Day 5: Testing, Error Handling, and Backend Integration Refinement.

Objective

Day 5 focuses on ensuring that the furniture marketplace is deployment-ready by thoroughly testing its functionalities, optimizing its performance, and documenting results. Key areas include:

1. Conducting comprehensive testing of core functionalities.
2. Implementing robust error handling mechanisms.
3. Optimizing for performance, accessibility, and SEO.
4. Ensuring cross-browser and cross-device compatibility.
5. Documenting findings and fixes in a professional format.

Key Learning Outcomes

1. Validate all functionalities through functional and user acceptance testing.
2. Improve website performance metrics using tools like Lighthouse.
3. Ensure high accessibility scores for users with disabilities.
4. Enhance SEO for better search engine visibility.
5. Prepare detailed documentation and a CSV-based testing report.

Implementation Steps

Step 1: Functional Testing

Description: Validate the functionality of key components to ensure they work as expected.

Features Tested:

- Navigation links: Ensure all links navigate correctly.

- Product listing and details: Verify accurate rendering of products.
- Shopping cart operations: Validate add, update, and remove functionalities.
- Blog accessibility: Ensure blog content is accessible.
- Contact form: Confirm successful form submissions.

Tools Used:

- Postman: For API response testing.
- React Testing Library: For component behavior testing.
- Cypress: For end-to-end testing.

Step 2: Error Handling

Description: Implement mechanisms to gracefully handle errors and provide user-friendly feedback.

Approach:

- Utilize `try-catch` blocks to handle API errors.
- Display fallback UI elements, such as "No products available" when data is unavailable.
- Log errors for debugging purposes.
- Ensure graceful handling of failed API responses to maintain user trust and interface consistency.

Step 3: Performance Optimization

Description: Identify and resolve performance bottlenecks using tools like Google Lighthouse.

Performance Metrics:

- Performance: 83
- Accessibility: 100
- Best Practices: 83
- SEO: 79

Key Improvements:

1. Reduce initial server response time (currently 630 ms).
2. Optimize images (savings of 39 KiB) and serve in next-gen formats (savings of 315 KiB).
3. Address cumulative layout shift (CLS: 0.494).
4. Minimize unused JavaScript (savings of 25 KiB).
5. Implement lazy loading for large images.
6. Compress static assets and enable browser caching to improve repeat visits.

Step 4: Cross-Browser and Device Testing

Description: Ensure consistent functionality and rendering across browsers and devices.

Browsers Tested:

- Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge.

Devices Tested:

- Desktop, tablet, mobile (using BrowserStack).

Focus Areas:

- Responsive design.
- Consistent navigation and interactivity.
- Verified accessibility features, including keyboard navigation and screen reader compatibility.

Step 5: Security Testing

Description: Secure the website against vulnerabilities.

Key Actions:

- Sanitize user inputs to prevent SQL injection and XSS attacks.
- Ensure API calls are made over HTTPS.
- Store sensitive information in environment variables.

- Conduct penetration testing to identify hidden vulnerabilities.

Tools Used:

- OWASP ZAP: For automated vulnerability scanning.
- Burp Suite: For penetration testing.
- Manual testing for additional verification of potential vulnerabilities.

Step 6: User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

Description: Simulate real-world user interactions to identify usability issues.

Scenarios Tested:

- Browsing products.
- Adding and removing items from the cart.
- Completing the checkout process.
- Testing multi-step workflows to ensure an intuitive user experience.

Feedback Collected:

- Minor UI inconsistencies identified and resolved.
- Improved workflows for better user experience.
- Adjusted visual hierarchy to emphasize key actions like "Add to Cart."

Step 7: Documentation Updates

Description: Compile findings and resolutions into a professional report.

Includes:

- Test case descriptions and results.
- Performance optimization steps.
- Security measures implemented.
- Screenshots of issues and fixes.
- Additional insights into areas for future improvement.

CSV-Based Testing Report

Test Case ID	Description	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status	Severity	Remarks
TC001	Test navigation links	All links navigate correctly	All links function as intended	Pass	Low	None
TC002	Verify product listing display	Products display correctly	Products display correctly	Pass	Medium	None
TC003	Test shopping cart functionality	Items add/remove/update correctly	Cart functions as expected	Pass	High	None
TC004	Check blog post accessibility	Blog posts are accessible	Blog posts accessible	Pass	Low	None
TC005	Test contact form submission	Form submits successfully	Form submits successfully	Pass	Medium	None
TC006	Analyze performance metrics	Performance score ≥ 90	Score: 83	Fail	High	Optimization needed
TC007	Check accessibility features	Accessibility score ≥ 90	Score: 100	Pass	Medium	Ensure ongoing compliance
TC008	Evaluate SEO metrics	SEO score ≥ 90	Score: 79	Fail	Medium	Implement recommended SEO practices

CSV Content

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TC002,Verify product listing display,Products display
correctly,Products display correctly,Pass,Medium,None
TC003,Test shopping cart functionality,Items add/remove/update
correctly,Cart functions as expected,Pass,High,None
TC004,Check blog post accessibility,Blog posts are accessible,Blog
posts accessible,Pass,Low,None
TC005,Test contact form submission,Form submits successfully,Form
submits successfully,Pass,Medium,None
TC006,Analyze performance metrics,Performance score ≥ 90,Score:
83,Fail,High,Optimization needed
TC007,Check accessibility features,Accessibility score ≥ 90,Score:
100,Pass,Medium,Ensure ongoing compliance
TC008,Evaluate SEO metrics,SEO score ≥ 90,Score:
79,Fail,Medium,Implement recommended SEO practices
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Conclusion

Day 5 successfully focused on enhancing the marketplace's reliability, performance, and user experience. Comprehensive testing ensured all functionalities work as intended, while optimizations improved performance metrics and accessibility. Remaining SEO enhancements and performance tweaks will further refine the platform for deployment. This documentation and CSV report provide a clear roadmap of actions taken and next steps.

Future Recommendations:

- Continue to monitor performance scores with frequent testing cycles.
- Implement AI-powered recommendations for personalized user experiences.
- Conduct periodic security audits to ensure ongoing protection.