

MongoDB Aggregation



Estimated time needed: **45** minutes

Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Describe simple aggregation operators that process and compute data such as \$sort, \$limit, \$group, \$sum, \$min, \$max, and \$avg
- Combine operators to create multi-stage aggregation pipelines
- Build aggregation pipelines that draw insights about the data by returning aggregated values

About Skills Network Cloud IDE

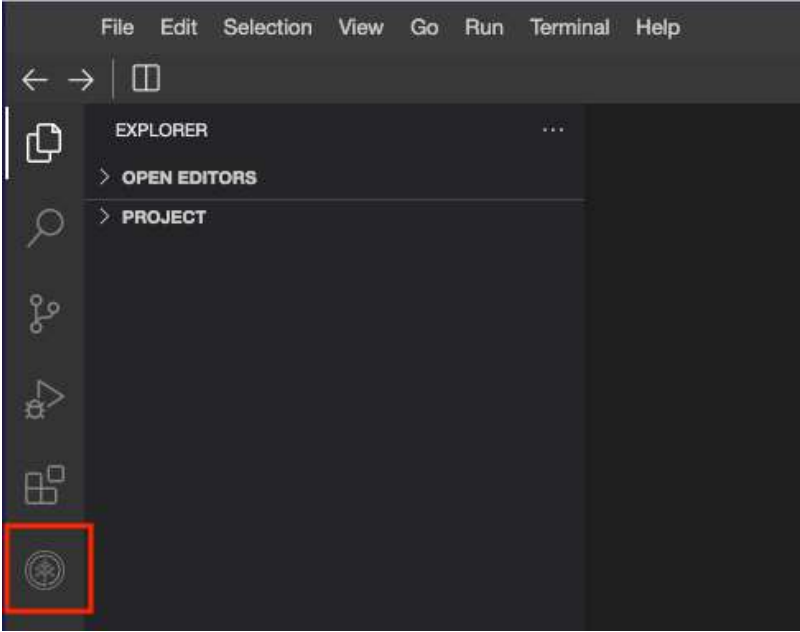
Skills Network Cloud IDE (based on Theia and Docker) provides an environment for hands on labs for course and project related labs. Theia is an open source IDE (Integrated Development Environment), that can be run on desktop or on the cloud. To complete this lab, we will be using the Cloud IDE based on Theia and MongoDB running in a Docker container.

Important Notice about this lab environment

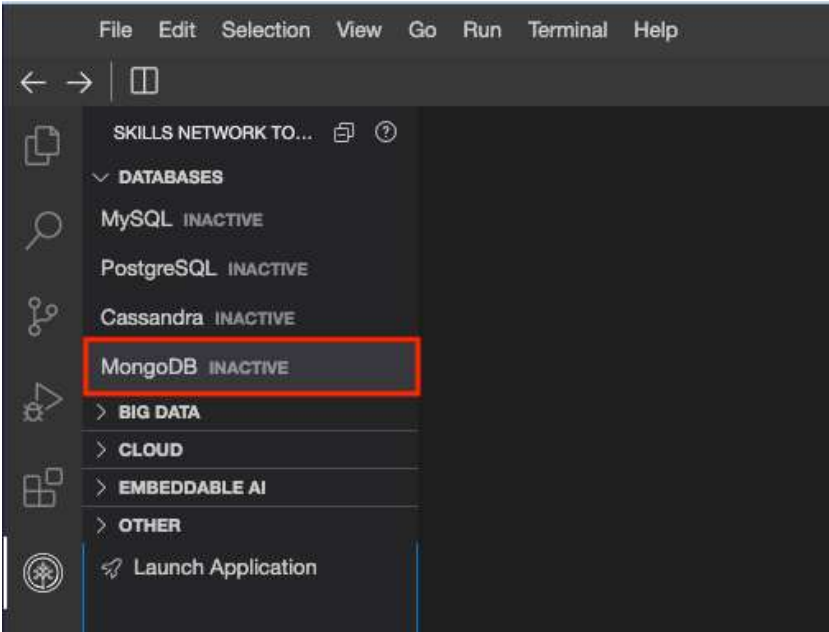
Please be aware that sessions for this lab environment are not persisted. Every time you connect to this lab, a new environment is created for you. Any data you may have saved in the earlier session would get lost. Plan to complete these labs in a single session, to avoid losing your data.

