

# MongoDB Rapid Start Training

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# 1 Introduction

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MongoDB Overview (page 4) MongoDB philosophy and features

MongoDB Stores Documents (page 7) The structure of data in MongoDB

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# 1.1 Warm Up

#### Introductions

- Who am I?
- My role at MongoDB
- My background and prior experience

# **Getting to Know You**

- Who are you?
- What role do you play in your organization?
- What is your background?
- Do you have prior experience with MongoDB?

# **MongoDB Experience**

- Who has never used MongoDB?
- Who has some experience?
- Who has worked with production MongoDB deployments?
- Who is more of a developer?
- Who is more of operations person?

# 10gen

- MongoDB was initially created in 2008 as part of a hosted application stack.
- The company was originally called 10gen.
- · As part of their overarching plan to create the 10gen platform, the company built a database.
- Suddenly everybody said: "I like that! Give me that database!"

# **Origin of MongoDB**

- 10gen became a database company.
- In 2013, the company rebranded as MongoDB, Inc.
- The founders have other startups to their credit: DoubleClick, ShopWiki, Gilt.
- The motivation for the database came from observing the following pattern with application development.
  - The user base grows.
  - The associated body of data grows.
  - Eventually the application outgrows the database.
  - Meeting performance requirements becomes difficult.

# 1.2 MongoDB Overview

# **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand:

- MongoDB vs. relational databases and key/value stores
- · Vertical vs. horizontal scaling
- The role of MongoDB in the development stack
- The structure of documents in MongoDB
- · Array fields
- Embedded documents
- · Fundamentals of BSON

# MongoDB is a Document Database

Documents are associative arrays like:

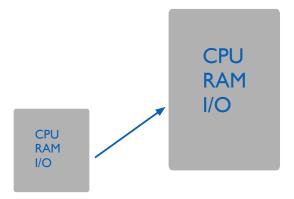
- Python dictionaries
- Ruby hashes
- PHP arrays
- JSON objects

#### **An Example MongoDB Document**

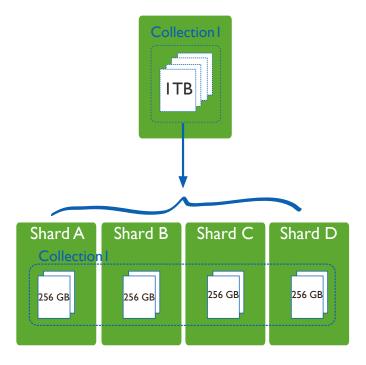
A MongoDB document expressed using JSON syntax.

```
"_id" : "/apple-reports-second-quarter-revenue",
    "headline" : "Apple Reported Second Quarter Revenue Today",
    "date" : ISODate("2015-03-24T22:35:21.908Z"),
    "author" : {
        "name" : "Bob Walker",
        "title" : "Lead Business Editor"
},
    "copy" : "Apple beat Wall St expectations by reporting ...",
    "tags" : [
        "AAPL", "Earnings", "Cupertino"
],
    "comments" : [
        { "name" : "Frank", "comment" : "Great Story" },
        { "name" : "Wendy", "comment" : "When can I buy an Apple Watch?" }
]
```

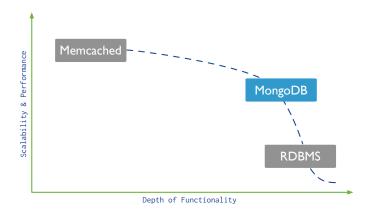
# **Vertical Scaling**



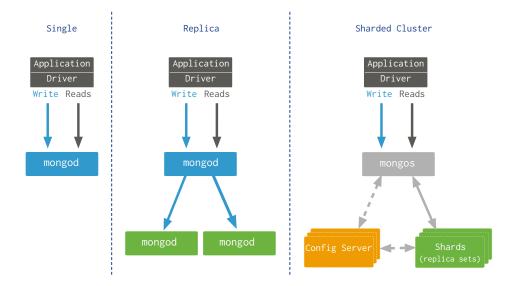
# Scaling with MongoDB



# **Database Landscape**



# **MongoDB Deployment Models**



# 1.3 MongoDB Stores Documents

# **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module, students should understand:

- JSON
- BSON basics
- That documents are organized into collections
- ObjectIds
- Padding Factor

# **JSON**

- JavaScript Object Notation
- Objects are associative arrays.
- They are composed of key-value pairs.

# A Simple JSON Object

```
{
    "firstname" : "Thomas",
    "lastname" : "Smith",
    "age" : 29
}
```

# **JSON** Keys and Values

- Keys must be strings.
- Values may be any of the following:
  - string (e.g., "Thomas")
  - number (e.g., 29, 3.7)
  - true / false
  - null
  - array (e.g., [88.5, 91.3, 67.1])
  - object
- More detail at json.org<sup>1</sup>.

# **Example Field Values**

```
{
  "headline" : "Apple Reported Second Quarter Revenue Today",
  "date" : ISODate("2015-03-24T22:35:21.908Z"),
  "views" : 1234,
  "author" : {
      "name" : "Bob Walker",
      "title" : "Lead Business Editor"
},
  "tags" : [
      "AAPL",
      23,
      { "name" : "city", "value" : "Cupertino" },
      [ "Electronics", "Computers" ]
]
}
```

<sup>1</sup>http://json.org/

#### **BSON**

- MongoDB stores data as Binary JSON (BSON).
- MongoDB drivers send and receive data in this format.
- They map BSON to native data structures.
- BSON provides support for all JSON data types and several others.
- BSON was designed to be lightweight, traversable and efficient.
- See bsonspec.org<sup>2</sup>.

#### **BSON Hello World**

#### A More Complex BSON Example

# **Documents, Collections, and Databases**

- Documents are stored in collections.
- Collections are contained in a database.
- Example:
  - Database: products
  - Collections: books, movies, music
- Each database-collection combination defines a namespace.
  - products.books
  - products.movies
  - products.music

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>http://bsonspec.org/#/specification

#### The \_id Field

- All documents must have an \_id field.
- The \_id is immutable.
- If no \_id is specified when a document is inserted, MongoDB will add the \_id field.
- MongoDB assigns a unique ObjectId as the value of \_id.
- Most drivers will actually create the ObjectId if no \_id is specified.
- The \_id field is unique to a collection (namespace).

#### **ObjectIds**



# 1.4 Lab: Installing and Configuring MongoDB

#### **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this exercise students should understand:

- How MongoDB is distributed
- How to install MongoDB
- Configuration steps for setting up a simple MongoDB deployment
- How to run MongoDB
- How to run the Mongo shell

#### **Production Releases**

64-bit production releases of MongoDB are available for the following platforms.

- Windows
- OSX
- Linux
- Solaris

# **Installing MongoDB**

- Visit https://docs.mongodb.com/manual/installation/.
- Please install the Enterprise version of MongoDB.
- Click on the appropriate link, such as "Install on Windows" or "Install on OS X" and follow the instructions.
- Versions:
  - Even-numbered builds are production releases, e.g., 2.4.x, 2.6.x.
  - Odd-numbers indicate development releases, e.g., 2.5.x, 2.7.x.

#### **Linux Setup**

```
PATH=$PATH:<path to mongodb>/bin
sudo mkdir -p /data/db
sudo chmod -R 744 /data/db
sudo chown -R `whoami` /data/db
```

#### **Install on Windows**

- Download and run the .msi Windows installer from mongodb.org/downloads.
- By default, binaries will be placed in the following directory.

```
C:\Program Files\MongoDB\Server\<VERSION>\bin
```

- It is helpful to add the location of the MongoDB binaries to your path.
- To do this, from "System Properties" select "Advanced" then "Environment Variables"

# **Create a Data Directory on Windows**

- Ensure there is a directory for your MongoDB data files.
- The default location is \data\db.
- · Create a data directory with a command such as the following.

```
md \data\db
```

#### Launch a mongod

Explore the mongod command.

```
<path to mongodb>/bin/mongod --help
```

Launch a mongod with the MMAPv1 storage engine:

```
<path to mongodb>/bin/mongod
```

Alternatively, launch with the WiredTiger storage engine.

```
<path to mongodb>/bin/mongod --storageEngine wiredTiger
```

Specify an alternate path for data files using the --dbpath option. (Make sure the directory already exists.) E.g.,

# The MMAPv1 Data Directory

ls /data/db

- The mongod.lock file
  - This prevents multiple mongods from using the same data directory simultaneously.
  - Each MongoDB database directory has one .lock.
  - The lock file contains the process id of the mongod that is using the directory.
- · Data files
  - The names of the files correspond to available databases.
  - A single database may have multiple files.

# The WiredTiger Data Directory

ls /data/db

- The mongod.lock file
  - Used in the same way as MMAPv1.
- Data files
  - Each collection and index stored in its own file.
  - Will fail to start if MMAPv1 files found

# **Import Exercise Data**

```
unzip usb_drive.zip

cd usb_drive

mongoimport -d sample -c tweets twitter.json

mongoimport -d sample -c zips zips.json

mongoimport -d sample -c grades grades.json

cd dump

mongorestore -d sample city

mongorestore -d sample digg
```

**Note:** If there is an error importing data directly from a USB drive, please copy the sampledata.zip file to your local computer first.

# Launch a Mongo Shell

Open another command shell. Then type the following to start the Mongo shell.

mongo

Display available commands.

help

# **Explore Databases**

Display available databases.

```
show dbs
```

db

To use a particular database we can type the following.

```
use <database_name>
```

# **Exploring Collections**

```
show collections
db.<COLLECTION>.help()
db.<COLLECTION>.find()
```

#### **Admin Commands**

- There are also a number of admin commands at our disposal.
- The following will shut down the mongod we are connected to through the Mongo shell.
- You can also just kill with Ctrl-C in the shell window from which you launched the mongod.

```
db.adminCommand( { shutdown : 1 } )
```

- Confirm that the mongod process has indeed stopped.
- Once you have, please restart it.

# 2 CRUD

Creating and Deleting Documents (page 15) Inserting documents into collections, deleting documents, and dropping collections

Reading Documents (page 20) The find() command, query documents, dot notation, and cursors

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# 2.1 Creating and Deleting Documents

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand:

- How to insert documents into MongoDB collections.
- \_id fields:
- · How to delete documents from a collection
- · How to remove a collection from a database
- How to remove a database from a MongoDB deployment

# **Creating New Documents**

- Create documents using insertOne() and insertMany().
- For example:

```
// Specify the collection name
db.<COLLECTION>.insertOne( { "name" : "Mongo" } )
// For example
db.people.insertOne( { "name" : "Mongo" } )
```

# **Example: Inserting a Document**

Experiment with the following commands.

```
use sample
db.movies.insertOne( { "title" : "Jaws" } )
db.movies.find()
```

# Implicit \_id Assignment

- We did not specify an \_id in the document we inserted.
- If you do not assign one, MongoDB will create one automatically.
- The value will be of type ObjectId.

#### **Example: Assigning ids**

Experiment with the following commands.

```
db.movies.insertOne( { "_id" : "Jaws", "year" : 1975 } )
db.movies.find()
```

#### Inserts will fail if...

- There is already a document in the collection with that \_id.
- You try to assign an array to the \_id.
- The argument is not a well-formed document.

#### Example: Inserts will fail if...

#### insertMany()

- You may bulk insert using an array of documents.
- Use insertMany() instead of insertOne()

#### Ordered insertMany()

- For ordered inserts MongoDB will stop processing inserts upon encountering an error.
- Meaning that only inserts occurring before an error will complete.
- The default setting for db. < COLLECTION > . insertMany is an ordered insert.
- See the next exercise for an example.

#### Example: Ordered insertMany()

Experiment with the following operation.

#### Unordered insertMany()

- Pass { ordered : false } to insertMany() to perform unordered inserts.
- If any given insert fails, MongoDB will still attempt all of the others.
- The inserts may be executed in a different order than you specified.
- The next exercise is very similar to the previous one.
- However, we are using { ordered : false }.
- One insert will fail, but all the rest will succeed.

#### Example: Unordered insertMany()

Experiment with the following insert.

