

USER STORY 3 - MONGODB ATLAS CONNECTION

Complete Step-by-Step Guide

STEP 1: CREATE MONGODB ATLAS ACCOUNT

1. Go to <https://www.mongodb.com/atlas>
2. Click "Try Free" or "Start Free"
3. Sign up with email and password
4. Verify your email address

STEP 2: CREATE PROJECT AND CLUSTER

1. Click "New Project"
2. Name: "BookVerse Project"
3. Click "Create Project"
4. Click "Build a Database"
5. Choose "M0 FREE" tier
6. Cloud Provider: Choose any (AWS/Google Cloud/Azure)
7. Region: Choose closest to your location
8. Cluster Name: "Cluster0" (auto-filled)
9. Click "Create Cluster"
10. Wait 5-10 minutes for cluster creation

STEP 3: SETUP SECURITY

1. After cluster creation, click "Connect" on your cluster
2. SECURITY SETUP:
 - a. IP ACCESS:
 - Click "Add Your Current IP Address"
 - OR Click "Allow Access from Anywhere" (for testing)
 - b. DATABASE USER:
 - Username: "bookverse_user"
 - Password: Create strong password (remember it!)
 - Click "Create Database User"
3. Click "Choose a connection method"

STEP 4: GET CONNECTION STRING

1. Choose "MongoDB Compass"
2. Copy the connection string (looks like):
mongodb+srv://<username>:<password>@cluster0.xxx.mongodb.net/
3. Modify the connection string:
 - Replace <username> with "bookverse_user"
 - Replace <password> with your actual password
 - Add "/BookVerseCloudDB" at the end
 - Final string:
mongodb+srv://bookverse_user:YourPassword@cluster0.xxx.mongodb.net/
BookVerseCloudDB

STEP 5: CONNECT COMPASS TO ATLAS

1. Open MongoDB Compass
2. Click "New Connection"
3. Paste your modified connection string
4. If SSL error occurs, add "?ssl=false" at the end
5. Click "Connect"

STEP 6: EXPORT DATA FROM LOCAL DATABASE

1. In Compass, connect to your LOCAL database (mongodb://localhost:27017)
2. Export each collection:
 - a. Go to "Books" collection → Click "Export Collection" → Save as "books.json"
 - b. Go to "Authors" collection → Click "Export Collection" → Save as "authors.json"
 - c. Go to "Users" collection → Click "Export Collection" → Save as "users.json"

STEP 7: IMPORT DATA TO ATLAS

1. In Compass, connected to ATLAS

2. Go to "BookVerseCloudDB" database
3. Import each file:
 - a. Click "Add Data" → "Import JSON or CSV File"
 - b. Select "books.json" → Click "Import"
 - c. Repeat for "authors.json" and "users.json"

STEP 8: VERIFY AND TEST

1. Check all 3 collections show imported data
2. Run test query in Books collection:
 - Filter: {"genre": "Fantasy"}
 - Verify results show correctly

STEP 9: TAKE REQUIRED SCREENSHOTS

1. Atlas cluster dashboard showing active cluster
2. Security setup (database user & IP access)
3. Compass successfully connected to Atlas
4. Collections with imported data in Atlas
5. Query working in Atlas

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS:

- If connection fails, try adding "?ssl=false" to connection string
- If still failing, use "Advanced Connection Options" in Compass
- Reset database user password if credentials don't work
- Ensure network access includes your IP address

COMPLETION CHECKLIST:

- Atlas account created
- Free cluster deployed
- Database user created
- Network access configured
- Compass connected to Atlas
- Data exported from local database
- Data imported to Atlas
- Test query successful
- All screenshots taken

Your MongoDB Atlas cloud database is now ready!