



Spring Data MongoDB : Query document

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Here we show you a few examples to query documents from MongoDB, by using Query, Criteria and along with some of the common operators.

Test Data

```
> db.users.find()
{ "_id" : ObjectId("id"), "ic" : "1001", "name" : "ant", "age" : 10 }
{ "_id" : ObjectId("id"), "ic" : "1002", "name" : "bird", "age" : 20 }
{ "_id" : ObjectId("id"), "ic" : "1003", "name" : "cat", "age" : 30 }
{ "_id" : ObjectId("id"), "ic" : "1004", "name" : "dog", "age" : 40 }
{ "_id" : ObjectId("id"), "ic" : "1005", "name" : "elephant", "age" : 50 }
{ "_id" : ObjectId("id"), "ic" : "1006", "name" : "frog", "age" : 60 }
```

P.S This example is tested under *mongo-java-driver-2.11.0.jar* and *spring-data-mongodb-1.2.0.RELEASE.jar*



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1. BasicQuery example

If you are familiar with the core MongoDB console find() command, just put the "raw" query inside the BasicQuery.

```
BasicQuery query1 = new BasicQuery("{ age : { $lt : 40 }, name : 'cat' }");
User userTest1 = mongoOperation.findOne(query1, User.class);

System.out.println("query1 - " + query1.toString());
System.out.println("userTest1 - " + userTest1);
```

Output

```
query1 - Query: { "age" : { "$lt" : 40 }, "name" : "cat"}, Fields: null, Sort: { }
userTest1 - User [id=id, ic=1003, name=cat, age=30]
```

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2. findOne example

findOne will return the single document that matches the query, and you can a combine few criteria with Criteria.and() method. See example 4 for more details.

```
Query query2 = new Query();
query2.addCriteria(Criteria.where("name").is("dog").and("age").is(40));

User userTest2 = mongoOperation.findOne(query2, User.class);
System.out.println("query2 - " + query2.toString());
System.out.println("userTest2 - " + userTest2);
```

Output

```
query2 - Query: { "name" : "dog" , "age" : 40}, Fields: null, Sort: null
userTest2 - User [id=id, ic=1004, name=dog, age=40]
```

3. find and \$inc example

Find and return a list of documents that match the query. This example also shows the use of \$inc operator.

```
List<Integer> listOfAge = new ArrayList<Integer>();
listOfAge.add(10);
listOfAge.add(30);
listOfAge.add(40);

Query query3 = new Query();
query3.addCriteria(Criteria.where("age").in(listOfAge));

List<User> userTest3 = mongoOperation.find(query3, User.class);
System.out.println("query3 - " + query3.toString());

for (User user : userTest3) {
    System.out.println("userTest3 - " + user);
}
```

Output

```
query3 - Query: { "age" : { "$in" : [ 10 , 30 , 40] }}, Fields: null, Sort: null
userTest3 - User [id=id, ic=1001, name=ant, age=10]
userTest3 - User [id=id, ic=1003, name=cat, age=30]
userTest3 - User [id=id, ic=1004, name=dog, age=40]
```

4. find and \$gt, \$lt, \$and example

Find and return a list of documents that match the query. This example also shows the use of \$gt, \$lt and \$and operators.

```
Query query4 = new Query();
query4.addCriteria(Criteria.where("age").lt(40).and("age").gt(10));

List<User> userTest4 = mongoOperation.find(query4, User.class);
System.out.println("query4 - " + query4.toString());

for (User user : userTest4) {
    System.out.println("userTest4 - " + user);
}
```

Oppss, an error message is generated, the API doesn't work in this way :)

```
Due to limitations of the com.mongodb.BasicDBObject, you can't add a second 'age' expression
specified as 'age : { "$gt" : 10}'. Criteria already contains 'age : { "$lt" : 40}'.
```

You can't use `Criteria.and()` to add multiple criteria into the same field, to fix it, use `Criteria.andOperator()`, see updated example :

```
Query query4 = new Query();
query4.addCriteria(
    Criteria.where("age").exists(true)
        .andOperator(
            Criteria.where("age").gt(10),
            Criteria.where("age").lt(40)
        )
);

List<User> userTest4 = mongoOperation.find(query4, User.class);
System.out.println("query4 - " + query4.toString());

for (User user : userTest4) {
    System.out.println("userTest4 - " + user);
}
```

Output

```
query4 - Query: { "age" : { "$lt" : 40 } , "$and" : [ { "age" : { "$gt" : 10 } } ] }, Fields: null, Sort: null
userTest4 - User [id=51627a0a3004cc5c0af72964, ic=1002, name=bird, age=20]
userTest4 - User [id=51627a0a3004cc5c0af72965, ic=1003, name=cat, age=30]
```

