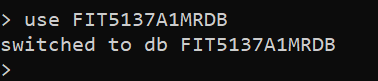
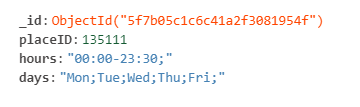
1. create a database called: FIT5137A1MRDB
   1. use FIT5137A1MRDB
      1. 
2. Mongo Shell command(s), create the following 2 collections userProfiles and placeProfiles
   1. db.createCollection("userProfiles")
      1. 
   2. db.createCollection("placeProfiles")
      1. 
3. Importing data using MongoDB Compass and appropriate MongoDB Data Types
   1. userProfile.json into the userProfiles collection
      1. 
   2. placeProfiles.json into the placeProfiles collection
      1. 
4. Two data modelling methods, which are embedding and referencing
   1. Embedding is the process of attaching all the data in one document instead of multiple documents known as normalized data model where referencing means that storing the data in multiple documents with ensuring a reference to link them together, similar to the foreign key in relational databases known as normalized data model.
   2. Importing openingHours.csv into your FIT5137A1MRDB database. At the beginning I had to create a table openingHours

db.createCollection("openingHours")

* + 1. 
    2. 
    3. Since we have decided to use an embedding data model and we need to embed the corresponding opening hours in the placeProfiles collection so we have decided to use aggregation. All the steps have been mention here:

db.openingHours.aggregate([

{

$group: {

\_id:{placeID:"$placeID"},

openingHour: {$push: {$concat:["$days", "$hours"]}}

}

},

{

$addFields:{

"\_id":"$\_id.placeID"

}

},

{

$merge:{

into: 'placeProfiles',

on: '\_id',

whenMatched: 'merge',

whenNotMatched: 'discard'

}

}

]).pretty()

After running this query we can see that openingHour array added among all the records based on similar placeId



Even if we run this aggregation query several times, it would just reflect the update of openingHours into placeProfiles table.

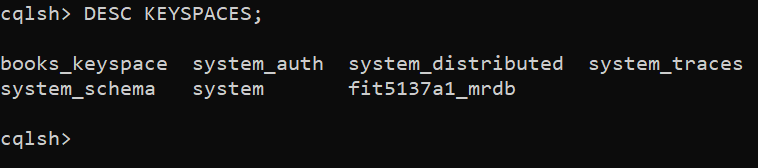
* 1. The selection of the data model is an important step, and it should be aligned with objectives of the applications. Embedding data model was chosen for efficient performance, and to exploit the full potential of MongoDB functionalities. Moreover, our dataset mainly consisted of one to one relationship and one to many relationships. In this case, embedding data model is recommended. For example, one user can have either one rating or many ratings. We are required to analyze the dataset, meaning that substantial numbers of read operations will be executed. The embedding data model will facilitate the read and write operation. As a result, effective performance will be reached, and the capability to perform many operations such retrieval and update in one operation instead of multiple. Also, we are not dealing with a large dataset in our case which requires a rigorous hierarchical

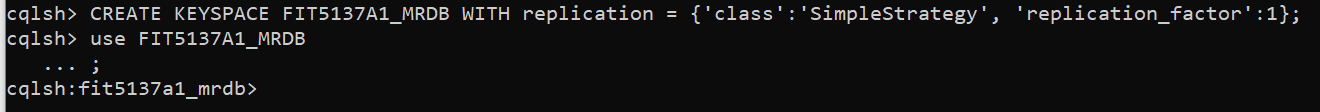
1. Create a keyspace called FIT5137A1\_MRDB

CREATE KEYSPACE FIT5137A1\_MRDB WITH replication = {'class':'SimpleStrategy',

'replication\_factor':1};







1. Create the following column families
   1. **user\_ratings**

CREATE TYPE PersonalTraits(

birth\_year INT,

weight INT,

height DOUBLE,

marital\_status TEXT

);

CREATE TYPE UserPersonality(

interest TEXT,

type\_of\_worker TEXT,

fav\_color TEXT,

drink\_level TEXT

);

CREATE TYPE UserPreferences(

budget TEXT,

smoker BOOLEAN,

dress\_preference TEXT,

ambience TEXT,

transport TEXT,

);

CREATE TYPE OtherDemographics(

religion TEXT,

employment TEXT,

);

CREATE TABLE user\_ratings (

rating\_id INT,

user\_id INT,

place\_id INT,

rating\_place INT,

rating\_food INT,

rating\_service INT,

user\_personal\_traits FROZEN<PersonalTraits>,

user\_personality FROZEN<UserPersonality>,

user\_preferences FROZEN<UserPreferences>,

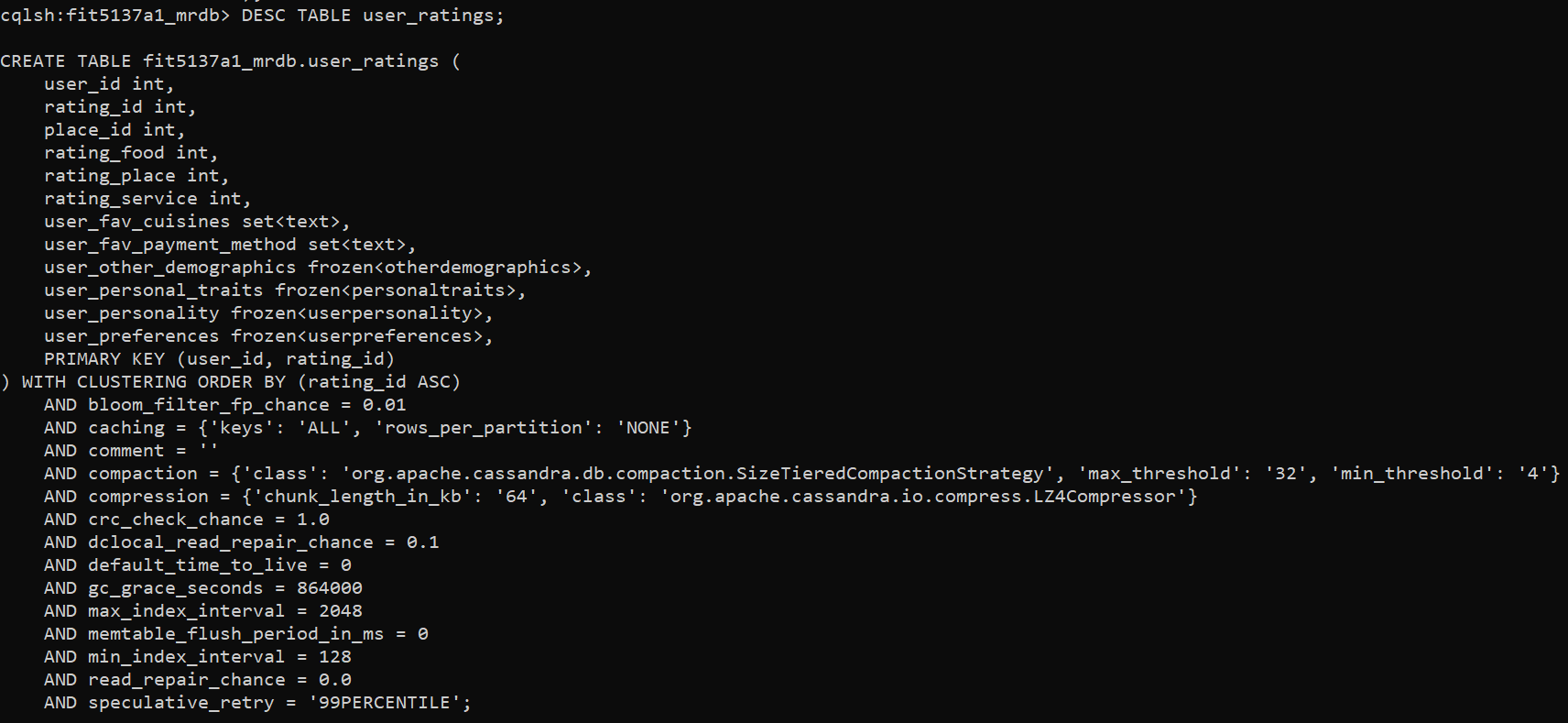
user\_other\_demographics FROZEN<OtherDemographics>,

user\_fav\_cuisines set<text>,

user\_fav\_payment\_method set<text>,

PRIMARY KEY(user\_id, rating\_id)

);



* 1. **place\_ratings**

CREATE TYPE PlaceAddress(

street TEXT,

city TEXT,

state TEXT,

country TEXT

);

CREATE TYPE PlaceFeatures(

alcohol TEXT,

smoking\_area TEXT,

dress\_code TEXT,

accessibility TEXT,

price TEXT,

franchise TEXT,

area TEXT,

other\_services TEXT

);

