

# Report on Day 6: Deployment Preparation and Staging Environment Setup

## Objective

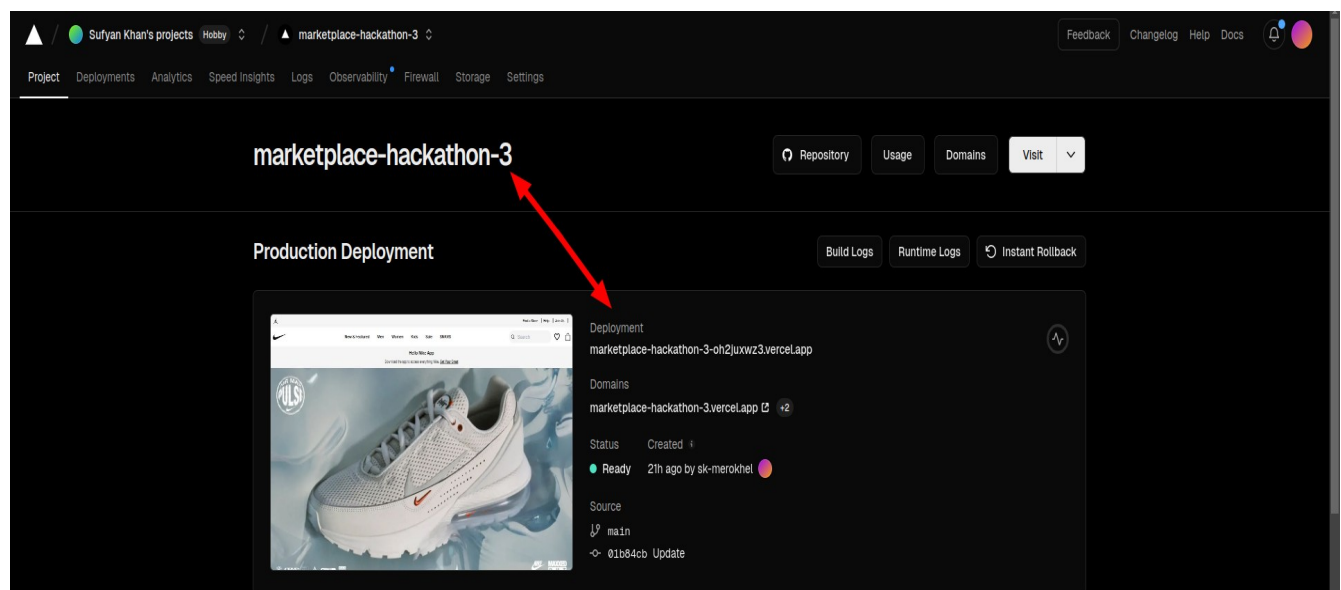
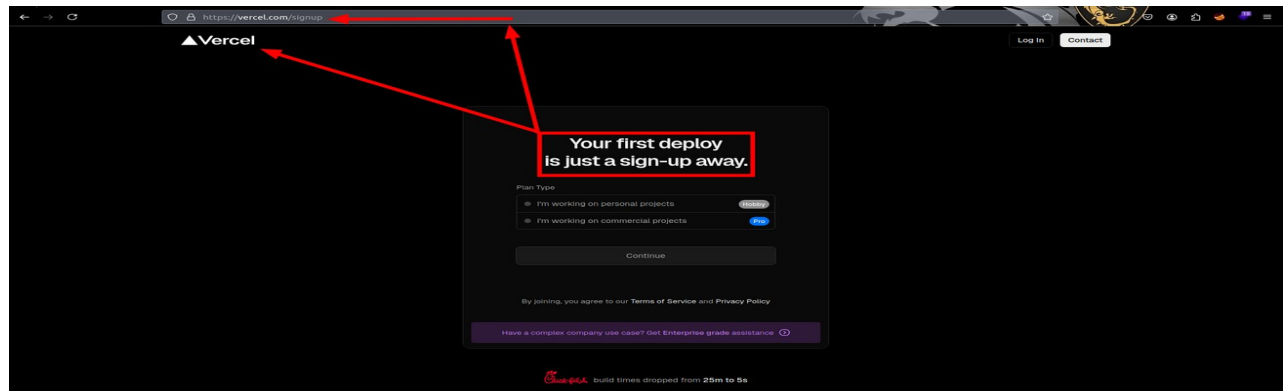
Day 6 was dedicated to preparing the marketplace application for deployment, ensuring it is production-ready. This involved setting up a staging environment, configuring hosting platforms, conducting thorough testing, and documenting the deployment process to guarantee a seamless transition to production.

