DAY 6 DEPLOYMENT PREPARATION AND STAGING ENVIRONMENT SETUP COMFORTY CHAIR

Introduction:

The goal of this phase was to prepare the marketplace for deployment by setting up a staging environment, configuring the hosting platform, and testing the application in a production-like setting.

Hosting Platform Setup:

Platform Used: Vercel

Connected GitHub repository to the hosting platform and configured build settings.

Environment Variables:

 Configured sensitive environment variables (e.g., API keys) using .env files and added them securely in the hosting platform.

Configure Environment Variables Creating .env file:

Created a .env file in a root directory of my project to securely stored a sensitive variables such as APIs Key and tokens

Deployment to Staging:

 Deployed the application to a staging environment and verified successful build and correct loading of the site.

Staging Testing:

- **Functional Testing**: Validated product listing, search, and cart operations using **Cypress**.
- Performance Testing: Ran Lighthouse for performance, achieving a score of 99/100.
- Security Testing: Checked for SQL injection, XSS, and ensured HTTPS was enabled.
- Responsiveness: Tested across various screen sizes for mobile compatibility.

Test Reporting:

 Documented all test cases with results (e.g., Product Listing, Cart Functionality) in a structured CSV file.

Documentation and Organization:

 Created a detailed **README.md** and ensured the project files were organized with a clear folder structure.

3. Test Results

Functional Testing: All features passed as expected.

- **Performance**: Lighthouse score of **99/100**, minor improvements suggested.
- **Security**: No vulnerabilities found, all security measures in place.
- Responsiveness: Fully responsive across devices.

This concludes the deployment preparation and staging environment setup. All systems are ready for further testing or production deployment.