How to Install MongoDB on Ubuntu 22.04 | 7 Steps

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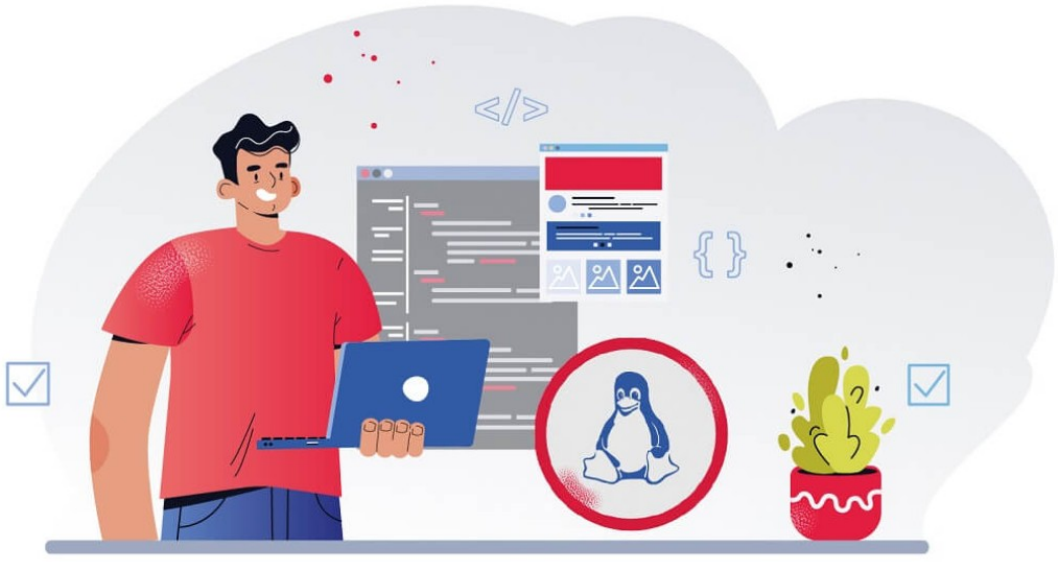
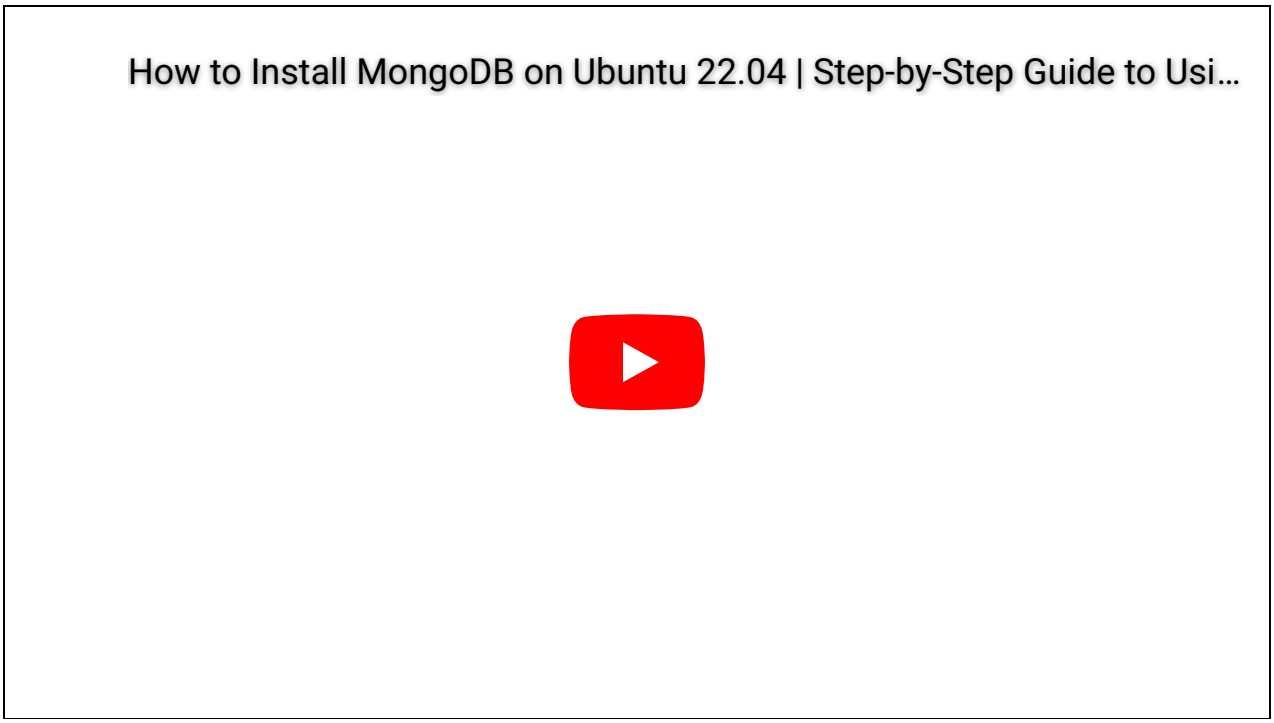


