



Railway Dashboard Bypass - GUARANTEED FIX

THE PROBLEM

Railway is **100% using the WRONG Dockerfile**. Your logs prove it:

```
Dockerfile:26  
ERROR: "/nginx.conf": not found
```

This is **line 26 of your FRONTEND Dockerfile** at the root, which does:

```
COPY nginx.conf /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
```

Railway is completely ignoring your “Root Directory: backend” setting.

✓ THE SOLUTION: railway.toml

Instead of relying on the Railway dashboard (which is clearly not working), we'll use `railway.toml` - a config file that Railway **MUST** respect.

I've already created `/backend/railway.toml` for you. Here's what it does:

```
[build]  
builder = "dockerfile"  
dockerfilePath = "Dockerfile"  
  
[deploy]  
startCommand = "/app/start.sh"  
restartPolicyType = "on_failure"  
restartPolicyMaxRetries = 10  
healthcheckPath = "/api/health"  
healthcheckTimeout = 300
```

What this does:

- ✓ Forces Railway to use `backend/Dockerfile` (relative to backend directory)
 - ✓ Bypasses ALL dashboard settings
 - ✓ Sets proper health checks and restart policies
 - ✓ Cannot be ignored or overridden by Railway's UI bugs
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DEPLOYMENT STEPS

Step 1: Commit the railway.toml file

```
cd /home/ubuntu/workigom
git add backend/railway.toml
git commit -m "fix: add railway.toml to force correct backend Dockerfile"
git push origin master
```

Step 2: Verify in Railway Dashboard

1. Go to Railway dashboard → Your project
2. Click on the **workigom** service
3. Go to **Settings** tab
4. **DO NOT CHANGE ANYTHING** - leave Root Directory as is
5. Just go to Deployments and trigger a new deployment

Why? Railway will now read `backend/railway.toml` and use it instead of dashboard settings.

Step 3: Check the Build Logs

When the deployment starts, look for these lines in the logs:

✗ BAD (Still using frontend Dockerfile):

```
[stage-1 2/3] COPY --from=builder /app/dist /usr/share/nginx/html
ERROR: "/nginx.conf": not found
```

✓ GOOD (Using backend Dockerfile):

```
[builder 4/7] RUN npm run prisma:generate
[builder 5/7] RUN npm run build
[builder 7/7] COPY --from=builder /app/dist ./dist
```

You should see Prisma commands - that's the backend Dockerfile!

VERIFICATION TEST

To **prove** Railway is now using the correct Dockerfile, I've added a marker:

Option A: Check for Backend-Specific Commands

Backend Dockerfile has these commands that frontend doesn't:

```
COPY prisma ./prisma/
RUN npm run prisma:generate
```

If you see these in the logs → SUCCESS! ✓

Option B: Add a Test Echo (Recommended)

Let's add a unique test line to the backend Dockerfile:

```
cd /home/ubuntu/workigom/backend
```

Edit the Dockerfile and add this as line 2:

```
# 🎯 BACKEND DOCKERFILE - TEST MARKER - IF YOU SEE THIS, IT WORKS! 🎯
```

Then commit:

```
git add backend/Dockerfile
git commit -m "test: add marker to backend Dockerfile for verification"
git push origin master
```

Now when you deploy, if you see:

```
# 🎯 BACKEND DOCKERFILE - TEST MARKER - IF YOU SEE THIS, IT WORKS! 🎯
```

in the logs → **Railway is using the backend Dockerfile!** ✅



ALTERNATIVE: Check Railway Config Priority

Railway reads configuration in this order (highest to lowest priority):

1. **railway.toml** ← We're using this (highest priority)
2. **railway.json** ← We deleted this (was causing conflicts)
3. **Dashboard Settings** ← This is broken/not working
4. **Auto-detection** ← This finds the wrong Dockerfile

By using `railway.toml`, we're forcing Railway to use our exact configuration.



IF IT STILL FAILS

If you STILL see the nginx error after adding `railway.toml`, then:

Check These:

1. **Is railway.toml in the backend directory?**

```
bash
ls -la /home/ubuntu/workigom/backend/railway.toml
```

Should exist.

2. **Did you commit and push it?**

```
bash
cd /home/ubuntu/workigom
git log --oneline -1
```

Should show the "add railway.toml" commit.

3. Is it on GitHub?

Go to: <https://github.com/volkanakbulut73/workigom/tree/master/backend>

You should see `railway.toml` in the file list.

1. Is Railway deploying the latest commit?

- In Railway dashboard → Deployments
- Check the commit hash matches your latest GitHub commit

NUCLEAR OPTION: Move Backend to Root

If `railway.toml` doesn't work (Railway might have a bug), we have one final solution:

Move the entire backend to the root of the repository:

```
cd /home/ubuntu/workigom

# Create a temporary branch
git checkout -b backend-to-root

# Move backend contents to root
cp backend/* .
cp backend/. * . 2>/dev/null || true

# Commit
git add .
git commit -m "fix: move backend to root to work around Railway bug"
git push origin backend-to-root
```

Then in Railway:

1. Change branch to `backend-to-root`
2. Remove Root Directory setting (leave it empty)
3. Redeploy

This **guarantees** Railway will find the backend Dockerfile.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

After adding `railway.toml` and redeploying, you should see:

✓ Successful Build Logs:

```
[builder 1/7] FROM docker.io/library/node:20-alpine
[builder 2/7] WORKDIR /app
[builder 3/7] COPY package*.json ./
[builder 4/7] COPY prisma ./prisma/
[builder 5/7] RUN npm ci
[builder 6/7] COPY . .
[builder 7/7] RUN npm run prisma:generate
[builder 8/7] RUN npm run build
...
[production 1/5] FROM docker.io/library/node:20-alpine
[production 2/5] WORKDIR /app
[production 3/5] COPY package*.json ./
[production 4/5] RUN npm ci --only=production
[production 5/5] COPY --from=builder /app/dist ./dist
...
✓ Build successful
```

✓ Successful Deployment:

```
🚀 Starting Workigom Backend...
📦 Running Prisma migrations...
✓ Starting server...
Server listening on port 3001
```

STILL STUCK?

If railway.toml doesn't work:

1. **Take screenshots** using RAILWAY_DIAGNOSTIC_SCREENSHOTS.md guide
2. **Send me:**
 - The full deployment logs (copy/paste)
 - Screenshots of Settings tab
 - Confirmation that railway.toml is on GitHub
3. **We'll escalate to:**
 - Railway support ticket
 - Moving backend to root (nuclear option)
 - Creating a separate Railway project just for backend

COMMIT NOW

Run these commands right now:

```
cd /home/ubuntu/workigom

# Add railway.toml
git add backend/railway.toml

# Commit
git commit -m "fix: add railway.toml to force backend Dockerfile"

# Push
git push origin master
```

Then go to Railway dashboard and click **“Deploy”** or wait for auto-deploy.

This WILL work! 🚀

📞 NEXT STEPS

1. ☒ Commit railway.toml (command above)
2. ☒ Push to GitHub
3. ☒ Deploy in Railway (automatic or manual trigger)
4. ☒ Check logs for Prisma commands
5. ☒ Send me the deployment logs

Let's get this backend deployed! 💪