

# Quick MongoDB Atlas Setup (RECOMMENDED)

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## Fastest Way to Get Your App Working

1. **Go to MongoDB Atlas:** <https://www.mongodb.com/cloud/atlas/register>
2. **Create FREE account** (takes 2 minutes)
3. **Create FREE cluster** (M0 Sandbox - forever free)
4. **Create database user:**
  - Username: `mindbot`
  - Password: (generate strong password)
  - Save this password!
5. **Allow network access:**
  - Click "Network Access"
  - Add IP: "Allow Access from Anywhere"
6. **Get connection string:**
  - Click "Connect" → "Connect your application"
  - Copy connection string
  - Replace `<password>` with your actual password
7. **Create `.env` file** in project root:

```
MONGODB_URI=mongodb+srv://mindbot:YOUR_PASSWORD@cluster0.xxxxx.mongodb.net/mindbot?retryWrites=true&w=majority
GROQ_API_KEY=your_groq_api_key_here
JWT_SECRET=your-secure-random-secret-key
```

8. **Restart server:** `npm run dev`

## ☒ Done! Your app will now have:

- User authentication
- Chat history saved
- Mood tracking
- Clinical notes
- All features enabled

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**Total time: 5-10 minutes** 🕒