Set-up: Start MongoDB

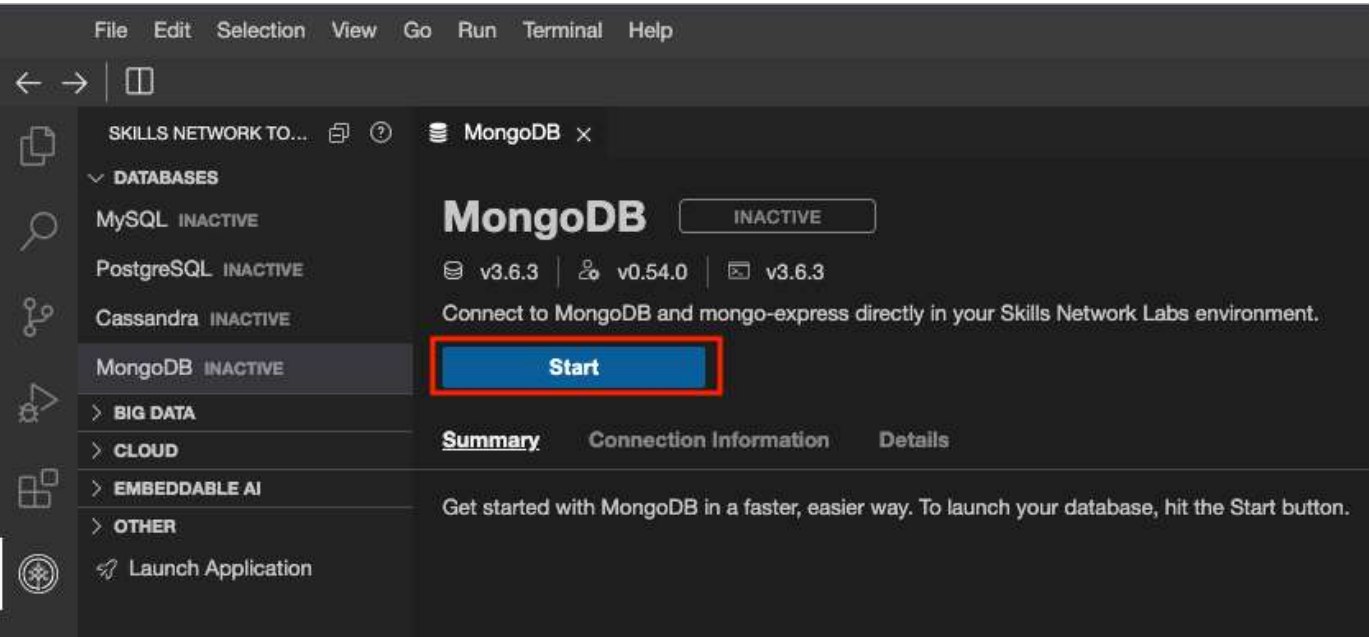
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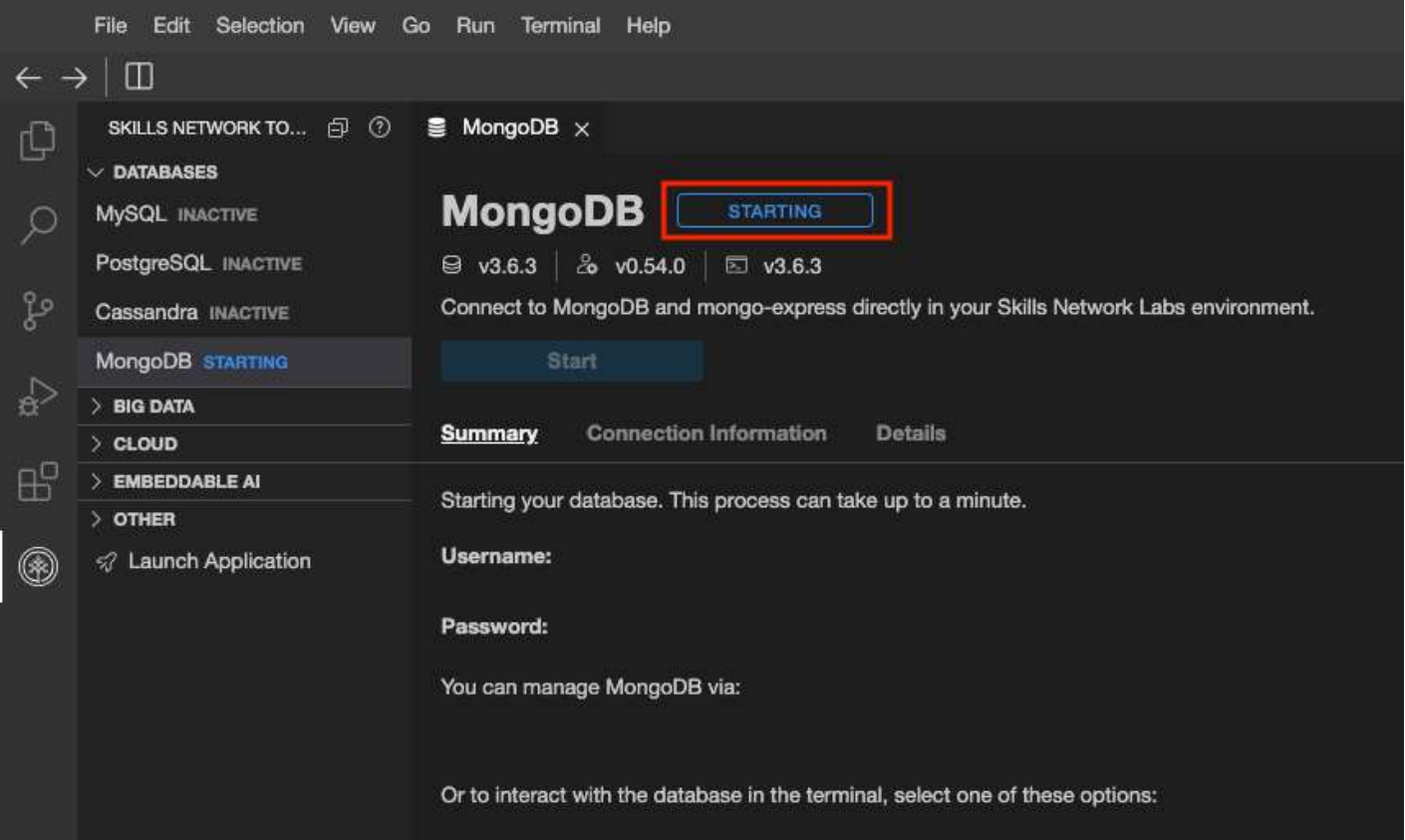
You will notice MongoDB listed there, but inactive. Which means the database is not available to use.



