



MongoDB Cheat Sheet (Basic to Advanced)

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MongoDB is a powerful **NoSQL database** known for its flexible, **document-oriented storage** that is ideal for handling **large-scale, complex data**. **MongoDB Atlas** (a cloud-based solution), **MongoDB Compass** (a GUI for data visualization) and the **MongoDB Shell** for command-line operations, users can efficiently perform **CRUD operations**.

The **MongoDB Aggregation Framework** enables advanced data analysis with **grouping, filtering** and **joining** capabilities. Perfect for scalable applications, MongoDB supports diverse **operators** and is optimized for modern data needs, making it a top choice for **dynamic, high-performance database management**.



Basics of MongoDB

Before proceeding towards the [MongoDB](#) cheat sheet let's have a quick look on MongoDB basic.

What is	MongoDB is a document-oriented NoSQL database that
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DataTypes in MongoDB	MongoDB supports various data types including string, integer, double, boolean, arrays, objects, dates, and null.
What is ObjectId in MongoDB	ObjectId is a 12-byte hexadecimal number that uniquely identifies documents in a collection.
MongoDB Atlas	MongoDB Atlas is a fully managed cloud database service. It provides automated backups, monitoring, and security features.
MongoDB Compass	MongoDB Compass is a graphical user interface for MongoDB . It allows users to visualize data, run queries, and analyze performance.
What is MongoDB Shell	MongoDB Shell is a command-line interface for interacting with MongoDB instances. It allows users to execute queries, perform administrative tasks, and manage databases .

CRUD Operations in MongoDB

This section covers the basics of working with your MongoDB database using [CRUD operations](#). You'll learn how to **Create**, **Read**, **Update**, and **Delete** documents which allowing us to efficiently manage your data. Get ready to add, retrieve, modify, and remove information easily

Connect to MongoDB

mongo

Open a terminal and start the **MongoDB shell** by typing mongo.

```
➜ ~ mongo
```

```
use blog
```

Create (if not exists) and use the '**blog**' database

Create Collections

```
// Create a 'posts' collection
db.createCollection("posts")
```

```
// Create a 'users' collection
db.createCollection("users")
```

Create two collections: posts for storing blog posts and users for storing user information.

Insert Operations

Insert a single document into '**posts**' collection

```
db.posts.insertOne({
  title: "Introduction to MongoDB",
  content: "MongoDB is a NoSQL database.",
  author: "John Doe",
  tags: ["mongodb", "nosql", "database"]
})
```

Insert multiple documents into '**users**' collection

```
db.users.insertMany([
  {
    username: "johndoe",
    email: "johndoe@example.com",
    age: 30
  },
  {
```

```
}  
])
```

Update Operations

Update a document in '**users**' collection

```
db.users.updateOne(  
  { username: "johndoe" },  
  { $set: { age: 31 } }  
)
```

Update multiple documents in '**posts**' collection

```
db.posts.updateMany(  
  { tags: "mongodb" },  
  { $addToSet: { tags: "database" } }  
)
```

Delete Operations

Delete a document from '**users**' collection

```
db.users.deleteOne({ username: "janedoe" })
```

Delete multiple documents from '**posts**' collection

```
db.posts.deleteMany({ author: "John Doe" })
```

Drop the entire '**users**' collection

```
db.users.drop()
```

Query Operations

Find all documents in '**posts**' collection

Find one document in '**posts**' collection

```
db.posts.findOne({ title: "Introduction to MongoDB" })
```

Find and modify a document in 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.findOneAndUpdate(  
  { title: "Introduction to MongoDB" },  
  { $set: { content: "MongoDB is a flexible and scalable NoSQL  
database." } }  
)
```

Find one and delete a document in '**posts**' collection

```
db.posts.findOneAndDelete({ author: "John Doe" })
```

Find one and replace a document in '**posts**' collection