CREATE TABLE place\_ratings (

rating\_id INT,

user\_id INT,

place\_id INT,

rating\_place INT,

rating\_food INT,

rating\_service INT,

place\_name TEXT,

place\_address FROZEN<PlaceAddress>,

place\_features FROZEN<PlaceFeatures>,

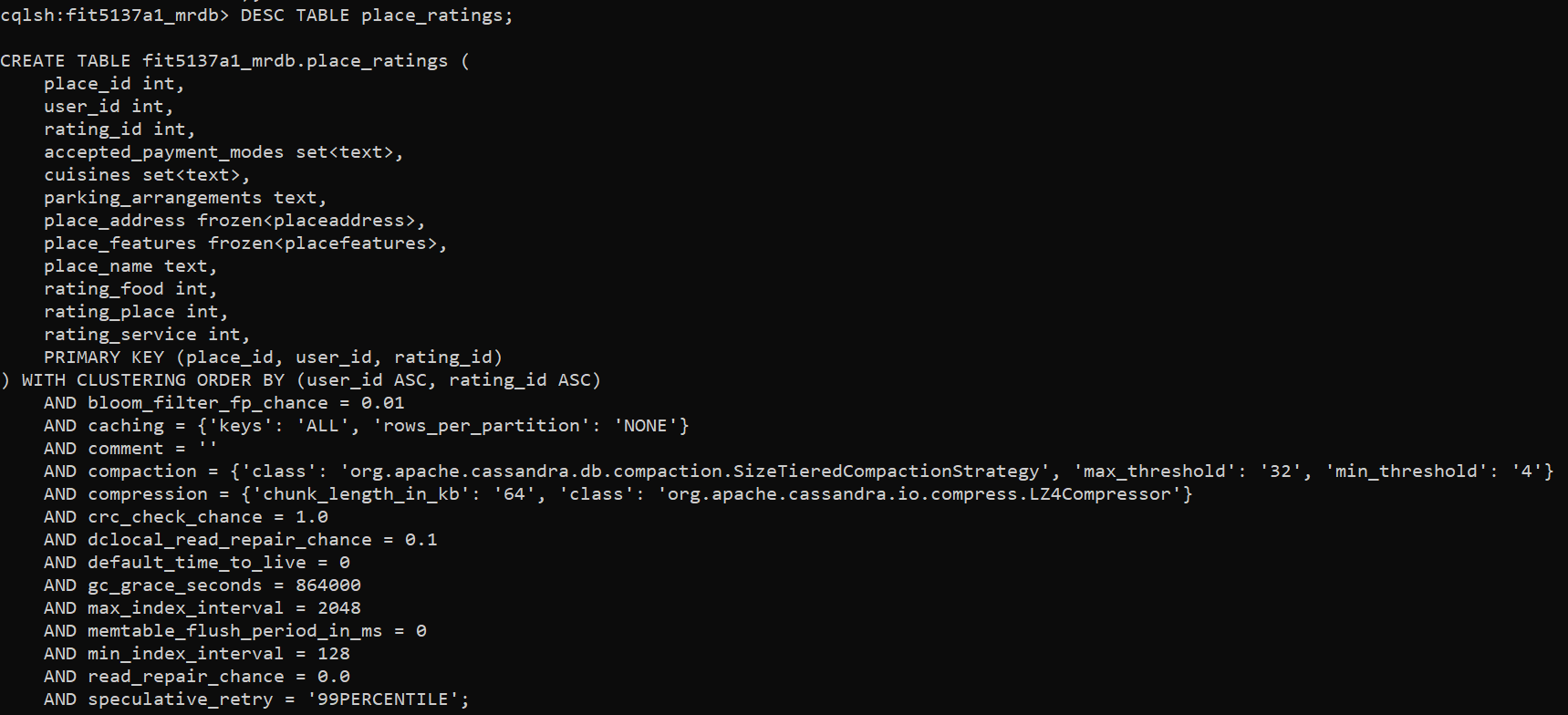
parking\_arrangements TEXT,

accepted\_payment\_modes set<text>,

cuisines set<text>,

PRIMARY KEY(place\_id, user\_id, rating\_id)

);

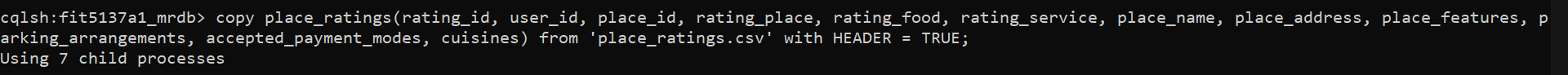


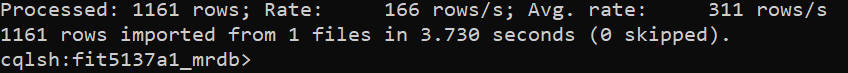
1. Using the cassandra COPY command import the following data into the tables:

Before running the following commands we had to include the following files place\_ratings.csv and user\_ratings.csv into the bin folder [apache-cassandra-3.11.7\bin]

* 1. place\_ratings

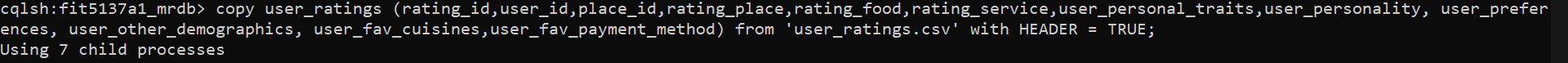
copy place\_ratings(rating\_id, user\_id, place\_id, rating\_place, rating\_food, rating\_service, place\_name, place\_address, place\_features, parking\_arrangements, accepted\_payment\_modes, cuisines) from 'place\_ratings.csv' with HEADER = TRUE;

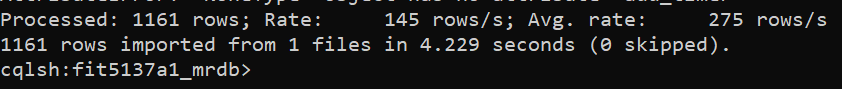




* 1. user\_ratings

copy user\_ratings (rating\_id,user\_id,place\_id,rating\_place,rating\_food,rating\_service,user\_personal\_traits,user\_personality, user\_preferences, user\_other\_demographics, user\_fav\_cuisines,user\_fav\_payment\_method) from 'user\_ratings.csv' with HEADER = TRUE;





C.2. Modifying the Databases

1. Data insertion

Before insertion:



db.placeProfiles.insertOne({

\_id:70000,

acceptedPaymentModes: "any",

address: {

city: "San Luis Potosi",

country: "Mexico",

state: "SLP",

street: "Carretera Central Sn"

},

cuisines: "Mexican, Burgers",

parkingArragements: "none",

placeFeatures: {

accessibility: "no\_accessibility",

alcohol: "No\_Alcohol\_Served",

area: "closed",

dressCode: "informal",

franchise: "TRUE",

otherServices: "Internet",

price: "medium",

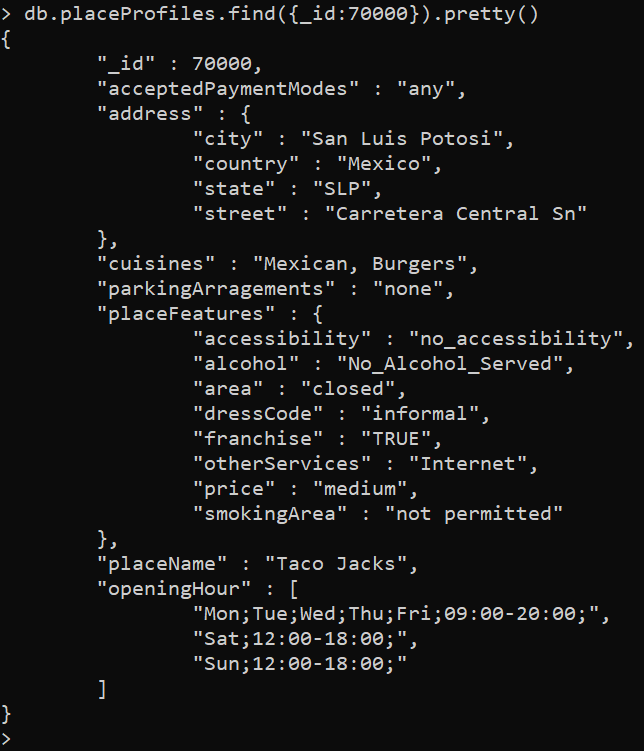
smokingArea: "not permitted"

},

placeName: "Taco Jacks",

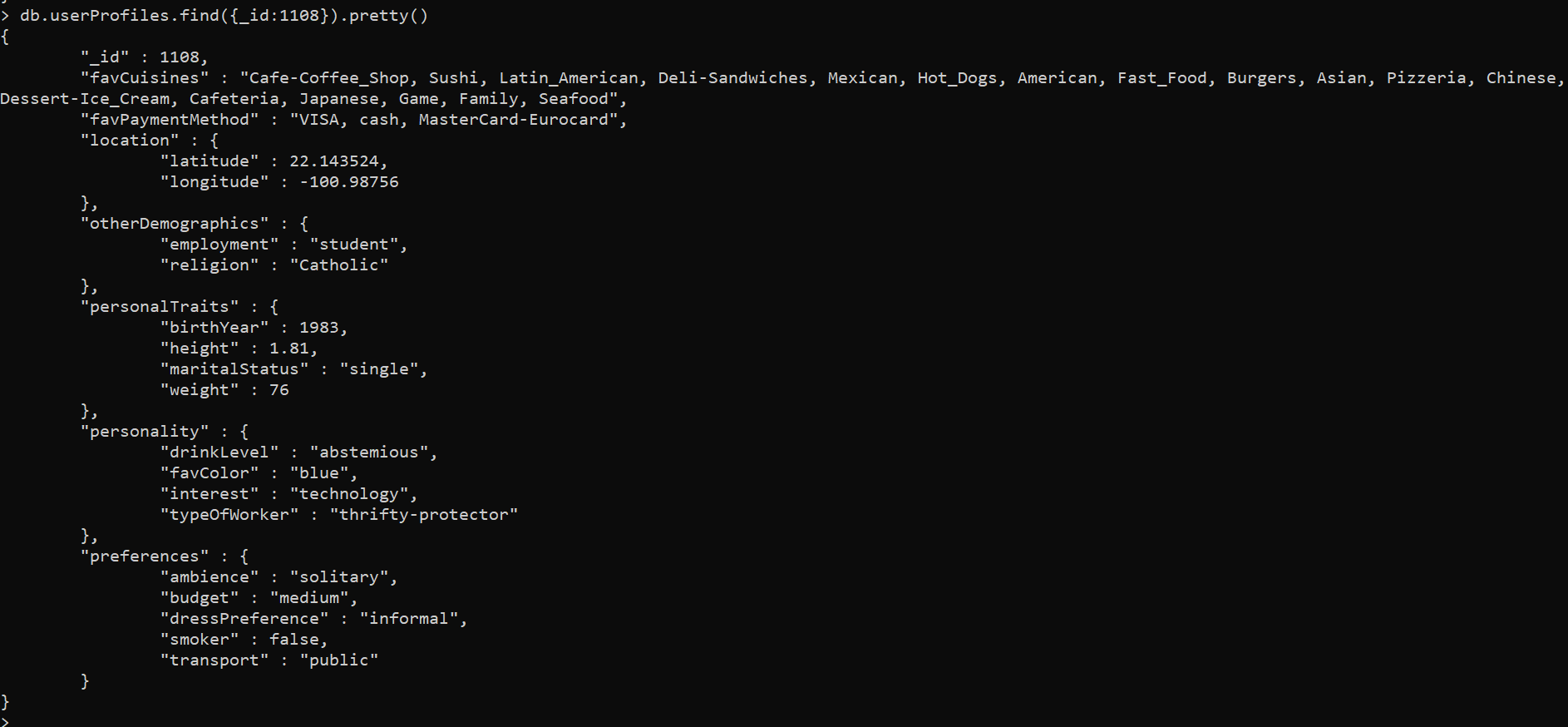
openingHour: ["Mon;Tue;Wed;Thu;Fri;09:00-20:00;","Sat;12:00-18:00;","Sun;12:00-18:00;"]})

