

AGGREGATION OPERATORS

In MongoDB, aggregation operations process data records and return computed results. Aggregation operations group values from multiple documents together and can perform a variety of operations on the grouped data to return a single result. MongoDB provides three ways to perform aggregation: the aggregation pipeline, the map-reduce function, and single-purpose aggregation methods.

Aggregation Pipeline

The aggregation pipeline is a framework for data aggregation modeled on the concept of data processing pipelines. Documents enter a multi-stage pipeline that transforms the documents into aggregated results. The stages in a pipeline can filter, sort, group, reshape, and modify documents passing through the pipeline.

Syntax for the Aggregation Operator is

db.collection.aggregate(<AGGREGATE OPERATION>)

àHERE'S AN OVERVIEW OF SOME AGGREGATION OPERATORS IN MONGODB WITH SYNTAX:

1.\$sum: Sums numeric values for the documents in each group.

Syntax:“\$fieldname”:{**\$sum:**”\$fieldname”}

2.\$avg: Calculates the average of numeric values.

Syntax:“\$fieldname”:{**\$avg:**”\$fieldname”} **3.\$min:** Finds the minimum value.

Syntax:“\$fieldname”:{**\$min:**”\$fieldname”} **4.\$max:** Finds the maximum value.

Syntax:“\$fieldname”:{**\$max:**”\$fieldname”} **5.\$push:** Appends a value to an array of values. **Syntax:**“ \$fieldname”:{**\$push:**”\$fieldname”}

6.\$addtoSet: Adds a value to an array, but only if the value is not already present in the array.

Syntax:“\$fieldname”:{**\$addtoSet:**”\$fieldname”}

Expression Type	Description	Syntax
Accumulators	Perform calculations on entire groups of documents	
* \$sum	Calculates the sum of all values in a numeric field within a group.	"\$fieldName": { \$sum: "\$fieldName" }
* \$avg	Calculates the average of all values in a numeric field within a group.	"\$fieldName": { \$avg: "\$fieldName" }
* \$min	Finds the minimum value in a field within a group.	"\$fieldName": { \$min: "\$fieldName" }
* \$max	Finds the maximum value in a field within a group.	"\$fieldName": { \$max: "\$fieldName" }
* \$push	Creates an array containing all unique or duplicate values from a field	"\$arrayName": { \$push: "\$fieldName" }
* \$addToSet	Creates an array containing only unique values from a field within a group.	"\$arrayName": { \$addToSet: "\$fieldName" }
* \$first	Returns the first value in a field within a group (or entire collection).	"\$fieldName": { \$first: "\$fieldName" }
* \$last	Returns the last value in a field within a group (or entire collection).	"\$fieldName": { \$last: "\$fieldName" }

To perform aggregation operator lets import a collection called **"students"** through mongocompass.

To switch this database we must use a commands like

“use db” “show dbs”

“show collections”

```
test> use db
switched to db db
db> show dbs
admin      40.00 KiB
config    108.00 KiB
db         96.00 KiB
local      72.00 KiB
db> show collections
candidates
students
db> _
```

1. \$sum:

Here is an example to find **averagesum** of gpa for all the home cities for this we have to use a command like

```
db.students.aggregate([{$group:{_id:"$home_city",averagesum:"$gpa"
}}]);
```

```
db> db.students.aggregate([{$group:{_id:"$home_city",averagesum:{sum:"$gpa"}}}]);
[
  { _id: 'City 4', averagesum: 76.28 },
  { _id: 'City 8', averagesum: 96.64 },
  { _id: 'City 1', averagesum: 102.13 },
  { _id: 'City 9', averagesum: 121.58 },
  { _id: 'City 2', averagesum: 99.65 },
  { _id: null, averagesum: 455.7 },
  { _id: 'City 6', averagesum: 104.29 },
  { _id: 'City 3', averagesum: 102.34 },
  { _id: 'City 7', averagesum: 82.59 },
  { _id: 'City 5', averagesum: 122.42999999999999 },
  { _id: 'City 10', averagesum: 129.15 }
]
db> _
```

Here we used,

_id:home_city:-which sets the identifier the homecity to document together.