Not using Ubuntu 22.04? Check our previous guide on How to Install MongoDB on Ubuntu 20.04.

Developers use MongoDB for its flexibility, scalability, performance, and ecosystem - key capabilities needed to build and power modern applications. In a few configuration steps, you can install MongoDB on your Ubuntu 22.04 LTS machine, the latest long-term support release of the Ubuntu Linux distribution.

This step-by-step tutorial will cover the entire process, from how to install MongoDB on Ubu 22.04 to how to use it, with necessary commands and code examples. We will focus on insta the MongoDB Community Edition on Ubuntu 22.04, code-named Jammy JellyFish.



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What is MongoDB?

MongoDB is an open-source, cross-platform database that has become widely used for developing high-performance, scalable applications. It differs from traditional SQL databases in how it models and organizes data.

Instead of rigid, tabular relations, MongoDB is built on a flexible, document-oriented data model. Each entity is stored as a BSON document – a binary representation of JSON-like field-value pairs. Documents contain hierarchical structures with arrays and sub-documents, mirroring complex real-world data.

The declarative document model, dynamic schemas, and native scaling capabilities make MongoDB popular for agile development with fewer data restrictions.

What is mongodb used for?

MongoDB is used for building any applications, such as web applications or mobile apps, that involve large volumes of rapidly changing, semi-structured, or unstructured data. Because of its flexible data structure, MongoDB is a logical option for developers seeking to quickly build applications that can scale while managing large amounts of data processing requirements.

The Current stable release is MongoDB 7.0. This is a major release that was released in August 2013 and is supported both by on-premise deployments and MongoDB Atlas, a multi-cloud database service.

MongoDB 7.0 packs the following key improvements to enhance developer experience.

- Enhanced security with Queryable Encryption that helps with encryption of data from the client side and running expressive queries on randomized data.
- Performance enhancements which include compound wildcard indexing, and improved sharding diagnostics for metadata, cluster, database, and collection levels. In addition, working with time-series data and large datasets has been streamlined.
- Efficient and smoother data migration thanks to cluster-to-cluster sync that provides more flexibility when syncing data across database clusters.
- Smoother developer experience with the implementation of user role variables, support for fine-grained updates and deletes in time-series collections, improved cache refresh time fields, and much more.

Check out the MongoDB 7.0 release notes for a more in-depth look at the latest features and improvements with the current release of MongoDB.

Prerequisites

To follow along this tutorial and install MongoDB on Ubuntu 22.04, you need the following set of requirements:

- An instance of Ubuntu 22.04 LTS with SSH access;
- A regular login user with sudo privileges configured on the instance.

