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### Exit the Shell

To exit the shell, type `quit()` or use the `<Ctrl-c>` shortcut.

#### See also:

[Getting Started Guide](#)<sup>109</sup>

### Access the `mongo` Shell Help Information

In addition to the documentation in the `MongoDB Manual`, the `mongo` shell provides some additional information in its “online” help system. This document provides an overview of accessing this help information.

#### See also:

- `mongo` Manual Page
- *MongoDB Scripting* (page 265), and
- *mongo Shell Quick Reference* (page 278).

### Command Line Help

To see the list of options and help for starting the `mongo` shell, use the `--help` option from the command line:

```
mongo --help
```

### Shell Help

To see the list of help, in the `mongo` shell, type `help`:

```
help
```

### Database Help

- To see the list of databases on the server, use the `show dbs` command:

```
show dbs
```

New in version 2.4: `show databases` is now an alias for `show dbs`

- To see the list of help for methods you can use on the `db` object, call the `db.help()` method:

```
db.help()
```

- To see the implementation of a method in the shell, type the `db.<method name>` without the parenthesis `()`, as in the following example which will return the implementation of the method `db.updateUser()`:

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<sup>109</sup><https://docs.mongodb.org/getting-started/shell>