

HACKATHON-3 DAY 6

Preparing for Deployment and Setting Up the Staging Environment

Setting Up the Hosting Platform

I decided to use **Vercel** as the hosting platform for my marketplace application. Vercel stood out because of its user-friendly interface, smooth GitHub integration, and fast deployment features. Here's how I set it up:

1. Connecting the GitHub Repository:

- a. Linked my GitHub repository to Vercel.
- b. Adjusted the build settings and added the required deployment scripts.

2. Configuring Environment Variables:

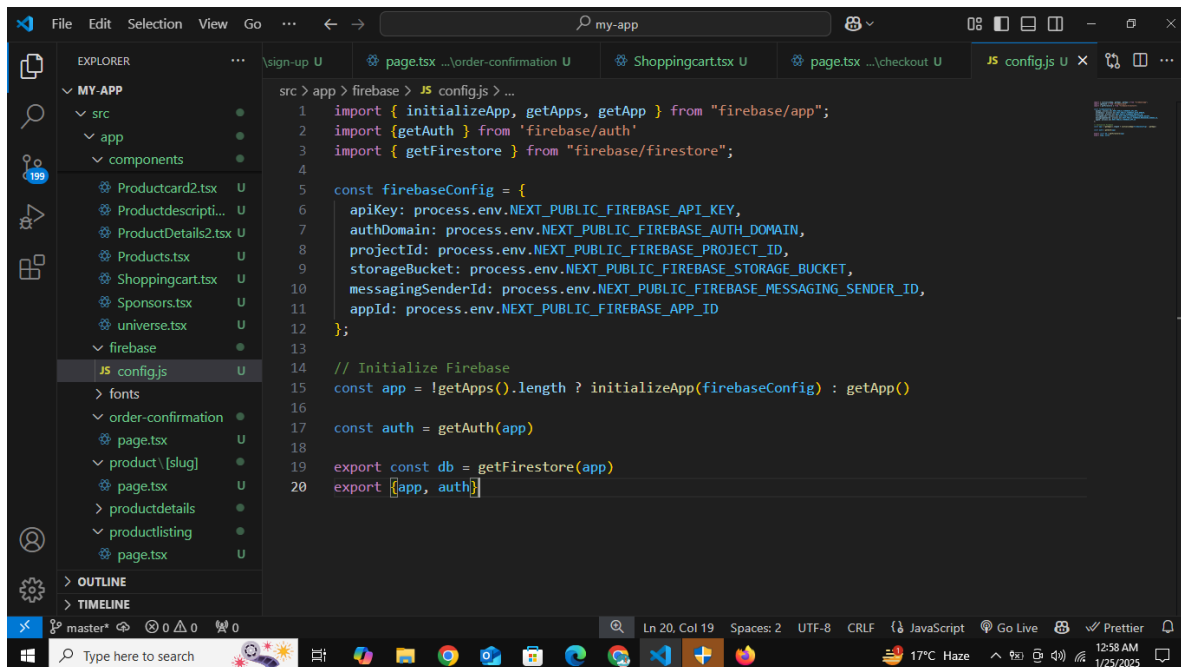
- a. Created a `.env` file to securely store sensitive information like API keys and tokens.
- b. Uploaded these environment variables to Vercel's dashboard for secure access during deployment.

3. Deploying to the Staging Environment:

- a. Deployed the application to a staging environment using Vercel.
- b. Verified that the build process was successful, and the site loaded without issues.