# The Shell is a JavaScript Interpreter

- Sometimes it is convenient to create test data using a little JavaScript.
- The mongo shell is a fully-functional JavaScript interpreter. You may:
  - Define functions
  - Use loops
  - Assign variables
  - Perform inserts

# **Exercise: Creating Data in the Shell**

Experiment with the following commands.

```
for (i=1; i<=10000; i++) {
    db.stuff.insert( { "a" : i } )
}
db.stuff.find()</pre>
```

# **Deleting Documents**

You may delete documents from a MongoDB deployment in several ways.

- Use deleteOne() and deleteMany() to delete documents matching a specific set of conditions.
- Drop an entire collection.
- Drop a database.

#### Using deleteOne()

- Delete a document from a collection using deleteOne()
- This command has one required parameter, a query document.
- The first document in the collection matching the query document will be deleted.

#### Using deleteMany()

- Delete multiple documents from a collection using deleteMany().
- This command has one required parameter, a query document.
- All documents in the collection matching the query document will be deleted.
- Pass an empty document to delete all documents.

#### **Example: Deleting Documents**

Experiment with removing documents. Do a find () after each deleteMany () command below.

```
for (i=1; i<=20; i++) { db.testcol.insertOne( { _id : i, a : i } ) }
db.testcol.deleteMany( { a : 1 } ) // Delete the first document

// $1t is a query operator that enables us to select documents that

// are less than some value. More on operators soon.
db.testcol.deleteMany( { a : { $1t : 5 } } ) // Remove three more

db.testcol.deleteOne( { a : { $1t : 10 } } ) // Remove one more

db.testcol.deleteMany() // Error: requires a query document.

db.testcol.deleteMany( { } ) // All documents removed</pre>
```

#### **Dropping a Collection**

- You can drop an entire collection with db. < COLLECTION > . drop ()
- The collection and all documents will be deleted.
- It will also remove any metadata associated with that collection.
- Indexes are one type of metadata removed.
- More on meta data later.

#### **Example: Dropping a Collection**

```
db.colToBeDropped.insertOne( { a : 1 } )
show collections // Shows the colToBeDropped collection
db.colToBeDropped.drop()
show collections // collection is gone
```

#### **Dropping a Database**

- You can drop an entire database with db.dropDatabase()
- This drops the database on which the method is called.
- It also deletes the associated data files from disk, freeing disk space.
- Beware that in the mongo shell, this does not change database context.

#### **Example: Dropping a Database**

```
use tempDB
db.testcol1.insertOne( { a : 1 } )
db.testcol2.insertOne( { a : 1 } )
show dbs // Here they are
show collections // Shows the two collections
db.dropDatabase()
show collections // No collections
show dbs // The db is gone
use sample // take us back to the sample db
```

# 2.2 Reading Documents

# **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand:

- The query-by-example paradigm of MongoDB
- How to query on array elements
- How to query embedded documents using dot notation
- · How the mongo shell and drivers use cursors
- Projections
- Cursor methods: .count(), .sort(), .skip(), .limit()

#### The find() Method

- This is the fundamental method by which we read data from MongoDB.
- We have already used it in its basic form.
- find () returns a cursor that enables us to iterate through all documents matching a query.
- We will discuss cursors later.

# **Query by Example**

- To query MongoDB, specify a document containing the key / value pairs you want to match
- You need only specify values for fields you care about.
- Other fields will not be used to exclude documents.
- The result set will include all documents in a collection that match.

#### **Example: Querying by Example**

Experiment with the following sequence of commands.

#### **Querying Arrays**

- In MongoDB you may query array fields.
- Specify a single value you expect to find in that array in desired documents.
- Alternatively, you may specify an entire array in the query document.
- · As we will see later, there are also several operators that enhance our ability to query array fields.

# **Example: Querying Arrays**

```
db.movies.drop()
db.movies.insertMany(
   [{ "title" : "Batman", "category" : [ "action", "adventure" ] },
    { "title" : "Godzilla", "category" : [ "action", "adventure", "sci-fi" ] },
   { "title" : "Home Alone", "category" : [ "family", "comedy" ] }
])

// Match documents where "category" contains the value specified
db.movies.find( { "category" : "action" } )

// Match documents where "category" equals the value specified
db.movies.find( { "category" : [ "action", "sci-fi" ] } ) // no documents

// only the second document
db.movies.find( { "category" : [ "action", "adventure", "sci-fi" ] } )
```

# **Querying with Dot Notation**

- Dot notation is used to query on fields in embedded documents.
- The syntax is:

```
"field1.field2" : value
```

• Put quotes around the field name when using dot notation.

# **Example: Querying with Dot Notation**

```
db.movies.insertMany(
    [ {
          "title" : "Avatar",
          "box_office" : { "gross" : 760,
                           "budget" : 237,
                           "opening_weekend" : 77
      },
          "title" : "E.T.",
          "box_office" : { "gross" : 349,
                           "budget" : 10.5,
                           "opening_weekend" : 14
                         }
     1)
db.movies.find( { "box_office" : { "gross" : 760 } } ) // no values
// dot notation
db.movies.find( { "box_office.gross" : 760 } ) // expected value
```

#### **Example: Arrays and Dot Notation**

# **Projections**

- You may choose to have only certain fields appear in result documents.
- This is called projection.
- You specify a projection by passing a second parameter to find().

# Projection: Example (Setup)

```
db.movies.insertOne(
{
    "title": "Forrest Gump",
    "category": [ "drama", "romance"],
    "imdb_rating": 8.8,
    "filming_locations": [
        { "city": "Savannah", "state": "GA", "country": "USA"},
        { "city": "Monument Valley", "state": "UT", "country": "USA"},
        { "city": "Los Anegeles", "state": "CA", "country": "USA"}
],
    "box_office": {
        "gross": 557,
        "opening_weekend": 24,
        "budget": 55
}
})
```

#### **Projection: Example**

#### **Projection Documents**

- Include fields with fieldName: 1.
  - Any field not named will be excluded
  - except \_id, which must be explicitly excluded.
- Exclude fields with fieldName: 0.
  - Any field not named will be included.

#### **Example: Projections**

#### **Cursors**

- When you use find (), MongoDB returns a cursor.
- A cursor is a pointer to the result set
- You can get iterate through documents in the result using next ().
- By default, the mongo shell will iterate through 20 documents at a time.

#### **Example: Introducing Cursors**

# **Example: Cursor Objects in the Mongo Shell**

```
// Assigns the cursor returned by find() to a variable x
var x = db.testcol.find()

// Displays the first document in the result set.
x.next()

// True because there are more documents in the result set.
x.hasNext()

// Assigns the next document in the result set to the variable y.
y = x.next()

// Return value is the value of the a field of this document.
y.a

// Displaying a cursor prints the next 20 documents in the result set.
x
```

# **Cursor Methods**

- count (): Returns the number of documents in the result set.
- limit (): Limits the result set to the number of documents specified.
- skip(): Skips the number of documents specified.

#### Example: Using count ()

```
db.testcol.drop()
for (i=1; i<=100; i++) { db.testcol.insertOne( { a : i } ) }

// all 100
db.testcol.count()

// just 41 docs
db.testcol.count( { a : { $lt : 42 } } )

// Another way of writing the same query
db.testcol.find( { a : { $lt : 42 } } ).count( )</pre>
```

#### Example: Using sort ()

# The skip() Method

- Skips the specified number of documents in the result set.
- The returned cursor will begin at the first document beyond the number specified.
- Regardless of the order in which you specify skip() and sort() on a cursor, sort() happens first.

#### The limit() Method

- Limits the number of documents in a result set to the first k.
- Specify k as the argument to limit ()
- Regardless of the order in which you specify limit(), skip(), and sort() on a cursor, sort() happens first.
- Helps reduce resources consumed by queries.

#### The distinct() Method

- Returns all values for a field found in a collection.
- Only works on one field at a time.
- Input is a string (not a document)

#### Example: Using distinct()

# 2.3 Query Operators

#### **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand the following types of MongoDB query operators:

- Comparison operators
- Logical operators
- Element query operators
- · Operators on arrays

## **Comparison Query Operators**

- \$1t: Exists and is less than
- \$1te: Exists and is less than or equal to
- \$gt: Exists and is greater than
- \$gte: Exists and is greater than or equal to
- \$ne: Does not exist or does but is not equal to
- \$in: Exists and is in a set
- \$nin: Does not exist or is not in a set

#### **Example (Setup)**

```
"title": "Home Alone",
    "category": [ "family", "comedy"],
    "imdb_rating": 7.4
}
```

#### **Example: Comparison Operators**

```
db.movies.find()
db.movies.find( { "imdb_rating" : { $gte : 7 } } )
db.movies.find( { "category" : { $ne : "family" } } )
db.movies.find( { "title" : { $in : [ "Batman", "Godzilla" ] } } )
db.movies.find( { "title" : { $nin : [ "Batman", "Godzilla" ] } } )
```

# **Logical Query Operators**

- \$or: Match either of two or more values
- \$not: Used with other operators
- \$nor: Match neither of two or more values
- \$and: Match both of two or more values
  - This is the default behavior for queries specifying more than one condition.
  - Use \$and if you need to include the same operator more than once in a query.

# **Example: Logical Operators**

#### **Example: Logical Operators**

## **Element Query Operators**

- \$exists: Select documents based on the existence of a particular field.
- \$type: Select documents based on their type.
- See BSON types<sup>3</sup> for reference on types.

# **Example: Element Operators**

```
db.movies.find( { "budget" : { $exists : true } } )

// type 1 is Double
db.movies.find( { "budget" : { $type : 1 } } )

// type 3 is Object (embedded document)
db.movies.find( { "budget" : { $type : 3 } } )
```

#### **Array Query Operators**

- \$all: Array field must contain all values listed.
- \$size: Array must have a particular size. E.g., \$size: 2 means 2 elements in the array
- \$elemMatch: All conditions must be matched by at least one element in the array

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/manual/reference/bson-types

# **Example: Array Operators**

```
db.movies.find( { "category" : { $all : [ "sci-fi", "action" ] } })
db.movies.find( { "category" : { $size : 3 } })
```

#### Example: \$elemMatch

```
db.movies.insertOne( {
    "title" : "Raiders of the Lost Ark",
    "filming_locations" : [
     { "city" : "Los Angeles", "state" : "CA", "country" : "USA" },
     { "city" : "Rome", "state" : "Lazio", "country" : "Italy" },
     { "city" : "Florence", "state" : "SC", "country" : "USA" }
    ] } )
// This query is incorrect, it won't return what we want
db.movies.find( {
    "filming_locations.city" : "Florence",
    "filming_locations.country" : "Italy"
 } )
// $elemMatch is needed, now there are no results, this is expected
db.movies.find( {
    "filming_locations" : {
      $elemMatch : {
       "city" : "Florence",
       "country" : "Italy"
       } } )
```

# 2.4 Lab: Finding Documents

Exercise: student\_id < 65

In the sample database, how many documents in the grades collection have a student\_id less than 65?

Exercise: Inspection Result "Fail" & "Pass"

In the sample database, how many documents in the inspections collection have result "Pass" or "Fail"?

Exercise: View Count > 1000

In the stories collection, write a query to find all stories where the view count is greater than 1000.

**Exercise: Most comments** 

Find the video that has the most comments in the stories collection

**Exercise: Television or Videos** 

Find all digg stories where the topic name is "Television" or the media type is "videos". Skip the first 5 results and limit the result set to 10.

**Exercise: News or Images** 

Query for all digg stories whose media type is either "news" or "images" and where the topic name is "Comedy". (For extra practice, construct two queries using different sets of operators to do this.)