How to Install MongoDB on Ubuntu 22.04: Step-by-step

After completing the following seven steps, you can install and configure MongoDB on your Ubuntu 22.04 system. The first two steps walk you through the installation process. The remaining steps detail how to create a database and database users, secure the database server, configure remote access, and work with the MongoDB database.

Step 1: Install MongoDB on Ubuntu 22.04

The first step is to install the prerequisite packages needed during the installation. To do so, run the following command.

```
sudo apt install software-properties-common gnupg apt-transport-https ca-certificates -y
```

To install the most recent MongoDB package, you need to add the MongoDB package repository to your sources list file on Ubuntu. Before that, you need to import the public key for MongoDB on your system using the wget command as follows:

```
curl -fsSL https://pgp.mongodb.com/server-7.0.asc |  sudo gpg -o /usr/share/keyrings/mong
```

Next, add MongoDB 7.0 APT repository to the `/etc/apt/sources.list.d` directory.

```
echo "deb [ arch=amd64,arm64 signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/mongodb-server-7.0.gpg ] https
```

The command adds the MongoDB 7.0 sources list file to the `/etc/apt/sources.list.d/` directory. This file contains a single line that reads:

```
deb [ arch=amd64,arm64 signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/mongodb-server-7.0.gpg ] https://rep
```

```
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$ cat /etc/apt/sources.list.d/mongodb-org-7.0.list
deb [ arch=amd64,arm64 signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/mongodb-server-7.0.gpg ] https://repo.mo
ngodb.org/apt/ubuntu jammy/mongodb-org/7.0 multiverse
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$
```

Once the repository is added, reload the local package index.

```
sudo apt update
```

The command refreshes the local repositories and makes Ubuntu aware of the newly added MongoDB 7.0 repository.

With that out of the way, install the `mongodb-org` meta-package that provides MongoDB.

```
sudo apt install mongodb-org -y
```

```
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$ sudo apt install mongodb-org -y
[sudo] password for cherry:
Reading package lists ... Done
Building dependency tree ... Done
Reading state information ... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  mongodb-database-tools mongodb-mongosh mongodb-org-database
  mongodb-org-database-tools-extra mongodb-org-mongos mongodb-org-server mongodb-org-shell
  mongodb-org-tools
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  mongodb-database-tools mongodb-mongosh mongodb-org mongodb-org-database
  mongodb-org-database-tools-extra mongodb-org-mongos mongodb-org-server mongodb-org-shell
  mongodb-org-tools
0 upgraded, 9 newly installed, 0 to remove and 119 not upgraded.
Need to get 157 MB of archives.
After this operation, 511 MB of additional disk space will be used.
```

The command installs the MongoDB database server along with the database core components including the shell tools. Once the installation is complete, verify the version of MongoDB installed:

```
mongod --version
```

```
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$ mongod --version
db version v7.0.0
Build Info: {
    "version": "7.0.0",
    "gitVersion": "37d84072b5c5b9fd723db5fa133fb202ad2317f1",
    "openSSLVersion": "OpenSSL 3.0.2 15 Mar 2022",
    "modules": [],
    "allocator": "tcmalloc",
    "environment": {
        "distmod": "ubuntu2204",
        "distarch": "x86_64",
        "target_arch": "x86_64"
    }
}
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$
```

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This lists a bunch of information including the version, Git, and OPenSSL version among other details.

Step 2: Start MongoDB service

The MongoDB service is disabled upon installation by default, and you can verify this by running the below command:

```
sudo systemctl status mongod
```

```
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$ sudo systemctl status mongod
○ mongod.service - MongoDB Database Server
     Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/mongod.service; disabled; vendor preset: enabled)
     Active: inactive (dead)
       Docs: https://docs.mongodb.org/manual
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$
```

To start the MongoDB service, execute the command:

```
sudo systemctl start mongod
```

Once again, confirm if the service is running:

```
sudo systemctl status mongod
```

```
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$ sudo systemctl start mongod
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$ sudo systemctl status mongod
● mongod.service - MongoDB Database Server
     Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/mongod.service; disabled; vendor preset: enabled)
     Active: active (running) since Mon 2023-09-04 17:39:20 UTC; 5s ago
       Docs: https://docs.mongodb.org/manual
   Main PID: 389209 (mongod)
     Memory: 74.2M
        CPU: 1.170s
     CGroup: /system.slice/mongod.service
```

From the above output, you can see that MongoDB is up and running. Additionally, you can confirm that the database is up and running by checking if the server is listening on its default port which is port 27017.

