

## MongoDB Shell

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# MongoDB Shell (`mongosh`)

The MongoDB Shell, `mongosh`, is a fully functional JavaScript and Node.js 14.x `REPL` environment for interacting with MongoDB deployments. You can use the MongoDB Shell to test queries and operations directly with your database.

`mongosh` is available as a standalone package in the MongoDB download center.

## Download and Install `mongosh`

To learn how to download and install the `mongosh` binary, see [Install `mongosh`](#).

## Connect to a MongoDB Deployment

Once you have installed the MongoDB Shell and added it to your system `PATH`, you can connect to a MongoDB deployment. To learn more, see [Connect to a Deployment](#).

## MongoDB Shell Editor Mode

Run the `.editor` command within the MongoDB Shell to open the editor and manage comprehensive multiline functions:



### EXAMPLE

Run the following command within the MongoDB Shell:

```
.editor
```



The MongoDB Shell enters editor mode:

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