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Chapter 1. Multi-Tenancy Models

Quantum supports multiple multi-tenant models for MongoDB deployments:

1.1. One Tenant per Database (in a MongoDB Cluster)

- Each tenant is mapped to a dedicated MongoDB database within a cluster.
- Strong isolation at the database level; operational controls via MongoDB roles.
- Pros: Simplified backup/restore per tenant; reduced risk of data bleed.
- Cons: More databases to manage (indexes, connections), higher operational overhead.

How Quantum helps:

- DataDomain carries tenant identifiers (e.g., tenantId, ownerId, orgRefName) on each model.
- Repositories can resolve connections/DB selection per tenant, enabling routing to the appropriate database.

1.2. Many Tenants in One Database (Shared Database)

- Multiple tenants share a single database and collections.
- Isolation is enforced at the application layer using DataDomain filters.
- Pros: Fewer databases to manage; efficient index utilization and connection pooling.
- Cons: Strict discipline required to enforce filtering and access rules.

How Quantum helps:

- DataDomain is part of every persisted model, enabling programmatic, rule-based filtering.
- RuleContext and DomainContext can be used to inject tenant-aware filters into repositories and resources.
- Cross-tenant sharing can be modeled by specific DataDomain fields and RuleContext logic granting read access across tenants on a per-functional-area basis.

1.3. Freemium and Trial Tenants

- Programmatically create tenants to support self-service onboarding.
- Attach time-bound or capability-bound policies.
- Use scheduled jobs to convert/expire trials.

Quantum patterns:

- Tenant onboarding service creates a DataDomain scope and any default records.
- Policies are encoded in RuleContext checks to allow or restrict actions based on time, plan, or feature flags.