# 2.5 Updating Documents

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand

- The replaceOne() method
- The updateOne() method
- The updateMany() method
- The required parameters for these methods
- Field update operators
- Array update operators
- The concept of an upsert and use cases.
- The findOneAndReplace() and findOneAndUpdate() methods

#### The replaceOne() Method

- · Takes one document and replaces it with another
  - But leaves the \_id unchanged
- Takes two parameters:
  - A matching document
  - A replacement document
- This is, in some sense, the simplest form of update

#### First Parameter to replaceOne()

- Required parameters for replaceOne()
  - The query parameter:
    - \* Use the same syntax as with find()
    - \* Only the first document found is replaced
- replaceOne() cannot delete a document

# Second Parameter to replaceOne ()

- The second parameter is the replacement parameter:
  - The document to replace the original document
- The \_id must stay the same
- You must replace the entire document
  - You cannot modify just one field
  - Except for the \_id

#### Example: replaceOne()

#### The updateOne() Method

- Mutate one document in MongoDB using updateOne ()
  - Affects only the \_first\_ document found
- Two parameters:
  - A query document
    - \* same syntax as with find()
  - Change document
    - \* Operators specify the fields and changes

#### \$set and \$unset

- Use to specify fields to update for UpdateOne ()
- If the field already exists, using \$set will change its value
  - If not, \$set will create it, set to the new value
- Only specified fields will change
- Alternatively, remove a field using \$unset

# Example (Setup)

```
db.movies.insertMany( [
  {
    "title" : "Batman",
    "category" : [ "action", "adventure" ],
    "imdb_rating" : 7.6,
    "budget": 35
  },
    "title" : "Godzilla",
   "category" : [ "action",
    "adventure", "sci-fi" ],
    "imdb_rating" : 6.6
  },
    "title" : "Home Alone",
    "category" : [ "family", "comedy" ],
    "imdb_rating" : 7.4
] )
```

#### Example: \$set and \$unset

#### **Update Operators**

- \$inc: Increment a field's value by the specified amount.
- \$mul: Multiply a field's value by the specified amount.
- \$rename: Rename a field.
- \$set: Update one or more fields (already discussed).
- \$unset Delete a field (already discussed).
- \$min: Update only if value is smaller than specified quantity
- \$max: Update only if value is larger than specified quantity
- \$currentDate: Set the value of a field to the current date or timestamp.

## **Example: Update Operators**

#### The updateMany() Method

- Takes the same arguments as updateOne
- Updates all documents that match
  - updateOne stops after the first match
  - updateMany continues until it has matched all

Warning: Without an appropriate index, you may scan every document in the collection.

#### Example: updateMany()

```
// let's start tracking the number of sequals for each movie
db.movies.updateOne( { }, { $set : { "sequels" : 0 } } )
db.movies.find()
// we need updateMany to change all documents
db.movies.updateMany( { }, { $set : { "sequels" : 0 } } )
db.movies.find()
```

#### **Array Element Updates by Index**

- You can use dot notation to specify an array index
- You will update only that element
  - Other elements will not be affected

#### **Example: Update Array Elements by Index**

## **Array Operators**

- \$push: Appends an element to the end of the array.
- \$pushAll: Appends multiple elements to the end of the array.
- \$pop: Removes one element from the end of the array.
- \$pull: Removes all elements in the array that match a specified value.
- \$pullAll: Removes all elements in the array that match any of the specified values.
- \$addToSet: Appends an element to the array if not already present.

# **Example: Array Operators**

```
db.movies.updateOne(
    { "title" : "Batman" },
    { $push : { "category" : "superhero" } } )
db.movies.updateOne(
    { "title" : "Batman" },
    { $pushAll : { "category" : [ "villain", "comic-based" ] } } )
db.movies.updateOne(
    { "title" : "Batman" },
    { $pop : { "category" : 1 } } )
db.movies.updateOne(
    { "title" : "Batman" },
    { $pull : { "category" : "action" } } )
db.movies.updateOne(
    { "title" : "Batman" },
    { $pull : { "category" : [ "villain", "comic-based" ] } } )
```

## The Positional \$ Operator

- \$4 is a positional operator that specifies an element in an array to update.
- It acts as a placeholder for the first element that matches the query document.
- \$ replaces the element in the specified position with the value given.
- Example:

```
db.<COLLECTION>.updateOne(
    { <array> : value ... },
    { <update operator> : { "<array>.$" : value } }
)
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/manual/reference/operator/update/postional

## **Example: The Positional \$ Operator**

## **Upserts**

- If no document matches a write query:
  - By default, nothing happens
  - With upsert: true, inserts one new document
- Works for updateOne(), updateMany(), replaceOne()
- Syntax:

#### **Upsert Mechanics**

- Will update if documents matching the query exist
- · Will insert if no documents match
  - Creates a new document using equality conditions in the query document
  - Adds an \_id if the query did not specify one
  - Performs the write on the new document
- updateMany() will only create one document
  - If none match, of course

## **Example: Upserts**

#### save()

- The db. < COLLECTION > . save () method is syntactic sugar
  - Similar to replaceOne(), querying the \_id field
  - Upsert if \_id is not in the collection
- Syntax:

```
db.<COLLECTION>.save( <document> )
```

#### Example: save()

- If the document in the argument does not contain an \_id field, then the save() method acts like insertOne() method
  - An ObjectId will be assigned to the \_id field.
- If the document in the argument contains an \_id field: then the save() method is equivalent to a replaceOne with the query argument on \_id and the upsert option set to true

```
// insert
db.movies.save( { "title" : "Beverly Hills Cops", "imdb_rating" : 7.3 })
// update with { upsert: true }
db.movies.save( { "_id" : 1234, "title" : "Spider Man", "imdb_rating" : 7.3 })
```

### Be careful with save ()

Careful not to modify stale data when using save (). Example:

```
db.movies.drop()
db.movies.insertOne( { "title" : "Jaws", "imdb_rating" : 7.3 } )

db.movies.find( { "title" : "Jaws" } )

// store the complete document in the application
doc = db.movies.findOne( { "title" : "Jaws" } )

db.movies.updateOne( { "title" : "Jaws" }, { $inc: { "imdb_rating" : 2 } } )

db.movies.find()

doc.imdb_rating = 7.4

db.movies.save(doc) // just lost our incrementing of "imdb_rating"
db.movies.find()
```

#### findOneAndUpdate() and findOneAndReplace()

- Update (or replace) one document and return it
  - By default, the document is returned pre-write
- Can return the state before or after the update
- Makes a read plus a write atomic
- Can be used with upsert to insert a document

# findOneAndUpdate() and findOneAndReplace() Options

- The following are optional fields for the options document
- projection: <document> select the fields to see
- sort: <document> sort to select the first document
- maxTimeoutMS: <number> how long to wait
  - Returns an error, kills operation if exceeded
- upsert: <boolean> if true, performs an upsert

# Example: findOneAndUpdate()

```
db.worker_queue.findOneAndUpdate(
    { state : "unprocessed" },
    { $set: { "worker_id" : 123, "state" : "processing" } },
    { upsert: true } )
```

#### findOneAndDelete()

- Not an update operation, but fits in with findOneAnd ...
- Returns the document and deletes it.
- Example:

```
db.foo.drop();
db.foo.insertMany([{ a : 1 }, { a : 2 }, { a : 3 }]);
db.foo.find(); // shows the documents.
db.foo.findOneAndDelete({ a : { $lte : 3 } });
db.foo.find();
```

# 2.6 Lab: Updating Documents

# **Exercise: Pass Inspections**

In the sample inspections namespace, let's imagine that we want to do a little data cleaning. We've decided to eliminate the "Completed" inspection result and use only "No Violation Issued" for such inspection cases. Please update all inspections accordingly.

#### Exercise: Set fine value

For all inspections that failed, set a fine value of 100.

#### Exercise: Increase fine in ROSEDALE

- Update all inspections done in the city of "ROSEDALE".
- For failed inspections, raise the "fine" value by 150.

# Exercise: Give a pass to "MONGODB"

- Today MongoDB got a visit from the inspectors.
- We passed, of course.
- So go ahead and update "MongoDB" and set the result to "AWESOME"
- MongoDB's address is

```
{city: 'New York', zip: 10036, street: '43', number: 229}
```

## **Exercise: Updating Array Elements**

Insert a document representing product metrics for a backpack:

Each 0 within the "purchasesPast7Days" field corresponds to a day of the week. The first element is Monday, the second element is Tuesday, etc.).

Write an update statement to increment the number of backpacks sold on Friday by 200.

# 3 Indexes

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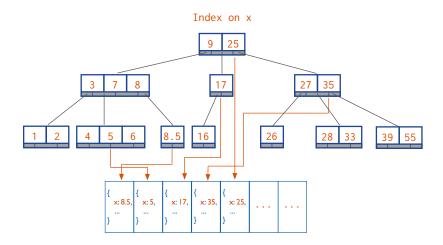
# 3.1 Index Fundamentals

# **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand:

- The impact of indexing on read performance
- The impact of indexing on write performance
- How to choose effective indexes
- The utility of specific indexes for particular query patterns

# Why Indexes?



# Types of Indexes

- · Single-field indexes
- · Compound indexes
- Multikey indexes
- Geospatial indexes
- · Text indexes

# Exercise: Using explain()

Let's explore what MongoDB does for the following query by using explain().

We are projecting only user. name so that the results are easy to read.

# Results of explain()

With the default explain () verbosity, you will see results similar to the following:

```
"queryPlanner" : {
    "plannerVersion" : 1,
    "namespace" : "twitter.tweets",
    "indexFilterSet" : false,
    "parsedQuery" : {
        "user.followers_count" : {
            "$eq" : 1000
        }
    },
```

#### Results of explain() - Continued

```
"winningPlan" : {
    "stage" : "COLLSCAN",
    "filter" : {
        "user.followers_count" : {
            "$eq" : 1000
        }
     },
     "direction" : "forward"
    },
    "rejectedPlans" : [ ]
},
...
```

## explain() Verbosity Can Be Adjusted

- default: determines the winning query plan but does not execute query
- executionStats: executes query and gathers statistics
- allPlansExecution: runs all candidate plans to completion and gathers statistics

```
explain("executionStats")
```

# explain("executionStats") - Continued

```
"nReturned": 8,
  "executionTimeMillisEstimate": 100,
  "works": 51430,
  "advanced": 8,
  "needTime": 51421,
  "needFetch": 0,
  "saveState": 401,
  "restoreState": 401,
  "isEOF": 1,
  "invalidates": 0,
  "direction": "forward",
  "docsExamined": 51428
}
...
```

#### explain("executionStats") Output

- nReturned: number of documents returened by the query
- totalDocsExamined: number of documents touched during the query
- totalKeysExamined: number of index keys scanned
- A totalKeysExamined or totalDocsExamined value much higher than nReturned indicates we need a better index
- Based .explain() output, this query would benefit from a better index

# **Other Operations**

In addition to find(), we often want to use explain() to understand how other operations will be handled.

- aggregate()
- count()
- group()
- update()
- remove()
- findAndModify()
- insert()

# db.<COLLECTION>.explain()

```
db.<COLLECTION>.explain() returns an ExplainableCollection.
> var explainable = db.tweets.explain()
> explainable.find( { "user.followers_count" : 1000 } )
equivalent to
```

```
> db.tweets.explain().find( { "user.followers_count" : 1000 } )
```

#### also equivalent to

```
> db.tweets.find( { "user.followers_count" : 1000 } ).explain()
```

## Using explain() for Write Operations

Simulate the number of writes that would have occurred and determine the index(es) used:

## **Single-Field Indexes**

- Single-field indexes are based on a single field of the documents in a collection.
- The field may be a top-level field.
- You may also create an index on fields in embedded documents.

#### Creating an Index

The following creates a single-field index on user.followers\_count.

```
db.tweets.createIndex( { "user.followers_count" : 1 } )
db.tweets.find( { "user.followers_count" : 1000 } ).explain()
```

explain() indicated there will be a substantial performance improvement in handling this type of query.

## **Listing Indexes**

List indexes for a collection:

```
db.tweets.getIndexes()
```

List index keys:

db.tweets.getIndexKeys()

## Indexes and Read/Write Performance

- Indexes improve read performance for queries that are supported by the index.
- Inserts will be slower when there are indexes that MongoDB must also update.
- The speed of updates may be improved because MongoDB will not need to do a collection scan to find target documents.
- An index is modified any time a document:
  - Is inserted (applies to *all* indexes)
  - Is deleted (applies to *all* indexes)
  - Is updated in such a way that its indexed field changes

#### **Index Limitations**

- You can have up to 64 indexes per collection.
- You should NEVER be anywhere close to that upper bound.
- Write performance will degrade to unusable at somewhere between 20-30.

#### **Use Indexes with Care**

- Every query should use an index.
- Every index should be used by a query.
- Any write that touches an indexed field will update every index that touches that field.
- Indexes require RAM.
- Be mindful about the choice of key.

### **Additional Index Options**

- Sparse
- Unique
- · Background

# Sparse Indexes in MongoDB

• Sparse indexes only contain entries for documents that have the indexed field.

