



Chapter 2: The MongoDB Query Language + Atlas

Lab 2.0: Create an Atlas Sandbox Cluster

Problem:

In this lab you will have to complete two different tasks:

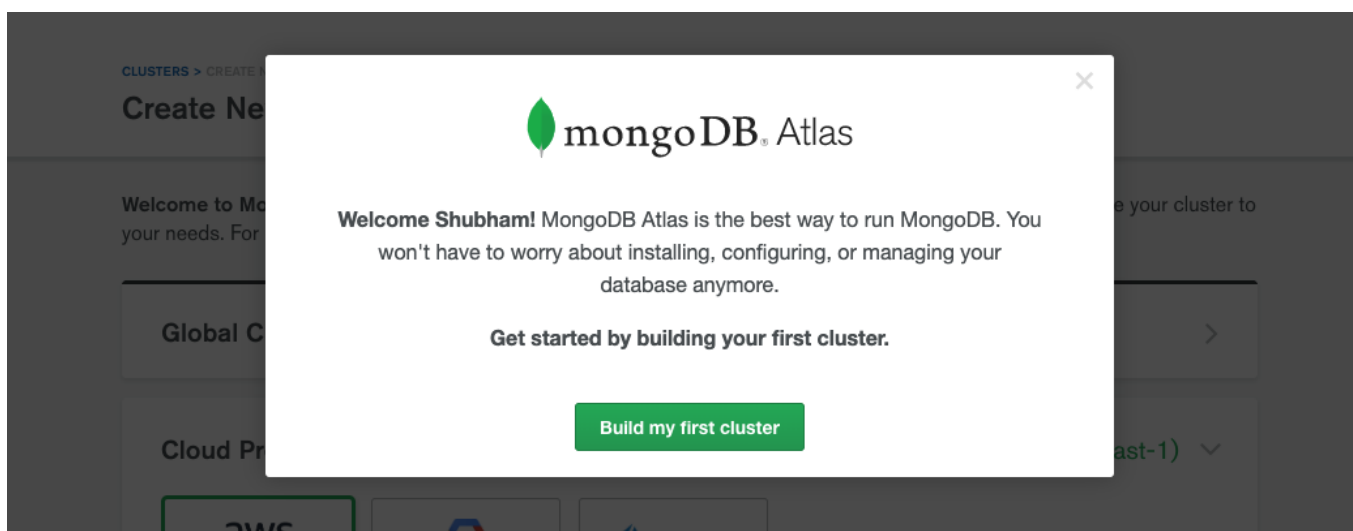
- Create an Atlas Account
- Create Atlas Sandbox Cluster

Creating a new MongoDB Atlas Account:

If you do not have an existing Atlas account, go ahead and [create an Atlas Account](#) by filling in the required fields.

Creating an Atlas Sandbox Cluster:

1. After creating a new account, you will be prompted to create your first cluster:



2. You will now choose a cloud provider for your cluster.

Select AWS as the cloud provider and for the **Region** select the location closest to you that has the label **Free Tier Available**: Please note the default location is **N.Virginia (us-east-1)** **Free Tier Available**

Cloud Provider & Region

AWS, N. Virginia (us-east-1) ▼



Create a **free tier cluster** by selecting a region with **FREE TIER AVAILABLE** and choosing the **M0** cluster tier below.

★ recommended region ⓘ

NORTH AMERICA
 N. Virginia (us-east-1) ★
FREE TIER AVAILABLE
 Ohio (us-east-2) ★
 N. California (us-west-1)
 Oregon (us-west-2) ★
 Montreal (ca-central-1)

EUROPE
 Ireland (eu-west-1) ★
 London (eu-west-2) ★
 Paris (eu-west-3) ★
 Frankfurt (eu-central-1) ★
FREE TIER AVAILABLE
SOUTH AMERICA
 Sao Paulo (sa-east-1)

AUSTRALIA
 Sydney (ap-southeast-2) ★
ASIA
 Tokyo (ap-northeast-1) ★
 Seoul (ap-northeast-2)
 Singapore (ap-southeast-1) ★
FREE TIER AVAILABLE
 Mumbai (ap-south-1)
FREE TIER AVAILABLE

3. Select Cluster Tier **M0** Sandbox:

Cluster Tier

M0 Sandbox (Shared RAM, 512 MB Storage) ▼
Encrypted

Base hourly rate is for a MongoDB replica set with **3 data bearing servers**.

Shared Clusters for development environments and low-traffic applications

Tier	RAM	Storage	vCPU	Base Price
✓ M0 Sandbox	Shared	512 MB	Shared	Free forever
M0 clusters are best for getting started, and are not suitable for production environments.				
100 max connections Low network performance 100 max databases 500 max collections				

4. Click on *Cluster Name*, enter "Sandbox" in the corresponding textbox, and click "Create Cluster":

Create New Cluster

Welcome to MongoDB Atlas! We've recommended some of our most popular options, but feel free to customize your cluster to your needs. For more information, check our [documentation](#).

