing Elements

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a.widget\_sp\_image-image-link.image-click-track

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### Navigation — These are opportunities to improve keyboard navigation in your application.

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#### ▲ Some elements have a [tabindex] value greater than 0 ^

A value greater than 0 implies an explicit navigation ordering. Although technically valid, this often creates frustrating experiences for users who rely on assistive technologies. [Learn more.](#)

#### Failing Elements

Enter your email here...

```
<input type="email" id="wichita-field-email" name="wichita-email"
class="FieldsElement__InputElement-uzeler-0 kmlIlf wichita-field-email" placeholder="Enter
your email here..." style="color:#60656f;font-size:17px;font-weight:400;font-
family:Lato;background:#ffffff;border-style:solid;border-color:#d4d7f0;border-top-
width:1px;border-right-width:1px;border-bottom-width:1px;border-left-width:1px;border-top-
left-radius:0px;border-top-right-radius:0px;border-bottom-right-radius:0px;border-bottom-
left-radius:0px;display:block;margin-top:0px;margin-right:0px;margin-bottom:12px;margin-
left:0px;padding-top:10px;padding-right:12px;padding-bottom:14px;padding-left:12px;max-
width:100%;width:100%" aria-live="polite" tabindex="2" required="" data-name="Email
Address" aria-label="Enter your email here..." data-fieldid="emailInput" value="">
```

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### Additional items to manually check (11) — These items address areas which an automated testing tool cannot cover. ^

Learn more in our guide on [conducting an accessibility review.](#)

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#### The page has a logical tab order ^

Tabbing through the page follows the visual layout. Users cannot focus elements that are offscreen. [Learn more.](#)

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#### Interactive controls are keyboard focusable ^

Custom interactive controls are keyboard focusable and display a focus indicator. [Learn more.](#)

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#### Interactive elements indicate their purpose and state ^

Interactive elements, such as links and buttons, should indicate their state and be distinguishable from non-interactive elements. [Learn more.](#)

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#### The user's focus is directed to new content added to the page ^

If new content, such as a dialog, is added to the page, the user's focus is directed to it. [Learn more.](#)

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#### User focus is not accidentally trapped in a region ^

A user can tab into and out of any control or region without accidentally trapping their focus. [Learn more.](#)

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#### Custom controls have associated labels ^

Custom interactive controls have associated labels, provided by `aria-label` or `aria-labelledby`. [Learn more.](#)

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#### Custom controls have ARIA roles ^

Custom interactive controls have appropriate ARIA roles. [Learn more.](#)

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#### Visual order on the page follows DOM order ^

DOM order matches the visual order, improving navigation for assistive technology. [Learn more.](#)

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#### Offscreen content is hidden from assistive technology ^

Offscreen content is hidden with `display: none` or `aria-hidden=true`. [Learn more.](#)

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#### Headings don't skip levels ^

Headings are used to create an outline for the page and heading levels are not skipped. [Learn more.](#)

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#### HTML5 landmark elements are used to improve navigation ^

Landmark elements (`<main>`, `<nav>`, etc.) are used to improve the keyboard navigation of the page for assistive technology. [Learn more.](#)

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### Passed audits (16) ^

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#### `[aria-*`] attributes match their roles ^

Each ARIA `role` supports a specific subset of `aria-*` attributes. Mismatching these invalidates the `aria-*` attributes. [Learn more.](#)

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#### `[role]`s have all required `[aria-*`] attributes ^

Some ARIA roles have required attributes that describe the state of the element to screen readers. [Learn more.](#)

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#### Elements with an ARIA `[role]` that require children to contain a specific `[role]` have all required children. ^

Some ARIA parent roles must contain specific child roles to perform their intended accessibility functions. [Learn more.](#)

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#### `[role]`s are contained by their required parent element ^

Some ARIA child roles must be contained by specific parent roles to properly perform their intended accessibility functions. [Learn more.](#)

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#### `[role]` values are valid ^

