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Getting Started

The following page provides various examples for querying in the MongoDB shell. For examples using MongoDB drivers, refer to the links in the Additional Examples section.

Examples

```
MongoDB Web Shell

Click to connect
```
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Click inside the shell to connect. Once connected, you can run the examples in the shell above.

0. Switch Database	1. Populate a collection (Insert)	2. Select All Documents	3. Specify Equality Matches	4. Specify Fields to Return (Projection)

To select the documents from a collection, you can use the `db.collection.find()` method. To select all documents in the collection, pass an empty document as the query filter document to the method.

In the shell, copy and paste the following to return all documents in the `inventory` collection.

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To format the results, append the `.pretty()` to the `find` operation:

```
db.inventory.find({}).pretty()
```

> **NOTE:**
>
> The example assumes that you have populated the `inventory` collection from the previous step.

Next Steps

Set up Your Own Deployment

To set up your own deployment:

MongoDB Atlas Free Tier Cluster	MongoDB Atlas is a fast, easy, and free way to get started with MongoDB. To learn more, see the Getting Started with Atlas tutorial.
Local MongoDB installation	For more information on installing MongoDB locally, see Install MongoDB.

Additional Examples

For additional examples, including MongoDB driver specific examples (Python, Java, Node.js, etc.), see:

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- Query on Embedded/Nested Documents
- Query an Array
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- Project Fields to Return from Query
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