









Complete Deployment Guide - GitHub to Vercel



Step-by-Step Instructions

STEP 1: Prepare Your Files

Create a new folder on your computer called `starseed-voice-assistant` and add these files:

1. **index.html** - (Already created above )
2. **App.jsx** - Copy the ENTIRE code from the "starseed-voice-assistant" artifact
3. **config.js** - (Already created above )
4. **package.json** - (Already created above )
5. **vercel.json** - (Already created above )
6. **.gitignore** - (Already created above )
7. **README.md** - (Already created above )

STEP 2: Get Your OpenAI API Key

1. Go to: <https://platform.openai.com/api-keys>
2. Sign up or log in
3. Click "Create new secret key"
4. Copy the key (starts with `sk-...`)
5. **Save it somewhere safe - you'll only see it once!**

STEP 3: Initialize Git Repository

Open Terminal/Command Prompt in your project folder:

```
bash
```

```
# Navigate to your project folder
```

```
cd path/to/starseed-voice-assistant
```

```
# Initialize Git
```

```
git init
```

```
# Add all files
```

```
git add .
```

```
# Create first commit
```

```
git commit -m "Initial commit - Starseed Voice Assistant v3.0"
```

STEP 4: Create GitHub Repository

Option A: Using GitHub Website

1. Go to: <https://github.com/new>
2. Repository name:
3. Description: "AI-powered voice assistant for health tracking"
4. Choose: **Public** (or Private if you prefer)
5. **Don't** initialize with README (we already have one)
6. Click "Create repository"

Option B: Using GitHub CLI

```
bash
```

```
# Install GitHub CLI first: https://cli.github.com/
```

```
gh repo create starseed-voice-assistant --public --source=. --push
```

STEP 5: Push to GitHub

After creating the repo, GitHub will show you commands. Run:

```
bash
```

```
# Add GitHub as remote
```

```
git remote add origin https://github.com/YOUR_USERNAME/starseed-voice-assistant.git
```

```
# Push to GitHub
```

```
git branch -M main
```

```
git push -u origin main
```

Replace **YOUR_USERNAME** with your actual GitHub username!

STEP 6: Deploy to Vercel

Option A: Using Vercel Website (Easiest)

1. Go to: <https://vercel.com>
2. Click "Sign Up" → Choose "Continue with GitHub"
3. Authorize Vercel to access your GitHub
4. Click "Import Project"
5. Find your **starseed-voice-assistant** repo
6. Click "Import"
7. Configure:
 - **Framework Preset:** Other
 - **Root Directory:** ./
 - **Build Command:** (leave empty)
 - **Output Directory:** ./
8. Click "Environment Variables"
9. Add:
 - Name: **OPENAI_API_KEY**
 - Value: **sk-your-actual-key-here**
10. Click "Deploy" 🚀

Option B: Using Vercel CLI

```
bash
```

Install Vercel CLI

```
npm i -g vercel
```

Login to Vercel

```
vercel login
```

Deploy

```
vercel
```

Follow prompts:

- Set up and deploy? Y

- Which scope? (choose your account)

- Link to existing project? N

- What's your project's name? starseed-voice-assistant

- In which directory is your code located? ./

- Want to override settings? N

Add environment variable

```
vercel env add OPENAI_API_KEY
```

Paste your OpenAI API key when prompted

STEP 7: Verify Deployment

1. Vercel will give you a URL like: `https://starseed-voice-assistant.vercel.app`
2. Open it in Chrome or Edge
3. Allow microphone access when prompted
4. Click the purple microphone button
5. Say "What can you do?"
6. If AI responds, **YOU'RE LIVE!** 🎉

STEP 8: Add Custom Domain (Optional)

In Vercel Dashboard:

1. Go to your project
2. Click "Settings" → "Domains"
3. Enter your domain (e.g., `starseedai.com`)
4. Follow DNS instructions from Vercel

5. Wait 24-48 hours for DNS propagation

Buy a domain from:

- Namecheap: ~\$10/year
 - GoDaddy: ~\$12/year
 - Google Domains: ~\$12/year
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Environment Variables Setup

For Vercel Deployment:

Method 1: Through Dashboard

1. Vercel Dashboard → Your Project → Settings
2. Environment Variables
3. Add `OPENAI_API_KEY` = `sk-your-key`
4. Save and redeploy

Method 2: Through CLI

```
bash

vercel env add OPENAI_API_KEY production
# Paste your key when prompted
```

For Local Development:

Create `.env` file in your project root:

```
env

OPENAI_API_KEY=sk-your-actual-key-here
```

Then update `config.js` to use it:

```
javascript
```

```
const CONFIG = {  
  OPENAI_API_KEY: process.env.OPENAI_API_KEY || import.meta.env.VITE_OPENAI_API_KEY || 'YOUR_OPENAI_API_KEY',  
  // ... rest of config  
};
```

Important Notes

NEVER Commit Your API Key to GitHub!

