

# Check page indexing

Distinguish a live page from a page visible in Google's index.

## THE FINISHED RESULT

You can state the observed indexing status and any diagnosed issue without treating a request as proof of indexing.

## 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

[Google Search Console documentation](#)

[Google Search Central: SEO Starter Guide](#)

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

Select a published URL in the verified property and inspect it through Search Console's URL inspection tools.

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

## 02 / Step 2

Compare the reported canonical URL, crawl or indexing state and any reasons supplied for exclusion.

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

## 03 / Step 3

Check the page's robots directives, canonical tag and accessibility. Correct only a diagnosed issue, with the normal publication approval.

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

## 04 / Step 4

Where appropriate, request indexing after the fix and record the date. Recheck later without promising immediate inclusion or rankings.

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

# Test, troubleshoot, repeat.

## If something goes wrong

If the URL is outside the selected property's scope, switch to the correct property before interpreting the result.

## 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

You can state the observed indexing status and any diagnosed issue without treating a request as proof of indexing.

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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