**Mongodb Replication Administration Slave Out of Sync**

There are several scenarios where a slave can be out of sync from the master and cannot catch up on it’s own.

1. the oplog in the master its too small to hold the complete history required for the slave to fully catch up to the master
2. A new slave when added with no history cannot rely on the oplog, it has to copy everything from the master. Is it better to copy the db directory over manually or let mongodb do the db copies?