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# Website Audit & Action Plan

## Why businesses need it, how to measure value, and what comes next

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EVIDENCE

Read the context before applying a figure. Published data describes its own population or test, not 48PEGASUS client outcomes.

# Business case and evidence

## Executive summary

A website audit is a decision tool: find what is preventing visitors from understanding the offer, contacting the business or completing a transaction, then put the fixes in an order the team can execute.

## Why a business needs it

A site may look polished while mobile users cannot submit a form, search engines cannot discover a service page, or leads never reach the CRM. A prioritized audit turns opinions into reproducible defects and gives each fix a measurable acceptance test.

## 56.1 detectable errors per homepage [S1]

WebAIM counted a mean of 56.1 automatically detectable accessibility errors across 1 million homepages in 2026. A scan cannot establish full conformance.

## Three performance thresholds [S2]

[*REDACTED*] defines good real-user experience at the 75th percentile as LCP no more than 2.5 seconds, INP no more than 200 milliseconds and CLS no more than 0.1. These are technical thresholds, not sales benchmarks.



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PROCESS

The diagram shows the sequence of work. It does not represent measured impact. Confirm scope and acceptance criteria before committing.

# How the work is done

EXHIBIT / SERVICE DELIVERY WORKFLOW




Conceptual sequence. The agreement defines the actual scope, approval gates, and deliverables.

## What the service covers

Inspect representative public pages and top customer journeys, verify form and contact routing, check crawlability and accessibility, and deliver a prioritized action plan. Repairs and comprehensive accessibility assessments are separate scopes unless agreed.

## Inventory

List high-value pages, user tasks and analytics gaps.

## Verify

Use mobile, keyboard and real-user data; test submissions and follow-through.

## Prioritize

Rank by reach, severity and effort; name an owner and retest after correction.

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DECISION

Compare the alternatives against the current baseline, not against a hypothetical perfect system. Review costs, access, and ownership.

# Use cases and decision tradeoffs

## Low-volume local service

A trade contractor gets referrals but few web inquiries. Start with a real phone and keyboard trial of service-area discovery, click-to-call, quote submission and office follow-up. Run the journey outside office hours as well; the experience includes what happens after a valid form arrives.

## High-traffic brochure site

A manufacturer has a useful catalog but few RFQs. Compare organic landing pages with CRM-qualified requests; distinguish weak calls to action from high traffic of the wrong intent. Verify PDF and downloadable document paths separately from normal pages.

## Multiple locations

Check that each location page routes inquiries to the right team. Stale hours, conflicting phone numbers and duplicate location pages can be high-priority defects even when every page loads quickly.

## Audit or rebuild?

Audit first when the platform is maintainable and defects appear limited. Consider a rebuild when reliability, content changes and accessibility failures stem from shared components that cannot be corrected economically. Audit evidence should justify that choice; the audit is not a sales device.

## Choose the right baseline

Compare real visitors by template and device when sample size permits. If unavailable, run repeatable lab checks and label them diagnostic. Do not compare a desktop lab score with mobile field traffic.

## Use severity rather than score chasing

Put tasks that cannot be completed, lost inquiries and unverified ownership above cosmetic findings and minor aggregate score moves. Defer recommendations without an owner, acceptance test or measured reason to act.

## Illustrative: see the silent leak

Twelve controlled quote attempts on three devices produce twelve success screens and nine CRM records. The handoff completion rate is 75%, despite a 100% apparent form success rate. Trace the missing attempts to the downstream step, then repeat the same twelve tests after repair. This tests the chosen cases; it does not estimate the population-wide failure rate.

## Illustrative: rank work that shares a root cause

A keyboard focus defect repeats on seven high-value templates. A shared navigation fix can improve all seven. One duplicate icon on a rarely visited article can remain in backlog; track the shared fix once and retest each template.



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MEASUREMENT

Define the denominator, source and observation window before comparing results. Keep an owner for each measure.

# How to measure impact and prepare for change

## Critical journey completion

Successful quote or contact attempts divided by controlled test attempts; record failures by step.

## Real-user performance

Track p75 LCP, INP and CLS by device and representative page type.

## Verified fix rate

Closed issues with passing retests divided by issues scheduled for the release.

## Future outlook

Build a repeatable audit baseline now. As search surfaces and AI-assisted discovery evolve, periodically verify indexability, visible business facts and whether new content templates preserve the same paths to contact.

## Boundaries and limitations

Automated accessibility and performance tools are partial evidence. Low-traffic pages may lack field data; label lab tests accordingly. No ranking, revenue or certification is promised.



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