

Vercel: A Quickstart Guide

Vercel (<https://vercel.com/>) is a platform you can use to quickly and easily deploy your web app built with a frontend framework. It's pretty straightforward and simplifies the deployment process.

Vercel supports many frameworks and projects built from boilerplate like React+Vite. Check the documentation to find which frameworks are supported.

You can create a free account (you can use Vercel for free for personal projects but if you need team support, that's when you'll need to start paying).

The quick method

I recommend installing the CLI tool.

Using npm to install globally: `npm i -g vercel`

The steps (after creating an account and installing the Vercel CLI tool):

1. Browse to your project folder in your terminal.
2. Run `vercel` in the terminal.
3. When prompted to set up and deploy, type "Y" for yes.
4. Set a scope. It will use your email (i.e. your account) by default. Leave it as the default. This sets the scope of your project as belonging to your account.
5. When you're prompted to link to existing project, type "N" if it's a new project you're deploying.
6. Set your project name (or keep the default name).
7. Set the directory where your code is located. If you're already in your project's root folder in your terminal, just hit <Enter> to leave the value as ".".
8. Vercel will then recognize the build command for your project. Type "N" to make no changes. Vercel will then start building and deploying your app. If you check your dashboard on the Vercel site, you'll now see you're newly-deployed site. **That's it.**

Project settings

You can view settings for any project on Vercel by clicking on it in the dashboard.

- You can connect a git repo to the project by clicking "Connect Git Repository" once viewing the project's page in the dashboard (not the frontend of the actual site).
- To delete a project deployment, go to *Project page in dashboard* > **Settings** > **Delete project** (the delete project stuff is at the bottom of the page).