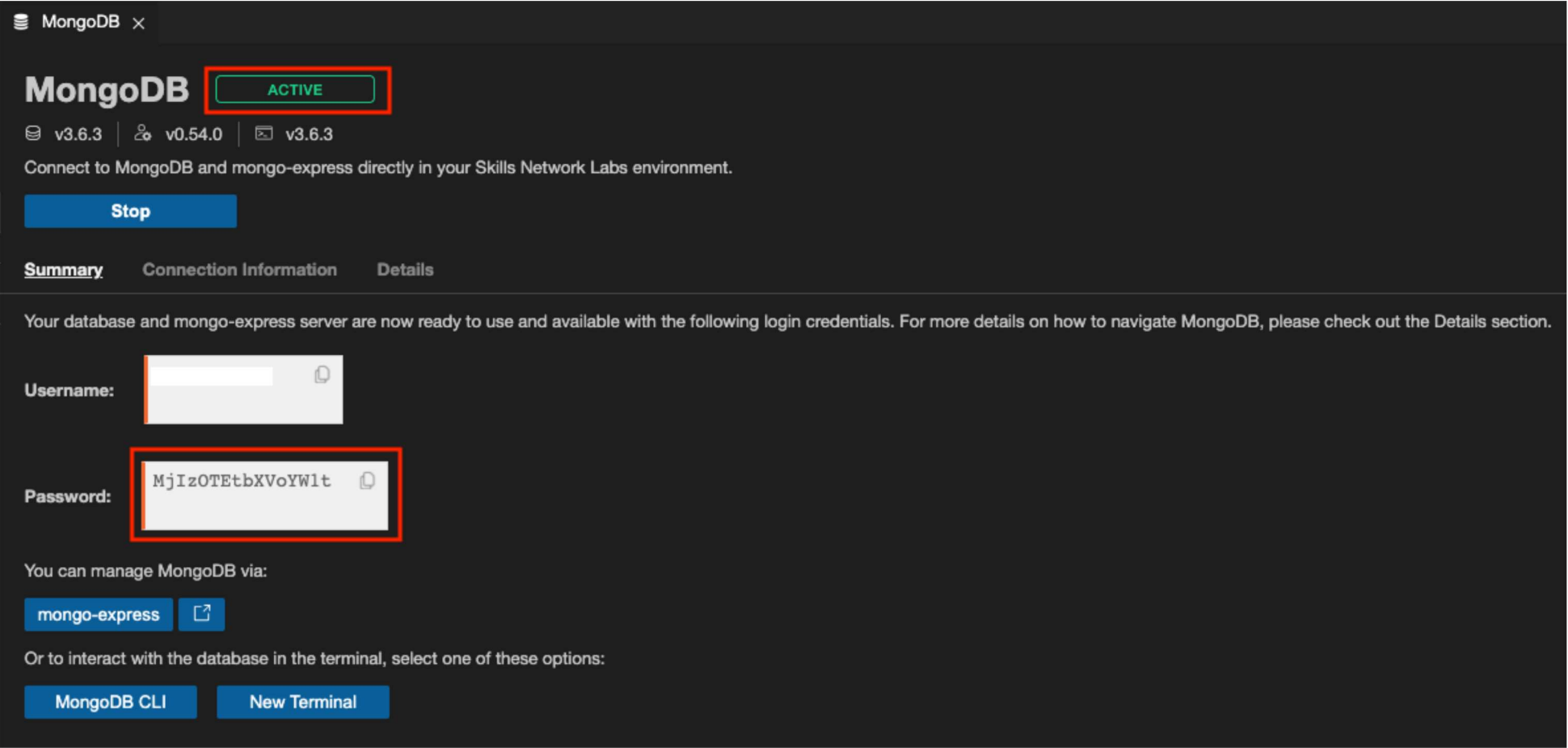
Once you click on it, you will see more details about it and a button to start it.



