



# MongoDB – Part 2

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# Learning Objectives

After this lecture, you should be able to:

- Write MongoDB cursor queries.
- Write aggregation queries
- Query documents by reference.

# Cursor methods

- .count, .pretty, .sort etc are all examples of cursor methods
- **.toArray** returns an array that contains all documents from a cursor

```
nsf= db.awards.find({"by": "National Science Foundation").toArray()  
if (nsf.length >0) {printjson (nsf[0])}
```

- **.forEach** applies a JavaScript function to each document from the cursor (similar to .map)

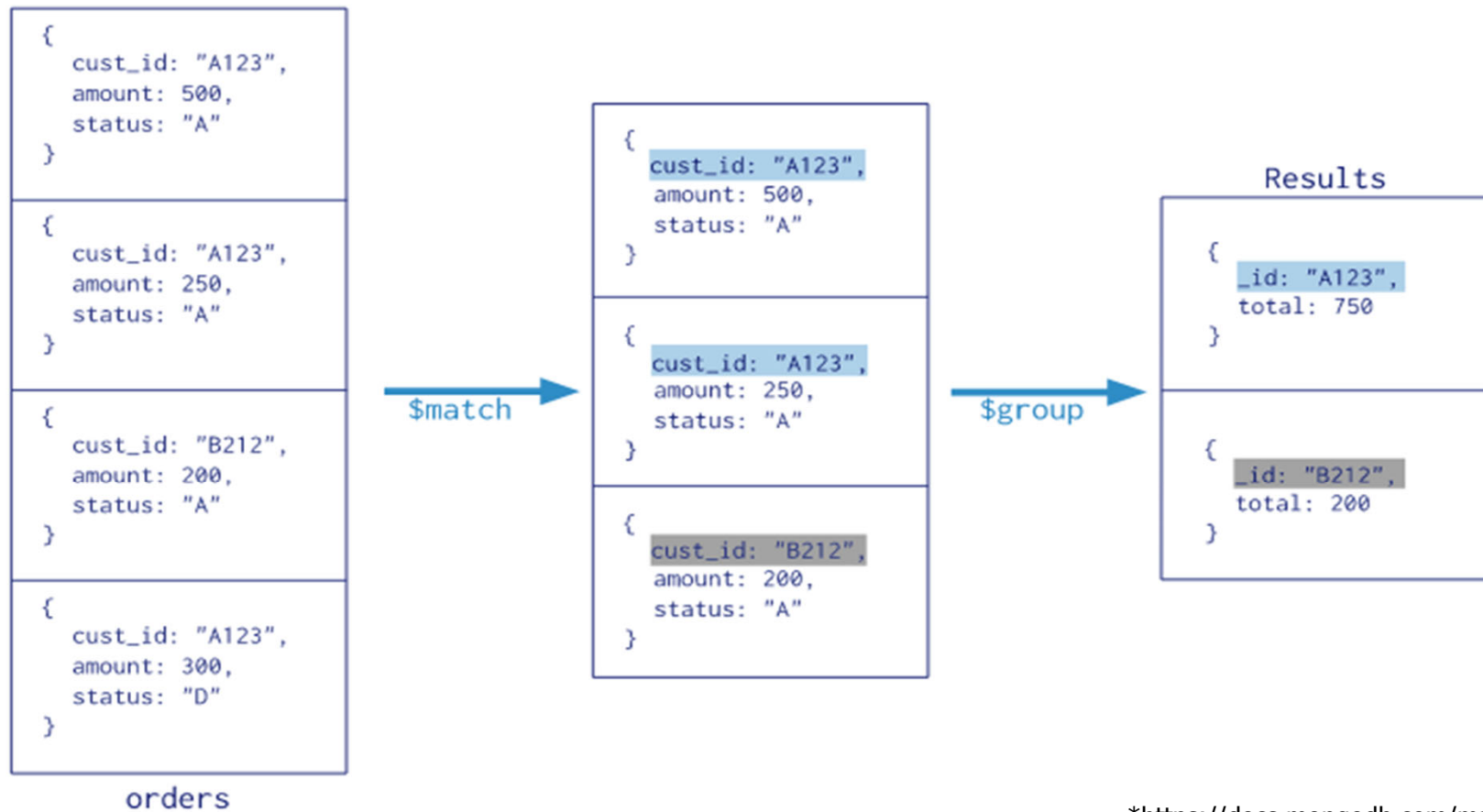
```
db.awards.find(). forEach  
( function(myDoc) { printjson ("Award: " + myDoc.name); });
```