After the insertion:



1. MongoDb

Before:



I have decided to replace favCuisines and favPaymentMethod with the same name field just changing the type from comma separated string to array since we are allowed to modify appropriate databases. Here we are not adding any extra field just replacing same field just changing their data type from string to array to do certain operations and management in future.

db.userProfiles.aggregate(

[

{ "$addFields":

{

"favCuisines": { "$split": [ "$favCuisines", ", " ] }

}

},

{ "$addFields":

{

"favPaymentMethod": { "$split": [ "$favPaymentMethod", ", " ] }

}

},

{

$merge:{

into: 'userProfiles',

on: '\_id',

whenMatched: 'merge',

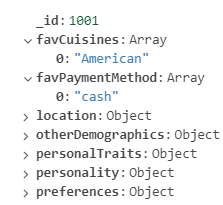
whenNotMatched: 'discard'

}

}

]

)



Here we are removing “Fast\_Food” from favCuisines array and “cash” from favPaymentMethod array

db.userProfiles.update(

{ \_id: 1108 },

{

$pull: { favCuisines: "Fast\_Food",favPaymentMethod: "cash" }

}

)

Then pushing “debit\_cards” into favPaymentMethod array

db.userProfiles.update(

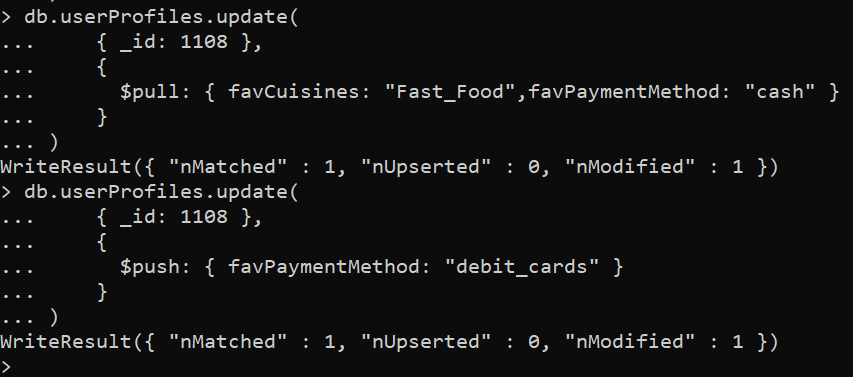
{ \_id: 1108 },

{

$push: { favPaymentMethod: "debit\_cards" }

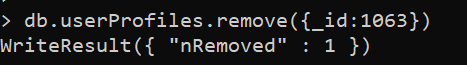
}

)

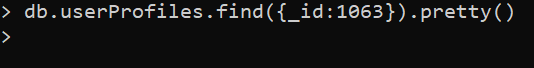




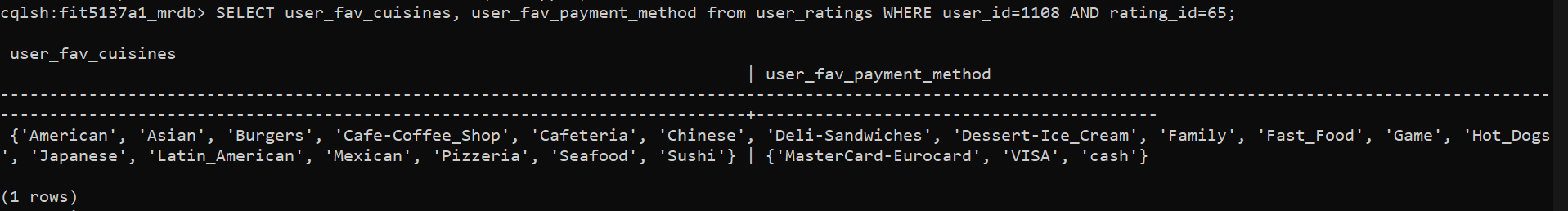
1. db.userProfiles.remove({\_id:1063});



After removing the user:

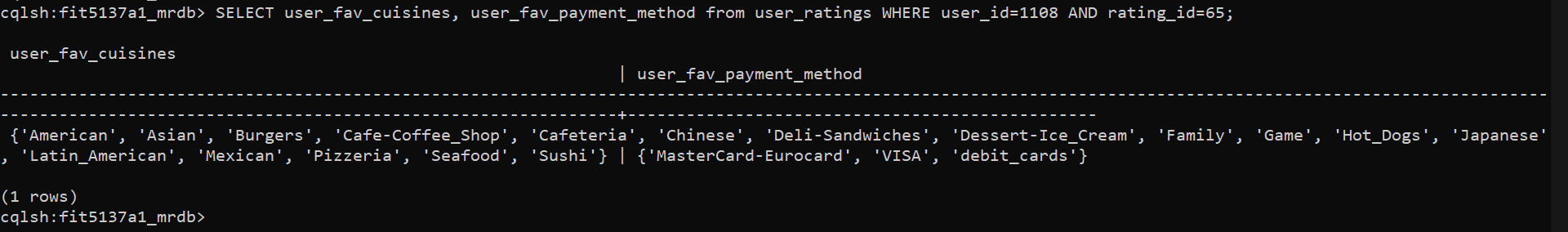


1. Update user\_ratings - IF EXISTS
   1. Before running the update query



UPDATE user\_ratings SET user\_fav\_cuisines = user\_fav\_cuisines - {'Fast\_Food'}, user\_fav\_payment\_method = user\_fav\_payment\_method - {'cash'}, user\_fav\_payment\_method = user\_fav\_payment\_method + {'debit\_cards'} WHERE user\_id= 1108 and rating\_id IN(65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74);

After doing the update operation we can check on rating id: 65



* 1. Update user\_id = 1063

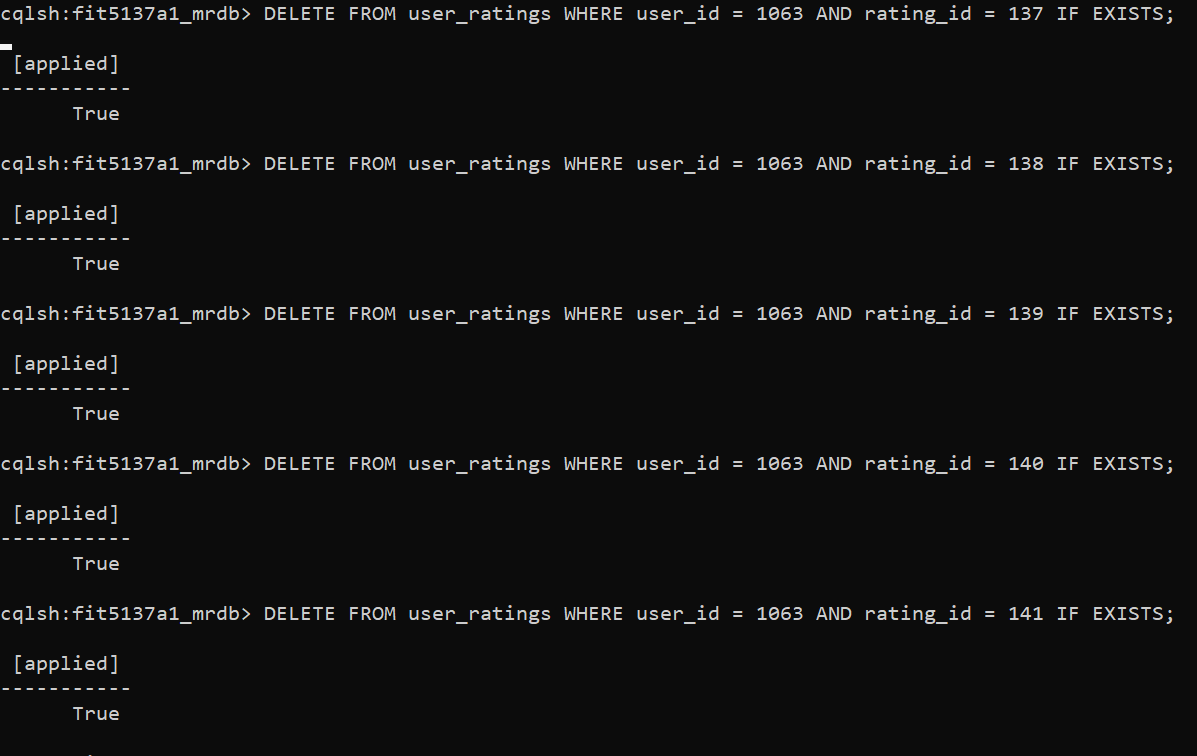
DELETE FROM user\_ratings WHERE user\_id = 1063 AND rating\_id = 137 IF EXISTS;

