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## Day 6: Deployment Preparation and Staging Environment Setup

### Key Achievements:

- Deployment Strategy:

- o Hosted the application on Vercel for quick deployment.
- o Integrated GitHub repository for CI/CD.

- Environment Variables:

- o Configured sensitive variables (e.g., API keys) in .env and uploaded them securely to Vercel.

- Staging Environment:

- o Deployed a staging build to validate functionality in a production-like environment.
- o Example .env File:

```
NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_PROJECT_ID=your_project_id  
NEXT_PUBLIC_SANITY_DATASET=production
```

```
API_KEY=your_api_key.
```

- Staging Testing:

- o Functional Testing: Verified key workflows like product listings and checkout.

- o Performance Testing: Used GTmetrix for analyzing speed and responsiveness.
- o Security Testing: Validated HTTPS, input handling, and secure API calls.

- **Documentation:**

- o Created a README.md summarizing the project structure and deployment steps.
- o Organized the GitHub repository with folders for src/, public/, and documents/.