```
db.posts.findOneAndReplace(  
  { title: "Introduction to MongoDB" },  
  { title: "MongoDB Overview", content: "A detailed guide to MongoDB." }  
)
```

Query with Projections

Find documents with projection (only return 'title' and 'author' fields)

```
db.posts.find({}, { title: 1, author: 1 })
```

Query nested documents (e.g., find users with email ending in '.com')

```
db.users.find({ "email": /.*\..com$/ })
```

Query documents with null or missing fields

```
db.users.find({ email: null })
```

```
// Show available databases
```

```
show dbs
```

```
// Show collections in the current database
```

```
show collections
```

To see a list of available databases and their collections

MongoDB Operators

MongoDB operators are like tools that help you work with your data effectively. They allow you to find specific information, make changes and analyze your data in MongoDB.

Mastering these operators gives you the ability to manage and explore your data more efficiently, uncovering valuable insights along the way.

1. Comparison Operators

Find documents where age is greater than 30 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.find({ age: { $gt: 30 } })
```

Find documents where age is less than or equal to 28 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.find({ age: { $lte: 28 } })
```

Find documents where title is equal to "MongoDB Overview" in 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.find({ title: { $eq: "MongoDB Overview" } })
```

Find documents where age is not equal to 30 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.find({ age: { $ne: 30 } })
```

In these queries, we utilize the **\$gt (greater than)**, **\$lt (less than)**, and **\$eq (equality)** comparison operators to filter documents based on specific criteria.

2. Logical Operators

Find documents where age is greater than 25 AND less than 35 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.find({ $and: [ { age: { $gt: 25 } }, { age: { $lt: 35 } } ] })
```

Find documents where username is "johndoe" OR email is "janedoe@example.com" in 'users' collection

```
db.users.find({ $or: [ { username: "johndoe" }, { email: "janedoe@example.com" } ] })
```

Find documents where age is NOT equal to 30 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.find({ age: { $not: { $eq: 30 } } })
```

Find documents where age is neither 30 nor 31 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.find({ age: { $nor: [ { $eq: 30 }, { $eq: 31 } ] } })
```

We use the \$and operator to find documents where multiple conditions must be satisfied simultaneously. The \$or operator is utilized to find documents where at least one of the specified conditions is met. Using the \$not operator, we exclude documents where a specific condition is true. The \$nor operator is used to find documents where none of the specified conditions are met.

3. Arithmetic Operators

Let's Add 5 to the age of all users in 'users' collection

```
db.users.updateMany({}, { $add: { age: 5 } })
```

Let's Subtract 2 from the age of users aged 30 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.updateMany({ age: 30 }, { $subtract: { age: 2 } })
```

```
db.users.updateMany({}, { $multiply: { age: 2 } })
```

Let's [Divide](#) the age of all users by 2 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.updateMany({}, { $divide: { age: 2 } })
```

Let's Calculate the [absolute value](#) of the age of all users in 'users' collection

```
db.users.updateMany({}, { $abs: { age: true } })
```

We use the \$add, \$subtract, \$multiply, and \$divide operators to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division respectively on numeric fields. The \$abs operator calculates the absolute value of numeric fields.

4. Field Update Operators

Let's Update the age of users to the maximum value of 40 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.updateMany({}, { $max: { age: 40 } })
```

Let's Update the age of users to the minimum value of 20 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.updateMany({}, { $min: { age: 20 } })
```

Let's Increment the age of users by 1 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.updateMany({}, { $inc: { age: 1 } })
```

Let's Multiply the age of users by 1.1 in 'users' collection

```
db.users.updateMany({}, { $mul: { age: 1.1 } })
```

We use the [\\$max](#) and [\\$min](#) operators to update fields to the maximum or minimum value respectively. The \$inc operator increments numeric fields by a specified value. The [\\$mul](#) operator multiplies numeric fields by a specified value.

Let's Find documents where 'tags' field is an array in 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.find({ tags: { $isArray: true } })
```

Let's Find documents in 'posts' collection where the size of the 'tags' array is 3

```
db.posts.find({ $expr: { $eq: [{ $size: "$tags" }, 3] } })
```

