

# Vercel Build Fix - Database Connection Issue

## Problem

The Vercel build was failing with error:

```
Error: P1001: Can't reach database server at db-5ebca9571.db003.hosteddb.reai.io:5432
```

## Root Cause

The build command in `package.json` included `prisma db push --accept-data-loss`, which attempted to connect to the database during the build process. Vercel's build environment cannot reach external databases during the build phase.

## Solution Applied

Changed build command from:

```
"build": "prisma generate && prisma db push --accept-data-loss && next build"
```

To:

```
"build": "prisma generate && next build"
```

## What This Means

1. **During Build:** Vercel will now only generate the Prisma client (type definitions) without connecting to the database
2. **During Runtime:** Your application will connect to the database when it actually runs
3. **Database Schema:** Must be synced manually before deployment (already done)

## Vercel Environment Variables Required

Make sure these environment variables are set in your Vercel project settings:

### Required Variables

1. **DATABASE\_URL**
  - Value: Your PostgreSQL connection string
  - Format: `postgresql://user:password@db-5ebca9571.db003.hosteddb.reai.io:5432/5ebca9571?schema=public`
2. **NEXTAUTH\_SECRET**
  - Value: Your NextAuth secret key
  - Should be a long random string (minimum 32 characters)

3. **NEXTAUTH\_URL** (Vercel sets this automatically, but you can override)
  - Value: Your deployed URL (e.g., `https://portfolio-intelligence.co.uk` )

## How to Set Environment Variables in Vercel

---

1. Go to your Vercel dashboard
2. Select your project
3. Navigate to **Settings** → **Environment Variables**
4. Add each variable with appropriate values
5. Make sure to add them for **Production**, **Preview**, and **Development** environments

## Database Schema Management

---

### Important: Database changes should be made BEFORE deploying to Vercel

#### For local development:

```
cd nextjs_space
yarn prisma db push
```

#### For production database:

- Run the same command locally with your production DATABASE\_URL
- Or use Prisma Migrate for better version control:

```
yarn prisma migrate dev --name description_of_changes
yarn prisma migrate deploy # For production
```

## Testing the Fix

---

The fix has been pushed to GitHub. Vercel should automatically:

1. Detect the new commit
2. Trigger a new build
3. Successfully build without database connection errors

## Status

---

- ✓ Build command updated
- ✓ Changes committed to Git
- ✓ Changes pushed to GitHub (commit: e6cad3)

## Next Steps

---

1. ✓ **DONE:** Build command fixed and pushed to GitHub
2. ⌚ **PENDING:** Verify environment variables are set in Vercel
3. ⌚ **PENDING:** Vercel will automatically rebuild from the latest commit
4. ⌚ **PENDING:** Verify the deployment succeeds

## Troubleshooting

---

### If Build Still Fails

1. Check that environment variables are properly set in Vercel
2. Ensure DATABASE\_URL uses SSL parameters if required
3. Verify the database is accessible from the internet

### If Runtime Errors Occur

1. Check that DATABASE\_URL is correct in environment variables
2. Verify database schema is up to date
3. Check application logs in Vercel dashboard

## Support

---

If you encounter any issues after this fix:

1. Check Vercel build logs for specific error messages
2. Verify all environment variables are set correctly
3. Ensure your database allows connections from Vercel's IP ranges