5. find and sorting example

Find and sort the result.

```
Query query5 = new Query();
query5.addCriteria(Criteria.where("age").gte(30));
query5.with(new Sort(Sort.Direction.DESC, "age"));

List<User> userTest5 = mongoOperation.find(query5, User.class);
System.out.println("query5 - " + query5.toString());

for (User user : userTest5) {
    System.out.println("userTest5 - " + user);
}
```

Output

```
query5 - Query: { "age" : { "$gte" : 30 } }, Fields: null, Sort: { "age" : -1 }
userTest5 - User [id=id, ic=1006, name=frog, age=60]
userTest5 - User [id=id, ic=1005, name=elephant, age=50]
userTest5 - User [id=id, ic=1004, name=dog, age=40]
userTest5 - User [id=id, ic=1003, name=cat, age=30]
```

6. find and \$regex example

Find by regular expression pattern.

```
Query query6 = new Query();
query6.addCriteria(Criteria.where("name").regex("D.*G", "i"));

List<User> userTest6 = mongoOperation.find(query6, User.class);
System.out.println("query6 - " + query6.toString());

for (User user : userTest6) {
    System.out.println("userTest6 - " + user);
}
```

Output

```
query6 - Query: { "name" : { "$regex" : "D.*G" , "$options" : "i" } }, Fields: null, Sort: null
userTest6 - User [id=id, ic=1004, name=dog, age=40]
```

7. Full Example

A full example to combine everything from example 1 to 6.

SpringMongoConfig.java

```
package com.mkyong.config;

import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
import org.springframework.data.mongodb.core.MongoTemplate;

import com.mongodb.MongoClient;

/**
 * Spring MongoDB configuration file
 *
 */
@Configuration
public class SpringMongoConfig{

    public @Bean
    MongoTemplate mongoTemplate() throws Exception {

        MongoTemplate mongoTemplate =
            new MongoTemplate(new MongoClient("127.0.0.1"),"yourdb");
        return mongoTemplate;

    }

}
```

User.java

```
package com.mkyong.model;

import java.util.Date;
import org.springframework.data.annotation.Id;
import org.springframework.data.mongodb.core.index.Indexed;
import org.springframework.data.mongodb.core.mapping.Document;
import org.springframework.format.annotation.DateTimeFormat;
import org.springframework.format.annotation.DateTimeFormat.ISO;

@Document(collection = "users")
public class User {

    @Id
    private String id;

    @Indexed
    private String ic;

    private String name;

    private int age;

    //getter, setter and constructor methods

}
```

