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Intro to NoSQL databases

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Key features of relational databases (SQL)

- Data is stored in structured tables with rows and columns that follows a predefined schema and a related using keys
- Query language is fairly standardized (SQL)
- Emphasis on transaction control that ensures data integrity (e.g. atomicity, isolation).
- Designed for vertical scalability (add more powerful server to support increased capacity)

Key features of NoSQL databases

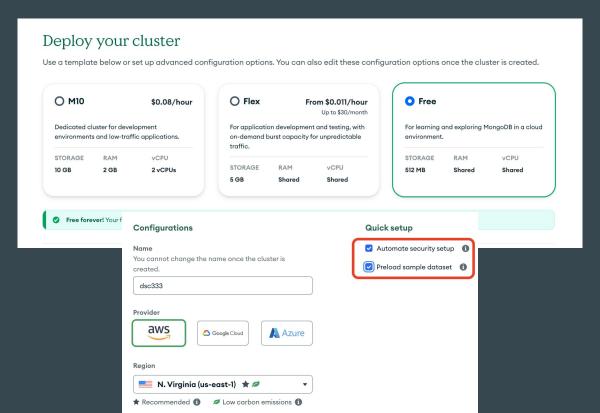
- Various data models supported (e.g. document-oriented (JSON), graph databases).
- Schema-less or flexible schema
- Prioritizes data availability and performance over integrity
- Designed for horizontal scalability (add more servers to increase capacity)
- Querying interface is dependent on DB system (sometimes SQL like).

Common NoSQL databases

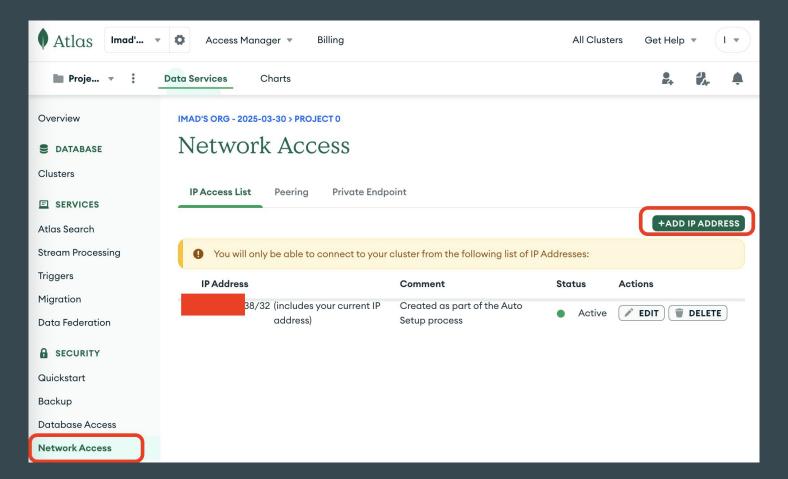
- MongoDB: open-source document DB (JSON-like)
- Amazon DocumentDB: fully managed service in AWS
- Azure Cosmos DB: multi-model DB.
- Neo4j: Graph DB
- Elasticsearch: text analytics, REST based
- Google Cloud Firestore

MongoDB Atlas (Cloud-based)

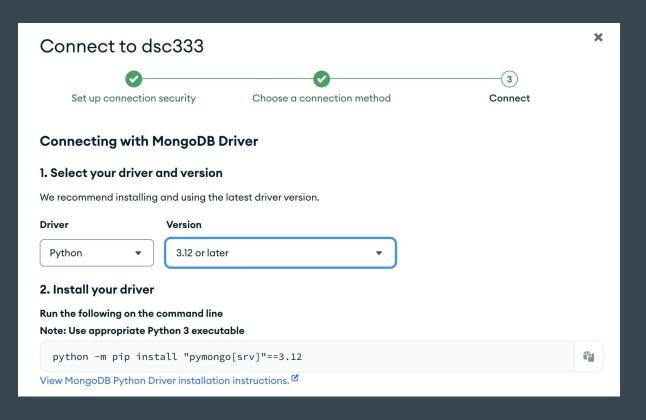
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Add additional IP addresses to access list



