Loves Me, Loves Me Not — Web App Deployment Guide

This guide covers how to deploy and share your static Expo web app (dist/ folder) via:

- Netlify (drag-and-drop method)
- Vercel (via GitHub integration)
- GitHub Pages
- Docker (for private or LAN access)



📦1. Deploy to Netlify (Drag & Drop)

Steps:

- 1. Go to https://netlify.com and sign up or log in.
- 2. On your Netlify dashboard, click "Add new site" > "Deploy manually".
- 3. Drag your local dist/ folder into the drop area.
- 4. Netlify will auto-deploy and give you a public link (e.g. https://loves-me-demo.netlify.app).
- 5. Done! Share the URL.

🗓 2. Deploy to Vercel via GitHub

Steps:

- 1. Push your Expo project (including dist/) to a new GitHub repo.
- 2. Go to https://vercel.com and sign up/log in with GitHub.
- 3. Click "New Project" and import your GitHub repo.
- 4. Set the root directory to dist/
- 5. Click **Deploy**.

Your app will be live at something like: https://loves-me.vercel.app

3. Upload to GitHub Pages

One-time setup:

1. In your package. json , add:

```
"homepage": "https://yourusername.github.io/your-repo-name",
 "predeploy": "expo export --platform web",
```

```
"deploy": "gh-pages -d dist"
}
```

1. Install GitHub Pages deploy tool:

```
npm install --save-dev gh-pages
```

1. Add, commit, and push your project to GitHub.

To deploy:

```
npm run deploy
```

Then go to:

https://yourusername.github.io/your-repo-name

🔐 4. Share via Docker on Local Network (LAN)

Create Dockerfile in project root:

```
FROM nginx:alpine
COPY dist/ /usr/share/nginx/html
EXPOSE 80
CMD ["nginx", "-g", "daemon off;"]
```

Build and run:

```
docker build -t loves-me-app .
docker run -d -p 8080:80 loves-me-app
```

Access:

- On your Mac: http://localhost:8080
- On LAN (from another device): http://<your-mac-ip>:8080

Find your IP with: ipconfig getifaddr en0

You can now share this URL with your tester 🚀

Let me know which one you want to focus on first, and I'll help you zip it, push it, or automate it!