To do so, run the following `ss` command:

```
$ sudo ss -pnltu | grep 27017
```

You should see the following output on your terminal.

```
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$ sudo ss -pnltu | grep 27017
tcp   LISTEN 0      4096       127.0.0.1:27017      0.0.0.0:*    users:(("mongod",pid=389209,
fd=13))

cherry@ubuntu:~$
```

After you have verified the service is running as expected, you can now enable MongoDB to start on boot as shown.

```
sudo systemctl enable mongod
```

```
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$ sudo systemctl enable mongod
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/mongod.service → /lib/systemd/sys
tem/mongod.service.
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$
```

So far, MongoDB has successfully been installed and configured to start on boot.

Step 3: Create MongoDB database and user

By now, your MongoDB instance should be running and configured for remote access. Let's shift gears and explore how to create a database and a user in MongoDB.

To access MongoDB, run the command:

```
mongosh
```

Before you drop to the MongoDB shell, you will see some details about MongoDB, like the version of MongoDB and MongoDB shell and the URL for the Mongosh documentation.

Above the Mongo shell prompt, you will also see a warning suggesting that access control hasn't been enabled for the database and that read and write access to data and configuration is restricted. This warning is displayed because authentication hasn't been enabled yet - it will disappear after authentication to the database is enabled.

```
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$ mongosh
Current Mongosh Log ID: 64f6269d79e6eaa70333e469
Connecting to:          mongodb://127.0.0.1:27017/?directConnection=true&serverSelectionTimeo
utMS=2000&appName=mongosh+1.10.6
Using MongoDB:          7.0.0
Using Mongosh:          1.10.6

For mongosh info see: https://docs.mongodb.com/mongodb-shell/
```

```
------
   The server generated these startup warnings when booting
   2023-09-04T17:39:20.618+00:00: Using the XFS filesystem is strongly recommended with the W
iredTiger storage engine. See http://dochub.mongodb.org/core/prodnotes-filesystem
   2023-09-04T17:39:21.546+00:00: Access control is not enabled for the database. Read and wr
ite access to data and configuration is unrestricted
   2023-09-04T17:39:21.547+00:00: vm.max_map_count is too low
------
```

Three databases are created upon installation by default. These are `admin`, `config`, and `local`. To list the existing databases, run the command:

```
show dbs
```

```
test> show dbs
admin   40.00 KiB
config  72.00 KiB
local   40.00 KiB
test>
```

To create a database, invoke the `use` command followed by the database name. For instance, to create a database called `employees` run the command:

```
use employees
```

To confirm the database you are currently in, run the `db` command. In this case, you will get `employees` as the output.

```
db
```

```
test> use employees
switched to db employees
employees>

employees>

employees> db
employees
employees>
```

MongoDB provides several shell methods for managing your database. The db.createUser method allows you to create a new user in a database.

This method requires you to define the username and password of the user and any roles you wish to grant the user. This information is presented in JSON format.

