

# Introduction to MongoDB

**MongoDB is an **open-source**, **NoSQL**, document-oriented database developed by MongoDB Inc.**

**It Stores Structured and Unstructured Data, but popular to store Unstructured Data**

**Mongodb Stores data as documents in a format similar to JSON (called BSON — Binary JSON) instead of Storing data in Tables and Row Columns**

**It's great for applications that need to handle large volumes of unstructured or semi-structured data.**



# Why MongoDB?



## **Flexible Schema**

You don't need to predefine your schema (structure of your data). Documents in the same collection can have different fields.



## **Fast for Large-Scale Data**

MongoDB is designed to handle high volumes of unstructured or semi-structured data efficiently.



## **Great with JavaScript/Node.js**

Since data is stored as JSON-like documents (BSON), it's a natural fit for JavaScript-based applications.



## **Works Well in Cloud Environments**

MongoDB integrates seamlessly with cloud platforms like **MongoDB Atlas**, making deployment and scaling easier.



## **Easily Scalable (Horizontally)**

Supports **sharding** (horizontal scaling), which distributes data across multiple servers for better performance and capacity.



# When to use MongoDB?

## **You Need Scalability and Performance**

MongoDB handles large volumes of data efficiently and supports horizontal scaling for growing applications.

## **Your Data Structure is Dynamic or Changing**

MongoDB's flexible schema allows you to evolve your data model without downtime or migrations.

## **You're Building Apps with JavaScript-Based Stacks**

Perfect for stacks like **MERN** (MongoDB, Express, React, Node) because MongoDB stores data in a JSON-like format (BSON).

## **You Want to Avoid Complex Joins and Prefer Nested Documents**





MongoDB supports **embedded/nested documents**, making it easier to model relationships without complex JOINS.



# What is NoSQL?

**NoSQL** stands for "**Not Only SQL**" — it's a broad category of databases that differ from traditional **relational databases (RDBMS)**.

Instead of storing data in tables with rows and columns, **NoSQL databases** use various data models like:

-  **Document-based** (e.g., MongoDB)
-  **Key-Value stores** (e.g., Redis)
-  **Column-based** (e.g., Cassandra)
-  **Graph-based** (e.g., Neo4j)





Why NoSQL?



## Flexible Data Models

NoSQL allows you to store data in various formats: **documents, key-value pairs, graphs, or wide-columns.**



## High Performance at Scale

Optimized for **read/write speed** even with massive datasets and Ideal for **real-time applications**, like chat apps, gaming, and analytics dashboards.



## Great for Semi-Structured & Unstructured Data

Handles data from **IoT devices, logs, social media, user behavior**, etc., without needing to transform it into a strict table format.



## Perfect for Modern Web & Mobile Apps

JSON-like data formats (like BSON in MongoDB) work seamlessly with JavaScript and REST APIs.



# Advantages of MongoDB

- **Schema-less**
- **Scalability**
- **High Performance**
- **Data Flexibility**
- **Developer-Friendly**
- **Ease of Use**
- **Cloud-Native Compatibility**