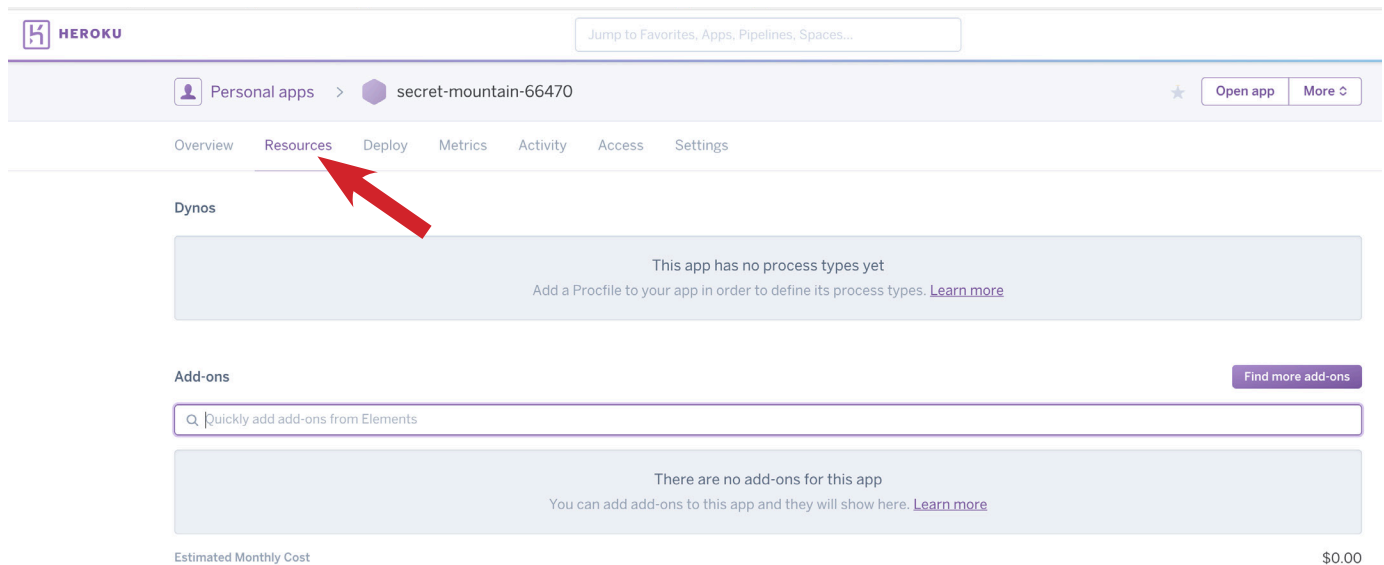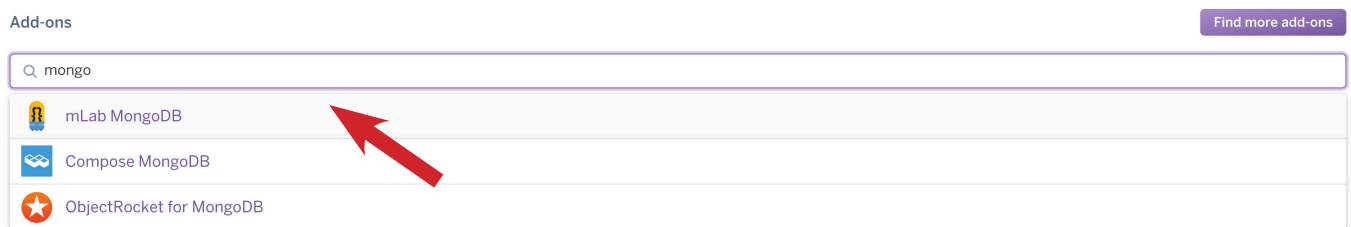# Step 0: Adding mLab MongoDB to your Heroku app

First we need to add the mLab MongoDB addon to your Heroku app.
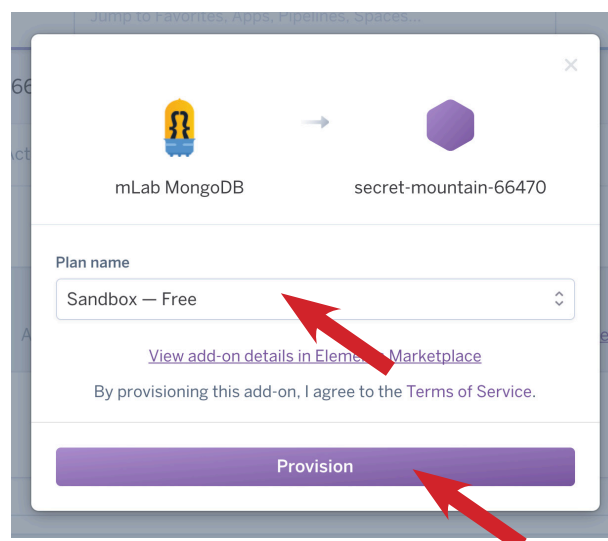
Go to heroku.com and login. Select you app and open the Resources tab.

Go to the Add-ons section and type "Mongo." Select "mLab MongoDB" from the list.

Select "Sandbox - Free" as your plan and select "Provision." You may be asked for a credit card number to add on file.

If successful, you'll be sent back to the Resources tab and your add-ons should look like this.

Step 1: See the MongoDB config

Click the "mLab MongoDB :: Mongodb" title to see the configuration.

Before we get the configurations for Mongo, let's add a new user

Click the "Users" tab, then click "Add database user"
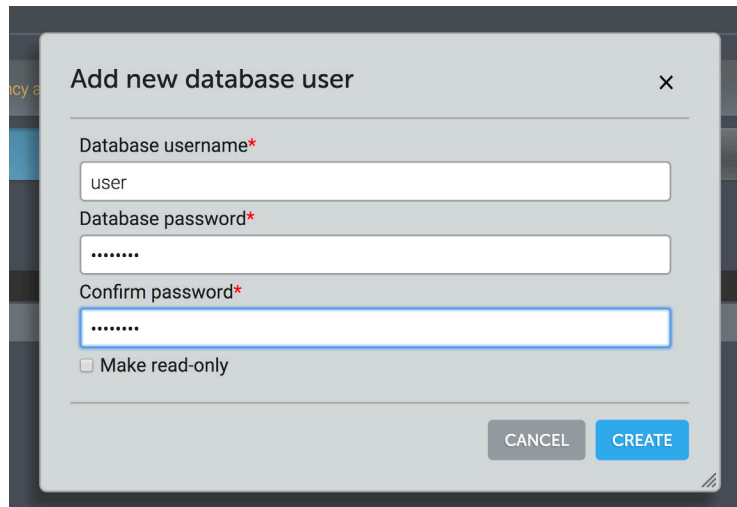
Give the user a username and password. Don't forget to make note of this!

Now we have a user. Look at the highlighted string, that's our connection information.

ds161574.mlab.com:61574/heroku_h45416mx

URL/Address   Port   Database

Let's translate this information into something we can use in Javascript. This is how this would look in a Mongoose connection. The username and password are the one we set above.

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mongoose.connect("mongodb://username:password@ds161574.mlab.com:61574/heroku_h45416mx");
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