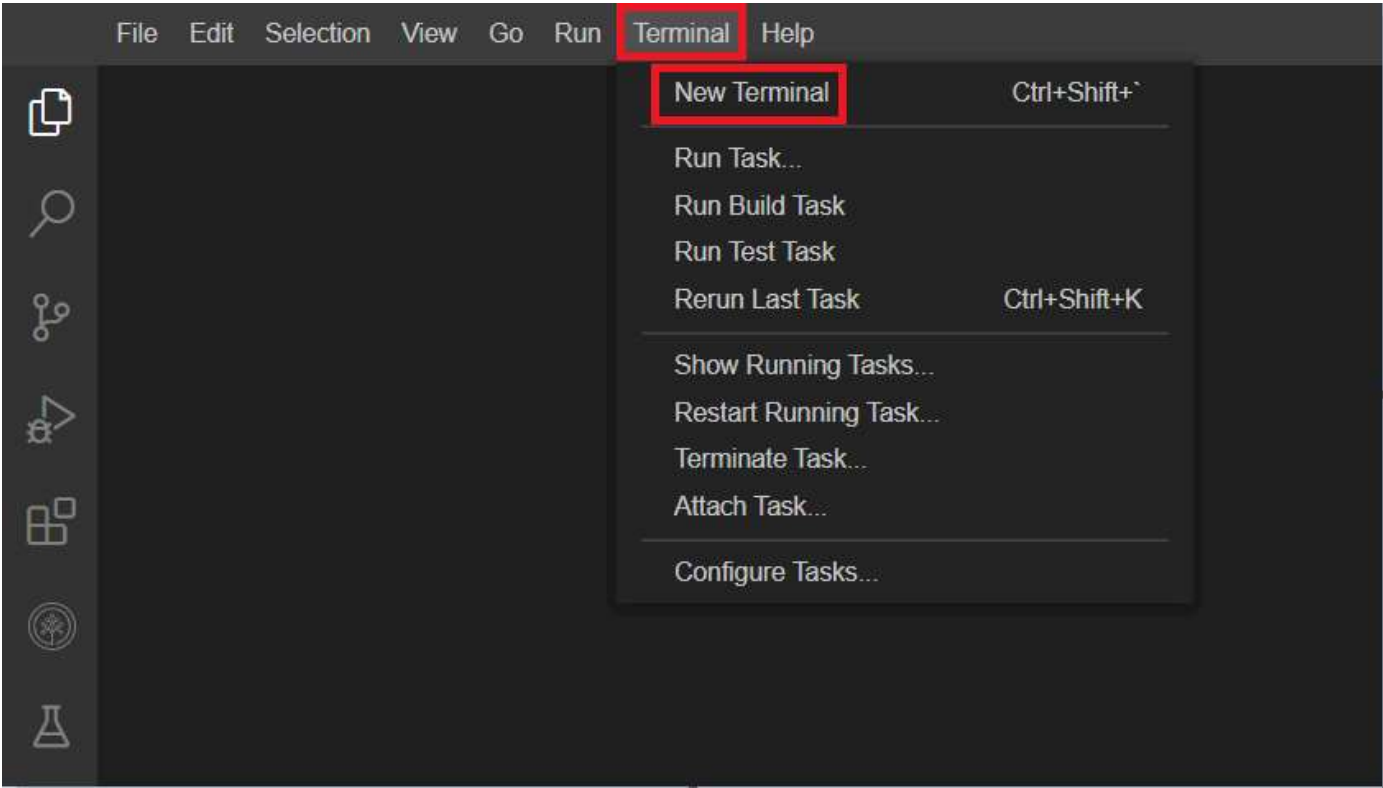
Clicking on the start button will run a background process to configure and start your MongoDB server.



