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EXPERIMENT NO. 01**

**CO/LO: CO1-Develop a full stack web application.**

**AIM / OBJECTIVE:** Setting Up MERN Stack Environment Install necessary software/tools and verify basic functionality for each component.

**THEORY:**

The MERN stack is a popular JavaScript-based web development framework used to build full-stack applications. It stands for:

- **M:** MongoDB (Database) A NoSQL database for storing application data in a flexible, JSON-like format.
- **E:** Express.js (Backend Framework) A lightweight web application framework for Node.js, used to build server-side applications.
- **R:** React.js (Frontend Framework) A JavaScript library for building dynamic, responsive user interfaces.
- **N:** Node.js (Runtime Environment) A JavaScript runtime environment for executing server-side code.
- **SQL Databases Vs NoSQL Databases:**

SQL Databases	NoSQL Databases
Relational databases with a structured schema (e.g., MySQL, PostgreSQL).	Non-relational databases designed for flexibility and scalability (e.g., MongoDB, CouchDB)
Data is stored in tables with rows and columns	Data is stored in formats like JSON, key-value pairs, or graphs
Suitable for applications requiring ACID (Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability) properties	Ideal for applications with unstructured or semi-structured data

**Basic MongoDB Operations**

- **Create:** Insert new documents into a collection.
- **Read:** Retrieve documents from a collection.
- **Update:** Modify existing documents.



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- **Delete:** Remove documents from a collection.

## **Key Components of the MERN Stack**

### **1. MongoDB (Database Layer)**

- **Purpose:** Stores application data in a flexible, document-oriented, NoSQL format.
- **Key Features:**
  - Stores data in JSON-like documents.
  - Scalable and supports distributed databases.
  - Allows for easy integration with Node.js applications via libraries like Mongoose.
- **Role in MERN:** Acts as the database to persist application data.

### **2. Express.js (Backend Framework)**

- **Purpose:** A lightweight, flexible web application framework for Node.js.
- **Key Features:**
  - Simplifies the process of building APIs and managing server logic.
  - Supports middleware to handle HTTP requests, responses, and errors.
  - Integrates seamlessly with MongoDB for database operations.
- **Role in MERN:** Handles routing, server-side logic, and API endpoints.

### **3. React.js (Frontend Framework)**

- **Purpose:** A JavaScript library for building user interfaces.
- **Key Features:**
  - Component-based architecture for reusable UI elements.
  - Virtual DOM for efficient updates and rendering.
  - Strong community support and extensive ecosystem.
- **Role in MERN:** Builds the dynamic, responsive user interface (frontend).

### **4. Node.js (Runtime Environment)**

- **Purpose:** Executes JavaScript code on the server side.



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- **Key Features:**
  - Built on Chrome's V8 engine for fast execution.
  - Non-blocking, event-driven architecture for handling concurrent requests.
  - Enables the use of JavaScript for both client and server sides.
- **Role in MERN:** Provides the runtime environment for running the server-side application.

### How MERN Architecture Works

#### 1. Frontend (React):

- The user interacts with the React.js frontend, which renders components and handles user actions.
- React communicates with the backend via HTTP requests to perform CRUD operations.

#### 2. Backend (Express and Node.js):

- Express.js, running on Node.js, handles incoming requests, processes business logic, and routes the requests to the appropriate endpoints.
- It also handles communication with the MongoDB database for data storage and retrieval.

#### 3. Database (MongoDB):

- MongoDB stores application data in collections as JSON-like documents.
- The backend uses libraries like Mongoose to perform database operations efficiently.

#### 4. Data Flow:

- The React frontend sends API requests to the Express.js server.
- Express processes these requests and interacts with MongoDB for any required data.
  - The server returns the requested data or status to the frontend, which updates the user interface dynamically.

