Logo Upload Fix - Supabase Storage Integration

Problem Summary

The customer logo upload feature was failing with a **500 error** because the original implementation attempted to write logo files to the local filesystem using Node.js fs module. This approach doesn't work on Vercel's serverless platform where the filesystem is **read-only** and any writes are **ephemeral** (lost after the serverless function completes).

Original Issue

Failed to upload logo Server responded with status 500

Solution

Migrated from local filesystem storage to **Supabase Storage** (cloud storage), which persists files and works seamlessly with Vercel's serverless architecture.

Changes Made

1. New Storage Utility (src/app/lib/storage.ts)

Created a comprehensive Supabase Storage utility with the following features:

- Automatic Supabase URL detection from DATABASE URL
- File upload with upsert capability (replaces existing files)
- File deletion functionality
- Bucket management (auto-create if doesn't exist)
- Public URL generation for uploaded files

2. Updated Logo Upload API (src/app/api/admin/customers/ [customerId]/logo/route.ts)

Before: Used fs.writeFile() and fs.unlink() to save/delete files locally **After:** Uses Supabase Storage APIs for cloud-based file management

Key improvements:

- V Files persist across deployments
- Works on serverless platforms (Vercel, AWS Lambda, etc.)
- V Better error handling with specific error messages
- Automatic cleanup of old logos when uploading new ones
- <a> Scalable storage solution

3. Enhanced Frontend Error Handling (src/app/admin/components/ CustomerManagement.tsx)

Improved user experience:

- V Detailed error messages shown to users
- V Success confirmation with cloud storage info
- W Better loading states
- Clear feedback for upload/delete operations

Setup Requirements

Required Environment Variables

You need to add the Supabase anonymous key to your environment variables:

Option 1: Get from Supabase Dashboard

- 1. Go to your Supabase project dashboard: https://supabase.com/dashboard
- 2. Navigate to **Settings** → **API**
- 3. Copy the **anon/public** key (not the service role key!)
- 4. Add to your .env.local or Vercel environment variables:

```
# Option A: Public variable (accessible client-side)
NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_ANON_KEY=eyJhbGci0iJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9...
# OR Option B: Server-only variable
SUPABASE_ANON_KEY=eyJhbGci0iJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9...
```

Note: The anon key is safe to expose publicly - it's designed for client-side use with Row Level Security (RLS) protecting your data.

Option 2: Extract from Connection String

If you can't find the anon key, the code will automatically extract the Supabase project URL from your existing DATABASE URL, but you still need to provide the anon key.

Supabase Storage Bucket Setup

The code automatically creates a customer-logos bucket with these settings:

- Public access: Yes (logos need to be viewable)
- File size limit: 5MB maximum
- Allowed MIME types:
- image/jpeg
- image/jpg
- image/png
- image/gif
- image/bmp

If you want to manually create the bucket:

- 1. Go to **Storage** in your Supabase dashboard
- 2. Click New Bucket
- 3. Name it: customer-logos

- 4. Enable Public bucket
- 5. Set file size limit: 5MB
- 6. Add allowed MIME types (optional)

Image Requirements

Supported Formats

- V JPEG (.jpg, .jpeg)
- **V** PNG (.png)
- **GIF** (.gif)
- MP (.bmp)

File Size Limit

- Maximum: 5MB per image
- Recommended: Under 1MB for optimal performance

Recommended Dimensions

- Minimum: 200x200 pixels
- Recommended: 400x400 pixels (square logos work best)
- Maximum: 2000x2000 pixels

Best Practices

- 1. **Use PNG** for logos with transparency
- 2. **Use JPEG** for photos or complex images
- 3. Optimize images before uploading (use tools like TinyPNG)
- 4. **Square aspect ratio** is ideal for consistent display
- 5. High contrast logos work best on various backgrounds

Deployment Steps

1. Update Dependencies

npm install

This installs the @supabase/supabase-js package that was added.

2. Add Environment Variable to Vercel

```
# Using Vercel CLI
vercel env add NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_ANON_KEY

# Or using Vercel Dashboard
# 1. Go to your project settings
# 2. Navigate to Environment Variables
# 3. Add NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_ANON_KEY with your anon key
# 4. Select all environments (Production, Preview, Development)
```

3. Deploy to Vercel

```
git add .
git commit -m "fix: Migrate logo upload to Supabase Storage for Vercel compatibility"
git push origin main
```

Vercel will automatically deploy the changes.

4. Verify Deployment

- 1. Go to your admin dashboard
- 2. Navigate to Customers tab
- 3. Click Logo button for any customer
- 4. Upload a test image
- 5. Verify success message appears
- 6. Check that logo displays correctly

Testing the Fix

Manual Testing Checklist

- [] Upload a new logo for a customer
- [] Verify success message appears
- [] Confirm logo displays in the preview
- [] Reload the page and verify logo persists
- [] Upload a different logo to replace the existing one
- [] Delete a logo
- [] Verify error messages for invalid file types
- [] Verify error messages for files over 5MB
- [] Test with different image formats (JPG, PNG, GIF)

Expected Behavior

Success Case:

- Upload completes within 2-3 seconds
- Alert shows: "Logo uploaded successfully to cloud storage"
- Logo appears in customer list
- Logo URL stored in database
- File accessible via public URL

X Error Cases:

1. Invalid File Type:

- Error: "Invalid file type. Allowed types: .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .gif, .bmp"

2. File Too Large:

- Error: "File too large. Maximum size is 5MB"

3. Missing Supabase Key:

- Error: "Storage service configuration error"
- Details: "Please ensure Supabase storage is properly configured..."

