



Cubstart Lecture 8

Backend Continued




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• Administrivia

- HW 7: Quizlet-ish Part 2 due on Friday
- HW 8 will be due next Friday

Please check HW feedback and HW Ed posts!!!!



• Administrivia: Final Project

- Team formation form extended to this Fri
 - <https://forms.gle/2yAcxgQ67EUCkiFo8>
- Use Partner Search Thread pinned on Ed!
 - <https://edstem.org/us/courses/45098/discussion/3727491>
- Draft Spec for Final Project released:
 - <https://www.cubstart.com/#/hw/web/spec>
 - Will be revised & finalized in the next few days

• Administrivia: Final Project

- Part 1: Checkpoint due next Friday
 - Project proposal + design mockup
 - Will talk more in lab
- Part 2: Development + Presentation
 - Demo day will tentatively be Fri, Dec 1, 4-6 pm (lab)
 - Project due same week
- We'll focus on the project in the next few weeks to support you all!



Backends



Quick Poll: Servers & Databases

Tools we use: Servers

Node.js: runs your JavaScript server code



npm: allows you to manage dependencies or packages to use in your server



express.js: a framework (“structure” and “toolkit”) for writing API servers



Middleware: pieces of code that we use in the API server that processes request/response


(i.e. body-parser for parsing POST request bodies)



• Tools we use: Databases

MongoDB: document-based NoSQL database to store/retrieve data (as JSON)

