

NOSQL Databases

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Getting Started with MongoDB:

<https://www.w3schools.com/mongodb/>

<https://www.mongodb.com/docs/manual/>

MongoDB is a document database. It stores data in a type of JSON format called BSON.

Understanding JSON(**JavaScript Object Notation**):

JSON is a **plain text format** for storing and transporting data.

JSON is similar to the syntax for creating JavaScript objects.

JSON is used to **send, receive and store data**.

Object-----JSON.stringify()----->String

String -----JSON.parse()----->Object

Data of objects accessed using dot(.) or []

In JSON, values must be one of the following data types:

String ,number ,object (JSON object) ,array ,Boolean ,null

Aspect	SQL (Relational)	NoSQL (Non-relational)
Data Structure	Tables with rows and columns	Document-based, key-value, column-family, or graph-based
Schema	Fixed schema (predefined structure)	Flexible schema (dynamic and adaptable)
Scalability	Vertically scalable (upgrading hardware)	Horizontally scalable (adding more servers)
Data Integrity	ACID-compliant (strong consistency)	BASE-compliant (more available, less consistent)
Query Language	SQL (Structured Query Language)	Varies (e.g., MongoDB uses its own query language)
Performance	Efficient for complex queries and transactions	Better for large-scale data and fast read/write operations
Use Case	Best for transactional systems (banking, ERP, etc.)	Ideal for big data, real-time web apps, and data lakes
Examples	MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, MS SQL Server	MongoDB, Cassandra, CouchDB, Neo4j

Let us consider of case of insurance database

--Creating and using the document database:

```
test> use InsuranceDB
switched to db InsuranceDB
InsuranceDB> |
```

--Create Collection

```
db.createCollection("customers")
```

```
InsuranceDB> db.createCollection("customers")
{ ok: 1 }
```

--Insert documents

Insert one:

```
db.customers.insertOne( {
  firstName: "Abhi",
  lastName: "Shek",
  dateOfBirth: ISODate("2004-07-03"),
  phone: "7075268421",
  email: "abhishek@gmail.com"
})
```

```
InsuranceDB> db.customers.insertOne( {
...   firstName: "Abhi",
...   lastName: "Shek",
...   dateOfBirth: ISODate("2004-07-03"),
...   phone: "7075268421",
...   email: "abhishek@gmail.com"
... })
...
{
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: ObjectId('69576023e02dd097951e2621'
}
```

Insert Many:

```
db.customers.insertMany([
{
  firstName: "Santhu",
  lastName: "Chepuri",
  dateOfBirth: ISODate("2004-05-24"),
  phone: "9080706050",
  email: "chepuri@gmail.com"
},
{
  firstName: "Varun",
  lastName: "Kumar",
  dateOfBirth: ISODate("1999-08-12"),
  phone: "9001112233",
  email: "varun@gmail.com"
},
{
  firstName: "Bhanu",
  lastName: "Prakash",
```

```
dateOfBirth: ISODate("1998-03-25"),  
phone: "9002223344",  
email: "bhanu@gmail.com"  
,  
{  
firstName: "Ramu",  
lastName: "Reddy",  
dateOfBirth: ISODate("2000-12-05"),  
phone: "9003334455",  
email: "ramu@gmail.com"  
,  
{  
firstName: "Sangu",  
lastName: "Rao",  
dateOfBirth: ISODate("2002-02-10"),  
phone: "9876543210",  
email: "sangu@gmail.com"  
,  
{  
firstName: "Manu",  
lastName: "Pal",  
dateOfBirth: ISODate("1998-11-15"),  
phone: "9876543211",  
email: "manu@gmail.com"  
}  
])
```

Creation of Policies Collection:

```
db.createCollection("policies")
```

Insertion of data into collection

```
InsuranceDB> db.policies.insertMany([
...   { policyName: "Life Term", policyType: "Life", premiumAmount: 15000, durationYear: 20 },
...   { policyName: "Health Plus", policyType: "Health", premiumAmount: 12000, durationYear: 10 },
...   { policyName: "Life Term", policyType: "Life", premiumAmount: 18000.5, durationYear: 25 },
...   { policyName: "Health Shield", policyType: "Health", premiumAmount: 9500.75, durationYear: 12 },
...   { policyName: "Car Protect", policyType: "Vehicle", premiumAmount: 7200, durationYear: 5 },
...   { policyName: "Motor Secure", policyType: "Motor", premiumAmount: 11000, durationYear: 1 },
...   { policyName: "Family Health", policyType: "Health", premiumAmount: 20000, durationYear: 1 }
... ])
...
{
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedIds: {
    '0': ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e2628'),
    '1': ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e2629'),
    '2': ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262a'),
    '3': ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262b'),
    '4': ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262c'),
    '5': ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262d'),
    '6': ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262e')
  }
}
```

