Projection: Getting only what you need

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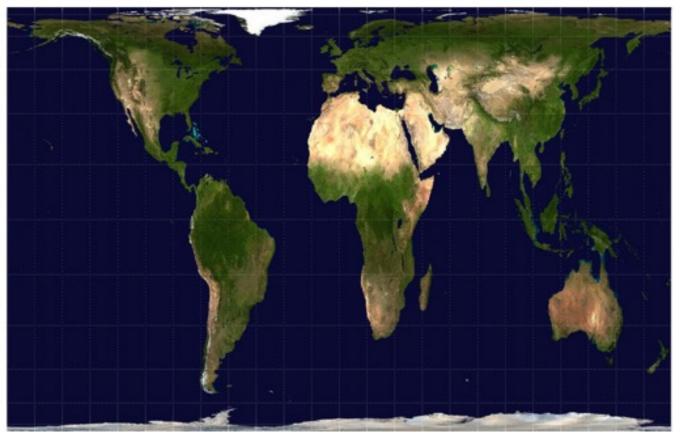


What is "projection"?

- reducing data to fewer dimensions
- asking certain data to "speak up"!

Mercator projection

Gall-Peters projection



Projection in MongoDB

<pymongo.cursor.Cursor at 0x10d6e69e8>

Projection as a dictionary:

- Include fields: "field_name" : 1
- "_id" is included by default

Projection in MongoDB

```
<pymongo.cursor.Cursor at 0x10d6e69e8>
```

```
# convert to list and slice
list(docs)[:3]
```

Missing fields

```
[{'_id': ObjectId('5bc56154f35b634065ba1dff'),
  'firstname': 'United Nations Peacekeeping Forces'},
  {'_id': ObjectId('5bc56154f35b634065ba1df3'),
  'firstname': 'Amnesty International'},
  ...
]
```

Projection as a list

• list the fields to include

```
["field_name1", "field_name2"]
```

"_id" is included by default

Missing fields

```
[{'_id': ObjectId('5bc56154f35b634065ba1dff'),
  'firstname': 'United Nations Peacekeeping Forces'},
  {'_id': ObjectId('5bc56154f35b634065ba1df3'),
  'firstname': 'Amnesty International'},
  ...
]
```

- only projected fields that exist are returned

```
docs = db.laureates.find({}, ["favoriteIceCreamFlavor"])
list(docs)
```

```
[{'_id': ObjectId('5bc56154f35b634065ba1dff')},
    {'_id': ObjectId('5bc56154f35b634065ba1df3')},
    {'_id': ObjectId('5bc56154f35b634065ba1db1')},
    ...
]
```

Simple aggregation

```
docs = db.laureates.find({}, ["prizes"])

n_prizes = 0
for doc in :
    # count the number of pizes in each doc
    n_prizes += len(doc["prizes"])
print(n_prizes)
```

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```
# using comprehension
sum([len(doc["prizes"]) for doc in docs])
```

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Let's project!

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Sorting

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Sorting post-query with Python

```
docs = list(db.prizes.find({"category": "physics"}, ["year"]))
print([doc["year"] for doc in docs][:5])
 ['2018', '2017', '2016', '2015', '2014']
from operator import itemgetter
docs = sorted(docs, key=itemgetter("year"))
print([doc["year"] for doc in docs][:5])
 '1901', '1902', '1903', '1904', '1905']
docs = sorted(docs, key=itemgetter("year"), reverse=True)
print([doc["year"] for doc in docs][:5])
 '2018', '2017', '2016', '2015<mark>'</mark>, '2014']
```



Sorting in-query with MongoDB

```
cursor = db.prizes.find({"category": "physics"}, ["year"],
                        sort=[("year", 1)])
print([doc["year"] for doc in cursor][:5])
['1901', '1902', '1903', '1904', '1905']
cursor = db.prizes.find({"category": "physics"}, ["year"],
                        sort=[("year", -1)])
print([doc["year"] for doc in cursor][:5])
```

