Data Management using mongoDB® & Mongoose

Course Roadmap

Web Client

Request

Response

Web Server

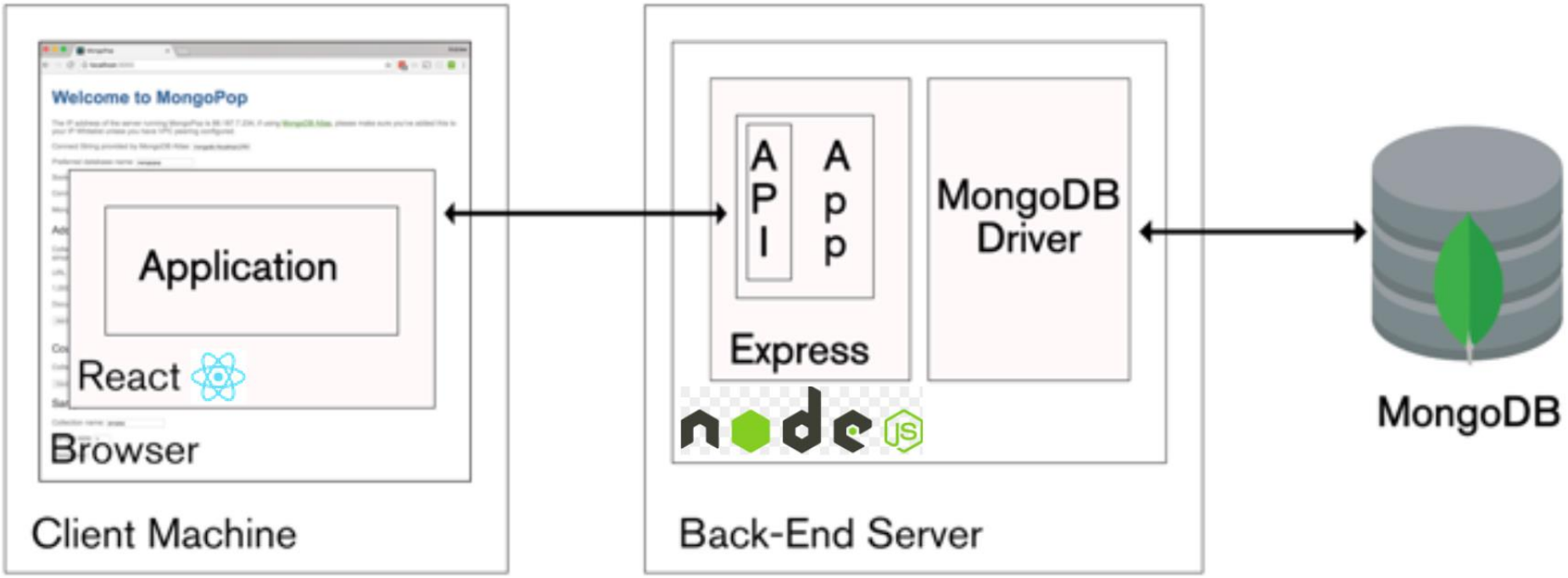
Frontend development

- HTML for page structure
- CSS for styling
- JavaScript for interaction
- UI Components

Backend development

- Web API
- Data Management

MERN (MongoDB, Express, React, Node.js)



JS IS EVERYWHERE

JavaScript is the common language throughout the MERN stack, and **JSON is the common data format**

Outline

1. Introduction to MongoDB
2. Document Schema Design
3. Introduction to Mongoose
4. CRUD Operations
5. Aggregation Queries

Introduction to

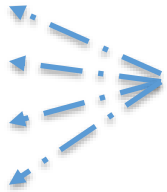
What is MongoDB?

- MongoDB is an open-source **Document Oriented Database**
  - Uses a document data model: Stores data as JSON documents (instead of rows and columns as done in a relational database)
  - Arrange documents in collections (documents can vary in structure)
  - API to query and manage documents

- Better alternative data management solution for Web applications compared to using a Relational Database

Document

```
{
  "isbn" : "123",
  "title": "Mr Bean and the Forty Thieves",
  "category": "Fun",
  "pages": 250
  "authors": ["Mr Bean", "Juha Dahak"],
  "publisher": {
               "name": "MrBeanCo",
               "country": "UK“
               }
}
```



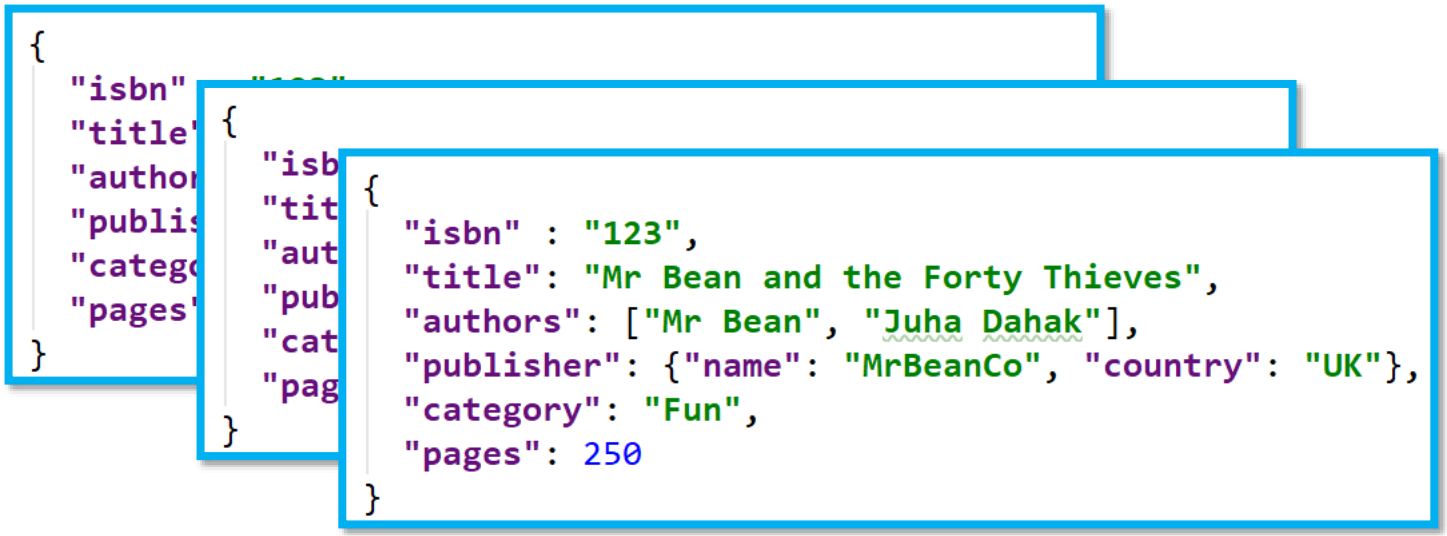
property : value

property : array

property : document

- **Document = JSON** object
- **Document = set of key-value pairs**
- **Basic unit of data** in MongoDB
- Analogous to **row** in a relational database

