

# Vercel Deployment Instructions

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## Important: Root Directory Configuration

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This Next.js application is located in the `nextjs_space` subdirectory. When deploying to Vercel, you **must** configure the Root Directory setting.

### Deployment Steps

1. **Import your GitHub repository** to Vercel
2. **Configure Root Directory:**
  - In the Vercel project settings, set **Root Directory** to: `nextjs_space`
  - OR use the `vercel.json` configuration at the project root
3. **Environment Variables:**

Add these environment variables in Vercel project settings:

  - `DATABASE_URL` - Your PostgreSQL database connection string
  - `NEXTAUTH_SECRET` - Your NextAuth secret key
  - `NEXTAUTH_URL` - Your production URL (e.g., `https://your-app.vercel.app`)
  - `ABACUSAI_API_KEY` - Your Abacus.ai API key
4. **Deploy:**
  - Click "Deploy"
  - Vercel will automatically detect Next.js and build your app

### Alternative: Manual Configuration

If you prefer not to use the Root Directory setting:

1. You can move all contents from `nextjs_space` to the root directory
2. Or keep the `vercel.json` file at the root (already created)

### Verify Deployment

After deployment, check that:

- ✓ The app loads correctly
- ✓ Database connections work
- ✓ Authentication flows function properly
- ✓ API routes respond as expected

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For more help, visit: <https://vercel.com/docs/concepts/projects/overview>