```
['2018', '2017', '2016', '2015', '2014']
```

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Primary and secondary sorting

```
1967 physics
1967 medicine
1967 literature
1967 chemistry
1968 physics
1968 peace
1968 medicine
1968 literature
1968 chemistry
1969 physics
1969 peace
1969 medicine
1969 literature
1969 literature
```



Sorting with pymongo versus MongoDB shell

In MongoDB shell:

- Example sort argument: {"year": 1, "category": -1}
- JavaScript objects retain key order as entered

In Python (< 3.7):

```
{"year": 1, "category": 1}

{'category': 1, 'year': 1}

[("year", 1), ("category", 1)]

[('year', 1), ('category', 1)]
```



Let's get sorted!

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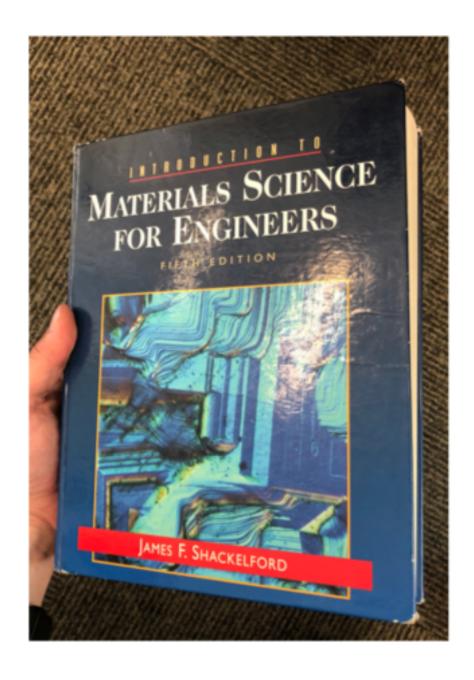


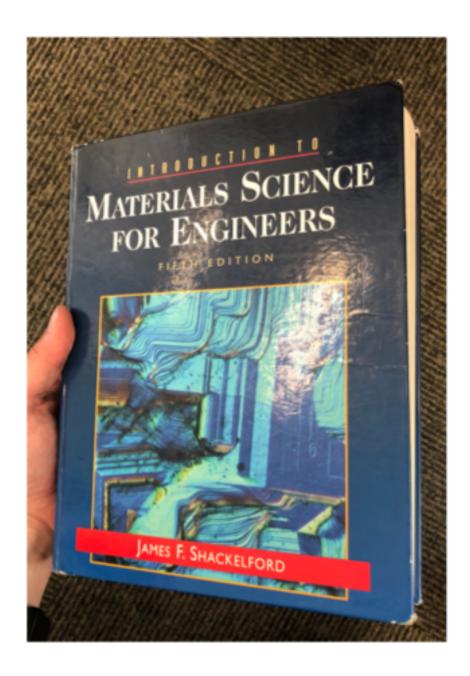