DELETE FROM user\_ratings WHERE user\_id = 1063 AND rating\_id = 138 IF EXISTS;

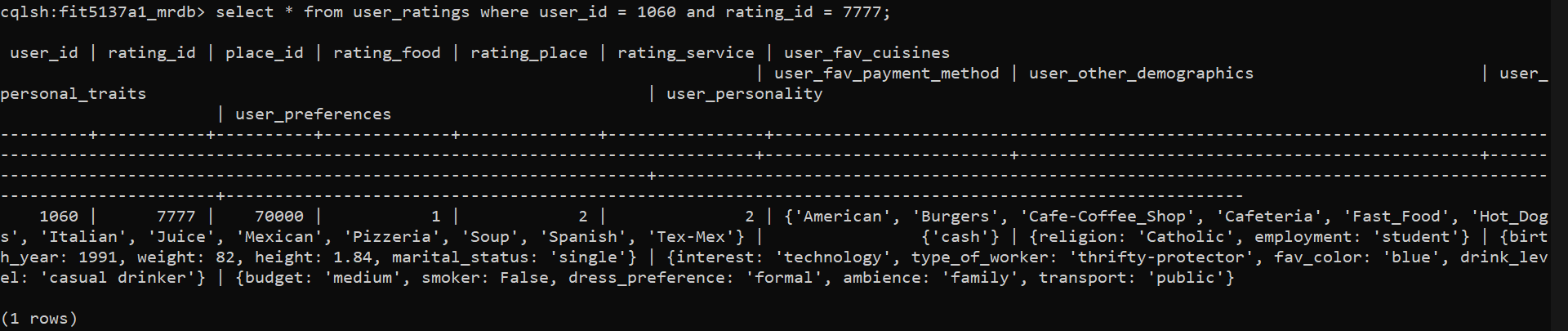
DELETE FROM user\_ratings WHERE user\_id = 1063 AND rating\_id = 139 IF EXISTS;

DELETE FROM user\_ratings WHERE user\_id = 1063 AND rating\_id = 140 IF EXISTS;

DELETE FROM user\_ratings WHERE user\_id = 1063 AND rating\_id = 141 IF EXISTS;



1. INSERT INTO user\_ratings (rating\_id,user\_id,place\_id,rating\_place,rating\_food,rating\_service,user\_personal\_traits,user\_personality, user\_preferences, user\_other\_demographics, user\_fav\_cuisines,user\_fav\_payment\_method) VALUES(7777, 1060, 70000, 2, 1, 2, {birth\_year: 1991, weight: 82, height: 1.84, marital\_status: 'single'}, {interest: 'technology', type\_of\_worker: 'thrifty-protector', fav\_color: 'blue', drink\_level: 'casual drinker'}, {budget: 'medium', smoker: FALSE, dress\_preference: 'formal', ambience: 'family', transport: 'public'}, {religion: 'Catholic', employment: 'student'}, {'Burgers', 'Cafeteria', 'Pizzeria', 'Juice', 'American', 'Tex-Mex', 'Spanish', 'Mexican', 'Fast\_Food', 'Cafe-Coffee\_Shop', 'Soup', 'Hot\_Dogs', 'Italian'}, {'cash'});

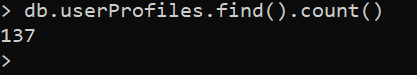


C3. Querying the Management

1. How many users are there in the database?

Database: FIT5137A1MRDB

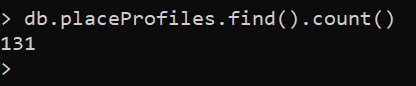
db.userProfiles.find().count()



1. How many places are there in the database?

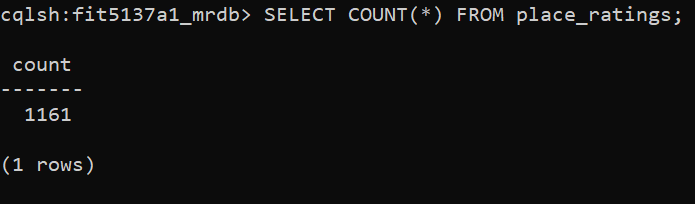
Database: FIT5137A1MRDB

db.placeProfiles.find().count()



1. How many reviews were made in the database?

SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM place\_ratings;



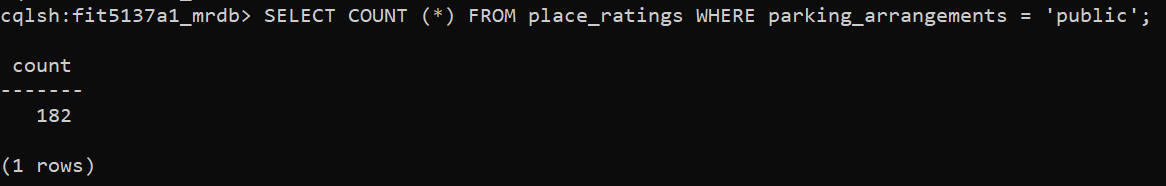
1. How many reviews were created by places having public parking arrangements?

I had to create index-**parking\_arrangements** because here the primary key is already indexed not parking\_arrangements. An index provides access data using attributes other than the partition key. Using indexing makes our query operation fast, efficient lookup of data matching a provided condition.

CREATE INDEX ON place\_ratings (parking\_arrangements);

SELECT COUNT (\*) FROM place\_ratings WHERE parking\_arrangements = 'public';



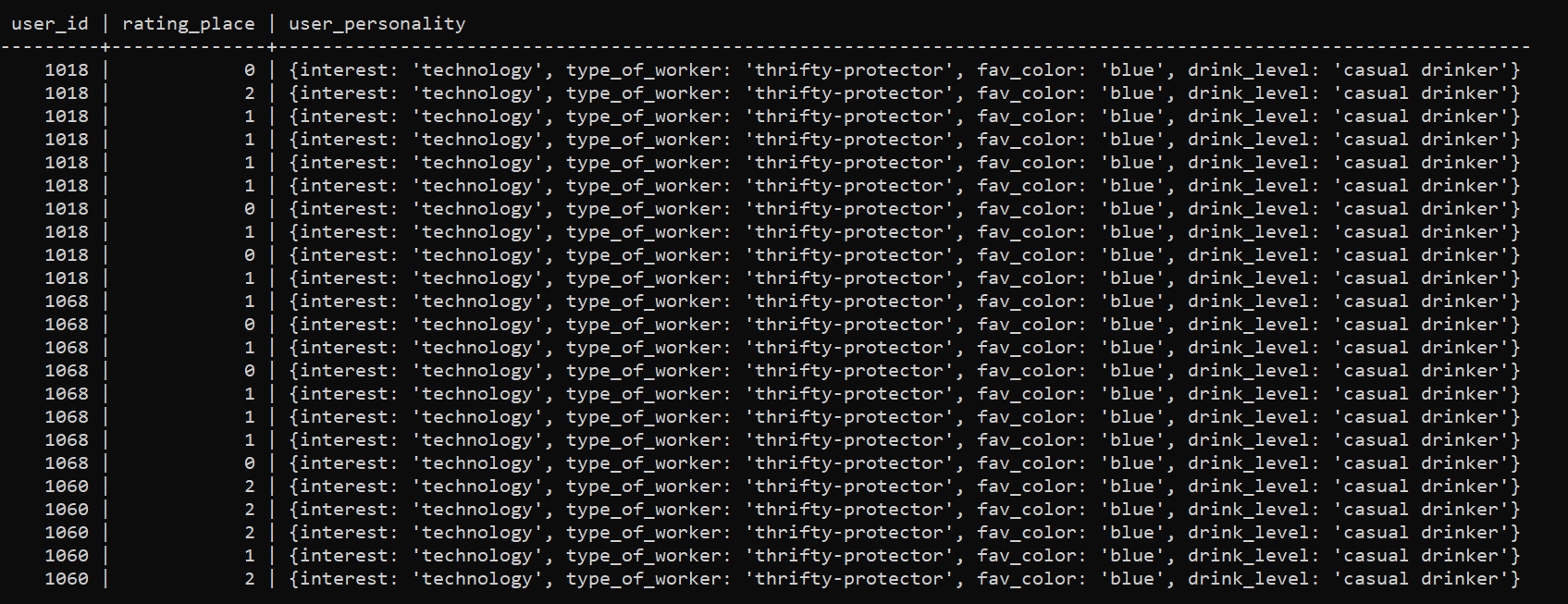


1. Cassandra - Database FIT5137A1\_MRDB

I have created an Index **user\_personality.** because here the primary key is already indexed not parking\_arrangements. An index provides access data using attributes(**user\_personality**) other than the partition key. Using indexing makes our query operation fast, efficient lookup of data matching a provided condition.