```
db.<COLLECTION>.createIndex(
    field_name : 1 },
    { sparse : true } )
```

# **Defining Unique Indexes**

- Enforce a unique constraint on the index
  - On a per-collection basis
- Can't insert documents with a duplicate value for the field
  - Or update to a duplicate value
- No duplicate values may exist prior to defining the index

```
db.<COLLECTION>.createIndex(
    field_name : 1 },
    { unique : true } )
```

## **Building Indexes in the Background**

- Building indexes in foreground is a blocking operation.
- Background index creation is non-blocking, however, takes longer to build.
- Initially larger, or less compact, than an index built in the foreground.

# 3.2 Compound Indexes

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand:

- What a compound index is.
- How compound indexes are created.
- The importance of considering field order when creating compound indexes.
- · How to efficiently handle queries involving some combination of equality matches, ranges, and sorting.
- Some limitations on compound indexes.

## **Introduction to Compound Indexes**

- It is common to create indexes based on more than one field.
- These are called compound indexes.
- You may use up to 31 fields in a compound index.
- You may not use hashed index fields.

#### The Order of Fields Matters

Specifically we want to consider how the index will be used for:

```
Equality tests, e.g.,
db.movies.find( { "budget" : 7, "imdb_rating" : 8 })
Range queries, e.g.,
db.movies.find( { "budget" : 10, "imdb_rating" : { $lt : 9 } })
Sorting, e.g.,
db.movies.find( { "budget" : 10, "imdb_rating" : 6 }
).sort( { "imdb_rating" : -1 })
```

## **Designing Compound Indexes**

- Let's look at some guiding principles for building compound indexes.
- These will generally produce a good if not optimal index.
- You can optimize after a little experimentation.
- We will explore this in the context of a running example.

# **Example: A Simple Message Board**

### Requirements:

- Find all messages in a specified timestamp range.
- Select for whether the messages are anonymous or not.
- Sort by rating from highest to lowest.

#### Load the Data

#### Start with a Simple Index

```
Start by building an index on { timestamp : 1 }
db.messages.createIndex( { timestamp : 1 }, { name : "myindex" } )
```

Now let's query for messages with timestamp in the range 2 through 4 inclusive.

```
db.messages.find( { timestamp : { $qte : 2, $lte : 4 } } ).explain("executionStats")
```

#### Analysis:

- Explain plan shows good performance, i.e. totalKeysExamined = n.
- However, this does not satisfy our query.
- Need to query again with {username: "anonymous"} as part of the query.

# Query Adding username

Let's add the user field to our query.

## Include username in Our Index

#### totalKeysExamined > n

timestamp	username
1	"anonymous"
2	"anonymous"
3	"sam"
4	"anonymous"
5	"martha"

# **A Different Compound Index**

Drop the index and build a new one with user.

#### totalKeysExamined == n

username	timestamp
"anonymous"	1
"anonymous"	2
"anonymous"	4
"sam"	2
"martha"	5

## Let Selectivity Drive Field Order

- Order fields in a compound index from most selective to least selective.
- Usually, this means equality fields before range fields.
- When dealing with multiple equality values, start with the most selective.
- If a common range query is more selective instead (rare), specify the range component first.

# Adding in the Sort

Finally, let's add the sort and run the query

- Note that the winningPlan includes a SORT stage
- This means that MongoDB had to perform a sort in memory
- In memory sorts on can degrade performance significantly
  - Especially if used frequently
  - In-memory sorts that use > 32 MB will abort

#### **In-Memory Sorts**

Let's modify the index again to allow the database to sort for us.

- The explain plan remains unchanged, because the sort field comes after the range fields.
- The index does not store entries in order by rating.
- Note that this requires us to consider a tradeoff.

# **Avoiding an In-Memory Sort**

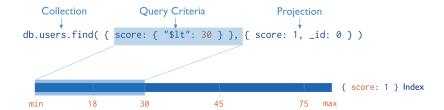
Rebuild the index as follows.

- We no longer have an in-memory sort, but need to examine more keys.
- totalKeysExamined is 3 and and n is 2.
- This is the best we can do in this situation and this is fine.
- However, if totalKeysExamined is much larger than n, this might not be the best index.

#### **General Rules of Thumb**

- Equality before range
- · Equality before sorting
- Sorting before range

#### **Covered Queries**



- When a query and projection include only the indexed fields, MongoDB will return results directly from the index.
- There is no need to scan any documents or bring documents into memory.
- These covered queries can be very efficient.

#### **Exercise: Covered Queries**

```
db.testcol.drop()
for (i=1; i<=20; i++) {</pre>
 db.testcol.insertOne({ "_id" : i, "title" : i, "name" : i,
                         "rating" : i, "budget" : i })
db.testcol.createIndex( { "title" : 1, "name" : 1, "rating" : 1 } )
// Not covered because _id is present.
db.testcol.find( { "title" : 3 },
                 { "title" : 1, "name" : 1, "rating" : 1 }
                 ).explain("executionStats")
// Not covered because other fields may exist in matching docs.
db.testcol.find( { "title" : 3 },
                 { "_id" : 0, "budget" : 0 } ).explain("executionStats")
// Covered query!
db.testcol.find( { "title" : 3 },
                 { "_id" : 0, "title" : 1, "name" : 1, "rating" : 1 }
                 ).explain("executionStats")
```

# 3.3 Lab: Optimizing an Index

#### **Exercise: What Index Do We Need?**

Run the the following Javascript file from the handouts.

```
mongo --shell localhost/performance performance.js
```

In the shell that launches execute the following method

```
performance.init()
```

The method above will build a sample data set in the "sensor\_readings" collection. What index is needed for this query?

#### **Exercise: Avoiding an In-Memory Sort**

What index is needed for the following query to avoid an in-memory sort?

```
db.sensor_readings.find( { active: true } ).sort( { tstamp : -1 } )
```

## Exercise: Avoiding an In-Memory Sort, 2

What index is needed for the following query to avoid an in-memory sort?

# 3.4 Multikey Indexes

#### **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module, students should understand:

- What a multikey index is
- When MongoDB will use a multikey index to satisfy a query
- · How multikey indexes work
- · How multikey indexes handle sorting
- · Some limitations on multikey indexes

### **Introduction to Multikey Indexes**

- · A multikey index is an index on an array.
- An index entry is created on each value found in the array.
- Multikey indexes can support primitives, documents, or sub-arrays.
- There is nothing special that you need to do to create a multikey index.
- You create them using createIndex() just as you would with an ordinary single-field index.
- If there is an array as a value for an indexed field, the index will be multikey on that field.

# **Example: Array of Numbers**

## **Exercise: Array of Documents, Part 1**

Create a collection and add an index on the x field:

```
db.blog.drop()
b = [ { "comments" : [
         { "name" : "Bob", "rating" : 1 },
         { "name" : "Frank", "rating" : 5.3 },
         { "name" : "Susan", "rating" : 3 } ] },
      { "comments" : [
         { name : "Megan", "rating" : 1 } ] },
      { "comments" : [
         { "name" : "Luke", "rating" : 1.4 },
         { "name" : "Matt", "rating" : 5 },
         { "name" : "Sue", "rating" : 7 } ] }]
db.blog.insertMany(b)
db.blog.createIndex( { "comments" : 1 } )
db.blog.createIndex( { "comments.rating" : 1 } )
// for this query
db.blog.find( { "comments.rating" : 5 })
```

#### **Exercise: Array of Documents, Part 2**

For each of the three queries below:

- How many documents will be returned?
  - Will it use our multi-key index? Why or why not?
  - If a query will not use the index, which index will it use?

```
db.blog.find( { "comments" : { "name" : "Bob", "rating" : 1 } } )
db.blog.find( { "comments" : { "rating" : 1 } } )
db.blog.find( { "comments.rating" : 1 } )
```

## **Exercise: Array of Arrays, Part 1**

Add some documents and create an index simulating a player in a game moving on an X,Y grid.

## **Exercise: Array of Arrays, Part 2**

For each of the queries below:

- How many documents will be returned?
- Does the query use the multi-key index? Why or why not?
- If the query does not use the index, what is an index it could use?

```
db.player.find( { "last_moves" : [ 3, 4 ] } )
db.player.find( { "last_moves" : 3 } )
db.player.find( { "last_moves.1" : [ 4, 5 ] } )
db.player.find( { "last_moves.2" : [ 2, 3 ] } )
```

# **How Multikey Indexes Work**

- Each array element is given one entry in the index.
- So an array with 17 elements will have 17 entries one for each element.
- Multikey indexes can take up much more space than standard indexes.

#### **Multikey Indexes and Sorting**

- If you sort using a multikey index:
  - A document will appear at the first position where a value would place the document.
  - It will not appear multiple times.
- This applies to array values generally.
- It is not a specific property of multikey indexes.

#### **Exercise: Multikey Indexes and Sorting**

## **Limitations on Multikey Indexes**

- You cannot create a compound index using more than one array-valued field.
- This is because of the combinatorics.
- For a compound index on two array-valued fields you would end up with N \* M entries for one document.
- You cannot have a hashed multikey index.
- You cannot have a shard key use a multikey index.
- We discuss shard keys in another module.
- The index on the \_id field cannot become a multikey index.

# **Example: Multikey Indexes on Multiple Fields**

```
db.testcol.drop()
db.testcol.createIndex( { x : 1, y : 1 } )

// no problems yet
db.testcol.insertOne( { _id : 1, x : 1, y : 1 } )

// still OK
db.testcol.insertOne( { _id : 2, x : [ 1, 2 ], y : 1 } )

// still OK
db.testcol.insertOne( { _id : 3, x : 1, y : [ 1, 2 ] } )

// Won't work
db.testcol.insertOne( { _id : 4, x : [ 1, 2 ], y : [ 1, 2 ] } )
```

#### 3.5 Hashed Indexes

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module, students should understand:

- What a hashed index is
- When to use a hashed index

#### What is a Hashed Index?

- Hashed indexes are based on field values like any other index.
- The difference is that the values are hashed and it is the hashed value that is indexed.
- The hashing function collapses sub-documents and computes the hash for the entire value.
- MongoDB can use the hashed index to support equality queries.
- · Hashed indexes do not support multi-key indexes, i.e. indexes on array fields.
- Hashed indexes do not support range queries.

### Why Hashed Indexes?

- In MongoDB, the primary use for hashed indexes is to support sharding a collection using a hashed shard key.
- In some cases, the field we would like to use to shard data would make it difficult to scale using sharding.
- · Using a hashed shard key to shard a collection ensures an even distribution of data and overcomes this problem.
- See Shard a Collection Using a Hashed Shard Key<sup>5</sup> for more details.
- We discuss sharding in detail in another module.

#### Limitations

- You may not create compound indexes that have hashed index fields.
- You may not specify a unique constraint on a hashed index.
- You can create both a hashed index and a non-hashed index on the same field.

# **Floating Point Numbers**

- MongoDB hashed indexes truncate floating point numbers to 64-bit integers before hashing.
- Do not use a hashed index for floating point numbers that cannot be reliably converted to 64-bit integers.
- MongoDB hashed indexes do not support floating point values larger than 2<sup>53</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/manual/tutorial/shard-collection-with-a-hashed-shard-key/

## Creating a Hashed Index

Create a hashed index using an operation that resembles the following. This operation creates a hashed index for the active collection on the a field.

