

Check mobile usability

Find obstacles to reading and taking action on a small screen.

THE FINISHED RESULT

The visitor can read, navigate and act without clipped content or controls covering each other.

Before you start

Environment: Your website editor and Google Search Console

Access and plan: Permission to edit the selected site. Search Console lessons require authorized property access. Indexing and ranking changes are not guaranteed.

Practice project: One published service page

Use a separate demo project and fictional information. Record the exact project and version you use. Keep passwords, verification codes and private customer information out of screenshots and notes.

Official walkthroughs

[W3C: Developing for accessibility](#)

[MDN: CSS layout](#)

Open the credited publisher walkthrough for current interface instructions and available screenshots, then return to the SETLY exercise. External courses remain with their publishers; this PDF does not reproduce their complete tutorial.

Your practice task

Finish one action at a time. Inspect the resulting screen or record before moving on. If a control differs, check the matching official instructions instead of guessing.

01 / Step 1

Open the page at a narrow width and on a phone where available. Start at the top and follow the normal visitor journey.

Check: record what changed and confirm you are still working in the intended demo project.

02 / Step 2

Check line wrapping, menu access, form labels and button spacing. Look for horizontal overflow and fixed elements covering content.

Check: record what changed and confirm you are still working in the intended demo project.

03 / Step 3

Use keyboard navigation where applicable and increase text size. Record the exact element that becomes hard to use.

Check: record what changed and confirm you are still working in the intended demo project.

04 / Step 4

Correct one issue at a time and repeat the journey, including the primary contact or booking action.

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The box model: inspecting an element

Inspect padding, border and margin when a layout overlaps or has unexplained spacing.

▼ Box Model

The diagram illustrates the CSS Box Model with the following dimensions:

- margin:** 40px (yellow dashed border)
- border:** 5px (dark grey solid border)
- padding:** 40px (light purple area)
- content:** 300x150 (light blue dashed box)

Labels 'margin', 'border', and 'padding' are placed near their respective layers. The content area is labeled '300x150'. The total width and height of the box are 390x240.

390x240

static

▼ Box Model Properties

box-sizing	content-box	line-height	28.8px
display	block	position	static
float	none	z-index	auto

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https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Learn_web_development/Core/Styling_basics/Box_model

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Test, troubleshoot, repeat.

If something goes wrong

If a desktop fix creates a mobile overlap, inspect fixed widths and positioned elements before shrinking all text.

If your screen is different

Compare the product, editor, user permissions and selected account with the guide. Open the official reference for your version. Do not perform a live change whose effect you cannot verify.

Final verification

The visitor can read, navigate and act without clipped content or controls covering each other.

Repeat the task with one small variation. Record the test date, project/version, expected result, observed result and a non-sensitive evidence reference. Mark skipped checks as untested.

Your evidence record

Test date: _____ Project/version: _____

Observed result: _____

Evidence reference: _____

Remaining issue and next action: _____

Sources and guide status

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