Steps to follow

Hey! Thanks for purchasing the source code. There are a few things you need to do first. If you skip these steps, you won't be able to see the site in action. Let's get started!

Node Version Used: node v23.10.0 (npm v11.2.0)

Running the Interview Prep AI App Project

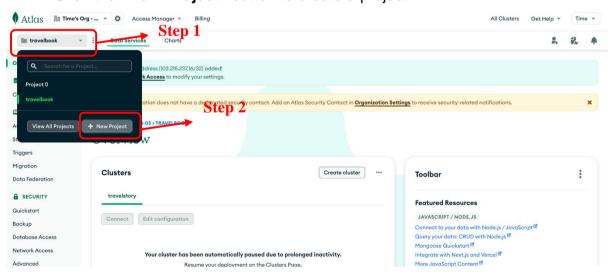
Backend (Express.js)

- 1. Navigate to the backend folder in your terminal.
- 2. Install the required dependencies by running:

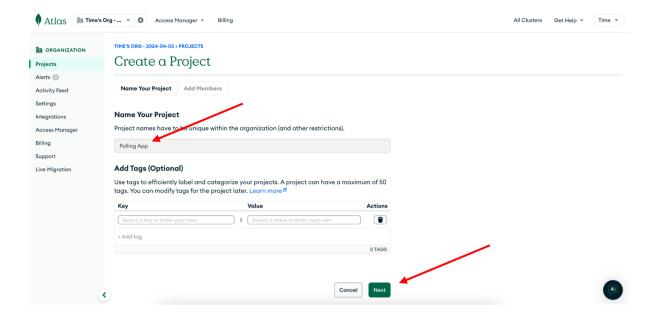
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3. Connect MongoDB:

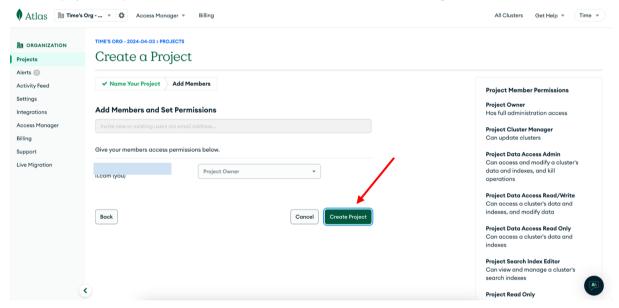
- Visit https://www.mongodb.com/
- Log in or create an account.
- Click the "New Project" button to create a project.



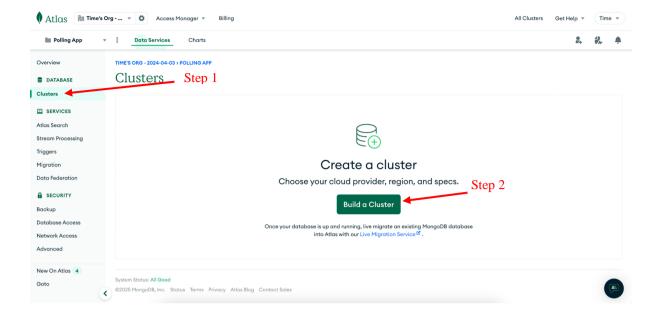
Enter a project name and click "Next".



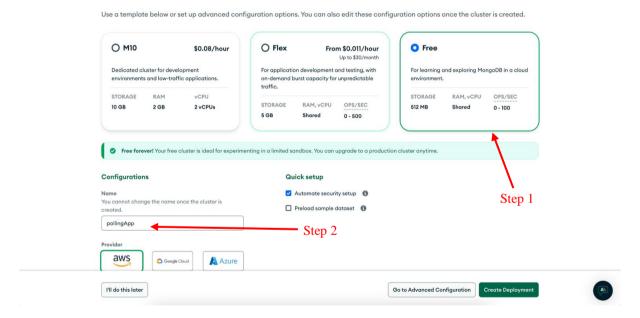
(Optional) Add team members, then click "Create Project".



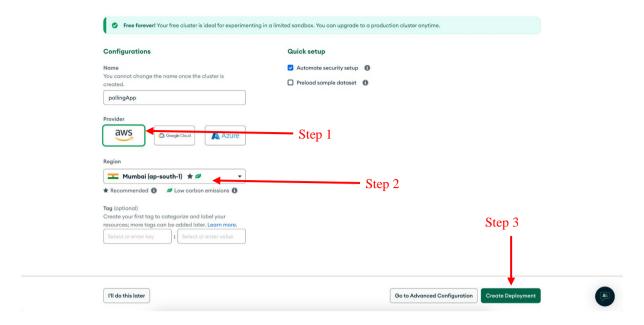
- Click on the "Clusters" option in the side menu.
- Click "Build a Cluster".



