

# MONGODB - CREATE DATABASE

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In this chapter, we will see how to create a database in MongoDB.

## The use Command

MongoDB **use DATABASE\_NAME** is used to create database. The command will create a new database if it doesn't exist, otherwise it will return the existing database.

## Syntax

Basic syntax of **use DATABASE** statement is as follows –

```
use DATABASE_NAME
```

## Example

If you want to create a database with name **<mydb>**, then **use DATABASE** statement would be as follows –

```
>use mydb
switched to db mydb
```

To check your currently selected database, use the command **db**

```
>db
mydb
```

If you want to check your databases list, use the command **show dbs**.

```
>show dbs
local      0.78125GB
test       0.23012GB
```

Your created database *mydb* is not present in list. To display database, you need to insert at least one document into it.

```
>db.movie.insert({"name":"tutorialspoint"})
>show dbs
local      0.78125GB
mydb       0.23012GB
test       0.23012GB
```

In MongoDB default database is test. If you didn't create any database, then collections will be stored in test database.