



Introduction to Database Systems: CS312

MongoDB

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firstName	lastName	primaryAddr

- Let's say that we have a (perfectly) working SQL table
- The schema has been designed and coded for *current data requirements*

Table Update (i)

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firstName	lastName	primaryAddr	secondAddr

- The data we collect has changed.
- We need to update our schema for the *new data requirements*

Table Update (ii)

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firstName	lastName	primaryAddr	secondAddr	thirdAddr

- Our needs have changed again and the SQL table must be updated.
- The schema is reprogrammed

Expectations

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













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firstName	lastName	primaryAddr	secondAddr	thirdAddr
				
				
				
				

- We expect that the table will be full when in use
- Expectations are not always fulfilled...



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- But, in reality, much of the table is empty!
- The table can easily get huge and be hard to manage.

We Might Stop and Ask Ourselves...

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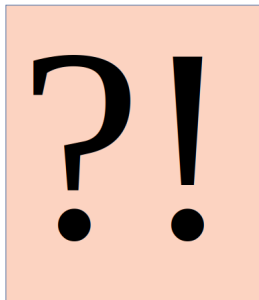
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- What can we do to stop having to redesign our database schema with our changing data?
- Is SQL the right type of database management system for our changing data requirements?



mongoDB®

- NoSQL: *Not Only SQL* database systems that support SQL-like query languages, but are used increasingly in big data applications and real-time web applications.
- The stored data is allowed to change

● <https://www.mongodb.com/>

- Document Identifiers (`_id`) will be created for each document, field name reserved by system
- Application tracks the schema and mapping
- Uses JSON, BSON (*B* for binary inputs)
- Written in C++
- Supports APIs (drivers) in many computer languages
 - JavaScript, Python, Golang, Ruby, Perl, Java, Java Scala, C#, C++, Haskell, Erlang

Database Language Guide

SQL systems versus NoSQL

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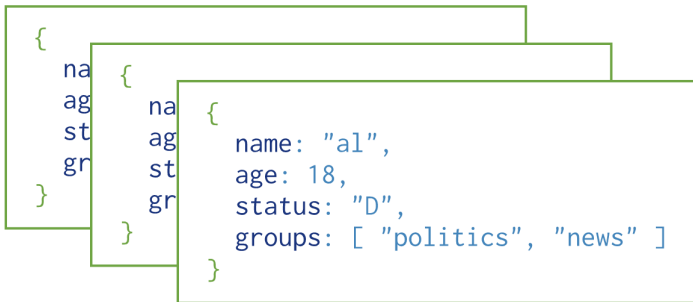
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RDBMS		MongoDB
Database	⇒	Database
Table, View	⇒	Collection
Row	⇒	Document (BSON)
Column	⇒	Field
Index	⇒	Index
Join	⇒	Embedded Document
Foreign Key	⇒	Reference
Partition	⇒	Shard

- The terms are different but their meanings are similar
- *Schema-less*, collections (like tables) are populated by any data
- *Documents* are similar to the *tuples* of Sqlite3 programming



Collection

- No pre-defined data schema
 - Data may be entered in absence of a defined schema
- **Documents** (*rows*) of **collections** (*DB's*) may have different types of data

Schema Free

Mostly similar documents

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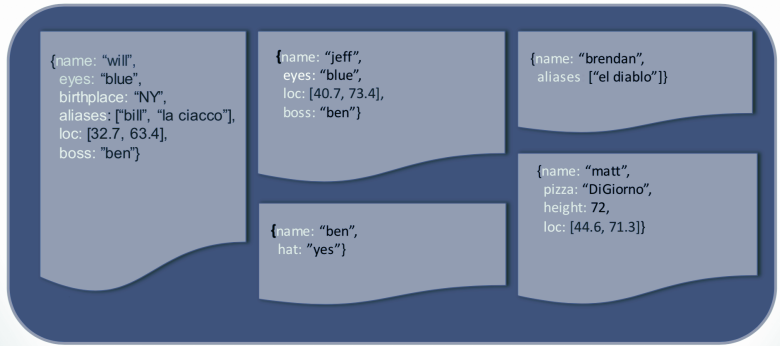
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- Sometimes not all the data is available to create a document.
- The query *interprets* missing data as NULL entries



Styles of Storing Data

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Relational Database

Student_Id	Student_Name	Age	College
1001	Chaitanya	30	Beginnersbook
1002	Steve	29	Beginnersbook
1003	Negan	28	Beginnersbook



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```
{
  "_id": ObjectId("....."),
  "Student_Id": 1001,
  "Student_Name": "Chaitanya",
  "Age": 30,
  "College": "Beginnersbook"
}
{
  "_id": ObjectId("....."),
  "Student_Id": 1002,
  "Student_Name": "Steve",
  "Age": 29,
  "College": "Beginnersbook"
}
{
  "_id": ObjectId("....."),
  "Student_Id": 1003,
  "Student_Name": "Negan",
  "Age": 28,
  "College": "Beginnersbook"
}
```

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- **Data is in name / value pairs**
 - A name/value pair consists of a field name followed by a colon, followed by a value:
 - Example: `{ "name": "R2-D2" }`
- **Data is separated by commas**
 - Example: `{ "name": "R2-D2", race : "Droid" }`
- **Curly braces hold objects**
 - Example: `{ "name": "R2-D2", race : "Droid", affiliation: "rebels" }`
- **An array is stored in brackets []**
 - Example `[{ "name": "R2-D2", race : "Droid", affiliation: "rebels" }, { "name": "Yoda", affiliation: "rebels" }]`

We will see more of these commands later!

- **Db.collection** specifies the collection or the *table* in which to store the document (*tuple*)
- **Create**
 - `db.collection.insert()`
 - `db.collection.save()`
 - `db.collection.update()`
- **Read**
 - `db.collection.find()`
 - `db.collection.findOne()`
- **Update**
 - `db.collection.update()`
- **Delete**
 - `db.collection.remove()`

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Create a Docker container from DockerHub: MacOS and Linux.