Mongoose: JavaScript “Object Data Modeling” library to work with MongoDB





• Project Setup

`npm init` to create npm project with a package.json

`npm install express mongoose <...other packages>`

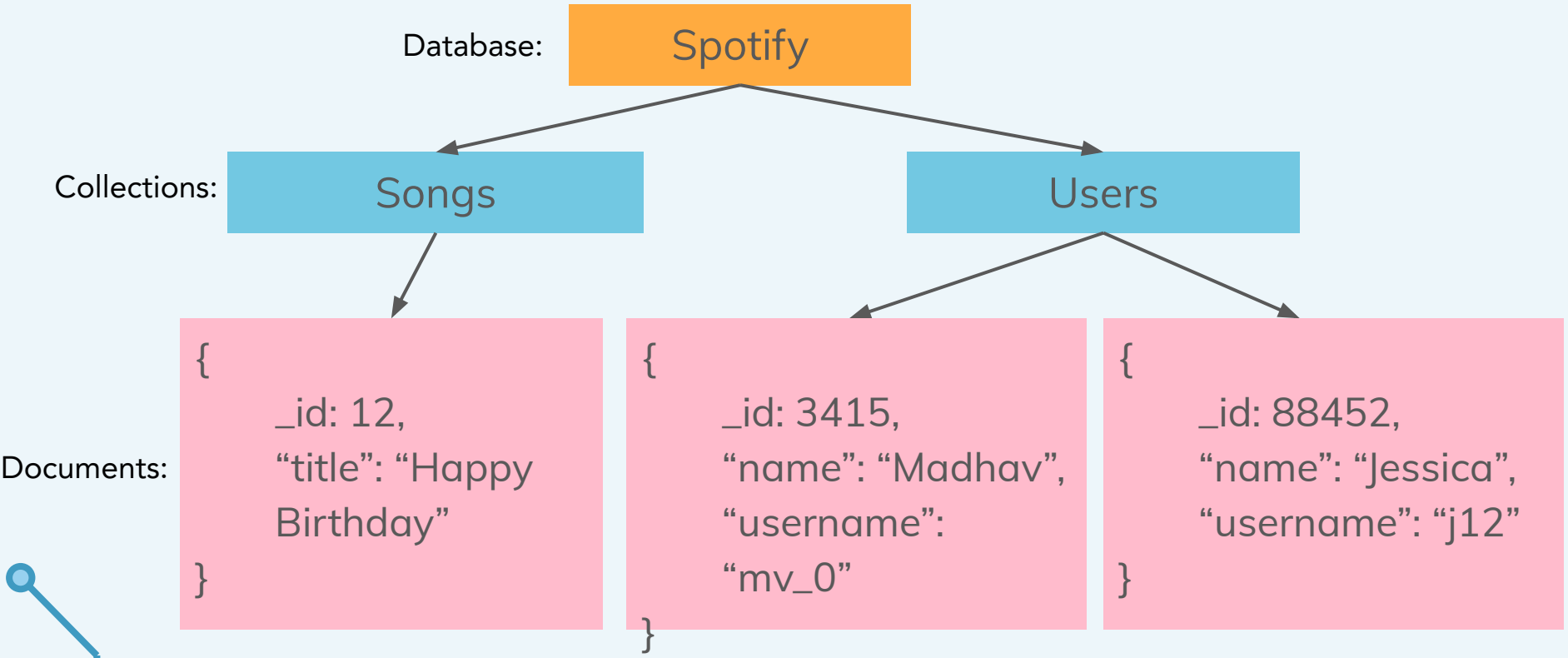
create server.js, setup express.js app



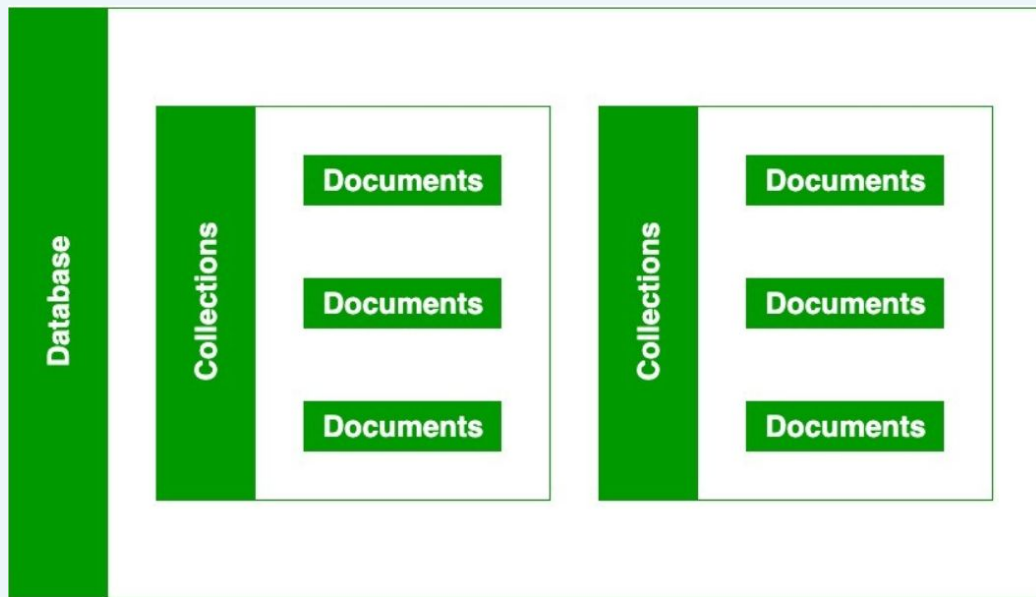


Databases

Example: Spotify



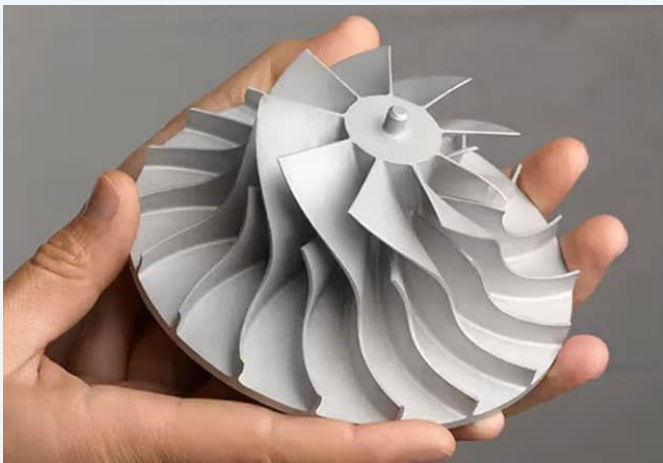
How is data stored in MongoDB?



Analogy: Shelf -> Binders -> Pages

Mongoose overview

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Blueprint —→ **Prototype** —→ **Actual Thing!**
Schema —→ **Model** —→ **Document**

