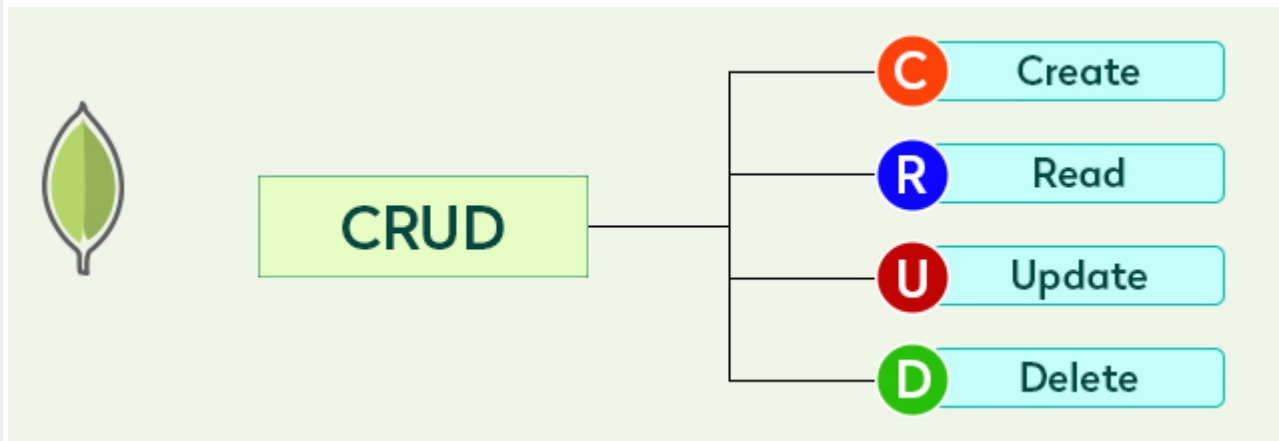# CRUD operations

When we are dealing with databases, there are four operation that we can apply:

- **CREATE:** or insert operations add new documents to a collection. If the collection does not currently exist, insert operations will create a new collection.
- **READ:** operations retrieve documents from a collection; i.e. queries.
- **UPDATE:** operations modify existing documents in a collection.
- **DELETE:** operations remove documents from a collection

The four first letters of each word makes up the **CRUD** acronym.

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