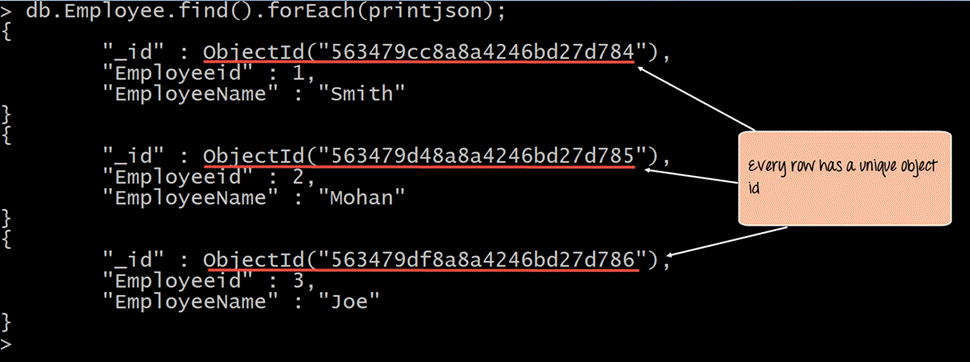
**What is Primary Key in MongoDB?**

In MongoDB, \_id field as the primary key for the collection so that each document can be uniquely identified in the collection. The \_id field contains a unique ObjectID value.

By default when inserting documents in the collection, if you don’t add a field name with the \_id in the field name, then MongoDB will automatically add an Object id field as shown below



When you query the documents in a collection, you can see the ObjectId for each document in the collection.

If you want to ensure that MongoDB does not create the \_id Field when the collection is created and if you want to specify your own id as the \_id of the collection, then you need to explicitly define this while creating the collection.

When explicitly creating an id field, it needs to be created with \_id in its name.

Let’s look at an example on how we can achieve this.

db.Employee.insert({\_id:10, "EmployeeName" : "Smith"})

**Code Explanation:**

1. We are assuming that we are creating the first document in the collection and hence in the above statement while creating the collection, we explicitly define the field \_id and define a value for it.

If the command is executed successfully and now use the find command to display the documents in the collection, the following Output will be shown

**Output:**

