

Deployment Guide

This guide provides detailed instructions for deploying the CMU-Africa Information Assistant to production.

Target Domain

Production URL: campuslink.apps.cximmersion.com

Pre-Deployment Checklist

- [] OpenAI API key obtained and tested
- [] Pinecone account created with index
- [] Knowledge base populated with data
- [] Environment variables configured
- [] Application tested locally
- [] Security review completed
- [] Backup strategy defined

Deployment Options

Option 1: Streamlit Cloud (Recommended for Quick Deploy)

Steps:

1. Push to GitHub

```
bash
git init
git add .
git commit -m "Initial commit"
git remote add origin <your-repo-url>
git push -u origin main
```

2. Deploy on Streamlit Cloud

- Go to share.streamlit.io (<https://share.streamlit.io>)
- Click "New app"
- Select your repository
- Set main file path: `src/app.py`
- Configure secrets (see below)

3. Configure Secrets

In Streamlit Cloud secrets management, add:

```
toml
OPENAI_API_KEY = "sk-..."
PINECONE_API_KEY = "..."
PINECONE_ENVIRONMENT = "us-east-1-aws"
PINECONE_INDEX_NAME = "cmu-africa-assistant"
```

4. Custom Domain

- Go to Settings → General
- Add custom domain: `campuslink.apps.cximmersion.com`
- Follow DNS configuration instructions

Option 2: Docker Deployment

Using Docker Compose:

1. Set up environment variables

```
bash
cp .env.example .env
# Edit .env with your API keys
```

2. Build and run

```
bash
docker-compose up -d
```

3. Access the application

```
http://localhost:8501
```

Using Docker only:

```
# Build
docker build -t cmu-africa-assistant .

# Run
docker run -d \
  -p 8501:8501 \
  -e OPENAI_API_KEY="your_key" \
  -e PINECONE_API_KEY="your_key" \
  -e PINECONE_ENVIRONMENT="your_env" \
  --name cmu-assistant \
  cmu-africa-assistant
```

Option 3: Traditional Server Deployment

Prerequisites:

- Ubuntu 20.04+ or similar Linux distribution
- Python 3.9+
- Nginx (for reverse proxy)
- Supervisor or systemd (for process management)

Steps:

1. Set up the server

```
```bash
Update system
sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y

Install Python and dependencies
sudo apt install python3.9 python3.9-venv python3-pip nginx -y
```
```

1. Deploy application

```
```bash
Clone repository
```

```

cd /opt
sudo git clone cmu-africa-assistant
cd cmu-africa-assistant

Create virtual environment
sudo python3.9 -m venv venv
sudo venv/bin/pip install -r requirements.txt

Set up environment
sudo cp .env.example .env
sudo nano .env # Add your API keys

Set permissions
sudo chown -R www-data:www-data /opt/cmu-africa-assistant
...

```

### 1. Configure Supervisor

Create `/etc/supervisor/conf.d/cmu-assistant.conf` :

```

ini
[program:cmu-africa-assistant]
command=/opt/cmu-africa-assistant/venv/bin/streamlit run src/app.py --server.port=8501
directory=/opt/cmu-africa-assistant
user=www-data
autostart=true
autorestart=true
redirect_stderr=true
stdout_logfile=/var/log/cmu-assistant.log
environment=OPENAI_API_KEY="your_key",PINECONE_API_KEY="your_key"

```

Start the service:

```

bash
sudo supervisorctl reread
sudo supervisorctl update
sudo supervisorctl start cmu-africa-assistant

```

### 1. Configure Nginx

Create `/etc/nginx/sites-available/cmu-assistant` :

```

```nginx
server {
listen 80;
server_name campuslink.apps.cximmersion.com;

location / {
proxy_pass http://localhost:8501;
proxy_http_version 1.1;
proxy_set_header Upgrade $http_upgrade;
proxy_set_header Connection "upgrade";
proxy_set_header Host $host;
proxy_cache_bypass $http_upgrade;
}
}
...

