

GitHub Upload Instructions - Step by Step

Latest Fix Applied!

Contact Form Fixed: The Prisma client error has been resolved! The contact API now works without a database (perfect for initial deployment).



Ready to Deploy: All dependency conflicts and build errors are now fixed.

What You Need to Do

Step 1: Create GitHub Account (if you don't have one)

1. Go to github.com (<https://github.com>)
2. Click **"Sign up"**
3. Choose username: `stephenmccarthypa` (or your preference)
4. Use your email and create password
5. **Verify your email**

Step 2: Create New Repository


1. Click the **"+"** icon (top right corner)
2. Select **"New repository"**
3. **Repository name:** `stephen-mccarthy-website`
4. **Description:** `Personal website for Stephen McCarthy PA-C`
5. **Make it Public**  (so Vercel can access it)
6. **Check "Add a README file"** 
7. Click **"Create repository"**

Step 3: Upload Your Files

Method A: Drag & Drop (Easiest!)

1. **Download this entire folder** to your computer
2. **Open your new GitHub repository** in your browser
3. Click **"uploading an existing file"** (you'll see this link)
4. **Drag and drop ALL these files:**

-  `app/` (entire folder)
-  `components/` (entire folder)
-  `public/` (entire folder - has your photo!)
-  `hooks/`
-  `lib/`
-  `package.json`
-  `next.config.js`
-  `tailwind.config.ts`
-  `tsconfig.json`
-  `postcss.config.js`
-  `.gitignore`

 .npmrc

 README.md

5. **Add message:** “Initial website upload - ready for Vercel”

6. **Click “Commit changes”**

Step 4: Your Repository is Ready!

- ✓ All your files are now on GitHub
- ✓ Ready for Vercel integration
- ✓ Version controlled and backed up



Next: Connect to Vercel

Step 5: Deploy via Vercel

1. Go to vercel.com (<https://vercel.com>)
2. **Sign up using your GitHub account** (click “Continue with GitHub”)
3. **Click “New Project”**
4. **Import from GitHub** - it will show your repositories
5. **Select “stephen-mccarthy-website”**
6. **Click “Deploy”** - Vercel auto-detects Next.js!
7. **Your site goes live** in 2-3 minutes!

Step 6: Get Your Live Website

- **Free URL:** <https://stephen-mccarthy-website.vercel.app>
- **SSL included:** Automatic HTTPS security
- **Global CDN:** Fast loading worldwide



Benefits of This Approach

- ✓ **Automatic deployments** - future updates deploy automatically
- ✓ **Professional workflow** - industry standard
- ✓ **Version history** - track all changes
- ✓ **Easy collaboration** - I can help with updates
- ✓ **Backup** - your code is safely stored



Need Help?

If you get stuck:

1. The GitHub interface is very user-friendly
2. Look for “uploading an existing file” link
3. Drag and drop is the easiest method
4. Ask me if you see any error messages

Once uploaded to GitHub, the Vercel connection is automatic!

Your website will be live and professional within 10 minutes of following these steps.