Vercel Deployment Guide - AI-Powered Résumé Builder

This comprehensive guide will walk you through deploying your AI-powered résumé builder from GitHub to Vercel, ensuring a smooth production deployment with all features working correctly.

Prerequisites

Before starting the deployment process, ensure you have:

- **GitHub Repository**: https://github.com/thomasperdana/resume-builder.git
- Vercel Account: Free or Pro account at vercel.com
- V Supabase Project: Active Supabase project with database configured
- **OpenRouter API Key**: Valid API key from OpenRouter
- **Domain (Optional)**: Custom domain if you want to use one

Step 1: Vercel Account Setup

Create or Access Vercel Account

- 1. Visit vercel.com
- 2. Sign up for a new account or log into existing account
- 3. **Recommended**: Sign up using GitHub for seamless integration
- 4. Verify your email address if required

Install Vercel CLI (Optional)

```
# Install globally for advanced features
npm install -g vercel
# Login to your account
vercel login
```

Step 2: Connect GitHub Repository

Method 1: Vercel Dashboard (Recommended)

- 1. Access Dashboard: Go to vercel.com/dashboard
- 2. **Import Project**: Click "Add New..." → "Project"
- 3. Connect GitHub:
 - If not connected, click "Continue with GitHub"
 - Authorize Vercel to access your GitHub repositories
- 4. Select Repository:
 - Find thomasperdana/resume-builder in the list
 - Click "Import" next to the repository

Method 2: Direct Import URL

- 1. Go to: https://vercel.com/new/git/external?repository-url=https:// github.com/thomasperdana/resume-builder.git
- 2. Click "Continue" to import the repository



Framework Detection

Vercel should automatically detect:

- **Framework**: Next.js

- Build Command: pnpm build or npm run build

- Output Directory: . next

- Install Command: pnpm install or npm install

Manual Configuration (if needed)

If auto-detection fails:

```
# Project Settings
Framework Preset: Next.js
Build Command: pnpm build
Output Directory: .next
Install Command: pnpm install
Development Command: pnpm dev
```

Step 4: Environment Variables Configuration

Required Environment Variables

Add these environment variables in the Vercel dashboard:

Supabase Configuration

NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_URL=https://your-project-id.supabase.co
NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_ANON_KEY=eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9...
SUPABASE_SERVICE_ROLE_KEY=eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9...

AI Service Configuration

OPENROUTER_API_KEY=sk-or-v1-your-api-key-here

Application Configuration

NEXT_PUBLIC_APP_URL=https://your-domain.vercel.app
NEXT_PUBLIC_APP_ENV=production
NEXTAUTH_SECRET=your-nextauth-secret-key
NEXTAUTH_URL=https://your-domain.vercel.app

How to Add Environment Variables

Via Vercel Dashboard

- 1. Project Settings: Go to your project dashboard
- 2. **Environment Variables**: Click "Settings" → "Environment Variables"
- 3. Add Variables: For each variable:
 - Name: Enter the variable name (e.g., NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_URL)
 - Value: Enter the variable value
 - Environments: Select "Production", "Preview", and "Development"
 - Add: Click "Add" to save

Via Vercel CLI

```
# Navigate to your project directory
cd resume-builder
# Add environment variables
vercel env add NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_URL production
vercel env add NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_ANON_KEY production
vercel env add SUPABASE_SERVICE_ROLE_KEY production
vercel env add OPENROUTER_API_KEY production
vercel env add NEXT_PUBLIC_APP_URL production
vercel env add NEXT_PUBLIC_APP_ENV production
```

Environment Variables Checklist

- [] NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_URL
- [] NEXT_PUBLIC_SUPABASE_ANON_KEY
- [] SUPABASE_SERVICE_ROLE_KEY
- [] OPENROUTER_API_KEY
- [] NEXT_PUBLIC_APP_URL
- [] NEXT_PUBLIC_APP_ENV
- [] NEXTAUTH_SECRET (if using NextAuth)
- [] NEXTAUTH_URL (if using NextAuth)



Step 5: Build Configuration

Vercel Configuration File (Optional)

Create vercel. json in your repository root for advanced configuration:

```
{
  "framework": "nextjs",
  "buildCommand": "pnpm build",
  "devCommand": "pnpm dev",
  "installCommand": "pnpm install",
  "functions": {
    "app/api/**/*.ts": {
      "maxDuration": 30
   }
 },
  "headers": [
    {
      "source": "/(.*)",
      "headers": [
        {
          "key": "X-Frame-Options",
         "value": "DENY"
        },
        {
          "key": "X-Content-Type-Options",
         "value": "nosniff"
        },
        {
          "key": "Referrer-Policy",
          "value": "strict-origin-when-cross-origin"
        }
      ]
   }
  ],
  "redirects": [
      "source": "/home",
      "destination": "/",
      "permanent": true
    }
```

```
]
}
```