MongoDB Python driver



Connection string

3. Add your connection string into your application code

Use this connection string in your application



View full code sample

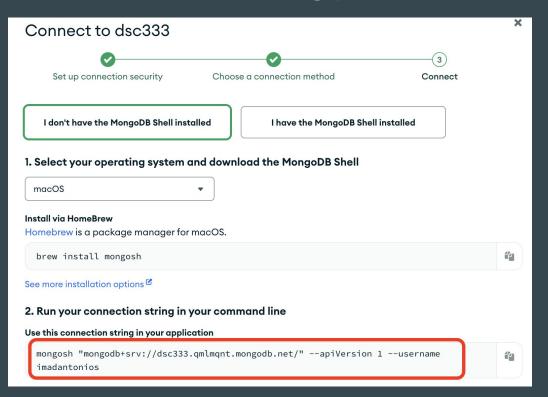
Test connection to Atlas

Repo: https://github.com/dsc333/mongo

- Clone repo into VSCode and create virtual environment using requirements.txt
- Create .env file and initialize MONGO_USER and MONGO_PASS (your username and password on Atlas MongoDB)
- Modify the connection string in the mongo-conn-test.py according to your connection string (check the domain)

Interacting with Mongodb using mongosh

Mongosh is the command-line interface for MongoDB. Install mongosh and then connect using your connection string.



Connect to Atlas using mongosh

```
Connection string (replace the variables in < > with your values):
mongosh "mongodb+srv://<your mongodb domain>" >
--apiVersion 1 --username <your username>
```

imad@Imads-MacBook-Air ~ % mongosh "mongodb+srv://dsc333.qmlmqnt.mongodb.net/" --apiVersion 1 --username imadantonios

MongoDB data model

Data is stored in BSON (B for Binary), JSON-like documents that naturally map to object-oriented representation (B for Binary).

MongoDB is "schema-less" but allows for rule definition for schema enforcement

Collections and documents

Collections in MongoDB are what tables are in MySQL

Documents in MongoDB are what rows are in MySQL

CRUD operations in MongoDB

Creating a collection

```
Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.insertOne({'name':'june',
'major':'CSC', 'gpa':3.2, 'age':20, 'course_list':[{'number':'CSC321', 'title':'
algorithms'}, {'number':'MAT150', 'title':'Calc I'}]})
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: ObjectId('67edf2c1f34a4d1c8bafef7e')
Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.find()
    _id: ObjectId('67edf2c1f34a4d1c8bafef7e'),
   name: 'june',
   major: 'CSC',
   gpa: 3.2,
    age: 20,
   course_list: [
      { number: 'CSC321', title: 'algorithms' },
      { number: 'MAT150', title: 'Calc I' }
```

insertMany: insert json objects from file

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dsc333/json-data/refs/heads/main/data.json

Try this: db.students.insertMany(<copy and paste contents of file>)

4 objects are inserted into the collection.

```
{
   acknowledged: true,
   insertedIds: {
     '0': ObjectId('67edf394f34a4d1c8bafef7f'),
     '1': ObjectId('67edf394f34a4d1c8bafef80'),
     '2': ObjectId('67edf394f34a4d1c8bafef81'),
     '3': ObjectId('67edf394f34a4d1c8bafef82')
   }
}
```

View the collection

```
Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.find()
    _id: ObjectId('67edf2c1f34a4d1c8bafef7e'),
    name: 'june',
    major: 'CSC',
    gpa: 3.2,
    age: 20,
    course_list: [
      { number: 'CSC321', title: 'algorithms' },
      { number: 'MAT150', title: 'Calc I' }
  },
    _id: ObjectId('67edf394f34a4d1c8bafef7f'),
    name: 'Jess',
    major: 'CSC',
    gpa: 2.4,
    age: 21,
    course_list: [
      { number: 'CSC152', title: 'Programming I' },
      { number: 'DSC100', title: 'Data Science I' }
  },
    _id: ObjectId('67edf394f34a4d1c8bafef80'),
    name: 'lill'
```

Search by field

```
Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.find({'major':'CSC'})
    _id: ObjectId('67edf2c1f34a4d1c8bafef7e'),
    name: 'june',
    major: 'CSC',
    gpa: 3.2,
    age: 20,
    course_list: [
      { number: 'CSC321', title: 'algorithms' },
      { number: 'MAT150', title: 'Calc I' }
    _id: ObjectId('67edf394f34a4d1c8bafef7f'),
    name: 'Jess',
    major: 'CSC',
    gpa: 2.4,
    age: 21,
```

