

# mongo

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The `mongo` package is a [full stack database driver](#) that provides several paramount pieces of functionality to work with MongoDB in Meteor:

- an efficient [Livequery](#) implementation providing real-time updates from the database by consuming the MongoDB replication log
- a fall-back Livequery implementation for cases when the replication log is not available, implemented by polling the database
- DDP RPC end-points for updating the data from clients connected over the wire
- Serialization and deserialization of updates to the DDP format

To learn more about Livequery, see the [project page on www.meteor.com](#).

## Direct access to npm mongodb API

On the server, the `mongo` package is implemented using the [npm mongodb module](#). If you'd like direct access to this module, you can find it at `MongoInternals.NpmModules.mongodb.module`. Its version can be read at `MongoInternals.NpmModules.mongodb.version`.

Additionally, you can call `c.rawCollection()` or `c.rawDatabase()` on any `Mongo.Collection` to get the object from the npm `mongodb` module corresponding to the collection or database. This is documented at <http://mongodb.github.io/node-mongodb-native/>

The version of `mongo` used may change incompatibly from version to version of Meteor (or we may even replace it with an entirely different implementation); use at your own risk.