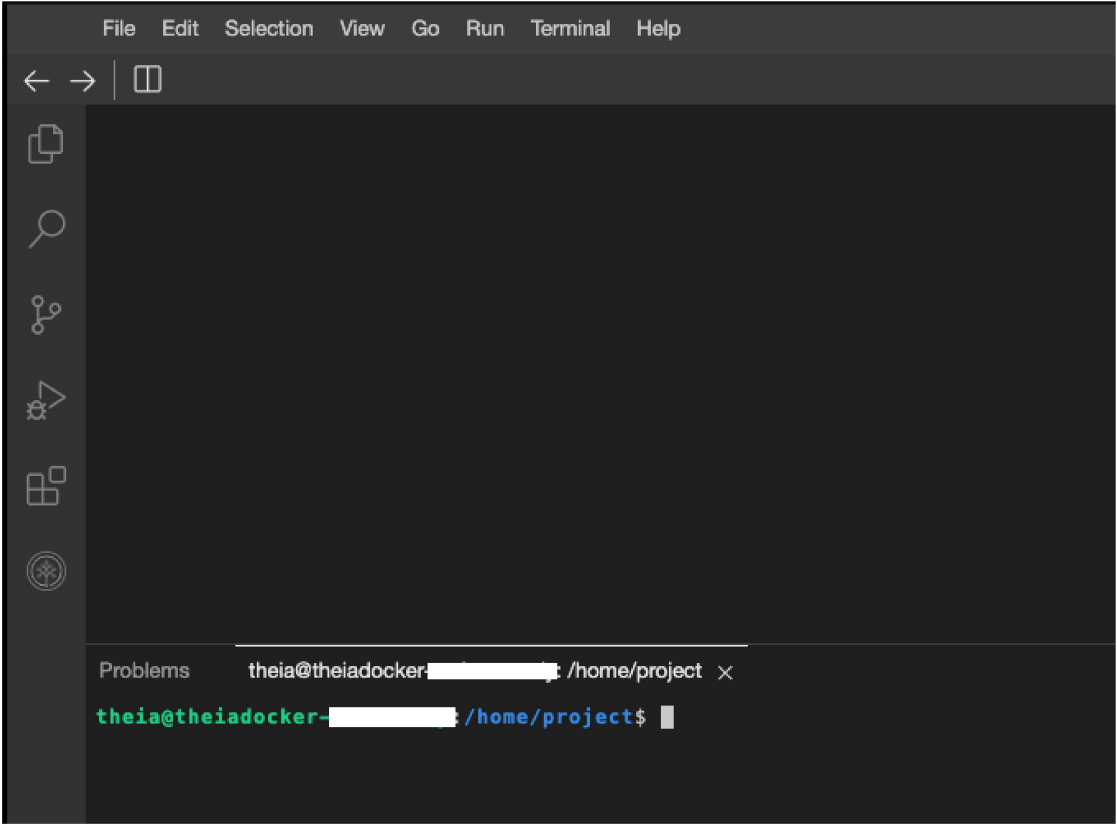
Shortly after that, your server is ready for use. This deployment has access control enabled and MongoDB enforces authentication. So, take note of the password as you will need it to login as root user.