Search projections: select fields to return

Projections are equivalent to SELECT in SQL

Document update with \$set operator

```
Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.updateOne({name:'june'},
{$set: {'major':'DSC'}})
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: null,
  matchedCount: 1,
  modifiedCount: 1,
  upsertedCount: 0
[Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.find({name:'june'})
    _id: ObjectId('67edf2c1f34a4d1c8bafef7e'),
    name: 'june',
    major: 'DSC',
    gpa: 3.2,
    age: 20,
```

updateMany: change all student majors to DSC

```
Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.updateMany({'major':'CSC'}, {$set: {'major':'DSC'}})
  acknowledged: true,
  insertedId: null,
  matchedCount: 2,
  modifiedCount: 2,
  upsertedCount: 0
Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.find({}, {_id:0, name:1, major:1})
  { name: 'june', major: 'DSC' },
  { name: 'Jess', major: 'DSC' },
  { name: 'Jill', major: 'DSC' },
  { name: 'Jack', major: 'DSC' },
  { name: 'Jean', major: 'DSC' }
```

Operators to filter document fields

Comparison

The following operators can be used in queries to compare values:

- \$eq: Values are equal
- \$ne: Values are not equal
- \$gt : Value is greater than another value
- \$gte: Value is greater than or equal to another value
- \$\text{lt}: Value is less than another value
- \$\text{lte}: Value is less than or equal to another value
- \$in: Value is matched within an array

Logical

The following operators can logically compare multiple queries.

- \$and : Returns documents where both queries match
- \$or: Returns documents where either query matches
- \$nor: Returns documents where both queries fail to match
- \$not : Returns documents where the query does not match

Comparison operator examples

students with gpa > 3.3

{_id:0, name:1, gpa:1})

age: 25,

```
[ { name: 'Jill', gpa: 3.5 } ]
  students with 2.5 <= gpa <= 3.3
 Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.find({$and: [{gpa:
 {$gte:2.5}}, {gpa: {$lte: 3.3}}]})
    _id: ObjectId('67edf394f34a4d1c8bafef81'),
    name: 'Jack',
    major: 'CSC',
    gpa: 3.1,
```

Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.find({gpa: {\$gt:3.3}},

Search within arrays of nested documents

Students with 'CSC152' on their course_list

\$in operator

Students taking CSC152 or MAT372

```
[Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.find({<mark></mark>'course_list.number':{$in:['CSC152', 'MAT372']}}
 {_id:0, name:1, course_list:1})
    name: 'Jess',
    course_list: [
      { number: 'CSC152', title: 'Programming I' },
      { number: 'DSC100', title: 'Data Science I' }
    name: 'Jack',
    course list: [
      { number: 'MAT221', title: 'Intermediate Statistics' },
      { number: 'MAT372', title: 'Linear Algebra' }
```

\$nin operator

Students NOT taking CSC152

```
Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.find({'course_list.number':{$nin:['CSC152']}}
{_id:0, name:1, course_list:1})
   name: 'june',
   course_list: [
      { number: 'CSC321', title: 'algorithms' },
     { number: 'MAT150', title: 'Calc I' }
   name: 'Jill',
   course_list: [
      { number: 'CSC212', title: 'Data structures' },
      { number: 'DSC333', title: 'Cloud Services for DS' }
 },
   name: 'Jack',
```

delete a document

```
[Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.find({}, {_id:0, name:1})
  { name: 'june' },
  { name: 'Jess' },
  { name: 'Jill' },
  { name: 'Jack' },
  { name: 'Jean' }
[Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.deleteOne({'name':'june'})
{ acknowledged: true, deletedCount: 1 }
[Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> db.students.find({}, {_id:0, name:1})
  { name: 'Jess' },
  { name: 'Jill' },
  { name: 'Jack' },
  { name: 'Jean' }
```

Operation atomicity

A single update (updateOne) is guaranteed to be atomic but not a series of updates (updateMany).

How do we recover from a failed updateMany?

updateMany scenario

Given an employee DB as follows:

We want to give everyone with salary < \$100k a raise of \$1k.

updateMany scenario

Possible approach (\$inc operator to increment):

What happens if updateMany fails?
How will we know which employees ended up getting a raise?

updateMany scenario

Better approach: mark records that have been updated.

Running the operation again ensures that only those records that didn't get updated will be updated.

Operation is idempotent.

