

Aim: To use google Lighthouse PWA Analysis Tool to test the PWA functioning.

Theory: Google Lighthouse is an open-source tool built into Chrome DevTools. It provides detailed reports on performance, accessibility, best practices, SEO, and PWA compliance. It simulates loading conditions and gives scores, along with actionable recommendations.

It is crucial for optimizing the user experience, especially for mobile users and slow network conditions.

Steps to Perform:

1. Open Your App in Chrome: Ensure your app is running on HTTPS or localhost.
2. Access Lighthouse:
 - Right-click → Inspect → DevTools.
 - Navigate to the Lighthouse tab.
 - Choose the categories: Performance, PWA, Accessibility, etc.
 - Select device type: Mobile/Desktop.
3. Generate Report:
 - Click “Generate Report”.
 - Review your scores and suggestions.
4. Fix Issues:
 - Implement suggestions like image compression, lazy loading, better caching, improved service worker registration, manifest improvements, etc.
5. Re-test After Changes:
 - Re-run Lighthouse to track improvements.

Key Features:

- Progressive Web App Audit: Verifies installability, service worker, and offline readiness.
- Performance Optimization: Identifies loading bottlenecks.
- Accessibility Check: Ensures app is usable for everyone.
- Best Practices and SEO: Improves overall quality and searchability.

Generate a Lighthouse report

Analyze page load

Mode [Learn more](#)

- ☒ Navigation (Default)
- ☐ Timespan
- ☐ Snapshot

Device

- ☐ Mobile
- ☒ Desktop

Categories

- ☒ Performance
- ☒ Accessibility
- ☒ Best practices
- ☒ SEO

10:26:51 AM - localhost:3000

http://localhost:3000/

Performance 92 Accessibility 92 Best Practices 56 SEO 100

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Performance

Values are estimated and may vary. The [performance score is calculated](#) directly from these metrics. [See calculator.](#)

▲ 0–49 ■ 50–89 ● 90–100

METRICS

[Expand view](#)

■ First Contentful Paint

1.2 s

■ Largest Contentful Paint

1.5 s

● Total Blocking Time

0 ms

● Cumulative Layout Shift

0

■ Speed Index

1.5 s

DIAGNOSTICS

▲ Eliminate render-blocking resources — Potential savings of 780 ms



▲ Largest Contentful Paint element — 1,450 ms



■ Serve images in next-gen formats — Potential savings of 20 KiB



■ Serve static assets with an efficient cache policy — 3 resources found



■ Properly size images — Potential savings of 33 KiB



■ Reduce unused CSS — Potential savings of 60 KiB



■ Reduce unused JavaScript — Potential savings of 2,978 KiB



○ User Timing marks and measures — 3 user timings



○ Avoid non-composited animations — 1 animated element found



○ Avoid chaining critical requests — 4 chains found



○ Minimize third-party usage — Third-party code blocked the main thread for 10 ms