### Prerequisites



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- Install Node.js: <https://nodejs.org/> □ Install MongoDB: <https://www.mongodb.com/try/download/community>
- Install a code editor (e.g., Visual Studio Code): <https://code.visualstudio.com/>



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□ Install MongoDB Compass

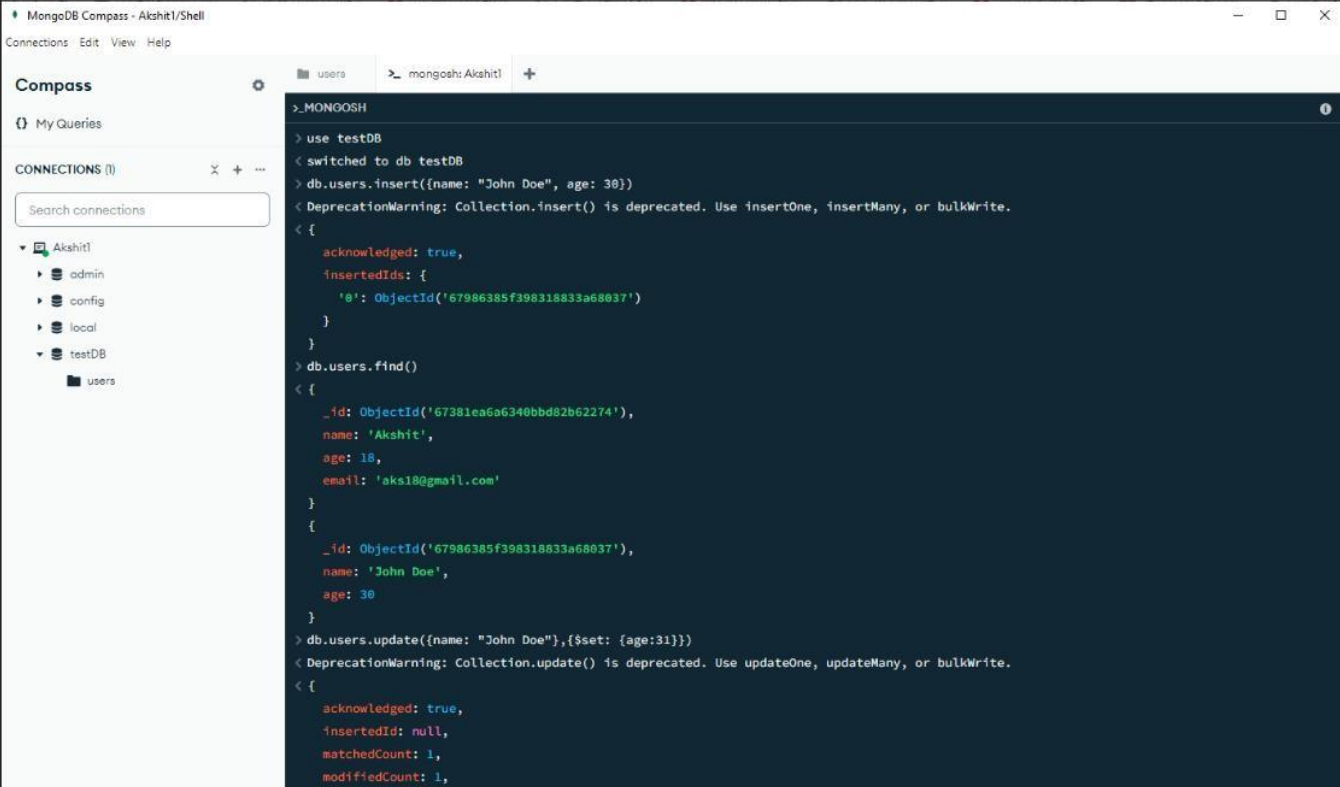
**Setting Up MongoDB**

1. Download and install MongoDB.
3. Start the MongoDB server: mongod 5.

Open the MongoDB shell: mongosh

6. Perform basic operations:

- Insert a document: `db.users.insert({name: "John Doe", age: 30})`
- Query documents: `db.users.find()`
- Update a document: `db.users.update({name: "John Doe"}, {$set: {age: 31}})`
- Delete a document: `db.users.remove({name: "John Doe"})`