You can now either open terminal and enter details yourself.



This will open a new terminal at the bottom of the screen as in the image below.

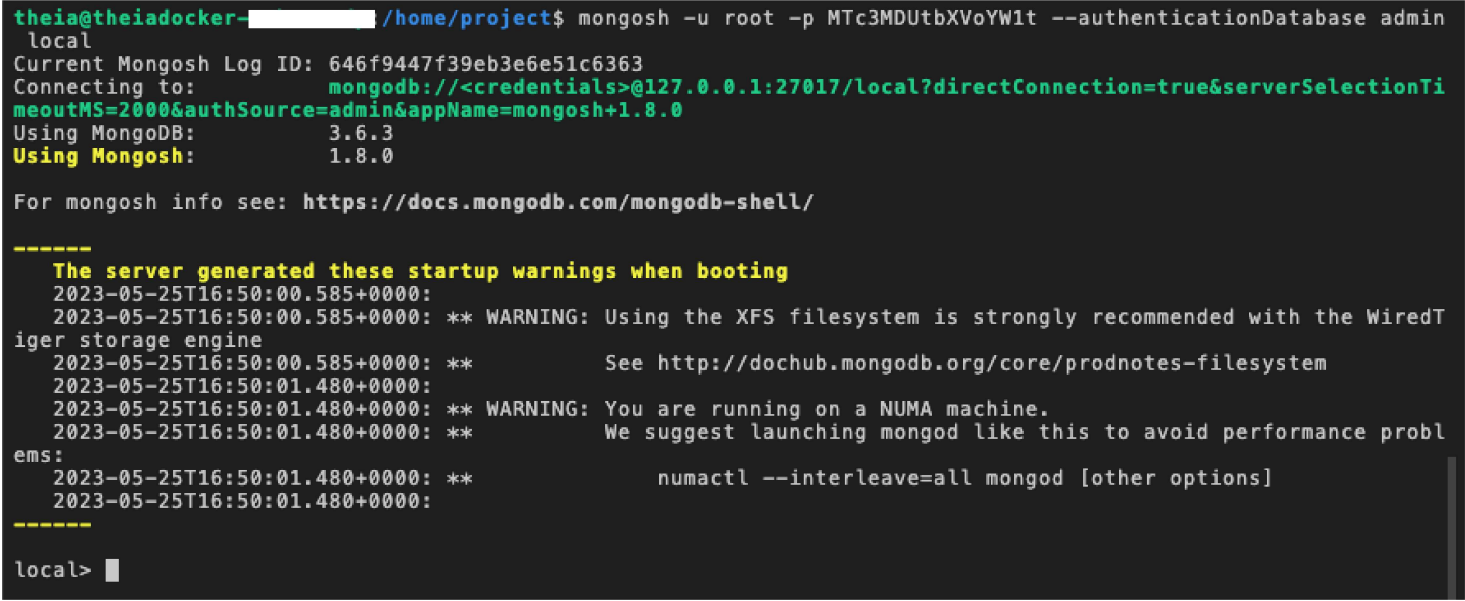


Run the below command on the newly opened terminal. (You can copy the code by clicking on the little copy button on the bottom right of the codeblock below and then paste it, wherever you wish.)

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1. mongosh -u root -p PASSWORD --authenticationDatabase admin local

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Executed!



The command contains the username and password to connect to mongodb server (the text after the -p option is the password). Your output would be different from the one shown above. Copy the command given to you, and keep it handy. You will need it in the next step.

Or you can simply click on MongoDB CLI which does that for you.