Sample database: movies

Movies databases in Atlas

```
Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> show dbs

sample_mflix 110.49 MiB

test 72.00 KiB

admin 384.00 KiB

local 13.76 GiB

[Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] test> use sample_mflix

switched to db sample_mflix

Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] sample_mflix>
```

```
[Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] sample_mflix> show collections
comments
embedded_movies
movies
sessions
theaters
users
```

Use the "use" command to switch databases.

Note: "countries" collection is in database "test".

movies collection

```
Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] sample mflix> db.movies.findOne()
  _id: ObjectId('573a1390f29313caabcd42e8'),
  plot: 'A group of bandits stage a brazen train hold-up, only to find a determined posse hot on th
eir heels.',
  genres: [ 'Short', 'Western' ],
  runtime: 11,
  cast: [
   'A.C. Abadie',
    "Gilbert M. 'Broncho Billy' Anderson",
    'George Barnes',
    'Justus D. Barnes'
  poster: 'https://m.media-amazon.com/images/M/MV5BMTU3NjE5NzYtYTYyNS00MDVmLWIwYjgtMmYwYWIxZDYyNzU2
XkEyXkFqcGdeQXVyNzQzNzQxNzI@._V1_SY1000_SX677_AL_.jpg',
  title: 'The Great Train Robbery',
 fullplot: "Among the earliest existing films in American cinema – notable as the first film that
presented a narrative story to tell - it depicts a group of cowboy outlaws who hold up a train and
rob the passengers. They are then pursued by a Sheriff's posse. Several scenes have color included
all hand tinted.",
  languages: [ 'English' ],
  released: ISODate('1903-12-01T00:00:00.000Z'),
  directors: [ 'Edwin S. Porter' ],
  rated: 'TV-G',
  awards: { wins: 1, nominations: 0, text: '1 win.' },
  lastupdated: '2015-08-13 00:27:59.177000000',
  year: 1903,
  imdb: { rating: 7.4, votes: 9847, id: 439 },
```

[Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] sample_mflix>(db.movies.countDocuments()
21349

Operator example: one filter

Find movies with runtime > 200 minutes and limit results to 2

```
[Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] sample_mflix> db.movies.find({runtime : {$gt: 200}}).limit(2)
    _id: ObjectId('573a1391f29313caabcd883d'),
    plot: "A film about the French Field Marshal's youth and early military career.",
    genres: [ 'Biography', 'Drama', 'History' ],
    runtime: 240,
    cast: [
      'Albert Dieudonnè',
      'Vladimir Roudenko',
      'Edmond Van Daèle',
      'Alexandre Koubitzky'
    num mflix comments: 0,
```

Operator example: two filters

Find the first Western movie with runtime > 180 minutes

```
db.movies.findOne({genres: {$in: ['Western']}, runtime: {$gt: 180}})
```

```
id: ObjectId('573a1398f29313caabceb40c'),
  plot: "Epic story about two former Texas rangers who decide to move cattle from the south to Mo
ntana. Augustus McCrae and Woodrow Call run into many problems on the way, and the journey doesn'
  genres: [ 'Adventure', 'Drama', Western'],
  runtime: (384,
  cast: [ 'Robert Duvall', 'Tommy Lee Jones', 'Danny Glover', 'Diane Lane' ],
  num mflix comments: 1.
  poster: 'https://m.media-amazon.com/images/M/MV5BMjA4Nzk2NDc4N15BMl5BanBnXkFtZTcwMjYzMTE4MQ@@._
V1. CR12, 29, 324, 463 SY264 CR3, 0, 178, 264 AL .jpg',
  title: 'Lonesome Dove',
 fullplot: "Epic story about two former Texas rangers who decide to move cattle from the south t
o Montana. Augustus McCrae and Woodrow Call run into many problems on the way, and the journey do,
esn't end without numerous casualties. (6 hrs approx)",
  languages: [ 'English' ],
 released: ISODate('1989-02-05T00:00:00.000Z'),
  awards: {
    wins: 18,
    nominations: 17,
    text: 'Won 2 Golden Globes. Another 16 wins & 17 nominations.'
```

Sort example

Find Western movies and sort them by title, limit results to 5

```
db.movies.find({genres: {$in: ['Western']}}, {_id:0, title: 1}).limit(5)
[
    { title: 'The Great Train Robbery' },
    { title: 'Wild and Woolly' },
    { title: 'The Iron Horse' },
    { title: 'Clash of the Wolves' },
    { title: 'In Old Arizona' }
]
```

db.movies.find({genres: {\$in: ['Western']}}, {_id:0, title: 1}).limit(5).sort({title: 1})

```
[
    { title: "'Doc'" },
    { title: '3:10 to Yuma' },
    { title: '4 for Texas' },
    { title: '7 Faces of Dr. Lao' },
[ { title: 'A Big Hand for the Little Lady' }
]
```