## Key Learning Outcomes

### 1. Deployment Setup

#### a. Hosting Platform Selection

- Chosen Platform: Vercel



- **Reasons for Selection:**

- Native support for Next.js
- Seamless GitHub integration for CI/CD workflows
- Automatic deployments from GitHub
- Scalable infrastructure to handle varying traffic loads
- Serverless functions for backend logic without server management

## b. GitHub Integration

- Linked the project repository to Vercel to enable automated builds and deployments.
- Ensured that each push to the repository triggers a deployment process.

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'Marketplace-Hackathon-3' by 'SK-Merokhel'. The repository is public and has 1 branch and 0 tags. The file list includes folders like .next, Documentation, actions, public, scripts, src, types and files like .env.local, .gitignore, MUST.READ.txt, Mind Mapping, README.md, Work Flow, next-env.d.ts, next.config.mjs, and package-lock.json. Red circles highlight specific elements: 1. 'Mind Mapping' file, 2. 'Work Flow' file, 3. 'Add files via upload' button, and 4. The repository name 'Marketplace-Hackathon-3'.

File/Folder	Commit Message	Commit ID	Commit Date	Commits
.next	Update	01b84cb	yesterday	9 Commits
Documentation	Add files via upload		3 weeks ago	
actions	Fixed untracked files issue		yesterday	
public	Fixed untracked files issue		yesterday	
scripts	Fixed untracked files issue		yesterday	
src	Update		yesterday	
types	Fixed untracked files issue		yesterday	
.env.local	Update		yesterday	
.gitignore	update		yesterday	
MUST.READ.txt	Fixed untracked files issue		yesterday	
Mind Mapping	Mind Mapping		3 weeks ago	
README.md	Fixed untracked files issue		yesterday	
Work Flow	Work Flow		3 weeks ago	
next-env.d.ts	Fixed untracked files issue		yesterday	
next.config.mjs	Fixed untracked files issue		yesterday	
package-lock.json	Fixed untracked files issue		yesterday	

**About**

The goal of this project was to understand the basics of marketplace types, define a business model, and create a foundational data schema to support marketplace functionality.

[marketplace-hackathon-3.vercel.app](#)

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### c. Configuration

- Configured build settings, environment variables, and API keys securely within Vercel.
- Managed production and staging environments effectively.

The screenshot shows the Vercel configuration interface for a Next.js project. The 'Framework Preset' is set to 'Next.js'. The 'Root Directory' is set to './'. The 'Build and Output Settings' section is expanded, showing the 'Environment Variables' section. A red arrow points from the 'Environment Variables' section to the 'Deploy' button at the bottom. Four red circles with numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 are placed on the interface: 1 is on the 'Key' column header, 2 is on the 'Value' column header, 3 is on the '+ Add More' button, and 4 is on the 'Deploy' button.

Framework Preset

Next.js

Root Directory

./

Edit

> Build and Output Settings

Environment Variables

Key	Value	
		—
		—
		—
		—

+ Add More

Tip: Paste an .env above to populate the form. [Learn more](#)

Deploy

### d. Environment Variable Management

- Configured essential variables such as `projectId`, `dataset`, and `api-token` within Vercel.
- Ensured sensitive information is securely stored and not exposed in the codebase.

### e. Validation

- Successfully deployed the application in a production-like staging setup to verify deployment readiness.

## 2. Comprehensive Testing

### a. Functional Testing

- **Cypress:** Performed end-to-end testing on user workflows such as product listing, cart operations, and checkout.
- **Postman:** Verified API responses and ensured correct data retrieval.

The screenshot displays the Postman interface for a test collection. At the top, a summary shows 6 PASSED and 0 FAILED tests. The main area shows two iterations of tests. Iteration 1 includes a GET request to /users which passed with a 200 status code and a check for the user 'Leanne Graham'. Iteration 2 repeats the same tests. A POST request to /users is also shown but has no tests. Red callout numbers 1, 2, and 3 highlight the summary, the first test details, and the POST request respectively.

Iteration	Request	Response	Status	Time	Size
Iteration 1	GET {{url}}/users	200 OK	PASS	840 ms	5.645 KB
Iteration 1	POST {{url}}/users	201 Created	PASS	931 ms	487 B
Iteration 2	GET {{url}}/users	200 OK	PASS	79 ms	5.645 KB
Iteration 2	POST {{url}}/users	201 Created	PASS	823 ms	487 B

### b. Performance Testing

- **Lighthouse & GTmetrix:** Measured speed, responsiveness, and overall site performance. Optimized where necessary.

