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1  /* What is Data-Association in mongodb:- Data association in MongoDB refers to the
   way
2  relationships between different pieces of data are managed within the database. Since
3  MongoDB is a NoSQL database, it doesn't use traditional relational database concepts
4  like foreign keys and joins directly. However, it still supports modeling
   relationships
5  between documents. There are two primary ways to model relationships in MongoDB:
   embedding
6  documents and referencing documents.
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9  /* 1. Embedding Documents :- In this approach, related data is stored within the same
10 document. This is useful when you have a "one-to-few" relationship or when the
   related
11 data is often retrieved together.
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13 /* Ex:-
14 const mongoose = require('mongoose');
15 const Schema = mongoose.Schema;
16 const addressSchema = new Schema({
17   street: String,
18   city: String,
19   state: String,
20   zip: String
21 });
22 const userSchema = new Schema({
23   name: String,
24   age: Number,
25   addresses: [addressSchema]
26 });
27 const User = mongoose.model('User', userSchema);
28 */
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30 /*2. Referencing Documents :- In this approach, related data is stored in separate
31 documents, and references (usually ObjectIds) are used to link them. This is useful
   for
32 "one-to-many" or "many-to-many" relationships.
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35 /* Ex:-
36 User Schema:-
37 const userSchema = new Schema({
38   name: String,
39   age: Number
40 });
41 const User = mongoose.model('User', userSchema);
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43 postSchema:-
44 const postSchema = new Schema({
45   title: String,
46   content: String,
47   author: { type: Schema.Types.ObjectId, ref: 'User' }
48 });
49 const Post = mongoose.model('Post', postSchema);
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51 To query and populate the references:-
52 Post.find()
53   .populate('author')
54   .exec((err, posts) => {
55     if (err) return handleError(err);
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56     console.log(posts);  
57   });  
58   */  
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