



# NoSQL databases

## Introduction to MongoDB

# MongoDB: Introduction



The leader in the NoSQL Document-based  
databases



Full of features, beyond NoSQL

- High performance
- High availability
- Native scalability
- High flexibility
- Open source

# Terminology – Approximate mapping

<b>Relational database</b>	<b>MongoDB</b>
Table	Collection
Record	Document
Column	Field

# MongoDB: Document Data Design



High-level, business-ready representation of the data

- Records are stored into Documents
  - field-value pairs
  - similar to JSON objects
  - may be nested

```
{
  _id: <ObjectID1>,
  username: "123xyz",
  contact: {
    phone: 1234567890,
    email: "xyz@email.com",
  },
  access: {
    level: 5,
    group: "dev",
  }
}
```

Embedded Sub-Document

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# MongoDB: Document Data Design

- High-level, business-ready representation of the data
- Flexible and rich syntax, adapting to most use cases
- Mapping into developer-language objects
  - year, month, day, timestamp,
  - lists, sub-documents, etc.
- Rich query language
  - Documents can be created, read, updated and deleted.
  - The **SQL language** is **not supported**
  - APIs available for many programming languages
    - JavaScript, PHP, Python, Java, C#, ..





# MongoDB

Querying data using operators

# MongoDB: query language



Most of the operations available in SQL language can be expressend in MongoDB language

MySQL clause	MongoDB operator
SELECT	<code>find()</code>

<b>SELECT</b> * FROM people	<code>db.people.find()</code>
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# MongoDB: Read data from documents



## Select documents

- `db.<collection name>.find( {<conditions>}, {<fields of interest>} );`



E.g.,

```
db.people.find();
```

- Returns all documents contained in the people collection



# MongoDB: Read data from documents



## Select documents

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Select the documents satisfying the specified conditions and specifically only the fields specified in fields of interest

- `<conditions>` are optional
  - conditions take a document with the form:  
`{field1 : <value>, field2 : <value> ... }`
  - Conditions may specify a value or a regular expression

# MongoDB: Read data from documents



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- projections take a document with the form:  
`{field1 : <value>, field2 : <value> ... }`
- 1/true to include the field, 0/false to exclude the field

# MongoDB: Read data from documents



E.g.,

```
db.people.find().pretty();
```

- No conditions and no fields of interest
  - Returns all documents contained in the people collection
  - `pretty()` displays the results in an easy-to-read format

```
db.people.find({age:55})
```

- One condition on the value of age
  - Returns all documents having *age* equal to 55

# MongoDB: Read data from documents

```
db.people.find({ }, { user_id: 1, status: 1 })
```



No conditions, but returns a specific set of fields of interest

- Returns only **user\_id** and **status** of all documents contained in the people collection
- Default of fields is false, except for **\_id**

```
.people.find({ status: "A", age: 55 })
```

status = "A" and age = 55

- Returns all documents having **status = "A"** and **age = 55**

# MongoDB: find() operator

MySQL clause	MongoDB operator
SELECT	find()

<pre>SELECT id,        user_id,        status FROM people</pre>	<pre>db.people.find(     { },     { user_id: 1,       status: 1     } )</pre>
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# MongoDB: find() operator

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Where Condition

Select fields



# MongoDB: find() operator

MySQL clause	MongoDB operator
SELECT	find()
WHERE	find({<WHERE CONDITIONS>})

<pre>SELECT * FROM people WHERE status = "A"</pre>	<pre>db.people.find(     { status: "A" } )</pre>
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Where Condition

# MongoDB: find() operator

MySQL clause	MongoDB operator
SELECT	find()
WHERE	find({<WHERE CONDITIONS>})

Where Condition

```
SELECT user_id, status
FROM people
WHERE status = "A"
```

```
db.people.find(
  { status: "A" },
  { user_id: 1,
    status: 1,
    _id: 0
  }
)
```

By default, the `_id` field is shown.