ARIA roles must have valid values in order to perform their intended accessibility functions. [Learn more.](#)

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#### `[aria-*`] attributes have valid values ^

Assistive technologies, like screen readers, can't interpret ARIA attributes with invalid values. [Learn more.](#)

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#### `[aria-*`] attributes are valid and not misspelled ^

Assistive technologies, like screen readers, can't interpret ARIA attributes with invalid names. [Learn more.](#)

### Buttons have an accessible name ^

When a button doesn't have an accessible name, screen readers announce it as "button", making it unusable for users who rely on screen readers. [Learn more.](#)

### The page contains a heading, skip link, or landmark region ^

Adding ways to bypass repetitive content lets keyboard users navigate the page more efficiently. [Learn more.](#)

### Document has a <title> element ^

The title gives screen reader users an overview of the page, and search engine users rely on it heavily to determine if a page is relevant to their search. [Learn more.](#)

### <html> element has a [ lang ] attribute ^

If a page doesn't specify a lang attribute, a screen reader assumes that the page is in the default language that the user chose when setting up the screen reader. If the page isn't actually in the default language, then the screen reader might not announce the page's text correctly. [Learn more.](#)

### <html> element has a valid value for its [ lang ] attribute ^

Specifying a valid [BCP 47 language](#) helps screen readers announce text properly. [Learn more.](#)

### Image elements have [ alt ] attributes ^

Informative elements should aim for short, descriptive alternate text. Decorative elements can be ignored with an empty alt attribute. [Learn more.](#)

### Form elements have associated labels ^

Labels ensure that form controls are announced properly by assistive technologies, like screen readers. [Learn more.](#)

### Lists contain only <li> elements and script supporting elements (<script> and <template>). ^

Screen readers have a specific way of announcing lists. Ensuring proper list structure aids screen reader output. [Learn more.](#)

### List items (<li>) are contained within <ul> or <ol> parent elements ^

Screen readers require list items (<li>) to be contained within a parent <ul> or <ol> to be announced properly. [Learn more.](#)

## Not applicable (13) ^

### [ accesskey ] values are unique ^

Access keys let users quickly focus a part of the page. For proper navigation, each access key must be unique. [Learn more.](#)

### <audio> elements contain a <track> element with [ kind="captions" ] ^

Captions make audio elements usable for deaf or hearing-impaired users, providing critical information such as who is talking, what they're saying, and other non-speech information. [Learn more.](#)

### <dl>'s contain only properly-ordered <dt> and <dd> groups, <script> or <template> elements. ^

When definition lists are not properly marked up, screen readers may produce confusing or inaccurate output. [Learn more.](#)

### Definition list items are wrapped in `<dl>` elements

Definition list items (`<dt>` and `<dd>`) must be wrapped in a parent `<dl>` element to ensure that screen readers can properly announce them. [Learn more.](#)

### `<input type="image">` elements have `[alt]` text

When an image is being used as an `<input>` button, providing alternative text can help screen reader users understand the purpose of the button. [Learn more.](#)

### Presentational `<table>` elements avoid using `<th>`, `<caption>` or the `[summary]` attribute.

A table being used for layout purposes should not include data elements, such as the `th` or `caption` elements or the `summary` attribute, because this can create a confusing experience for screen reader users. [Learn more.](#)

### The document does not use `<meta http-equiv="refresh">`

Users do not expect a page to refresh automatically, and doing so will move focus back to the top of the page. This may create a frustrating or confusing experience. [Learn more.](#)

### `<object>` elements have `[alt]` text

Screen readers cannot translate non-text content. Adding alt text to `<object>` elements helps screen readers convey meaning to users. [Learn more.](#)

### Cells in a `<table>` element that use the `[headers]` attribute refer to table cells within the same table.

Screen readers have features to make navigating tables easier. Ensuring `<td>` cells using the `[headers]` attribute only refer to other cells in the same table may improve the experience for screen reader users. [Learn more.](#)