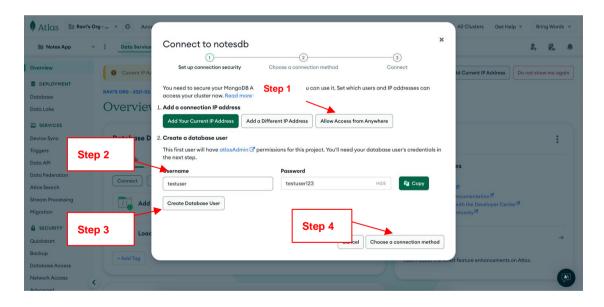
• Select the Free Tier, enter a cluster name.



 Choose a cloud provider and region close to you, then click "Create Deployment".

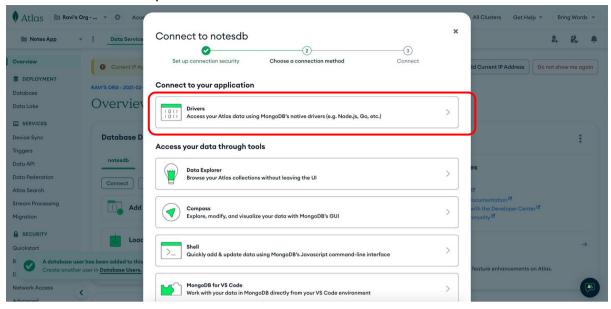


- Once deployment starts, you'll be directed to the connection setup.
- Add your IP address for access (use "Allow Access from Anywhere" if unsure).

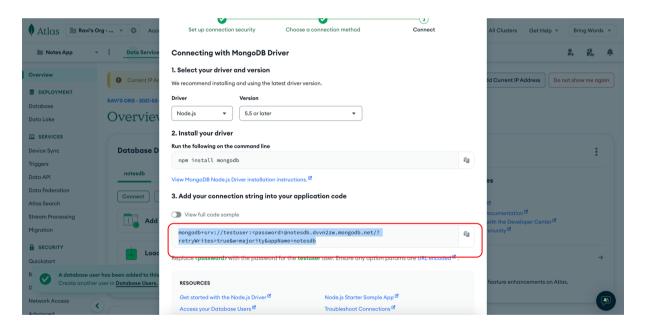


- Create a database user with a username and password.
- Click "Choose a connection method".

• Select the "Drivers" option.



• Copy the Node.js connection string.



4. Update .env File:

Paste the connection string into your .env file.

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• Replace <password> with the password of the database user created earlier.

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5. Generate JWT Secret:

• Run the following command in your terminal:

node -e "console.log(require('crypto').randomBytes(64).toString('hex'))"

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OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE <u>TERMINAL</u>

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PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

■ raviteja@Ravis-MacBook-Air backend % node —e "console.log(require('crypto').randomBytes(64).toString('hex'))"

54f1bc60e089fcf1c84d74c37859348e45d52aa96fcbe35a1b95ec3e9e822585e1078bff8ba7769cec017452387eb2a681b5eb02c0674f3f4a6718113d43d7c5

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• Copy the output and set it as JWT_SECRET in your . env file.

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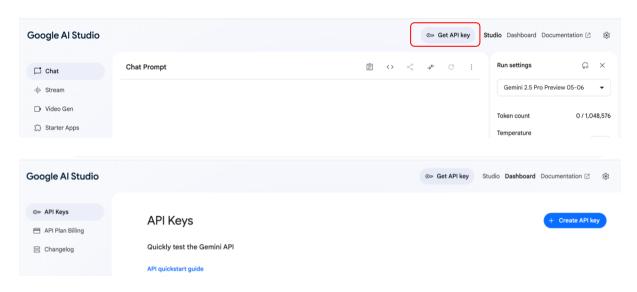
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6. Set Up Gemini API Key:

- Go to Google Al Studio
- Click "Get API Key" and then "Create API Key".



Copy the API key and paste it into your .env file.

• Now, start the server by running:

npm run dev

Frontend

- 1. Navigate to the `frontend/interview-prep-ai` folder.
- 2. Run the following command to install the required dependencies:

npm install

3. After the installation is complete, start the React development server by running:

npm run dev

This will start the frontend server and open the app in your default web browser.