

🔍 WORKIGOM RAILWAY DEPLOYMENT DIAGNOSIS

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📊 INVESTIGATION RESULTS

✓ What's Working

1. Git Tracking - CONFIRMED

bash

```
# All Prisma files ARE tracked in Git:  
backend/prisma.config.ts  
backend/prisma/migrations/20251022231535_exit/migration.sql  
backend/prisma/migrations/migration_lock.toml  
backend/prisma/schema.prisma  
backend/prisma/seed.ts
```

2. Local Files - EXIST

bash

```
backend/prisma/  
|   migrations/  
|   |   20251022231535_exit/  
|   |   |   migration_lock.toml  
|   |   schema.prisma (4,788 bytes)  
|   |   seed.ts (6,493 bytes)
```

3. Git Status - CLEAN

- All changes committed
- No untracked files affecting prisma

⚠ ROOT CAUSE IDENTIFIED

Problem #1: .dockerignore is Blocking Backend Directory

File: .dockerignore

```

node_modules
npm-debug.log
dist
.env
.git
.gitignore
README.md
.vscode
.idea
backend
  *.swp
  *.swo
   THIS IS THE CULPRIT!

```

Impact: When Docker builds the image, the `.dockerignore` file tells Docker to **completely ignore the backend directory**, which means:

- `COPY backend/package*.json .` → FAILS (no backend directory in build context)
- `COPY backend/prisma ./prisma/` → FAILS (no backend directory in build context)
- `COPY backend/ .` → FAILS (no backend directory in build context)

Problem #2: Railway is Building the Wrong Dockerfile

From the logs (`logs.1761239968123.json`), Railway is attempting to build the **FRONTEND Dockerfile** (at root `/Dockerfile`) instead of the backend Dockerfile (`backend/Dockerfile`).

Evidence from logs:

```
ERROR: "/nginx.conf": not found
```

This error only appears in the frontend Dockerfile, not the backend one.

CURRENT PROJECT STRUCTURE

workigom/	
.dockerignore	 Contains "backend" - blocking entire directory
Dockerfile	 Frontend Dockerfile (nginx)
package.json	 Frontend dependencies
src/	 Frontend React code
backend/	
Dockerfile	 Backend Dockerfile (Node.js)
package.json	 Backend dependencies
prisma/	 EXISTS and tracked in Git
schema.prisma	
seed.ts	
migrations/	
src/	 Backend TypeScript code
.git/	 All files committed

SOLUTION OPTIONS

Option A: Quick Fix - Fix `.dockerignore` (RECOMMENDED)

Pros:

- Minimal changes
- Keeps organized structure
- Fast to implement

Cons:

- Still requires Railway to use correct Dockerfile path

Steps:

1. Remove `backend` from `.dockerignore`
2. Configure Railway to use `backend/Dockerfile` as the build path
3. Ensure Railway's root directory is set to `/` (not `/backend`)

Option B: Restructure - Move Backend to Root (USER SUGGESTED)

Pros:

- Simplifies Docker context
- Railway can easily find all files
- No `.dockerignore` conflicts
- Clearer deployment path

Cons:

- Requires reorganizing entire project
- More files to move and test
- Potential for breaking imports/paths

Steps:

1. Move all `backend/` files to root
 2. Update `package.json` scripts
 3. Update import paths if needed
 4. Create new Dockerfile at root
 5. Remove old backend directory
 6. Test locally
 7. Commit and push
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RECOMMENDED ACTION PLAN

PREFERRED: Option A - Quick Fix

```
# 1. Fix .dockerignore
# Remove "backend" line from .dockerignore

# 2. Update Railway settings:
# - Go to Railway service settings
# - Set "Dockerfile Path" to: backend/Dockerfile
# - Set "Root Directory" to: /
# - Or use railway.json to configure:
{
  "build": {
    "builder": "DOCKERFILE",
    "dockerfilePath": "backend/Dockerfile"
  }
}

# 3. Push changes
git add .dockerignore
git commit -m "fix: remove backend from dockerignore"
git push origin master
```

ALTERNATIVE: Option B - Restructure

If Option A doesn't work (due to Railway context issues), then restructure:

```
# This will move backend to root
# Detailed steps will be provided if you choose this option
```



.gitignore vs .dockerignore Analysis

.gitignore (NO ISSUES)

```
node_modules/
dist/
build/
.env
.env.local
.DS_Store
*.log
```

Not blocking any source files

.dockerignore (HAS ISSUES)

```
backend  ↳ BLOCKING ENTIRE BACKEND DIRECTORY!
```

This prevents Docker from seeing backend files during build



NEXT STEPS

To Proceed with Quick Fix (Option A):

1. Say: “Fix the `.dockerignore` file”

To Proceed with Restructure (Option B):

1. Say: “Restructure the project - move backend to root”

To Investigate Further:

1. Say: “Show me more details about [specific aspect]”
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NOTES

- All Prisma files are in Git ✓
- Backend directory exists locally ✓
- The problem is Docker build context, not Git tracking
- Railway appears to be building frontend Dockerfile, not backend
- `.dockerignore` is actively blocking the backend directory ✗