Averagesum:-calculates the averagesum value of students who scored particular gpa field in home cities using **\$sum operator**.

2. \$avg:

Here to find averageGPA of all the students we need to use a command

db.students.aggregate([{\$group:{_id:null,averageGPA:{\$avg:"\$gpa"}}}]);

```
db> db.students.aggregate([{$group:{_id:null,averageGPA:{$avg:"$gpa"}}}]);
[ { _id: null, averageGPA: 2.98556 } ]
```

Here we used,

\$group:-Groups all documents together

_id:null:-sets the group identifier to null.

averageGPA:-calculates the average value of the “gpa”field using **\$avg operator**.

One more example using **\$avg operator**. Here we are finding average gpa for all home cities use a command is

db.students.aggregate([{\$group:{_id:"\$home_city",averageGPA:{\$avg:"\$gpa"}}}]);

```
db> db.students.aggregate([{$group:{_id:"$home_city",averageGPA:{$avg:"$gpa"}}}]);
[
  { _id: 'City 6', averageGPA: 2.8969444444444448 },
  { _id: 'City 10', averageGPA: 2.935227272727273 },
  { _id: 'City 2', averageGPA: 3.01969696969697 },
  { _id: 'City 9', averageGPA: 3.1174358974358976 },
  { _id: 'City 5', averageGPA: 3.0607499999999996 },
  { _id: 'City 1', averageGPA: 3.003823529411765 },
  { _id: 'City 7', averageGPA: 2.847931034482759 },
  { _id: null, averageGPA: 2.9784313725490197 },
  { _id: 'City 8', averageGPA: 3.11741935483871 },
  { _id: 'City 3', averageGPA: 3.0100000000000002 },
  { _id: 'City 4', averageGPA: 2.8251851851851852 }
]
```

3.\$min and \$max

These operators are used within the \$group stage to find the minimum and maximum values of a specified field.

```
db.students.aggregate([{$group:{_id:null,minAge:{$min:"$age"},maxAge:{$max:"$age"}}}]);
```

```
db> db.students.aggregate([{$group:{_id:null,minAge:{$min:"$age"},maxAge:{$max:"$age"}}}]);
[ { _id: null, minAge: 18, maxAge: 25 } ]
```

Here we used ,

\$group:-Groups all documents together

_id:null:- sets the group identifier to null.

4.\$push

The \$push operator is used within the \$group stage to append values to an array in the resulting documents.

For this we use a command

```
db.students.aggregate([{$project:{_id:0,allCourses:{$push:"$courses"}}}]);
```

```
db> db.students.aggregate([{$project:{_id:0,allCourses:{$push:"$courses"}}}]);
MongoServerError[Location31325]: Invalid $project :: caused by :: Unknown expression $push
db>
```

Here we used

\$project:- Transforms the input documents.

_id: 0:-Excludes the _id field from the output documents.

allCourses:- Uses the **\$push operator** to create an array. It pushes all elements from the "courses" field of each student document into the allCourses array

1. \$addToSet:

To collect unique courses offered we use a command called

```
db.candidates.aggregate([{$unwind: "$courses" }, {  
$group: { _id:null, uniqueCourses: {  
$addToSet:"$courses" } } }]);
```

```
db> db.candidates.aggregate([{$unwind:"$courses"},{$group:{_id:null,uniqueCourses:{$addToSet:"$courses"}}}]);  
{  
  _id: null,  
  uniqueCourses: [  
    'Statistics',  
    'Psychology',  
    'Engineering',  
    'Robotics',  
    'Sociology',  
    'Marine Science',  
    'Physics',  
    'Mathematics',  
    'Biology',  
    'Environmental Science',  
    'Creative Writing',  
    'Film Studies',  
    'Computer Science',  
    'Artificial Intelligence',  
    'Cybersecurity',  
    'Art History',  
    'Literature',  
    'English',  
    'Political Science',  
    'Philosophy',  
    'History',  
    'Chemistry',  
    'Ecology',  
    'Music History'  
  ]  
}
```