Collection



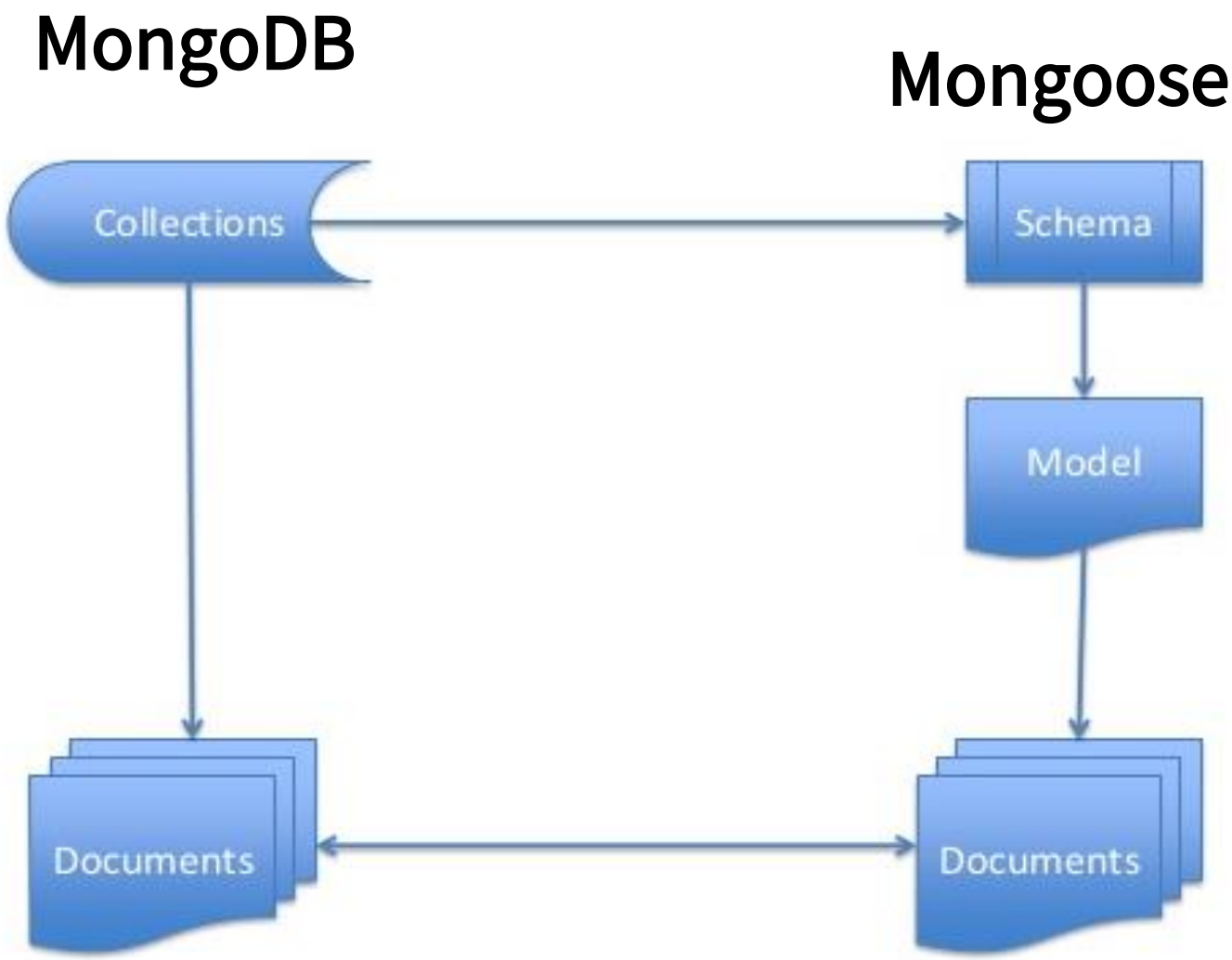
- **Collection = Group** of documents
- Analogous to **table** in a relational database
- **Does not enforce** a schema
- Documents in a collection usually **have similar purpose** but they may have slightly different schema

Introduction to Mongoose

Mongoose Overview

- Mongoose is a Node.js **Object Document Mapper (ODM)** for MongoDB
  - Allows define **schemas to model** documents. Then use the **model** to read/write documents
    - A **schema** describes a document structure in terms of properties and their types.
      - You can add validation, virtual properties
      - You can establish references to other models
    - A **model** is created based on a schema
    - A **model** maps to a MongoDB collection
    - A **model** = class used to run queries against collections
    - Instances of a model represent documents in MongoDB
  - Supports data validation on save
  - Allow rich querying of documents

MongoDB & Mongoose



Programming Steps

1. Require mongoose module `const mongoose = require('mongoose')`
2. Define a **schema** for each document

```
let storeSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
    name: String,
    city: String
})
```

3. Create a **model** object based

```
let Store = mongoose.model('Store', storeSchema);
```

4. Connect to MongoDB

```
let dbConnection = mongoose.connect('mongodb://localhost/dbName')
```

5. Use the model to **read/write** documents

```
Store.find({})    //get all stores
```

Document Instance vs. Schema

```
{
  "firstname" : "Simon",
  "surname" : "Holmes",
  _id : ObjectId("52279effc62ca8b0c1000007")
}
```