Firebase and Sanity Configuration

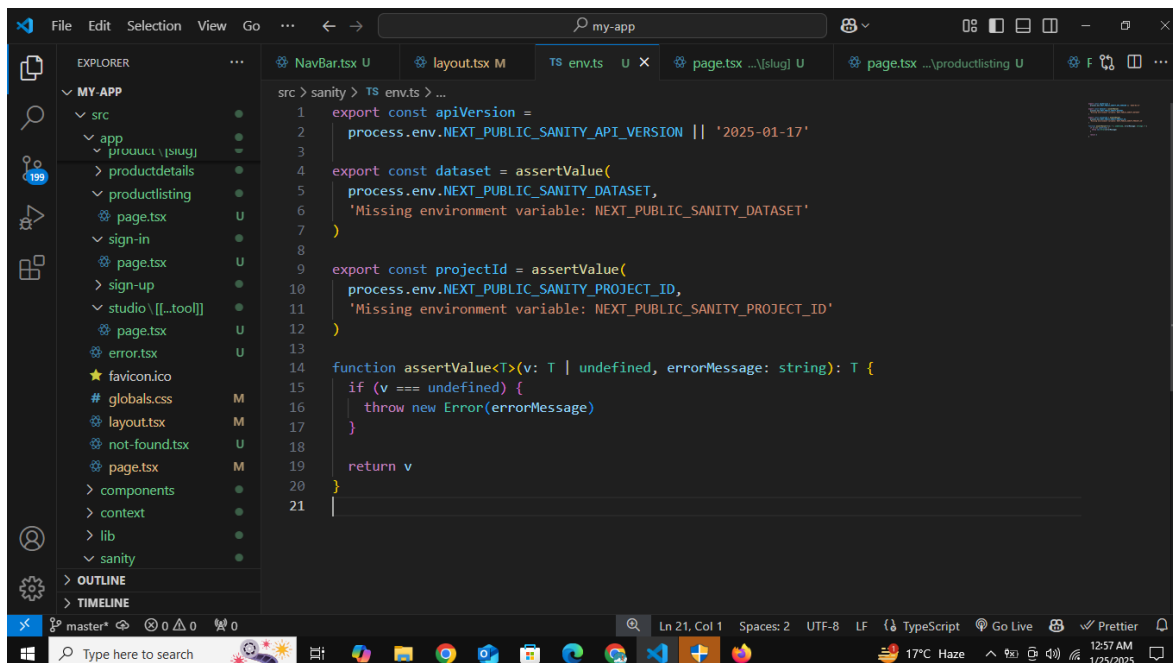
Firebase Configuration (JavaScript)



The screenshot shows a VS Code editor with a project named 'my-app'. The Explorer panel on the left shows the file structure, including 'src', 'app', 'components', 'firebase', and 'JS config.js'. The main editor displays the content of 'config.js', which is a JavaScript file for initializing Firebase. The code imports functions from 'firebase/app', 'firebase/auth', and 'firebase/firestore'. It then defines a 'firebaseConfig' object with environment variables for API key, domain, project ID, storage bucket, messaging sender ID, and app ID. The file initializes the Firebase app and exports the app and auth instances.

```
src > app > firebase > JS config.js > ...
1  import { initializeApp, getApps, getApp } from "firebase/app";
2  import { getAuth } from "firebase/auth";
3  import { getFirestore } from "firebase/firestore";
4
5  const firebaseConfig = {
6    apiKey: process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_FIREBASE_API_KEY,
7    authDomain: process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_FIREBASE_AUTH_DOMAIN,
8    projectId: process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_FIREBASE_PROJECT_ID,
9    storageBucket: process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_FIREBASE_STORAGE_BUCKET,
10   messagingSenderId: process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_FIREBASE_MESSAGING_SENDER_ID,
11   appId: process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_FIREBASE_APP_ID
12 };
13
14 // Initialize Firebase
15 const app = !getApps().length ? initializeApp(firebaseConfig) : getApp()
16
17 const auth = getAuth(app)
18
19 export const db = getFirestore(app)
20 export [app, auth]
```

Sanity Configuration (TypeScript)