Sort by title

Operator example: \$or operator

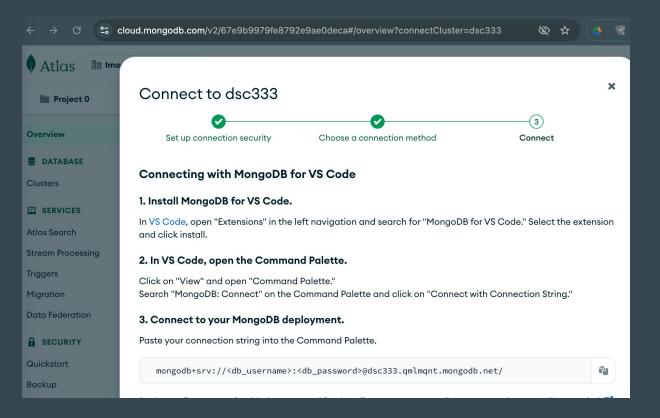
Find movies with > 15 nominations or > 10 wins. \$or operator matches any filter in a list.

```
Atlas atlas-fgambz-shard-0 [primary] sample_mflix> db.movies.findOne( {$or:
[ {'awards.wins' : {$gt: 10}}, {'awards.nominations' : {$gt: 15}}]})
  _id: ObjectId('573a1392f29313caabcdb48b'),
  plot: 'Snow White, pursued by a jealous queen, hides with the Dwarfs, but
the queen learns of this and prepares to feed her a poison apple.',
  genres: [ 'Animation', 'Family', 'Fantasy' ],
  runtime: 83,
  rated: 'APPROVED',
  cast: [
    'Roy Atwell',
    'Stuart Buchanan',
    'Adriana Caselotti',
    'Hall Johnson Choir'
  ],
  poster: 'https://m.media-amazon.com/images/M/MV5BMTQwMzE2Mzc4M15BM15BanBnX
kFtZTcwMTE4NTc1Nw@@._V1_SY1000_SX677_AL_.jpg',
  title: 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs',
```

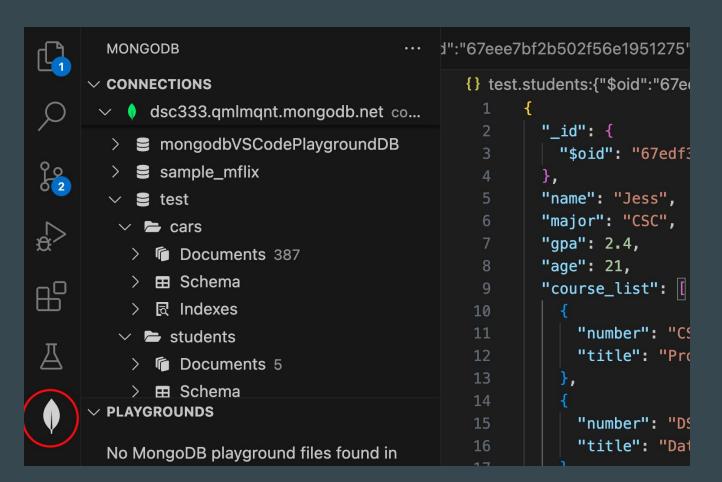
MongoDB VSCode extension

Install MongoDB extension for VS Code

Initialize using your connection string (Connect \rightarrow MongoDB for VS Code).



Browse Collections from VSCode



MongoDB Python Driver

MongoDB Python Driver

pymongo is the Python driver, similar syntax to mongosh.

Test code: https://github.com/dsc333/mongo

- Pull (refresh) your code in VSCode
- Modify the connection string in crud-test.py
- Recreate the virtual environment (new libraries are added)
- Run the code

Aggregation Pipelines

Pipelines

A pipeline defines a list of chained operations (pipeline stages) that are executed on a collection in sequence.

A pipeline stage can act as a filter or modify documents as they pass through a pipeline.

Pipelines are executed using the aggregate method.

