mongoDB AGGREGATION FRAMEWORK

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PIPELINE

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- Process a stream of documents
 - Original input is a collection
 - Final output is a result document
- Series of operators
 - Filter or transform data
 - Input/output chain

```
ps ax | grep mongod | head -n 1
```

PIPELINE OPERATORS

- \$match
- \$project
- \$group
- \$unwind
- \$sort
- \$limit
- \$skip

WHAT ABOUT MAP REDUCE?

\$MATCH

- Filter documents
- Place early in the pipeline if possible
- Uses existing query syntax
- No \$where or geospatial operations

\$MATCH MATCHING FIELD VALUES

```
{
  title: "The Great Gatsby",
  pages: 218,
  language: "English"
}

{
  title: "War and Peace",
  pages: 1440,
  language: "Russian"
}

{
  title: "Atlas Shrugged",
  pages: 1088,
  language: "English"
}
```

```
{ $match: {
  language: "Russian"
}}
```

```
{
  title: "War and Peace",
  pages: 1440,
  language: "Russian"
}
```

\$MATCH

MATCHING WITH QUERY OPERATORS

```
{
  title: "The Great Gatsby",
  pages: 218,
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  pages: 1440,
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  pages: 1088,
  language: "English"
}
```

```
{ $match: {
  pages: { $gt: 1000 }
}}
```

```
{
  title: "War and Peace",
  pages: 1440,
  language: "Russian"
}
```

```
{
  title: "Atlas Shrugged",
  pages: 1088,
  language: "English"
}
```

- Reshape documents
- Include, exclude or rename fields
- Inject computed fields
- Create sub-document fields

INCLUDING AND EXCLUDING FIELDS

```
[
    _id: 375,
    title: "The Great Gatsby",
    ISBN: "9781857150193",
    available: true,
    pages: 218,
    subjects: [
        "Long Island",
        "New York",
        "1920s"
    ],
    language: "English"
]
```

```
{ $project: {
   _id: 0,
   title: 1,
   language: 1
```

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```
{
  title: "The Great Gatsby",
  language: "English"
}
```

RENAMING AND COMPUTING FIELDS

```
{
    _id: 375,
    title: "The Great Gatsby",
    ISBN: "9781857150193",
    available: true,
    pages: 218,
    subjects: [
        "Long Island",
        "New York",
        "1920s"
    ],
    language: "English"
}
```

```
{ $project: {
   upperTitle: {
    $toUpper: "$title"
},
```

lang: "\$language"

```
{
    _id: 375,
    upperTitle: "THE GREAT GATSBY",
    lang: "English"
}
```

CREATING SUB-DOCUMENT FIELDS

```
[
    _id: 375,
    title: "The Great Gatsby",
    ISBN: "9781857150193",
    available: true,
    pages: 218,
    subjects: [
        "Long Island",
        "New York",
        "1920s"
    ],
    language: "English"
}
```

```
{ $project: {
   title: 1,
   stats: {
     pages: "$pages",
     language: "$language",
   }
}}
```

```
{
   _id: 375,
   title: "The Great Gatsby",
   stats: {
     pages: 218,
     language: "English"
   }
}
```

EXPRESSIONS

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- Return computed values
- Used with \$project

\$PROJECT - BOOLEAN OPERATORS

- Input array of one or more values
 - \$and,\$or
- Inverse values with \$not
- BSON standard for converting non-booleans
 - null, undefined, zero values → false
 - Non-zero values, strings, dates, objects → true

\$PROJECT - COMPARISON OPERATORS

- Compare numbers, strings, and dates
- Input array with two operands
 - \$cmp, \$eq, \$ne
 - \$gt, \$gte, \$lt, \$lte

SPROJECT - ARITHMETIC OPERATORS

- Input array of one or more numbers
 - \$add, \$multiply
- Input array of two operands
 - \$subtract, \$divide, \$mod

\$PROJECT - STRING OPERATORS

- \$strcasecmp case-insensitive comparison
 - \$cmp is case-sensitive
- \$toLower and \$toUpper case change
- \$substr for sub-string extraction
- Not encoding aware
- Assumes Latin alphabet

\$PROJECT - DATE OPERATORS

- Extract date components
 - \$\dayOfYear,\$\dayOfMonth,\$\dayOfWeek
 - \$year, \$month, \$week
 - \$hour, \$minute, \$second

\$PROJECT - CONDITIONAL OPERATORS

- \$cond ternary operator
- \$ifNull

\$GROUP

- Documents are grouped by an ID that can be:
 - Field path reference (\$)
 - Object with multiple references
 - Constant value
- Each field uses group aggregation function
 - \$max, \$min, \$avg, \$sum
 - \$addToSet, \$push
 - \$first, \$last

\$GROUP CALCULATING AN AVERAGE