```
sudo docker pull mongo
```


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Create a directory for data to persist.

```
mkdir -p ~/mongodata
```

Start a Docker container running the Mongo DB server

```
sudo docker run -it -v ~/mongodata:/data/db --name mongodb -d mongo
```

Check log to see that the server is operational

```
sudo docker logs mongodb  
sudo docker ps
```

Run instance of MongoDB, goes into root of container.

```
sudo docker exec -it mongodb bash
```

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Start the MongoDB client

```
mongo
```

You are now able to run MongoDB commands here.

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Leave the container

```
exit
```

Stop MongoDB container

```
sudo docker stop mongodb
```

Removing all stopped containers, if necessary due to errors in
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```
sudo docker rm $(docker ps -a -q)
```

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Create a Docker container from DockerHub: Windows.

```
docker pull mongo
```

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Create a local directory for your data

```
mkdir c:\mongodata
```

Start a Docker container running the Mongo DB server

```
docker run -it -v c:\mongodata:/data/db --name mongodb -d mongo
```

Check log to see that the server is operational

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Killing a Docker Container

If you have trouble running it, try relaunching the container

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Find out the container's ID

```
docker ps
```

Your container's ID. This one is; 4e9d863407ac

CONTAINER ID
4e9d863407ac

IMAGE
mongo

Stop MongoDB container

```
docker stop mongodb # Windows
```

```
sudo docker stop mongodb # MacOS and Linux
```

Remove MongoDB container

```
docker rm 4e9d863407ac # Windows
```

```
sudo docker rm 4e9d863407ac # MacOS and Linux
```

You should now be able to run your run and execute commands from above.



How to shut down a session

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Drop the collection (called, *myCollection*): Destroy the data, remove collection

```
db.myCollection.drop()
```

Closing down

- Type `exit` in the client terminal

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Enter code into Mongo session of Docker container

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Insert many documents into the *Furniture* collection

```
db.Furniture.drop()
```

```
db.Furniture.insert({chair:"wood"})
```

```
db.Furniture.insert({chair:"metal"})
```

```
db.Furniture.insert({chair:"plastic"})
```

```
db.Furniture.insert({table:"glass"})
```

```
db.Furniture.insert({table:"wood"})
```

```
db.Furniture.insert({table:"metal"})
```

```
db.Furniture.insert({lamp:"brass"})
```

```
db.Furniture.insert({lamp:"glass"})
```

```
db.Furniture.insert({lamp:"silver"})
```

```
db.Furniture.find({searchSpace},{showAttrib:1})
```

Simple Collections

Simple Example of Queries

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Query all documents in the *Furniture* collection

```
db.Furniture.find({},{})
```

Query all *Lamp* types across all collections

```
// SELECT * FROM Furniture WHERE lamp == ``brass``;
```

```
db.Furniture.find({}, {lamp:1})  
db.Furniture.find({}, {lamp:1, _id:0})
```

Query *Lamp* types from the *Furniture* collection

```
// SELECT lamp FROM Furniture WHERE lamp == ``brass``;
```



```
db.Furniture.find({lamp:"brass"})  
db.Furniture.find({lamp:"glass"})  
db.Furniture.find({lamp:"silver"})  
// do not show object id's  
db.Furniture.find({lamp:"silver"}, {_id:0})
```



Insert many documents into the *Inventory* collection

Inserting

```
db.inventory.insertMany([
  { item: "journal", qty: 25, size: { h: 14, w: 21, uom: "cm" }, status: "A" },
  { item: "notebook", qty: 50, size: { h: 8.5, w: 11, uom: "in" }, status: "A" },
  { item: "paper", qty: 100, size: { h: 8.5, w: 11, uom: "in" }, status: "D" },
  { item: "planner", qty: 75, size: { h: 22.85, w: 30, uom: "cm" }, status: "D" },
  { item: "postcard", qty: 45, size: { h: 10, w: 15.25, uom: "cm" }, status: "A" }
]);
```

SELECT * FROM inventory

```
db.inventory.find( {},{} )
db.inventory.find( {},{} ).pretty()
```

SELECT item FROM inventory

```
db.inventory.find({}, {"item":1}).pretty()
```

SELECT * FROM inventory WHERE item == "postcard"

```
db.inventory.find({"item":"postcard"},{})
db.inventory.find({"item":"postcard"},{}).pretty()
```



Queries from the *Inventory* collection

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```
SELECT * FROM inventory WHERE status = "D"
```

```
db.inventory.find( { status: "D" } )
```

```
SELECT * FROM inventory WHERE status in ("A", "D")
```

```
db.inventory.find({status:{ $in: [ "A", "D" ]}}))
```

```
SELECT * FROM inventory WHERE status == "D")
```

```
db.inventory.find({ status: "D" },{})
```

```
Show me where the size = "h" and size = 10)
```

```
db.inventory.find( {"size.h":10} ).pretty()
```

See more on this at ...

<https://www.mongodb.com/docs/manual/tutorial/query-documents/>

Consider this...

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THINK

- Can you go back to the above examples to query other fascinating information?
- Can you create and populate a new Mongo database?
- Can you write sophisticated queries in your database?