Let's Find the first element of the 'tags' array in each document of 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.aggregate([  
  { $project: { firstTag: { $arrayElemAt: ["$tags", 0] } } }  
])
```

Let's Concatenate the 'tags' arrays of all documents in 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.aggregate([  
  { $group: { _id: null, allTags: { $concatArrays: "$tags" } } }  
])
```

Let's Reverse the 'tags' array in all documents of 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.updateMany({}, { $reverseArray: "$tags" })
```

We use the [\\$isArray](#) operator to find documents where a field is an array. The [\\$size](#) operator is used to find documents based on the size of an array field. With [\\$arrayElemAt](#), we retrieve a specific element from an array field. The [\\$concatArrays](#) operator concatenates arrays. Finally, [\\$reverseArray](#) reverses the elements of an array.

6. Array Update Operators

Let's Remove all occurrences of "mongodb" from the 'tags' array in 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.updateMany({}, { $pull: { tags: "mongodb" } })
```

Let's Remove the last element from the '**tags**' array in all documents of '**posts**' collection

```
db.posts.updateMany({}, { $pop: { tags: 1 } })
```

Let's Remove all occurrences of "**nosql**" and "**database**" from the '**tags**' array in '**posts**' collection

```
db.posts.updateMany({}, { $pullAll: { tags: ["nosql", "database"] } })
```

Let's Add "**newtag**" to the end of the '**tags**' array in a specific document in '**posts**' collection

```
db.posts.updateOne({ title: "Introduction to MongoDB" }, { $push: { tags: "newtag" } })
```

Let's Update the '**tags**' array in all documents where "**mongodb**" is present with "**updatedtag**"

```
db.posts.updateMany({ tags: "mongodb" }, { $set: { "tags.$": "updatedtag" } })
```

7. String Expression Operators

Concatenate the '**title**' and '**content**' fields into a new field '**fullText**' in '**posts**' collection

```
db.posts.aggregate([
  {
    $project: {
      fullText: { $concat: ["$title", " ", "$content"] }
    }
  }
])
```

Let's Compare the '**title**' field case insensitively to "**MongoDB**" in '**posts**'

```
db.posts.find({ $expr: { $eq: [{ $strcasecmp: ["$title", "MongoDB"] },
0] } })
```

Let's Convert the '**title**' field to **uppercase** in 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.updateMany({}, { $set: { title: { $toUpper: "$title" } } })
```

Let's Convert the '**title**' field to **lowercase** in 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.updateMany({}, { $set: { title: { $toLower: "$title" } } })
```

Let's Extract the first 5 characters from the '**title**' field in 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.aggregate([
  { $project: { firstFiveChars: { $substrCP: ["$title", 0, 5] } } }
])
```

We use the [\\$concat](#) operator to concatenate fields or strings. [\\$strcasecmp](#) compares strings case insensitive. The [\\$toUpper](#) operator converts a string to uppercase. [\\$toLower](#) converts a string to lowercase. [\\$substrCP](#) extracts a substring from a string based on code points.

MongoDB Aggregation Framework

We'll perform various [aggregation](#) operations using MongoDB's aggregation framework

Let's Update documents with aggregation pipeline: multiply '**age**' field by 2 and store in '**doubleAge**' field

```
db.users.aggregate([
  { $addFields: { doubleAge: { $multiply: ["$age", 2] } } },
  { $out: "users" }
])
```

Let's Count the number of documents in 'users' collection

```
db.users.aggregate([
```

Let's Group documents in 'users' collection by 'age' and calculate the count in each group

```
db.users.aggregate([
  { $group: { _id: "$age", count: { $sum: 1 } } }
])
```

Let's Perform a left outer join between 'posts' and 'users' collections based on 'author' field

```
db.posts.aggregate([
  {
    $lookup: {
      from: "users",
      localField: "author",
      foreignField: "username",
      as: "author_info"
    }
  }
])
```

Let's Get the first document in each group sorted by 'age' in descending order in 'users' collection

