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MongoDB Cheat Sheet

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First steps in the MongoDB World? This cheat sheet is filled with some handy tips, commands, and quick references to get you connected and CRUD'ing in no time!



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Connect MongoDB Shell

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```
1 mongo # connects to mongodb://127.0.0.1:27017 by default
2 mongo --host <host> --port <port> -u <user> -p <pwd> # omit the password if you want
3 mongo "mongodb://192.168.1.1:27017"
4 mongo "mongodb+srv://cluster-name.abcde.mongodb.net/<dbname>" --username <username>
```

- More documentation about the MongoDB Shell.
- To connect with the new mongosh, just replace `mongo` by `mongosh`.

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Helpers

Show Databases

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```
1 show dbs
2 db // prints the current database
```

Switch Database

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```
1 use <database_name>
```

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```
1 show collections
```

Run JavaScript File

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```
1 load("myScript.js")
```

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CRUD

Create

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```
1 db.coll.insertOne({name: "Max"})
2 db.coll.insert([{name: "Max"}, {name: "Alex"}]) // ordered bulk insert
3 db.coll.insert([{name: "Max"}, {name: "Alex"}], {ordered: false}) // unordered bulk insert
4 db.coll.insert({date: ISODate()})
5 db.coll.insert({name: "Max"}, {"writeConcern": {"w": "majority", "wtimeout": 5000}})
```

Read

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```
1 db.coll.findOne() // returns a single document
2 db.coll.find()    // returns a cursor - show 20 results - "it" to display more
3 db.coll.find().pretty()
4 db.coll.find({name: "Max", age: 32}) // implicit logical "AND".
5 db.coll.find({date: ISODate("2020-09-25T13:57:17.180Z")})
6 db.coll.find({name: "Max", age: 32}).explain("executionStats") // or "queryPlanner"
7 db.coll.distinct("name")
8
```

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```
14 // Comparison
15 db.coll.find({"year": {$gt: 1970}})
16 db.coll.find({"year": {$gte: 1970}})
17 db.coll.find({"year": {$lt: 1970}})
18 db.coll.find({"year": {$lte: 1970}})
19 db.coll.find({"year": {$ne: 1970}})
20 db.coll.find({"year": {$in: [1958, 1959]}})
21 db.coll.find({"year": {$nin: [1958, 1959]}})
22
23 // Logical
24 db.coll.find({name:{$not: {$eq: "Max"}}})
25 db.coll.find({$or: [{"year" : 1958}, {"year" : 1959}]})
26 db.coll.find({$nor: [{price: 1.99}, {sale: true}]})
27 db.coll.find({
28     $and: [
29         {$or: [{qty: {$lt :10}}, {qty :{$gt: 50}}]},
30         {$or: [{sale: true}, {price: {$lt: 5 }}]}
31     ]
32 })
33
34 // Element
35 db.coll.find({name: {$exists: true}})
36 db.coll.find({"zipCode": {$type: 2 }})
37 db.coll.find({"zipCode": {$type: "string"}})
38
39 // Aggregation Pipeline
40 db.coll.aggregate([
41     {$match: {status: "A"}},
42     {$group: {_id: "$cust_id", total: {$sum: "$amount"}}},
43     {$sort: {total: -1}}
44 ])
45
46 // Text search with a "text" index
47 db.coll.find({$text: {$search: "cake"}}, {score: {$meta: "textScore"}}).sort({score: -1})
48
49 // Regex
```

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```
55 db.coll.find({field: {$size: 2}}) // impossible to index - prefer storing the size
56 db.coll.find({results: {$elemMatch: {product: "xyz", score: {$gte: 8}}}})
57
58 // Projections
59 db.coll.find({"x": 1}, {"actors": 1}) // actors + _id
60 db.coll.find({"x": 1}, {"actors": 1, "_id": 0}) // actors
61 db.coll.find({"x": 1}, {"actors": 0, "summary": 0}) // all but "actors" and "summary"
62
63 // Sort, skip, limit
64 db.coll.find({}).sort({"year": 1, "rating": -1}).skip(10).limit(3)
65
66 // Read Concern
67 db.coll.find().readConcern("majority")
```

- `db.collection.find()`
- Query and Projection Operators
- BSON types
- Read Concern

Update

