COSI 152A

Web Application Development



Main Point Preview

- In this lesson, you will:
 - set up MongoDB, the database system that you'll use to store persistent data.
 - explore what makes MongoDB particularly convenient for Node.js applications.
 - have a database set up and connected to your application.



MongoDB



- Storing data is the most important part of application development.
 - Without long-term storage the data disappear.
 - Imagine a social network where the data disappear every time a user close the browser.
- A database help us to save information for a long-term.
 - Our data will persist, even if the application is shut down.
- A database is an organization of your data
 - Provide easy access and efficient changes.
- A database is like a warehouse:
 - Easy to find an item with an organized system withe more items.



- MongoDB is a popular open-source NoSQL database management system
 - designed to store, retrieve, and manage data in a flexible and scalable manner.
- Here are some key features and concepts associated with MongoDB
 - Document-Oriented
 - Collections
 - Flexible Schema



Document-Oriented

- MongoDB is a document database:
 - stores data in JSON-like documents.
- Each document is a collection of key-value pairs

```
{
"title": "The Pragmatic Programmer",
"author": "Andrew Hunt, David Thomas",
"publication_year": 1999,
"ISBN": "978-0201616224"
}
```



Collections

- Documents are organized into collections, which are like the tables in relational databases.
- Collection: books

```
{
"title": "Introduction to Algorithms",
"author": "Thomas H. Cormen, Charles E. Leiserson, Ronald L. Rivest, Clifford Stein",
"publication_year": 2009,
"ISBN": "978-0262033848"
},
{
"title": "The Pragmatic Programmer",
"author": "Andrew Hunt, David Thomas",
"publication_year": 1999,
"ISBN": "978-0201616224"
}
```



Flexible Schema

- MongoDB documents within a collection can have varying structures.
 - you can have documents with different fields, and fields within a document can have different data types.
 - unlike traditional relational databases, where each table has a fixed schema.

```
{
  "_id": 1,
  "name": "John Doe",
  "email": "john@example.com",
  "age": 30,
  "address": {
      "street": "123 Main St",
      "city": "New York"
  },
  "interests": ["programming", "hiking", "photography"]
}
```



- Unlike relational databases used by most applications, MongoDB's nonrelational database system leads the Node.js application community.
- It is possible to set up a relational database with Node.js but the MongoDB query language is simpler to understand for people who have a Java-Script background.



Starting MongoDB Server

Having MongoDB installed on your computer, start it by following command:

brew services start mongodb (mac)
mongod (windows)

To test, run:

mongo or mongosh

this will bring up the MongoDB shell where you can use MongoDB



- Now MongoDB is ready to receive commands to add, view, delete, or otherwise change data.
- To list your current database, enter: db (You are inside test database if it is your fist time).
- To create a new database and switch into it, run:

use <new db name>

Example:

use recipe db

To show list of all databases, run:

show dbs

You won't see your new database in the list of databases until data is added



- To add data to your database, specify a collection name with which that data is associated.
- Adding data to the books:

```
db.books.insertOne({
   title: "The Catcher in the Rye",
   author: "J.D. Salinger",
   publication_year: 1951,
   ISBN: "978-0316769174"
})
```

 The insert method runs on a MongoDB collection to add elements of a JavaScript object to a new document.



 There's no strict collection structure; you can add any values to new documents without needing to follow previous data patterns.

```
db.books.insertOne ({
first_name: "Jon",
favoriteSeason: "spring",
countries_visited: 42
})
```

don't insert inconsistent data, it is a bad habit



To list the collection's contents, you can run:
 e.g.

db.<collection_name>.find()

db.books.find()

- You should see a response with inserted items and with an extra "_id" property added by MongoDB.
 - The id property stores a unique value
 - Use it to differentiate and locate specific items in your database.



- MongoDB uses an ObjectId class to record some meaningful information about its database documents.
- ObjectId("5941fe7acda203f026856a5e"), for example, constructs a new ObjectId representing a document in your database.
- The hexadecimal value passed into the ObjectId constructor references the document, a timestamp of the record's creation, and some information about your database system.
- The resulting ObjectId instance provides many useful methods that you can use to sort and organize data in your database.



- Try searching for a specific item in the books collection by entering:
 - Replace the ObjectId in this example with one from your own database results.

db.books.find({_id: ObjectId("<5941fce5cda203f026856a5d>")})



 You can use many MongoDB commands. Table below lists a few that you should know about.

Command	Description
show collections	Displays all the collections in your database. Later, these collections should match your models.
db.contacts.findOne	Returns a single item from your database at random or a single item matching the criteria passed in as a parameter, which could look like findOne({name: 'Jon'}).
<pre>db.contacts.update({name: "Jon"}, {name: "Jon Wexler"})</pre>	Updates any matching documents with the second parameter's property values.
<pre>db.contacts.delete({name: "Jon Wexler"})</pre>	Removes any matching documents in the collection.
<pre>db.contacts.deleteMany({})</pre>	Removes all the documents in that collection. These commands can't be undone.



MongoDB Compass

- MongoDB's graphical user interface called MongoDB Compass
- MongoDB Compass is straightforward to use.
- To view the databases that you set up for your application, follow these steps:
 - Download the software from https://www.mongodb.com/download/compass.
 - Follow the installation steps to add MongoDB Compass to your applications folder.
 - Run MongoDB Compass and accept the default connection settings to your existing MongoDB setup.
 - See your databases listed with options to view the collections and documents within them.



Connecting MongoDB to Your Application

To add MongoDB to your Node.js application, navigate to your project folder in terminal, and install the mongodb package by running:

npm i mongodb@3.6.3 -S

At the top of your index.js file, add the code in the next slide

Connecting MongoDB to Your Application

```
const MongoClient = require("mongodb").MongoClient;
const url = "mongodb://localhost:27017/the kitchen";
MongoClient.connect(url, (err, client) => {
 if (err) {
  console.error("Failed to connect to MongoDB:", err);
  return;}
 const db = client.db();
 const collection = db.collection("books");
collection.find({}).toArray((err, documents) => {
  if (err) {
   console.error("Error finding documents:", err);
  } else {
   console.log("Found documents:", documents); }
 });
```



Thank You!