

## Terminologies

Just as a reminder, here are some terminologies used with the NoSQL database:

- **Collections:** Collections in Mongo are the equivalent of tables in relational databases. They can hold multiple JSON documents.
- **Documents:** Documents are the equivalent of records or data rows in SQL. While an SQL row can reference data in other tables, Mongo documents usually combine them in one document.
- **Fields:** Fields or attributes that are similar to columns in an SQL table.
- **Schema:** While Mongo is schema-less, SQL defines a schema via the table definition. A Mongoose 'schema' is a document data structure (or a shape of the document) that is enforced via the application layer.
- **Models:** Models are higher-order constructors that take a schema and create an instance of a document equivalent to records in a relational database.
- **References:** References are referred from one document to another using the value of the referenced (parent) document.



