**Step 1: Set Up Project & Dependencies**

* Installed required packages:
  + express: Handles API routes
  + mongoose: Connects to MongoDB
  + dotenv: Loads environment variables from .env
* Installation command:

npm install express mongoose dotenv

**Step 2: Created .env File**

This file stores sensitive configuration data:

MONGO\_URI=mongodb://localhost:27017/Property

JWT\_SECRET=mySuperSecretKey123!@

PORT=5000

**Step 3: Built the server.js File**

* Loaded environment variables:

require('dotenv').config();

* Initialized Express and enabled JSON handling:

const express = require('express');

const app = express();

app.use(express.json());

* Connected to MongoDB:

const mongoose = require('mongoose');

mongoose.connect(process.env.MONGO\_URI)

.then(() => console.log('MongoDB connected'))

.catch((err) => {

console.error('MongoDB connection error:', err);

process.exit(1);

});

* Added a test route:

app.get('/', (req, res) => {

res.send('API is running...');

});

* Started the server:

const PORT = process.env.PORT || 5000;

app.listen(PORT, () => {

console.log(`Server running on port ${PORT}`);

});

**Step 4: Imported CSV Data into MongoDB**

* Used MongoDB Compass or a script to import your CSV
* Now you have:
  + Database: Property
  + Collection: properties
  + Example document:

{

"title": "Green Sea",

"type": "Bungalow",

"price": 23825834

// ... other fields

}