To remove it from visualization use: `_id: 0`

Selection fields

# MongoDB: find() operator

MySQL clause	MongoDB operator
SELECT	find()
WHERE	find({<WHERE CONDITIONS>})

```
db.people.find(  
  {"address.city": "Rome" }  
)
```

```
{ _id: "A",  
  address: {  
    street: "Via Torino",  
    number: "123/B",  
    city: "Rome",  
    code: "00184"  
  }  
}
```

nested document

# MongoDB: Read data from documents

```
➤.people.find({ age: { $gt: 25, $lte: 50 } })
```

Age greater than 25 and less than or equal to 50

- Returns all documents having **age > 25 and age <= 50**

```
➤.people.find({$or:[{status: "A"},{age: 55}]})
```

Status = "A" or age = 55

- Returns all documents having **status="A" or age=55**

```
➤.people.find({ status: {$in:["A", "B"]}})
```

Status = "A" or status = B

- Returns all documents where the **status** field value is **either "A" or "B"**

# MongoDB: Read data from documents



Select a single document

- `db.<collection name>.findOne(`



`{<conditions>}, {<fields of interest>} );`

Select one document that satisfies the specified query criteria.

- If multiple documents satisfy the query, it returns the first one according to the natural order which reflects the order of documents on the disk.

# MongoDB: comparison operators



In SQL language, comparison operators are



essential to express conditions on data.

In Mongo query language they are available with a different syntax.

MySQL	MongoDB	Description
>	\$gt	greater than
>=	\$gte	greater equal then
<	\$lt	less than
<=	\$lte	less equal then
=	\$eq	equal to
!=	\$neq	not equal to



# MongoDB: Comparison query operators

Name	Description
<code>\$eq</code> or <code>:</code>	Matches values that are equal to a specified value
<code>\$gt</code>	Matches values that are greater than a specified value
<code>\$gte</code>	Matches values that are greater than or equal to a specified value
<code>\$in</code>	Matches any of the values specified in an array
<code>\$lt</code>	Matches values that are less than a specified value
<code>\$lte</code>	Matches values that are less than or equal to a specified value
<code>\$ne</code>	Matches all values that are not equal to a specified value
<code>\$nin</code>	Matches none of the values specified in an array

# MongoDB: comparison operators (>)

MySQL	MongoDB	Description
>	\$gt	greater than

```
SELECT *  
FROM people  
WHERE age > 25
```

```
db.people.find(  
    { age: { $gt: 25 } }  
)
```

# MongoDB: comparison operators ( $\geq$ )

MySQL	MongoDB	Description
$>$	<code>\$gt</code>	greater than
$\geq$	<code>\$gte</code>	greater equal then

```
SELECT *  
FROM people  
WHERE age  $\geq$  25
```

```
db.people.find(  
  { age: { $gte: 25 } }  
)
```

# MongoDB: comparison operators (<)

MySQL	MongoDB	Description
>	\$gt	greater than
>=	\$gte	greater equal then
<	\$lt	less than

```
SELECT *  
FROM people  
WHERE age < 25
```

```
db.people.find(  
  { age: { $lt: 25 } }  
)
```

# MongoDB: comparison operators (<=)

MySQL	MongoDB	Description
>	\$gt	greater than
>=	\$gte	greater equal then
<	\$lt	less than
<=	\$lte	less equal then

```
SELECT *  
FROM people  
WHERE age <= 25
```

```
db.people.find(  
  { age: { $lte: 25 } }  
)
```

# MongoDB: comparison operators (=)

MySQL	MongoDB	Description
>	\$gt	greater than
>=	\$gte	greater equal then
<	\$lt	less than
<=	\$lte	less equal then
=	<b>\$eq</b>	<b>equal to</b> The \$eq expression is equivalent to { field: <value> }.

```
SELECT *  
FROM people  
WHERE age = 25
```

```
db.people.find(  
    { age: { $eq: 25 } }  
)
```



# MongoDB: comparison operators (!=)

MySQL	MongoDB	Description
>	\$gt	greater than
>=	\$gte	greater equal then
<	\$lt	less than
<=	\$lte	less equal then
=	\$eq	equal to
<b>!=</b>	<b>\$neq</b>	<b>Not equal to</b>

```
SELECT *  
FROM people  
WHERE age != 25
```

```
db.people.find(  
    { age: { $neq: 25 } } }  
)
```

# MongoDB: conditional operators



To specify multiple conditions, **conditional**



**operators** are used

MongoDB offers the same functionalities of MySQL with a different syntax.

