

Exemplar

User story

As a **podcast listener**, I want to **mark a show as a favourite**, so that I can **find and listen to it quickly in one place**.

Acceptance criteria

- **Given** I'm on a show's page, **when** I tap the Favourite (heart), then the heart fills immediately (≤ 300 ms) and the show appears in Favourites within ≤ 2 s.
- **Given** a show is already favourited, **when** I tap the heart again, **then** it's removed from Favourites and the heart un-fills; the list updates within ≤ 2 s and persists after app relaunch.
- **Given** I have favourited shows, **when** I open Favourites, **then** I see them sorted by **most recently favourited** and I can see the total count.
- **Given** the device is **offline**, **when** I favourite or unfavourite a show, **then** the UI reflects the change right away and **queues the change**; **when** the connection returns, **then** the change **syncs within ≤ 10 s** or I see a clear message if it fails.
- **Given** I'm **not signed in**, **when** I try to favourite a show, **then** I'm asked to sign in and the action completes after I do.
- **Given** a favourite/unfavourite is in progress, **when** I tap repeatedly, **then** only one action is applied (no duplicates); transient errors auto-retry up to **3** times.
- **Given** assistive tech is enabled, **when** I navigate to the control, **then** it has an accessible name ("Favourite/Unfavourite show"), keeps focus after activation, and announces the new state.

User story – Rubric match

User Story Look-fors 🙄	Developing	Proficient	Advanced
Clear user need (who / what / why)			Very focused on a real user; the purpose is clear and convincing in one short sentence.
Clear order and layout			Tidy headings/bullets; everything is in a predictable spot and quick to scan.
Short and easy to read			Clear, tight wording; easy to understand; specific.

Acceptance Criteria – Rubric Match

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Given/When/Then, testability			Lean but complete set; each scenario is observable and maps cleanly to tests.
Specific and measurable details			Gives exact numbers, ranges, or times (e.g., “≤ 2 seconds”) with clear pass/fail conditions.
Right for the audience and purpose		Scenarios match the intended user and purpose.	
Correct terms and format			Consistent, accurate terminology and formatting; avoids design/implementation details.

NOTE

There are more matches in **Advanced** than **Proficient**, so this exemplar lands at **Advanced**.