CREATE INDEX ON user\_ratings (user\_personality);

SELECT user\_id, rating\_place, user\_personality FROM user\_ratings where user\_personality={interest: 'technology', type\_of\_worker: 'thrifty-protector', fav\_color: 'blue', drink\_level: 'casual drinker'};

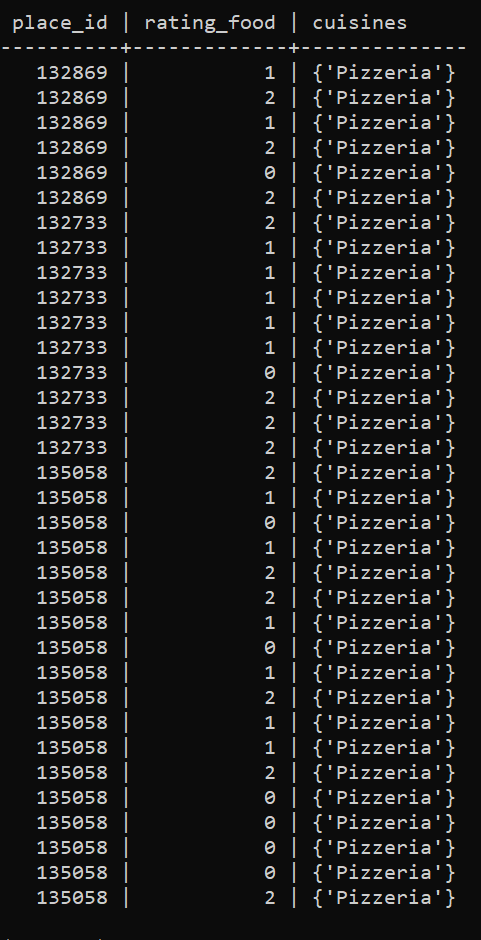


1. What are the place ids and ratings for food for places serving only Pizzeria cuisine?

I have created an Index -**cuisines.** because here the primary key is already indexed not parking\_arrangements. An index provides access data using attributes(**cuisines**) other than the partition key. Using indexing makes our query operation fast, efficient lookup of data matching a provided condition.

CREATE INDEX ON place\_ratings (cuisines);

SELECT place\_id, rating\_food, cuisines FROM place\_ratings where cuisines CONTAINS 'Pizzeria';



1. Display all users who are students and prefer a medium budget restaurant?

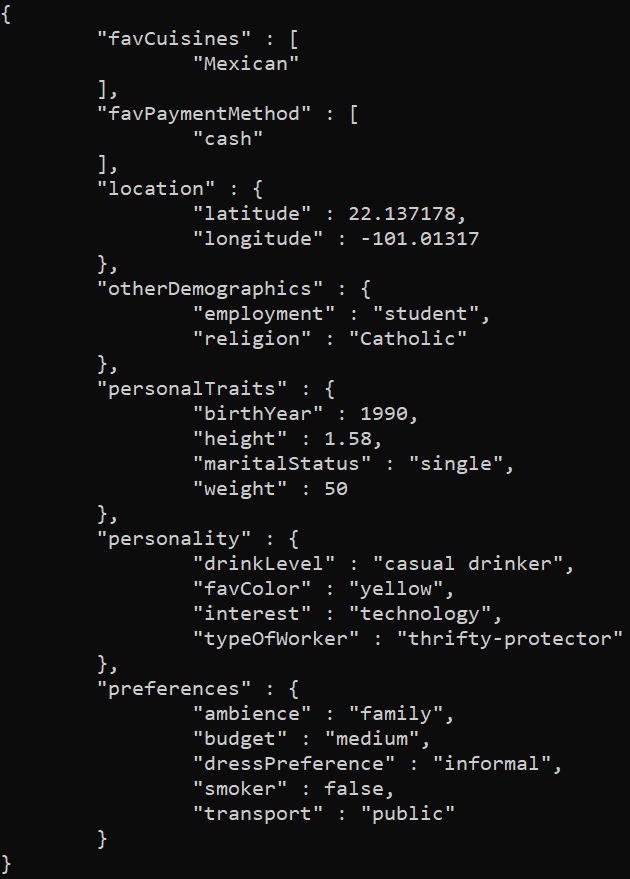
Database - FIT5137A1MRDB

db.userProfiles.aggregate([

{ $project : {\_id : 0}},

{ $match : {"otherDemographics.employment":"student","preferences.budget":"medium"} }

]).pretty()



1. Display all users who like Bakery cuisines and combine your output with all places having Bakery cuisines.

Here I have decided to change the data type cuisines and acceptedPaymentModes fields from string to array without adding any fields since we are allowed to bring required changes. Moreover, we can retrieve or add data more easily compared with comma separated strings.

db.placeProfiles.aggregate(

[

{ "$addFields":

{

"cuisines": { "$split": [ "$cuisines", ", " ] }

}

},

{ "$addFields":

{

"acceptedPaymentModes": { "$split": [ "$acceptedPaymentModes", ", " ] }

}

},

{

$merge:{

into: 'placeProfiles',

on: '\_id',

whenMatched: 'merge',

whenNotMatched: 'discard'

}

}

]

)

After running above query:



db.userProfiles.aggregate([

{$match: {favCuisines:"Bakery"}},

{

$lookup:

{

from: "placeProfiles",

pipeline: [

{$match: {cuisines: "Bakery"}},

{ $project: { \_id: 0, placeName: 1 } }

],

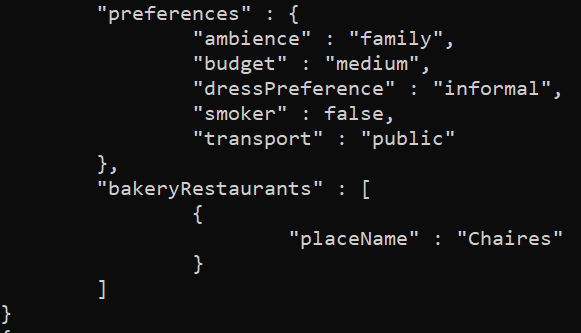
as: "bakeryRestaurants"

}

}

]).pretty()

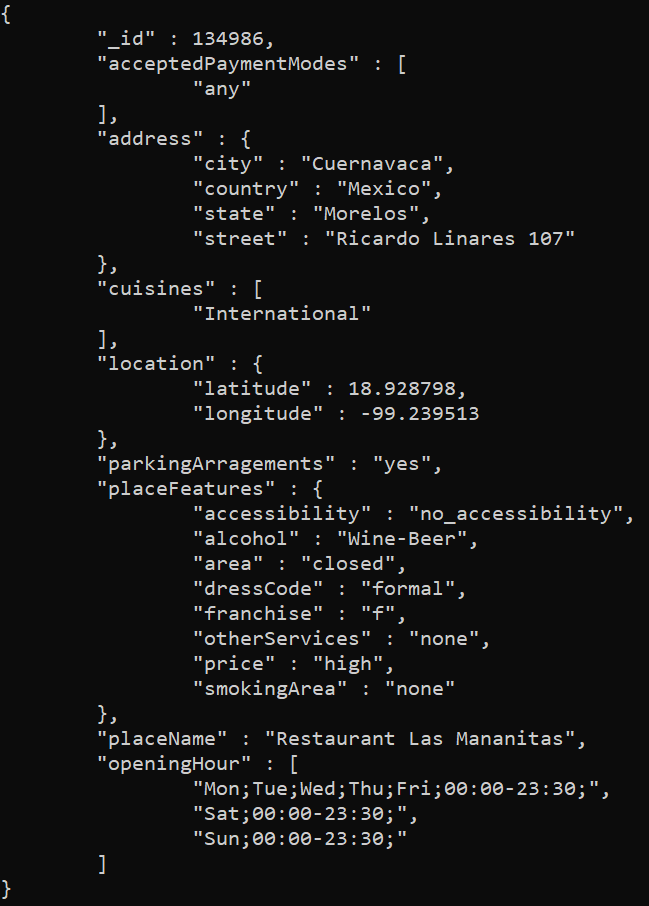




1. Display International restaurants that are open on Sunday.

db.placeProfiles.find(

{ openingHour : { $elemMatch : { "$regex": "^Sun.\*" } }, "cuisines":"International"}).pretty()



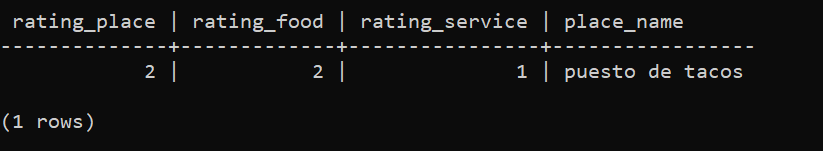
1. Display the average place rating, average food rating, and average service rating for

puesto de tacos. Show the average values in decimal points.

I have created an Index -**place\_name.** Because here the primary key is already indexed not parking\_arrangements. An index provides access data using attributes(**place\_name**) other than the partition key. Using indexing makes our query operation fast, efficient lookup of data matching a provided condition.

CREATE INDEX ON place\_ratings (place\_name);

SELECT AVG(CAST(rating\_place as decimal)) AS rating\_place, AVG(CAST(rating\_food as decimal)) AS rating\_food, AVG(CAST(rating\_service as decimal)) AS rating\_service, place\_name FROM place\_ratings WHERE place\_name='puesto de tacos' GROUP BY place\_id;



1. Display the average age according to each drinker level

db.userProfiles.aggregate([

{

$group: {

\_id: {

"drinkLevel":"$personality.drinkLevel"

},

averageAge: {

$avg:

{

$divide: [{ $subtract: [ new Date(), new Date("$personalTraits.birthYear") ] },(365 \* 24\*60\*60\*1000)]

}

}

}},

{

$project: {

\_id: 0,

drinkLevel: "$\_id.drinkLevel",

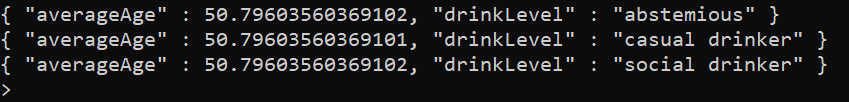
averageAge: 1

}

},

{$sort:{"drinkLevel":1}}

]).pretty()

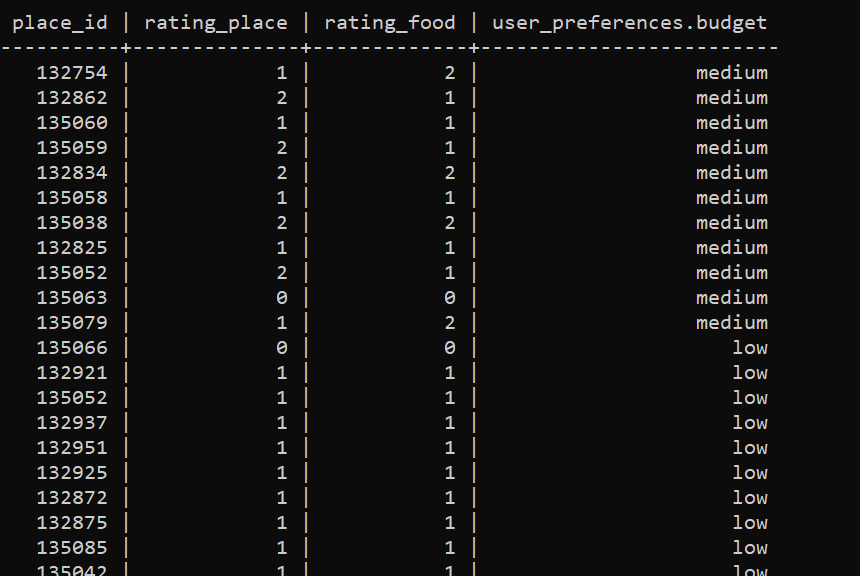


1. For each user whose favourite cuisine is Family, display the place ID, the place rating, the food rating and the user’s budget.

I have created an Index -**user\_fav\_cuisines.** Because here the primary key is already indexed not parking\_arrangements. An index provides access data using attributes(**user\_fav\_cuisines**) other than the partition key. Using indexing makes our query operation fast, efficient lookup of data matching a provided condition.

CREATE INDEX ON user\_ratings (user\_fav\_cuisines);

SELECT place\_id, rating\_place, rating\_food, user\_preferences.budget FROM user\_ratings WHERE user\_fav\_cuisines CONTAINS 'Family';



1. What are the top 3 most popular ambiences (friends/ family/ solitary) for a single

when going to a Japanese restaurant?

db.userProfiles.aggregate([

{

$match: {"favCuisines": "Japanese" }

},

{

$group: {

\_id: "$preferences.ambience",

totalAmount: { $sum: 1 },

}

},

{

$project: {

\_id: 0,

ambience: "$\_id",

totalAmount: 1

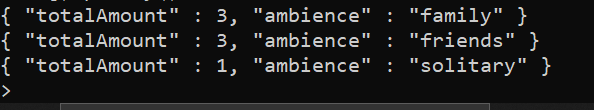
}

},

{ $sort : { 'ambience' : 1,'totalAmount' : 1 } },

{ $limit : 3 }

]).pretty()



1. List the names of unique cuisines in the database.

db.placeProfiles.aggregate([

{

$unwind: "$cuisines"

},

{

$group: {

\_id: {

\_id: "$\_id"

},

distinctCuisines: {

$addToSet: "$cuisines"

}

}

},

{

"$unwind": "$distinctCuisines"

},

{

"$group": {

\_id: {

"distinctCuisines": "$distinctCuisines"

}

}

},

{

$project: {

\_id: 0,

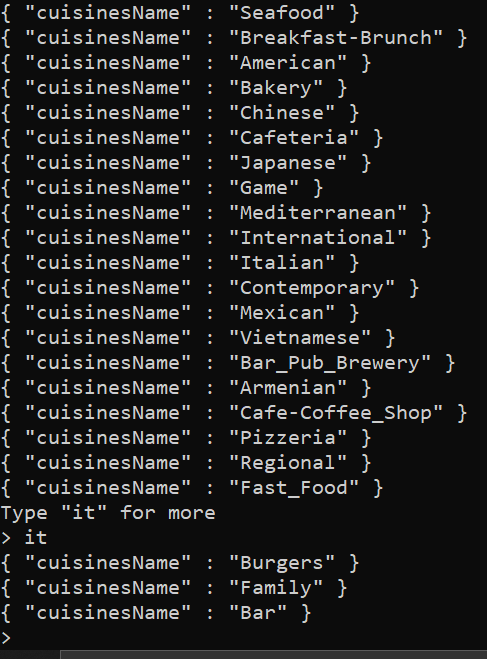
cuisinesName: "$\_id.distinctCuisines"

}

},

{$match:{"cuisinesName":{$ne: "" }}}

]).pretty()



1. Display all of the restaurants and indicate using a separate field/column whether the restaurant includes mexican cuisines

db.placeProfiles.aggregate(

[

{

$project:

{

\_id: 0,

placeName: 1,

includeMexicanCuisines:

{

$cond: { if: { $in: [ "Mexican", "$cuisines" ] }, then: "serves mexican food", else: "doesn’t serves mexican food" }

}

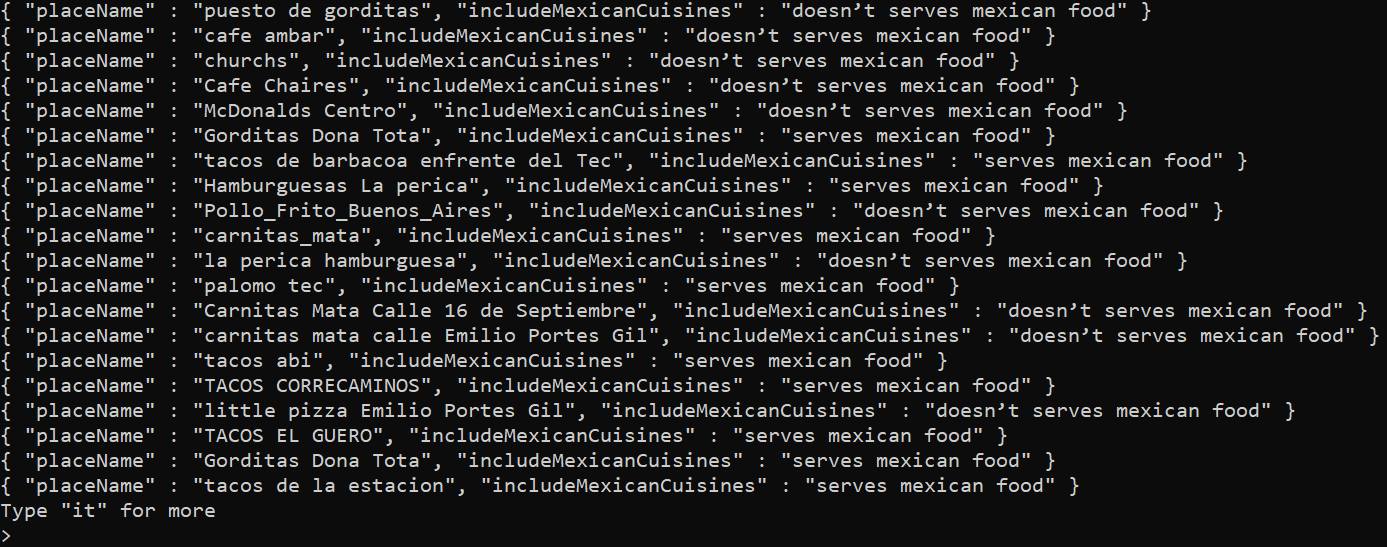
}

},

{$sort:{"\_id":1}}

]

)



Extra five questions:

1. Display all of the restaurant's names in the city "San Luis Potosi" and their parking arrangement “public” and order by place name.

db.placeProfiles.aggregate(

[

{

$match : {"address.city":"San Luis Potosi","parkingArragements":"public"}

},

{

$project:

{

\_id: 0,

placeName: 1,

parkingArragements: 1

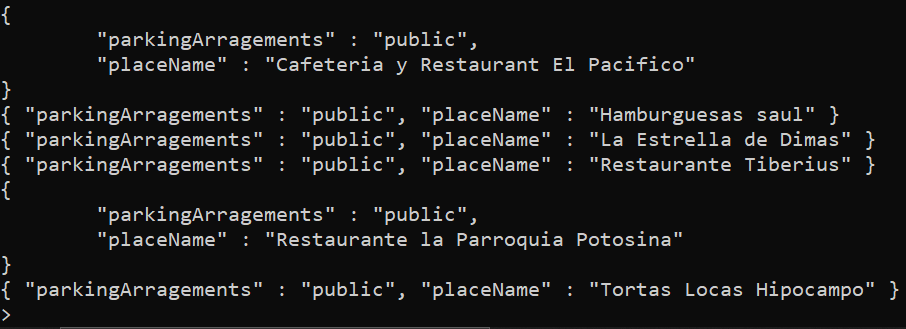
}

},

{$sort:{"placeName":1}}

]

).pretty()



2. List total number of user for each preferences ambience

db.userProfiles.aggregate(

[

{

$project:

{

\_id: 0,

preferences:1

}

},

{

$group:

{

\_id:{

"ambience":"$preferences.ambience"

},

totalNoPersons: { $sum: 1 }

}

},

{

$project: {

\_id: 0,

ambience: "$\_id.ambience",

totalNoPersons: 1

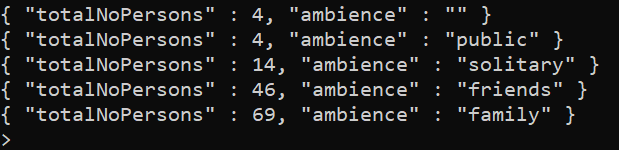
}

},

{$sort:{"totalNoPersons":1}}

]

).pretty()



3. No of restaurants group by smokingArea features

db.placeProfiles.aggregate([

{

$group: {

\_id: {

"smokingArea":"$placeFeatures.smokingArea"

},

totalAmount: { $sum: 1 },

}

},

{

$project: {

\_id: 0,

smokingArea: "$\_id.smokingArea",

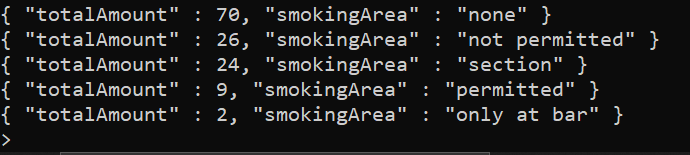
totalAmount: 1

}

},

{$sort:{"totalAmount":-1}}

]).pretty()