```
1 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {"year": 2016}) // WARNING! Replaces the entire document
2 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$set: {"year": 2016, name: "Max"}})
3 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$unset: {"year": 1}})
4 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$rename: {"year": "date"}})
5 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$inc: {"year": 5}})
6 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$mul: {"price": NumberDecimal("1.25"), qty: 2}})
7 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$min: {"imdb": 5}})
8 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$max: {"imdb": 8}})
9 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$currentDate: {"lastModified": true}})
10 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$currentDate: {"lastModified": {$type: "timestamp"}}})
11
```

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```
17 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$pop: {"array": -1}}) // first element
18 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$pullAll: {"array": [3, 4, 5]}})
19 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$push: {scores: {$each: [90, 92, 85]}}})
20 db.coll.updateOne({"_id": 1, "grades": 80}, {$set: {"grades.$": 82}})
21 db.coll.updateMany({}, {$inc: {"grades.$[]": 10}})
22 db.coll.update({}, {$set: {"grades.$[element]": 100}}, {multi: true, arrayFilters
23
24 // Update many
25 db.coll.update({"year": 1999}, {$set: {"decade": "90's"}}, {"multi": true})
26 db.coll.updateMany({"year": 1999}, {$set: {"decade": "90's"}})
27
28 // FindOneAndUpdate
29 db.coll.findOneAndUpdate({"name": "Max"}, {$inc: {"points": 5}}, {returnNewDocument
30
31 // Upsert
32 db.coll.update({"_id": 1}, {$set: {item: "apple"}, $setOnInsert: {defaultQty: 100
33
34 // Replace
35 db.coll.replaceOne({"name": "Max"}, {"firstname": "Maxime", "surname": "Beugnet"}
36
37 // Save
38 db.coll.save({"item": "book", "qty": 40})
39
40 // Write concern
41 db.coll.update({}, {$set: {"x": 1}}, {"writeConcern": {"w": "majority", "wtimeout
```

Delete

```
1 db.coll.remove({name: "Max"})
2 db.coll.remove({name: "Max"}, {justOne: true})
3 db.coll.remove({}) // WARNING! Deletes all the docs but not the collection itself
4 db.coll.remove({name: "Max"}, {"writeConcern": {"w": "majority", "wtimeout": 5000}})
5 db.coll.findOneAndDelete({"name": "Max"})
```

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Databases and Collections

Drop

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```
1 db.coll.drop()    // removes the collection and its index definitions
2 db.dropDatabase() // double check that you are *NOT* on the PROD cluster... :-)
```

Create Collection

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```
1 // Create collection with a $jsonschema
2 db.createCollection("contacts", {
3     validator: {$jsonSchema: {
4         bsonType: "object",
5         required: ["phone"],
6         properties: {
7             phone: {
8                 bsonType: "string",
9                 description: "must be a string and is required"
10            },
11            email: {
12                bsonType: "string",
13                pattern: "@mongodb\\.com$",
14                description: "must be a string and match the regular expression patte
15            },
16            status: {
17                enum: [ "Unknown", "Incomplete" ],
18                description: "can only be one of the enum values"
19            }
20        }
21    }}
22 })
```

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```
1 db.coll.stats()
2 db.coll.storageSize()
3 db.coll.totalIndexSize()
4 db.coll.totalSize()
5 db.coll.validate({full: true})
6 db.coll.renameCollection("new_coll", true) // 2nd parameter to drop the target col
```

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Indexes

List Indexes

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```
1 db.coll.getIndexes()
2 db.coll.getIndexKeys()
```

Create Indexes

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```
1 // Index Types
2 db.coll.createIndex({"name": 1}) // single field index
3 db.coll.createIndex({"name": 1, "date": 1}) // compound index
4 db.coll.createIndex({"foo": "text", "bar": "text"}) // text index
5 db.coll.createIndex({"$**": "text"}) // wildcard text index
6 db.coll.createIndex({"userMetadata.$**": 1}) // wildcard index
7 db.coll.createIndex({"loc": "2d"}) // 2d index
8 db.coll.createIndex({"loc": "2dsphere"}) // 2dsphere index
9 db.coll.createIndex({"_id": "hashed"}) // hashed index
10
11 // Index Options
12 db.coll.createIndex({"lastModifiedDate": 1}, {expireAfterSeconds: 3600}) //
13 db.coll.createIndex({"name": 1}, {unique: true})
14 db.coll.createIndex({"name": 1}, {partialFilterExpression: {age: {$gt: 18}}}) //
15 db.coll.createIndex({"name": 1}, {collation: {locale: 'en', strength: 1}}) //
16 db.coll.createIndex({"name": 1 }, {sparse: true})
```

Drop Indexes

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```
1 db.coll.dropIndex("name_1")
```