Creation of agents collection:

```
db.createCollection("agents")
```

Insertion:

```
InsuranceDB> db.agents.insertMany([
...   { agentName: "Spoorthik", phone: "7867867867", city: "Karachi" },
...   { agentName: "Idries", phone: "7867867866", city: "Rawalpindi" },
...   { agentName: "Anil", phone: "9876543210", city: "Delhi" },
...   { agentName: "Suresh", phone: "9223344556", city: "Hyderabad" },
...   { agentName: "Rakesh", phone: "9112233445", city: "Bangalore" },
...   { agentName: "Ajay", phone: "9887766554", city: "Chandigarh" }
... ])
...
{
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedIds: {
    '0': ObjectId('6957627ae02dd097951e262f'),
    '1': ObjectId('6957627ae02dd097951e2630'),
    '2': ObjectId('6957627ae02dd097951e2631'),
    '3': ObjectId('6957627ae02dd097951e2632'),
    '4': ObjectId('6957627ae02dd097951e2633'),
    '5': ObjectId('6957627ae02dd097951e2634')
  }
}
```

Creation of policyAssignments collection:

```
db.createCollection("policyAssignments")
```

Insertion:

```
InsuranceDB> db.policyAssignments.insertMany([
...   {
...     customerId: db.customers.findOne({ email: "abhishek@gmail.com" })._id,
...     policyId: db.policies.findOne({ policyName: "Life Term", premiumAmount: 15000 }),
...     agentId: db.agents.findOne({ agentName: "Spoorthik" })._id,
...     startDate: ISODate("2025-01-01"),
...     endDate: ISODate("2045-01-01")
...   },
...   {
...     customerId: db.customers.findOne({ email: "chepuri@gmail.com" })._id,
...     policyId: db.policies.findOne({ policyName: "Health Plus" })._id,
...     agentId: db.agents.findOne({ agentName: "Idries" })._id,
...     startDate: ISODate("2025-06-01"),
...     endDate: ISODate("2035-06-01")
...   },
...   {
...     customerId: db.customers.findOne({ email: "varun@gmail.com" })._id,
...     policyId: db.policies.findOne({ policyName: "Life Term", premiumAmount: 18000.5 }),
...     agentId: db.agents.findOne({ agentName: "Spoorthik" })._id,
...     startDate: ISODate("2022-01-10")
...   }
])
```

Creation of claims collection:

```
db.createCollection("claims")
```

Insertion:

```
db.claims.insertMany([
  {
    assignmentId: db.policyAssignments.findOne({
      startDate: ISODate("2025-01-01"),
      endDate: ISODate("2045-01-01")
    })._id,
    claimDate: ISODate("2026-02-15"),
    claimAmount: 50000,
    claimStatus: "Approved"
  },
  {
    assignmentId: db.policyAssignments.findOne({
      startDate: ISODate("2025-06-01"),
      endDate: ISODate("2035-06-01")
    })._id,
    claimDate: ISODate("2026-03-10"),
    claimAmount: 30000,
  }
])
```

```
    claimStatus: "Pending"

  },
  {

    assignmentId: db.policyAssignments.findOne({
      startDate: ISODate("2023-01-10"),
      endDate: ISODate("2048-01-10")
    })._id,
    claimDate: ISODate("2024-11-20"),
    claimAmount: 45000,
    claimStatus: "Approved"
  },
  {

    assignmentId: db.policyAssignments.findOne({
      startDate: ISODate("2024-06-15"),
      endDate: ISODate("2036-06-15")
    })._id,
    claimDate: ISODate("2025-07-05"),
    claimAmount: 15000,
    claimStatus: "Rejected"
  },
  {

    assignmentId: db.policyAssignments.findOne({
      startDate: ISODate("2025-03-01"),
      endDate: ISODate("2030-03-01")
    })._id,
    claimDate: ISODate("2025-09-18"),
    claimAmount: 8000,
    claimStatus: "Pending"
  }
]
```

```
},
{
  assignmentId: db.policyAssignments.findOne({
    startDate: ISODate("2024-01-01"),
    endDate: ISODate("2025-01-01")
  })._id,
  claimDate: ISODate("2025-03-15"),
  claimAmount: 60000,
  claimStatus: "Approved"
},
{
  assignmentId: db.policyAssignments.findOne({
    startDate: ISODate("2025-02-01"),
    endDate: ISODate("2026-02-01")
  })._id,
  claimDate: ISODate("2025-05-20"),
  claimAmount: 25000,
  claimStatus: "Rejected"
}
])
```

```

...
    claimAmount: 60000,
    claimStatus: "Approved"
},
{
    assignmentId: db.policyAssignments.findOne({
        startDate: ISODate("2025-02-01"),
        endDate: ISODate("2026-02-01")
    })._id,
    claimDate: ISODate("2025-05-20"),
    claimAmount: 25000,
    claimStatus: "Rejected"
}
])
...
}

acknowledged: true,
insertedIds: {
    '0': ObjectId('695768c5e02dd097951e2645'),
    '1': ObjectId('695768c5e02dd097951e2646'),
    '2': ObjectId('695768c5e02dd097951e2647'),
    '3': ObjectId('695768c5e02dd097951e2648'),
    '4': ObjectId('695768c5e02dd097951e2649'),
    '5': ObjectId('695768c5e02dd097951e264a'),
    '6': ObjectId('695768c5e02dd097951e264b')
}
}