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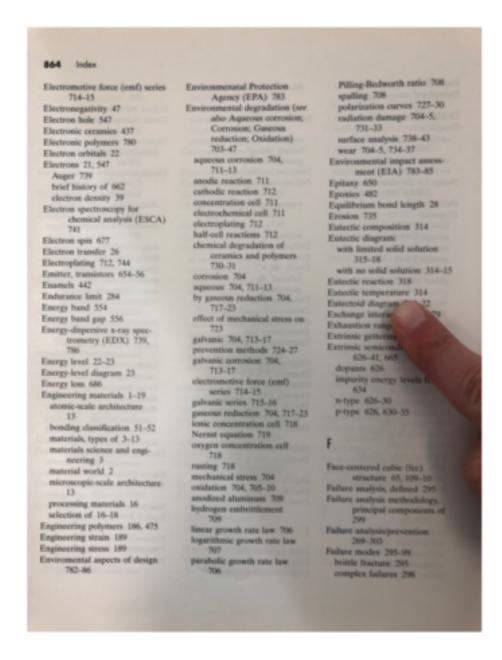


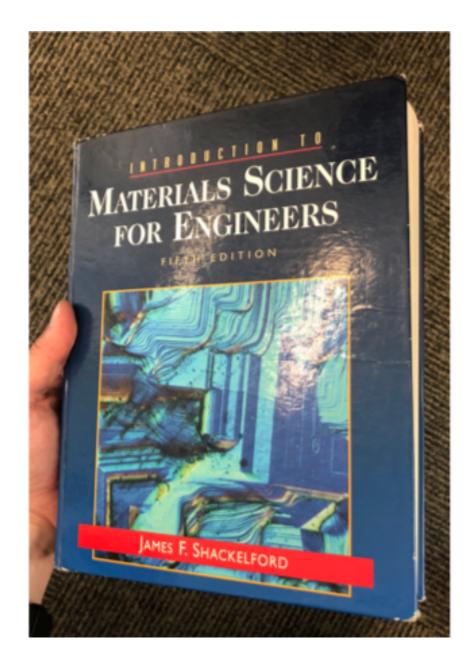
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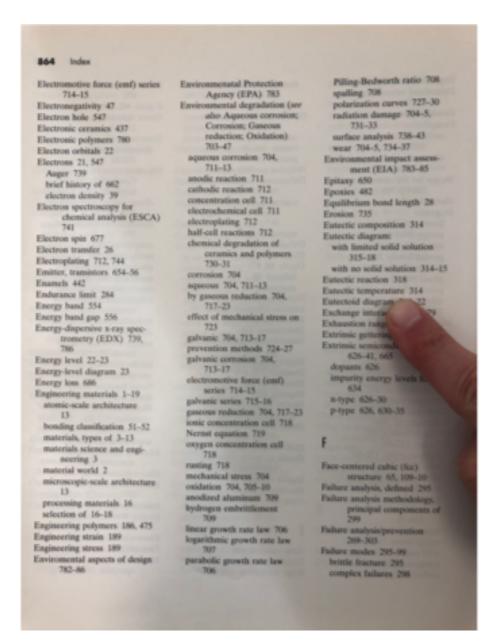


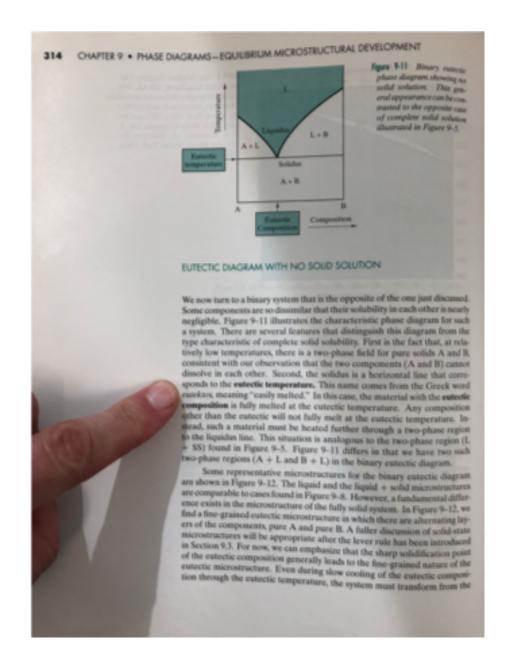












When to use indexes?

- Queries with high specificity
- Large documents
- Large collections

Gauging performance before indexing

```
%%timeit
docs = list(db.prizes.find({"year": "1901"}))
```

```
524 \mus \pm 7.34 \mus per loop (mean \pm std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)
```

```
%%timeit
docs = list(db.prizes.find({}, sort=[("year", 1)]))
```

```
5.18 ms \pm 54.9 \mus per loop (mean \pm std. dev. of 7 runs, 100 loops each)
```



Adding a single-field index

- index model: list of (field, direction) pairs.
- directions: 1 (ascending) and -1 (descending)