Global Cluster Configuration

Cloud Provider & Region

AWS, Singapore (ap-southeast-1) >

Cluster Tier

M0 Sandbox (Shared RAM, 512 MB Storage) >
Encrypted

Additional Settings

MongoDB 4.0, No Backup >

Cluster Name

Sandbox ▾

One time only: once your cluster is created, you won't be able to change its name.

Cluster names can only contain ASCII letters, numbers, and hyphens.

FREE

Free forever! Your M0 cluster is ideal for experimenting in a limited sandbox. You can upgrade to a production cluster anytime.

Cancel

Create Cluster

5. After creating the cluster, you will be redirected to the account dashboard:

The screenshot shows the MongoDB Atlas 'Clusters' dashboard. The left sidebar contains navigation links for ATLAS (Clusters, Data Lake, SECURITY, PROJECT, SERVICES, HELP), and a 'Support' link. The main content area displays the configuration for a 'Sandbox' cluster. Key details include: Cluster Tier: M0 Sandbox (General); Region: AWS / Singapore (ap-southeast-1); Type: Replica Set - 3 nodes; Linked Stitch App: None Linked. Performance metrics are shown for Operations (R: 0, W: 0), Logical Size (0.0 B), and Connections (0). A 'Build a New Cluster' button is in the top right. A 'Please set your time zone' warning is visible. An 'Upgrade' button is present in a promotional banner at the bottom right.

Go to the **Settings** option and change the project name to "M001":

mongoDB Atlas All Clusters

CONTEXT Project 0

ATLAS Clusters Data Lake BETA

SECURITY Database Access Network Access Advanced

PROJECT Access Management Activity Feed Alerts

Settings

SERVICES Charts Stitch Triggers

HELP Docs

Settings

Project Settings

General

Project ID 5d837987cf09a2dcb33ac4f7

Project Name Project 0

New Project Name M001

Cancel Save

Project Time Zone Please set your time zone

Connect via Peering Only (GCP and Azure) OFF

Correct! SEE DETAILED ANSWER

6. Next, configure the security settings of this cluster, by enabling the *IP Whitelist*:

Update your IP Whitelist so that your app can talk to the cluster. Click on "Network Access" tab and then click on "Add IP Address".

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CONTEXT M001

ATLAS Clusters Data Lake BETA

SECURITY Database Access Network Access Advanced

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SERVICES Charts Stitch Triggers

HELP Docs Support

Network Access

IP Whitelist Peering

+ ADD IP ADDRESS

IP Address	Comment	Status	Actions
 <h3>Whitelist an IP address</h3> <p>Configure which IP addresses can access your cluster.</p> <p>Learn more</p>			

A new prompt will appear on the screen asking to "Add Whitelist Entry". Click on "Allow Access from Anywhere" and then click "Confirm".



Add Whitelist Entry

Add a whitelist entry using either CIDR notation or a single IP address. [Learn more.](#)

ADD CURRENT IP ADDRESS

ALLOW ACCESS FROM ANYWHERE

Whitelist Entry:

0.0.0.0/0

Comment:

Optional comment describing this entry

☐ Save as temporary whitelist

Cancel

Confirm

Note that we do not generally recommend opening an Atlas cluster to allow access from anywhere. We do that for this class to minimize network issues that you might run into and to be able to provide you better support.

7. Then, create the application MongoDB database user required for this course.

Click on the "Database Access" tab and then click on "ADD NEW USER".

mongoDB Atlas All Clusters

CONTEXT M001

MONGODB > M001

Database Access

MongoDB Users MongoDB Roles

+ ADD NEW USER

User Name Authentication Method MongoDB Roles Actions

Create a database user

Set up database users, permissions, and authentication credentials in order to connect to your clusters.

[Learn more](#)

Create a user with the following credentials:

- username: **m001-student**
- password: **m001-mongodb-basics**

Give this user the privilege to **Read and write to any database**:

Add New User

SCRAM Authentication

SCRAM is MongoDB's default authentication method.

m001-student

e.g. new-user_31

m001-mongodb-basics

HIDE

Autogenerate Secure Password

User Privileges

Atlas admin

Read and write to
any database

Only read any
database

Select Custom
Role

Add Default Privileges

☐ Save as temporary user

Cancel

Add User

Congratulations on creating your first Atlas application! You now have a MongoDB database that you can access from anywhere in the world. Next, we will populate it with data to analyze and manipulate in the upcoming labs.

I have created the Atlas Sandbox Cluster.

Attempts Remaining: **Correct Answer**   

Check all answers that apply:

☒ Yes

See detailed answer

Proceed to next section

Assignment is Due

15d:03hr:48m
Dec 10, 17:00 UTC

Your Grade

PASS/FAIL
Submitted