

# Beyond Fear AI – Deployment Guide (Vercel + TransIP)

Goal: put your Next.js site live on your own domain without running anything locally.

## Prerequisites

- GitHub account (for the repository).
- Vercel account (can log in with GitHub).
- Your domain at TransIP (e.g., beyondfearai.org).
- The starter ZIP (bfai-starter.zip) provided earlier.

## Step 1 — Create GitHub repository

- 1 Go to GitHub → New repository → name it "beyondfearai" (private or public, your choice).
- 2 Unzip bfai-starter.zip locally and upload its contents to the new repository.
- 3 Ensure the root contains files like package.json, next.config.js, /app, /public, /styles.

## Step 2 — Import to Vercel

- 1 Open vercel.com → New Project → Import GitHub Repository.
- 2 Select your "beyondfearai" repo and click Deploy.
- 3 Vercel auto-detects Next.js. No special settings needed for this starter.
- 4 After the build, your site is live at a temporary URL like https://beyondfearai.vercel.app

## Step 3 — Connect your TransIP domain

### *In Vercel:*

- Go to your Project → Settings → Domains → Add Domain.
- Enter your domain (e.g., beyondfearai.org) and confirm.
- Vercel shows DNS records (CNAME/A) you must add at TransIP.

### *At TransIP (DNS management):*

- Open TransIP Control Panel → Domains → beyondfearai.org → DNS.
- If a default webhosting A-record exists, disable/remove it to avoid conflicts.
- Add the DNS records Vercel provided. Typically:
  - CNAME for 'www' → cname.vercel-dns.com (or value Vercel specifies).
  - ALIAS/ANAME/A for root '@' → the A-records Vercel gives. If ALIAS unsupported, use A-records.
- Save changes. DNS propagation may take 1–4 hours (often quicker).

## Step 4 — Verify & force www → root (optional)

- 1 Back in Vercel Domains settings, set the primary domain (e.g., beyondfearai.org).

- 2 Add a redirect: from `www.beyondfearai.org` → `beyondfearai.org` (or vice versa) for consistency.
- 3 Visit your domain to confirm it serves your Vercel deployment.

## Updating Content

- Edit the files in `/app/*/page.tsx` and push to GitHub.
- Vercel rebuilds automatically on each push and deploys a new version.
- Assets (PNG/PDF) live in `/public` and will be served at `https://yourdomain/...`

## Troubleshooting

- DNS not resolving after hours: double-check records match exactly what Vercel shows.
- Old hosting page still appears: remove/disable TransIP webhosting A-records that point to TransIP servers.
- Build fails on Vercel: ensure `package.json` exists at repo root, then Redeploy.
- Image/PDF 404s: confirm files are placed under `/public` and path matches (case-sensitive).

## Notes

- The starter uses Next.js App Router with Tailwind CSS.
- No server-side secrets included. Add environment variables in Vercel → Project → Settings → Environment Variables if needed later.
- For custom 404/metadata, add `/app/not-found.tsx` and update `/app/layout.tsx` metadata.