

# Railway Deployment Checklist

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This checklist ensures you have everything ready for a successful Railway deployment.

## ✓ Pre-Deployment Checklist

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### Repository Setup

- ☐ Repository forked or cloned to your GitHub account
- ☐ All Railway deployment files present:
  - ☐ `railway.json`
  - ☐ `railway.toml`
  - ☐ `backend/Dockerfile.railway`
  - ☐ `frontend/Dockerfile.railway`
  - ☐ `backend/entrypoint.railway.sh`
  - ☐ `frontend/nginx.conf`
  - ☐ `.env.production.example`
  - ☐ `RAILWAY_DEPLOYMENT.md`
  - ☐ `deploy-to-railway.sh`
  - ☐ `.github/workflows/railway-deploy.yml`

### Railway Account

- ☐ Railway account created at [railway.app](https://railway.app) (<https://railway.app>)
- ☐ GitHub account connected to Railway
- ☐ Repository access granted to Railway

## ✓ Railway Configuration Checklist

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### Project Setup

- ☐ New Railway project created
- ☐ GitHub repository connected
- ☐ PostgreSQL database added
- ☐ `DATABASE_URL` environment variable auto-generated

### Backend Service Configuration

- ☐ Service created from GitHub repo
- ☐ Root Directory set to: `backend`
- ☐ Dockerfile Path set to: `Dockerfile.railway`
- ☐ Environment variables configured:
  - ☐ `SECRET_KEY` (64+ character random string)
  - ☐ `ALGORITHM=HS256`
  - ☐ `ACCESS_TOKEN_EXPIRE_MINUTES=1440`
  - ☐ `ENVIRONMENT=production`
  - ☐ `FRONTEND_URL` (will be set after frontend deployment)

- [ ] `MOCK_MODE=true` (or `false` for real devices)
- [ ] `ENABLE_BACKGROUND_COLLECTION=true`
- [ ] `EVENT_COLLECTION_INTERVAL=300`
- [ ] Backend service deployed successfully
- [ ] Backend domain generated
- [ ] Backend health check passing: `curl https://your-backend.railway.app/health`

## Frontend Service Configuration

- [ ] Service created from GitHub repo
- [ ] Root Directory set to: `frontend`
- [ ] Dockerfile Path set to: `Dockerfile.railway`
- [ ] Environment variables configured:
- [ ] `VITE_API_BASE_URL` (your backend Railway URL)
- [ ] Frontend service deployed successfully
- [ ] Frontend domain generated
- [ ] Frontend accessible in browser

## Cross-Service Configuration

- [ ] Backend `FRONTEND_URL` updated with actual frontend URL
- [ ] Frontend `VITE_API_BASE_URL` updated with actual backend URL
- [ ] Both services redeployed after URL updates

## Post-Deployment Verification

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### Backend Verification

- [ ] Backend URL accessible: `https://your-backend.railway.app`
- [ ] Health endpoint returns 200: `curl https://your-backend.railway.app/health`
- [ ] API documentation accessible: `https://your-backend.railway.app/docs`
- [ ] Database connection successful (check health endpoint response)
- [ ] No errors in Railway logs

### Frontend Verification

- [ ] Frontend URL accessible: `https://your-frontend.railway.app`
- [ ] Login page loads correctly
- [ ] No console errors in browser
- [ ] API calls successful (check browser network tab)

### Functional Testing

- [ ] Login with admin credentials ( `admin` / `admin123` )
- [ ] Dashboard loads with sample data
- [ ] Devices page shows sample devices
- [ ] Rules page displays detection rules
- [ ] Incidents page shows sample incidents
- [ ] Events page accessible (Phase 3A)
- [ ] Operational Models page accessible (Phase 3B)

## Security Verification

- ☐ Admin password changed from default
- ☐ `SECRET_KEY` is unique and strong (not default value)
- ☐ HTTPS working (Railway provides automatic SSL)
- ☐ CORS configured correctly (no console errors)
- ☐ Database credentials secure (managed by Railway)