### `<th>` elements and elements with `[role="columnheader"/"rowheader"]` have data cells they describe.

Screen readers have features to make navigating tables easier. Ensuring table headers always refer to some set of cells may improve the experience for screen reader users. [Learn more.](#)

### `[lang]` attributes have a valid value

Specifying a valid [BCP 47 language](#) on elements helps ensure that text is pronounced correctly by a screen reader. [Learn more.](#)

### `<video>` elements contain a `<track>` element with `[kind="captions"]`

When a video provides a caption it is easier for deaf and hearing impaired users to access its information. [Learn more.](#)

### `<video>` elements contain a `<track>` element with `[kind="description"]`

Audio descriptions provide relevant information for videos that dialogue cannot, such as facial expressions and scenes. [Learn more.](#)



## Best Practices



Consider marking your touch and wheel event listeners as `passive` to improve your page's scroll performance. [Learn more.](#)

Show 3rd-party resources (0)

URL

Location

...jquery/jquery.js?ver=1.12.4-wp (mississippitoday.org)

line: 0

▲ **Links to cross-origin destinations are unsafe** ^

Add `rel="noopener"` or `rel="noreferrer"` to any external links to improve performance and prevent security vulnerabilities.

[Learn more.](#)

Show 3rd-party resources (1)

URL

Target

Rel

http://www.mspress.org

\_blank

▲ **Includes front-end JavaScript libraries with known security vulnerabilities — 2 vulnerabilities detected** ^

Some third-party scripts may contain known security vulnerabilities that are easily identified and exploited by attackers.

[Learn more.](#)

Library Version	Vulnerability Count	Highest Severity
<a href="#">jQuery@1.12.4</a>	2	Medium

▲ **Browser errors were logged to the console** ^

Errors logged to the console indicate unresolved problems. They can come from network request failures and other browser concerns. [Learn more](#)

Show 3rd-party resources (0)

URL

Description

https://mississippitoday.org

ReferenceError: lazySizes is not defined at https://mississippitoday.org/:916:1

https://mississippitoday.org

ReferenceError: lazySizes is not defined at https://mississippitoday.org/:916:1

https://mississippitoday.org

TypeError: jQuery(...).dfp is not a function at https://mississippitoday.org/:936:45

https://mississippitoday.org

TypeError: jQuery(...).dfp is not a function at https://mississippitoday.org/:936:45

**Passed audits (11)** ^

**Avoids Application Cache** ^

Application Cache is deprecated. [Learn more.](#)

**Uses HTTPS** ^

All sites should be protected with HTTPS, even ones that don't handle sensitive data. HTTPS prevents intruders from tampering with or passively listening in on the communications between your app and your users, and is a prerequisite for HTTP/2 and many new web platform APIs. [Learn more.](#)

### Uses HTTP/2 for its own resources



HTTP/2 offers many benefits over HTTP/1.1, including binary headers, multiplexing, and server push. [Learn more.](#)

### Avoids `document.write()`



For users on slow connections, external scripts dynamically injected via `document.write()` can delay page load by tens of seconds. [Learn more.](#)

### Avoids requesting the geolocation permission on page load



Users are mistrustful of or confused by sites that request their location without context. Consider tying the request to a user action instead. [Learn more.](#)

### Page has the HTML doctype



Specifying a doctype prevents the browser from switching to quirks-mode. [Learn more.](#)

### Detected JavaScript libraries



All front-end JavaScript libraries detected on the page. [Learn more.](#)

Name	Version
jQuery	1.12.4
jQuery (Fast path)	
WebFont Loader	
WordPress	

### Avoids requesting the notification permission on page load



Users are mistrustful of or confused by sites that request to send notifications without context. Consider tying the request to user gestures instead. [Learn more.](#)

### Avoids deprecated APIs



Deprecated APIs will eventually be removed from the browser. [Learn more.](#)

### Allows users to paste into password fields



Preventing password pasting undermines good security policy. [Learn more.](#)