Here is the syntax of creating a user called `cherry` with read and write roles on the `employees` database.

```
db.createUser(
  {
    user: "cherry",
    pwd: "some_password",
    roles: [ { role: "readWrite", db: "employees" } ]
  }
)
```

```
employees> db.createUser(
...   {
...     user: "cherry",
...     pwd: "some_password",
...     roles: [ { role: "readWrite", db: "employees" } ]
...   }
... )
{ ok: 1 }
employees>
```

You can list the users created using the `db.getUsers()` method.

```
db.getUsers();
```

Output:

```
employees> db.getUsers();
{
  users: [
    {
      _id: 'employees.cherry',
      userId: new UUID("13a259be-81fd-4ae0-91a5-e086d9ca95d8"),
      user: 'cherry',
      db: 'employees',
      roles: [ { role: 'readWrite', db: 'employees' } ],
      mechanisms: [ 'SCRAM-SHA-1', 'SCRAM-SHA-256' ]
    }
  ],
  ok: 1
}
employees>
```

Alternatively, run the command:

```
show users
```

Output:

```
employees> show users
[
  {
    _id: 'employees.cherry',
    userId: new UUID("13a259be-81fd-4ae0-91a5-e086d9ca95d8"),
    user: 'cherry',
    db: 'employees',
    roles: [ { role: 'readWrite', db: 'employees' } ],
    mechanisms: [ 'SCRAM-SHA-1', 'SCRAM-SHA-256' ]
  }
]
employees>
```

To delete the user, use the `db.dropUser` method as shown.

```
db.dropUser("cherry", {w: "majority", wtimeout: 4000})
```

Output:

```
{ ok: 1 }
```

```
employees> db.dropUser("cherry", {w: "majority", wtimeout: 4000})
{ ok: 1 }
employees>
```

Step 4: Secure MongoDB on Ubuntu

Authentication is not enabled by default in MongoDB, implying that any user with access to the database server can view, add, and delete data. This vulnerability can cause a serious breach of your data, which is why it is important to secure MongoDB. In this section, we will demonstrate how you can secure MongoDB on Ubuntu 22.04.

As the first step, you need to create an administrative user and to do so, first access the Mongo Shell.

```
mongosh
```

As the next step, connect or switch to the admin database.

```
use admin
```

Then, create the database user by pasting these lines and hitting ENTER on the keyboard.

```
db.createUser(
  {
    user: "AdminCherry",
    pwd: passwordPrompt(),
    roles: [ { role: "userAdminAnyDatabase", db: "admin" }, "readWriteAnyDatabase" ]
 }
)
```

Let's break down this code.

The `user: "AdminCherry"` line creates an Administrative user called `AdminCherry` .

The `pwd: passwordPrompt()` method prompts you for the administrative user's password. It is a safer alternative to the `pwd:` field, which requires you to type the password in cleartext.

The `roles: [ { role: "userAdminAnyDatabase", db: "admin" }, "readWriteAnyDatabase" ]` line defines the roles granted to the administrative user. Here, the Administrative user is granted read and write permissions to the `admin` database. Since this role is defined in the `admin` database, the administrative user, as a result, can read and modify all the databases in the cluster.

Here is the output after running the command.

```
test> use admin
switched to db admin
admin>

admin> db.createUser(
...   {
...     user: "AdminCherry",
...     pwd: passwordPrompt(),
...     roles: [ { role: "userAdminAnyDatabase", db: "admin" }, "readWriteAnyDatabase" ]
...   }
... )
Enter password
[redacted]
**************{ ok: 1 }
admin>
```

Run the `exit` command or press `CTRL + C` to exit from the Mongo Shell.

With the Admin user in place, the next step is to enable authentication. For this, exit the MongoDB shell and open the `mongod.conf` file.

```
sudo nano /etc/mongod.conf
```

Scroll down and find the `security` section. Uncomment it, add the `authorization` directive, and set it to `enabled` .

```
security:
    authorization: enabled
```

Note that the `authorization` parameter is indented while `security` has no space at the beginning.

