

Implementing Queries



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Overview



Understand the query object

How to create and execute queries

How to implement full text search

Demo: Implementing Mongo queries in Spring applications



Query Execution

Without indexes

Collection scan, each document is evaluated

Slow searches

Fast inserts, updates

With indexes

Does not scan every document in collection

Fast searches

Slower inserts/updates



Mongo Query Object



The query object is the most powerful and flexible component for Mongo CRUD operations



Query Components



Criteria for filtering data



Sorting definition for ordering data



Paging definition for splitting data



Mongo Query Definition Example

```
Query byAge = Query  
    .query(Criteria.where("age").gt(18))  
    .with(Sort.by(Sort.Direction.DESC, "age"))  
    .with(PageRequest.of(1, 10));
```



```
Criteria.where("age").gt(18)
```

- ◀ Left operand (data field)
- ◀ Operator(s)
- ◀ Right operand (filter value)



Mongo Filter Operators

is / ne
(equality)

lt / lte
(less than)

gt / gte
(greater than)

in
(value in list)

exists
(has value)

regex
(patterns)



MongoTemplate is the component that executes requests to a Mongo database



MongoTemplate



A simple injectable class following the standard template pattern in Spring



It allows us to perform CRUD operations on data



It allows us to execute commands against a Mongo database



It's very powerful, but also low level.



How to Create and Execute Queries



Mongo Query Execution Example

```
Query byAge = Query
    .query(Criteria.where("age").gt(18))
    .with(Sort.by(Sort.Direction.DESC, "age"))
    .with(PageRequest.of(1, 10));

List<Person> people = this.mongoTemplate.find(byAge, Person.class);
```



Fetching Data with Mongo Template

1

The query definition
with filters, sorts, etc.

2

Decide the outcome of
the query

3

Class type that contains
Mongo annotations



```
MongoTemplate template = ...
```

```
Query q = ...
```

```
template.findAll(Person.class)
```

```
template.find(q, Person.class)
```

```
template.findOne(q, Person.class)
```

```
template.count(q, Person.class)
```

- ◀ Define a query, inject the template
- ◀ Fetch all persons
- ◀ Fetch all persons matching query
- ◀ Fetch a single person matching query
- ◀ Count all people matching query



Aircraft Class

```
@Document class Aircraft {  
    @Id private String id;  
    @Indexed(unique=true) private String code;  
    private String family;  
    private int nbSeats;  
    private Engine engine;  
}  
  
class Engine { private boolean needsMaintenance;}
```



Find All Documents

```
List<Aircraft> res = mongoTemplate.findAll(Aircraft.class);
```

```
// or
```

```
Query allAircraft = new Query();
```

```
List<Aircraft> res = mongoTemplate.find(allAircraft, Aircraft.class);
```



Find Single Document

```
Aircraft a = mongoTemplate.findById(id, Aircraft.class);
```

```
// or
```

```
Query byCode = Query.query(  
    Criteria.where("code").is("a234b")
```

```
);
```

```
Aircraft a = mongoTemplate.findOne(byCode, Aircraft.class);
```



Filter with Multiple Operators

```
Query nbSeatsBetween = Query.query(Criteria.where("nbSeats")  
    .gt(100)  
    .lt(300)  
);  
  
List<Aircraft> res = mongoTemplate.find(nbSeatsBetween, Aircraft.class);
```



Multiple Criteria: Or

```
Query bigAircraftOr737 = Query.query(new Criteria()  
    .orOperator(Criteria.where("family").is('737'),  
        Criteria.where("nbSeats").gte(250))  
    );  
  
List<Aircraft> res = mongoTemplate.find(bigAircraftOr737, Aircraft.class);
```



Multiple Criteria: And

```
Query bigAircraftAnd737 = Query.query(new Criteria()  
    .andOperator(Criteria.where("family").is('737'),  
        Criteria.where("nbSeats").gte(250))  
    );  
  
List<Aircraft> res = mongoTemplate.find(bigAircraftAnd737, Aircraft.class);
```



Filter Subdocuments

```
// engine is a property of Aircraft
// needsMaintenance is a property of Engine
Query engineNeedingMaintenance = Query.query(
    Criteria.where("engine.needsMaintenance").is(true)
);

List<Aircraft> res = mongoTemplate.find(
    engineNeedingMaintenance,
    Aircraft.class);
```



Sorting the Results

```
Query moreThan100Seats = Query
    .query(Criteria.where("nbSeats").gt(100))
    .with(Sort.by(Sort.Direction.ASC, "nbSeats"));

List<Aircraft> res = mongoTemplate.find(moreThan100Seats, Aircraft.class);
```



