📁 Complete Project Structure & File Setup

🗂️ Final Project Structure

```
taskmaster-pro/
├── server.js              # Backend API server
├── package.json           # Node.js dependencies
├── .env                   # Environment variables (DON'T commit!)
├── .gitignore             # Git ignore file
├── README.md              # Project documentation
└── public/
    └── index.html         # Frontend application
```

📝 Step-by-Step Setup Instructions

Step 1: Create Project Folder

```bash
mkdir taskmaster-pro
cd taskmaster-pro
```

Step 2: Create All Files

1. Create `server.js`

Copy the **Backend API - server.js** artifact content into this file.

2. Create `package.json`

Copy the **Package.json - Dependencies** artifact content into this file.

3. Create `.env`

Copy the **.env File Template** artifact content into this file.

4. Create `public` folder and `index.html`

```bash
mkdir public
```

Then create `public/index.html` and copy the **Frontend HTML** artifact content.

5. Create `.gitignore`

```
node_modules/
.env
*.log
.DS_Store
```

6. Create `README.md`

```markdown
```

TaskMaster Pro 🚀

Professional Todo Dashboard with MySQL backend deployed on Railway.app

✨ Features

Core Functionality (MVP)
- ✅ **Full CRUD Operations** - Create, Read, Update, Delete tasks
- 🔄 **Real-time Updates** - Changes sync with MySQL database
- 💾 **Data Persistence** - All data stored in Railway MySQL
- ✔️ **Task Completion** - Mark tasks as complete/incomplete
- 🔍 **Advanced Search** - Search by title, description, or tags
- 🎯 **Smart Filtering** - Filter by status and priority
- 📊 **Sort Options** - Sort by date, priority, or due date
- 📱 **Responsive Design** - Works perfectly on mobile and desktop

Advanced Features (Impressive!)
- 🏷️ **Tags System** - Organize tasks with custom tags
- 📅 **Due Dates** - Set deadlines for your tasks
- ⚠️ **Priority Levels** - High, Medium, Low priority indicators
- ✔️ **Subtasks & Checklists** - Break down complex tasks
- 🌓 **Dark Mode** - Beautiful dark theme toggle
- 🎨 **Professional UI** - Modern, clean, animated interface
- 📈 **Statistics Dashboard** - Track your productivity
- 🔔 **Visual Indicators** - Priority color coding and overdue alerts
- 🎭 **Smooth Animations** - Delightful micro-interactions
- ♿ **Keyboard Accessible** - Tab navigation and Enter shortcuts

🛠️ Tech Stack

Frontend:
- React 18
- Tailwind CSS
- Custom SVG Icons
- Responsive Design

Backend:
- Node.js
- Express.js
- MySQL 2 (with Promises)
- CORS enabled
- RESTful API

Database:
- MySQL (Railway hosted)
- 3 tables: tasks, tags, subtasks
- Foreign key relationships
- Automatic timestamps

Deployment:
- Railway.app
- Automatic deploys from GitHub
- Free tier with $5/month credit

🚀 Local Development Setup

Prerequisites
- Node.js 16+ installed
- MySQL installed (for local testing)
- Git installed

Installation

1. **Clone the repository:**
```bash
git clone https://github.com/YOUR_USERNAME/taskmaster-pro.git
cd taskmaster-pro
```

2. **Install dependencies:**
```bash
npm install
```

3. **Configure environment variables:**
Create a `.env` file:
```env
PORT=3000
MYSQL_HOST=localhost
MYSQL_USER=root
MYSQL_PASSWORD=your_password
MYSQL_DATABASE=todoapp
```

4. **Create local MySQL database:**
```sql
CREATE DATABASE todoapp;
```

5. **Start the server:**

```bash
npm start
```

6. **Open your browser:**

http://localhost:3000

The database tables will be created automatically on first run! ✨

📡 API Documentation

Base URL
- Local: `http://localhost:3000/api`
- Production: `https://your-app.railway.app/api`

Endpoints

Tasks
Method	Endpoint	Description
GET	`/tasks`	Get all tasks with tags & subtasks
GET	`/tasks/:id`	Get single task by ID
POST	`/tasks`	Create new task
PUT	`/tasks/:id`	Update existing task
PATCH	`/tasks/:id/toggle`	Toggle task completion
DELETE	`/tasks/:id`	Delete task

Subtasks
Method	Endpoint	Description
PATCH	`/subtasks/:id/toggle`	Toggle subtask completion

