
Mongo DB

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Overview

Objectives

- Understand differences of Mongo DB
- Install Mongo
- Run queries with pyMongo



The Good News

There is NoSQL in this lecture

The Bad News

NoSQL stands for “*Not Only SQL*”

NoSQL

How is this Different?

Traditional RDBMS

- Requires a Schema to map relations between all the tables within your DB

ID	Date_Joined	Has_Beeper	Fax_Number
003241	1987-01-16	True	(555)111-2222
...

Restructuring or updating this sucks...

How is this Different?

Traditional RDBMS

- Scales vertically so making queries and joins can be done quickly
 - This usually requires that all the data live on the same server
 - Doesn't "*shard*" well
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How is this Different?

NoSQL

- Doesn't need to know what is being stored in advance
 - No schema required
 - Auto-sharding
 - Easily replicated across many servers or the cloud
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A flavor of NoSQL (*like Postgres is a flavor of SQL*)



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Records = Documents

Records are stored as “documents” with **field:value** pairs

```
{  
  name: "sue",  
  age: 26,  
  status: "A",  
  groups: [ "news", "sports" ]  
}
```

← field:value
← field:value
← field:value
← field:value

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Field Names

- Must be strings
 - Can't start with the dollar sign (\$) character
 - Can't contain the dot (.) character
 - Can't contain the **null** character
 - **_id** is reserved for use as a primary key
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Values

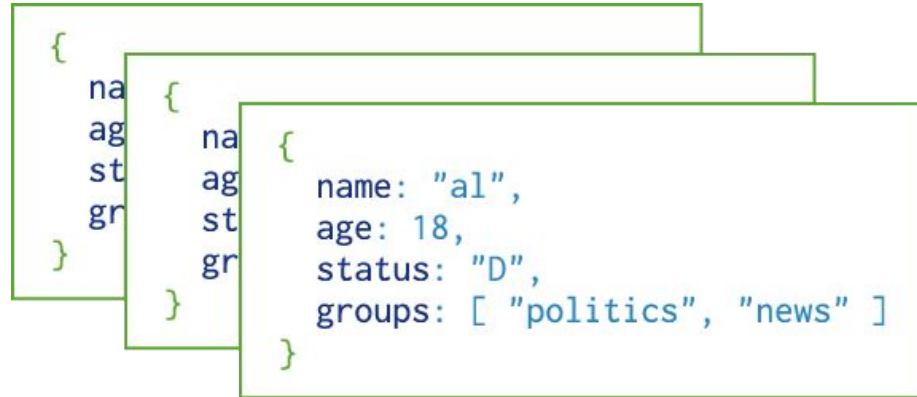
- Can be heterogenous mixture of other documents, arrays, and arrays of documents

```
{  
  ...  
  name: { first: "Alan", last: "Turing" },  
  contact: { phone: { type: "cell", number: "111-222-3333" } },  
  ...  
}
```

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Tables = Collections

Databases are sets of collections of documents



Collection

Break-Out Question

With a partner, on the whiteboard tables write out a SQL and a Mongo query to do the following:

- From a table / collection called “log” return the total number of records where the “country” is “India” grouped by “city” and rename it “counter”.
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Queries

SQL	Mongo
<code>SELECT * FROM users</code>	<code>db.users.find()</code>
<code>SELECT * FROM users WHERE age = 33 ORDER BY name ASC</code>	<code>db.users.find({age: 33}).sort({name: 1})</code>
<code>SELECT COUNT(*) FROM users WHERE age > 30</code>	<code>db.users.find({age: {\$gt: 30}}).count()</code>

Collection

```
db.orders.aggregate( [  
  $match stage → { $match: { status: "A" } },  
  $group stage → { $group: { _id: "$cust_id", total: { $sum: "$amount" } } }  
] )
```

{ cust_id: "A123", amount: 500, status: "A" }
{ cust_id: "A123", amount: 250, status: "A" }
{ cust_id: "B212", amount: 200, status: "A" }
{ cust_id: "A123", amount: 300, status: "D" }

orders

\$match

{ cust_id: "A123", amount: 500, status: "A" }
{ cust_id: "A123", amount: 250, status: "A" }
{ cust_id: "B212", amount: 200, status: "A" }

\$group

Results	
	<pre>{ _id: "A123", total: 750 }</pre>
	<pre>{ _id: "B212", total: 200 }</pre>

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Aggregate

SQL	Mongo
<pre>SELECT age, SUM(1) AS counter FROM users WHERE country = "US" GROUP BY age</pre>	<pre>db.users.aggregate([{\$match: {country: 'US'} }, {\$group: {'_id': '\$age', counter: {\$sum:1}} }])</pre>

PyMongo

We can also interact with Mongo databases directly in Python by using the right drivers.

```
$ conda install pymongo
```

PyMongo

Now, in python we can just call:

```
from pymongo import MongoClient  
  
client = MongoClient()  
  
database = client['your_db']  
  
coll = database['your_collection']
```

(after we start our Mongo server of course)

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Queries look similar to those done inside Mongo Shell:

```
res = coll.find({'name': {'$ne': 'Frank'}})
```

This returns our query cursor object as a generator we can use in the normal fashion in python (*e.g. using `.next()`, etc.*).

Recap

1. What are the main differences between SQL and NoSQL?
2. What flavor of NoSQL are we using in class?
3. What data structure in python do NoSQL documents most resemble?

Resources

MongoDB Downloads:

<https://www.mongodb.com/download-center#community>

Mongo Docs:

<https://docs.mongodb.com/getting-started/python/introduction/>

PyMongo:

<https://api.mongodb.com/python/current/installation.html>