Example MongoDB document

```
{
  firstname : String,
  surname : String
}
```

Corresponding Mongoose schema

Schema Data Types

Each property must have a type:

- String
- Number
- Date
- Boolean
- ObjectId
- Array

Example

```
let reviewSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
    author: String,
    rating: {type: Number, required: true, min: 0, max: 5},
    reviewText: String,
    createdOn: {type: Date, default : Date.now}
})

let bookSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
    isbn: String,
    title: String,
    authors: [String],
    publisher: {name: String, country: String},
    category: String,
    pages: Number,
    read: {type: Boolean, default:false, required: true},
    createdOn : {
        type : Date,
        default : Date.now
    },
    reviews: [reviewSchema],
    store : [{ type : mongoose.Schema.ObjectId, ref : 'Store' }]
})
```

_Id

- **_id** is the primary key that uniquely identifies each document in the collection
- It is automatically added when adding a document to the collection
- It is immutable (it cannot be changed)
- It is guaranteed to be unique across the whole database

Property Validation

- Built-in validators: required, min, max
- Can define custom validators

```
bookSchema.path('isbn').validate( value => value.length >= 3 )
```

- Validation happens on save

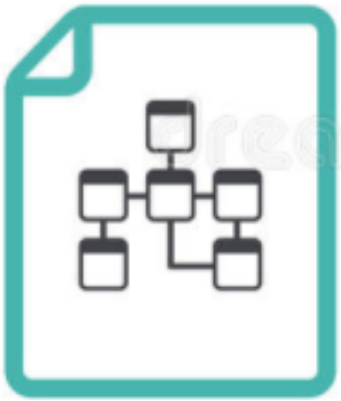
Virtual Property

- Define a property that won't get persisted to MongoDB

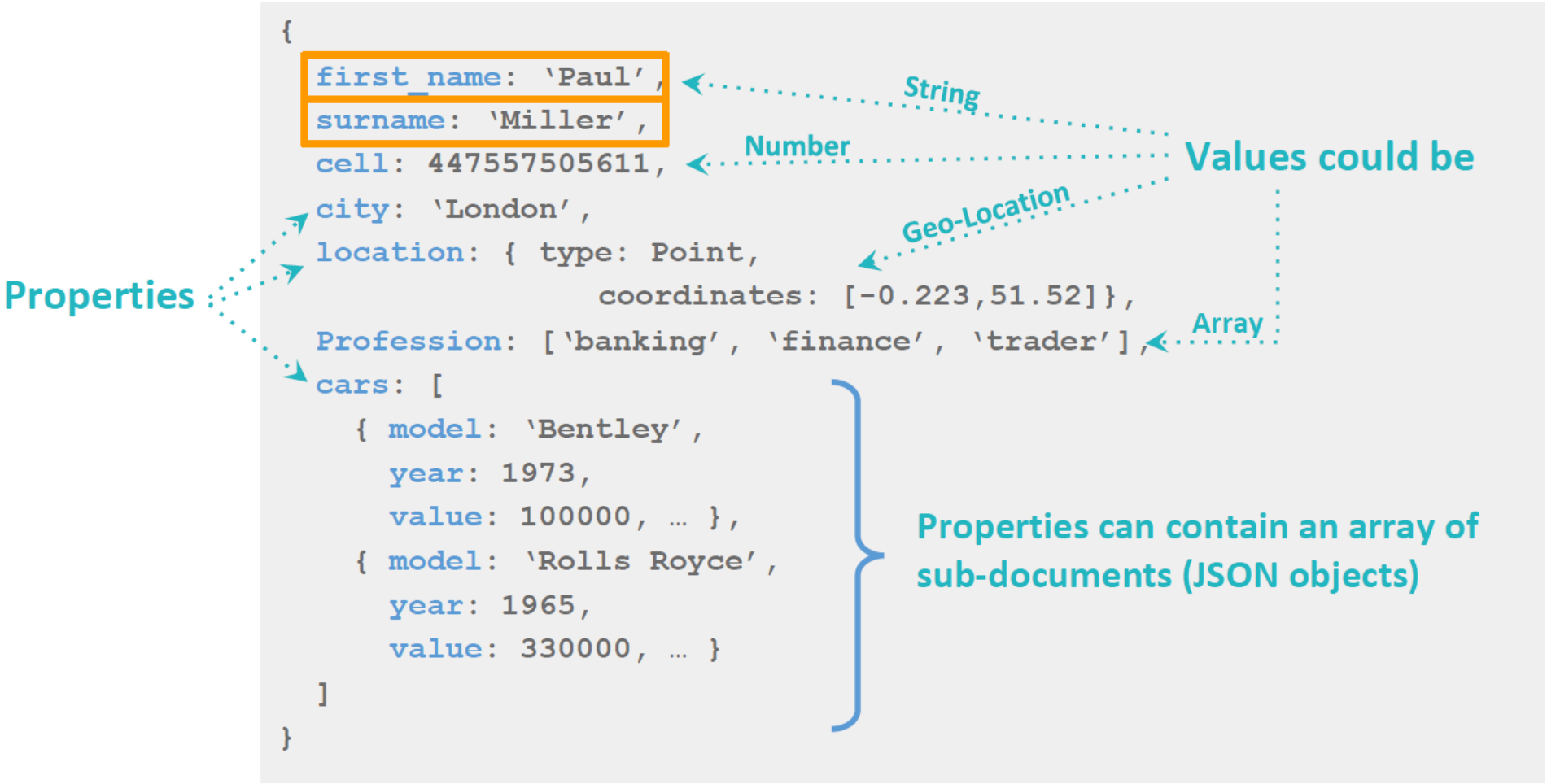
```
//define a fullName property that won't get persisted to MongoDB.
personSchema.virtual('fullName').get(function () {
    return this.name.first + ' ' + this.name.last;
});
```

```
// create a document
const student1 = new Person({
    name: { first: 'Ali', last: 'Faleh' }
});

console.log(student1.fullName); // Ali Faleh

/*
If you use toJSON() mongoose will not include virtuals by default
unless if you pass { virtuals: true }
 */
console.log(student1.toJSON({ virtuals: true }));
```