Next.js Configuration

Ensure your next.config.js is production-ready:

```
/** @type {import('next').NextConfig} */
const nextConfig = {
  experimental: {
    appDir: true
  },
  images: {
    domains: [
      'your-supabase-project-id.supabase.co',
      'avatars.githubusercontent.com'
    ]
  },
  async headers() {
    return [
      {
        source: '/(.*)',
        headers: [
          {
            key: 'X-Frame-Options',
            value: 'DENY'
          },
            key: 'X-Content-Type-Options',
            value: 'nosniff'
          },
          {
            key: 'Referrer-Policy',
            value: 'strict-origin-when-cross-origin'
          }
        ]
      }
    ]
  },
  env: {
    NEXT_PUBLIC_APP_URL: process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_APP_URL
  }
```

```
module.exports = nextConfig
```

Step 6: Deploy to Production

Automatic Deployment

- 1. **Trigger Deployment**: After configuring environment variables, click "Deploy"
- 2. Monitor Build: Watch the build process in real-time
- 3. **Build Duration**: Typically takes 3-5 minutes
- 4. Success Confirmation: Look for "Build Completed" message

Manual Deployment via CLI

```
# Navigate to project directory
cd resume-builder
# Deploy to production
vercel --prod
# Follow the prompts:
# - Confirm project linking
# - Wait for build completion
# - Get deployment URL
```

Build Process Monitoring

During deployment, monitor for:

- Dependencies Installation: pnpm install success
- **TypeScript Compilation**: No type errors

- **Next.js Build**: Static generation completion
- **Environment Variables**: Proper loading
- **Function Creation**: API routes deployment

Step 7: Domain Configuration

Using Vercel Subdomain

By default, your app will be available at:

- https://resume-builder-git-master-thomasperdana.vercel.app
- https://resume-builder-thomasperdana.vercel.app

Custom Domain Setup

Add Custom Domain

- 1. **Domain Settings**: Go to Project → Settings → Domains
- 2. **Add Domain**: Click "Add" and enter your domain
- 3. DNS Configuration: Follow Vercel's DNS instructions

DNS Configuration Examples

For Apex Domain (example.com):

Type: A Name: @

Value: 76.76.19.61

For Subdomain (www.example.com):

Type: CNAME

Name: www

Value: cname.vercel-dns.com

For Custom Subdomain (resume.example.com):

Type: CNAME Name: resume

Value: cname.vercel-dns.com

SSL Certificate

- Automatic SSL: Vercel provides free SSL certificates
- Certificate Provisioning: Usually takes 5-10 minutes
- HTTPS Redirect: Automatically enabled

🔄 Step 8: Continuous Deployment

Automatic Deployments

Vercel automatically deploys when you:

- Push to Main: Deploys to production
- **Push to Other Branches**: Creates preview deployments
- Create Pull Requests: Generates preview URLs

Branch Configuration

Production Branch: master or main

Preview Branches: feature/*, develop, staging

Deployment Hooks

Set up webhooks for external triggers:

- 1. Webhook URL: Get from Project \rightarrow Settings \rightarrow Git
- 2. **Trigger Events**: Configure in GitHub repository settings
- 3. **Deploy Hooks**: Use for content management systems

📊 Step 9: Performance Optimization

Vercel Analytics

- 1. **Enable Analytics**: Project → Analytics → Enable
- 2. **Real User Monitoring**: Track Core Web Vitals
- 3. **Performance Insights**: Monitor page load times

Speed Insights

Install Vercel Speed Insights
npm install @vercel/speed-insights

Add to your app:

```
// app/layout.tsx
import { SpeedInsights } from '@vercel/speed-insights/next'
export default function RootLayout({
  children,
}: {
  children: React.ReactNode
}) {
  return (
    <html>
      <body>
        {children}
        <SpeedInsights />
      </body>
    </html>
  )
}
```

Edge Functions

For optimal performance, Vercel automatically:

- **Edge Caching**: Static assets cached globally
- API Routes: Deployed as serverless functions
- ISR: Incremental Static Regeneration for dynamic content



Step 10: Monitoring & Debugging

Function Logs

- 1. **Access Logs**: Project → Functions → View Function Logs
- 2. **Real-time Monitoring**: Watch live function executions
- 3. **Error Tracking**: Monitor function errors and timeouts

Build Logs

- 1. **Deployment History**: Project → Deployments
- 2. **Build Details**: Click on any deployment for detailed logs
- 3. **Debug Information**: Check for build warnings and errors