Paging the Results

```
Query moreThan100Seats = Query
    .query(Criteria.where("nbSeats").gt(100))
    .with(Sort.by(Sort.Direction.ASC, "nbSeats"))
    .with(PageRequest.of(1,20));

List<Aircraft> res = mongoTemplate.find(moreThan100Seats, Aircraft.class);
```



Implementing Full Text Search



Text Indexes

Work on
properties of type
string or arrays of
strings

You can text index
properties across
the whole object
graph

Pay attention to
weights as they
may change the
order or relevance
of a found
document



It Begins with Annotations

```
@Document
class Profile{
    @Id private String id;
    private String name;
    @TextIndexed private String title;
    @TextIndexed private String aboutMe;
}
```



```
{name:"Dan", title: "Java Developer", aboutMe: "I am a programmer"},  
{name:"Java Guru", title: "C# Developer", aboutMe: "I am a programmer"},  
{name:"John", title: "Developer", aboutMe: "I am a Java programmer"}
```

Let's Search by 'Java'

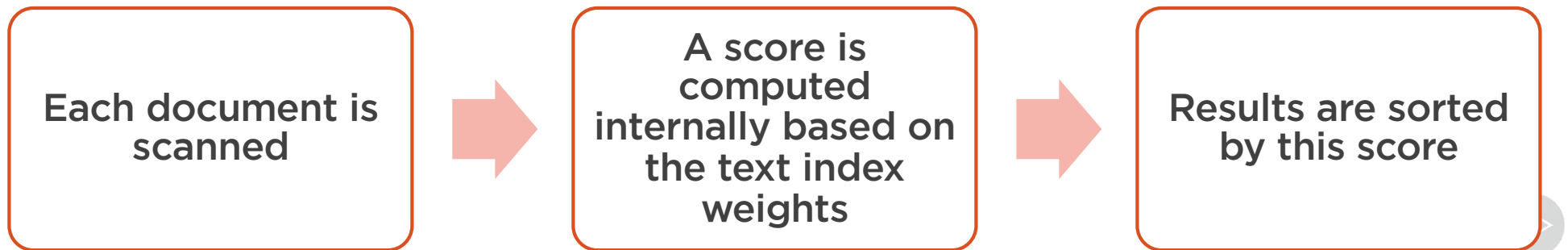
Output:

- Dan, John
- John, Dan



```
{name:"Dan", title: "Java Developer", aboutMe: "I am a programmer"},  
{name:"Java Guru", title: "C# Developer", aboutMe: "I am a programmer"},  
{name:"John", title: "Developer", aboutMe: "I am a Java programmer"}
```

How Does It Work?



Equal Weights

```
@Document
class Profile{
    @Id private String id;
    private String name;
    @TextIndexed private String title;
    @TextIndexed private String aboutMe;
}
```



Text Index Weighting

```
@Document
class Profile{
    @Id private String id;
    private String name;
    @TextIndexed private String title;
    @TextIndexed(weight=2) private String aboutMe;
}
```



```
{name:"Dan", title: "Java Developer", aboutMe: "I am a programmer"},  
{name:"Java Guru", title: "C# Developer", aboutMe: "I am a programmer"},  
{name:"John", title: "Developer", aboutMe: "I am a Java programmer"}
```

Let's Search by 'Java'

Output:

- John
- Dan



Executing a Full Text Search

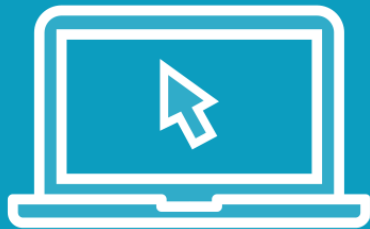
```
TextCriteria textCriteria = TextCriteria
    .forDefaultLanguage()
    .matching(text);

Query byFreeText = TextQuery.queryText(textCriteria)
    .sortByScore() // internal score computed by Mongo
    .with(PageRequest.of(0, 3));

return mongoTemplate.find(byFreeText, FlightInformation.class);
```



Demo



Implementing and executing Mongo queries in Spring applications:

- Filtering
- Sorting
- Paging
- Full text search



Summary



Define queries

- Query
- Criteria / Sorting / Paging

Execute queries

- MongoTemplate

Implement full text search

- Using @TextIndex
- How weighting works



“Fetching data is good.
Creating, updating and removing
data is better.”

Me