Document Schema Design



Document can have a Complex Structure



Embedded vs Referenced documents

- Major design decision when designing a Document Schema is to decide **Embedded** vs **Referenced** subdocuments
- Decision should consider:
  - How the data will be used
  - Size of the document

Embedding

- **Advantages**
  - Retrieve all relevant information in a single query/document
  - Avoid implementing joins in application code => fast data retrieval
  - Update related information as a single atomic operation
- **Limitations**
  - Large documents mean more overhead if most fields are not relevant
  - 16 MB document size limit

Referencing

- **Advantages**
  - Smaller documents
  - Less likely to reach 16 MB document limit
  - Infrequently accessed information not accessed on every query
  - No duplication of data
- **Limitations**
  - Two queries required to retrieve information
  - Cannot update related information atomically (in one atomic operation)

1 to 1 Relationships => Better to Embed

Medical Procedures

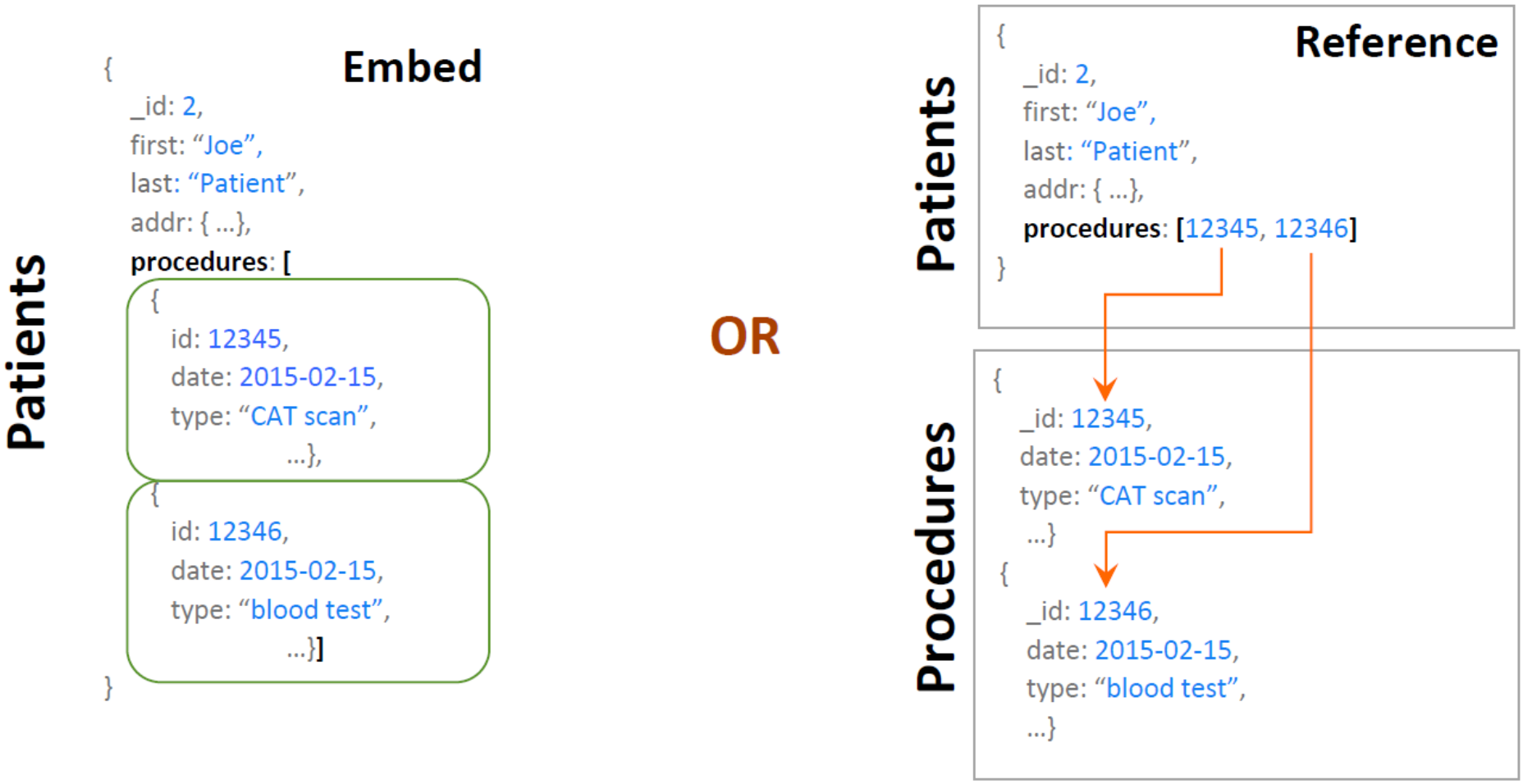
```
{
    "_id": 333,
    "date": "2003-02-09T05:00:00",
    "hospital": "County Hills",
    "patient": "John Doe",
    "physician": "Stephen Smith",
    "procedure": "Glucose",
    "result": {
        "value": 97,
        "measurement": "mg/dl"
    }
}
```

← Embed – *weak entity*

Embed:

- No data duplication
- Data that are read/written together lives together

One to Many Relationships



One to Many : General Recommendations

- **Embed when:**
  - **One-to-few** (e.g. customer - addresses)
  - **Often queried/updated together** in a single query (e.g., book - chapters)
  - No need to access the embedded object outside the context of the parent object (e.g., order – order items)
  - No additional data duplication introduced

- **Reference when:**
  - **1 to a large number of related items** (e.g. customer orders , book – reviews, video - comments)
  - Related data changes frequently (e.g., video – viewCount)
  - Referenced entity that is used by many others (e.g., session - **room**)
  - Document size is > 16 MB
  - Subdocument has a large number of infrequently accessed fields