```
db.active.createIndex( { a: "hashed" } )
```

# 3.6 Lab: Finding and Addressing Slow Operations

#### **Exercise: Determine Indexes Needed**

- In a mongo shell run performance.b(). This will run in an infinite loop printing some output as it runs various statements against the server.
- Now imagine we have detected a performance problem and suspect there is a slow operation running.
- Find the slow operation and terminate it. Every slow operation is assumed to run for 100ms or more.
- In order to do this, open a second window (or tab) and run a second instance of the mongo shell.
- What indexes can we introduce to make the slow queries more efficient? Disregard the index created in the previous exercise.

# 3.7 Lab: Using explain()

### Exercise: explain("executionStats")

Drop all indexes from previous exercises:

```
mongo performance
> db.sensor_readings.dropIndexes()

Create an index for the "active" field:
db.sensor_readings.createIndex({ "active" : 1 } )
```

How many index entries and documents are examined for the following query? How many results are returned?

# 4 Drivers

Introduction to MongoDB Drivers (page 59) An introduction to the MongoDB driversLab: Driver Tutorial (Optional) (page 61) A quick tour through the Python driver

# 4.1 Introduction to MongoDB Drivers

# **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module, students should understand:

- What MongoDB drivers are available
- Where to find MongoDB driver specifications
- Key driver settings

# **MongoDB Supported Drivers**

- C<sup>6</sup>
- C++<sup>7</sup>
- C#8
- Java<sup>9</sup>
- Node.js<sup>10</sup>
- Perl<sup>11</sup>
- PHP<sup>12</sup>
- Python<sup>13</sup>
- Ruby<sup>14</sup>
- Scala<sup>15</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/ecosystem/drivers/c

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/ecosystem/drivers/cpp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/ecosystem/drivers/csharp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/ecosystem/drivers/java

<sup>10</sup> http://docs.mongodb.org/ecosystem/drivers/node-js

<sup>11</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/ecosystem/drivers/perl

<sup>12</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/ecosystem/drivers/php

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/ecosystem/drivers/python

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/ecosystem/drivers/ruby

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/ecosystem/drivers/scala

## **MongoDB Community Supported Drivers**

35+ different drivers for MongoDB:

Go, Erlang, Clojure, D, Delphi, F#, Groovy, Lisp, Objective C, Prolog, Smalltalk, and more

# **Driver Specs**

To ensure drivers have a consistent functionality, series of publicly available specification documents<sup>16</sup> for:

- Authentication<sup>17</sup>
- CRUD operations<sup>18</sup>
- Index management<sup>19</sup>
- SDAM<sup>20</sup>
- Server Selection<sup>21</sup>
- Etc.

## **Driver Settings (Per Operation)**

- Read preference
- Write concern
- Maximum operation time (maxTimeMS)
- Batch Size (batchSize)
- Exhaust cursor (exhaust)
- Etc.

## **Driver Settings (Per Connection)**

- · Connection timeout
- · Connections per host
- Time that a thread will block waiting for a connection (maxWaitTime)
- · Socket keep alive
- Sets the multiplier for number of threads allowed to block waiting for a connection
- Etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>https://github.com/mongodb/specifications

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>https://github.com/mongodb/specifications/tree/master/source/auth

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>https://github.com/mongodb/specifications/tree/master/source/crud

 $<sup>^{19}</sup> https://github.com/mongodb/specifications/blob/master/source/index-management.rst$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>https://github.com/mongodb/specifications/tree/master/source/server-discovery-and-monitoring

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup>https://github.com/mongodb/specifications/tree/master/source/server-selection

#### Insert a Document with the Java Driver

Connect to a MongoDB instance on localhost:

```
MongoClient mongoClient = new MongoClient();
Access the test database:
MongoDatabase db = mongoClient.getDatabase("test");
Insert a myDocument Document into the test.blog collection:
db.getCollection("blog").insertOne(myDocument);
```

# Insert a Document with the Python Driver

Connect to a MongoDB instance on localhost:

```
client = MongoClient()
Access the test database:
db = client['test']
```

Insert a myDocument Document into the test.blog collection:

```
db.blog.insert_one(myDocument);
```

#### Insert a Document with the C++ Driver

Connect to the "test" database on localhost:

```
mongocxx::instance inst{};
mongocxx::client conn{};
auto db = conn["test"];
```

Insert a myDocument Document into the test.blog collection:

```
auto res = db["blog"].insert_one(myDocument);
```

# 4.2 Lab: Driver Tutorial (Optional)

#### **Tutorial**

Complete the Python driver tutorial<sup>22</sup> for a concise introduction to:

- Creating MongoDB documents in Python
- Connecting to a database
- Writing and reading documents
- · Creating indexes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>http://api.mongodb.org/python/current/tutorial.html

# 5 Aggregation

Aggregation Tutorial (page 62) An introduction to the the aggregation framework, pipeline concept, and stages

Optimizing Aggregation (page 70) Resource management in the aggregation pipeline

Lab: Aggregation Framework (page 72) Aggregation labs

# 5.1 Aggregation Tutorial

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand:

- The concept of the aggregation pipeline
- The stages of the aggregation pipeline
- · How to use aggregation operators
- The fundamentals of using aggregation for data analysis
- Group aggregation operators
- Using the same operator in multiple stages of an aggregation pipeline

### **Aggregation Basics**

- Use the aggregation framework to transform and analyze data in MongoDB collections.
- For those who are used to SQL, aggregation can be similar to GROUP BY.
- The aggregation framework is based on the concept of a pipeline.

# The Aggregation Pipeline

- An aggregation pipeline in analogous to a UNIX pipeline.
- Each stage of the pipeline:
  - Receives a set of documents as input.
  - Performs an operation on those documents.
  - Produces a set of documents for use by the following stage.
- A pipeline has the following syntax:

## **Aggregation Stages**

- \$match: Similar to find()
- \$project: Shape documents
- \$sort: Like the cursor method of the same name
- \$skip: Like the cursor method of the same name
- \$limit: Like the cursor method of the same name
- \$unwind: Used for working with arrays
- \$group: Used to aggregate field values from multiple documents
- \$out: Creates a new collection from the output of an aggregation pipeline

# The Match Stage

- The \$match operator works like the query phase of find ()
- Documents in the pipeline that match the query document will be passed to subsequent stages.
- \$match is often the first operator used in an aggregation stage.
- Like other aggregation operators, \$match can occur multiple times in a single pipeline.

## The Project Stage

- \$project allows you to shape the documents into what you need for the next stage.
  - The simplest form of shaping is using \$project to select only the fields you are interested in.
  - \$project can also create new fields from other fields in the input document.
    - \* E.g., you can pull a value out of an embedded document and put it at the top level.
    - \* E.g., you can create a ratio from the values of two fields as pass along as a single field.
- \$project produces 1 output document for every input document it sees.

### **A Twitter Dataset**

- Let's look at some examples that illustrate the MongoDB aggregation framework.
- These examples operate on a collection of tweets.
  - As with any dataset of this type, it's a snapshot in time.
  - It may not reflect the structure of Twitter feeds as they look today.

## **Tweets Data Model**

# **Analyzing Tweets**

- Imagine the types of analyses one might want to do on tweets.
- It's common to analyze the behavior of users and the networks involved.
- Our examples will focus on this type of analysis

#### Friends and Followers

- Let's look again at two stages we touched on earlier:
  - \$match
  - \$project
- In our dataset:
  - friends are those a user follows.
  - followers are others that follow a users.
- Using these operators we will write an aggregation pipeline that will:
  - Ignore anyone with no friends and no followers.
  - Calculate who has the highest followers to friends ratio.

### **Exercise: Friends and Followers**

# **Exercise: \$match and \$project**

- Of the users in the "Brasilia" timezone who have tweeted 100 times or more, who has the largest number of followers?
- Time zone is found in the "time\_zone" field of the user object in each tweet.
- The number of tweets for each user is found in the "statuses count" field.
- A result document should look something like the following:

```
{ _id : ObjectId('52fd2490bac3fa1975477702'),
  followers : 2597,
  screen_name: 'marbles',
  tweets : 12334
}
```

# The Group Stage

- For those coming from the relational world, \$group is similar to the SQL GROUP BY statement.
- \$group operations require that we specify which field to group on.
- Documents with the same identifier will be aggregated together.
- With \$group, we aggregate values using accumulators<sup>23</sup>.

### **Tweet Source**

- The tweets in our twitter collection have a field called source.
- This field describes the application that was used to create the tweet.
- Let's write an aggregation pipeline that identifies the applications most frequently used to publish tweets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/manual/meta/aggregation-quick-reference/#accumulators

# **Exercise: Tweet Source**

# **Group Aggregation Accumulators**

Accumulators available in the group stage:

- \$sum
- \$avg
- \$first
- \$last
- \$max
- \$min
- \$push
- 1
- \$addToSet

# **Rank Users by Number of Tweets**

- One common task is to rank users based on some metric.
- Let's look at who tweets the most.
- Earlier we did the same thing for tweet source.
  - Group together all tweets by a user for every user in our collection
  - Count the tweets for each user
  - Sort in decreasing order
- Let's add the list of tweets to the output documents.
- Need to use an accumulator that works with arrays.
- Can use either \$addToSet or \$push.

# **Exercise: Adding List of Tweets**

For each user, aggregate all their tweets into a single array.

# The Unwind Stage

- In many situations we want to aggregate using values in an array field.
- In our tweets dataset we need to do this to answer the question:
  - "Who includes the most user mentions in their tweets?"
- User mentions are stored within an embedded document for entities.
- This embedded document also lists any urls and hashtags used in the tweet.

#### **Example: User Mentions in a Tweet**

## **Using \$unwind**

Who includes the most user mentions in their tweets?

# **Data Processing Pipelines**

- The aggregation framework allows you to create a data processing pipeline.
- You can include as many stages as necessary to achieve your goal.
- For each stage consider:
  - What input that stage must receive
  - What output it should produce.
- Many tasks require us to include more than one stage using a given operator.

# **Most Unique User Mentions**

- We frequently need multiple group stages to achieve our goal.
- We just looked at a pipeline to find the tweeter that mentioned the most users.
- Let's change this so that it is more of a question about a tweeter's active network.
- We might ask which tweeter has mentioned the most unique users in their tweets.

## Same Operator (\$group), Multiple Stages

Which tweeter has mentioned the most unique users in their tweets?

# The Sort Stage

- Uses the \$sort operator
- Works like the sort () cursor method
- 1 to sort ascending; -1 to sort descending
- E.g, db.testcol.aggregate( [ { \$sort : { b : 1, a : -1 } } ] )

# The Skip Stage

- Uses the \$skip operator
- Works like the skip () cursor method.
- Value is an integer specifying the number of documents to skip.
- E.g, the following will pass all but the first 3 documents to the next stage in the pipeline.
  - db.testcol.aggregate([{ \$skip: 3}, ...])

## The Limit Stage

- Used to limit the number of documents passed to the next aggregation stage.
- Works like the limit () cursor method.
- · Value is an integer.
- E.g., the following will only pass 3 documents to the stage that comes next in the pipeline.
  - db.testcol.aggregate([{ \$limit: 3}, ...])

# The Out Stage

- Used to create a new collection from the output of the aggregation pipeline.
- Can only be the last stage in the pipeline.
- If a collection by the name already exists, it replaces that collection.
- Syntax is { \$out : "collection\_name" }

# 5.2 Optimizing Aggregation

# **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand:

- Aggregation pipeline options
- Key aspects of resource management during the aggregation pipeline
- · How to order aggregation stages to maximize speed and minimize resource usage
- How MongoDB automatically reorders pipeline stages to improve efficiency
- Changes in the aggregation framework from MongoDB 2.4 to 2.6.

# **Aggregation Options**

- You may pass an options document to aggregate ().
- Syntax:

```
db.<COLLECTION>.aggregate( [ { stage1 }, { stage2 }, ... ], { options } )
```

- Following are some of the fields that may be passed in the options document.
  - allowDiskUse : true permit the use of disk for memory-intensive queries
  - explain: true display how indexes are used to perform the aggregation.

# **Aggregation Limits**

- An aggregation pipeline cannot use more than 100 MB of RAM.
- allowDiskUse : true allows you to get around this limit.
- The follow operators do not require the entire dataset to be in memory:
  - \$match, \$skip, \$limit, \$unwind, and \$project
  - Stages for these operators are not subject to the 100 MB limit.
  - \$unwind can, however, dramatically increase the amount of memory used.
- \$group and \$sort might require all documents in memory at once.

# **Limits Prior to MongoDB 2.6**

- aggregate () returned results in a single document up to 16 MB in size.
- The upper limit on pipeline memory usage was 10% of RAM.

# **Optimization: Reducing Documents in the Pipeline**

- These operators can reduce the number of documents in the pipeline:
  - \$match
  - \$skip
  - \$limit:
- They should be used as early as possible in the pipeline.

# **Optimization: Sorting**

- \$sort can take advantages of indexes.
- Must be used before any of the following to do this:
  - \$group
  - \$unwind
  - \$project
- After these stages, the fields or their values change.
- \$sort requires a full scan of the input documents.

#### **Automatic Optimizations**

MongoDB will perform some optimizations automatically. For example:

- If a Sproject stage is used late in the pipeline it may be used to eliminate those fields earlier if possible.
- A \$sort followed by a \$match will be executed as a \$match followed by a \$sort to reduce the number of
  documents to be sorted.
- A \$skip followed by a \$limit will be executed as a \$limit followed by a \$skip, with the \$limit parameter increased by the \$skip amount to allow \$sort + \$limit coalescence.
- See: Aggregation Pipeline Optimation<sup>24</sup>

## 5.3 Lab: Aggregation Framework

## **Exercise: Working with Array Fields**

Use the aggregation framework to find the name of the individual who has made the most comments on a blog.

Start by importing the necessary data if you have not already.

