Day 6 - Deployment Preparation and Staging Environment Setup

Step 1: Hosting Platform Setup

The project has been deployed on **Vercel** to ensure smooth performance and scalability.

1.1 Hosting Platform Selection

∀ Vercel (Selected for its Next.js optimization and seamless integration with GitHub)

1.2 GitHub Repository Connection

- The GitHub repository has been successfully connected to **Vercel**.
- Auto-deployment is enabled for every push to the **main branch**.

1.3 Deployment Configuration

- Build Command: npm run build
- Root Directory: /
- Environment Variables Configured (Step 2)

Step 2: Environment Variables Configuration

Environment variables are securely managed within Vercel.

2.1 .env File Configuration (Local Development)

```
NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_PROJECT_ID=your_project_id
NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_DATASET=production
API KEY=your api key
```

2.2 Uploading Environment Variables to Vercel

 Variables were added in Vercel Dashboard → Project Settings → Environment Variables.

Step 3: Deployment to Staging

3.1 Deployment Execution

- Code was pushed to **GitHub** triggering an automatic deployment.
- The build process completed successfully with no errors.

3.2 Deployment Validation

- Staging URL: [Your Staging Link]
- Application tested for basic functionality and UI consistency.

Step 4: Staging Environment Testing

4.1 Functional Testing

- **⊘ Product Listing** Verified products appear correctly.
- **♦ Shopping Cart** Added and removed items successfully.
- **⊘** Checkout Process Completed successfully.

4.2 Performance Testing

Lighthouse Test Results:

4.4 Test Case Documentation (CSV File Created)

Test Case ID	Description	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status
TC001	Validate product listing	Products show	Works fine	⊘ Pass
TC002	Test API error handling	Error message	Displayed	⊘ Pass
TC003	Check cart functionality	Updates cart	Works fine	⊘ Pass

Step 5: Documentation Updates

5.1 Updated README.md

- **✓** Project Overview
- **✓** Deployment Instructions
- **✓** Test Reports Summary

5.2 GitHub Repository Organization

Final Submission Checklist ∜

- **☑** Staging Environment Deployed on Vercel
- ☑ GitHub Repository Updated & Organized
- **☑** Test Case Reports (CSV Format) Added
- **☑** Performance Test Results Uploaded
- \square README.md Updated

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