

Code review and launch checklist

Use it on your own code, AI-written code and classmates' code from Week 5 onwards, and before every launch.

Before you trust AI code

- ☐ Can you explain every line out loud? If not, ask the AI to explain it, then check.
- ☐ Does it run without errors in the console?
- ☐ Does it use the libraries and versions you actually have?
- ☐ Has it invented functions, files or API endpoints that do not exist?
- ☐ Did it change things you did not ask it to?
- ☐ Never paste passwords, API keys or customers' data into an AI tool.

Accessibility

- ☐ One h1, headings in order
- ☐ Every image has alt text; every input has a label
- ☐ Colour contrast at least 4.5 to 1
- ☐ Everything works with the keyboard; focus is visible
- ☐ Buttons are buttons, links are links

Responsive and performance

- ☐ Works at 360px, 768px and 1280px wide
- ☐ No sideways scrolling on a phone
- ☐ Images resized and compressed; WebP where possible; loading="lazy" below the fold
- ☐ Lighthouse in Chrome DevTools: aim for 90+ on performance and accessibility

Clean code

- ☐ Clear names for classes, variables and functions
- ☐ No unused code or console.log left behind
- ☐ CSS variables for colours and spacing
- ☐ Small, focused commits with clear messages

SEO and launch

- ☐ A unique title and meta description on every page
- ☐ Open Graph image for link previews on WhatsApp and LinkedIn
- ☐ Forms tested end to end: you receive the message
- ☐ Analytics added (Vercel Analytics or Google Analytics)
- ☐ Custom domain connected; HTTPS working
- ☐ 404 page and favicon in place