

# Marketplace Testing, Optimization, and Error Handling Documentation-Shop.Co

## Introduction:

This document serves as a comprehensive overview of the testing, optimization, and error handling processes undertaken for the marketplace website. The purpose of this exercise was to ensure that the application functions smoothly, performs efficiently, and provides a secure and seamless user experience. Through a variety of testing strategies, including functional, performance, cross-browser, and security testing, we aimed to identify and resolve any potential issues that could hinder the user experience or application performance. In addition, optimizations were made to enhance the website's speed and responsiveness, ensuring it meets industry standards for both desktop and mobile users.

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## 1. Functional Testing

The primary goal of functional testing was to verify that all features of the marketplace website are working as expected.

- **Tools Used:** Postman, Cypress, React Testing Library
- **Test Details:**
  - **Product Listing:** Confirm that the product listing page correctly fetches and displays data from the backend, showing all available products with accurate details.
  - **Add to Cart:** Verify the "Add to Cart" button functionality. When clicked, the selected product should be added to the cart, and the cart page should reflect the update.
  - **Slug-based Routing:** Ensure that dynamic routing based on product slugs functions correctly, with each product detail page loading the correct product information.
  - **Cart Functionality:** Test that the cart page accurately reflects the selected products, displaying correct quantities, prices, and total amounts.

## 2. Error Handling

Effective error handling ensures that users receive helpful messages when issues occur, improving user experience even in failure scenarios.

- **Test Details:**
  - **API Error Handling:** We implemented error handling for various API failures, such as 404 (Not Found) and 500 (Internal Server Error). In case of a failure, users are shown appropriate error messages, such as "No products available" or "Something went wrong, please try again later."

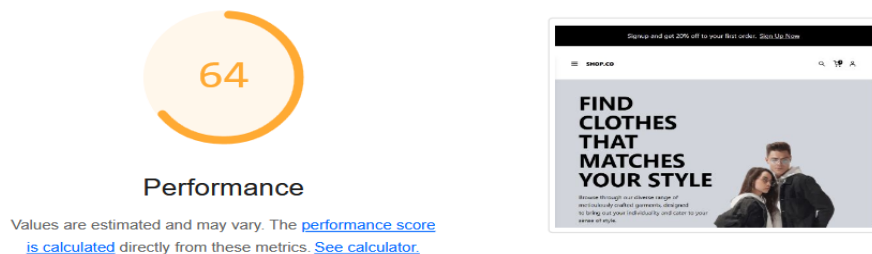
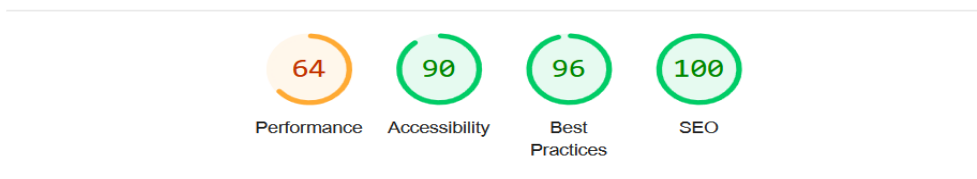
- **Fallback UI:** To enhance the user experience when data is unavailable, fallback UI components were introduced. This includes skeleton loaders while data is being fetched and alternative content (such as "Try again later" messages) when no data is available.

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if (loading) {  
  return <FallbackUI loading />;  
}  
  
if (error) {  
  return <FallbackUI error={error} onRetry={handleRetry} />;  
}  
  
if (data.length === 0) {  
  return <FallbackUI noDataMessage="No products available at the moment." />;  
}
```

### 3. Performance Optimization

Improving website performance is crucial for ensuring fast load times and a smooth user experience.

- **Tools Used:** Lighthouse
- **Optimization Steps:**
  - **Image Compression:** Images were compressed using tools like TinyPNG to reduce file sizes without sacrificing quality, resulting in faster load times.
  - **Lazy Loading:** Implemented lazy loading for images to only load them when they appear in the viewport, reducing initial page load time.
  - **CSS and JS Minification:** All CSS and JavaScript files were minified to remove unnecessary spaces and comments, thus reducing file sizes and improving loading times.



#### 4. Cross-Browser and Device Testing

To ensure a consistent experience across different platforms, cross-browser and device compatibility testing was carried out.

- **Tools Used:** BrowserStack, LambdaTest
- **Test Details:**
  - **Browsers:** The application was tested on Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Edge to ensure functionality is consistent across these popular browsers.
  - **Mobile and Tablet Compatibility:** The app's responsiveness was tested on mobile devices (iPhone, Samsung Galaxy) and tablets to ensure that it adapts correctly to various screen sizes, providing a smooth experience on all devices.

#### 5. User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

User Acceptance Testing (UAT) focuses on verifying the application from the perspective of an end-user to ensure the system meets the business needs and provides a good user experience.

- **Test Process:**
  - **Browsing:** Test the browsing experience, including navigation between pages, product search functionality, and ease of use.
  - **Search and Checkout:** Test the search functionality and entire checkout flow to confirm users can easily find products and complete purchases.
  - **Feedback Collection:** Feedback from peers and users was collected and used to identify any usability issues. Changes were made to improve the flow and address pain points such as button placements and confusing navigation.

**CSV Report:** A detailed CSV report was generated, containing test IDs, descriptions, statuses (Pass/Fail), and severity levels for each test

Test Case ID	Test Case Description	Test Steps	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status	Severity Level	Assigned To	Remarks
TC001	Validate product listing page	Open product page > Verify products	Products displayed correctly	Products displayed correctly	Passed	Low	-	No issues found
TC002	Test API error handling	Disconnect API > Refresh page	Show fallback UI with error message	Error message shown	Passed	Medium	-	Handled gracefully
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
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
T005	Performance benchmarks	Score<98	Achieved 98	Achieved 64	Failed	Low	-	Performance issue
T006	Accessibility	Score = 90	Achieved 90	Achieved 90	Passed	Medium	-	Accessibility met
T007	SEO optimization	Score> 90	Achieved 90	Achieved 100	Passed	High	-	SEO fully optimized

**Conclusion:**

The marketplace website has undergone extensive testing, optimization, and security checks. Functionality has been validated across different browsers and devices, performance has been optimized for faster load times, and the security measures have been strengthened to protect user data. The app is now ready for use, offering a fast, secure, and seamless shopping experience for users.