

This is an beta website by [Inclusive Bytes CIC](#), The aim is to create one location for digital resources in Oldham.



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Testing your websites responsiveness

Responsive design matters because your website isn't viewed in one predictable environment anymore. It's opened on phones on buses, tablets on sofas, laptops in cafés, and desktops in offices – all with different screen sizes, orientations, and connection speeds. If your layout only works on a large monitor, you're effectively telling a huge chunk of your audience that their experience is second-class. Beyond usability, responsiveness affects credibility, accessibility, search rankings, and conversion rates. A site that adapts smoothly communicates professionalism and respect for the user; one that breaks, overlaps, or forces zooming signals that it wasn't built with real people in mind.

Step 1: Open Your Website in Chrome

Navigate to the page you want to test.

Step 2: Open Developer Tools

Option A (Keyboard shortcut):

- Windows: Ctrl + Shift + I
- Mac: Cmd + Option + I

Option B (Right-click):

- Right-click anywhere on the page
- Click **Inspect**

A panel will open (usually on the right or bottom).

Step 3: Enable Device Mode

At the top of the Developer Tools panel, click the **Toggle Device Toolbar** icon (it looks like a phone and tablet).

Or use the shortcut:

- Windows: Ctrl + Shift + M
- Mac: Cmd + Shift + M

Your website will now appear inside a resizable device frame.

Step 4: Test Different Devices

At the top of the screen, you'll see a dropdown (often set to "Responsive").

You can:

- Choose preset devices (e.g. iPhone, iPad)
- Select "Responsive" and manually drag the edges to

resize

- Enter specific width and height values

Pay attention to:

- Text resizing
- Menu behaviour (does it become a hamburger?)
- Images scaling properly
- Buttons staying clickable
- Content overlapping or breaking layout

Step 5: Test Orientation

Use the **Rotate** button to switch between:

- Portrait
- Landscape

Some layouts break only in landscape – always check both.

Step 6: Check Real Breakpoints

While in “Responsive” mode:

- Slowly drag the width slider
- Watch for layout shifts
- Note the screen width where changes happen

These widths are your **breakpoints**.

Step 7 (Optional): Simulate Slow Mobile

In DevTools:

- Click the **Network** tab
- Change throttling to **Slow 3G**

Refresh the page and observe:

- Image loading
- Layout shifts
- Performance issues

Responsiveness isn't just layout – it's usability on poor connections.

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