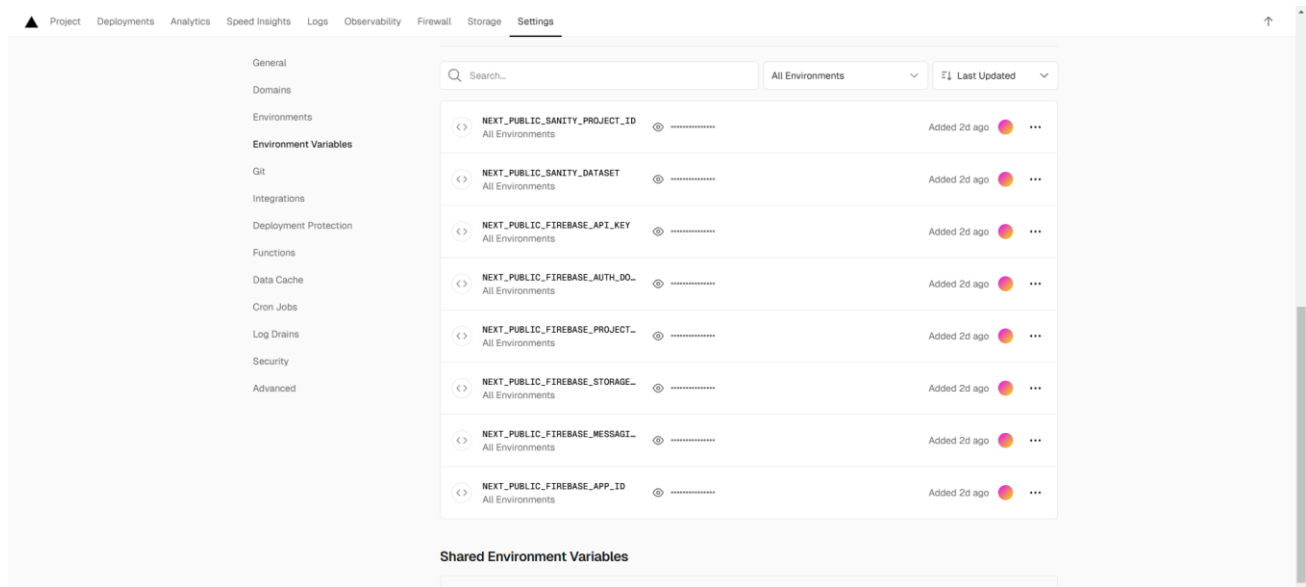


The screenshot shows a VS Code editor with a project named 'my-app'. The Explorer panel on the left shows the file structure, including 'src', 'sanity', and 'env.ts'. The main editor displays the content of 'env.ts', which is a TypeScript file for defining environment variables for Sanity. It exports constants for 'apiVersion', 'dataset', and 'projectId', each with a default value and an assertion error message. It also defines an 'assertValue' function that throws an error if a value is undefined.

```
src > sanity > TS env.ts > ...
1  export const apiVersion =
2    process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_API_VERSION || '2025-01-17'
3
4  export const dataset = assertValue(
5    process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_DATASET,
6    'Missing environment variable: NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_DATASET'
7  )
8
9  export const projectId = assertValue(
10   process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_PROJECT_ID,
11   'Missing environment variable: NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_PROJECT_ID'
12 )
13
14 function assertValue<T>(v: T | undefined, errorMessage: string): T {
15   if (v === undefined) {
16     throw new Error(errorMessage)
17   }
18
19   return v
20 }
21
```

Environment Variables in Vercel

The following environment variables were added to Vercel for all environments:



Testing the Staging Environment

After deploying the application to the staging environment, I conducted extensive testing to ensure it functioned as expected in a production-like setting. The tests included:

1. Functional Testing:

- Tools:** Cypress for workflow testing and Postman for API validation.
- Test Cases:** Verified key features like product listings, cart operations, and API error handling.

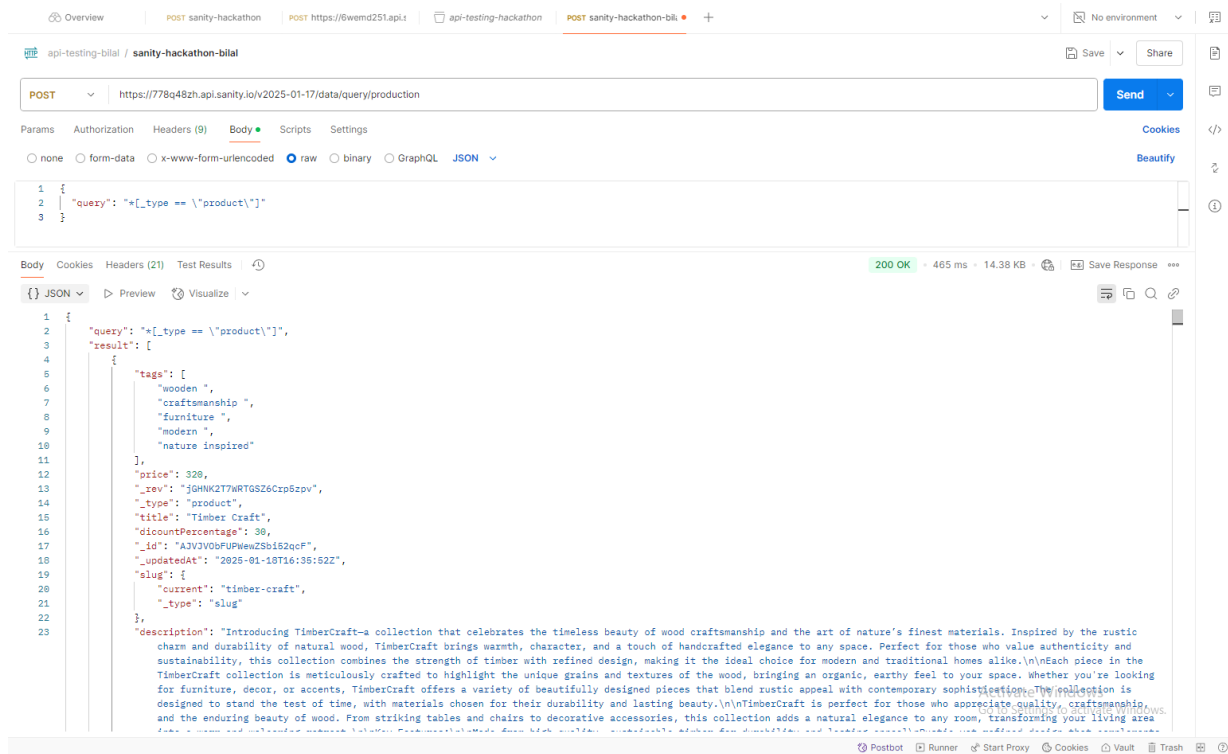
2. Performance Testing:

- Tools:** Lighthouse for analyzing speed, responsiveness, and load times.
- Results:** The application performed well, with acceptable load times and responsiveness.

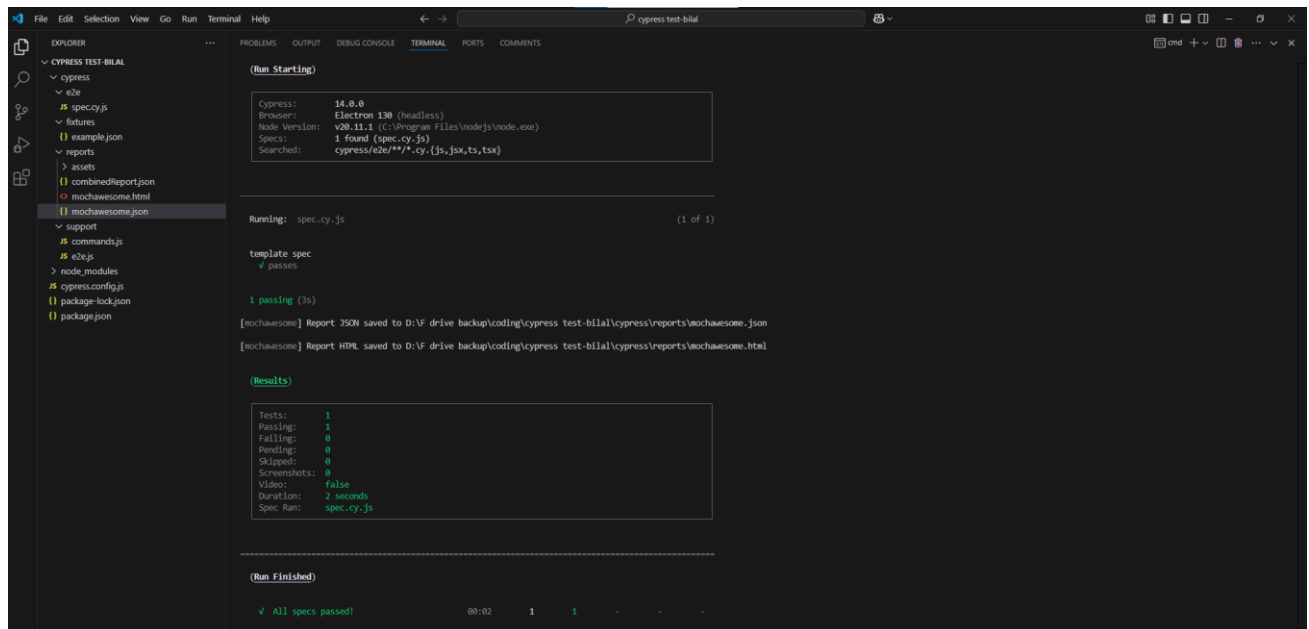
3. Security Testing:

- Validations:** Ensured HTTPS was enabled, input fields were secure, and sensitive data (e.g., API keys) were handled properly.

Postman Api Test



Cypress Test



Cypress Test Report Json

Documentation Updates

1. README.md File:

- Created a comprehensive README.md file summarizing the six days of activities, including deployment steps, test results, and the project structure.
- Provided a clear folder hierarchy in the GitHub repository (e.g., documents/, src/, public/).