Statistics
Method	Endpoint	Description
GET	`/stats`	Get dashboard statistics

Health Check
Method	Endpoint	Description
GET	`/health`	Check API health status

Request Examples

Create Task:
```json
POST /api/tasks
{
  "title": "Complete project documentation",
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  "description": "Write comprehensive README",
  "priority": "high",
  "due_date": "2024-12-31",
  "tags": ["work", "urgent"],
  "subtasks": ["Write features section", "Add API docs"]
}

Update Task:
```json
PUT /api/tasks/1
{
  "title": "Updated title",
  "description": "Updated description",
  "priority": "medium",
  "due_date": "2024-12-25",
  "completed": false,
  "tags": ["work"],
  "subtasks": ["Subtask 1", "Subtask 2"]
}
```

🗄️ Database Schema

Tasks Table
```sql
CREATE TABLE tasks (
  id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  title VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
  description TEXT,
  priority ENUM('low', 'medium', 'high') DEFAULT 'medium',
  due_date DATE,
  completed BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
  created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
  updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);
```

Tags Table
```sql
CREATE TABLE tags (
  id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  task_id INT NOT NULL,
  tag_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
```

  FOREIGN KEY (task_id) REFERENCES tasks(id) ON DELETE CASCADE
);

Subtasks Table
```sql
CREATE TABLE subtasks (
  id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
  task_id INT NOT NULL,
  text VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,
  completed BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
  created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
  FOREIGN KEY (task_id) REFERENCES tasks(id) ON DELETE CASCADE
);
```

🚂 Railway Deployment

Follow the **Railway.app Deployment Guide** artifact for step-by-step instructions.

Quick summary:
1. Push code to GitHub
2. Create Railway project
3. Add MySQL database
4. Connect GitHub repo
5. Deploy automatically!

🎯 Interview Talking Points

When presenting this project, highlight:

1. **Full-Stack Development:**
   - Complete frontend and backend separation
   - RESTful API design principles
   - Database normalization (3 related tables)

2. **Database Design:**
   - Foreign key relationships
   - Cascade deletions for data integrity
   - Indexed columns for performance
   - Proper use of ENUM types

3. **UX/UI Excellence:**
   - Modern, professional design

  - Smooth animations and transitions
  - Dark mode implementation
  - Responsive across all devices
  - Accessibility considerations

4. **Production Ready:**
  - Environment variable configuration
  - Error handling throughout
  - Transaction support for data consistency
  - Connection pooling for performance
  - Graceful shutdown handling

5. **Best Practices:**
  - Clean, readable code
  - Modular architecture
  - SQL injection prevention (parameterized queries)
  - CORS configuration
  - RESTful conventions

🐛 Troubleshooting

Port already in use:
```bash
# Kill the process on port 3000
lsof -ti:3000 | xargs kill -9
```

Database connection error:
- Check MySQL is running
- Verify credentials in `.env`
- Ensure database exists

Frontend not loading:
- Check `public/index.html` exists
- Verify server is serving static files
- Check browser console for errors

📊 Features Showcase for Interview

1. Database Architecture
- Relational database design with 3 normalized tables
- Foreign key constraints for data integrity
- Efficient indexing strategy

2. API Design
- RESTful endpoints following best practices
- Proper HTTP methods (GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, DELETE)
- Transaction support for complex operations
- Error handling with appropriate status codes

3. Frontend Engineering
- Component-based React architecture
- State management without external libraries
- Optimistic UI updates
- Debounced search functionality

4. DevOps & Deployment
- Environment-based configuration
- CI/CD via Railway + GitHub
- Production-ready error handling
- Database migrations on startup

📈 Future Enhancements

Ideas to discuss if asked about improvements:
- User authentication & authorization
- Task sharing & collaboration
- Email/push notifications
- Data export (CSV, PDF)
- Recurring tasks
- Calendar integration
- Mobile app (React Native)
- Real-time updates (WebSockets)

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Your Name - Interview Project

**Good luck with your interview! 🍀 **

Remember to explain your thought process and decisions when presenting!

Step 3: Initialize Git Repository

```bash
git init
git add .
git commit -m "Initial commit: TaskMaster Pro - Professional Todo Dashboard"
```

Step 4: Test Locally (Optional but Recommended)

```bash
# Install dependencies
npm install

# Make sure MySQL is running locally
# Create database: CREATE DATABASE todoapp;

# Update .env with your local MySQL credentials

# Start server
npm start

# Open browser to http://localhost:3000
```

Step 5: Push to GitHub

1. Create a new repository on GitHub
2. Follow GitHub's instructions to push your code

```bash
git remote add origin https://github.com/YOUR_USERNAME/taskmaster-pro.git
git branch -M main
git push -u origin main
```

Step 6: Deploy to Railway

Follow the **Railway.app Deployment Guide** artifact!

🎯 Quick Checklist

Before deploying, make sure you have:

- ✅ All 6 files created in correct locations
- ✅ `public` folder with `index.html` inside
- ✅ `.gitignore` file created (important!)
- ✅ `.env` file created but NOT committed
- ✅ Git repository initialized
- ✅ Code pushed to GitHub
- ✅ Railway account created

💡 Pro Tips for Interview

1. **Demo Flow:**
   - Show the live deployed version first
   - Create a task with all features (tags, subtasks, priority)
   - Demonstrate search and filtering
   - Toggle dark mode
   - Show the statistics dashboard
   - Edit and delete tasks
2. **Technical Discussion Points:**
   - Explain why you chose MySQL over NoSQL
   - Discuss the database normalization strategy
   - Talk about the API design decisions
   - Mention error handling and data validation
   - Highlight the responsive design approach
3. **Future Improvements:**
   - Mention authentication system
   - Discuss caching strategies

    - Talk about real-time features
    - Suggest mobile app possibilities
4. **Show the Code:**
    - Be ready to explain the database schema
    - Walk through the API endpoints
    - Discuss the frontend state management
    - Show how you handle asynchronous operations

🎉 You're All Set!

Your TaskMaster Pro is:

- ✅ Fully functional with MySQL backend
- ✅ Ready to deploy on Railway
- ✅ Professional and impressive
- ✅ Interview-ready with talking points

Good luck with your interview! 🚀