If you accidentally committed your key:

1. Immediately revoke it on OpenAI dashboard
2. Generate a new key
3. Update it in Vercel
4. Remove from Git history:

```
bash  
  
# Remove sensitive file from history  
git filter-branch --force --index-filter \  
  "git rm --cached --ignore-unmatch config.js" \  
  --prune-empty --tag-name-filter cat -- --all  
  
# Force push  
git push origin --force --all
```

Security Best Practices

1. Never **hardcode** API keys in your code
2. Use environment variables
3. Add `config.js` to `.gitignore` if it contains keys
4. Use Vercel's secret environment variables
5. Rotate API keys regularly
6. Monitor API usage on OpenAI dashboard

What Happens After Deployment?

Your App URL:

- **Vercel provides:** `https://starseed-voice-assistant.vercel.app`
- **Auto HTTPS:** Secure connection included
- **Auto deploys:** Every push to GitHub = new deployment
- **Preview URLs:** Every PR gets its own URL

Features That Work:

- ✓ Voice recognition (requires HTTPS - Vercel provides this)
 - ✓ Voice synthesis
 - ✓ Local data storage
 - ✓ OpenAI integration (with your API key)
 - ✓ All buttons and features
 - ✓ Mobile responsive
 - ✓ PWA ready
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Making Updates

Update and Redeploy:

```
bash

# Make changes to your files
git add .
git commit -m "Added new feature"
git push origin main

# Vercel automatically redeloys! 🚀
```

Rollback to Previous Version:

In Vercel Dashboard:

1. Go to Deployments
 2. Find working version
 3. Click "..." → "Promote to Production"
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Troubleshooting

Problem: "API Key Invalid"

Solution:

- Check key starts with `sk-`
- Verify key in OpenAI dashboard
- Re-add to Vercel env variables
- Redeploy

Problem: "Microphone not working"

Solution:

- Must use HTTPS (Vercel provides this)
- Check browser permissions
- Use Chrome/Edge (not Firefox)

Problem: "Build failed on Vercel"

Solution:

- Check `vercel.json` is correct
- Ensure all files are pushed to GitHub
- Check Vercel logs for errors

Problem: "App not updating"

Solution:

- Clear browser cache (Ctrl+Shift+R)
 - Check Vercel deployment status
 - Wait 1-2 minutes after push
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Monitor Your App

Vercel Analytics:

1. Go to your project dashboard
2. Click "Analytics"
3. See visitor stats, performance, errors

OpenAI Usage:

1. Go to <https://platform.openai.com/usage>
2. Monitor API costs
3. Set usage limits






Costs Estimate:

- **Vercel:** FREE (Hobby plan)
- **OpenAI GPT-4o-mini:** ~\$0.15 per 1M tokens
- **Domain:** ~\$10-15/year (optional)

Example: 1000 conversations/month \approx \$3-5/month

You're Done!

Your app is now:

-  Live on the internet
-  Accessible from any device
-  Auto-deploying from GitHub
-  Using OpenAI for smart conversations
-  Fully functional with all features

Share your URL and start tracking your health! 

Need Help?

- **Vercel Docs:** <https://vercel.com/docs>

- **OpenAI Docs:** <https://platform.openai.com/docs>
 - **GitHub Issues:** Create an issue in your repo
 - **Community:** Ask on Discord/Reddit
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Next Level Features

Consider adding:

- ☐ User authentication (Firebase/Auth0)
- ☐ Cloud database (Supabase/Firebase)
- ☐ Push notifications (OneSignal)
- ☐ Analytics (Google Analytics)
- ☐ Payment system (Stripe) for premium features
- ☐ Mobile app (Capacitor/React Native)

Ready to launch? Let's go! 🚀