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Projection Operators

Projection operators in MongoDB are used to specify or restrict the fields to return in the documents retrieved from a collection. They are primarily used within the \$project stage of an aggregation pipeline or in the find method to shape the documents.

Here are some of the key projection operators in MongoDB:

Basic Projection

In the find method, you can use projection to include or exclude fields:

- **Include Fields:** Specify the fields to include with a value of 1

```
db.collection.find({}, { name: 1, age: 1 })
```

This will return documents with only the name and age fields (plus the _id field by default).

- **Exclude Fields:** Specify the fields to exclude with a value of 0.

```
db.collection.find({}, { password: 0 })
```

- This will return documents without the password field.

\$project Stage in Aggregation Pipeline

The \$project stage in an aggregation pipeline reshapes each document by including, excluding, or adding new fields.

Inclusion and Exclusion

Inclusion: Specify fields to include with a value of 1.

```
db.collection.aggregate([  
  { $project: { name: 1, age: 1 } }  
])
```

This includes only the name and age fields.

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- **Exclusion:** Specify fields to exclude with a value of 0

```
db.collection.aggregate([
  { $project: { password: 0 } }
])
```

This excludes the password field.

Adding New Fields

- **Adding Constant Fields:** Add a new field with a constant value.

```
db.collection.aggregate([
  { $project: { name: 1, age: 1, active: { $literal: true } } }
])
```

This adds an active field with a constant value true.

- **Adding Computed Fields:** Add a new field with a computed value.

```
db.collection.aggregate([
  { $project: { name: 1, age: 1, fullName: { $concat: ["$firstName", " ", "$lastName"] } } }
])
```

This adds a fullName field that concatenates firstName and lastName.

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\$slice

- Limits the number of elements in an array field

```
db.collection.aggregate([
  { $project: { name: 1, firstTwoItems: { $slice: ["$items", 2] } } }
])
```

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This includes only the first two elements of the items array.

\$elemMatch

- Projects the first element in an array that matches the specified condition

```
db.collection.aggregate([
  { $project: { name: 1, matchedItem: { $elemMatch: { items: { type: "A" } } } } }
])
```

This includes only the first element in the items array where type is "A".

\$filter

- Selects a subset of an array to return based on the specified condition

```
db.collection.aggregate([
  { $project: { name: 1, filteredItems: { $filter: { input: "$items", as: "item", cond
  ]}
  ]}
```

This includes only elements in the items array where price is greater than 10.

\$map

- Applies an expression to each element in an array and returns the resulting array

```
db.collection.aggregate([
  { $project: { name: 1, discountedPrices: { $map: { input: "$prices", as: "price", in
  ]}
  ]}
```

This includes a discountedPrices field where each element in the prices array is multiplied by 0.9.

Example

Here is a more comprehensive example using various projection operators in the aggregation pipeline:

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```
db.collection.aggregate([
  { $project: {
    name: 1,
    totalAmount: { $sum: "$items.amount" },
    discountedPrices: { $map: { input: "$prices", as: "price", in: { $multiply: ["$$price", 0.9] } } },
    matchedItem: { $elemMatch: { items: { type: "A" } } },
    firstTwoItems: { $slice: ["$items", 2] },
    filteredItems: { $filter: { input: "$items", as: "item", cond: { $gt: ["$$item.price", 10] } } }
  }
}]
```

In this pipeline:

- name is included.
- totalAmount is a new field that sums the amount in items.
- discountedPrices applies a 10% discount to each element in the prices array.
- matchedItem includes the first element in items with type "A".
- firstTwoItems includes the first two elements in items.
- filteredItems includes elements in items with price greater than 10.

Projection operators in MongoDB allow for flexible and powerful document reshaping to meet various application needs.

EXAMPLE

```
test> db.candidate.find({}, {name:1, age:1, gpa:1}).count();
12
test> |
```

VARIATION:EXCLUDE FIELDS

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```
test> db.candidate.find({}, {_id:0,courses:0}).count();
12
test> |
```

\$elemMatch(projection)

Example:To find candidates enrolled in"Computer Science"with specific projection

```
test> db.candidate.find({courses:{$elemMatch:{$eq:"Computer Science"}}},{name:1,"courses.$":1});
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064ae3'),
    name: 'Bob Johnson',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064ae8'),
    name: 'Gabriel Miller',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064aec'),
    name: 'Kevin Lewis',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science' ]
  }
]
```

\$elemMatch:

```
test> db.players.insertOne( {
...   name: "player1",
...   games: [ { game: "abc", score: 8 }, { game: "xyz", score: 5 } ],
...   joined: new Date("2020-01-01"),
...   lastLogin: new Date("2020-05-01")
... } )
{
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: ObjectId('6682dbaee4204f7fecdcdf6')
}
```

```
test> db.players.find({}, {games:{$elemMatch:{score:{$gt:5}}},joined:1,lastlogin:1})
;
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682dbaee4204f7fecdcdf6'),
    joined: ISODate('2020-01-01T00:00:00.000Z'),
    games: [ { game: 'abc', score: 8 } ]
  }
]
```

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\$slice(projection):

Example: To retrieve all candidates with first two courses.

```
test> db.candidate.find({}, {name:1,courses:{$slice:2}});
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064ae2'),
    name: 'Alice Smith',
    courses: [ 'English', 'Biology' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064ae3'),
    name: 'Bob Johnson',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science', 'Mathematics' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064ae4'),
    name: 'Charlie Lee',
    courses: [ 'History', 'English' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064ae5'),
    name: 'Emily Jones',
    courses: [ 'Mathematics', 'Physics' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064ae6'),
    name: 'David Williams',
    courses: [ 'English', 'Literature' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064ae7'),
    name: 'Fatima Brown',
    courses: [ 'Biology', 'Chemistry' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064ae8'),
    name: 'Gabriel Miller',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science', 'Engineering' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064ae9'),
    name: 'Hannah Garcia',
    courses: [ 'History', 'Political Science' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064aea'),
    name: 'Isaac Clark',
    courses: [ 'English', 'Creative Writing' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064aeb'),
    name: 'Jessica Moore',
    courses: [ 'Biology', 'Ecology' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064aec'),
    name: 'Kevin Lewis',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science', 'Artificial Intelligence' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('6682d28ec38b2a00d2064aed'),
    name: 'Lily Robinson',
    courses: [ 'History', 'Art History' ]
  }
]
```