1 to M Example 1

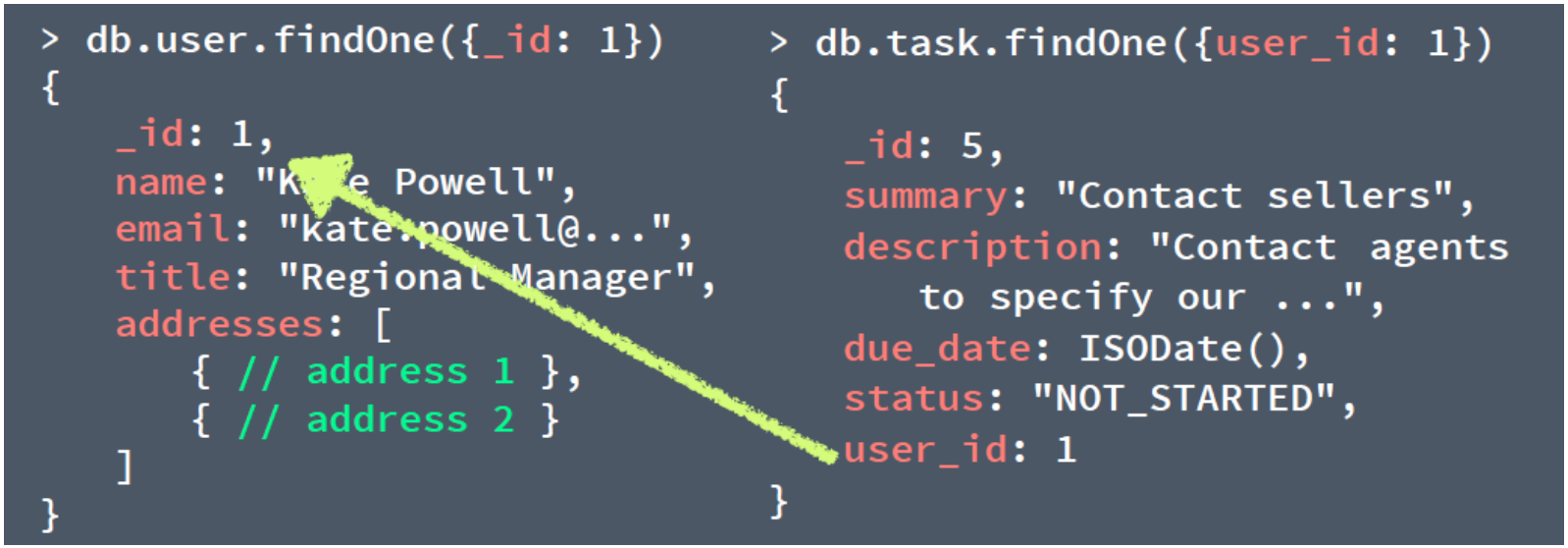
- *"We need to store user information like name, email and their addresses… yes they can have more than one."*

```
{
    _id: 1,
    name: "Kate Powell",
    email: "kate.powell@somedomain.com",
    title: "Regional Manager",
    addresses: [
        { street: "123 Sesame St", city: "Boston" },
        { street: "123 Evergreen St", city: "New York" }
    ]
}
```

One-to-few ： embedding is the best design

1 to M Example 2

- *"We have to be able to store tasks, assign them to users and track their progress…"*



Referencing is the best design:

• Tasks are unbounded items: initially we do not know how many tasks we are going to have

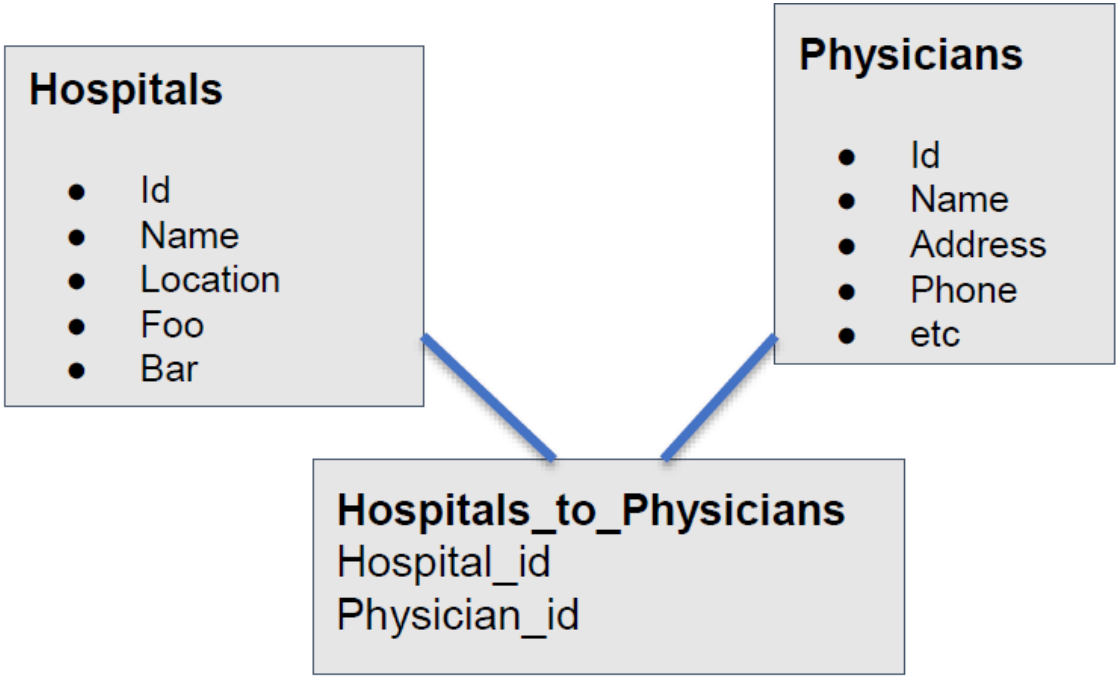
- A user can end with thousands of tasks
- Maximum document size in MongoDB: 16 MB !

