

Below is a clear, step-by-step guide to add an endpoint for creating products. This guide will add both a form to input new product details and a POST endpoint to save the product to your MongoDB Atlas database. Follow each step exactly.

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## Step 1: Update the Products Route

### 1. Open routes/products.js:

In the file where you already handle product listing, add two new routes—one to display the form and one to process the form submission.

### 2. Add the GET Route for the New Product Form:

Place the following code in routes/products.js to render a form for creating a new product:

```
// GET /products/new - Display the new product form
router.get('/new', (req, res) => {
  res.render('products/new', { title: 'Create New Product' });
});
```

### 3. Add the POST Route to Process the Form:

Next, add the following POST endpoint in the same file to handle the form submission and create a new product in the database:

```
// POST /products - Create a new product in the database
router.post('/', async (req, res) => {
  try {
    const { name, description, price, imageUrl } = req.body;
    const product = new Product({ name, description, price, imageUrl });
    await product.save();
    // After saving, redirect to the products listing page
    res.redirect('/products');
  } catch (err) {
    console.error(err);
    res.status(500).send('Server error while creating product.');
```

**Note:** Ensure your file imports the Product model at the top:

```
import Product from '../models/Product.js';
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## Step 2: Create the New Product Form View

### 1. Create the New EJS Template:

In your views/products folder, create a new file called new.ejs.

### 2. Add the Form Markup:

Paste the following code into new.ejs:

```
<%- include('../partials/header.ejs') %>
<div class="container">
  <h2><%= title %></h2>
  <form action="/products" method="POST">
    <div>
      <label for="name">Product Name:</label>
      <input type="text" id="name" name="name" required>
    </div>
    <div>
      <label for="description">Description:</label>
      <textarea id="description" name="description"></textarea>
    </div>
    <div>
      <label for="price">Price:</label>
      <input type="number" id="price" name="price" step="0.01" required>
    </div>
    <div>
      <label for="imageUrl">Image URL:</label>
      <input type="url" id="imageUrl" name="imageUrl">
    </div>
    <button type="submit">Create Product</button>
  </form>
</div>
<%- include('../partials/footer.ejs') %>
```

*Tip:* Make sure that the path in the include statements is correct relative to new.ejs.

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## Step 3: Verify Your Application Setup

### 1. Confirm the Route Mounting:

In your main application file (app.js), verify that the products router is mounted. It should have a line similar to:

```
app.use('/products', productsRouter);
```

This ensures that both the GET and POST routes are active.

## 2. Start the Server:

In your terminal, run:

```
node app.js
```

or use your preferred method (e.g., nodemon).

## 3. Test the New Endpoint:

- Open your browser and navigate to <http://localhost:3000/products/new>. You should see the form to create a new product.
- Fill in the details and submit the form. If successful, you should be redirected to your products listing page (make sure you have existing code to display products).

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This guide adds an endpoint to create new products by displaying a form and processing the form submission to store the product data. Follow each step carefully, and if you run into any issues, feel free to ask for help. Happy coding!