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Blueprint Schema

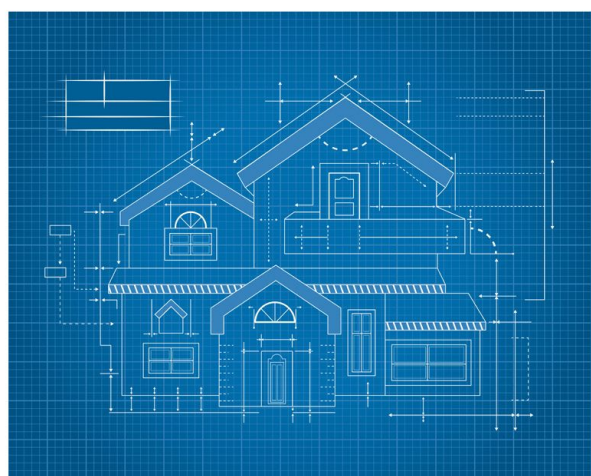
Schemas define the structures and properties of a MongoDB document

```
const kittySchema = new mongoose.Schema({ // Schema
  name: String
});
```

Each key in our code `kittySchema` defines a property in our document which will be cast to its associated `SchemaType`. For example, we've defined a property `name` which will be cast to the `String` `SchemaType`.

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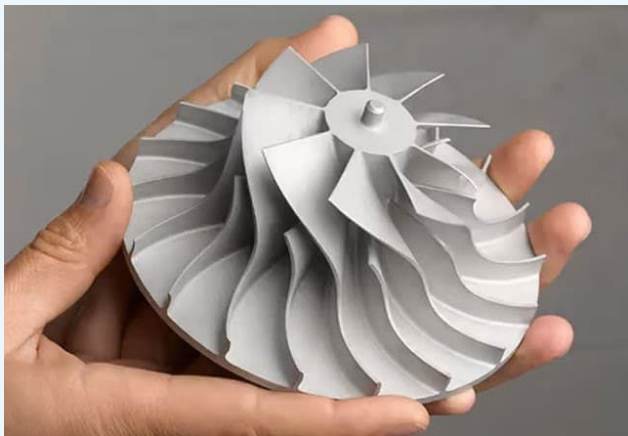
Here are a few permitted SchemaTypes:

- String
- Number
- Boolean
- Array

Blueprint
Schema

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Prototype

Model

Models are compiled versions of Schemas that handle database operations such as creating, querying, updating, and deleting data in a collection

```
const kittySchema = new mongoose.Schema({ // Schema
  name: String
});

const Kitten = mongoose.model('Kitten', kittySchema);
```

Collection name

Schema name

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Actual Thing!

Document

Documents store your actual data! They are instances of your model.

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const Kitten = mongoose.model('Kitten', kittySchema);

const silence = new Kitten({ name: 'Silence' }); // Document
const fluffy = new Kitten({ name: 'fluffy' }); // Document

await silence.save()
await fluffy.save()
```



Demo



Live: database.js

```
const mongoose = require('mongoose')

const songSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
  title: String,
  artist: String,
  duration: Number
})

const Song = mongoose.model('songs', songSchema)
```

database.js (part 1 - create schema & model)

```
async function createSong(title, artist, duration) {  
  const newSong = new Song({  
    title: title,  
    artist: artist,  
    duration: duration,  
  })  
  
  await newSong.save()  
}
```

database.js (part 2 - creating a document)

```
async function findSongs() {  
    // could pass in object into .find() to filter based on keys  
    // (i.e. find a particular song by title or duration)  
    const allSongs = await Song.find()  
    return allSongs  
}
```

database.js (part 3 - finding documents)

```
async function connectToDatabase() {  
    await mongoose.connect('mongodb+srv://...<uri>...')  
    console.log('connected to DB!')  
}  
  
module.exports = { createSong, findSongs, connectToDatabase }
```

database.js (part 4 - connecting to DB & exports)



Live: server.js

```
const express = require('express')

const bodyParser = require('body-parser')

const database = require('./database.js')

const app = express()

app.use(bodyParser.json()) // read POST body as JSON and put in req.body

app.get("/songs", async (req, res) => {
    const songs = await database.findSongs()
    res.json(songs)
})
```

server.js (part 1)

```
app.post("/songs", async (req, res) => {  
    await database.createSong(req.body.title, req.body.artist, req.body.duration)  
    res.json({ 'message': 'song created successfully' })  
})
```

```
database.connectToDatabase().then(() => {  
    console.log('database connected...')  
  
    app.listen(3000, () => {  
        console.log('server started!')  
    })  
})
```

server.js (part 2)



Live: client-side

Creating a song: POST /songs

```
await fetch('/songs', {  
  method: 'POST',  
  body: JSON.stringify({  
    title: "Heal the World",  
    artist: "Michael Jackson",  
    duration: 3  
  }),  
  headers: {  
    "Content-Type": "application/json"  
  }  
})
```





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Attendance: Lecture 8

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Secret word:

