Before you connect your Notion databases

A small check before a bigger build. Use this sheet alongside the guides at notionassets.com/notion-guides/.

[ ] **Name the records**
What belongs in each database? Example: one client in Clients, one project in Projects.

[ ] **Name the connection**
Which project belongs to which client? Use a relation when you need to connect records.

[ ] **Choose the direction**
A relation between different databases is one-way by default. Enable the corresponding property if you need the connection visible from both sides.

[ ] **Choose the result**
For a rollup, identify the relation, the related property and the calculation. Example: Projects, Fee, Sum.

[ ] **Try one small change**
Use fictional records. Change one fee, check the expected total, then restore it. Record what happened rather than assuming the setup works.

[ ] **Review who can see it**
Before using real client data, review access to the source databases and the destination page. A useful view is only one part of your setup.

A fictional test you can repeat

Two projects for one client: 800 + 1,200 = **2,000**. Change the first fee to 900: the expected total is **2,100**. Restore 800: expect **2,000** again. This is a suggested test, not a claim that your workspace has passed.

My result: _____

Read the steps

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