

# Tutorial 4

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## Installing `mongodb`

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Install the `mongodb` package using `npm install mongodb` in your backend folder.

## `async/await`

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MongoDB exposes asynchronous methods that interface with the database. To work with these methods, it is important to understand Promises. Promises are asynchronous wrappers for function that either resolve to a value or reject (error) with a value. Javascript provides the `async/await` syntax to use with promises. This allows you to write asynchronous code that looks synchronous, vastly increasing readability.

To use `async/await`, prefix your function with `async`, and place `await` before any call to another asynchronous function. It's that simple

To convert the server into using `mongodb` instead of an array in-memory, get the mongo instance url, whether it is local or in the cloud.

In your code, connect to the database at `tut4` and the collection `tweets`.

Change your express handlers to use the `insertOne`, `deleteOne`, and `find` methods for the `POST`, `DELETE`, and `GET` handler respectively.

Hint: Running `collection.find()` with no options will return all the documents in the collection.

Make sure to use `await` with any call to a `mongodb` method.