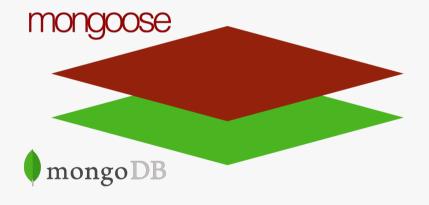
## WHAT IS MONGOOSE, AND WHY USE IT?



- Mongoose is an Object Data Modeling (ODM) library for MongoDB and Node.js, a higher level of abstraction;
- Mongoose allows for rapid and simple development of mongoDB database interactions;
- Features: schemas to model data and relationships, easy data validation, simple query API, middleware, etc;
- Mongoose schema: where we model our data, by describing the structure of the data, default values, and validation;
- Mongoose model: a wrapper for the schema, providing an interface to the database for CRUD operations.

