

Railway Deployment Checklist

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

✓ Pre-Deployment Checklist

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>)
- [] GitHub account connected to Railway
- [] Repository access granted to Railway

✓ Railway Configuration Checklist

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

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

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

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

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

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

- [] 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/>)

✓ Deployment Complete!

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! 🔒🚀

Need Help?

- **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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