

THE ULTIMATE HYRE HOSTING GUIDE (2025)

— From Zero to Senior Grade Portfolio: The Complete Launch Manual —

This document contains the raw, step-by-step instructions to ensure your portfolio doesn't just look good, but is also optimized for recruiters and search engines.

PHASE 1: CONFIGURATION BEFORE EXPORT

Do not press the export button until you have checked off these steps in the Dashboard.

1. Branding & Identity

- **Logo & Photo:** Upload a professional profile picture. Hyre will automatically frame it in an elegant circle. Set your text logo (your name).
- **Accent Color:** Choose a color that reflects your personality (e.g., Indigo for stability, Orange for energy). This will automatically update buttons, badges, and the progress bar.
- **Font Selection:** Choose a font from the curated list. *Tip: Space Grotesk for Tech, Inter for minimalism.*

2. SEO & Social Media Optimization (Critical!)

- **SEO Title:** Write something like First Name Last Name | Senior QA Automation | Portfolio.
- **Meta Description:** Summarize your experience in ~150 characters. Include your primary technologies.
- **Open Graph (OG) Image:** Upload a preview image. This is the "business card" that appears when you share your link on LinkedIn.
- **Favicon:** Upload a small logo (32x32) to replace the default icon in the browser tab.

3. Functional Setup

- **Formspree ID:** Create a form on formspree.io, copy the ID (e.g., xdannwvj), and paste it into the Dashboard. Without this, the contact section will not function.
- **Resume/CV:** Ensure you have your resume.pdf file ready on your computer.

PHASE 2: THE "CLEAN" EXPORT

The process of transforming your design into an independent file.

1. **Press "Export index.html":** Hyre will generate a single file that integrates all essential CSS and JS code.
2. **Automatic Cleanup:** Hyre will automatically remove all editor elements and residues left by your browser extensions (NordPass, Grammarly, etc.).

3. **File Verification:** Open the downloaded file locally. If everything looks correct, you are ready for hosting.

PHASE 3: LAUNCHING ON THE INTERNET

1. GitHub Pages (Recommended Method)

Ideal for history and a trusted free domain.

Option A: Base Domain (username.github.io)

1. Create a NEW Repository on GitHub.
2. The name **MUST** be exact: username.github.io (where username is your GitHub ID).
3. Upload the index.html and resume.pdf files directly to the root of this repository.
4. Wait 2-3 minutes. Your site is live at https://username.github.io.

Option B: Project Sub-link (username.github.io/portfolio)

1. Name the repository whatever you like (e.g., my-portfolio).
2. Upload the files.
3. Go to **Settings > Pages**. Under "Build and deployment," select the main branch and the / (root) folder.
4. Your site is live at https://username.github.io/my-portfolio.

2. Netlify Drop (Maximum Speed)

1. Put index.html and resume.pdf in a folder on your desktop.
2. Drag the folder onto [Netlify Drop](#).
3. **Important:** Create an account immediately after uploading to claim your site; otherwise, it will be deleted after 24 hours.
4. Change the randomly generated URL in **Site Settings > Change site name**.

3. Vercel (Automatic Synchronization)

1. Connect your GitHub account to Vercel.
2. Import the project created earlier in Phase 1.
3. Press **Deploy**. Any future changes you make on GitHub (a new "commit") will automatically update the live site instantly.

TROUBLESHOOTING & FINAL TIPS

- **404 Error:** Occurs if the file is not named exactly index.html or if you placed it in a subfolder (e.g., /site/index.html). All files must be in the main (root) folder.
- **CV Does Not Download:** Check if the file is named resume.pdf (case sensitivity matters on Linux/GitHub servers).
- **OG Image on LinkedIn:** LinkedIn keeps old versions (cache). If you change the image and it doesn't update, use the [LinkedIn Post Inspector](#) to force a re-scan.
- **Public vs Private:** On GitHub, for free accounts, the repository **MUST** be set to **Public** to

enable Pages.

FINAL Checklist:

- ☐ File is named index.html.
- ☐ resume.pdf is in the same location as index.html.
- ☐ Formspree ID is configured and tested.
- ☐ SEO & OG Image are set for maximum impact.

You are LIVE! Send the link to recruiters and enjoy your new portfolio. 🚀