## Optional Enhancements

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### Custom Domain

- ☐ Custom domain added in Railway settings
- ☐ DNS records configured
- ☐ SSL certificate provisioned
- ☐ Application accessible via custom domain

### GitHub Auto-Deploy

- ☐ `.github/workflows/railway-deploy.yml` present
- ☐ `RAILWAY_TOKEN` added to GitHub Secrets
- ☐ Test deployment by pushing to main branch
- ☐ Workflow runs successfully

### Monitoring

- ☐ Railway logs reviewed for errors
- ☐ Railway metrics dashboard checked
- ☐ Health check endpoint monitored
- ☐ Alert notifications configured (optional)

### Device Integration (If Not Using Mock Mode)

- ☐ `MOCK_MODE=false` set
- ☐ Palo Alto NGFW credentials configured
- ☐ Entra ID tenant credentials configured
- ☐ SIEM credentials configured
- ☐ Device connections tested via UI
- ☐ Event collection working

## Production Readiness

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### Performance

- ☐ Backend worker count appropriate (2 workers in `entrypoint.railway.sh`)
- ☐ Database connection pool configured
- ☐ Frontend build optimized (production mode)
- ☐ Static assets cached properly

### Monitoring & Logging

- ☐ Railway logs reviewed regularly
- ☐ Error patterns identified and resolved

- ☐ Performance metrics monitored
- ☐ Database performance acceptable

## Backup & Recovery

- ☐ Database backup strategy planned
- ☐ Railway automatic backups enabled (if on paid plan)
- ☐ Export important data regularly
- ☐ Recovery procedure documented

## Scaling

- ☐ Current resource usage monitored
- ☐ Scaling plan defined if needed
- ☐ Railway plan upgraded if free tier insufficient



## Troubleshooting Checklist

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If deployment fails, check:

- ☐ All environment variables set correctly
- ☐ No typos in service configuration
- ☐ Dockerfile paths correct (relative to root directory)
- ☐ Database URL present and correct
- ☐ CORS origins match actual URLs
- ☐ No port conflicts or hardcoded localhost URLs
- ☐ Railway logs for specific error messages
- ☐ PostgreSQL service running and healthy



## Resource Usage Monitoring

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Monitor these to stay within Railway free tier:

- ☐ Monthly credit usage (Railway dashboard)
- ☐ Service CPU usage
- ☐ Service memory usage
- ☐ Database storage usage
- ☐ Network bandwidth usage

Free tier includes \$5 monthly credit, typically covering:

- 2 small services (backend + frontend)
- 1 PostgreSQL database
- ~500 hours runtime
- Perfect for testing and development!



## Documentation References

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- ☐ Read [RAILWAY\\_DEPLOYMENT.md](#) (./RAILWAY\_DEPLOYMENT.md) completely
- ☐ Reviewed [README.md](#) (./README.md) Railway section
- ☐ Checked [.env.production.example](#) (./env.production.example) for all variables
- ☐ Consulted [Railway Documentation](https://docs.railway.app/) (https://docs.railway.app/)

## ✓ Deployment Complete!

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Once all items are checked:

- ✓ Your SOaC Framework is successfully deployed to Railway!
- ✓ Application accessible via HTTPS
- ✓ Database initialized with sample data
- ✓ Ready for testing and development

### Next Steps:

1. Explore the application features
2. Configure real device integrations (optional)
3. Customize detection rules
4. Monitor security incidents
5. Adjust operational models as needed

**Happy Security Operations!** 🗝️🚀

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## Need Help?

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- **Railway Issues:** Check [Railway Docs](https://docs.railway.app/) (https://docs.railway.app/) or [Railway Discord](https://discord.gg/railway) (https://discord.gg/railway)
  - **SOaC Framework Issues:** See [RAILWAY\\_DEPLOYMENT.md](#) (./RAILWAY\_DEPLOYMENT.md) troubleshooting section
  - **General Questions:** Review [README.md](#) (./README.md) and [DEPLOYMENT.md](#) (./DEPLOYMENT.md)
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