• Tasks can be queried without needing the retrieve the user details

Many to Many Relationship

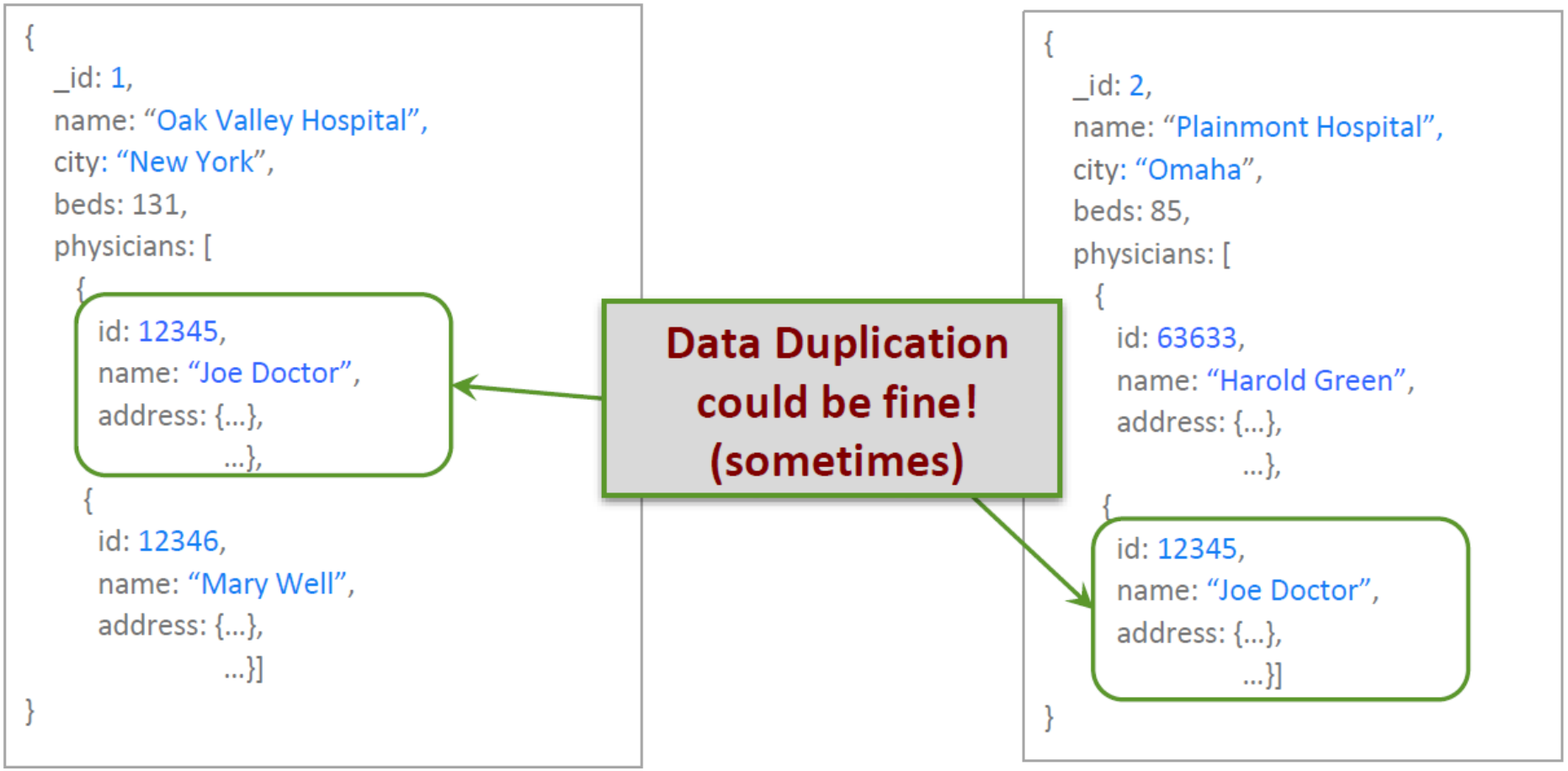
- Like a One-to-Many relationship, you can embed sub-documents or reference them.
- Which approach you take depends on data access patterns and document sizes.

The relational way:



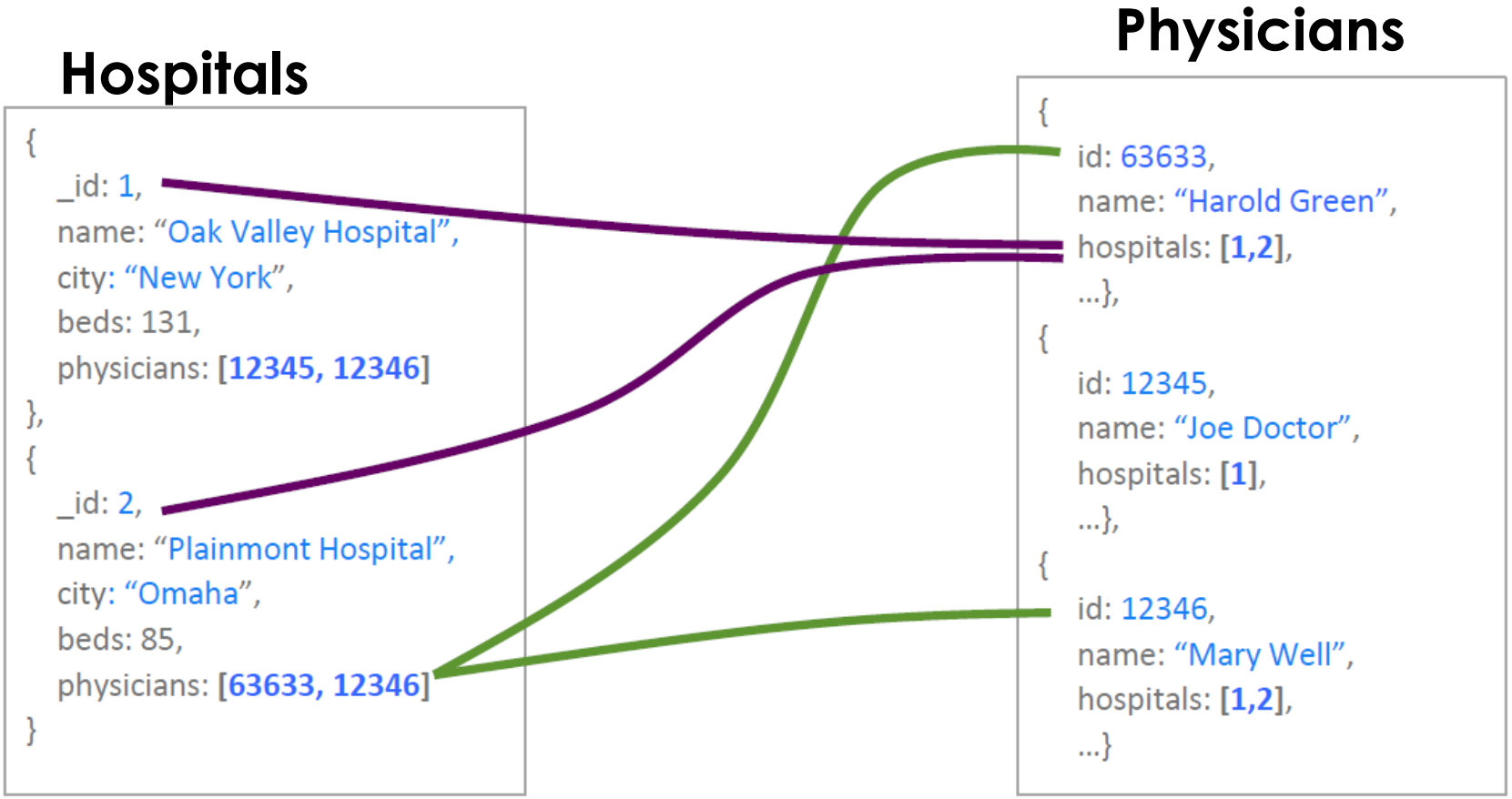
Many to Many Relationship using Embedding

