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Exercise 6: NoSQL: MongoDB

This exercise sheet comprises two parts: first, a tutorial to make you accustomed to MongoDB and, second, the implementation of some features of a Java application that works with MongoDB to store IMDb movie data and related tweets.

Note:

- As usual, you can find all resources such as a MongoDB release and the unfinished Java project in /usr/remote/lehre/dis2013/mongodb. In Windows you have to connect a network drive to \rzfilesrv1\vsis\unauth\lehre\dis2013.
- A fully implemented and running version of the Java application can be seen at http://vm.orestes.info:5900/. Particularly helpful resources apart from our tutorial are:
 - MongoDB online documentation: http://docs.mongodb.org/
 - MongoDB cheat sheets: http://www.10gen.com/reference
 - MongoDB Java API online documentation: http://docs.mongodb.org/ecosystem/tutorial/getting-started-with-java-driver/
 - miscellaneous MongoDB tutorials: http://docs.mongodb.org/manual/tutorial/
- In this tutorial we are using Windows as operating system. If necessary, you have to adjust some operating system specific commands for your operating system and have to use the correct MongoDB version.

Exercise 6.1: Tutorial

Starting a MongoDB Instance

First, extract the archive mongodb-win32-x86_64-2.4.3.zip to C:/Users/<Username>/ and create a folder C:/Users/<Username>/mongodb/data/.

Open a shell and navigate to the MongoDB binary directory:

```
cd "C:/Users/<Username>/mongodb/bin"
```

Start a MongoDB instance with the following command:

```
mongod --dbpath "../data"
```

Now, there is a MongoDB server running on your computer. To terminate it, CTRL + C.



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Inserting Data

In another shell, navigate to the MongoDB binary directory and start the client:

```
cd "C:/Users/<Username>/mongodb/bin/"
mongo
```

By default, you are connected to a test database, but for this tutorial, switch to database imdb:

```
use imdb
```

Databases and collections in MongoDB are created implicitly while data is inserted. In this tutorial, you will create an imdb database with a collection of films.

You can list the available databases, ...

```
show dbs
```

... but the imdb database does not exist, yet. There are also no collections, so far, ...

```
show collections
```

... so create one by inserting a document:

```
db.films.insert({
  title: "Star Trek Into Darkness",
  year: 2013,
  genre: [
    "Action",
    "Adventure",
    "Sci-Fi",
    ],
  actors: [
    "Pine, Chris",
    "Quinto, Zachary",
    "Saldana, Zoe",
  ],
  releases: [
    {
      country : "USA",
      date : ISODate("2013-05-17"),
      prerelease: true
    },
    {
      country : "Germany",
      date : ISODate("2003-05-16"),
      prerelease: false
```



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```
}
]
})
```

As you can verify by calling show collections again, now there is a films collection.

You can list the contents of the newly created collection by calling the find() function:

```
db.films.find()
```

If you prefer your result nicely formatted, use pretty():

```
db.films.find().pretty()
```

As you can see, now there is an _id field which is unique for every document.

Now insert some more films:

```
db.films.insert({
  title: "Iron Man 3",
  year: 2013,
  genre: [
    "Action",
    "Adventure",
    "Sci-Fi",
    ],
  actors: [
    "Downey Jr., Robert",
    "Paltrow, Gwyneth",
}) // no releases
db.films.insert({
  title: "This Means War",
  year: 2011,
  genre: [
    "Action",
    "Comedy",
    "Romance",
    ],
  actors: [
    "Pine, Chris",
    "Witherspoon, Reese",
    "Hardy, Tom",
  ],
  releases: [
    {
```



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```
country : "USA",
      date : ISODate("2011-02-17"),
      prerelease: false
    },
      country : "UK",
      date : ISODate("2011-03-01"),
      prerelease: true
    }
  ]
})
db.films.insert({
  title: "The Amazing Spider-Man 2",
  year: 2014,
  genre: [
    "Action",
    "Adventure",
    "Fantasy",
    ],
  actors: [
    "Stone, Emma",
    "Woodley, Shailene"
}) // also no releases
```