MySQL	MongoDB	Description
AND	,	Both verified
OR	\$or	At least one verified

# MongoDB: conditional operators (AND)

MySQL	MongoDB	Description
AND	,	Both verified

<pre>SELECT * FROM people WHERE status = "A" AND age = 50</pre>	<pre>db.people.find(     { status: "A",       age: 50 } )</pre>
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# MongoDB: conditional operators (OR)

MySQL	MongoDB	Description
AND	,	Both verified
OR	<code>\$or</code>	At least one verified

```
SELECT *  
FROM people  
WHERE status = "A"  
OR age = 50
```

```
db.people.find(  
  { $or:  
    [ { status: "A" } ,  
      { age: 50 }  
    ]  
  }  
)
```

# MongoDB: Cursor



`db.collection.find()` gives back a cursor. It can be used to iterate over the result or as input



for next operations.

E.g.,

- `cursor.sort()`
- `cursor.count()`
- `cursor.forEach()` //shell method
- `cursor.limit()`
- `cursor.max()`
- `cursor.min()`
- `cursor.pretty()`

# MongoDB: Cursor



## Cursor examples:

```
db.people.find({ status: "A" }).count()
```

- Select documents with status="A" and count them.

```
db.people.find({ status: "A" }).forEach(  
  function(myDoc) { print( "user: "+myDoc.name );  
  })
```

- forEach applies a JavaScript function to apply to each document from the cursor.
  - Select documents with status="A" and print the document name.



# MongoDB: sorting data



Sort is a cursor method

Sort documents

- `sort( {<list of field:value pairs>} );`
- field specifies which field is used to sort the returned documents
- value = -1 descending order
- Value = 1 ascending order



Multiple field: value pairs can be specified

- Documents are sort based on the first field
- In case of ties, the second specified field is considered

# MongoDB: sorting data



E.g.,

```
db.people.find({ status: "A" }).sort({ age: 1 })
```

- Select documents with status="A" and sort them in ascending order based on the age value
  - Returns all documents having status="A". The result is sorted in ascending age order

# MongoDB: sorting data

Sorting data with respect to a given field in MongoDB: `sort()` operator

MySQL clause	MongoDB operator
ORDER BY	<code>sort()</code>

```
SELECT *  
FROM people  
WHERE status = "A"  
ORDER BY user_id ASC
```

```
db.people.find(  
  { status: "A" }  
).sort( { user_id: 1 } )
```

# MongoDB: sorting data

Sorting data with respect to a given field in MongoDB: sort() operator

MySQL clause	MongoDB operator
ORDER BY	sort()

<pre>SELECT * FROM people WHERE status = "A" ORDER BY user_id ASC</pre>	<pre>db.people.find(   { status: "A" } ).sort( { user_id: 1 } )</pre>
<pre>SELECT * FROM people WHERE status = "A" ORDER BY user_id DESC</pre>	<pre>db.people.find(   { status: "A" } ).sort( { user_id: -1 } )</pre>

# MongoDB: counting

MySQL clause	MongoDB operator
COUNT	<code>count()</code> or <code>find().count()</code>

<pre>SELECT COUNT(*) FROM people</pre>	<pre>db.people.count() or db.people.find().count()</pre>
--	--

# MongoDB: counting

MySQL clause	MongoDB operator
COUNT	<code>count()</code> or <code>find().count()</code>



Similar to the `find()` operator, `count()` can embed conditional statements.

<pre>SELECT COUNT(*) FROM people WHERE <b>age</b> &gt; 30</pre>	<pre>db.people.count(   { <b>age</b>: { \$gt: 30 } } )</pre>
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