

20-short-link-app video

Short ids

- first lets install it in the terminal

```
meteor npm install shortid@2.2.6 --save
```

- And now lets import it in links.js

```
import { Mongo } from 'meteor/mongo';
import { Meteor } from 'meteor/meteor';
import SimpleSchema from 'simpl-schema';
import shortid from 'shortid';
```

- **To** learn more about shor ids go to <https://npmjs.com/package/shortid>
- now lets create that id in links.js inside of Links.insert

```
Links.insert({
  _id: shortid.generate(),
  url,
  userId: this.userId
});
}
```

- now go create a new link in the browser and check the chrome tool to check if your id is much shorter

```
_id: "xbkPucvStF7So8eDh"
url: "http://google.com"
userId: "afiuMxY3bEC8nYWTq"
1: Hy5cycia- {} 3 keys
_id: "Hy5cycia-"
url: "http://yahoo.com"
userId: "afiuMxY3bEC8nYWTq"
```

- and if you notice you'll the second id is much shorter than the one on top
- and now if you take that id and paste on your url like so: **http://localhost:3000/Hy5cycia-**
- it should take you to yahoo.com