Querying

Now query your collection! Have MongoDB return all films with title "Iron Man 3" by calling:

```
db.films.find({title: "Iron Man 3"})
```

Using findOne instead of find produces at most one result (in pretty format):

```
db.films.findOne({title: "Iron Man 3"})
```

Regular expressions can also be used to query a collection. In this tutorial, a short notation is used where the actual regular expression is bounded by slashes (/). The following call yields all movies that start with the letter T:

```
db.films.find({title: /^T/})
```

If you are only interested in certain attributes, you can use projection to thin out the produced result. While the selection criteria are given by the first argument of find, the projection is given by the second argument. An example:



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```
db.films.find({title: /^T/}, {title: 1})
```

By default, the _id is part of the output, so you have to explicitly suppress it, if you don't want to have it returned by MongoDB:

```
db.films.find(\{\text{title: }/^T/\}, \{\text{_id: 0, title: 1}\})
```

You can also use conditional operators, for example to perform range queries. The following returns the titles of all films starting with the letter T where the year attribute is greater than 2009 and less than or equal to 2011:

```
db.films.find({
   year: {
        $gt: 2009,
        $lte: 2011
   },
   title: /^T/
},
{ _id: 0,
   title: 1
})
```

For a logical disjunction of the selection criteria, use the \$or operator:

There are also some options that can be appended to the regular expression, e.g. i to achieve case-insensitivity. The following call returns the titles of all movies whose title contains lowercase t, . . .

```
db.films.find({title: /t/}, {_id: 0, title: 1})
```

... whereas the following call also returns titles that contain a T (uppercase):

```
db.films.find({title: /t/i}, {_id: 0, title: 1})
```

You can query for exact matches in lists, ...

```
db.films.find({genre: "Adventure"}, {_id: 0, title: 1, genre: 1})
```



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... but you can also query for partial matches:

```
db.films.find({genre: /^A/}, {_id: 0, title: 1, genre: 1})
```

There are also more complex operators for more complex selection criteria, e.g. the \$all operator. The following call prints the title and actors of every movie for which each of two given regular expressions matches at least one of its actors:

```
db.films.find({actors: {$all: [/pine/i, /zachary/i]}}, {_id: 0, title:
    1, actors: 1})
```

In contrast, the \$nin operator checks for the lack of matching values, i.e. actor names that do not match either one of the given regular expressions:

```
db.films.find({actors: {$nin: [/pine/i, /zachary/i]}}, {_id: 0, title:
    1, actors: 1})
```

The \$exists operator can be used to check for the existence of an attribute, e.g. to select only movies with undefined releases:

```
db.films.find({releases: {$exists: false}}, {_id:0, title: 1})
```

In MongoDB, it is also possible to query nested data, i.e. subdocuments. The following returns the title and releases of every movie that is known to be released in the UK:

```
db.films.find({'releases.country': "UK"}, {_id:0, title: 1, releases:
    1})
```

Please note that you have to use quotes to address nested fields.

Applying more complex selection criteria on a nested document, however, is a little tricky. For example, if you wanted MongoDB to return all movies that had their prerelease in the USA, you might try something like this:

```
db.films.find({'releases.country': "USA", 'releases.prerelease': true},
    {_id:0, title: 1, releases: 1})
```

However, This Means War is also returned, but was prereleased in the UK. The call above actually returns all movies that have some prerelease *or* were released in the USA. To only select movies were both applies to the same release, the \$elemMatch can be used:



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Naturally, there are many other operators not covered by this tutorial.

Update

You can also add or update fields in a document by using the \$set operator. For example, you can add a rating field to one of the movies:

```
db.films.update(
    {title: "Star Trek Into Darkness"},
    {$set: {rating: 6.4}}
)
```

If you do not use the \$set operator, every document fulfilling the selection criteria will be replaced, so be careful! To increment a number of value, you can use the \$inc operator:

```
db.films.update(
    {title: "Star Trek Into Darkness"},
    {$inc: {rating: 0.1}}
)
```

Again, there are many other different operators for different purposes, e.g. \$unset, \$inc, \$pop, \$push, \$pushAll or \$addToSet.

Delete

You can remove documents with the remove function. It actually works almost like the find function; you only don't use the projection parameter. If, for example, you want to remove all film documents whose title starts with the letter T, you can first query for all such movies...

