10. MongoDB – Insert Document

In this chapter, we will learn how to insert document in MongoDB collection.

The insert() Method

To insert data into MongoDB collection, you need to use MongoDB's **insert()** or **save()**method.

Syntax

The basic syntax of **insert()** command is as follows -

```
>db.COLLECTION_NAME.insert(document)
```

Example

```
>db.mycol.insert({
    _id: ObjectId(7df78ad8902c),
    title: 'MongoDB Overview',
    description: 'MongoDB is no sql database',
    by: 'tutorials point',
    url: 'http://www.tutorialspoint.com',
    tags: ['mongodb', 'database', 'NoSQL'],
    likes: 100
})
```

Here **mycol** is our collection name, as created in the previous chapter. If the collection doesn't exist in the database, then MongoDB will create this collection and then insert a document into it.

In the inserted document, if we don't specify the _id parameter, then MongoDB assigns a unique ObjectId for this document.

_id is 12 bytes hexadecimal number unique for every document in a collection. 12 bytes are divided as follows —

```
_id: ObjectId(4 bytes timestamp, 3 bytes machine id, 2 bytes process id, 3 bytes incrementer)
```

To insert multiple documents in a single query, you can pass an array of documents in insert() command.



Example

```
>db.post.insert([
   {
      title: 'MongoDB Overview',
      description: 'MongoDB is no sql database',
      by: 'tutorials point',
      url: 'http://www.tutorialspoint.com',
      tags: ['mongodb', 'database', 'NoSQL'],
      likes: 100
   },
   {
      title: 'NoSQL Database',
      description: 'NoSQL database doesn't have tables',
      by: 'tutorials point',
      url: 'http://www.tutorialspoint.com',
      tags: ['mongodb', 'database', 'NoSQL'],
      likes: 20,
      comments: [
         {
            user:'user1',
            message: 'My first comment',
            dateCreated: new Date(2013,11,10,2,35),
            like: 0
         }
      ]
   }
])
```

To insert the document you can use **db.post.save(document)** also. If you don't specify **_id** in the document then **save()** method will work same as **insert()** method. If the save() method.



11. MongoDB – Query Document

In this chapter, we will learn how to query document from MongoDB collection.

The find() Method

To query data from MongoDB collection, you need to use MongoDB's **find()**method.

Syntax

The basic syntax of **find()** method is as follows:

```
>db.COLLECTION_NAME.find()
```

find()method will display all the documents in a non-structured way.

The pretty() Method

To display the results in a formatted way, you can use **pretty()** method.

Syntax

```
>db.mycol.find().pretty()
```

Example

```
>db.mycol.find().pretty()
{
    "_id": ObjectId(7df78ad8902c),
    "title": "MongoDB Overview",
    "description": "MongoDB is no sql database",
    "by": "tutorials point",
    "url": "http://www.tutorialspoint.com",
    "tags": ["mongodb", "database", "NoSQL"],
    "likes": "100"
}
```

Apart from find() method, there is **findOne()** method, that returns only one document.



RDBMS Where Clause Equivalents in MongoDB

To query the document on the basis of some condition, you can use following operations

Operation	Syntax	Example	RDBMS Equivalent
Equality	{ <key>:<value>}</value></key>	<pre>db.mycol.find({"by":"tutorials point"}).pretty()</pre>	where by = 'tutorials point'
Less Than	{ <key>:{\$lt:<value>}}</value></key>	db.mycol.find({"likes":{\$lt:50}}).prett y()	where likes < 50
Less Than Equals	{ <key>:{\$lte:<value>}}</value></key>	db.mycol.find({"likes":{\$lte:50}}).pret ty()	where likes <= 50
Greater Than	{ <key>:{\$gt:<value>}}</value></key>	db.mycol.find({"likes":{\$gt:50}}).pret ty()	where likes > 50
Greater Than Equals	{ <key>:{\$gte:<value>}}</value></key>	db.mycol.find({"likes":{\$gte:50}}).pre tty()	where likes >= 50
Not Equals	{ <key>:{\$ne:<value>}}</value></key>	<pre>db.mycol.find({"likes":{\$ne:50}}).pret ty()</pre>	where likes != 50

AND in MongoDB

Syntax

In the **find()** method, if you pass multiple keys by separating them by ',' then MongoDB treats it as **AND** condition. Following is the basic syntax of **AND** –

```
>db.mycol.find({key1:value1, key2:value2}).pretty()
```

Example

Following example will show all the tutorials written by 'tutorials point' and whose title is 'MongoDB Overview'.

```
>db.mycol.find({"by":"tutorials point","title": "MongoDB Overview"}).pretty()
{
    "_id": ObjectId(7df78ad8902c),
    "title": "MongoDB Overview",
    "description": "MongoDB is no sql database",
    "by": "tutorials point",
    "url": "http://www.tutorialspoint.com",
```



```
"tags": ["mongodb", "database", "NoSQL"],
   "likes": "100"
}
```

For the above given example, equivalent where clause will be 'where by='tutorials point' AND title = 'MongoDB Overview''. You can pass any number of key, value pairs in find clause.