Example: pipeline-test.py

Uses the sample DB sample_mflix (provided by MongoDB)

```
36
          db = connect(db_name='sample_mflix')
          movies = db['movies']
37
38
          # Print one document
39
          result = movies.find_one({}, {'_id':0, 'title':1, 'plot':1})
40
41
          pprint(result)
42
43
          # Match->sort pipeline
          title = input('\n\nInput a title (Hit Enter to skip): ')
44
45
          if not title:
46
              title = 'A Star Is Born'
```

Define pipeline

```
48
          # 1st pipeline stage
49
          stage_match_title = {
50
              "$match": {
               "title": title
51
52
53
54
55
          # 2nd stage
56
          stage_sort_year_ascending = {
              "$sort": { "year": pymongo.ASCENDING }
57
58
59
          pipeline = [
60
61
              stage_match_title,
62
              stage_sort_year_ascending,
63
```

Execute pipeline and show results

```
65
         # Execute the pipeline
66
          results = movies.aggregate(pipeline)
67
68
          for movie in results:
              print(" * {title}, {first_castmember}, {year}".format(
69
70
                      title=movie["title"],
71
                      first castmember=movie["cast"][0],
72
                      year=movie["year"],
73
```

```
* A Star Is Born, Barbra Streisand, 1976

● (.venv) imad@Imads-MacBook-Air mongo % /Users/imad/Documents/dsc333/mongo/.vers/imad/Documents/dsc333/mongo/pipeline-test.py
{'plot': 'A group of bandits stage a brazen train hold-up, only to find a 'determined posse hot on their heels.',
  'title': 'The Great Train Robbery'}

Input a title (Hit Enter to skip):
  * A Star Is Born, Judy Garland, 1954
  * A Star Is Born, Barbra Streisand, 1976
```

Look up related data: A "join"

Comments collection

Movie comments are stored in a comments collection that references movie_id (acts as a foreign key)

Movie document

Goal: extract comments for a movie

Pipeline of \$lookup and \$limit operations

```
75
          # Look up related documents in the 'comments' collection:
76
          stage_lookup_comments = {
                                                      Remote collection containing
              "$lookup": {
77
                                                      related information
                      "from": "comments".
78
                                                          Fields from local collection
                      "localField": "_id", 	
79
                                                           (movies) and remote collection
                      "foreignField": "movie id",
80
                                                           (comments) to match
81
                      "as": "related_comments",
82
                                                          New field related comments
83
                                                          is created in movies
84
          # Limit to the first 5 documents:
85
          stage_limit_5 = { "$limit": 5 }
86
```

Results

```
Movie comments:
Title: The Great Train Robbery
 Comments: []
Title: A Corner in Wheat
Comments: [{' id': ObjectId('5a9427648b0beebeb69579f5'), 'name': 'John Bishop', 'email':
'john_bishop@fakegmail.com', 'movie_id': ObjectId('573a1390f29313caabcd446f'), 'text': 'Id
 error ab at molestias dolorum incidunt. Non deserunt praesentium dolorem nihil. Optio tem
pora vel ut quas.\nMinus dicta numquam quasi. Rem totam cumque at eum. Ullam hic ut ea mag
ni.', 'date': datetime.datetime(1975, 1, 21, 0, 31, 22)}]
Title: Winsor McCay, the Famous Cartoonist of the N.Y. Herald and His Moving Comics
 Comments: []
```

Grouping

Count movies by year

```
99
          # Movie count by year
100
           stage_group_year = {
101
               "$group": {
102
                       " id": "$year",
103
                       # Count the number of movies in the group:
104
                       "movie count": { "$count": { }},
105
106
107
108
           stage_sort_year_ascending = {
               "$sort": { "_id": pymongo.ASCENDING }
109
110
111
112
           pipeline = [stage_group_year, stage_sort_year_ascending]
113
           results = movies.aggregate(pipeline)
114
           print('\n\nMovie count by year')
115
           for year in results:
               print(year)
116
```

Results

```
Movie count by year
{' id': 1896, 'movie count': 2}
{'_id': 1903, 'movie_count': 1}
{'_id': 1909, 'movie_count': 1}
{'_id': 1911, 'movie_count': 2}
{'_id': 1913, 'movie_count': 1}
{'_id': 1914, 'movie_count': 3}
{'_id': 1915, 'movie_count': 2}
{'_id': 1916, 'movie_count': 2}
```

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