Hide/Unhide Indexes

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```
1 db.coll.hideIndex("name_1")
2 db.coll.unhideIndex("name_1")
```

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```
1 use admin
2 db.createUser({"user": "root", "pwd": passwordPrompt(), "roles": ["root"]})
3 db.dropUser("root")
4 db.auth( "user", passwordPrompt() )
5
6 use test
7 db.getSiblingDB("dbname")
8 db.currentOp()
9 db.killOp(123) // opid
10
11 db.fsyncLock()
12 db.fsyncUnlock()
13
14 db.getCollectionNames()
15 db.getCollectionInfos()
16 db.printCollectionStats()
17 db.stats()
18
19 db.getReplicationInfo()
20 db.printReplicationInfo()
21 db.isMaster()
22 db.hostInfo()
23 db.printShardingStatus()
24 db.shutdownServer()
25 db.serverStatus()
26
27 db.setSlaveOk()
28 db.getSlaveOk()
29
30 db.getProfilingLevel()
31 db.getProfilingStatus()
32 db.setProfilingLevel(1, 200) // 0 == OFF, 1 == ON with slowms, 2 == ON
33
34 db.enableFreeMonitoring()
35 db.disableFreeMonitoring()
36 db.getFreeMonitoringStatus()
```

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Change Streams

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```
1 watchCursor = db.coll.watch( [ { $match : {"operationType" : "insert" } } ] )
2
3 while (!watchCursor.isExhausted()){
4     if (watchCursor.hasNext()){
5         print(tojson(watchCursor.next()));
6     }
7 }
```

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Replica Set

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```
1 rs.status()
2 rs.initiate({"_id": "replicaTest",
3     members: [
4         { _id: 0, host: "127.0.0.1:27017" },
5         { _id: 1, host: "127.0.0.1:27018" },
6         { _id: 2, host: "127.0.0.1:27019", arbiterOnly:true } ]
7 })
8 rs.add("mongodb1.example.net:27017")
9 rs.addArb("mongodb2.example.net:27017")
10 rs.remove("mongodb1.example.net:27017")
11 rs.conf()
12 rs.isMaster()
13 rs.printReplicationInfo()
14 rs.printSlaveReplicationInfo()
15 rs.reconfig(<valid_conf>)
16 rs.slaveOk()
17 rs.stepDown(20, 5) // (stepDownSecs, secondaryCatchUpPeriodSecs)
```

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```
1 sh.status()
2 sh.addShard("rs1/mongodbd1.example.net:27017")
3 sh.shardCollection("mydb.coll", {zipcode: 1})
4
5 sh.moveChunk("mydb.coll", { zipcode: "53187" }, "shard0019")
6 sh.splitAt("mydb.coll", {x: 70})
7 sh.splitFind("mydb.coll", {x: 70})
8 sh.disableAutoSplit()
9 sh.enableAutoSplit()
10
11 sh.startBalancer()
12 sh.stopBalancer()
13 sh.disableBalancing("mydb.coll")
14 sh.enableBalancing("mydb.coll")
15 sh.getBalancerState()
16 sh.setBalancerState(true/false)
17 sh.isBalancerRunning()
18
19 sh.addTagRange("mydb.coll", {state: "NY", zip: MinKey }, { state: "NY", zip: MaxKey })
20 sh.removeTagRange("mydb.coll", {state: "NY", zip: MinKey }, { state: "NY", zip: MaxKey })
21 sh.addShardTag("shard0000", "NYC")
22 sh.removeShardTag("shard0000", "NYC")
23
24 sh.addShardToZone("shard0000", "JFK")
25 sh.removeShardFromZone("shard0000", "NYC")
26 sh.removeRangeFromZone("mydb.coll", {a: 1, b: 1}, {a: 10, b: 10})
```

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Wrap-up

I hope you liked my little but - hopefully - helpful cheat sheet. Of course, this list isn't

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If you feel like I forgot a critical command in this list, please send me a tweet and I will make sure to fix it.

Check out our free courses on MongoDB University if you are not too sure what some of the above commands are doing.

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