# Aggregation

- A framework to provide “group-by” and aggregate functionality without the overhead of map-reduce.
- Conceptually, documents from a collection pass through an aggregation pipeline, which transforms the objects as they pass through (similar to UNIX pipe “|”)
- Operators include: \$project, \$match, \$group, \$sort, \$skip, \$limit, \$unwind

# Aggregation Example\*

Collection  
↓  
`db.orders.aggregate( [`  
    `$match stage → { $match: { status: "A" } },`  
    `$group stage → { $group: { _id: "$cust_id", total: { $sum: "$amount" } } }`  
    `]` )



\*<https://docs.mongodb.com/manual/aggregation/>

## Aggregation: \$group

- Every group expression must specify an `_id` field.
- Suppose we wanted to find how many people were born each year

```
> db.people.aggregate( { $group :  
    { _id : "$birthyear", birthsPerYear : { $sum : 1 } } })
```

```
{ "_id" : 1924, "birthsPerYear" : 1 }
```

- Contrast with aggregate operation over entire result

```
> db.people.count( )  
> db.people.find({ "name.first" : "John" }).count( )  
> db.people.count({ "name.first" : "John" })
```

# Aggregation: \$unwind

- Deconstructs an array field to output a document for each element.

```
Posts: {
  _id : ObjectId("4c4ba5c0672c685e5e8aabf3"),
  author : "Kevin",
  date : new Date("February 2, 2012"),
  text : "About MongoDB...",
  birthyear: 1980,
  tags : [ "tech", "databases" ]
}
```

```
>db.posts.aggregate( { $project : { author : 1, tags : 1 } }, { $unwind : "$tags" } )
```

## Result of unwind

```
>db.posts.aggregate( { $project : { author : 1, tags : 1 } }, { $unwind : "$tags" } )
```

```
{ "_id" : ObjectId("4c4ba5c0672c685e5e8aabf3"),  
  "author" : "Kevin",  
  "tags" : "tech" },  
{ "_id" : ObjectId("4c4ba5c0672c685e5e8aabf3"),  
  "author" : "Kevin",  
  "tags" : "databases" }
```



# “Joins” in MongoDB

## 1. Embedded Relationships

- “Do joins while write, not on reads.”

## 2. Referenced Relationships (\$lookup)

- Use a left outer-joins to a collection in the same database to search (filter) in documents from the (joined) second collection for processing.

# Relationships: Embedded

```
{ _id: 1,  
  name: { first: "John", last: "Backus" },  
  birthyear: 1924,  
  contribs: [ "Fortran", "ALGOL",  
              "Backus Naur Form", "FP" ],  
  awards: [ {title: "National Medal of Science",  
             by: "National Science Foundation",  
             year: 1975 },  
            {title: "Turing Award",  
             by: "ACM",  
             year: 1977},  
            {title: "Career Award",  
             by: "NIH",  
             year: 1980},  
            {title: "Career Success Award",  
             by: "NASA",  
             year: 1982} ] }
```

# Aggregation: \$lookup

- For each input doc, the \$lookup stage adds a new array field whose elements are the matching documents from the 2<sup>nd</sup> (joined) collection
- Syntax:

```
db.colName.aggregate{
  $lookup:
  {
    from: <collection to join>,
    localField: <field from the input documents(colName)>,
    foreignField: <field from the documents of the "from" collection>,
    as: <output array field to be added to colName>
  }
}
```

# \$lookup Example

**customers :**

```
{ "_id" : ObjectId("60299bc2713966e59be2071f"),  
  "CustomerID" : "FRANR",  
  "Address" : 54,  
  "City" : "rue Royale",  
  ...  
  "Fax" : "40.32.21.21",  
  "field11" : "40.32.21.20" }
```

**orders:**

```
{ "_id" : ObjectId("60299b3d37036677a386fdob"),  
  "OrderID" : 10268,  
  "CustomerID" : "FRANR",  
  "EmployeeID" : 8,  
  "OrderDate" : "1996-07-30 00:00:00.000",  
  ... }
```

## \$lookup Example: Query

```
db.customers.aggregate([
  {$lookup:
    {
      from:"orders",
      localField:"CustomerID",
      foreignField:"CustomerID",
      as:"Cust_Orders"
    }
  }
])
```

# \$lookup Example: Result

```
{
  "_id" : ObjectId("60299bc2713966e59be2071f"),
  "CustomerID" : "FRANR",
  "Address" : 54,
  "City" : "rue Royale",
  ...
  "Fax" : "40.32.21.21",
  "field11" : "40.32.21.20",
  "Cust_Orders" : [
    { "_id" : ObjectId("60299b3d37036677a386fdob"),
      "OrderID" : 10268,
      "CustomerID" : "FRANR",
      "EmployeeID" : 8,
      "OrderDate" : "1996-07-30 00:00:00.000",
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}
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