

MONGODB

UPDATING DOCUMENTS 2

UPDATE OPERATORS

- ▶ We can modify arrays within a document using array update operators
- ▶ <https://docs.mongodb.com/v4.0/reference/operator/update-array/>
- ▶ Advanced operations can be confusing
- ▶ One step at a time!
- ▶ Experiment...

\$

- ▶ First match only
- ▶ Not to be used in combination with upsert
- ▶ Syntax
 - ▶ { <update operator>: { "<array>.\$" : value } }
 - ▶

\$[]

- ▶ Replaces all array elements
- ▶ Not to be used in combination with upsert
- ▶ Syntax
 - ▶ { <update operator>: { "<array>.\$[]" : value } }

`$[<identifier>]`

- ▶ Replaces all that match the array filter
- ▶ Not to be used in combination with upsert
- ▶ Syntax
 - ▶ `{ <update operator>: { "<array>.$[<identifier>]" : value } },`
 - ▶ `{ arrayFilters: [{ <identifier>: <condition> }] }`

\$push

- ▶ Adds an element to the array
- ▶ Syntax
 - ▶ { \$push: { <field1>: <value1>, ... } }
- ▶ Modifiers
 - ▶ \$each
 - ▶ \$slice
 - ▶ \$sort
 - ▶ \$position

\$push

```
db.sales.insertOne({
  favouriteColours: [ { color: "red"}, { color: "red" }, { color: "green" } ]
});
```

```
db.sales.updateMany(
  {},
  { $push: {
    favouriteColours: {
      $each: [ { color: "red" } ],
      $slice: -2,
      $sort: 1
    }
  }
}
```

\$addToSet

- ▶ Adds an element if it doesn't exist
- ▶ Syntax
 - ▶ { \$addToSet: { <field1>: <value1>, ... } }

\$pull

- ▶ Removes all elements matching the supplied value
- ▶ Syntax
 - ▶ { \$pull: { <field1>: <value|condition>, <field2>: <value|condition>, ... } }

\$pullAll

- ▶ Removes all elements matching the supplied values
- ▶ Syntax
 - ▶ { \$pull: { <field1>: <value|condition>, <field2>: <value|condition>, ... } }

\$pop

- ▶ Removes either the first or last element of an array
- ▶ Syntax
 - ▶ { \$pop: { <field>: <-1 | 1>, ... } }

PRACTICAL

- ▶ Experiment with updating arrays within documents
- ▶ Try using different operators to see their effect

OBSERVATIONS

- ▶ MongoDB provides complex operators for working with arrays within documents
- ▶ Updating documents server side is preferred
 - ▶ Performance
 - ▶ Concurrency
- ▶ Some operations are too complex to perform within a single operation
- ▶ Sometimes it is better to restructure your document to enable easier manipulation
- ▶ It's not necessary to remember how all the operators work
 - ▶ The most important is to be aware of the kinds of operations that can be performed