Next, save the changes and exit from the configuration file. To apply the changes, restart MongoDB as shown.

```
sudo systemctl restart mongod
```

Furthermore, check if the service is running as expected.

```
sudo systemctl status mongod
```

Now login to Mongo Shell.

```
mongosh
```

This time, you will see that the startup warnings have disappeared.

```
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$ mongosh
Current Mongosh Log ID: 64f7636c876396e2c47aaa76
Connecting to:          mongodb://127.0.0.1:27017/?directConnection=true&serverSelectionTime
outMS=2000&appName=mongosh+1.10.6
Using MongoDB:          7.0.0
Using Mongosh:          1.10.6

For mongosh info see: https://docs.mongodb.com/mongodb-shell/

test>
```

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However, if you try to perform any database-related task, like viewing databases, you will get some output suggesting that authentication is required.

```
show dbs
```

```
test> show dbs
MongoServerError: Command listDatabases requires authentication
test>
```

To authenticate, first, log out of the Mongo Shell by running the `exit` command. Then log in using the administrative user as follows.

```
mongosh -u AdminCherry -p --authenticationDatabase admin
```

Enter the administrative user's password, and this time, the authentication warnings you encountered before will have disappeared.

```
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$ mongosh -u AdminCherry -p --authenticationDatabase admin
Enter password: ***************
Current Mongosh Log ID: 64f768254373190126516 1d0
Connecting to:          mongodb://<credentials>@127.0.0.1:27017/?directConnection=true&server
SelectionTimeoutMS=2000&authSource=admin&appName=mongosh+1.10.6
Using MongoDB:          7.0.0
Using Mongosh:          1.10.6

For mongosh info see: https://docs.mongodb.com/mongodb-shell/

test>

test> exit
cherry@ubuntu:~$
cherry@ubuntu:~$
```

From here on, only the administrative user can view, create, and modify the data in the database. To exit the shell, run the `exit` command.

Step 5: Configure MongoDB for remote access

MongoDB is set to be accessed locally on the same server it was installed on by default, and to enable remote access, you must edit the `/etc/mongod.conf` file, the main configuration file for MongoDB.

This file contains settings for the database storage location, logging, networking, and process management.

You can access the configuration file using your text editor.

```
sudo nano /etc/mongod.conf
```

Locate the `network interfaces` section and pay attention to the `bindIP` value.

```
# network interfaces
net:
  port: 27017
  bindIp: 127.0.0.1
```

By default, MongoDB is bound to 127.0.0.1, the loopback address interface, which implies that MongoDB can only accept connections from the same server where it was installed.

Add a comma followed by the Mongo server's IP address to allow remote access.

```
  bindIp: 127.0.0.1, mongo-server-ip
```

Next, save the changes and exit the configuration file. To apply these changes, restart MongoDB.

```
sudo systemctl restart mongod
```

If UFW is enabled, run the following command to allow incoming connections from a remote machine.

```
sudo ufw allow from remote_machine_ip to any port 27017
```

To effect the changes, reload the firewall.

```
sudo ufw reload
```

Step 6: Access MongoDB remotely

There are a couple of ways to access the MongoDB shell remotely. You can use the Netcat utility to initiate a TCP connection to port 27017, the default port that MongoDB listens to.

If it still needs to be installed on the client machine, install Netcat as follows.

```
sudo apt install netcat
```

Next, to establish a connection to the MongoDB server via port 27017, run the following command:

```
nc -zv mongodb_server_ip 27017
```

The following output indicates that the connection was successful.

Output:

```
Connection to mongodb_server_ip 27017 port [tcp/*] succeeded!
```

```
root@ubuntu:~#
root@ubuntu:~# nc -zv 173.82.232.55 27017
Connection to 173.82.232.55 27017 port [tcp/*] succeeded!
root@ubuntu:~#
root@ubuntu:~# _
```

Alternatively, you can log in using Mongo Shell as follows.

```
mongosh "mongodb://username@mongo_server_ip:27017"
```