QueryApp.java

```
package com.mkyong.core;

import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.List;

import org.springframework.context.ApplicationContext;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.AnnotationConfigApplicationContext;
import org.springframework.data.domain.Sort;
import org.springframework.data.mongodb.core.MongoOperations;
import org.springframework.data.mongodb.core.query.BasicQuery;
import org.springframework.data.mongodb.core.query.Criteria;
import org.springframework.data.mongodb.core.query.Query;

import com.mkyong.config.SpringMongoConfig;
import com.mkyong.model.User;

/**
 * Query example
 *
 * @author mkyong
 *
 */
public class QueryApp {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        ApplicationContext ctx =
            new AnnotationConfigApplicationContext(SpringMongoConfig.class);
        MongoOperations mongoOperation =
            (MongoOperations) ctx.getBean("mongoTemplate");

        // insert 6 users for testing
        List<User> users = new ArrayList<User>();

        User user1 = new User("1001", "ant", 10);
        User user2 = new User("1002", "bird", 20);
        User user3 = new User("1003", "cat", 30);
        User user4 = new User("1004", "dog", 40);
        User user5 = new User("1005", "elephant", 50);
        User user6 = new User("1006", "frog", 60);
        users.add(user1);
        users.add(user2);
        users.add(user3);
        users.add(user4);
        users.add(user5);
        users.add(user6);
        mongoOperation.insert(users, User.class);

        System.out.println("Case 1 - find with BasicQuery example");

        BasicQuery query1 = new BasicQuery("{ age : { $lt : 40 }, name : 'cat' }");
        User userTest1 = mongoOperation.findOne(query1, User.class);

        System.out.println("query1 - " + query1.toString());
        System.out.println("userTest1 - " + userTest1);

        System.out.println("\nCase 2 - find example");

        Query query2 = new Query();
        query2.addCriteria(Criteria.where("name").is("dog").and("age").is(40));

        User userTest2 = mongoOperation.findOne(query2, User.class);
        System.out.println("query2 - " + query2.toString());
        System.out.println("userTest2 - " + userTest2);

        System.out.println("\nCase 3 - find list $inc example");

        List<Integer> listOfAge = new ArrayList<Integer>();
        listOfAge.add(10);
        listOfAge.add(30);
        listOfAge.add(40);

        Query query3 = new Query();
        query3.addCriteria(Criteria.where("age").in(listOfAge));

        List<User> userTest3 = mongoOperation.find(query3, User.class);
```

```
System.out.println("query3 - " + query3.toString());

for (User user : userTest3) {
    System.out.println("userTest3 - " + user);
}

System.out.println("\nCase 4 - find list $and $lt, $gt example");

Query query4 = new Query();

// it hits error
// query4.addCriteria(Criteria.where("age").lt(40).and("age").gt(10));

query4.addCriteria(
    Criteria.where("age").exists(true).andOperator(
        Criteria.where("age").gt(10),
        Criteria.where("age").lt(40)
    )
);

List<User> userTest4 = mongoOperation.find(query4, User.class);
System.out.println("query4 - " + query4.toString());

for (User user : userTest4) {
    System.out.println("userTest4 - " + user);
}

System.out.println("\nCase 5 - find list and sorting example");
Query query5 = new Query();
query5.addCriteria(Criteria.where("age").gte(30));
query5.with(new Sort(Sort.Direction.DESC, "age"));

List<User> userTest5 = mongoOperation.find(query5, User.class);
System.out.println("query5 - " + query5.toString());

for (User user : userTest5) {
    System.out.println("userTest5 - " + user);
}

System.out.println("\nCase 6 - find by regex example");
Query query6 = new Query();
query6.addCriteria(Criteria.where("name").regex("D.*G", "i"));

List<User> userTest6 = mongoOperation.find(query6, User.class);
System.out.println("query6 - " + query6.toString());

for (User user : userTest6) {
    System.out.println("userTest6 - " + user);
}

mongoOperation.dropCollection(User.class);

}

}
```

Output

Case 1 - find with BasicQuery example

```
query1 - Query: { "age" : { "$lt" : 40 } , "name" : "cat"}, Fields: null, Sort: { }
userTest1 - User [id=id, ic=1003, name=cat, age=30]
```

Case 2 - find example

```
query2 - Query: { "name" : "dog" , "age" : 40}, Fields: null, Sort: null
userTest2 - User [id=id, ic=1004, name=dog, age=40]
```

Case 3 - find list \$inc example

```
query3 - Query: { "age" : { "$in" : [ 10 , 30 , 40] }}, Fields: null, Sort: null
userTest3 - User [id=id, ic=1001, name=ant, age=10]
userTest3 - User [id=id, ic=1003, name=cat, age=30]
userTest3 - User [id=id, ic=1004, name=dog, age=40]
```

Case 4 - find list \$and \$lt, \$gt example

```
query4 - Query: { "age" : { "$lt" : 40 } , "$and" : [ { "age" : { "$gt" : 10 } } ]}, Fields: null, Sort: null
userTest4 - User [id=id, ic=1002, name=bird, age=20]
userTest4 - User [id=id, ic=1003, name=cat, age=30]
```

Case 5 - find list and sorting example

```
query5 - Query: { "age" : { "$gte" : 30 }}, Fields: null, Sort: { "age" : -1}
userTest5 - User [id=id, ic=1006, name=frog, age=60]
userTest5 - User [id=id, ic=1005, name=elephant, age=50]
userTest5 - User [id=id, ic=1004, name=dog, age=40]
userTest5 - User [id=id, ic=1003, name=cat, age=30]
```

Case 6 - find by regex example

```
query6 - Query: { "name" : { "$regex" : "D.*G" , "$options" : "i" }}, Fields: null, Sort: null
userTest6 - User [id=id, ic=1004, name=dog, age=40]
```

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> db.ships.find({}, {name:true, _id:false})