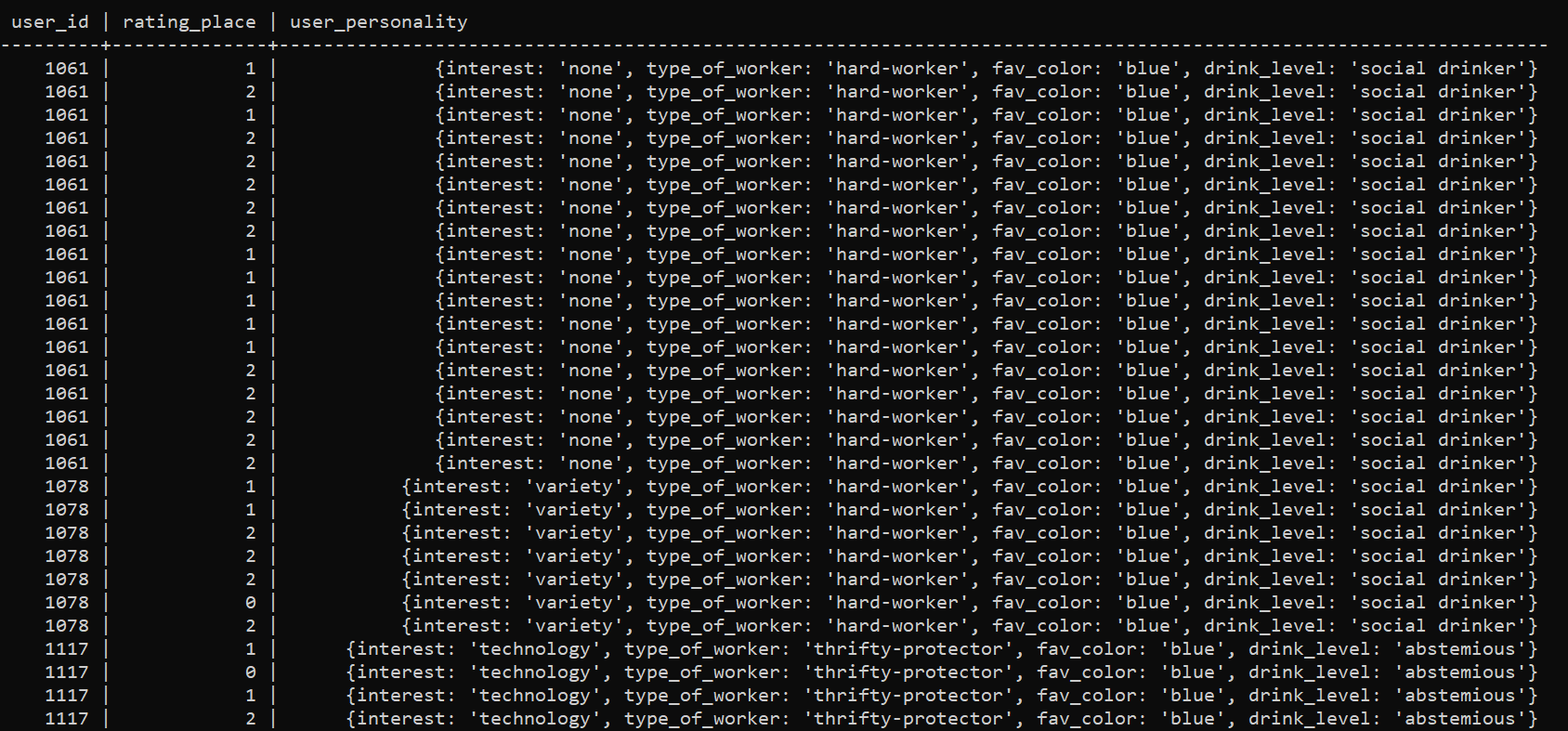


4. List user\_id, rating\_place and user\_personality of all the users other\_demographics - religion: 'Catholic', employment: 'professional'

I have created an Index -**user\_other\_demographics.** Because here the primary key is already indexed not parking\_arrangements. An index provides access data using attributes(**user\_other\_demographics**) other than the partition key. Using indexing makes our query operation fast, efficient lookup of data matching a provided condition.

CREATE INDEX ON user\_ratings (user\_other\_demographics);

SELECT user\_id, rating\_place, user\_personality FROM user\_ratings where user\_other\_demographics={religion: 'Catholic', employment: 'professional'};



5. . Display all users who like to smoke and combine your output with all places not having smoking areas.

db.userProfiles.aggregate([

{$match: {"preferences.smoker":true}},

{

$lookup:

{

from: "placeProfiles",

pipeline: [

{$match: {"placeFeatures.smokingArea": "not permitted"}},

{ $project: { \_id: 0, placeName: 1 } }

],

as: "smokingNotPermitted"

}

}

]).pretty()



C.4. Summary Reports:

1. **The mechanism of the Relational Database, Document Oriented Database, and Column-Oriented Database:**

**Relational Database:** it is a widely used type of database, represented as a structured query language (SQL) type of databases. It has been developed based on a theory called the relational model of data that was founded by computer scientists whose name is E.F.Codd ( Codd, 1970). In a relational database, the data is stored in predefined tables that are connected by key as a means of linking the tables together through the concept of the primary key and foreign key. Each table is formed into columns and rows, which will later be fed either a single set of data or multiple. The single object is stored in a complete row. Each table has a key that uniquely identifies each row called a primary key. Also, there is a key included from the related tables as a way of linking them. That is why it is called a relational database because each table has a relation with other tables.

**Document-Oriented Database:** it is categorized as non- non-structured query language (SQL), meaning it does not follow the same structure as a relational database. It does not require a pre-defined structure as the relational database. The document is the basic component of data, and it is comparable to rows in a relational database. The document consists of key-value pairs. Then we have something called a collection where all the documents are stored. The collection can hold an uncountable number of documents. It serves as a table in a relational database.

**Column-Oriented Database:** It is similar to a relational database. However, it stores the data tables in columnar format instead of row format. It gathers data in key-value pairs. The column family consists of logically grouped columns same as the table in the relational database. Moreover, the values in the column family are assigned row identifiers the same as the primary key in the relational database context. Also, one row can hold several column families.

1. **The strengths and weaknesses of the Relational Database, Document Oriented Database, and Column-Oriented Database:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Database Type** | **Strength** | **Weakness** |
| **Relational database** | **Data accuracy:** Relational databases provide a very high level of accuracy of data because of the concept of the primary key and foreign key.  **Data Integrity:** certain functionalities such as cardinality and validation ensure the data are in the right table.  **High Security:**specifying user privilege is achievable as the data is spread out over multiple tables.  **Data redundancy:**The process of normalizing the data ensures reduction of data replication or either the complete elimination of data replication. | **Unscalable data model:** difficulty modifying the data model because the data model must be pre – structure before implementing the database. Otherwise, complexity and impossibility will emerge during the modification.  **Cost:**Every type of database has a certain cost, but a relational database is not affordable to maintain. For example, the purchasing cost of the software license and hiring database professionals such as data administrator.  **The disappearance of data:**  There is a high chance of losing the data because of the large number of tables. This is true especially when transferring the data to a new system. |
| **Document oriented database** | **Simplicity**: complex database design can significantly be simplified using a document-oriented database. For example, three tables with five relationships instead of 15 tables with many relationships using a relational database.  **Easy retrieval of data:** all the information is stored in one document, so there is no need for a complex operation such as joins.  **Flexibility**: The Document oriented database does not require the users to predefine the schema for the database. For example, some documents have the field of payment method where other documents simply do not. | **Transaction errors:**the absence of strict control due to the lack of compliance with the principle of ACID.  **Integrity issues:**data integrity does not feature in a document-oriented database; it requires to be manually programmed**,**unlike a relational database.  **Security issues**: several issues have been reported with a document-oriented database such as unauthorized access, unidentified deletion, and update due to malware infection (Kaur, Kaur, 2013) |
| **Column oriented database** | **High performance:**it is a powerful way to increase the speed of data retrieval and perform highly aggregated analysis.  **Efficient storage:**dealing with a null value in the column more effectively. Also, the data block in the column-oriented database can hold more data than a row-based database.  **Great for big data:** Column-oriented database is excellent for big data, especially when running queries because the database will scan the desired data instead of scanning the whole data. | **Limitation on retrieval:**  difficulty when retrieving the entire row.  **Complex Join request:** The advantage of high performance may be reduced when performing a complex join operation as the whole column must be scanned.  **Inefficiency in delete and update operation:**when modifying a row in a column-oriented database, it is required to allocate the places on the disk, which sometimes becomes a tedious operation. |

1. **Real world examples of the application of the Relational Database, Document Oriented Database, and Column-Oriented Database:**

**Relational database:**

There are many applications of a relational database in the real world. The banking industry uses many types of databases. However, a relational database is used when performing transactional activities such as withdrawal and deposit. The relational database is the most suitable for recording this sensitive information as they follow the concept of ACID. **Document oriented database:**

With the rise of big data, many organizations are becoming tempted to use a document-oriented database because it offers great flexibility when storing a huge amount of data and no predefined schema is necessary. In India, the organization of Aka Aadhar has built the biggest biometrics database that stores data about 1.2 billion residents. Aka Aadhar used a well-known type of document-oriented database called MongoDB ( [Gopinath](https://www.edureka.co/blog/author/sudhaa/), 2019).

