2.5 Website launch and accessibility

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Objective

Test a website for real users before launch, including accessibility and publishing checks.

You must be able to:

- distinguish hosting from a domain name
- apply practical browser, mobile, link, and keyboard testing
- identify accessibility and licensing requirements

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

■ Test like a visitor

Hosting puts site files on an always-on server. A **domain name** points visitors to that server.

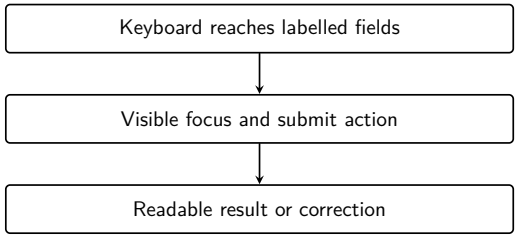
Before launch, test every link on a phone and another browser. Unplug the mouse and use Tab: every link, menu, and form control must be reachable, and the current focus must be visible.

■ Key knowledge: Run an accessibility acceptance test

Record expected and actual results. A test passes only when the visitor can complete the task, rather than when the page merely looks correct.

■ Worked example: Run an accessibility acceptance test

The task is to send a club enquiry using only the keyboard. The tester uses Tab to reach every field, sees a visible focus indicator, enters data and activates the submit button. Each field has a visible label connected to the control. The success message is readable and a bad input gives a useful correction. The team records any failed step, fixes it and repeats the task on the revised page.



2 Practice

2.1 State the purpose of web hosting. [1]

2.2 State one test that should be done on a real phone. [1]

2.3 Explain why keyboard-only testing can find a problem that visual checking misses. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A charity site looks good in its creator's browser, but its contact form goes nowhere and the menu cannot be opened with Tab. Explain why it is not ready to launch. [4]

3.2 Recommend two launch checks for images used on a public website. Justify them. [4]

3.3 A form looks correct, but Tab skips its submit control and fields have no labels. Give two fixes and state a concrete retest. [3]