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Connect to MongoDB and mongo-express directly in your Skills Network Labs environment.

Stop

Summary

Connection Information

Details

Your database and mongo-express server are now ready to use and available with the following login credentials. For more details on how to navigate MongoDB, please check out the Details section.

Username:

Password:

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You can manage MongoDB via:

mongo-express

Or to interact with the database in the terminal, select one of these options:

MongoDB CLI

New Terminal

In MongoDB CLI (i.e. mongo shell), switch the context to training database.

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1. use training
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And create a collection called bigdata

- ```
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1. db.createCollection("bigdata")
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Exercise 1 - Load sample document

Load sample data into the training database in marks collection.

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1. use training
2. db.marks.insert({"name":"Ramesh","subject":"maths","marks":87})
3. db.marks.insert({"name":"Ramesh","subject":"english","marks":59})
4. db.marks.insert({"name":"Ramesh","subject":"science","marks":77})
5. db.marks.insert({"name":"Rav","subject":"maths","marks":62})
6. db.marks.insert({"name":"Rav","subject":"english","marks":83})
7. db.marks.insert({"name":"Rav","subject":"science","marks":71})
8. db.marks.insert({"name":"Alison","subject":"maths","marks":84})
9. db.marks.insert({"name":"Alison","subject":"english","marks":82})
10. db.marks.insert({"name":"Alison","subject":"science","marks":86})
11. db.marks.insert({"name":"Steve","subject":"maths","marks":81})
12. db.marks.insert({"name":"Steve","subject":"english","marks":89})
13. db.marks.insert({"name":"Steve","subject":"science","marks":77})
14. db.marks.insert({"name":"Jan","subject":"english","marks":0,"reason":"absent"})
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## Exercise 2 - Limiting the rows in the output

Using the \$limit operator we can limit the number of documents printed in the output.

This command will print only 2 documents from the marks collection.

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1. use training
2. db.marks.aggregate([{"$limit":2}])
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Exercise 3 - Sorting based on a column

We can use the \$sort operator to sort the output.

This command sorts the documents based on field marks in ascending order.

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1. db.marks.aggregate([{"$sort":{"marks":1}}])
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This command sort the documents based on field marks in descending order.

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3. db.marks.aggregate([{"$sort":{"marks":-1}}])
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## Exercise 4 - Sorting and limiting

Aggregation usually involves using more than one operator.  
A pipeline consists of one or more operators declared inside an array.  
The operators are comma separated.  
Mongodb executes the first operator in the pipeline and sends its output to the next operator.

Let's create a two stage pipeline that answers the question "What are the top 2 marks?"

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1. Problem: Find the total marks for each student across all subjects.

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use the \$sum operator along with \$group on the field ‘name’

▼ Click here for Solution

On the mongo client run the below commands.

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1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5

1. db.marks.aggregate([
2. {
3. "$group":{"_id":"$name","total":{"$sum":"$marks"}}
4. }
5.])
```

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2. Problem: Find the maximum marks scored in each subject.

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use the \$max operator along with \$group on the field ‘subject’

▼ Click here for Solution

On the mongo client run the below commands.

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1. 1
2. 2
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4. 4
5. 5

1. db.marks.aggregate([
2. {
3. "$group":{"_id":"$subject","max_marks":{"$max":"$marks"}}
4. }
5.])
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3. Problem: Find the minimum marks scored by each student.

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use the \$min operator along with \$group on the field ‘name’

▼ Click here for Solution

On the mongo client run the below commands.

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1. 1
2. 2
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5. 5

1. db.marks.aggregate([
2. {
3. "$group":{"_id":"$name","min_marks":{"$min":"$marks"}}
4. }
5.])
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4. Problem: Find the top two subjects based on average marks.

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use the \$avg operator along with \$group on the field subject. Sort by average descending. Limit output to 2 documents

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On the mongo client run the below commands.

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10. 10
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12. 12
13. 13
14. 14

1. db.marks.aggregate([
2. {
3. "$group":{"
4. "_id":"$subject",
5. "average":{"$avg":"$marks"}
6. }
7. },
8. {
9. "$sort":{"average":-1}
10. },
11. {
12. "$limit":2
13. }
14.])
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# Summary

In this lab, you have gained an understanding of Aggregation pipelines in MongoDB.

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