The shell automatically prompts you for the admin user's password.

```
root@ubuntu:~#
root@ubuntu:~# mongosh  "mongodb://AdminCherry@173.82.232.55:27017"
Enter password: ***************
Current Mongosh Log ID: 64f7700ee128755de4602ddb
Connecting to:          mongodb://<credentials>@173.82.232.55:27017/?directConnection=true&ap
pName=mongosh+1.10.6
Using MongoDB:          7.0.0
Using Mongosh:          1.10.6

For mongosh info see: https://docs.mongodb.com/mongodb-shell/


To help improve our products, anonymous usage data is collected and sent to MongoDB periodica
lly (https://www.mongodb.com/legal/privacy-policy).
You can opt-out by running the disableTelemetry() command.

test>
```

> **NOTE:** for this to work, ensure that the version of Mongo shell is the same both on the client and remote MongoDB server.

Step 7: How to use MongoDB - working with the MongoDB database

There are a number of database operations that you can carry out in MongoDB. For example, you can create, retrieve, update, and delete records from a database.

1. Inserting data

To create a document in a collection, use the `.insertOne()` method. This method supports several data types, like strings, integers, boolean values, and arrays.

In the previous step, we created a test database called `employees`. Now, we will create a collection and add a few documents - a collection contains one or more documents.

So, once again, log in to the MongoDB server with authentication:

```
mongosh -u AdminCherry -p --authenticationDatabase admin
```

Switch to the `employees` database.

```
use employees
```

Run the following command which creates a collection called `staff` and adds a document with employee user data.

```
db.staff.insertOne({ name: "Alice", age: 25, city: "London", married: true, hobbies: ["Tr
```

The command displays the following output, acknowledging the insertion of data.

Output:

```
{
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: ObjectId("64f799b4a974192c06cdce9f")
}
```

```
employees> db.staff.insertOne({ name: "Alice", age: 25, city: "London", married: true, hobbie
s: ["Travelling", "Swimming", "Cooking"] })
{
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: ObjectId("64f799b4a974192c06cdce9f")
}
employees>
```

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2. Retrieving data

With a document already created in the `staff` collection, you can retrieve it and filter the results using the `.find()` method.

For example, to retrieve all the documents in the `staff` collection, run the following command:

```
db.staff.find()
```

Output:

```
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId("62647ff866c1f054568a11b5"),
    name: 'Alice',
    age: 25,
    city: 'London',
    married: true,
    hobbies: [ 'Travelling', 'Swimming', 'Cooking' ]
  }
]
```

```
employees> db.staff.find()
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId("64f799b4a974192c06cdce9f"),
    name: 'Alice',
    age: 25,
    city: 'London',
    married: true,
    hobbies: [ 'Travelling', 'Swimming', 'Cooking' ]
  }
]
employees>
```

Now, let's try adding a few more documents and run a few queries on the collection.

```
db.staff.insertOne({ name: "Bob", age: 29, city: "Liverpool", married: false, hobbies: ["
```

```
db.staff.insertOne({ name: "Winnie", age: 25, city: "Bristol", married: true, hobbies: ["
```

```
employees> db.staff.insertOne({ name: "Bob", age: 29, city: "Liverpool", married: false, hobb
ies: ["Hiking", "Watching movies", "Driving"] })
{
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: ObjectId("64f7a050a974192c06cdcea0")
}
employees>

employees>

employees> db.staff.insertOne({ name: "Winnie", age: 25, city: "Bristol", married: true, hobb
ies: ["Playing chess", "Surfing", "Painting"] })
{
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: ObjectId("64f7a06ba974192c06cdcea1")
}
employees>
```

To query records of employees who are married, run the command.

```
db.staff.find({ married: true })
```

The output provides records of married employees only.

