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| 📘 **Introduction to MongoDB** | | |
| *"MongoDB is a document-based NoSQL database that offers high performance, scalability, and* | | |
| *flexibility for handling large volumes of unstructured data."* | |  |
| 🔍 **What is MongoDB?** | | |
| MongoDB | is a popular open-source NoSQL (Not Only SQL) database system that | |
| stores data in flexible, JSON-like documents rather than rigid tables like MySQL.  This makes it ideal for applications where the data structure may evolve over time  — such as social media platforms, real-time analytics systems, and content management systems. | | |

📚 **Why MongoDB Was Created**

🕰️ **A Brief History**

MongoDB was created by Dwight Merriman and Eliot Horowitz in 2007 while they were working on a cloud-based advertising platform called *DoubleClick* (later acquired by Google).

They faced limitations with traditional relational databases when trying to scale their application and handle complex, evolving data structures.

So, they decided to build a new kind of database — one that could:

* Scale horizontally across multiple servers
* Handle semi-structured and unstructured data
* Provide better performance for modern web applications

In 2009, MongoDB was released as an open-source project under the name "10gen". Later, the company became , and MongoDB remains one of the most widely used databases today.

MongoDB Inc.

🅧 **Key Features of MongoDB**

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| **FEATURE** | **DESCRIPTION** |
| Flexible Schema | Documents don’t require a predefined schema, so fields can vary between documents in the same collection. |
| High Performance | Optimized for fast read/write operations, especially with large datasets. |
| Scalability | Easily scales out using sharding (data distribution across multiple machines). |
| Rich Query Language | Supports powerful queries, indexing, and aggregation pipelines. |
| Replication & High Availability | Built-in replication ensures data redundancy and failover support. |
| Geospatial Support | Handles location-based queries efficiently. |

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| 🧠 **How MongoDB Differs from MySQL**  Since you're familiar with MySQL , let’s compare MongoDB and MySQL side-by- side to highlight the key differences: | | |  |
| **ASPECT** | **MYSQL (RELATIONAL DB)** | **MONGODB (NOSQL DOCUMENT DB)** | |
| Data Model | Tables with rows and columns | Collections with documents (BSON format) | |
| Schema | Fixed schema required | Flexible schema – each document can be different | |
| Joins | Uses JOINs to relate data across tables | Embedded documents reduce need for joins | |
| Scaling | Vertical scaling (increase power of single server) | Horizontal scaling (add more servers) | |
| Use Case | Financial systems, transactional apps | Big data, real-time apps, content management | |
| Transactions | Strong ACID compliance | Multi-document transactions supported (from v4.0+) | |

# 🗃️ MongoDB Architecture Overview

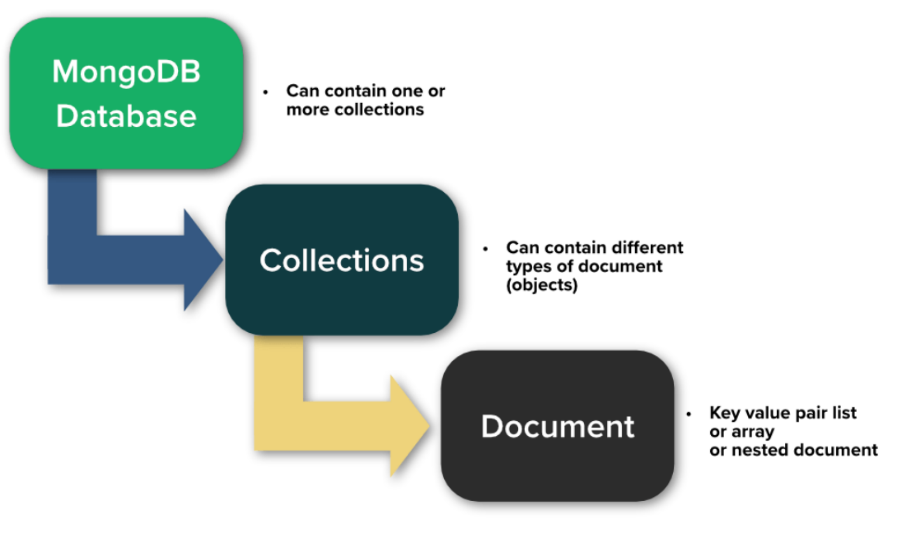
collections

document-based model

MongoDB uses a

, which means data is stored in

documents (like JSON objects), grouped into databases .