The screenshot displays the MongoDB Compass application window. The title bar reads "MongoDB Compass - Akshit1/Shell". The interface is divided into a left sidebar and a main right pane. The sidebar contains a "Connections" section with a search bar and a tree view showing a connection named "Akshit1" with databases "admin", "config", "local", and "testDB". The "testDB" database is expanded, showing a collection named "users". The main pane is titled "Mongoosh" and shows a terminal-like interface with the following commands and output:

```
> use testDB
< switched to db testDB
> db.users.insert({name: "John Doe", age: 30})
< DeprecationWarning: Collection.insert() is deprecated. Use insertOne, insertMany, or bulkWrite.
< {
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedIds: {
    '0': ObjectId('67986385f398318833a68037')
  }
}
> db.users.find()
< {
  _id: ObjectId('67381ea6a6340bbd82b62274'),
  name: 'Akshit',
  age: 18,
  email: 'aks18@gmail.com'
}
{
  _id: ObjectId('67986385f398318833a68037'),
  name: 'John Doe',
  age: 30
}
> db.users.update({name: "John Doe"},{$set: {age:31}})
< DeprecationWarning: Collection.update() is deprecated. Use updateOne, updateMany, or bulkWrite.
< {
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: null,
  matchedCount: 1,
  modifiedCount: 1,
```

The image shows two screenshots of the MongoDB Compass interface. The top screenshot displays the MongoDB Shell with a series of commands and their outputs. The bottom screenshot shows the MongoDB Compass GUI with the 'users' collection selected and the 'Documents' tab active, displaying two documents.