The screenshot shows the PageSpeed Insights report for the URL https://marketplace-hackathon-3.vercel.app/. The report is dated Feb 4, 2025, 11:59:54 PM. It displays a Performance score of 97, Accessibility of 89, Best Practices of 100, and SEO of 100. A detailed view of the Performance score shows a score of 97 with metrics for CLS, FCP, and LCP. A red arrow points from the 'Report from Feb 4, 2025, 11:59:54 PM' text to the URL input field. Another red arrow points from the 'Discover what your real users are experiencing' text to the 'No Data' status. A third red arrow points from the 'Performance' score to the '97' score itself. A fourth red arrow points from the 'Performance' score to the 'First Contentful Paint' metric.

Metric	Score
Performance	97
Accessibility	89
Best Practices	100
SEO	100

### c. Security Testing

- Implemented input validation to prevent common security vulnerabilities.
- Ensured HTTPS connections and secured API keys against unauthorized access.

### d. Cross-Device Compatibility

- Conducted tests on multiple devices and browsers to confirm consistent user experience across platforms.

### e. Error Handling

- Evaluated error-handling mechanisms, ensuring meaningful error messages and resilience against failures.

## 3. Deployment Strategy

### a. Hosting and Backend Integration

- Verified smooth interaction between the frontend and backend services (Sanity CMS and third-party APIs).
- Ensured security by correctly configuring environment variables to protect sensitive data.

The screenshot shows the Sanity.io project management interface for a project named 'Marketplace-Hackathon-3'. The dashboard is divided into several sections:

- Header:** Displays the user 'Sufyan Merokhel' and the project name 'Marketplace-Hackathon-3'. It also shows a '30 days left in trial' status and a user profile icon.
- Navigation:** A horizontal menu with tabs: 'Getting started', 'Overview' (selected), 'Members', 'Studios', 'Datasets', 'Access', 'Activity', 'Usage', 'Plan', 'API', and 'Settings'.
- Next steps:** A section titled 'Initialize your project with the CLI' with instructions to run a command in the terminal and a 'Copy' button.
- Usage:** A table showing project usage metrics:

Metric	Current Value	Limit
API CDN Requests	35	1m
API Requests	40	250k
Assets	436.1 KB	100 GB
Bandwidth	2.2 MB	100 GB
Datasets	1 / 2	
Documents	18	10k
User seats	1	20
- Project members:** A section titled 'Invite your first team member' with a '+ Invite project members' button.
- Activity:** A log of recent events, including:
  - CORS origin `https://marketplace-hackathon-3.vercel.app` was added to the project.
  - CORS origin `http://localhost:3000` was added to the project.
  - CORS origin `http://localhost:3000` was removed from the project.

A red arrow points from the 'Activity' section to the 'Overview' tab in the navigation menu.

## b. Staging Environment Setup

- Deployed the application to a staging environment for pre-production testing.
- Ensured that all features worked correctly before moving to production.

## 4. Staging Environment Testing

### a. Deployment Validation

- Checked build logs on Vercel to confirm a successful deployment.
- Accessed the staging URL and conducted user experience testing.

### b. Troubleshooting

- Resolved any issues encountered during the deployment process by analyzing logs and fixing environment configurations.

### c. Structured Test Case Reporting

Test Case ID	Description	Steps	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status	Remarks
TC001	Validate product listing	Open product page > Verify products	Products displayed	Products displayed	Passed	No issues found
TC002	Test API error handling	Disconnect API > Refresh page	Show fallback message	Fallback message shown	Passed	Handled gracefully
TC003	Check cart functionality	Add item to cart > Verify cart	Cart updates correctly	Cart updates correctly	Passed	Works as expected
TC004	Test form validation	Submit form with empty fields	Display error message	Error message displayed	Failed	Missing validation check
TC005	Verify HTTPS connection	Open site > Check HTTPS status	HTTPS enabled	HTTPS enabled	Passed	Secure connection

## Conclusion

Day 6's deployment preparation and staging setup have ensured the marketplace application is fully ready for production deployment. Key milestones achieved include:

- Deployment to a staging environment on Vercel.
- Secure configuration of environment variables.
- Comprehensive functional, performance, and security testing.
- Documentation of test cases and performance benchmarks.
- Organized repository with a professional README.md file.

With these steps completed, the project is positioned for a smooth and successful production deployment.