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{ "name" : "USS Enterprise-D" }  
{ "name" : "USS Prometheus" }  
{ "name" : "USS Defiant" }  
{ "name" : "IKS Buruk" }  
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{ "name" : "Narada" }
```

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Would you know how to set a max limit number of results returning back?
In Oracle we'd use `setMaxResults(number)` on the Query object.

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I'm trying to create a dynamic query as this: `Criteria.where(key1).is(value1).and(key2).is(value2)` If I use it the query works but if I try: `new Criteria().andOperator(Criteria.where(key1).is(value1), Criteria.where(key2).is(value2))` It doesn't work. I would want to use the second solutions because the number of keys and values aren't fixed. Can someone tell me what's the difference between these solutions or where is the error? Thanks too much. down vote favorite I'm trying to create a dynamic mongodb query using spring criteria. My query is : `Criteria.where(key1).is(value1).and(key2).is(value2)` If I use it the query works but if I try: `new Criteria().andOperator(Criteria.where(key1).is(value1), Criteria.where(key2).is(value2))` It doesn't work. I would... Read more »



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try `query.toString` to print out the query send to MongoDB, and see the different. I agreed that the `and()` and `andOperator()` (<http://www.mkyong.com/author/mkyong/>) are quite confusing. Hope 'Spring data' team will make it more make sense in future release.

And, also refer to example 4, it shows the use of `$and` operator. Hope help.

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how to config so that I can let the project print mongo query when using mongorepository of spring data mongodb



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Great write ups! it helps me resolve a long term issue on our system



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Sorry, I did not understand, for sorting?

Thank you.



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Juhi Bhatia

Hi, I have just started up on spring-data-mongodb and am using version 1.0.0.M2 and mongo-java-driver 2.6.3. Your tutorial was very useful to start with spring-data. I am stuck on using sort() and findOne() together. My POJO to be inserted in mongodb is like this: public MongoTag(String tagName, String value, DataType dataType, long timestamp) { this.tagName = tagName; this.value = value; this.dataType = dataType; this.timestamp = timestamp; } now i need to retrieve say tagName="water temperature" that has been written in the mongodb latest. So i need to sort on timestamp. I am using the following approach: Query query = new... Read more »



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```
Query query = new Query();
query.addCriteria(Criteria.where("tagName").is('water temperature'));
query.with(new Sort(Sort.Direction.DESC, "timestamp"));
```

Refer to example 5 above, find and sorting example.



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how to use '*' or '?' as it use in sql. If I use

```
> db.book.find({"*:*:*??*"}).pretty()
{
  "_id" : ObjectId("51b61eee6b14af5c5e731924"),
  "_class" : "com.library.model.Book",
  "title" : "???????? ???? ???? ???? ????",
  "authors" : "????????",
  "publish" : "??????",
  "category" : "?????",
  "volumeOfPages" : 123,
  "dateOfReceipt" : ISODate("2013-06-08T19:19:03.904Z"),
  "countInStore" : 1,
  "countOnHands" : 0
} or
> db.book.find({"$regex:???", $option:'i'}).pretty()
{
  "_id" : ObjectId("51b61eee6b14af5c5e731924"),
  "_class" : "com.library.model.Book",
  "title" : "???????? ???? ???? ???? ????",
  "authors" : "????????",
  "publish" : "??????",
  "category" : "?????",
```

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"countInStore" : 1,
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}

```

it ok, if I use it java

```

BasicQuery query = new BasicQuery("{ $regex: " + term + ", $option: 'i' }", );
return mongoTemplate.find(query, Book.class);

```

it threw java.lang.CastException what regexp not suitable for DBObject



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Areg

Were you able to find answer to this ?

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Spring data findOne(), find() and getCollection() to get / query documents from [...]



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Ricardo M Lino

Alguém já teve problema de recursão no mongo? Vou tentar explicar com um exemplo. public class Usuario { private GrupoDeUsuario grupo; ... //ggas } public class GrupoDeUsuario { private Usuario criador; ... //ggas } O problema é que na hora que ele vai salvar o Usuario, ele tenta salvar primeiro o Grupo e quando vai salvar o Grupo tenta salvar primeiro o usuário... e assim infinitamente... Alguem sabe como posso fazer isso usando o MongoDB?



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Portuguese? Translate your message from Google translate. The relationship is not really make sense to me, mind to give me a (<http://www.mkyong.com/author/mkyong/>)

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Btw, In Spring data, you can use @Transient to tell Spring to ignore the field.

```

import org.springframework.data.annotation.Transient;

public class GrupoDeUsuario {

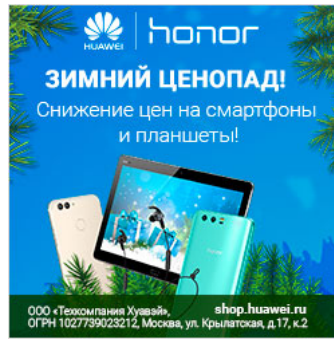
    @Transient
    private Usuario criador;
    ...
    //ggas
}


```

In above example, when GrupoDeUsuario is saved, Usuario will be ignored.



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