**Column oriented database:**

With the emergence and evolution of data warehousing and business intelligence, developers have encountered limitations in a row-based database. This is especially true when analyzing a huge dataset in the data warehouse. It has been reported that a column-oriented database has gained popularity in the field of data warehousing and business intelligence, and this popularity has resulted in the increase of the application of the column-oriented database (Rabuzin, & Modrusan, 2014).

1. **Database selection:**

MonR has informed us of a sudden cut down on their budget, which resulted in the decision to drop down one of the databases either MongoDB or Cassandra. This was a sudden change, especially when almost 80% of our job is done. We needed to undertake extensive research, planning, and consultation to make the right decision. The CAP theorem dimension was utilized as the basis for our decision-making process. The CAP theorem dimension states that it is undoable to achieve the performance standards, which is availability, consistency, and partition-tolerance at once. However, a compromise must be made between the performance standards (Abadi, 2012). Diagram

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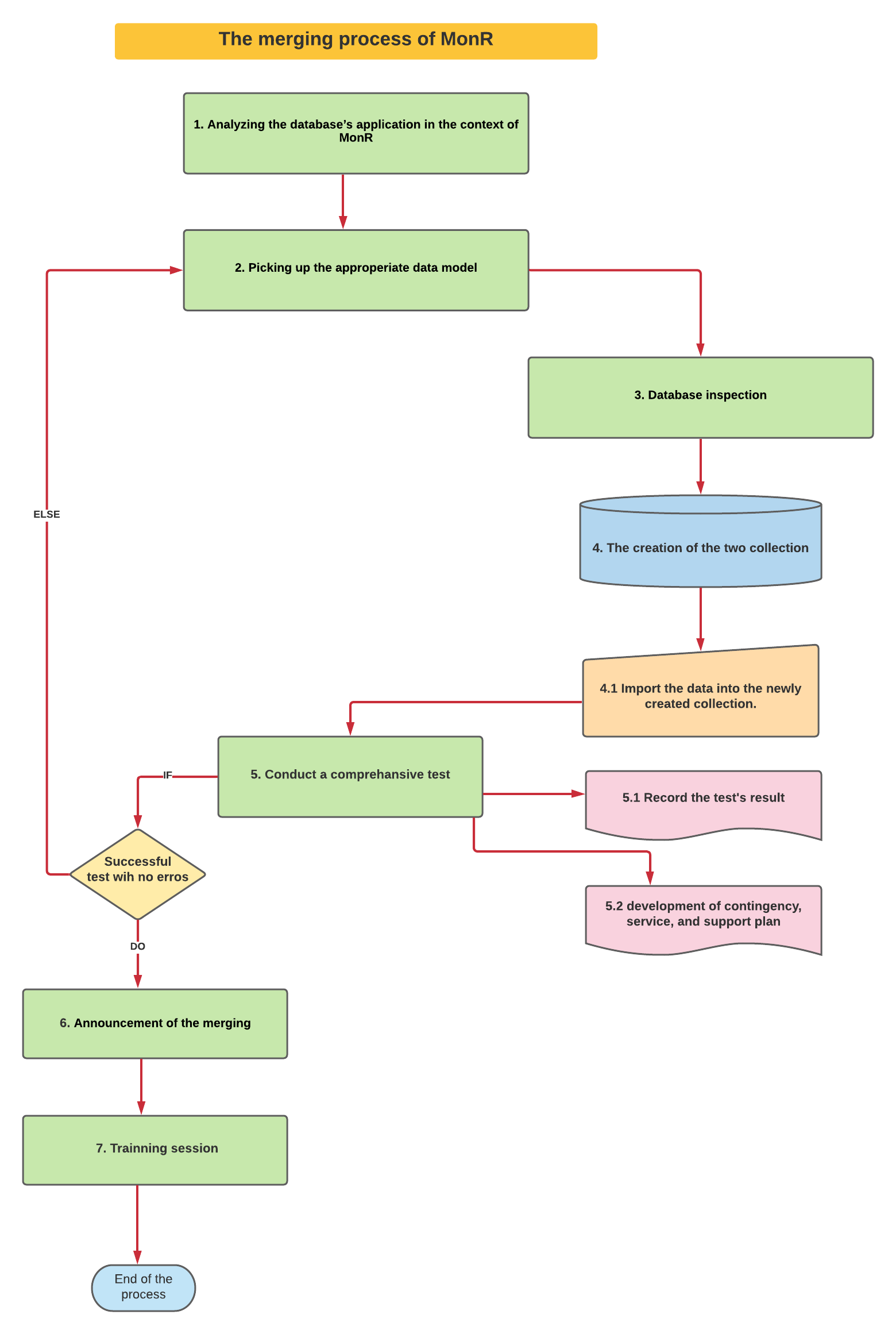
Illustration of CAP theorem dimension

We decided that MongoDB would be the best fit in the context of MonR. We decided after evaluating the case in many vital aspects and looking for both features and functionalities of the databases.

1. **The stages of the merging process + flow chart of the merging process:**

The implementation of the merging process is a crucial one and requires a pre-established plan to ensure its success. A flowchart was constructed for the purpose of demonstrating the stages of how the merging process will be implemented. The table below is an explanation of each stage of the merging process.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Stage Number** | **Explanation** |
| First | Detailed analysis of the database’s application in the context of MonR. Specifying the scope of a database application to support the requirements of the use case. |
| Second | Deciding the most suitable data model based on the situation of MonR. The Reference model is ideal to be applied here as the model will provide fast writing operation into the newly created collection. In contract, the embedding model will be able to get the job done, but there will be more complications, especially in writing time and modification. |
| Third | Inspection of the structure and type of data of the Cassandra database to facilitate the merging process includes the conversion of the data type. Also, wrangling some data as MongoDB has no primary key like Cassandra to guarantee the consistency and quality of data in the database. |
| Fourth | Create two collections of user ratings and place ratings. |
| Fifth | Conduct a comprehensive test to evaluate whether all the pre-defined planning and requirements have been met. |
| Sixth | Announcement of the completion of the database merging |
| Seventh | Allocating training sessions to the employees to familiarize them with using the MongoDB database and exploring the features of MongoDB. |



1. **Database selection reasoning:**

We picked MongoDB over Cassandra for the following reason:

* MongoDB will offer a great boost in achieving the consistency of data by allowing a fast data integration as it stores the data in JSON documents instead of tables in the relational databases.
* MongoDB has an unstructured data model, which means flexibility more than Cassandra. The flexibility of the data model enables us to modify the database only in the frontend of the database without changing the backend of the database.
* MongoDB has a power aggregation mechanism, which is a feature that surely, we do not want to give, especially during the analyzing the dataset.
* MongoDB has a graphical interface called MongoDB compass. It will assist us when examining the data, and performing operations such as filtering, projecting, and aggregating the data. Also, it will be user-friendly for non – IT people.
* Cassandra would surely increase the cost in terms of money, efforts, and time because Cassandra has a structured schema, which means the re-design the whole database.
* Cassandra would be an ideal database if we are dealing with a huge database (big data) throughout several nodes. However, we are not dealing with huge amounts of data in this case.
* In case of clustering is needed, MongoDB is more superior as it can serve several configuration servers where Cassandra has none.
* We want to have a rich data model in order to be prepared if MonR wants to add more data into the database. This is because they may start analyzing data from Mexican stores in Australia or any other places.

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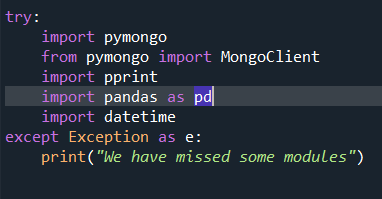
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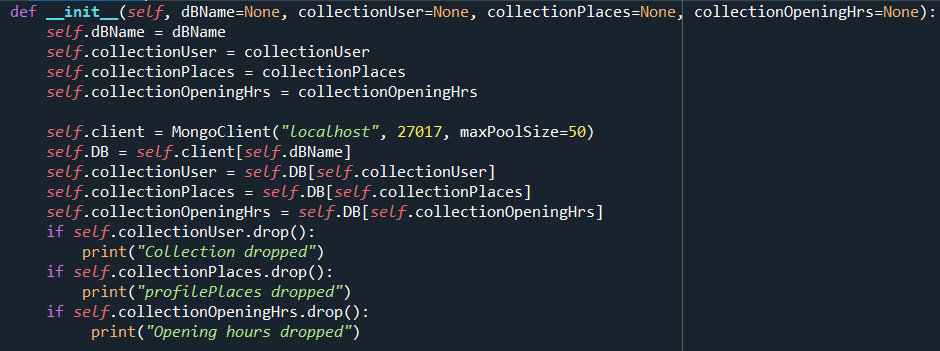
C5: Connecting to Drivers

Steps to connect the MongoDB drivers:

1. Pip was not working in my existing python version 2.7. I had to install anaconda and python version 3.8.3 was used to run the script
2. I had to import following modules:

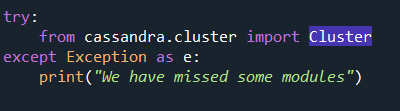


1. In the constructor of MongoClientDB class we connected to the localhost where MongoDB server is running and along with that I had to initialize the database and collection here. Whenever an object is created of MongoClientDB class a new connection is created along with the database and other three collections.



Rest of the code has been given in the python script file.

Steps to connect the Cassandra drivers:

1. Pip was not working in my existing python version 2.7. I had to install anaconda and python version 3.8.3 was used to run the script
2. Cassandra driver was installed using the following command:
   1. conda install -c conda-forge cassandra-driver
3. In a separate command prompt/terminal window had to run the cassandra server using
   1. Cassandra
4. We had to import only the cluster module in the cassandra driver using
   1. 
5. In order to connect to the cluster, we first created a cluster object using the cluster command and then pass in the expected list of hosts
   1. 
6. Next we had to create a session to connect to the newly created cluster using
   1. 
7. Rest of the code has been given to the python script.