Embedding **Physicians** in **Hospitals** collection



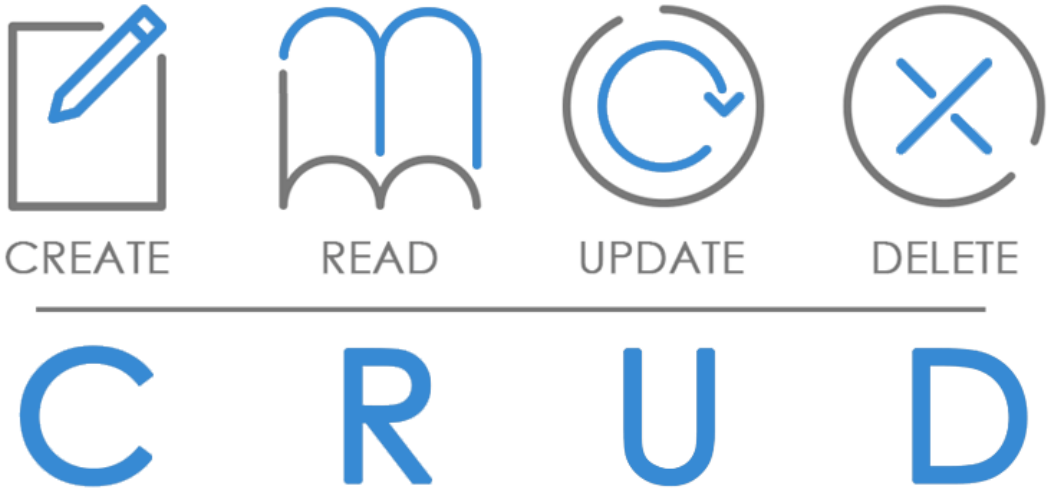
Many to Many Relationship using References

No data duplication. Hence this design is often **recommended**



Note that references can go either direction. There is no primary key/foreign key concept in MongoDB

CRUD Operations



CRUD operations

- Create –> `Book.create(newBook)`
- Read –> `Book.find({})`

  `Book.findById(bookId)`

  `Book.findOne({isbn: isbn})`

  `Book.find({authors: {$in: [author]}})`
- Update –> `Book.update({_id: bookId}, updatedBook)`
- Delete –> `Book.remove({_id : bookId});`

Mongoose Queries

- Queries are based on finding documents with any combination of fields in a collection

```
Book.find({ category: 'Fun', pages : { $lt : 200 } })
```

- You sorting and limits the number of returned documents

```
Book.find({}).sort('isbn').limit( 5 )
```

- OR condition is also supported

```
Book.find({}).where({ category: 'Fun' }).or({pages :{ $lt : 100 }})
```

- Filter on the existence of field

```
Book.find( { reviews : { $exists: true } } )
```

QueryBuilder

- The query object allows chaining methods could chained to build a complex query

```
School.find({ name: 'Iqraa'})
.where('state').equals('AZ')
.where('licenses').gt(17).lt(100)
.where('district').in(['dist1', 'dist2'])
.limit(10)
.populate ('owner', 'name')
.sort('owner.name')
.select('id name state owner.name')
```

Count and Distinct Methods

- `collection.count( query )` - returns the number of documents in the collection that match the query

- `collection.distinct( field, query )` - returns an array of all the unique values found in the passed field for the documents that match the query

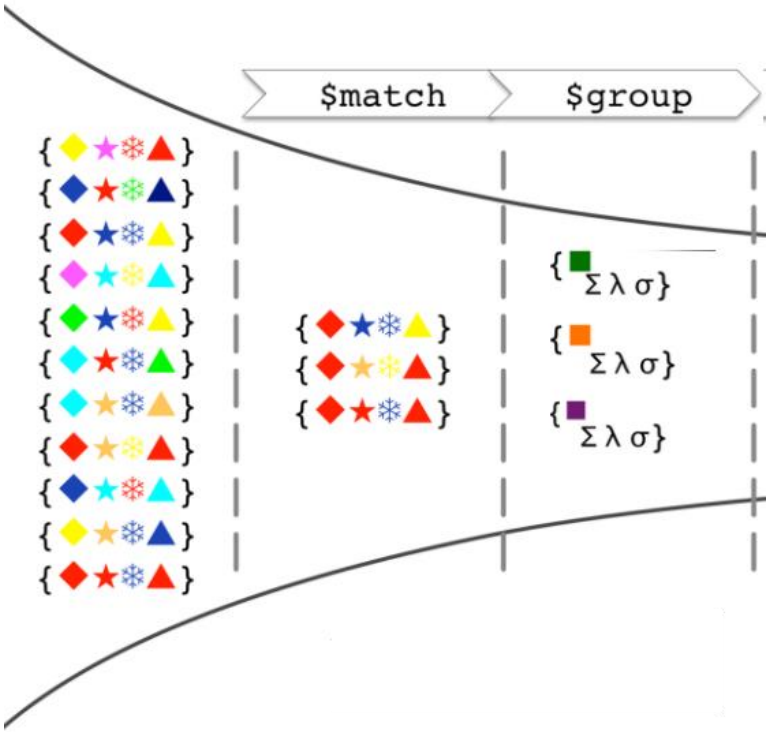
Populating Ref Property

- Population is the process of automatically replacing the specified paths in the document with document(s) from other collection(s)
- Populate sends another query for the related object

```
let bookSchema = new mongoose.Schema({
    isbn: String,
    title: String,
    ...
    store : [{ type : mongoose.Schema.ObjectId, ref : 'Store' }]
})
```

```
//populate('store') will replace the store Id with the corresponding store object
Book.find({}).populate('store')
```