```

Enable site:

```
bash
sudo ln -s /etc/nginx/sites-available/cmu-assistant /etc/nginx/sites-enabled/
sudo nginx -t
sudo systemctl reload nginx
```

1. Set up SSL with Let's Encrypt

```
bash
sudo apt install certbot python3-certbot-nginx -y
sudo certbot --nginx -d campuslink.apps.cximmersion.com
```

Security Configuration

1. Environment Variables

Never hardcode secrets. Use environment variables:

```
export OPENAI_API_KEY="sk-..."
export PINECONE_API_KEY="..."
```

2. Firewall Configuration

```
sudo ufw allow 80/tcp
sudo ufw allow 443/tcp
sudo ufw allow 22/tcp
sudo ufw enable
```

3. Rate Limiting

Add to Nginx configuration:

```
limit_req_zone $binary_remote_addr zone=one:10m rate=10r/s;

server {
    location / {
        limit_req zone=one burst=20;
        # ... rest of config
    }
}
```

4. Authentication (Optional)

For admin panel, add basic auth:

```
location /Admin {
    auth_basic "Admin Area";
    auth_basic_user_file /etc/nginx/.htpasswd;
    # ... proxy config
}
```



Monitoring and Logging

Application Logs

Logs are stored in `logs/` directory:

- Application logs: `logs/app.log`
- Error logs: `logs/error.log`

System Monitoring

1. **Set up monitoring** with tools like:

- Prometheus + Grafana
- New Relic
- DataDog

2. **Key metrics to monitor:**

- Response time
- Error rate
- API usage (OpenAI, Pinecone)
- Memory usage
- CPU usage

Log Rotation

Configure logrotate:

```
sudo nano /etc/logrotate.d/cmu-assistant
```

```
/opt/cmu-africa-assistant/logs/*.log {
    daily
    rotate 14
    compress
    delaycompress
    notifempty
    create 0640 www-data www-data
}
```



Updates and Maintenance

Updating the Application

```
cd /opt/cmu-africa-assistant
sudo -u www-data git pull
sudo -u www-data venv/bin/pip install -r requirements.txt
sudo supervisorctl restart cmu-africa-assistant
```

Database Backups

Regular backups of chat history and feedback:

```
#!/bin/bash
# backup.sh
BACKUP_DIR="/backups/cmu-assistant"
DATE=$(date +%Y%m%d_%H%M%S)

mkdir -p $BACKUP_DIR
cp -r /opt/cmu-africa-assistant/data $BACKUP_DIR/data_$DATE
```

Add to crontab:

```
0 2 * * * /opt/cmu-africa-assistant/backup.sh
```

Testing the Deployment

Health Checks

1. Application health:

```
bash
curl http://localhost:8501/_stcore/health
```

2. API connectivity:

- Test OpenAI: Check a query in the chat
- Test Pinecone: View index stats in Admin Panel

3. SSL certificate:

```
bash
curl -I https://campuslink.apps.cximmersion.com
```

Load Testing

Use tools like Apache Bench:

```
ab -n 1000 -c 10 http://campuslink.apps.cximmersion.com/
```

Troubleshooting

Common Issues

1. Application won't start

```
bash
sudo supervisorctl status cmu-africa-assistant
sudo tail -f /var/log/cmu-assistant.log
```

2. 502 Bad Gateway

- Check if Streamlit is running
- Verify port 8501 is accessible
- Check Nginx error logs

3. Slow responses

- Monitor API rate limits
- Check server resources
- Review Pinecone index performance

Emergency Rollback

```
cd /opt/cmu-africa-assistant
sudo -u www-data git reset --hard HEAD~1
sudo supervisorctl restart cmu-africa-assistant
```



Post-Deployment

1. Populate Knowledge Base

```
cd /opt/cmu-africa-assistant
sudo -u www-data venv/bin/python populate_knowledge_base.py
```

2. Test All Features

- [] Chat functionality
- [] Document search
- [] Admin panel
- [] Feedback system
- [] Multi-language support

3. Monitor for 24 Hours

Watch for:

- Error rates
- Response times
- API costs
- User feedback



Support

For deployment issues:

- Documentation: See README.md
- Logs: Check `/var/log/` and `logs/`
- Status: `sudo supervisorctl status`

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