### Displays images with correct aspect ratio



Image display dimensions should match natural aspect ratio. [Learn more.](#)



## SEO

These checks ensure that your page is optimized for search engine results ranking. There are additional factors Lighthouse does not check that may

affect your search ranking. [Learn more.](#)

**Mobile Friendly** — Make sure your pages are mobile friendly so users don't have to pinch or zoom in order to read the content pages. [Learn more.](#)

**Tap targets are not sized appropriately** — 83% appropriately sized tap targets ^

Interactive elements like buttons and links should be large enough (48x48px), and have enough space around them, to be easy enough to tap without overlapping onto other elements. [Learn more.](#)

Tap Target	Size	Overlapping Target
a	98x45	a
a	106x45	a
a	106x45	a
a	161x45	a
a	127x45	a
a	127x45	a
a	88x45	a
a	88x45	a
a	143x45	a
a	156x45	a
a	170x45	a
a	74x45	a
a	74x45	a
a	96x45	a
a	210x45	a
a	175x45	a
a	197x45	a
a	127x45	a
a	312x45	a

**Additional items to manually check (1)** — Run these additional validators on your site to check additional SEO best practices. ^

**Structured data is valid** ^

Run the [Structured Data Testing Tool](#) and the [Structured Data Linter](#) to validate structured data. [Learn more.](#)

**Passed audits (12)** ^

**Has a <meta name="viewport"> tag with width or initial-scale** ^

Add a `<meta name="viewport">` tag to optimize your app for mobile screens. [Learn more.](#)

### Document has a `<title>` element ^

The title gives screen reader users an overview of the page, and search engine users rely on it heavily to determine if a page is relevant to their search. [Learn more.](#)

### Document has a meta description ^

Meta descriptions may be included in search results to concisely summarize page content. [Learn more.](#)

### Page has successful HTTP status code ^

Pages with unsuccessful HTTP status codes may not be indexed properly. [Learn more.](#)

### Links have descriptive text ^

Descriptive link text helps search engines understand your content. [Learn more.](#)

### Page isn't blocked from indexing ^

Search engines are unable to include your pages in search results if they don't have permission to crawl them. [Learn more.](#)

### robots.txt is valid ^

If your robots.txt file is malformed, crawlers may not be able to understand how you want your website to be crawled or indexed. [Learn more.](#)

### Image elements have `[ alt ]` attributes ^

Informative elements should aim for short, descriptive alternate text. Decorative elements can be ignored with an empty alt attribute. [Learn more.](#)

### Document has a valid `hreflang` ^

hreflang links tell search engines what version of a page they should list in search results for a given language or region. [Learn more.](#)

### Document has a valid `rel=canonical` ^

Canonical links suggest which URL to show in search results. [Learn more.](#)

### Document uses legible font sizes — 95.78% legible text ^

Font sizes less than 12px are too small to be legible and require mobile visitors to “pinch to zoom” in order to read. Strive to have >60% of page text  $\geq 12$ px. [Learn more.](#)

Show 3rd-party resources (0)

Source	Selector	% of Page Text	Font Size
<code>...css/homepage.min.css?ver=5.4.1:1:1454</code> (mississippitoday.org)	<code>.homepage-featured-row .entry-content h5.byline, .homepage-river .entry-content h5.byline, .homepage-top-post .entry-content h5.byline</code>	3.77%	11px
<code>/?ver=...</code> (mississippitoday.org)	<code>.global-nav ul</code>	0.25%	11px
Add'l illegible text		0.20%	< 12px

Source	Selector	% of Page Text	Font Size
Legible text		95.7 8%	≥ 12 px

### Document avoids plugins ^

Search engines can't index plugin content, and many devices restrict plugins or don't support them. [Learn more.](#)



## Progressive Web App

These checks validate the aspects of a Progressive Web App. [Learn more.](#)