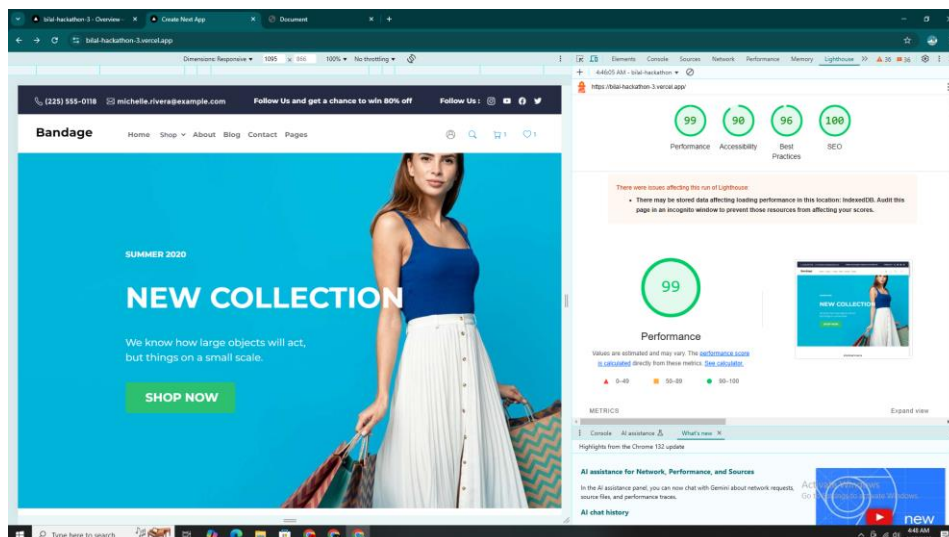
2. GitHub Repository:

- Organized all project files and documents in a structured manner.
- Included:
 - Test case reports in CSV format.
 - Performance testing results generated by Lighthouse.

CSV Report

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	Test Case ID	Description	Steps	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status	Remarks			
2	TC001	Validate product listing	Open product page > Verify products	Products displayed	Products displayed	Passed	No issues found			
3	TC002	Test form validation	Submit form with empty fields	Display error message	Error message displayed	Passed	Works as expected			
4	TC003	Validate login functionality	Enter valid credentials > Submit	Login successful	Login successful	Passed	No issues found			
5	TC004	Verify HTTPS connection	Open site > Check HTTPS status	HTTPS enabled	HTTPS enabled	Passed	Secure connection			
6	TC005	Test API error handling	Disconnect API > Refresh page	Show fallback message	Fallback message shown	Passed	Handled gracefully			
7	TC006	Validate logout functionality	Click logout button	Redirect to homepage > Session terminated	Redirect successful	Passed	Session cleared successfully			
8	TC007	Check cart functionality	Add item to cart > Verify cart	Cart updates correctly	Cart updates correctly	Passed	Works as expected			
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Light House Report



Expected Outcomes

1. Staging Environment:

- a. The application is fully deployed to the staging environment on Vercel.
- b. Environment variables are securely configured.

2. Test Case and Performance Reports:

- a. All test cases (passed or failed) are documented in a CSV file.
- b. Performance testing results are included in the GitHub repository.

3. GitHub Repository:

- a. All project files and documentation are well-organized and accessible.
- b. A professional README.md file summarizes the project activities and results.

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CSV report in text:

Test Case ID,Description,Steps,Expected Result,Actual Result>Status,Remarks

TC001,Validate product listing,Open product page > Verify products,Products displayed,Products displayed,Passed,No issues found

TC002,Test form validation,Submit form with empty fields,Display error message,Error message displayed,Passed,Works as expected

TC003,Validate login functionality,Enter valid credentials > Submit,Login successful,Login successful,Passed,No issues found

TC004,Verify HTTPS connection,Open site > Check HTTPS status,HTTPS enabled,HTTPS enabled,Passed,Secure connection

TC005,Test API error handling,Disconnect API > Refresh page,Show fallback message,Fallback message shown,Passed,Handled gracefully

TC006,Validate logout functionality,Click logout button,Redirect to homepage > Session terminated,Redirect successful,Passed,Session cleared successfully

TC007,Check cart functionality,Add item to cart > Verify cart,Cart updates correctly,Cart updates correctly,Passed,Works as expected