# 🌐 Visual Representation

MongoDB Server

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└── Database: school\_db

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├── Collection: students

│ └── Document 1: { name: "Alice", age: 20, grades: [85, 90] }

│ └── Document 2: { name: "Bob", age: 22, major: "CS" }

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└── Collection: teachers

└── Document 1: { name: "Mr. Smith", subject: "Math", experience: 10

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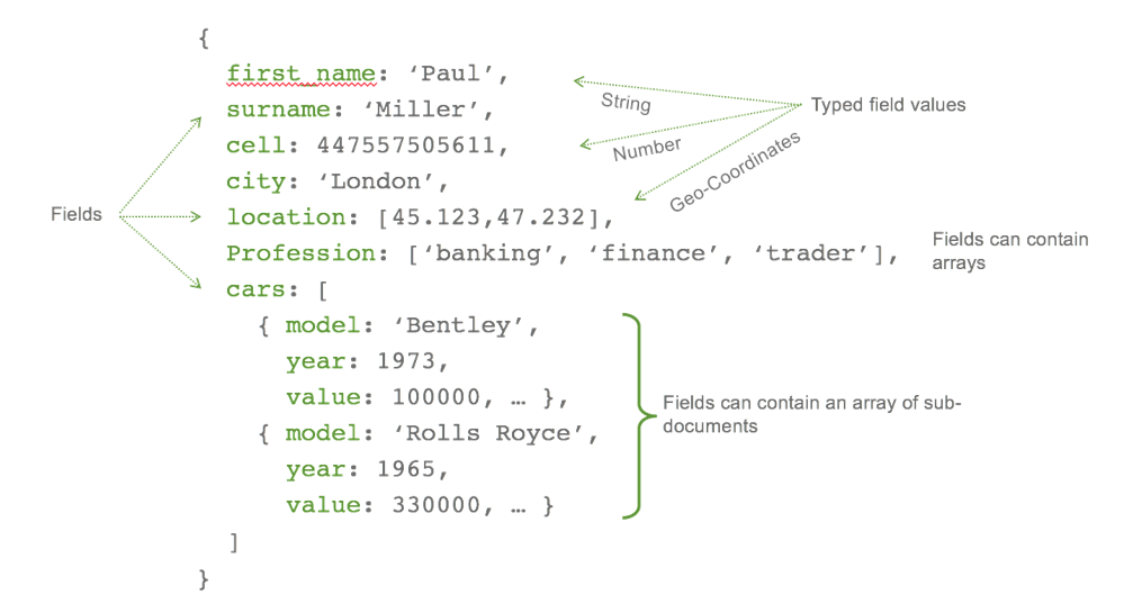
, which are inside

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| 💡 | Document | : A single unit of data, similar to a row in a table.  : A group of documents, similar to a table.  A container for collections, just like in MySQL. |
| Collection | |
| Database : | |

The **document**, which is comprised of field/value pairs, is at the heart of the MongoDB data structure. Most interactions with MongoDB occur at the document level.

A **field** can contain a single value, multiple fields, or multiple elements.

**A value made up of multiple fields** is referred to as an **embedded document** and is assigned the Object [data type](https://studio3t.com/academy/topic/mongodb-data-types-fields/#datatype) (see field cars in the screenshot). When rendered in the JSON format, an embedded document is enclosed in curly braces and adheres to the same structure as the outer (main) document.



**Mongo Data types**

| **Data Type** | **Description** | **Example** |
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| **String** | Text values | "name": "Alice" |
| **Number (Int)** | Whole numbers (32-bit or 64-bit) | "age": 25 |
| **Double** | Decimal numbers | "price": 19.99 |
| **Boolean** | true or false | "isStudent": true |
| **Array** | List of values | "skills": ["JS", "Mongo", "HTML"] |
| **Object** | Embedded document (sub-document) | "address": { "city": "Nairobi" } |
| **Null** | A field with no value | "middleName": null |
| **Date** | Date/time in ISO format | "createdAt": new Date() |
| **ObjectId** | Unique ID auto-generated by MongoDB | "\_id": ObjectId("...") |
| **Binary Data** | Used for storing files/data like images | Not common in beginner use cases |
| **Timestamp** | Internal Mongo timestamps (rarely user-facing) | "created": Timestamp() |



**When Should You Use MongoDB?**

MongoDB shines in scenarios where:

* The data doesn't fit neatly into tables.
* The schema changes frequently.
* You expect high traffic or massive amounts of data.
* You need flexible querying and real-time analytics.
* You're building modern web or mobile apps with dynamic user inputs.