```
# for version <= 2.6.x
mongoimport -d blog -c posts --drop posts.json
# for version > 3.0
mongoimport -d blog -c posts --drop --batchSize=100 posts.json
```

To help you verify your work, the author with the fewest comments is Mariela Sherer and she commented 387 times.

## **Exercise: Repeated Aggregation Stages**

Import the zips.json file from the data handouts provided:

```
mongoimport -d sample -c zips --drop zips.json
```

Consider together cities in the states of California (CA) and New York (NY) with populations over 25,000. Calculate the average population of this sample of cities.

Please note:

- Different states might have the same city name.
- A city might have multiple zip codes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/manual/core/aggregation-pipeline-optimization/

## **Exercise: Projection**

Calculate the total number of people who live in a zip code in the US where the city starts with a digit.

\$project can extract the first digit from any field. E.g.,

## **Exercise: Descriptive Statistics**

From the grades collection, find the class (display the class\_id) with the highest average student performance on **exams**. To solve this problem you'll want an average of averages.

First calculate the average exam score of each student in each class. Then determine the average class exam score using these values. If you have not already done so, import the grades collection as follows.

```
mongoimport -d sample -c grades --drop grades.json
```

Before you attempt this exercise, explore the grades collection a little to ensure you understand how it is structured.

For additional exercises, consider other statistics you might want to see with this data and how to calculate them.

# 6 Introduction to Schema Design

Schema Design Core Concepts (page 74) An introduction to schema design in MongoDB

Schema Evolution (page 81) Considerations for evolving a MongoDB schema design over an application's lifetime

Common Schema Design Patterns (page 85) Common design patterns for representing 1-1, 1-M, and M-M relationships and tree structures in MongoDB

## 6.1 Schema Design Core Concepts

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module, students should understand:

- Basic schema design principles for MongoDB
- · Tradeoffs for embedded documents in a schema
- Tradeoffs for linked documents in a schema
- The use of array fields as part of a schema design

#### What is a schema?

- · Maps concepts and relationships to data
- Sets expectations for the data
- Minimizes overhead of iterative modifications
- · Ensures compatibility

## **Example: Normalized Data Model**

User: Book: Author:
- username - title - firstName
- firstName - isbn - lastName
- lastName - language
- createdBy
- author

## **Example: Denormalized Version**

```
User: Book:
- username - title
- firstName - isbn
- lastName - language
- createdBy
- author
- firstName
- lastName
```

## Schema Design in MongoDB

- Schema is defined at the application-level
- Design is part of each phase in its lifetime
- There is no magic formula

## **Three Considerations**

- The data your application needs
- Your application's read usage of the data
- Your application's write usage of the data

## **Case Study**

- A Library Web Application
- Different schemas are possible.

## **Author Schema**

```
{ "_id": int,
    "firstName": string,
    "lastName": string
}
```

## **User Schema**

```
{ "_id": int,
    "username": string,
    "password": string
}
```

#### **Book Schema**

```
{ "_id": int,
   "title": string,
   "slug": string,
    "author": int,
    "available": boolean,
    "isbn": string,
    "pages": int,
    "publisher": {
       "city": string,
        "date": date,
       "name": string
    "subjects": [ string, string ],
    "language": string,
    "reviews": [ { "user": int, "text": string },
                 { "user": int, "text": string } ]
}
```

## **Example Documents: Author**

```
{ __id: 1,
    firstName: "F. Scott",
    lastName: "Fitzgerald"
}
```

## **Example Documents: User**

```
{ __id: 1,
    username: "emily@10gen.com",
    password: "slsjfk4odk84k209dlkdj90009283d"
}
```

### **Example Documents: Book**

```
{ __id: 1,
    title: "The Great Gatsby",
    slug: "9781857150193-the-great-gatsby",
    author: 1,
    available: true,
    isbn: "9781857150193",
    pages: 176,
    publisher: {
        name: "Everyman's Library",
        date: ISODate("1991-09-19T00:00:00Z"),
        city: "London"
    },
    subjects: ["Love stories", "1920s", "Jazz Age"],
    language: "English",
    reviews: [
        { user: 1, text: "One of the best..." },
        { user: 2, text: "It's hard to..." }
    ]
}
```

## **Embedded Documents**

- · AKA sub-documents or embedded objects
- · What advantages do they have?
- When should they be used?

## **Example: Embedded Documents**

```
publisher: {
    name: "Everyman's Library",
    date: ISODate("1991-09-19T00:00:00Z"),
    city: "London"
},
subjects: ["Love stories", "1920s", "Jazz Age"],
language: "English",
reviews: [
    { user: 1, text: "One of the best..." },
    { user: 2, text: "It's hard to..." }
]
```

## **Embedded Documents: Pros and Cons**

- Great for read performance
- One seek to find the document
- At most, one sequential read to retrieve from disk
- Writes can be slow if constantly adding to objects

#### **Linked Documents**

- What advantages does this approach have?
- When should they be used?

## **Example: Linked Documents**

#### **Linked Documents: Pros and Cons**

- More, smaller documents
- Can make queries by ID very simple
- Accessing linked documents requires extra seeks + reads.
- What effect does this have on the system?

## **Arrays**

- · Array of scalars
- Array of documents

## **Array of Scalars**

```
{
    ...
    subjects: ["Love stories", "1920s", "Jazz Age"],
}
```

## **Array of Documents**

### **Exercise: Users and Book Reviews**

Design a schema for users and their book reviews. Usernames are immutable.

- Users
  - username (string)
  - email (string)
- Reviews
  - text (string)
  - rating (integer)
  - created\_at (date)

#### Solution A: Users and Book Reviews

Reviews may be queried by user or book

```
// db.users (one document per user)
{    _id: ObjectId("..."),
    username: "bob",
    email: "bob@example.com"
}

// db.reviews (one document per review)
{    _id: ObjectId("..."),
    user: ObjectId("..."),
    book: ObjectId("..."),
    rating: 5,
    text: "This book is excellent!",
    created_at: ISODate("2012-10-10T21:14:07.096Z")
}
```

### Solution B: Users and Book Reviews

Optimized to retrieve reviews by user

#### Solution C: Users and Book Reviews

Optimized to retrieve reviews by book

## Store Binary Files in MongoDB with GridFS

- Application may have a requirement for binary file storage
- GridFS is a specification for storing files larger than 16MB in MongoDB
- Handled automatically by most drivers
- "mongofiles" is the command line tool for working with GridFS

## **How GridFS Works**

- Files are split into chunks
- Default chunk size is 255k
- fs.files collection stores meta data for the file (name, size, etc.)
- · fs.chunks collection stores chunks for binary file

## Schema Design Use Cases with GridsFS

- Store large video files and stream chunks to a user
- Enterprise assets, replicated across data centers
- Medical record attachments (x-rays, reports, etc.)

## 6.2 Schema Evolution

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module, students should understand the basic philosophy of evolving a MongoDB schema during an application's lifetime:

- Development Phase
- Production Phase
- Iterative Modifications

## **Development Phase**

Support basic CRUD functionality:

- Inserts for authors and books
- Find authors by name
- Find books by basics of title, subject, etc.

## **Development Phase: Known Query Patterns**

```
// Find authors by last name.
db.authors.createIndex({ "lastName": 1 })

// Find books by slug for detail view
db.books.createIndex({ "slug": 1 })

// Find books by subject (multi-key)
db.books.createIndex({ "subjects": 1 })

// Find books by publisher (index on embedded doc)
db.books.createIndex({ "publisher.name": 1 })
```

#### **Production Phase**

Evolve the schema to meet the application's read and write patterns.

#### **Production Phase: Read Patterns**

List books by author last name

```
authors = db.authors.find({ lastName: /^f.*/i }, { _id: 1 });
authorIds = authors.map(function(x) { return x._id; });
db.books.find({author: { $in: authorIds }});
```

## Addressing List Books by Last Name

"Cache" the author name in an embedded document.

```
__id: 1,
    title: "The Great Gatsby",
    author: {
        firstName: "F. Scott",
        lastName: "Fitzgerald"
    }
    // Other fields follow...
}
```

#### Queries are now one step

```
db.books.find({ "author.firstName": /^f.*/i })
```

## **Production Phase: Write Patterns**

Users can review a book.

```
review = {
    user: 1,
    text: "I thought this book was great!",
    rating: 5
};

db.books.updateOne(
    { _id: 3 },
    { $push: { reviews: review }}
);
```

#### Caveats:

- Document size limit (16MB)
- Storage fragmentation after many updates/deletes

#### **Exercise: Recent Reviews**

- Display the 10 most recent reviews by a user.
- Make efficient use of memory and disk seeks.

## Solution: Recent Reviews, Schema

Store users' reviews in monthly buckets.

## Solution: Recent Reviews, Update

Adding a new review to the appropriate bucket

```
myReview = {
    __id: ObjectId("..."),
    rating: 3,
    text: "An average read.",
    created_at: ISODate("2012-10-13T12:26:11.502Z")
};

db.reviews.updateOne(
    { __id: "bob-201210" },
    { $push: { reviews: myReview }}
);
```

#### Solution: Recent Reviews, Read

Display the 10 most recent reviews by a user

```
cursor = db.reviews.find(
    { _id: /^bob-/ },
    { reviews: { $slice: -10 }}
).sort({ _id: -1 }).batchSize(5);

num = 0;

while (cursor.hasNext() && num < 10) {
    doc = cursor.next();

    for (var i = 0; i < doc.reviews.length && num < 10; ++i, ++num) {
        printjson(doc.reviews[i]);
    }
}</pre>
```

## Solution: Recent Reviews, Delete

Deleting a review

```
db.reviews.updateOne(
    { _id: "bob-201210" },
    { $pull: { reviews: { _id: ObjectId("...") }}}
);
```

# 6.3 Common Schema Design Patterns

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand common design patterns for modeling:

- One-to-One Relationships
- One-to-Many Relationships
- Many-to-Many Relationships
- Tree Structures

#### **One-to-One Relationship**

Let's pretend that authors only write one book.

## One-to-One: Linking

Either side, or both, can track the relationship.

```
db.books.findOne()
{
    __id: 1,
        title: "The Great Gatsby",
        slug: "9781857150193-the-great-gatsby",
        author: 1,
        // Other fields follow...
}
db.authors.findOne({ __id: 1 })
{
    __id: 1,
        firstName: "F. Scott",
        lastName: "Fitzgerald"
        book: 1,
}
```

## One-to-One: Embedding

```
db.books.findOne()
{
    _id: 1,
    title: "The Great Gatsby",
    slug: "9781857150193-the-great-gatsby",
    author: {
        firstName: "F. Scott",
        lastName: "Fitzgerald"
    }
    // Other fields follow...
}
```

## **One-to-Many Relationship**

In reality, authors may write multiple books.

## One-to-Many: Array of IDs

The "one" side tracks the relationship.

- Flexible and space-efficient
- · Additional query needed for non-ID lookups

```
db.authors.findOne()
{
    _id: 1,
    firstName: "F. Scott",
    lastName: "Fitzgerald",
    books: [1, 3, 20]
}
```

## One-to-Many: Single Field with ID

```
The "many" side tracks the relationship.
```

```
db.books.find({ author: 1 })
{
    _id: 1,
    title: "The Great Gatsby",
    slug: "9781857150193-the-great-gatsby",
    author: 1,
    // Other fields follow...
}

{
    _id: 3,
    title: "This Side of Paradise",
    slug: "9780679447238-this-side-of-paradise",
    author: 1,
    // Other fields follow...
}
```

## One-to-Many: Array of Documents

## Many-to-Many Relationship

Some books may also have co-authors.

## Many-to-Many: Array of IDs on Both Sides

```
db.books.findOne()
{
    _id: 1,
     title: "The Great Gatsby",
    authors: [1, 5]
    // Other fields follow...
}
db.authors.findOne()
{
    _id: 1,
    firstName: "F. Scott",
    lastName: "Fitzgerald",
    books: [1, 3, 20]
}
```

## Many-to-Many: Array of IDs on Both Sides

```
Query for all books by a given author.
```

```
db.books.find({ authors: 1 });
```

Query for all authors of a given book.

