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No Schema

"No Schema" refers to the flexibility it provides in terms of document structure within a collection. Unlike traditional relational databases where you define a fixed schema with tables, columns, and relationships, MongoDB allows you to store documents in collections without enforcing a rigid schema.

This means that documents within a collection can have varying structures, and fields can be added, modified, or removed dynamically without the need to define a schema beforehand. Each document can have its own unique structure, with different fields and data types.

How MongoDB Works

MongoDB is a document-oriented database, classified as a NoSQL database. It stores data in flexible, JSON-like documents, meaning fields can vary from document to document and data structure can be changed over time. MongoDB doesn't require a schema to be defined before adding data; however, you can enforce a schema if needed.

MongoDB works on the principle of collections and documents. A collection is a grouping of MongoDB documents and is the equivalent of a table in a relational database. Documents are individual records within a collection and are similar to rows in a table.

Insert First Data

To insert data into MongoDB, you can use the `insertOne()` method. Here's a basic example:

```
db.collection("myCollection").insertOne({ "name": "John", "age": 30 });
```

This command inserts a document with the fields "name" and "age" into the "myCollection" collection.

CRUD Operations

CRUD stands for Create, Read, Update, Delete. MongoDB provides methods to perform these operations:

- Create: `insertOne()` or `insertMany()` to add new documents.
- Read: `find()` to retrieve documents.
- Update: `updateOne()` or `updateMany()` to modify existing documents.
- Delete: `deleteOne()` or `deleteMany()` to remove documents.

Insert Many

To insert multiple documents at once, you can use the `insertMany()` method. Here's an example:

```
db.collection("myCollection").insertMany([
  { "name": "Alice", "age": 25 },
  { "name": "Bob", "age": 35 },
  { "name": "Charlie", "age": 40 }
]);
```

This inserts three documents into the "myCollection" collection.

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Update and Update Many

Update: The updateOne() method in MongoDB updates the first document that matches the specified criteria.

To update documents, you can use the updateOne() or updateMany() method. Here's an example:

Ex1:

```
db.collection("myCollection").updateOne(
  { "name": "Alice" }, // Filter
  { $set: { "age": 26 } } // Update
);
```

This updates the age of the document where the name is "Alice" to 26.

Update Many: The updateMany() method updates all documents that match the specified criteria

Ex2:

```
db.employees.updateMany(
  { "jobTitle": "Software Engineer" }, // Filter criteria
  { $set: { "department": "Engineering" } } // Update operation
);
```

All documents where the job title is "Software Engineer" will have their department updated to "Engineering".

Delete and Delete Many

To delete documents, you can use the deleteOne() or deleteMany() method. Here's an example:

Ex1:

```
db.collection("myCollection").deleteOne({ "name": "Alice" });
```

This deletes the document where the name is "Alice" from the collection.

Ex2:

```
db.employees.deleteMany(
  { "age": { $gt: 50 } } // Filter criteria
);
```

this operation, all documents where the age is greater than 50 will be deleted from the collection.

Projection:

Projection in MongoDB allows you to specify which fields to return in the query result. It's helpful for optimizing performance and bandwidth usage

```
db.collection.find(
  <query>,    // Criteria to match documents
  <projection> // Fields to include/exclude
)
```

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Example:

```
// Include only specified fields
db.collection.find({}, { name: 1, age: 1 })

// Exclude specified fields
db.collection.find({}, { _id: 0, name: 1 })
```

Introduction to Embedded Documents:

Embedded documents in MongoDB allow you to nest documents within one another. This is useful for representing complex data structures.

Example:

```
{
  name: "John Doe",
  address: {
    street: "123 Main St",
    city: "Anytown",
    country: "USA"
  }
}
```

Embed Documents in Action:

You can embed documents directly into other documents when inserting or updating data.

```
db.users.insertOne({
  name: "Alice",
  address: {
    street: "456 Elm St",
    city: "Sometown",
    country: "Canada"
  }
})
```

Adding Arrays:

MongoDB supports arrays as field values, allowing you to store multiple values within a single field.

Example:

```
db.students.insertOne({
  name: "Bob",
  subjects: ["Math", "Science", "History"]
})
```

Fetching Data From Structured Data:

MongoDB's flexible schema allows you to fetch data based on structured or unstructured criteria.

Example:

```
db.students.find({ "address.city": "Sometown" })
```

Aggregation:

Aggregation in MongoDB allows you to perform operations like grouping, filtering, and transforming data.

Example:

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```
db.sales.aggregate([
  { $group: { _id: "$product", total: { $sum: "$amount" } } }
])
```

Schema Types:

MongoDB supports various data types for fields within documents. Some common types include:

1. **String:** Used for textual data.
2. **Number:** Used for numeric data.
3. **Boolean:** Used for boolean values (true/false).
4. **Date:** Used for storing dates.
5. **Array:** Used for storing arrays of values.
6. **Object:** Used for nested objects/documents.
7. **ObjectId:** Used to store unique identifiers.
8. **Binary Data:** Used for storing binary data.
9. **Null:** Used to represent null values.
10. **Regular Expression:** Used to store regular expressions.
11. **Geospatial:** Used for storing geospatial data.
12. **Decimal128:** Used for storing high precision floating-point numbers.

Types of Data in MongoDB:

MongoDB can store structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data. This includes:

1. **Structured Data:** Data organized in a well-defined schema.
2. **Semi-Structured Data:** Data with some organization but without a strict schema.
3. **Unstructured Data:** Data without a predefined schema, such as documents, images, videos, etc.

Relationship between Data:

In MongoDB, relationships between data can be established in different ways:

1. **Embedding:** Nesting one document within another.
2. **Referencing:** Storing references (usually `_id` fields) to related documents.

One-to-One Relationship using Embedding:

In a one-to-one relationship using embedding, one document is nested within another document.

Example:

// User document with embedded address

```
{
  _id: ObjectId("user_id"),
  name: "John",
  address: {
    street: "123 Main St",
    city: "Anytown",
    country: "USA"
  }
}
```

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One-to-Many Relationship using Embedding:

In a one-to-many relationship using embedding, multiple documents are nested within another document.

Example:

// Author document with embedded books

```
{
  _id: ObjectId("author_id"),
  name: "J.K. Rowling",
  books: [
    { title: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone", year: 1997 },
    { title: "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets", year: 1998 }
  ]
}
```

One-to-One Relationship using Referencing:

In a one-to-one relationship using referencing, one document contains a reference to another document.

Example:

// User document with reference to address

```
{
  _id: ObjectId("user_id"),
  name: "Alice",
  address: ObjectId("address_id")
}
```

// Address document

```
{
  _id: ObjectId("address_id"),
  street: "456 Elm St",
  city: "Sometown",
  country: "Canada"
}
```

One-to-Many Relationship using Referencing:

In a one-to-many relationship using referencing, one document contains references to multiple related documents.

// Author document with references to books

```
{
  _id: ObjectId("author_id"),
  name: "George R.R. Martin",
  books: [ObjectId("book_id1"), ObjectId("book_id2")]
}
```

// Book documents

```
{
  _id: ObjectId("book_id1"),
  title: "A Game of Thrones",
  year: 1996
}
```

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```
{  
  _id: ObjectId("book_id2"),  
  title: "A Clash of Kings",  
  year: 1998  
}
```