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| ✅ | Common Use Cases: |  |

* Social networking apps
* Real-time chat systems
* Content management systems (CMS)
* IoT (Internet of Things) data storage
* E-commerce product catalogs

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| ⚖️ **MongoDB vs MySQL: A Student Example**  Let’s say you're storing student information.  ✅ **In MySQL:** | | | | | | | | | | |
| You'd have a | **students** | table with fixed columns like | **id** | , | **name** | , | **age** | , | **major** | . |

students (

id INT PRIMARY

name VARCHAR(

,

),

age ,

major VARCHAR(50)

);

INT

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KEY

TABLE

CREATE

All rows must follow this structure.

✅ **In MongoDB:**

Each student can have different fields.

{

"\_id": ObjectId("..."), "name": "Alice",

"age": 20,

"grades": [85, 90], "courses": ["Math", "History"]

}

Another student might look like:

"name": "Bob", "age": 22,

"major": "Computer Science"

💡 There's no need to define every field upfront. You can add or remove fields per document.

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🧭 **Why Learn MongoDB?**

As a student, learning MongoDB opens up many opportunities because:

* It's widely used in industry and startups.
* It integrates well with modern development stacks like MERN (MongoDB, Express, React, Node.js).
* It supports cloud-native applications and microservices.
* It allows faster prototyping due to its flexible schema design.
* It's great for projects involving big data, AI, and real-time processing.

📚 **Other NoSql DB**



📚 **Summary**

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| * MongoDB is a | NoSQL, document-based database | that stores data in flexible |
| JSON-like documents.   * Unlike MySQL, it doesn’t require a fixed schema, making it ideal for evolving data models. * It supports horizontal scaling, high availability, and rich query capabilities. * MongoDB is widely used in modern applications and complements technologies like Node.js and React. * For students transitioning from MySQL, MongoDB offers a fresh perspective on how data can be structured and accessed. | | |

📖 **Next Steps**

Now that you understand what MongoDB is and why it exists, you'll explore:

* Installing MongoDB
* Working with MongoDB Compass (GUI tool)
* Inserting and querying documents
* Using MongoDB with JavaScript (Node.js)

**What You’ll Need**

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| **TOOL** | **DESCRIPTION** |
| MongoDB Community Server | The core database system. |
| MongoDB Compass | A graphical user interface (GUI) to interact with MongoDB without writing code. |
| Terminal / Command Prompt | To run MongoDB services and shell commands. |

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| 💡 Students familiar with MySQL can think of MongoDB Compass as something like | | *MySQL* |  |
| *Workbench* | . | | |

📥 **Step 1: Download MongoDB**

1. **Go to the Official Website**

Visit:

Choose the correct version based on your operating system (Windows, macOS, or Linux).

1. **Select Package Type**

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

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| * Choose * Choose * Choose | MSI Installer | | | | (for Windows) |
| .tgz | or | .pkg | for macOS | |
| .tar.gz | | or package manager for Linux | | |

⚙️ **Step 2: Install MongoDB**

**On Windows:**

1. Run the downloaded **.msi** file.
2. Follow the setup wizard.
3. When asked where to install, choose a simple path like **C:\mongodb** .
4. unless you're advanced.
5. Complete the installation.

Do NOT install MongoDB as a service

**On macOS:**

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| 1. Extract the | | **.tgz** | file or install via Homebrew: |
|  | brew tap mongodb/brew && brew install [mongodb-community@6.0](mailto:mongodb-community@6.0) | | |

2. Create a data directory:

mkdir -p /data/db

**On Linux:**

Use your package manager or extract the tarball:

sudo tar -zxvf mongodb-linux-x86\_64-ubuntu2004-\*.tgz

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| Move it to | **/usr/local** | and set up environment variables. |

🧭 **Step 3: Start MongoDB Server**

Open a terminal or command prompt and type:

mongod

This starts the MongoDB database server.