OR in MongoDB

Syntax

To query documents based on the OR condition, you need to use \$or keyword. Following is the basic syntax of OR –

Example

Following example will show all the tutorials written by 'tutorials point' or whose title is 'MongoDB Overview'.

```
>db.mycol.find({$or:[{"by":"tutorials point"},{"title": "MongoDB
Overview"}]}).pretty()
{
    "_id": ObjectId(7df78ad8902c),
    "title": "MongoDB Overview",
    "description": "MongoDB is no sql database",
    "by": "tutorials point",
    "url": "http://www.tutorialspoint.com",
    "tags": ["mongodb", "database", "NoSQL"],
    "likes": "100" } >
```



Using AND and OR Together

Example

The following example will show the documents that have likes greater than 100 and whose title is either 'MongoDB Overview' or by is 'tutorials point'. Equivalent SQL where clause is 'where likes>10 AND (by = 'tutorials point' OR title = 'MongoDB Overview')'



12. MongoDB – Update Document

MongoDB's **update()** and **save()** methods are used to update document into a collection. The update() method updates the values in the existing document while the save() method replaces the existing document with the document passed in save() method.

MongoDB Update() Method

The update() method updates the values in the existing document.

Syntax

The basic syntax of **update()** method is as follows:

```
>db.COLLECTION_NAME.update(SELECTIOIN_CRITERIA, UPDATED_DATA)
```

Example

Consider the mycol collection has the following data.

```
{ "_id" : ObjectId(5983548781331adf45ec5), "title":"MongoDB Overview"}
{ "_id" : ObjectId(5983548781331adf45ec6), "title":"NoSQL Overview"}
{ "_id" : ObjectId(5983548781331adf45ec7), "title":"Tutorials Point Overview"}
```

Following example will set the new title 'New MongoDB Tutorial' of the documents whose title is 'MongoDB Overview'.

```
>db.mycol.update({'title':'MongoDB Overview'},{$set:{'title':'New MongoDB Tutorial'}})
>db.mycol.find()
{ "_id" : ObjectId(5983548781331adf45ec5), "title":"New MongoDB Tutorial"}
{ "_id" : ObjectId(5983548781331adf45ec6), "title":"NoSQL Overview"}
{ "_id" : ObjectId(5983548781331adf45ec7), "title":"Tutorials Point Overview"}
>
```

By default, MongoDB will update only a single document. To update multiple documents, you need to set a parameter 'multi' to true.



MongoDB Save() Method

The **save()** method replaces the existing document with the new document passed in the save() method.

Syntax

The basic syntax of MongoDB save() method is -

```
>db.COLLECTION_NAME.save({_id:ObjectId(),NEW_DATA})
```

Example

Following example will replace the document with the _id '5983548781331adf45ec7'.



13. MongoDB – Delete Document

In this chapter, we will learn how to delete a document using MongoDB.

The remove() Method

MongoDB's **remove()** method is used to remove a document from the collection. remove() method accepts two parameters. One is deletion criteria and second is justOne flag.

- deletion criteria: (Optional) deletion criteria according to documents will be removed.
- **justOne**: (Optional) if set to true or 1, then remove only one document.

Syntax

Basic syntax of **remove()** method is as follows:

```
>db.COLLECTION_NAME.remove(DELLETION_CRITTERIA)
```

Example

Consider the mycol collection has the following data.

```
{ "_id" : ObjectId(5983548781331adf45ec5), "title":"MongoDB Overview"}
{ "_id" : ObjectId(5983548781331adf45ec6), "title":"NoSQL Overview"}
{ "_id" : ObjectId(5983548781331adf45ec7), "title":"Tutorials Point Overview"}
```

Following example will remove all the documents whose title is 'MongoDB Overview'.

```
>db.mycol.remove({'title':'MongoDB Overview'})
>db.mycol.find()
{ "_id" : ObjectId(5983548781331adf45ec6), "title":"NoSQL Overview"}
{ "_id" : ObjectId(5983548781331adf45ec7), "title":"Tutorials Point Overview"}
>
```



Remove Only One

If there are multiple records and you want to delete only the first record, then set **justOne** parameter in **remove()** method.

```
>db.COLLECTION_NAME.remove(DELETION_CRITERIA,1)
```

Remove All Documents

If you don't specify deletion criteria, then MongoDB will delete whole documents from the collection. **This is equivalent of SQL's truncate command.**

```
>db.mycol.remove()
>db.mycol.find()
>
```