```

Creation of claims collection:

```
db.createCollection("claims")
```

FIND OPERATIONS:

Find all documents: db.customers.find()

Find one document: db.customers.findOne({ firstName: "Abhi" })

```
InsuranceDB> db.customers.findOne({firstName: "Abhi"})
{
    _id: ObjectId('69576023e02dd097951e2621'),
    firstName: 'Abhi',
    lastName: 'Shek',
    dateOfBirth: ISODate('2004-07-03T00:00:00.000Z'),
    phone: '7075268421',
    email: 'abhishhek@gmail.com'
}
```

Find with condition:

Similar to where in sql:

```
db.policies.find({ policyType: "Health" })
```

```
InsuranceDB> db.policies.find({ policyType: "Health" })
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e2629'),
    policyName: 'Health Plus',
    policyType: 'Health',
    premiumAmount: 12000,
    durationYear: 10
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262b'),
    policyName: 'Health Shield',
    policyType: 'Health',
    premiumAmount: 9500.75,
    durationYear: 12
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262e'),
    policyName: 'Family Health',
    policyType: 'Health',
    premiumAmount: 20000,
    durationYear: 1
  }
]
```

Projection: MongoDB projection is the process of selecting only the specific fields we want to retrieve from a document rather than fetching the entire document.

- **Filters Documents:** The first parameter of find() selects which documents to retrieve.
- **Specifies Fields:** The second parameter (projection object) tells MongoDB which fields to include (1/true) or exclude (0/false).
- **Controls _id:** By default, _id is always returned unless explicitly excluded (_id: 0).

```
db.customers.find(
  ... {},
  ... { firstName: 1, email: 1, _id: 0 }
)
```

```
| InsuranceDB> db.customers.find(  
| ...     { },  
| ...     { firstName: 1, email: 1, _id: 0 }  
| ... )  
| ...  
| [  
|   { firstName: 'Abhi', email: 'abhishek@gmail.com' },  
|   { firstName: 'Santhu', email: 'chepuri@gmail.com' },  
|   { firstName: 'Varun', email: 'varun@gmail.com' },  
|   { firstName: 'Bhanu', email: 'bhanu@gmail.com' },  
|   { firstName: 'Ramu', email: 'ramu@gmail.com' },  
|   { firstName: 'Sangu', email: 'sangu@gmail.com' },  
|   { firstName: 'Manu', email: 'manu@gmail.com' }  
| ]
```

Comparison operators: <,>,=

db.policies.find({ premiumAmount: { \$gt: 10000 } })

db.policies.find({ premiumAmount: { \$lt: 10000 } })

db.policies.find({ premiumAmount: { \$gte: 12000 } })

gt:greater than

lt:less than

gte:greater than or equal to

```
| InsuranceDB> db.policies.find({ premiumAmount: { $lt: 10000 } })  
[  
  {  
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262b'),  
    policyName: 'Health Shield',  
    policyType: 'Health',  
    premiumAmount: 9500.75,  
    durationYear: 12  
  },  
  {  
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262c'),  
    policyName: 'Car Protect',  
    policyType: 'Vehicle',  
    premiumAmount: 7200,  
    durationYear: 5  
  }  
]
```

Logical operators: AND,OR,IN

AND operator:

```
db.policies.find({  
  $and: [  
    { policyType: "Health" },  
    { premiumAmount: { $gt: 10000 } }]  
})  
[  
  {  
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e2629'),  
    policyName: 'Health Plus',  
    policyType: 'Health',  
    premiumAmount: 12000,  
    durationYear: 10  
  },  
  {  
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262e'),  
    policyName: 'Family Health',  
    policyType: 'Health',  
    premiumAmount: 20000,  
    durationYear: 1  
  }  
]
```