**Top Screenshot: MongoDB Shell**

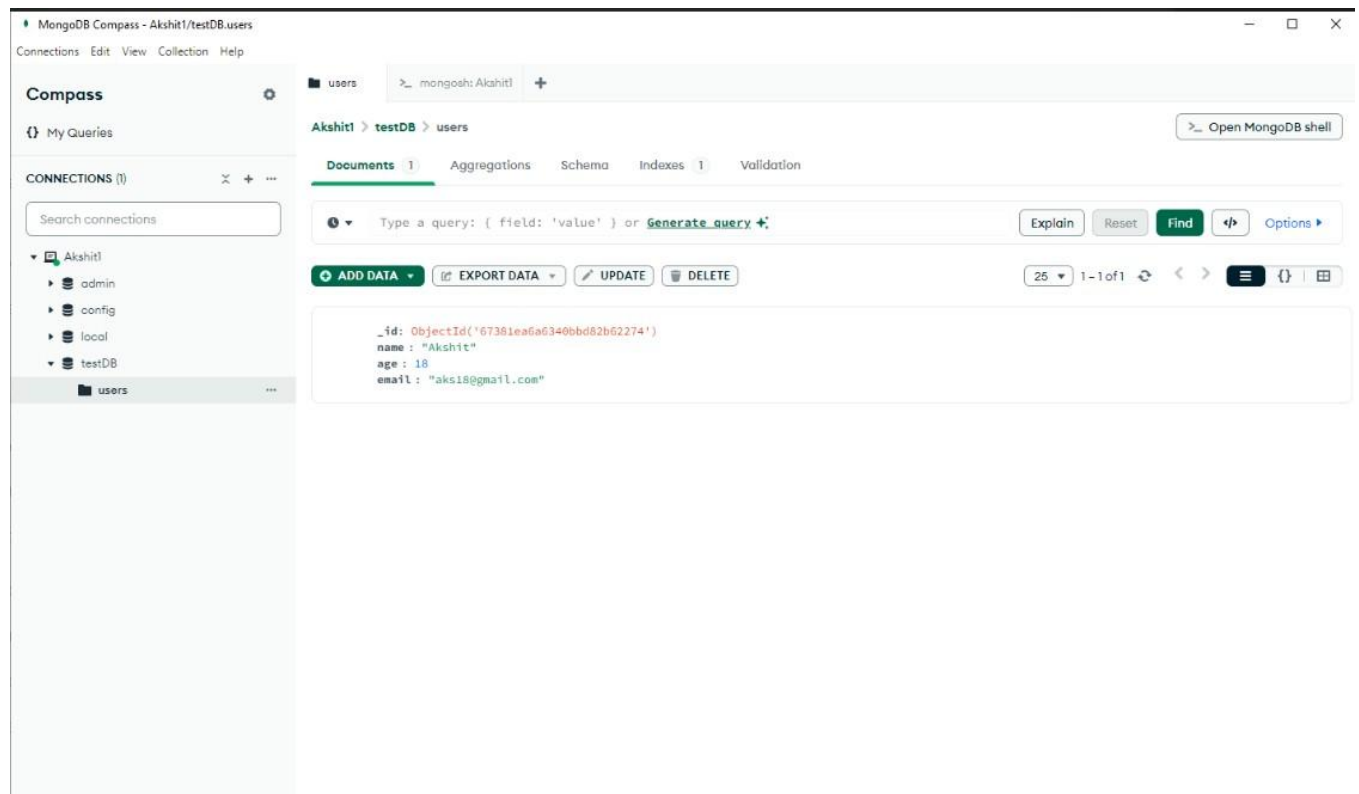
```
> MONGOSH
modifiedCount: 1,
upsertedCount: 0
}
> db.users.find()
< {
  _id: ObjectId('67381ea6a6340bbd82b62274'),
  name: 'Akshit',
  age: 18,
  email: 'aks18@gmail.com'
}
{
  _id: ObjectId('67986385f398318833a68037'),
  name: 'John Doe',
  age: 31
}
> db.users.remove({name: "John Doe"})
< DeprecationWarning: Collection.remove() is deprecated. Use deleteOne, deleteMany, findOneAndDelete, or bulkWrite.
< {
  acknowledged: true,
  deletedCount: 1
}
> db.users.find()
< {
  _id: ObjectId('67381ea6a6340bbd82b62274'),
  name: 'Akshit',
  age: 18,
  email: 'aks18@gmail.com'
}
testDB>
```

**Bottom Screenshot: MongoDB Compass GUI**

The bottom screenshot shows the MongoDB Compass interface with the 'users' collection selected. The 'Documents' tab is active, displaying two documents:

```
{
  "_id": "ObjectId('67381ea6a6340bbd82b62274')",
  "name": "Akshit",
  "age": 18,
  "email": "aks18@gmail.com"
}
```

```
{
  "_id": "ObjectId('67986385f398318833a68037')",
  "name": "John Doe",
  "age": 30
}
```



## BOOKS AND WEB RESOURCES:

1. Installing MongoDB Tutorial Online  
Available: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4cUxeGkcC9h77dJ-QJlwGlZITd4ecZOA>
2. Learning React by Alex Banks and Eve Porcello
3. MongoDB: The Definitive Guide by Kristina Chodorow
4. Node.js Design Patterns by Mario Casciaro
5. Express in Action by Evan Hahn

## Web Resources

1. MongoDB Documentation: <https://www.mongodb.com/docs/>
2. React Official Documentation: <https://reactjs.org/docs/>
3. Node.js Documentation: <https://nodejs.org/docs/>
4. Express.js Guide: <https://expressjs.com/>

## Videos and Blogs



1. Traversy Media: MERN Stack Tutorial (YouTube Channel)
2. Academind: MERN Stack Crash Course (YouTube Channel)
3. FreeCodeCamp MERN Tutorial ([FreeCodeCamp Blog](#))