PRIORITIZING WEB PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATIONS



HTTP ARCHIVE & WEB ALMANAC

HTTP Archive:

Tracks how the web is built.

💘 Web Almanac:

Annual publication that analyzes HTTP Archive data.

Part II Chapter 12 Performance

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OPPORTUNITIES	
Opportunity	Estimated Savings
Properly size images	18.57s v
Reduce unused JavaScript	3.45s ∨
Reduce unused CSS	■ 1.35s ∨
Eliminate render-blocking resources	■ 0.56s ∨
Avoid serving legacy JavaScript to modern browsers	• 0.15s ~
These suggestions can help your page load faster. They don't directly affect the Performance score.	
DIAGNOSTICS	
Reduce the impact of third-party code — Third-party code blocked the main thread for 1,510 ms	~
Does not use passive listeners to improve scrolling performance	~
Image elements do not have explicit width and height	~
▲ Minimize main-thread work - 8.9 s	~
▲ Avoid an excessive DOM size - 2,273 elements	~
Avoid enormous network payloads - Total size was 5,273 KiB	~
▲ Reduce JavaScript execution time - 4.5 s	~
Serve static assets with an efficient cache policy - 12 resources found	~
O Avoid chaining critical requests - 11 chains found	~
○ User Timing marks and measures - 2 user timings	~
○ Keep request counts low and transfer sizes small - 116 requests + 5,273 KiB	~
○ Largest Contentful Paint element - 1 element found	~
Avoid large layout shifts - 1 element found	~
O Avoid long main-thread tasks – 20 long tasks found	~

STEP 0: MEASURE

Good Core Web Vitals by device

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One number isn't the whole story

Good FID by device

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STEP 1: VERIFY

VERIFY THE PROBLEM IS A PROBLEM

Cross reference RUM (p75)

🧡 Historic data

if (userAgent === synthetic) {
 // Load images synchronously
} else {
 // Lazy load images if
 // user opens module

STEP 2: ASSESS

Prioritization Factors

Effort

- Solution Clarity
- Technical blockers
- Business blockers

Impact

Level of confidence

LOW EFFORT / HIGH IMPACT

- Solution Clarity: Clear
- Technical blockers: Minimal
- ♥ Business blockers: Minimal
- Level of confidence: High

PRIORITY HINTS



Sites use fetchpriority=high on LCP element

DON'T LAZY LOAD LCP RESOURCE



Mobile sites lazy load their LCP element

LOW EFFORT / HIGH CONFIDENCE

- Impact: Low High
- Solution Clarity: Clear
- Technical blockers: Minimal
- Business blockers: Minimal

Good CLS by device

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bfcache ineligibility from unload handlers

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bfcache eligibility

addEventListener("unload", (event) => {});

addEventListener("pagehide", (event) => {});

MEDIUM EFFORT / HIGH IMPACT

- Solution Clarity: Clear Fuzzy
- Technical blockers: Some
- Business blockers: Minimal
- Level of confidence: High

Pages passing render-blocking resources audit

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REDUCE RENDER BLOCKING RESOURCES

- Inline only critical CSS & JS
- Remove Unused Code

<script src="myFile.js" <mark>async</mark>></script>

<script src="myFile.js" <mark>defer</mark>></script>

<img src="myFile.jpeg" <mark>decoding="async"</mark> alt="We Love Speed 2023"/>



RESPONSIVE IMAGES

Intrinsic Size:

Dimensions of the image that is served to the browser

Rendered Size:

Dimensions that the image is rendered on the page

HIGH IMPACT / HIGH EFFORT

Cross collaboration

• Ownership at the feature level, performance is page level

Infrastructure tracks of work

AVOID DOMAIN SHARDING



CLOSING THOUGHTS

Experience is the best teacher

- Cherish the easy wins
- Make it sustainable
- 🧡 Have Fun

THANK YOU!

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