**Project Name:**

LinkedIn-Style Social Media Platform (MERN Stack)

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**Installation Steps**

**System Requirements:**

1)OS: Windows 10 / macOS / Linux

2)Node.js and npm installed

3)MongoDB Atlas account

4)Git installed

5)Visual Studio Code

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1. **Clone the Repository**

git clone <your-repo-link>

cd project-directory

1. **Backend Setup:**

Step 1) run these commands on terminal

cd backend

npm install

Step 2) Create a .env file with the following:

PORT=8000

MONGODB\_URL=your-mongodb-uri

JWT\_SECRET=your-secret

CLOUDINARY\_CLOUD\_NAME=your-cloud-name

CLOUDINARY\_API\_KEY=your-api-key

CLOUDINARY\_API\_SECRET=your-api-secret

Step 3) Start the server by running the below given command in your terminal.

npm run dev

1. **Frontend Setup:**

Run the below given commands in your terminal

cd frontend

npm install

npm run dev

1. **Testing the Application**

 Visit: <http://localhost:5173>

 Use Postman to test backend APIs

 Log in with credentials or create a new account