```
db.authors.find({ books: 1 });
```

## Many-to-Many: Array of IDs on One Side

```
db.books.findOne()
{
    _id: 1,
    title: "The Great Gatsby",
    authors: [1, 5]
    // Other fields follow...
}

db.authors.find({ _id: { $in: [1, 5] }})
{
    _id: 1,
    firstName: "F. Scott",
    lastName: "Fitzgerald"
}
{
    _id: 5,
    firstName: "Unknown",
    lastName: "Co-author"
}
```

## Many-to-Many: Array of IDs on One Side

```
Query for all books by a given author.
```

db.authors.find({ \_id: { \$in: book.authors }});

#### **Tree Structures**

E.g., modeling a subject hierarchy.

## Allow users to browse by subject

```
db.subjects.findOne()
{
    __id: 1,
    name: "American Literature",
    sub_category: {
        name: "1920s",
            sub_category: { name: "Jazz Age" }
    }
}
```

- How can you search this collection?
- Be aware of document size limitations
- · Benefit from hierarchy being in same document

## **Alternative: Parents and Ancestors**

```
db.subjects.find()
{    _id: "American Literature" }

{    _id: "1920s",
    ancestors: ["American Literature"],
    parent: "American Literature"
}

{    _id: "Jazz Age",
    ancestors: ["American Literature", "1920s"],
    parent: "1920s"
}

{    _id: "Jazz Age in New York",
    ancestors: ["American Literature", "1920s", "Jazz Age"],
    parent: "Jazz Age"
}
```

# **Find Sub-Categories**

```
db.subjects.find({ ancestors: "1920s" })
{
    __id: "Jazz Age",
    ancestors: ["American Literature", "1920s"],
    parent: "1920s"
}

{
    __id: "Jazz Age in New York",
    ancestors: ["American Literature", "1920s", "Jazz Age"],
    parent: "Jazz Age"
}
```

## **Summary**

- Schema design is different in MongoDB.
- Basic data design principles apply.
- It's about your application.
- It's about your data and how it's used.
- It's about the entire lifetime of your application.

# 7 Replica Sets

Introduction to Replica Sets (page 90) An introduction to replication and replica sets

Replica Set Roles and Configuration (page 92) Configuring replica set members for common use cases

Write Concern (page 94) Balancing performance and durability of writes

Read Preference (page 98) Configuring clients to read from specific members of a replica set

## 7.1 Introduction to Replica Sets

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module, students should understand:

- Striking the right balance between cost and redundancy
- The many scenarios replication addresses and why
- How to avoid downtime and data loss using replication

## **Use Cases for Replication**

- High Availability
- Disaster Recovery
- Functional Segregation

## High Availability (HA)

- Data still available following:
  - Equipment failure (e.g. server, network switch)
  - Datacenter failure
- This is achieved through automatic failover.

## **Disaster Recovery (DR)**

- We can duplicate data across:
  - Multiple database servers
  - Storage backends
  - Datacenters
- Can restore data from another node following:
  - Hardware failure
  - Service interruption

## **Functional Segregation**

There are opportunities to exploit the topology of a replica set:

- Based on physical location (e.g. rack or datacenter location)
- For analytics, reporting, data discovery, system tasks, etc.
- · For backups

## **Large Replica Sets**

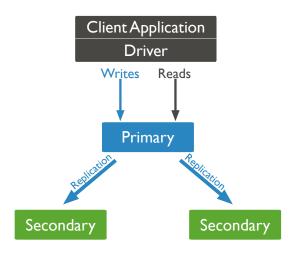
Functional segregation can be further exploited by using large replica sets.

- 50 node replica set limit
- Useful for deployments with a large number of data centers or offices
- Read only workloads can position secondaries in data centers around the world (closer to application servers)

## Replication is Not Designed for Scaling

- Can be used for scaling reads, but generally not recommended.
- Drawbacks include:
  - Eventual consistency
  - Not scaling writes
  - Potential system overload when secondaries are unavailable
- Consider sharding for scaling reads and writes.

## **Replica Sets**



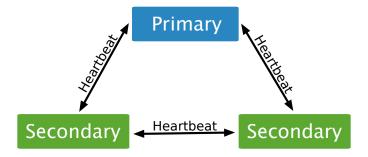
## **Primary Server**

- Clients send writes the primary only.
- MongoDB, Inc. maintains client drivers in many programming languages like Java, C#, Python, Ruby, and PHP.
- MongoDB drivers are replica set aware.

## **Secondaries**

- A secondary replicates operations from another node in the replica set.
- Secondaries usually replicate from the primary.
- Secondaries may also replicate from other secondaries. This is called replication chaining.
- A secondary may become primary as a result of a failover scenario.

#### **Heartbeats**



## The Oplog

- The operations log, or oplog, is a special capped collection that is the basis for replication.
- The oplog maintains one entry for each document affected by every write operation.
- Secondaries copy operations from the oplog of their sync source.

## 7.2 Replica Set Roles and Configuration

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand:

- The use of priority to preference certain members or datacenters as primaries.
- · Hidden members.
- The use of hidden secondaries for data analytics and other purposes (when secondary reads are used).
- The use of slaveDelay to protect against operator error.

## **Example: A Five-Member Replica Set Configuration**

- For this example application, there are two datacenters.
- We name the hosts accordingly: dc1-1, dc1-2, dc2-1, etc.
  - This is just a clarifying convention for this example.
  - MongoDB does not care about host names except to establish connections.
- The nodes in this replica set have a variety of roles in this application.

## Configuration

## **Principal Data Center**

```
{ _id : 0, host : "dc1-1.example.net", priority : 5 },
{ _id : 1, host : "dc1-2.example.net", priority : 5 },
```

#### **Data Center 2**

```
{ _id : 2, host : "dc2-1.example.net:27017" },
```

#### What about dc1-3 and dc2-2?

```
// Both are hidden.
// Clients will not distribute reads to hidden members.
// We use hidden members for dedicated tasks.
{ _id : 3, host : "dc1-3.example.net:27017", hidden : true },
{ _id : 4, host : "dc2-2.example.net:27017", hidden : true,
    slaveDelay: 7200 }
```

#### What about dc2-2?

```
{ _id : 4, host : "dc2-2.example.net:27017", hidden : true,
    slaveDelay : 7200 }
```

## 7.3 Write Concern

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand:

- How and when rollback occurs in MongoDB.
- The tradeoffs between durability and performance.
- Write concern as a means of ensuring durability in MongoDB.
- The different levels of write concern.

## What happens to the write?

- A write is sent to a primary.
- The primary acknowledges the write to the client.
- The primary then becomes unavailable before a secondary can replicate the write

### **Answer**

- Another member might be elected primary.
- It will not have the last write that occurred before the previous primary became unavailable.
- When the previous primary becomes available again:
  - It will note it has writes that were not replicated.
  - It will put these writes into a rollback file.
  - A human will need to determine what to do with this data.
- This is default behavior in MongoDB and can be controlled using write concern.

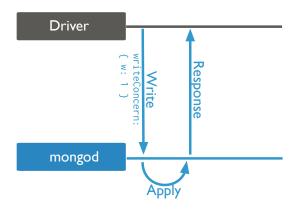
## **Balancing Durability with Performance**

- The previous scenario is a specific instance of a common distributed systems problem.
- For some applications it might be acceptable for writes to be rolled back.
- Other applications may have varying requirements with regard to durability.
- Tunable write concern:
  - Make critical operations persist to an entire MongoDB deployment.
  - Specify replication to fewer nodes for less important operations.

## **Defining Write Concern**

- Clients may define the write concern per write operation, if necessary.
- Standardize on specific levels of write concerns for different classes of writes.
- In the discussion that follows we will look at increasingly strict levels of write concern.

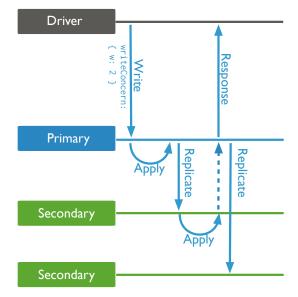
## Write Concern: { w : 1 }



## Example: { w : 1 }

```
db.edges.insertOne( { from : "tom185", to : "mary_p" }, 
 { writeConcern : { w : 1 } } )
```

## Write Concern: { w : 2 }



## Example: { w : 2 }

### **Other Write Concerns**

- You may specify any integer as the value of the w field for write concern.
- This guarantees that write operations have propagated to the specified number of members.
- E.g., { w : 3 }, { w : 4}, etc.

## Write Concern: { w : "majority" }

- Ensures the primary completed the write (in RAM).
- Ensures write operations have propagated to a majority of a replica set's **voting** members.
- Avoids hard coding assumptions about the size of your replica set into your application.
- Using majority trades off performance for durability.
- It is suitable for critical writes and to avoid rollbacks.

# 

#### Quiz: Which write concern?

Suppose you have a replica set with 7 data nodes. Your application has critical inserts for which you do not want rollbacks to happen. Secondaries may be taken down from to time for maintenance, leaving you with a potential 4 server replica set. Which write concern is best suited for these critical inserts?

{ w : 1 }
{ w : 2 }
{ w : 3 }
{ w : 4 }
{ w : "majority" }

## **Further Reading**

See Write Concern Reference<sup>25</sup> for more details on write concern configurations, including setting timeouts and identifying specific replica set members that must acknowledge writes (i.e. tag sets<sup>26</sup>).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/manual/reference/write-concern

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/manual/tutorial/configure-replica-set-tag-sets/#replica-set-configuration-tag-sets

## 7.4 Read Preference

#### What is Read Preference?

- Read preference allows you to specify the nodes in a replica set to read from.
- Clients only read from the primary by default.
- There are some situations in which a client may want to read from:
  - Any secondary
  - A specific secondary
  - A specific type of secondary
- · Only read from a secondary if you can tolerate possibly stale data, as not all writes might have replicated.

#### **Use Cases**

- Running systems operations without affecting the front-end application.
- · Providing local reads for geographically distributed applications.
- Maintaining availability during a failover.

## **Not for Scaling**

- In general, do *not* read from secondaries to provide extra capacity for reads.
- Sharding<sup>27</sup> increases read and write capacity by distributing operations across a group of machines.
- Sharding is a better strategy for adding capacity.

#### **Read Preference Modes**

MongoDB drivers support the following read preferences. Note that hidden nodes will never be read from when connected via the replica set.

- primary: Default. All operations read from the primary.
- primaryPreferred: Read from the primary but if it is unavailable, read from secondary members.
- secondary: All operations read from the secondary members of the replica set.
- secondaryPreferred: Read from secondary members but if no secondaries are available, read from the primary.
- nearest: Read from member of the replica set with the least network latency, regardless of the member's type.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>http://docs.mongodb.org/manual/sharding

## **Tag Sets**

- There is also the option to used tag sets.
- You may tag nodes such that queries that contain the tag will be routed to one of the servers with that tag.
- This can be useful for running reports, say for a particular data center or nodes with different hardware (e.g. hard disks vs SSDs).

For example, in the mongo shell:

```
conf = rs.conf()
conf.members[0].tags = { dc : "east", use : "production" }
conf.members[1].tags = { dc : "east", use : "reporting" }
conf.members[2].tags = { use : "production" }
rs.reconfig(conf)
```

# 8 Sharding

Introduction to Sharding (page 100) An introduction to sharding

## 8.1 Introduction to Sharding

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module, students should understand:

- What problems sharding solves
- When sharding is appropriate
- The importance of the shard key and how to choose a good one
- · Why sharding increases the need for redundancy

## **Contrast with Replication**

- In an earlier module, we discussed Replication.
- This should never be confused with sharding.
- Replication is about high availability and durability.
  - Taking your data and constantly copying it
  - Being ready to have another machine step in to field requests.

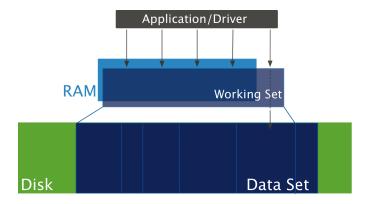
## **Sharding is Concerned with Scale**

- What happens when a system is unable to handle the application load?
- It is time to consider scaling.
- There are 2 types of scaling we want to consider:
  - Vertical scaling
  - Horizontal scaling

## **Vertical Scaling**

- Adding more RAM, faster disks, etc.
- When is this the solution?
- First, consider a concept called the working set.

## The Working Set



## **Limitations of Vertical Scaling**

- There is a limit to how much RAM one machine can support.
- There are other bottlenecks such as I/O, disk access and network.
- Cost may limit our ability to scale up.
- There may be requirements to have a large working set that no single machine could possible support.
- This is when it is time to scale horizontally.

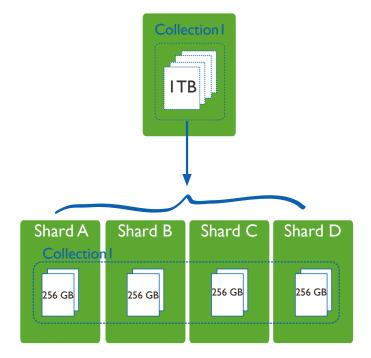
## **Sharding Overview**

- MongoDB enables you to scale horizontally through sharding.
- Sharding is about adding more capacity to your system.
- MongoDB's sharding solution is designed to perform well on commodity hardware.
- The details of sharding are abstracted away from applications.
- Queries are performed the same way as if sending operations to a single server.
- Connections work the same by default.

## When to Shard

- If you have more data than one machine can hold on its drives
- If your application is write heavy and you are experiencing too much latency.
- If your working set outgrows the memory you can allocate to a single machine.

## **Dividing Up Your Dataset**



## **Sharding Concepts**

To understanding how sharding works in MongoDB, we need to understand:

- · Shard Keys
- Chunks

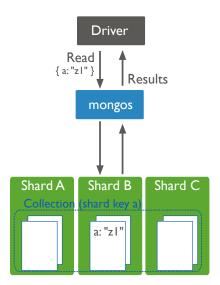
## **Shard Key**

- You must define a shard key for a sharded collection.
- Based on one or more fields (like an index)
- Shard key defines a space of values
- Think of the key space like points on a line
- A key range is a segment of that line

## **Shard Key Ranges**

- A collection is partitioned based on shard key ranges.
- The shard key determines where documents are located in the cluster.
- It is used to route operations to the appropriate shard.
- For reads and writes
- Once a collection is sharded, you cannot change a shard key.

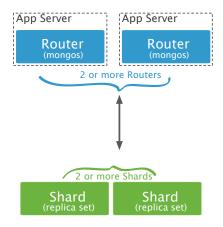
## **Targeted Query Using Shard Key**



## Chunks

- MongoDB partitions data into chunks based on shard key ranges.
- This is bookkeeping metadata.
- MongoDB attempts to keep the amount of data balanced across shards.
- This is achieved by migrating chunks from one shard to another as needed.
- There is nothing in a document that indicates its chunk.
- The document does not need to be updated if its assigned chunk changes.

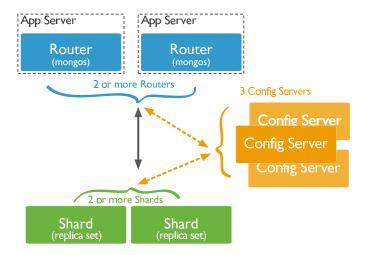
## **Sharded Cluster Architecture**



## Mongos

- A mongos is responsible for accepting requests and returning results to an application driver.
- In a sharded cluster, nearly all operations go through a mongos.
- A sharded cluster can have as many mongos routers as required.
- It is typical for each application server to have one mongos.
- Always use more than one mongos to avoid a single point of failure.

## **Config Servers**



## **Config Server Hardware Requirements**

- Quality network interfaces
- A small amount of disk space (typically a few GB)
- A small amount of RAM (typically a few GB)
- The larger the sharded cluster, the greater the config server hardware requirements.

#### Possible Imbalance?

- · Depending on how you configure sharding, data can become unbalanced on your sharded cluster.
  - Some shards might receive more inserts than others.
  - Some shards might have documents that grow more than those in other shards.
- This may result in too much load on a single shard.
  - Reads and writes
  - Disk activity
- This would defeat the purpose of sharding.

## **Balancing Shards**

- If a chunk grows too large MongoDB will split it into two chunks.
- The MongoDB balancer keeps chunks distributed across shards in equal numbers.
- However, a balanced sharded cluster depends on a good shard key.

## With a Good Shard Key

You might easily see that:

- Reads hit only 1 or 2 shards per query.
- Writes are distributed across all servers.
- Your disk usage is evenly distributed across shards.
- Things stay this way as you scale.

## With a Bad Shard Key

You might see that:

- Your reads hit every shard.
- Your writes are concentrated on one shard.
- Most of your data is on just a few shards.
- Adding more shards to the cluster will not help.

## Choosing a Shard Key

Generally, you want a shard key:

- That has high cardinality
- That is used in the majority of read queries
- For which the values read and write operations use are randomly distributed
- For which the majority of reads are routed to a particular server

## **More Specifically**

- Your shard key should be consistent with your query patterns.
- If reads usually find only one document, you only need good cardinality.
- If reads retrieve many documents:
  - Your shard key supports locality
  - Matching documents will reside on the same shard

## Cardinality

- A good shard key will have high cardinality.
- A relatively small number of documents should have the same shard key.
- Otherwise operations become isolated to the same server.
- Because documents with the same shard key reside on the same shard.
- Adding more servers will not help.
- Hashing will not help.

## **Non-Monotonic**

- A good shard key will generate new values non-monotonically.
- Datetimes, counters, and ObjectIds make bad shard keys.
- Monotonic shard keys cause all inserts to happen on the same shard.
- Hashing will solve this problem.
- However, doing range queries with a hashed shard key will perform a scatter-gather query across the cluster.

## **Shards Should be Replica Sets**

- As the number of shards increases, the number of servers in your deployment increases.
- This increases the probability that one server will fail on any given day.
- With redundancy built into each shard you can mitigate this risk.

# 9 MongoDB Cloud & Ops Manager

MongoDB Cloud & Ops Manager (page 108) Learn about what Cloud & Ops Manager offers Automation (page 110) Cloud & Ops Manager Automation

Lab: Cluster Automation (page 113) Set up a cluster with Cloud & Ops Manager Automation

## 9.1 MongoDB Cloud & Ops Manager

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand:

- Features of Cloud & Ops Manager
- Available deployment options
- The components of Cloud & Ops Manager

## **Cloud and Ops Manager**

All services for managing a MongoDB cluster or group of clusters:

- Monitoring
- Automation
- Backups

## **Deployment Options**

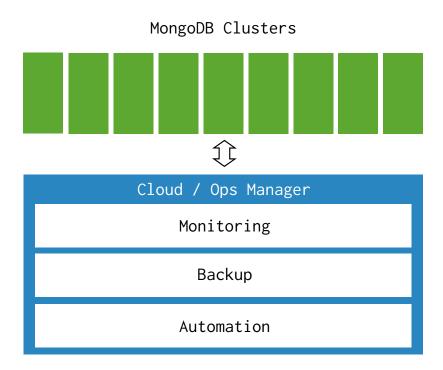
• Cloud Manager: Hosted, https://www.mongodb.com/cloud

• Ops Manager: On-premises

## **Architecture**

## **Cloud Manager**

- Manage MongoDB instances anywhere with a connection to Cloud Manager
- Option to provision servers via AWS integration



## **Ops Manager**

On-premises, with additional features for:

- Alerting (SNMP)
- Deployment configuration (e.g. backup redundancy across internal data centers)
- Global control of multiple MongoDB clusters

# **Cloud & Ops Manager Use Cases**

- Manage a 1000 node cluster (monitoring, backups, automation)
- Manage a personal project (3 node replica set on AWS, using Cloud Manager)
- Manage 40 deployments (with each deployment having different requirements)

## **Creating a Cloud Manager Account**

Free account at https://www.mongodb.com/cloud

## 9.2 Automation

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this module students should understand:

- Use cases for Cloud / Ops Manager Automation
- The Cloud / Ops Manager Automation internal workflow

## What is Automation?

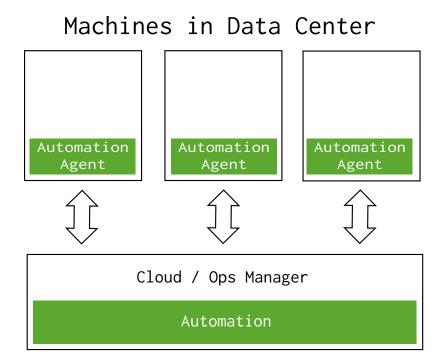
Fully managed MongoDB deployment on your own servers:

- Automated provisioning
- Dynamically add capacity (e.g. add more shards or replica set nodes)
- Upgrades
- Admin tasks (e.g. change the size of the oplog)

#### **How Does Automation Work?**

- Automation agent installed on each server in cluster
- Administrator creates design goal for system (through Cloud / Ops Manager interface)
- · Automation agents periodically check with Cloud / Ops Manager to get new design instructions
- · Agents create and follow a plan for implementing cluster design
- Minutes later, cluster design is complete, cluster is in goal state

## **Automation Agents**



## Sample Use Case

Administrator wants to create a 100 shard cluster, with each shard comprised of moa 3 node replica set:

- Administrator installs automation agent on 300 servers
- Cluster design is created in Cloud / Ops Manager, then deployed to agents
- Agents execute instructions until 100 shard cluster is complete (usually several minutes)

## **Upgrades Using Automation**

- Upgrades without automation can be a manually intensive process (e.g. 300 servers)
- A lot of edge cases when scripting (e.g. 1 shard has problems, or one replica set is a mixed version)
- One click upgrade with Cloud / Ops Manager Automation for the entire cluster

## **Automation: Behind the Scenes**

- Agents ping Cloud / Ops Manager for new instructions
- · Agents compare their local configuration file with the latest version from Cloud / Ops Manager
- Configuration file in JSON
- All communications over SSL

```
{
    "groupId": "55120365d3e4b0cac8d8a52a737",
    "state": "PUBLISHED",
    "version": 4,
    "cluster": { ...
```

## **Configuration File**

When version number of configuration file on Cloud / Ops Manager is greater than local version, agent begins making a plan to implement changes:

#### **Automation Goal State**

Automation agent is considered to be in goal state after all cluster changes (related to the individual agent) have been implemented.

#### Demo

- The instructor will demonstrate using Automation to set up a small cluster locally.
- Reference documentation:
- The Automation Agent<sup>28</sup> The Automation API<sup>29</sup> Configuring the Automation Agent<sup>30</sup>

## 9.3 Lab: Cluster Automation

## **Learning Objectives**

Upon completing this exercise students should understand:

• How to deploy, dynamically resize, and upgrade a cluster with Automation

## **Cloud Manager Automation Support**

Windows machines are not supported at this time. You may use either your personal computer or Linux instances we have provided in order to complete this lab. Your instructor will provide you with instructions for access.

#### Exercise #1

Create a cluster using Cloud Manager automation with the following topology:

- 3 shards
- Each shard is a 3 node replica set (2 data bearing nodes, 1 arbiter)
- Version 2.6.8 of MongoDB
- To conserve space, set "smallfiles" = true and "oplogSize" = 10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup>https://docs.cloud.mongodb.com/tutorial/nav/automation-agent/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup>https://docs.cloud.mongodb.com/api/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup>https://docs.cloud.mongodb.com/reference/automation-agent/

## Exercise #2

Modify the cluster topology from Exercise #1 to the following:

- 4 shards (add one shard)
- Version 3.0.1 of MongoDB (upgrade from 2.6.8 -> 3.0.1)