

Rollback Plan

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1. Overview

This document defines the rollback procedure for Bilko deployments. A rollback restores the production environment to the previous working state when a deployment causes critical issues.

Rollback authority: Alem Bašić (primary). Any engineer can initiate rollback for P0 issues. **Target rollback time:** < 5 minutes for frontend, < 10 minutes for backend, < 60 minutes for database

2. Rollback Decision Criteria

Automatic Rollback Triggers

Initiate rollback immediately without waiting:

- Health check `https://api.bilko.io/health` returns non-200 for > 3 consecutive minutes
- Error rate > 5% of all API requests (Sentry)
- Any financial calculation producing provably incorrect results (VAT, double-entry)

- Authentication completely broken (no user can log in)
- Database migrations caused data corruption

Manual Rollback Triggers (Alem Baši? decision)

- P99 latency > 5s sustained for > 5 minutes
- Critical feature broken with no quick fix available
- Security vulnerability discovered in new release
- User-reported data loss

Do NOT Roll Back For

- Performance degradation < 20% (investigate first)
 - Non-critical feature broken with workaround available
 - Minor UI regressions
 - Single user reporting an issue (investigate first)
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3. Rollback Procedures by Component

3.1 Frontend Rollback (Vercel) — < 5 minutes

Vercel keeps all previous deployments. Rollback is instant (no rebuild).

Via Vercel Dashboard (recommended):

1. Open <https://vercel.com/alai/bilko/deployments>
2. Find the last successful deployment (before current broken one)
3. Click "..." → "Promote to Production"
4. Wait 30 seconds for propagation
5. Verify: `curl -I https://bilko.io` → HTTP/2 200

Via Vercel CLI:

```
# List recent deployments
vercel ls --prod

# Promote specific deployment
vercel rollback <deployment-url>
```

Verification:

```
curl -I https://bilko.io
# Open bilko.io in browser – should show previous version
```

Estimated time: < 2 minutes

3.2 Backend Rollback (Railway) — < 5 minutes

Railway keeps the last 10 deployments.

Via Railway Dashboard (recommended):

1. Open Railway Dashboard → Project → api service
2. Click "Deployments" tab
3. Find last successful deployment (look at deployment timestamp + status)
4. Click "..." → "Redeploy"
5. Wait for deployment to complete (~2 min)
6. Verify health check

Via Railway CLI:

```
# List recent deployments
railway deployments list --service api

# Note the previous deployment ID
# Redeploy via dashboard (CLI redeploy not yet supported)
```

Pre-rollback — if migration was included:

If the broken release included database migrations, you must decide:

- **Option A (preferred):** Write a forward-fix migration and deploy instead of rolling back
- **Option B:** Database rollback (see 3.3) — use only if Option A is not possible

Verification:

```
curl https://api.bilko.io/health
# Expected: {"status":"ok","db":"ok","timestamp":"..."}

# Test auth
curl -X POST https://api.bilko.io/api/v1/auth/login \
  -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
  -d '{"email":"test@bilko.io","password":"test123"}'
```

Estimated time: < 5 minutes

3.3 Database Rollback — < 60 minutes

WARNING: Database rollbacks are destructive. Any data written since the bad migration WILL BE LOST.

Before rolling back database:

1. Export all data created since the bad migration (if any):

```
railway run psql $DATABASE_URL -c "  
COPY (SELECT * FROM invoices WHERE created_at > '[migration_time]') TO STDOUT;"
```

2. Assess data loss: is losing this data acceptable?
3. Prefer forward-fix migration if at all possible

If rollback is necessary:

```
# Step 1: Stop API traffic (put up maintenance page)  
# Railway → api → Suspend  
  
# Step 2: Restore from pre-deploy backup  
# Railway Dashboard → PostgreSQL → Backups → Select backup taken before deploy  
  
# OR restore from manual backup:  
railway run psql $DATABASE_URL < pre_deploy_YYYYMMDD_HHMM.dump  
  
# Step 3: Verify backup integrity  
railway run psql $DATABASE_URL -c "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM invoices;"  
railway run psql $DATABASE_URL -c "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM organizations;"  
  
# Step 4: Redeploy previous backend version (without the bad migration)  
# Railway → api → Deployments → Redeploy previous  
  
# Step 5: Verify  
railway run npx prisma db pull # Should match backup schema  
curl https://api.bilko.io/health  
  
# Step 6: Resume API traffic  
# Railway → api → Resume
```

Step 7: If any data was lost, manually re-enter from exported data

Estimated time: 30-60 minutes

4. Rollback Verification Checklist

After any rollback, verify ALL of these before declaring rollback successful:

- ☐ API health: `curl https://api.bilko.io/health` → `{"status":"ok","db":"ok"}`
- ☐ Frontend loads: `https://bilko.io` opens without errors
- ☐ Login works: test account can authenticate
- ☐ Invoice creation works: create test invoice, verify totals
- ☐ VAT calculation correct: verify Serbia 20% on 1000 RSD = 200 RSD VAT
- ☐ BetterStack: all monitors green
- ☐ Sentry: no new error types
- ☐ Database counts: record counts match pre-deploy snapshot (if DB rollback)

5. Rollback Communication

During Rollback

1. Post in Slack `#bilko-alerts` immediately: "Initiating rollback — [reason]"
2. Update `status.bilko.io`: "We are investigating an issue and reverting recent changes"
3. Do not provide ETAs until rollback is verified successful

After Successful Rollback

1. Post in Slack `#bilko-alerts`: "Rollback complete — previous version restored — investigating root cause"
2. Update `status.bilko.io`: "Service restored — all systems operational"
3. If any user impact: send email to affected organizations within 2 hours
4. Create incident report within 24 hours

6. Version-Specific Rollback Notes

Release	Frontend Tag	Backend Tag	DB Migration Included	Rollback Notes
v1.0.0	Initial	Initial	0001_initial_schema, 0002_indexes	First release — no rollback possible

(Update this table with each release)

7. Rollback Testing

Each major release must include a rollback test on staging before production deploy:

```
# Deploy to staging
# ... (standard deploy)

# Test rollback on staging
vercel rollback # Frontend
railway deployments redeploy <previous-id> # Backend

# Verify staging is back on previous version
curl https://staging-api.bilko.io/health
```

Document rollback test results in deployment checklist.

Related Documents

- [Deployment Checklist](#)
- [Disaster Recovery Plan](#)
- [Operational Runbook](#)
- [Incident Report](#)
- [DEPLOYMENT.md](#)

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