

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

- During Build:** Vercel will now only generate the Prisma client (type definitions) without connecting to the database
- During Runtime:** Your application will connect to the database when it actually runs
- 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

- DATABASE_URL**
 - Value: Your PostgreSQL connection string
 - Format: `postgresql://user:password@db-5ebca9571.db003.hosteddb.reai.io:5432/5ebca9571?schema=public`
- 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: e6cadc3)

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