Health Checks

Monitor your deployment:

```
# Check deployment status
curl -I https://your-domain.vercel.app/api/health
# Expected response: 200 OK
```

Troubleshooting Guide

Common Issues and Solutions

Build Failures

Issue: Error: Command "pnpm build" exited with 1

```
# Solution: Check package.json scripts
{
  "scripts": {
    "build": "next build",
    "start": "next start",
    "dev": "next dev"
  }
}
```

Issue: TypeScript compilation errors

```
# Solution: Fix type errors locally first
npm run type-check
# Fix all errors, then redeploy
```

Environment Variable Issues

Issue: Error: Missing environment variables

```
# Solution: Verify all required env vars are set
# Check Settings → Environment Variables
# Ensure values are correct and saved
```

Issue: Supabase connection failed

```
# Solution: Verify Supabase URLs and keys
# Test connection: https://app.supabase.com
# Check project status and API keys
```

Runtime Errors

Issue: 500 Internal Server Error

```
# Solution: Check function logs
# Project → Functions → View Logs
# Look for specific error messages
```

Issue: API routes not working

```
# Solution: Verify file structure
# app/api/route-name/route.ts
# Check export syntax: export async function GET()
```

Performance Issues

Issue: Slow page loads

```
# Solution: Enable analytics and optimize
# Check Core Web Vitals
# Optimize images and reduce bundle size
```

Issue: Function timeouts

```
# Solution: Optimize function code
# Reduce processing time
# Consider upgrading to Pro plan for longer timeouts
```

Debug Commands

```
# Local debugging
vercel dev # Test locally with production settings
vercel logs # View recent function logs
vercel env ls # List environment variables

# Production debugging
vercel inspect <deployment-url>
vercel --debug # Verbose deployment output
```



Step 11: Post-Deployment Checklist

Functionality Testing

- [] Homepage loads correctly
- \cdot [] User authentication works
- [] Theme switching functions
- [] Resume builder preview updates
- [] AI tools generate content
- [] Database operations successful
- [] File uploads/downloads work
- [] All API endpoints respond

Performance Verification

- [] Page load time < 3 seconds
- [] Core Web Vitals passing
- [] Images loading optimized
- [] Mobile responsiveness
- [] Cross-browser compatibility

Security Checks

- [] HTTPS enabled and working
- [] Environment variables secure
- [] API rate limiting active
- [] Authentication functioning
- [] CORS policies configured

SEO and Analytics

- [] Meta tags present
- [] Sitemap accessible
- [] Analytics tracking
- [] Error monitoring setup

Step 12: Ongoing Maintenance

Regular Updates

```
# Update dependencies monthly
npm update
# Security updates
npm audit fix
# Redeploy after updates
git push origin master
```

Monitoring Setup

- 1. Uptime Monitoring: Use Vercel Analytics or external services
- 2. Error Tracking: Implement Sentry or similar service
- 3. **Performance Monitoring**: Regular Core Web Vitals checks
- 4. **Security Scanning**: Periodic vulnerability assessments

Backup Strategy

- 1. Code Backup: GitHub repository
- 2. **Database Backup**: Supabase automatic backups

- 3. **Environment Config**: Document all environment variables
- 4. **Deployment Config**: Version control vercel.json

Support and Resources

Vercel Documentation

- Official Docs: vercel.com/docs
- Next.js Guide: vercel.com/docs/frameworks/nextjs
- Environment Variables: vercel.com/docs/concepts/projects/environment-variables: vercel.com/docs/concepts/projects/environment-variables:

Community Support

- Vercel Discord: vercel.com/discord
- **GitHub Discussions**: Project repository discussions
- Stack Overflow: Tag questions with vercel and nextjs

Professional Support

- **Vercel Pro**: Advanced features and priority support
- Enterprise: Dedicated support team
- Consulting: Vercel-certified partners

🎉 Deployment Complete!

Congratulations! Your AI-powered résumé builder is now live on Vercel. Users can access your platform at your deployed URL and start creating professional résumés with AI assistance.

Next Steps:

1. Share the deployment URL with stakeholders

- 2. Monitor initial user feedback
- 3. Set up ongoing monitoring and maintenance
- 4. Plan for future feature enhancements

Your deployed application includes:

- **V** Dual theme system with smooth transitions
- Al-powered résumé building tools
- Real-time preview and editing
- ATS optimization features
- Interview preparation assistance
- Secure user authentication
- **V** Production-ready performance

Deployment URL: https://your-domain.vercel.app

GitHub Repository: https://github.com/thomasperdana/resume-builder.git

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