Aggregation Queries



Aggregation Queries

- Summarize data typically for reports
- How would we solve this in SQL?

```
SELECT GROUP BY HAVING
```

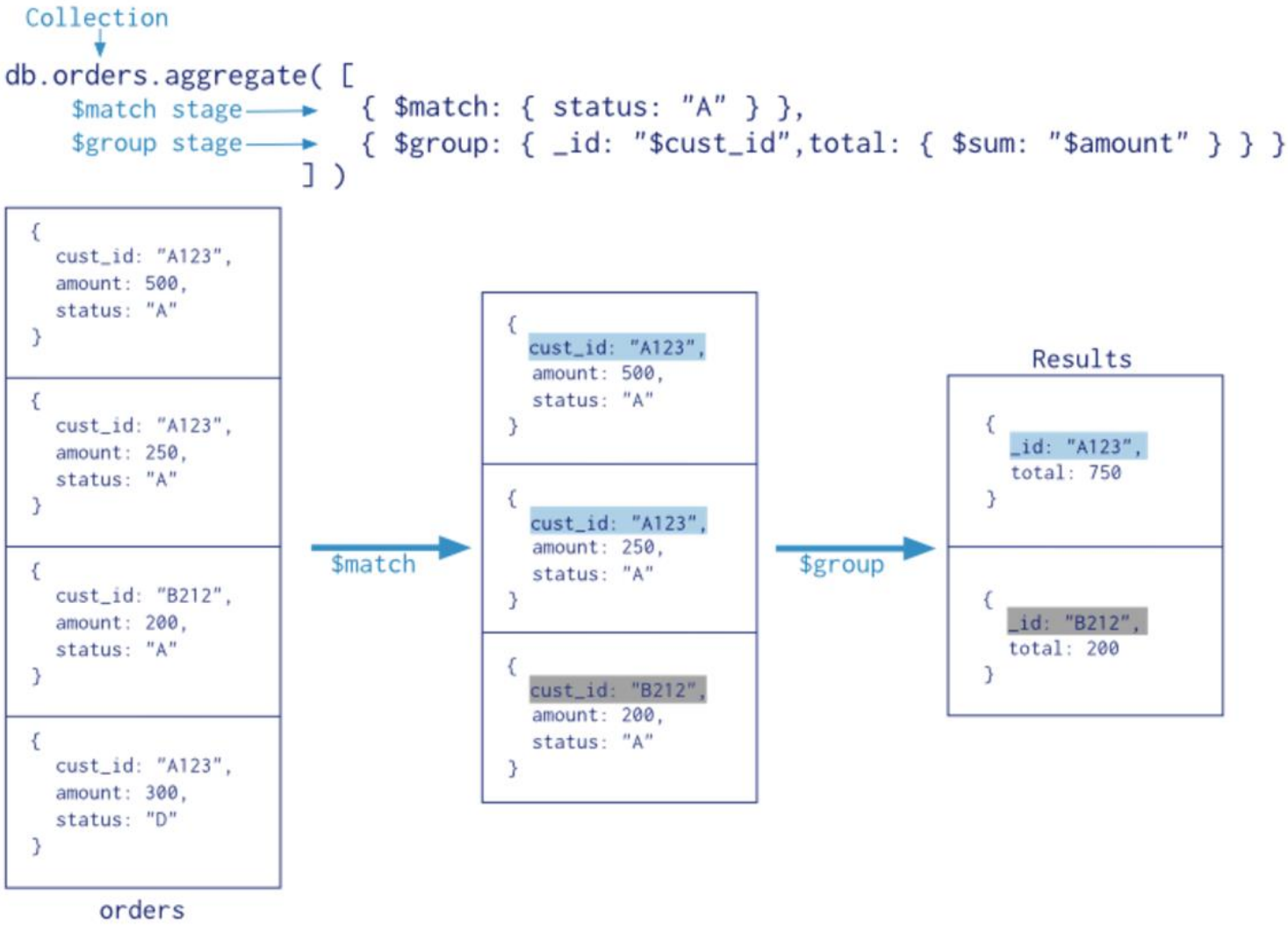
- What About MongoDB?

  => **Aggregation Pipeline**

  - Pipeline of functions to filter, group, and sort documents
  - Operations executed in sequential order
  - Output of one stage is used as an input of next

Aggregation Pipeline

- Allows filtering then grouping documents by specific fields



Pipeline Operators

- $match Filter documents
- $group Summarize documents
- $sort Order documents
- $limit Limit returned results

- **$group** specifies:

– Properties to group by

– Computed output properties using $max, $min, $avg, $sum …

$group Examples

- Return average GPA for all students

```
Student.aggregate([
    {
        "$group" : {"_id" : null,
        "avgGPA" : {$avg : "$gpa"}
    }}])
```

- Return total completed Credit Hours per student

```
StudentCourse.aggregate([
    {
        "$group" : {"_id" : studentId,
            "completedCHs" : {$sum : "$CourseCH"}
        }}])
```

Resources

- Mongoose Documentation

http://mongoosejs.com/docs/

- Queries Cheat Sheet

http://s3.amazonaws.com/info-mongodb-com/mongodb_qrc_queries.pdf

- Aggregation Queries

https://docs.mongodb.com/manual/reference/operator/aggregation/group/