```
db.prizes.create_index([("year", 1)])
```

```
'year_1'
```

```
%%timeit
# Previously: 524 μs ± 7.34 μs
docs = list(db.prizes.find({"year": "1901"}))
```

```
379 μs ± 1.62 μs per loop
(mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)
```

```
%%timeit
# Previously: 5.18 ms ± 54.9 µs
docs = list(db.prizes.find({}, sort=[("year", 1)]))
```

```
4.28 ms ± 95.7 μs per loop
(mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 100 loops each)
```

```
4.28 ms \pm 95.7 \mus per loop (mean \pm std. dev. of 7 runs,
```

Adding a compound (multiple-field) index

```
db.prizes.create_index([("category", 1), ("year", 1)])
```

index "covering" a query with projection

```
# Before
645 μs ± 3.87 μs per loop
(mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)
# After
503 μs ± 4.37 μs per loop
(mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)
```

index "covering" a query with projection and sorting

```
# Before
673 μs ± 3.36 μs per loop
(mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)
# After
407 μs ± 5.51 μs per loop
(mean ± std. dev. of 7 runs, 1000 loops each)
```

Learn more: ask your collection and your queries

'inputStage': {'stage': 'COLLSCAN',

```
'winningPlan': {'stage': 'PROJECTION',
   'transformBy': {'bornCountry': 1, '_id': 0},
   'inputStage': {'stage': 'IXSCAN',
    'keyPattern': {'firstname': 1, 'bornCountry': 1},
    'indexName': 'firstname_1_bornCountry_1',
...
```

Let's practice!

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Limits and Skips with Sorts, Oh My!

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Limiting our exploration

```
for doc in db.prizes.find({"laureates.share": "3"}):
    print("{year} {category}".format(**doc))
```

```
2017 chemistry
2017 medicine
2016 chemistry
2015 chemistry
2014 physics
2014 chemistry
2013 chemistry
...
```

```
for doc in db.prizes.find({"laureates.share": "3"}, limit=3):
    print("{year} {category}".format(**doc))
```

```
2017 chemistry
2017 medicine
2016 chemistry
```

Skips and paging through results

```
for doc in db.prizes.find({"laureates.share": "3"}, limit=3):
    print("{year} {category}".format(**doc))
```

```
2017 chemistry
2017 medicine
2016 chemistry
```

```
for doc in db.prizes.find({"laureates.share": "3"}, skip=3, limit=3)
    print("{year} {category}".format(**doc))
```

```
2015 chemistry
2014 physics
2014 chemistry
```

```
for doc in db.prizes.find({"laureates.share": "3"}, skip=6, limit=3)
    print("{year} {category}".format(**doc))
```

```
2013 chemistry
2013 medicine
2013 economics
```

Using cursor methods for {sort, skip, limit}

```
for doc in db.prizes.find({"laureates.share": "3"}).limit(3):
    print("{year} {category}".format(**doc))
```

```
2017 chemistry
2017 medicine
2016 chemistry
```

```
for doc in (db.prizes.find({"laureates.share": "3"}).skip(3).limit(3
    print("{year} {category}".format(**doc))
```

```
2015 chemistry
2014 physics
2014 chemistry
```

```
1954 medicine
1956 physics
1956 medicine
```

Simpler sorts of sort

```
cursor1 = (db.prizes.find({"laureates.share": "3"}).skip(3).limit(3)
          .sort([("year", 1)]))
cursor2 = (db.prizes.find({"laureates.share": "3"}).skip(3).limit(3)
          .sort("year", 1))
cursor3 = (db.prizes.find({"laureates.share": "3"}).skip(3).limit(3)
          .sort("year"))
docs = list(cursor1)
assert docs == list(cursor2) == list(cursor3)
for doc in docs:
    print("{year} {category}".format(**doc))
1954 medicine
1956 physics
1956 medicine
doc = db.prizes.find_one({"laureates.share": "3"},
```



Limit or Skip Practice? Exactly.

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