```
{
  title: "The Great Gatsby",
  pages: 218,
  language: "English"
}

{
  title: "War and Peace",
  pages: 1440,
  language: "Russian"
}

{
  title: "Atlas Shrugged",
  pages: 1088,
  language: "English"
}
```

```
{ $group: {
   _id: "$language",
   avgPages: { $avg: "$pages" }
}}
```

```
{
   _id: "Russian",
   avgPages: 1440
}

{
   _id: "English",
   avgPages: 653
}
```

\$GROUP SUMMING FIELDS AND COUNTING

```
{
  title: "The Great Gatsby",
  pages: 218,
  language: "English"
}

{
  title: "War and Peace",
  pages: 1440,
  language: "Russian"
}

{
  title: "Atlas Shrugged",
  pages: 1088,
  language: "English"
}
```

```
{ $group: {
   _id: "$language",
   numTitles: { $sum: 1 },
   sumPages: { $sum: "$pages" }
}}
```

```
{
    _id: "Russian",
    numTitles: 1,
    sumPages: 1440
}

{
    id: "English",
```

numTitles: 2,
sumPages: 1306

\$GROUP

COLLECTING DISTINCT VALUES

```
{
  title: "The Great Gatsby",
  pages: 218,
  language: "English"
}

{
  title: "War and Peace",
  pages: 1440,
  language: "Russian"
}

{
  title: "Atlas Shrugged",
  pages: 1088,
  language: "English"
}
```

```
{ $group: {
   _id: "$language",
   titles: {
     $addToSet: "$title"
   }
}}
```

```
{
   _id: "Russian",
   titles: [
     "War and Peace"
   ]
}
```

```
{
    _id: "English",
    titles: [
      "Atlas Shrugged",
      "The Great Gatsby"
    ]
}
```

\$UNWIND

- Often used to operate on an array field
- Yield documents for each array value
 - Nothing for absent or empty fields
 - Error for non-array fields
- Complements \$group

\$UNWIND

YIELDING MULTIPLE DOCUMENTS FROM ONE

```
{
  title: "The Great Gatsby",
  ISBN: "9781857150193",
  subjects: [
    "Long Island",
    "New York",
    "1920s"
  ]
}
```

```
{ $unwind: "$subjects" }
```



```
{
  title: "The Great Gatsby",
  ISBN: "9781857150193",
  subjects: "Long Island"
}
```

```
{
  title: "The Great Gatsby",
  ISBN: "9781857150193",
  subjects: "New York"
}
```

```
{
  title: "The Great Gatsby",
  ISBN: "9781857150193",
  subjects: "1920s"
}
```

\$SORT

- Sort documents by one or more fields
- Uses familiar cursor format
- Waits for earlier pipeline operator to return
- In-memory unless early and indexed

\$SORT

SORT ALL DOCUMENTS IN THE PIPELINE

```
{ title: "The Great Gatsby" }

{ title: "Brave New World" }

{ title: "The Grapes of Wrath" }

{ title: "Animal Farm" }

{ title: "Lord of the Flies" }

{ title: "Fathers and Sons" }

{ title: "Invisible Man" }

{ title: "Fahrenheit 451" }
```

```
{ $sort: { title: 1 }}
{ title: "Animal Farm" }
{ title: "Brave New World" }
{ title: "Fahrenheit 451" }
{ title: "Fathers and Sons" }
{ title: "Invisible Man" }
{ title: "Lord of the Flies" }
{ title: "The Grapes of Wrath" }
{ title: "The Great Gatsby" }
```

\$LIMIT

LIMIT DOCUMENTS THROUGH THE PIPELINE

```
{ title: "The Great Gatsby" }

{ title: "Brave New World" }

{ title: "The Grapes of Wrath" }

{ title: "Animal Farm" }

{ title: "Lord of the Flies" }

{ title: "Fathers and Sons" }

{ title: "Invisible Man" }

{ title: "Fahrenheit 451" }
```

```
{ $limit: 5 }

{ title: "The Great Gatsby" }

{ title: "Brave New World" }

{ title: "The Grapes of Wrath" }

{ title: "Animal Farm" }

{ title: "Lord of the Flies" }
```

\$SKIP

SKIP OVER DOCUMENTS IN THE PIPELINE

```
{ title: "The Great Gatsby" }

{ title: "Brave New World" }

{ title: "The Grapes of Wrath" }

{ title: "Animal Farm" }

{ title: "Lord of the Flies" }

{ title: "Fathers and Sons" }

{ title: "Invisible Man" }

{ title: "Fahrenheit 451" }
```

```
{ $skip: 5 }

{ title: "Fathers and Sons" }

{ title: "Invisible Man" }

{ title: "Fahrenheit 451" }
```

EXTENDING THE FRAMEWORK

- Future pipeline operators and expressions
- \$out and \$tee for output control
 - https://jira.mongodb.org/browse/SERVER-3253

SHARDING

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- All operators up to first \$group or \$sort pushed to each shard
 - Shards execute operators
 - mongos merges results and continues
- Early \$match may excuse shards
- CPU and memory implications for mongos

SHARDING

shard₁

\$project
\$sort

shard₂

\$project \$sort



mongos

\$group
\$sort
\$project



Result

shard3

\$project
\$sort

MEMORY USAGE

- Final output must be less than 16mb
- \$group and \$sort entirely in-memory
- Operation memory usage limits
 - Warning at >5%
 - Error at >10%

EXAMPLES