### Fast and reliable

#### Page load is not fast enough on mobile networks ^

- ▲ **Your page loads too slowly and is not interactive within 10 seconds. Look at the opportunities and diagnostics in the "Performance" section to learn how to improve.** ^
  - **Interactive at 28.7 s**

A fast page load over a cellular network ensures a good mobile user experience. [Learn more.](#)

#### ▲ Current page does not respond with a 200 when offline ^

If you're building a Progressive Web App, consider using a service worker so that your app can work offline. [Learn more.](#)

#### ▲ start\_url does not respond with a 200 when offline **No usable web app manifest found on page.** ^

A service worker enables your web app to be reliable in unpredictable network conditions. [Learn more.](#)

### Installable

#### Uses HTTPS ^

All sites should be protected with HTTPS, even ones that don't handle sensitive data. HTTPS prevents intruders from tampering with or passively listening in on the communications between your app and your users, and is a prerequisite for HTTP/2 and many new web platform APIs. [Learn more.](#)

#### ▲ Does not register a service worker that controls page and start\_url ^

The service worker is the technology that enables your app to use many Progressive Web App features, such as offline, add to homescreen, and push notifications. [Learn more.](#)

#### ▲ Web app manifest does not meet the installability requirements **Failures: No manifest was fetched.** ^

Browsers can proactively prompt users to add your app to their homescreen, which can lead to higher engagement. [Learn more.](#)

## PWA Optimized

### Redirects HTTP traffic to HTTPS ^

If you've already set up HTTPS, make sure that you redirect all HTTP traffic to HTTPS in order to enable secure web features for all your users. [Learn more](#).

### ▲ Is not configured for a custom splash screen **Failures: No manifest was fetched.** ^

A themed splash screen ensures a high-quality experience when users launch your app from their homescreens. [Learn more](#).

### Does not set a theme color for the address bar. ^

#### ▲ **Failures: No manifest was fetched, No `<meta name="theme-color">` tag found.**

The browser address bar can be themed to match your site. [Learn more](#).

### Content is sized correctly for the viewport ^

If the width of your app's content doesn't match the width of the viewport, your app might not be optimized for mobile screens. [Learn more](#).

### Has a `<meta name="viewport">` tag with width or initial-scale ^

Add a `<meta name="viewport">` tag to optimize your app for mobile screens. [Learn more](#).

### Contains some content when JavaScript is not available ^

Your app should display some content when JavaScript is disabled, even if it's just a warning to the user that JavaScript is required to use the app. [Learn more](#).

### Provides a valid `apple-touch-icon` ^

For ideal appearance on iOS when users add a progressive web app to the home screen, define an `apple-touch-icon`. It must point to a non-transparent 192px (or 180px) square PNG. [Learn More](#).

**Additional items to manually check (3)** — These checks are required by the baseline [PWA Checklist](#) but are not automatically checked by Lighthouse. They do not affect your score but it's important that you verify them manually. ^

### Site works cross-browser ^

To reach the most number of users, sites should work across every major browser. [Learn more](#).

### Page transitions don't feel like they block on the network ^

Transitions should feel snappy as you tap around, even on a slow network. This experience is key to a user's perception of performance. [Learn more](#).

### Each page has a URL ^

Ensure individual pages are deep linkable via URL and that URLs are unique for the purpose of shareability on social media. [Learn more](#).

<b>Fetch time</b>	Jun 15, 2020, 1:08 PM EDT
<b>Device</b>	Emulated Nexus 5X
<b>Network throttling</b>	150 ms TCP RTT, 1,638.4 Kbps throughput (Simulated)
<b>CPU throttling</b>	4x slowdown (Simulated)
<b>User agent (host)</b>	Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_14_6) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/83.0.4103.97 Safari/537.36
<b>User agent (network)</b>	Mozilla/5.0 (Linux; Android 6.0.1; Nexus 5 Build/MRA58N) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/74.0.3694.0 Mobile Safari/537.36 Chrome-Lighthouse
<b>CPU/Memory Power</b>	1070

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