OR operator: db.policies.find({

```
  $or: [  
    { policyType: "Life" },  
    { policyType: "Motor" }  
  ]  
})
```

```
InsuranceDB> db.policies.find({
...   $or: [
...     { policyType: "Life" },
...     { policyType: "Motor" }
...   ]
... })
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e2628'),
    policyName: 'Life Term',
    policyType: 'Life',
    premiumAmount: 15000,
    durationYear: 20
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262a'),
    policyName: 'Life Term',
    policyType: 'Life',
    premiumAmount: 18000.5,
    durationYear: 25
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262d'),
    policyName: 'Motor Secure',
    policyType: 'Motor',
    premiumAmount: 11000,
    durationYear: 1
  }
]
```

Basic pagination kind of things: SORT, LIMIT, SKIP

Displaying policies in descending order of premium amount:

```
db.policies.find().sort({ premiumAmount: -1 })
```

```
InsuranceDB> db.policies.find().sort({ premiumAmount: -1 })
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262e'),
    policyName: 'Family Health',
    policyType: 'Health',
    premiumAmount: 20000,
    durationYear: 1
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('69576209e02dd097951e262a'),
    policyName: 'Life Term',
    policyType: 'Life',
    premiumAmount: 18000.5,
    durationYear: 25
  },
]
```

Displaying top 2 from collection:

```
db.customers.find().limit(2)
```

```
InsuranceDB> db.customers.find().limit(2)
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId('69576023e02dd097951e2621'),
    firstName: 'Abhi',
    lastName: 'Shek',
    dateOfBirth: ISODate('2004-07-03T00:00:00.000Z'),
    phone: '7075268421',
    email: 'abhishek@gmail.com'
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('69576062e02dd097951e2622'),
    firstName: 'Santhu',
    lastName: 'Chepuri',
    dateOfBirth: ISODate('2004-05-24T00:00:00.000Z'),
    phone: '9080706050',
    email: 'chepuri@gmail.com'
  }
]
```

Skipping some and displaying top

```
db.customers.find().skip(2).limit(1)
```

```
InsuranceDB> db.customers.find().skip(2).limit(1)
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId('69576062e02dd097951e2623'),
    firstName: 'Varun',
    lastName: 'Kumar',
    dateOfBirth: ISODate('1999-08-12T00:00:00.000Z'),
    phone: '9001112233',
    email: 'varun@gmail.com'
  }
]
```

Update collections:

Updateone:

```
db.customers.updateOne(
  ... { email: "abhishek@gmail.com" },
  ... { $set: { phone: "8888888888" } }
  ...
)
```

OUTPUT:

```
{
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: null,
  matchedCount: 1,
  modifiedCount: 1,
  upsertedCount: 0
}
```

```
db.policies.updateMany(
  { policyType: "Health" },
  { $inc: { durationYear: 1 } })
```

```
InsuranceDB> db.policies.updateMany(  
...   { policyType: "Health" },  
...   { $inc: { durationYear: 1 } }  
... )  
...  
{  
  acknowledged: true,  
  insertedId: null,  
  matchedCount: 3,  
  modifiedCount: 3,  
  upsertedCount: 0  
}
```

Delete from collections:

Here the email mentioned is not present in collections so we see deletedcount=0

```
{ acknowledged: true, deletedCount: 0 }  
InsuranceDB> db.customers.deleteOne({ email: "test@gmail.com" })  
{ acknowledged: true, deletedCount: 0 }  
InsuranceDB> |
```

Checking collection:

```
InsuranceDB> db.agents.find()  
[  
  {  
    _id: ObjectId('6957627ae02dd097951e262f'),  
    agentName: 'Spoorthik',  
    phone: '7867867867',  
    city: 'Karachi'  
  },  
  {  
    _id: ObjectId('6957627ae02dd097951e2630'),  
    agentName: 'Idries',  
    phone: '7867867866',  
    city: 'Rawalpindi'  
  },  
  {  
    _id: ObjectId('6957627ae02dd097951e2631'),  
    agentName: 'Anil',  
    phone: '9876543210',  
    city: 'Delhi'  
  },  
  {  
    _id: ObjectId('6957627ae02dd097951e2632'),  
    agentName: 'Rahim',  
    phone: '8765432109',  
    city: 'Lahore'  
  }]
```

```
db.agents.deleteMany({ city: "Delhi" })  
]  
InsuranceDB> db.agents.deleteMany({ city: "Delhi" })  
{ acknowledged: true, deletedCount: 1 }  
InsuranceDB> |
```

here we had one field it is deleted with deleteMany,in case of multiple all dets deleted

COUNT & DISTINCT:

```
InsuranceDB> db.customers.countDocuments()
```

```
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```

```
db.policies.distinct("policyType")  
InsuranceDB> db.policies.distinct("policyType")  
[ 'Health', 'Life', 'Motor', 'Vehicle' ]  
InsuranceDB> |
```