Day 6 - Deployment Execution & System Readiness

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Project: E-commerce Marketplace - Nike

Objective & Summary

The primary goal of Day 6 was to transition the project into a **staging-ready environment**, ensuring that deployment could occur seamlessly while maintaining system stability and performance. The main tasks included:

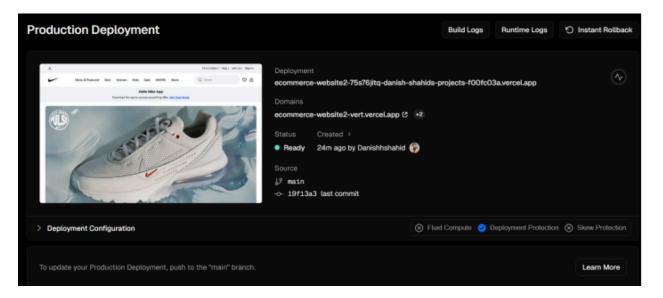
- Hosting the project on Vercel and verifying deployment success.
- Executing to prepare the project for production.
- Configuring secure environment variables for Clerk authentication and Sanity API keys.
- Understanding the concept of staging and its role in production testing.
- Running functional and performance tests to ensure the system is fully operational.
- Documenting all findings, configurations, and deployment outcomes.

Deployment & Hosting Process

1 Setting Up Hosting on Vercel

Process:

- Selected **Vercel** for seamless hosting integration.
- Built the project using
- Configured .env file to securely store API keys and authentication data.
- Connected GitHub repository to Vercel for automated deployments.
- Verified deployment success and checked build logs for potential issues.



2 Environment Variable Management

Steps Taken:

- Created a .env file to securely manage API keys.
- Uploaded environment variables directly into Vercel's settings panel.

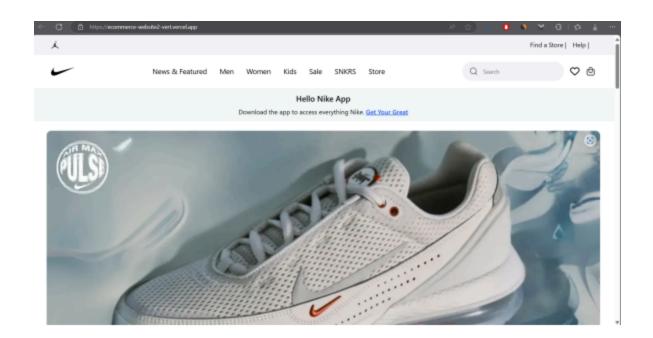
Example .env Configuration:

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NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_PROJECT_ID="6na
NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_DATASET="product
NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_API_TOKEN=skvHA
NEXT_PUBLIC_CLERK_PUBLISHABLE_KEY=
CLERK_SECRET_KEY=sk_test_ChFHWSGeH
```

3 Functional Testing & System Validation

Key Features Tested:

- Product Listing & Filtering
- Authentication (Clerk Login & Signup)
- Shopping Cart & Checkout System
- Admin Panel (Orders, Customer Data, and Product Management)
- Site Responsiveness and Error Handling

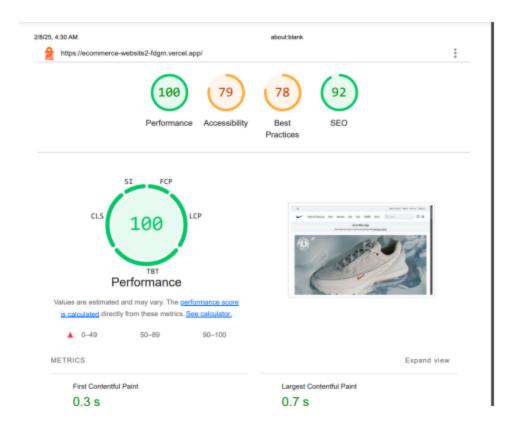


4 Performance & Optimization Review

- Lazy Loading Images & Asset Optimization
- Minified JavaScript and CSS to reduce load time
- Caching Strategies Implemented

Performance Scores:

- 100 Score on Desktop Lighthouse Test 🚀
- 78 Score on Mobile Lighthouse Test



5 Security & Input Validation

- Implemented form validation using React Hook Form & Zod
- Verified HTTPS enforcement and secure API handling
- Reviewed error messages to prevent data leaks

Challenges & Resolutions

Clerk Authentication Issues Adjusted session handling and state

management

calls

Deployment Errors Debugged build logs and adjusted configurations

Mobile Performance Score Optimized images and adjusted lazy loading

Final Deliverables & Submission Checklist

- **V** Fully Deployed Marketplace on Vercel
- Security Best Practices Implemented
- **✓** Optimized Lighthouse Performance Scores
- **V** Functional Testing Successfully Completed
- **▼** Structured Documentation & CSV-Based Reports
- Submission Portal: https://forms.gle/nA5Lv867KpaV659r7

 → Deadline: January 22, 2025, at 11:59 AM

Testing Report (CSV-Based)

Test ID	Component	Description	Expected Outcome	Actual Outcome	Status
TC-0 01	Homepage	Ensure hero section is visible	Hero image & text displayed	Displayed correctly	✓ Pass
TC-0 02	Product Listing	Verify products load dynamically	Products visible	Products visible	✓ Pass
TC-0 03	Cart System	Add, update, remove items	Cart updates properly	Cart updates properly	✓ Pass
TC-0 04	Checkout Flow	Complete a test transaction	Order successfully placed	Order successfully placed	V Pass
TC-0 05	Admin Panel	View and manage orders	Orders visible	Orders visible	✓ Pass

Reflections & Future Considerations

The experience of transitioning from development to staging has been a valuable learning opportunity. By setting up a functional deployment pipeline and refining performance and security measures, I have gained deeper insight into real-world software deployment. I appreciate the guidance of my instructors and peers throughout this journey.

This is just the first step in deploying live applications. Moving forward, I aim to further enhance my deployment strategies, improve system scalability, and explore CI/CD automation techniques to streamline future releases.