Output:

```
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId("62647ff866c1f054568a11b5"),
    name: 'Alice',
    age: 25,
    city: 'London',
    married: true,
    hobbies: [ 'Travelling', 'Swimming', 'Cooking' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId("626483d6b490694bc675b767"),
    name: 'Winnie',
    age: 25,
    city: 'Bristol',
    married: true,
    hobbies: [ 'Playing chess', 'Surfing', 'Painting' ]
  }
]
```

```
employees> db.staff.find({ married: true })
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId("64f799b4a974192c06cdce9f"),
    name: 'Alice',
    age: 25,
    city: 'London',
    married: true
```

```
    married: true,
    hobbies: [ 'Travelling', 'Swimming', 'Cooking' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId("64f7a06ba974192c06cdcea1"),
    name: 'Winnie',
    age: 25,
    city: 'Bristol',
    married: true,
    hobbies: [ 'Playing chess', 'Surfing', 'Painting' ]
  }
]
employees>
```

3. Updating data

To update or modify records, use the `.update()` method. In this example, we demonstrate how you can change the `name` value of the second record from `Bob` to `Robert`.

```
db.staff.update({ name: "Bob" }, {$set: { name: "Robert" }})
```

The output shown confirms that the update of the record was successful.

Output:

```
{
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: null,
  matchedCount: 1,
  modifiedCount: 1,
  upsertedCount: 0
}
```

```
employees> db.staff.updateOne({ name: "Bob" }, {$set: { name: "Robert" }})
{
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: null,
  matchedCount: 1,
  modifiedCount: 1,
  upsertedCount: 0
}
employees>
```

You can now query to see if you can find a record that matches the name `Robert` as follows.

```
db.staff.find({ name: "Robert" })
```

Output:

```
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId("64f7a050a974192c06cdcea0"),
    name: 'Robert',
    age: 29,
    city: 'Liverpool',
    married: false,
    hobbies: [ 'Hiking', 'Watching movies', 'Driving' ]
  }
]
```

```
employees> db.staff.find({ name: "Robert" })
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId("64f7a050a974192c06cdcea0"),
    name: 'Robert',
    age: 29,
    city: 'Liverpool',
    married: false,
    hobbies: [ 'Hiking', 'Watching movies', 'Driving' ]
  }
]
employees>
```

4. Deleting data

MongoDB shell provides two methods for deleting records:

```
.deleteOne()
.deleteMany()
```

The `.deleteOne()` method is used to delete a single record or document from a collection. For example, to delete Robert's record, run the following query.

```
db.staff.deleteOne({ name: "Robert"})
```

The `.deleteMany()` method deletes multiple documents from a collection.

> **NOTE** The recommended way to remove a single record is by using the record's `_id` value. This is a unique value given to each record and is preferred over defining

> individual entries such as `name:'Robert '`, which would result in the deletion of all records bearing the name `Robert .`

To safely delete `Robert's` record without unintentionally deleting other records with the same entry, specify the `_id` value instead.

```
db.staff.deleteOne({ _id: ObjectId("64f7a050a974192c06cdcea0")})
```

Output:

```
{ acknowledged: true, deletedCount: 1 }
```

Additionally, you can delete documents based on a certain criterion. In this case, use the `.deleteMany()` method for deleting multiple records.

For example, to delete all documents in the `staff` collection where employees are married, run the command:

```
db.staff.deleteMany({married: true})
```

Output:

```
{ acknowledged: true, deletedCount: 1 }
```

```
employees>

employees> db.staff.deleteMany({married: true})
{ acknowledged: true, deletedCount: 2 }
employees>

employees>
```

To delete all the documents in the collection, use the `deleteMany()` method without arguments:

```
db.staff.deleteMany({ })
```

If you try querying the collection, you will see that the output will be blank, which is a clear

indication that all the documents have been deleted and that the collection is now empty.

```
employees> db.staff.deleteMany({})
{ acknowledged: true, deletedCount: 1 }
employees>

employees>

employees> db.staff.find()

employees>
```

Summing up

This tutorial covered how to install MongoDB on Ubuntu 22.04 and start using this powerful open-source database. On their official website, you can find further documentation on MongoDB's advanced features and use cases.

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