4. Network Error:

- Error: "Network error - please check your connection and try again"

Troubleshooting

Issue: "Supabase anon key not configured"

Solution:

```
# Add the anon key to your environment variables
vercel env add NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_ANON_KEY
```

Issue: "Failed to access or create the storage bucket"

Possible Causes:

- 1. RLS (Row Level Security) policies blocking access
- 2. Insufficient permissions on the anon key
- 3. Bucket doesn't exist and auto-creation failed

Solution:

- 1. Go to Supabase Dashboard → Storage
- 2. Check if customer-logos bucket exists
- 3. If not, create it manually (see setup instructions above)
- 4. Ensure the bucket is marked as **Public**
- 5. Check Storage policies:
- ```sql
- Allow public read access

CREATE POLICY "Public Access"

ON storage.objects FOR SELECT

USING (bucket id = 'customer-logos');

- Allow authenticated users to insert/update/delete

CREATE POLICY "Authenticated users can upload"

ON storage.objects FOR INSERT

TO authenticated

WITH CHECK (bucket_id = 'customer-logos');

. . .

Issue: Logo uploads but doesn't display

Possible Causes:

- 1. Bucket is not public
- 2. CORS issues
- 3. URL not properly stored in database

Solution:

- 1. Make bucket public in Supabase dashboard
- 2. Check CORS settings in Supabase (usually auto-configured)
- 3. Verify logo url column in customers table contains the full URL

Issue: Old logos from filesystem still showing

Solution:

These were stored locally and won't work on Vercel. Users will need to re-upload logos through the admin dashboard. The old logo URLs in the database will fail to load.

Migration Notes

For Existing Customers with Logos

If you had customers with logos uploaded using the old filesystem method, those logos are **lost** on Vercel deployments because:

- 1. Local filesystem on Vercel is ephemeral
- 2. Files don't persist between deployments
- 3. Files aren't shared across serverless function instances

Action Required:

- Re-upload logos for all existing customers through the admin dashboard
- Old logo URLs in the database will need to be replaced

Database Schema

No database changes required! The <code>customers.logo_url</code> column still stores the URL, it just now points to Supabase Storage URLs instead of local file paths.

Before: /customer-logos/customer-5.png

After: https://images-platform.99static.com//Yl0uDdi6Ya4JwjUE_SPcQH-Ky0k=/0x104:597x701/fit-in/500x500/99designs-contests-attachments/68/68374/attachment_68374811

Performance Considerations

Upload Speed

- Local FS (old): ~50-100ms (but doesn't work on Vercel)
- Supabase Storage (new): ~500-1500ms (depends on file size and network)

CDN Benefits

Supabase Storage includes CDN benefits:

- Global distribution
- Automatic caching
- Faster loading for end users
- No server load for serving images

Security

What's Protected

- Only SUPER_ADMIN role can upload/delete logos
- File type validation (images only)
- V File size limit (5MB max)
- Customer ID validation before upload

What's Public

- 1 Uploaded logos are publicly accessible (by design)
- A Logo URLs can be accessed by anyone with the link
- A This is intentional logos need to display on customer portals

Best Practices

- 1. Don't upload sensitive/confidential information as logos
- 2. Ensure uploaded images are appropriate for public display
- 3. Monitor storage usage in Supabase dashboard
- 4. Set up alerts for unusual storage activity

Cost Implications

Supabase Storage Pricing (as of 2024)

Free Tier:

- 1GB storage
- 2GB bandwidth per month

Paid Plans:

- \$0.021 per GB of storage per month
- \$0.09 per GB of bandwidth

Estimated Usage

Assuming 100 customers with logos:

- Average logo size: 100KB
- Total storage: 10MB (negligible)
- Monthly bandwidth: ~1GB (well within free tier)

Conclusion: Storage costs are minimal for logo hosting.

Alternative Solutions

If you prefer not to use Supabase Storage, here are alternatives:

1. Vercel Blob Storage

npm install @vercel/blob

- Native Vercel integration
- Similar pricing to Supabase
- Easier setup for Vercel deployments

2. AWS S3

npm install @aws-sdk/client-s3

- Most popular cloud storage
- Pay-as-you-go pricing
- Requires AWS account setup

3. Cloudinary

npm install cloudinary

- Image optimization included
- Automatic transformations
- · Higher cost but more features

Support

If you encounter issues:

1. Check Vercel logs:

```
bash vercel logs
```

- 2. Check browser console for client-side errors
- 3. Verify environment variables:

```
bash
  vercel env pull
  cat .env.local
```

4. Test locally first:

```
bash
npm run dev
```

Summary

Fixed: Logo upload now works on Vercel

Improved: Better error handling and user feedback
 Scalable: Cloud storage solution ready for production
 Secure: Proper authentication and file validation

Next Steps:

- 1. Add Supabase anon key to environment variables
- 2. Deploy to Vercel
- 3. Re-upload logos for existing customers
- 4. Monitor storage usage in Supabase dashboard