```
db.films.find({title: /^T/})
```

...to verify that your selection criteria is correct and then replaced the find in your call by remove:

```
db.films.remove({title: /^T/})
```

Speed Up Queries By Indexing

```
Quit MongoDB by typing
```

```
exit
```

Now copy the file movies.json into the C:/Users/<Username>/mongodb/ directory and navigate to C:/Users/<Username>/mongodb/bin/:



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```
cd "C:/Users/<Username>/mongodb/bin/"
```

The file movies.json contains many IMDb movies which you import into a new movies collection:

```
mongoimport.exe --db imdb --collection movies --file "../movies.json"
```

Now reconnect to the MongoDB instance and perform the following query:

```
mongo imdb
db.movies.find({
  rating: {
     $gt: 6.14,
     $lt: 7.78
  }
}).explain()
```

Note that explain() gives you information on the query execution. Write down the amount of time the execution of your query took!

To make the query execution of a little faster, create an index on the rating field...

```
db.movies.ensureIndex({rating: 1})
```

... and repeat the query! It now should have been performed much faster.

For Exercise 6.2 please import the tweets.json file into a new tweets collection.

Exercise 6.2: Movie mApp

Since you got to know some of the basics of MongoDB, now it's time for you to have a look at the MongoDB Java API! In our Movie mApp application, you can query IMDb movie data and also find out where on the world people are tweeting about movies. However, some of the most important features have not been implemented yet! Import the Java project Blatt6.zip into Eclipse.

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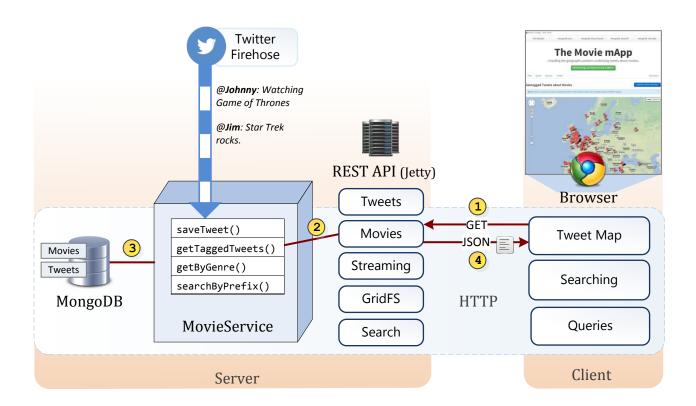


Figure 1: Architecture of the mApp project.

Figure 6.2 shows the architecture of the project. It is a browser-based web application powered by a REST/HTTP backend which communicates with MongoDB. To start the REST server, simply run the RestServer class. You can then switch to your favourite browser (we suggest Chrome or Firefox) and go to http://localhost:5900. The server will respond with the web application. The application uses asynchronous Ajax calls to fetch JSON data from the server.

All this is already implemented. You only need to implement the missing parts in the MovieService class which encapsulates the MongoDB calls. The RestServer will use your methods in this class - for example getTaggedTweets() to show tweets on the map. You should use the web frontend to check if your implementation of the methods works as expected. To compare, you can refer to http://vm.orestes.info:5900/which demonstrates the result of all methods being correctly implemented.

The streaming of tweets from the Twitter API is included and working from the begin on, so you can stream real-time data into MongoDB. The sample dataset, too, already contains tweets. A part which will be new for you is GridFS. It is a distributed file system which is part of MongoDB. The movie application uses it to store poster images pulled from the International Movie Database using the respective methods in the MovieService.