If you see messages like:

waiting for connections on port 27017

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| ✅ Great! MongoDB is running successfully. | | | | |
| Port | **27017** | is the default MongoDB port, similar to port | **3306** | in MySQL. |

**Linux commands**

curl -fsSL https://pgp.mongodb.com/server-7.0.asc | sudo gpg --dearmor

-o /usr/share/keyrings/mongodb-server-7.0.gpg

echo "deb [ arch=amd64,arm64 signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/mongodb- server-7.0.gpg ] https://repo.mongodb.org/apt/ubuntu jammy/mongodb- org/7.0 multiverse" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/mongodb-org-

7.0.list

sudo apt update

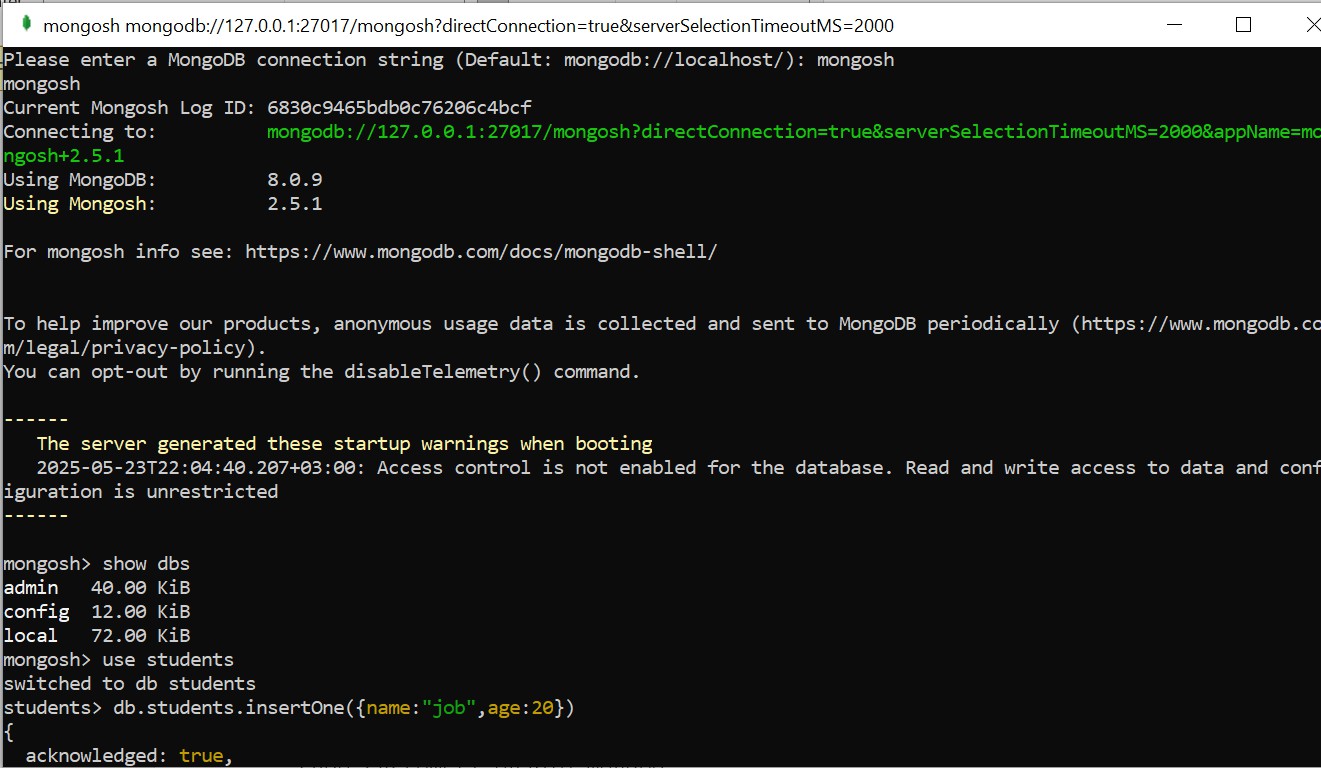
sudo apt install -y mongodb-org

sudo systemctl enable mongod sudo systemctl start mongod

sudo systemctl status mongod

mongosh "mongodb+srv://employee:SlqdA4X71a50aszj@cluster0.zhracze.mongodb.net/userdb"

**Windows**

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