

# MongoDB Connection Issue Solutions

## Problem Description

The application fails to connect to MongoDB Atlas with the error:

```
Failed to connect to MongoDB: error parsing uri: see https://pkg.go.dev/go.mongodb.org/mongo-driver/mongo#hdr-Potential_DNS_Issues: lookup eastcluster.qlszngk.mongodb.net on 8.8.8.8:53: cannot unmarshal DNS message
```

This error occurs because the DNS server (8.8.8.8) cannot resolve the MongoDB Atlas SRV record for eastcluster.qlszngk.mongodb.net .

## Root Cause Analysis

1. **DNS Resolution Issue:** The sandbox environment's DNS configuration cannot resolve MongoDB Atlas SRV records
2. **SRV Record Dependency:** MongoDB+srv:// connection strings rely on DNS SRV and TXT records
3. **Network Environment:** The current environment may have DNS restrictions or firewall rules

## Solutions

### Solution 1: Use Alternative DNS Servers (Recommended)

Modify the system DNS configuration to use DNS servers that can resolve MongoDB Atlas domains.

#### Steps:

1. Update /etc/resolv.conf :

```
sudo echo "nameserver 1.1.1.1" > /etc/resolv.conf  
sudo echo "nameserver 8.8.4.4" >> /etc/resolv.conf
```

1. Test DNS resolution:

```
nslookup eastcluster.qlszngk.mongodb.net
```

1. Use the original connection string:

```
MONGODB_URI=mongodb+srv://  
todo:wH0YRnD6flBtZwkv@eastcluster.qlszngk.mongodb.net/?  
retryWrites=true&w=majority&appName=EastCluster
```

## Solution 2: Convert to Standard Connection String

Manually resolve the SRV record and use a standard MongoDB connection string.

### Steps:

1. Resolve SRV records manually (from a machine with working DNS):

```
dig SRV _mongodb._tcp.eastcluster.qlszngk.mongodb.net
```

1. Use the resolved IPs in a standard connection string:

```
MONGODB_URI=mongodb://todo:wH0YRnD6flBtZwkv@[IP1]:27017,[IP2]:27017,  
[IP3]:27017/?  
ssl=true&replicaSet=[REPLICA_SET_NAME]&authSource=admin&retryWrites=true&w=majority
```

## Solution 3: Enhanced Connection Configuration

Improve the MongoDB client configuration with better timeout and retry settings.

### Implementation:

The `internal/database/clients.go` file has been updated with:

- Increased connection timeouts (30 seconds)
- Better connection pool settings
- Enhanced error handling
- Longer ping timeout for initial connection verification

## Solution 4: Environment-Specific Configuration

Create different environment configurations for different deployment environments.

### Files provided:

- `.env.solution1` - Original SRV connection (use with DNS fix)

- `.env.solution2` - Template for standard connection string
- `internal/database/clients.go` - Enhanced MongoDB client with better timeouts

## Testing the Solutions

### Test DNS Resolution:

```
ping eastcluster.qlszngk.mongodb.net
nslookup eastcluster.qlszngk.mongodb.net
```

### Test Application:

```
# Copy the desired solution
cp .env.solution1 .env

# Run the application
go run cmd/main.go
```

## Additional Recommendations

1. **Production Deployment:** Use environment-specific DNS configurations
2. **Connection Monitoring:** Implement connection health checks
3. **Fallback Strategy:** Consider multiple connection strings for redundancy
4. **Security:** Ensure MongoDB credentials are properly secured
5. **Logging:** Enhanced logging has been added to track connection issues

## Dependencies Fixed

The application also had missing dependencies that have been resolved:

- `yt-dlp` - Python package for video downloading
- `aria2` - Download utility

## Files Modified/Created

- `internal/database/clients.go` - Enhanced with better connection handling
- `.env.solution1` - DNS-based solution
- `.env.solution2` - Standard connection string template
- `MONGODB_CONNECTION_SOLUTIONS.md` - This documentation

## Next Steps

1. Try Solution 1 first (DNS configuration)
2. If DNS cannot be modified, use Solution 2 (standard connection string)
3. Monitor connection stability in production
4. Consider implementing connection retry logic for production use