

Short Post-Mortem: What Broke & How I Fixed It

My main challenge was figuring out where to host my coding agent. I started building on Replit in Python, but deploying it would have required a \$20 upgrade. To avoid that, I moved everything to Vercel — and that's where things briefly broke. Vercel is built around Next.js/Node, so my Python setup didn't run out of the box.

Most of the challenge came from trying to run a Python project in a platform that expects JavaScript. Instead of rewriting everything in Next.js and losing progress, I kept the Python code and worked around the mismatch by adjusting the project structure, configuring the correct runtime, and using Vercel's Python serverless function support. I used Claude Code to help me troubleshoot. At one point, I had 17 errors and didn't know how to share it with Claude, but it said to copy them all in and it would parse and figure out each error. (This worked well!)

Once the environment was set up correctly, the deployment worked and I was able to continue building without throwing away my earlier work.