



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

SOS 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! 