```
db.users.aggregate([
  { $sort: { age: -1 } },
  { $group: { _id: null, oldestUser: { $first: "$$ROOT" } } }
])
```

Let's Perform map-reduce operation to calculate the total age of all users

```
var mapFunction = function () {
  emit("totalAge", this.age);
};

var reduceFunction = function (key, values) {
  return Array.sum(values);
};
```

```
    mapFunction,  
    reduceFunction,  
    { out: { inline: 1 } }  
);
```

We use various stages such as `$addField`, `$out`, `$count`, `$group`, `$lookup`, `$first`, and map-reduce for different aggregation operations.

Aggregation framework allows us to perform complex computations, transformations, and data analysis on MongoDB collections efficiently.

MongoDB Indexing

[Indexing](#) enhances query performance and allows for efficient data retrieval in MongoDB

Let's Create a [single field index](#) on the 'username' field in the 'users' collection

```
db.users.createIndex({ username: 1 })
```

Let's Get the list of indexes on the 'users' collection

```
db.users.getIndexes()
```

Let's Drop the index on the 'username' field in the 'users' collection

```
db.users.dropIndex("username_1")
```

Let's Create a [compound index](#) on the 'title' and 'content' fields in the 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.createIndex({ title: 1, content: 1 })
```

Let's Create a [multikey index](#) on the 'tags' array field in the 'posts' collection

```
db.posts.createIndex({ tags: 1 })
```

Let's Create a [text index](#) on the 'content' field in the 'posts' collection

```
db.users.createIndex({ email: 1 }, { unique: true })
```

We use `createIndex()` to create various types of indexes, such as single field, compound, multikey, text, and unique indexes. `getIndexes()` retrieves the list of indexes on a collection. `dropIndex()` drops an index by its name.

Transactions in MongoDB

MongoDB supports multi-document [ACID transactions](#), allowing for **atomicity**, **consistency**, **isolation**, and **durability**.

```
// Start a session
session = db.getMongo().startSession()

// Start a transaction
session.startTransaction()

try {
    // Perform operations within the transaction
    db.collection1.insertOne({ field1: "value1" }, { session: session })
    db.collection2.updateOne({ field2: "value2" }, { $set: { field3:
"value3" } }, { session: session })

    // Commit the transaction
    session.commitTransaction()
} catch (error) {
    // Abort the transaction on error
    session.abortTransaction()
}
```

Data Modeling in MongoDB

[Data modeling](#) in MongoDB involves designing schemas and relationships between documents.

```
// Relationship: Embedding data in documents
db.users.insertOne({
    username: "john_doe",
```

```
        { title: "Post 2", content: "Content 2" }
    ]
  })
```

```
// Relationship: Referencing documents
db.comments.insertOne({
  user_id: ObjectId("user_id_here"),
  post_id: ObjectId("post_id_here"),
  content: "Comment content"
})
```

```
// Specify JSON schema validation
db.createCollection("collection_name", {
  validator: {
    $jsonSchema: {
      bsonType: "object",
      required: ["field1", "field2"],
      properties: {
        field1: {
          bsonType: "string"
        },
        field2: {
          bsonType: "number"
        }
      }
    }
  }
})
```

// Scaling in MongoDB involves sharding, replication, and proper index usage to distribute data across multiple servers.

We demonstrate embedding data in documents and referencing documents to model relationships between collections. [JSON](#) schema validation ensures data integrity by enforcing structure and data types. Scaling in **MongoDB** involves strategies like sharding and replication to handle large volumes of data.

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as **MongoDB Atlas**, **MongoDB Compass** and the **MongoDB Shell**, simplify data management while the **Aggregation Framework** enables advanced querying and **data analysis**.

With its focus on scalability, performance, and ease of use, MongoDB is an ideal choice for modern applications. It's a preferred solution for developers and organizations seeking efficient, high-performance **database systems** in today's **data-driven landscape**.

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