

## Class 5

### Projection Operators (\$, \$elemmatch and \$slice)

Projections in MongoDB are a powerful tool for controlling the data retrieved from queries. They allow you to specify exactly which fields you want to return from documents in a collection, offering several advantages:

- **Reduced Data Transfer**
- **Enhanced Performance**
- **Focused Results**
- **Data Confidentiality**

#### **Using Projections with find and findOne methods:**

Projections are typically used with the `find` and `findOne` methods in MongoDB. These methods accept two optional arguments:

1. **Query Document:** This document specifies the criteria for selecting documents (e.g., filtering based on specific field values).
2. **Projection Document:** This document defines which fields to include or exclude in the returned results.

#### **Specifying Fields for Inclusion/Exclusion:**

The projection document is a key-value structure where:

- **Keys:** Represent the field names in the documents.
- **Values:** Specify whether to include or exclude the corresponding field.
  - Value of 1 (or `true`):** Includes the field in the returned documents.
  - Value of 0 (or `false`):** Excludes the field from the returned documents.

#### **Projection Operators for Advanced Control:**

While including/excluding fields is the core functionality, MongoDB offers several projection operators for more complex scenarios:

- **\$ ( Positional Operator )**: Selects the first element from an array that matches a specific condition.
- **\$elemMatch**: Filters and includes elements from an array that satisfy a specified criteria.
- **\$slice**: Returns a limited portion (subset) of an array.

### **Introduction to projection operators :**

**Operator:** \$

**Syntax:** { <query> }, { <array type field>.\$: 1 }

**Operator:** \$elemMatch

**Syntax:** { <array type field>: { \$elemMatch: { <query> } } }

**Operator:** \$slice

**Syntax:** { <array type field>: { \$slice: <number of elements> } }

**Example 1:** Retrieve Name, Age, and GPA

```
db.collections.find( {}, { name: 1, age: 1, gpa: 1 } );
```

```

db> db.collections.find({}, {name:1, age:1, gpa:1}).count()
12
db> db.collections.find({}, {name:1, age:1, gpa:1})
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753918'),
    name: 'Alice Smith',
    age: 20,
    gpa: 3.4
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753919'),
    name: 'Bob Johnson',
    age: 22,
    gpa: 3.8
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391a'),
    name: 'Charlie Lee',
    age: 19,
    gpa: 3.2
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391b'),
    name: 'Emily Jones',
    age: 21,
    gpa: 3.6
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391c'),
    name: 'David Williams',
    age: 23,
    gpa: 3
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391d'),
    name: 'Fatima Brown',
    age: 18,
    gpa: 3.5
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391e'),
    name: 'Gabriel Miller',
    age: 24,
    gpa: 3.9
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391f'),
    name: 'Hannah Garcia',
    age: 20,
    gpa: 3.3
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753920'),
    name: 'Isaac Clark',
    age: 22,
    gpa: 3.7
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753921'),
    name: 'Jessica Moore',
    age: 19,
    gpa: 3.1
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753922'),
    name: 'Kevin Lewis',
    age: 21,
    gpa: 4
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753923'),
    name: 'Lily Robinson',

```

## Example 02: Variation: Exclude Fields

```
db.collections.find({}, { -id: 0, courses:0})
```

```

}
db> db.collections.find({}, {_id:0,courses:0})
[
  {
    name: 'Alice Smith',
    age: 20,
    gpa: 3.4,
    home_city: 'New York City',
    blood_group: 'A+',
    is_hotel_resident: true
  },
  {
    name: 'Bob Johnson',
    age: 22,
    gpa: 3.8,
    home_city: 'Los Angeles',
    blood_group: 'O-',
    is_hotel_resident: false
  },
  {
    name: 'Charlie Lee',
    age: 19,
    gpa: 3.2,
    home_city: 'Chicago',
    blood_group: 'B+',
    is_hotel_resident: true
  },
  {
    name: 'Emily Jones',
    age: 21,
    gpa: 3.6,
    home_city: 'Houston',
    blood_group: 'AB-',
    is_hotel_resident: false
  },
  {
    name: 'David Williams',
    age: 23,
    gpa: 3,
    home_city: 'Phoenix',
    blood_group: 'A-',
    is_hotel_resident: true
  },
  {
    name: 'Fatima Brown',
    age: 18,
    gpa: 3.5,
    home_city: 'San Antonio',
    blood_group: 'B+',
    is_hotel_resident: false
  },
  {
    name: 'Gabriel Miller',
    age: 24,
    gpa: 3.9,
    home_city: 'San Diego',
    blood_group: 'O+',
    is_hotel_resident: true
  },
  {
    name: 'Hannah Garcia',
    age: 20,

```

### Example 03: Projection Operator(\$elemMatch)

Find Candidates enrolled in “Computer Science” with Specific Projection

```

db> db.collections.find({ courses:{$elemMatch:{$eq:"Computer Science"}}},{name: 1,"courses.$":1})
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753919'),
    name: 'Bob Johnson',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391e'),
    name: 'Gabriel Miller',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753922'),
    name: 'Kevin Lewis',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science' ]
  }
]

```

#### Example 04: Projection Operator(\$slice)

```

db> db.collections.find({}, {name: 1, courses: {$slice:2}})
[
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753918'),
    name: 'Alice Smith',
    courses: [ 'English', 'Biology' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753919'),
    name: 'Bob Johnson',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science', 'Mathematics' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391a'),
    name: 'Charlie Lee',
    courses: [ 'History', 'English' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391b'),
    name: 'Emily Jones',
    courses: [ 'Mathematics', 'Physics' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391c'),
    name: 'David Williams',
    courses: [ 'English', 'Literature' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391d'),
    name: 'Fatima Brown',
    courses: [ 'Biology', 'Chemistry' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391e'),
    name: 'Gabriel Miller',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science', 'Engineering' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef440125075391f'),
    name: 'Hannah Garcia',
    courses: [ 'History', 'Political Science' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753920'),
    name: 'Isaac Clark',
    courses: [ 'English', 'Creative Writing' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753921'),
    name: 'Jessica Moore',
    courses: [ 'Biology', 'Ecology' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753922'),
    name: 'Kevin Lewis',
    courses: [ 'Computer Science', 'Artificial Intelligence' ]
  },
  {
    _id: ObjectId('667c21d4fef4401250753923'),
    name: 'Lily Robinson',
    courses: [ 'History', 'Art History' ]
  }
]
db> |

```