## The Gentleman Coder

## MongoDB

https://account.mongodb.com/account/register



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### VSc & Connect to the database

#### **VSCode**

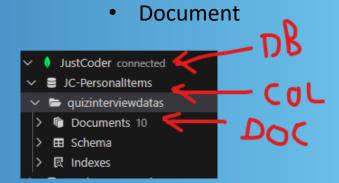
You will need the MongoDB plugin to be able to connect to the DB.

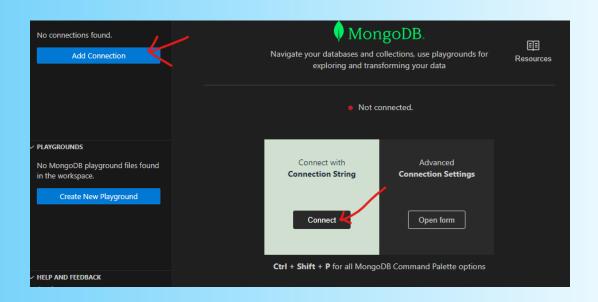


#### **MongoDB**

#### The structure is:

- Database
  - Collection





#### **Connecting**

You can connect to a local instance you will need to download a local server for this:

https://www.mongodb.com/try/download/community

Else we will connect to cloud I am using Atlas here and the connect string looks something like this: mongodb+srv://user:password@DBName.vwoam6e.mongodb.net/



## Setting up Playground

```
The Great thing about
                        MongoDB is "...",
                      The Bad thing about
                        MongoDB is "..."
You can edit the
DB directly in the
      result
                    "name": "Ervin Howell",
                    "username": "Antonette",
                        "$oid": "649c2ad488c55df378a47003'
```

#### **Playground**

- File extension is .mongodb
- Declare the DB, then the collection and add the pipe.
- Any code you have written in the live environment you can just paste here (i.e. Node.js). I would often build my queries up here and then move to the node backend.
- The result is limited, to get all the data back you need to add '.toArray()' to the end of the pipe.
- You can edit the returned result of the DB directly in VSc



# Pipes/Methods and ObjectId

#### Pipes

https://www.mongodb.com/docs/manual/reference/method/

#### Find is the different one:

- find or findOne
- Normally
  - updateOne or updateMany
- Aggregation most commonly used for data collection/display.
- If your query has errors in it your will receive an error message but they are not the best.

#### Object

**ObjectId** only needed in aggregation, the other pipes expect an objectId in the where clause.

\*\*\* This relates to Mongoose \*\*\*

Every base object in MongoDB has to have an \_id, if you do an insert without it MongoDB will create it for you.



## **Array Filters**

#### **Nested Arrays**

Biggest challenge I found in a document language is getting to the data you want to update as it can quite often end up nested.

- ArrayFilters will find any matching ID with the key name you declare.
- Used in all pipes except aggregation.
- You can use them multiple times in one query for nth time something is nested.

arr1.\$[label1].arr2.\$[label2].arr3.\$[label3].arr4'





## **Aggregation Pipeline**

#### Methods to flatten the data

- The main principle I used was just to bring back the data you need in as flatter shape as you can. Else it is just wasted bandwidth for data that never gets used.
- This will mean less code on the front end and easier to work with.
- \$unwind This is used to flatten the array,
   you will get a row per entry in the array.
- \$project A lot like using the 'as' operator in SQL when renaming columns of data. This is helpful for nested array items as you can remove the need to use dot notation. Once renamed you can refer to the new name in the rest of the pipeline.



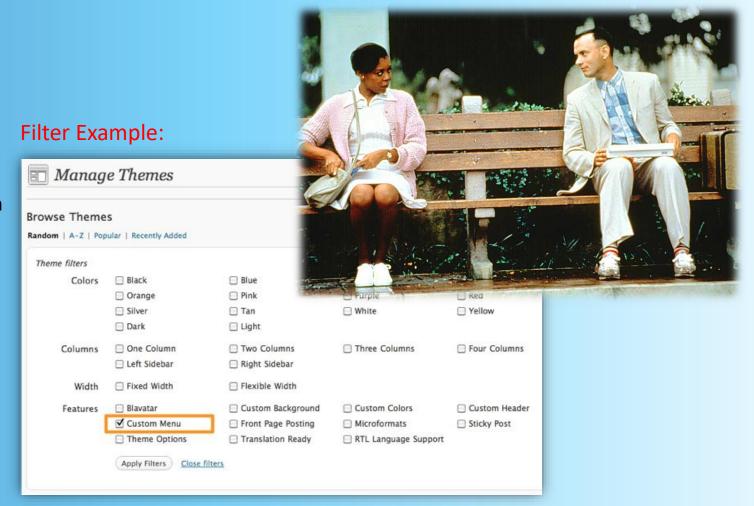
- \$group A lot like a 'subquery' in SQL where you need a calculation on the data i.e. sum.
- \$lookup A lot like a 'JOIN' in SQL, connecting 2 or more collections together.



## **Dynamic Aggregation Query**

#### Life is like a box of chocolates

- This is where I wanted the ability to be able to filter the data sometimes and sometimes not.
- I sent an object that contained the data I wanted to filter. You then allocate this to a variable containing an mongoDB expression.
- You can then put the variable inline in the aggregation.
- I used this a lot in reporting where it
  was large datasets. I could get the
  user to provide these filter items, pass
  it to the BE, process on the BE and
  only bring back what is needed.





## Mongoose & Principles

#### Some quirks of Mongoose

- You only need to use the 'ObjectId' method in the aggregation pipeline. All the others you can just used a string.
- To connect the collection to the model:
  - Use a capital letter for the first letter and none of the rest.
  - Drop the 's' off the end of the collection name.
- The version of the model can be tracked but I always stopped this by setting the versionkey: false

```
const UserRoleSchema = new mongoose.Schema(
   userRole: { type: String },
   userTypes: [
       id: false,
      userTypeId: { type: mongoose.Types.ObjectId },
      userType: { type: String }
   edit: { type: Boolean },
   comments: { type: String }
   versionKey: false,
module.exports = mongoose.model('Userrole'
                                       UserRoleSchema);
```